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## Fatality Collision

**Location of Incident:** County 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue H ½ – Somerton AZ

On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at approximately 9:20 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle in a canal that had caught on fire.

The initial investigation revealed that a late model Mazda sedan was traveling westbound on County 19<sup>th</sup> Street when for unknown reasons, the vehicle crossed the centerline, traveled into an empty irrigation canal where it became caught within a narrow canal passage and caught fire.

The driver was located inside the vehicle and was pronounced deceased on scene. Identification of the driver and identifying information for the vehicle remain unknown at this time due to the vehicle fire.

Speed is suspected to be a contributing factor.

This case is currently pending further investigation, identification of the driver, and next of kin notification.

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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