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## Fatality Collision

**Location of Incident:** Somerton Avenue and County 10<sup>th</sup> Street – Yuma, AZ

On Sunday, June 6, 2021, at approximately 5:23 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to a two-vehicle injury collision in the area of Somerton Avenue and County 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

The initial investigation revealed that a gray 2015 Hyundai Sonata was traveling southbound on Somerton Avenue. The Hyundai crossed the centerline, veered onto the east side shoulder, and collided with a guardrail. As the Hyundai came off the guardrail into the northbound lane, it collided head on with a white 2001 Chrysler LHS traveling northbound on Somerton Avenue.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Critical Accident Response Team and the Criminal Investigations Bureau responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.

The driver of the Chrysler LHS and two juvenile passengers were transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro for injuries sustained during the collision. The front passenger, identified as Jorge Luis Gelabert, 63, of Yuma, AZ, sustained fatal injuries as result of the collision and was pronounced deceased on scene. Next of kin notification has been made.

The driver and passenger of the Hyundai Sonata were transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center for non-life threatening injuries. Upon hospital release, the driver, identified as Levi Jesus Martinez-Abril, 28, of Yuma, AZ, was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention for manslaughter, aggravated DUI, causing death by use of vehicle, and three counts of endangerment.



*Levi Jesus Martinez-Abril*

This case remains under investigation at this time. Impairment appears to be a 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](http://www.yumacountysheriff.org) to submit an anonymous tip.

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