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PRESS RELEASE

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Aggravated Assault

Location of Incident: Highway 95 near Mile Marker 40 – Yuma, AZ

On Thursday, October 22, 2020, at approximately 1:00 PM, law enforcement received a report of a female subject pointing a firearm at a male subject in the area of Highway 95 north of mile marker 40, and possible shots fired.

Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Troopers initially responded and began investigating. Due to the nature of the incident, DPS shutdown northbound and southbound traffic on Highway 95. DPS advised Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG) that the incident potentially started on their property and unknown subjects may have fled onto one of their ranges. This caused a “lockdown” of YPG facilities.

YPG Police and Border Patrol Agents were contacted to assist with searching the area for the subjects involved. Helicopter assistance was provided by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations.



Dorothy Hall

A male subject and a female, later identified as **Dorothy Sue Hall**, 35, of Yuma, were located on foot in the area of Highway 95 at mile marker 53. Two vehicles, a white Chevrolet van and a white Ford Explorer, were found in a wash in the same area.

DPS contacted the Yuma County Sheriff's Office to turn over the investigation, at which time YCSO Investigators responded and assumed the investigation. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that Hall was operating the white van and travelling northbound on Highway 95 along with a male passenger. The white Ford Explorer was being operated by another male subject who was the sole occupant and was known to Hall.

While both vehicles were travelling northbound on Highway 95, Hall conducted a “brake check” on the Ford Explorer, causing the Explorer to collide with the rear end of the van. Both vehicles then stopped along the shoulder of Highway 95 near mile marker 40, where Hall exited the van brandishing a firearm, and fired a “warning shot” into the ground within the vicinity of the Ford Explorer, which was still occupied by the driver. The Ford Explorer then drove off, continuing northbound on Highway 95.

Hall soon continued northbound on Highway 95, then pulled off the shoulder and parked in a wash in the area of Highway 95 and mile marker 53. She and the male passenger then departed the vehicle on foot.

The driver of the Ford Explorer saw the van pull off into the wash area and turned around to make contact with Hall and the passenger. Law Enforcement units were arriving into the general area at this time, and Hall and her passenger, as well as the driver of the Ford Explorer, all fled on foot.

Hall and the driver of the Ford Explorer were located and detained by responding officers; however, Hall's passenger was picked up by another unknown vehicle. The passenger was later located in Quartzite.

No injuries were observed or reported by any of the subjects involved. The firearm used was found abandoned in the area of Highway 95 and mile marker 45.

Hall was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for aggravated assault per domestic violence, disorderly conduct per domestic violence, and endangerment per domestic violence. The two male subjects involved were released.

Traffic on Highway 95 was reopened once YCSO Investigators arrived on scene. YPG lifted it's "lockdown" and began allowing employees to depart at staggered intervals while the investigation was ongoing.

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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