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## Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: Highway 95 and Avenue C – Somerton, AZ

On Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at approximately 3:25 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) received a report of a three-vehicle collision in the area of Highway 95 and Avenue C.

The initial investigation revealed that a white 2003 Toyota Corolla traveling on Avenue C attempted to make a left turn onto Highway 95, when it failed to yield for a 2007 commercial box-truck which was traveling eastbound on Highway 95. The box-truck collided with the driver's side of the Corolla and continued colliding into a second vehicle, described as a grey 2001 Toyota Camry, traveling in the opposite direction on Highway 95.

The driver of the white Toyota Corolla, identified as Casiano Martinez, 88, of Yuma, AZ, sustained critical injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. Next of kin notification has been made.

The driver of the box-truck was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the grey Toyota Camry, and its two passengers were transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center. The two passengers were later flown to Phoenix area hospitals in critical condition.

This case is currently under investigation. Impairment does not appear to have been 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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