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PRESS RELEASE

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Attempted Homicide

Location of Incident: County 19th Street and Avenue D – Somerton, AZ

On Sunday, March 20, 2022 at approximately 8:00 PM, Yuma County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched in reference to a physical altercation in the desert area near County 19th Street and Avenue D.

Upon arrival, Deputies discovered evidence suggesting the altercation had escalated to a shooting, although no one related to the incident was on scene. At the time, the victim was being transported via ATV to the Somerton Police Department where he was then transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center by the Somerton/Cocopah Fire Department. The victim sustained multiple gunshot wounds and remains in stable condition.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau responded and assumed the investigation. Investigators made contact with witnesses and were able to identify and locate the suspect, **Abelarde Valenzuela Conde**, 46, of Yuma. Valenzuela Conde was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for Attempted 2nd Degree Murder.

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.



Abelarde Valenzuela Conde

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