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## Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: 2900 Block of W. 1st Street – Yuma, AZ

On Saturday, April 16, 2022 at approximately 12:03 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two-vehicle collision in the 2900 Block of W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

The initial investigation revealed that a silver Lexus ES330 was traveling westbound on 1<sup>st</sup> Street when for unknown reasons, it crossed the center line and entered the eastbound lane. At the time, a black Chevrolet Trailblazer was traveling eastbound on 1<sup>st</sup> Street when it swerved to avoid the collision but was unsuccessful. The front end of the Lexus collided with the front end of the Trailblazer.

The driver of the silver Lexus, identified as Maria Villa, 43, of Yuma, AZ was pronounced deceased on scene.

The driver of the Chevrolet Trailblazer was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center for life threatening injuries.

Next of kin notification has been made. This case remains under investigation at this time. Alcohol does not appear 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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