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PRESS RELEASE

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Boating Fatality

Location of Incident: Colorado River, North of Martinez Lake – Yuma, AZ

On Saturday, April 25, 2020, at approximately 3:34 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a collision involving a boat and jet ski on the Colorado River, north of Martinez Lake.

The initial investigation revealed that a boat and jet ski were travelling south along the river parallel to each other. For unknown reasons, the jet ski turned into the path of the boat and collided with it. The operator of the jet ski, **Tristen Hays**, 20 years of age, of Lake Side, California, sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision. Next of kin notification has been made.

This case is pending further investigation. It is currently unknown if alcohol was a contributing factor in this collision.

Anyone with information regarding this case, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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