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PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE

Fatal Collision

Location of Incident: S. Avenue 14 E and E. 48th Street – Yuma, AZ

UPDATE: The occupants of the RZR are identified as James Koutney, 79, of Yuma, AZ, and Deborah Koutney, 72, of Yuma, AZ. Next of kin notifications have been made.

ORIGINAL RELEASE – November 13, 2023 – 7:00 PM

On Monday, November 13, 2023, at approximately 3:30 PM the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to a collision involving a vehicle versus an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) in the area of S. Avenue 14 E and E. 48th Street.

The initial investigation revealed a Polaris RZR was traveling northbound on S. Ave 14E when it failed to yield the right of way for a Hyundai Accent sedan traveling eastbound on E. 48th Street. The RZR proceeded to enter the intersection and the sedan collided with the RZR causing the driver and passenger of the RZR to be ejected and sustain critical injuries.

Both occupants of the RZR were transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center (YRMC) by Rural Metro, where they were later pronounced deceased. Identification is pending next of kin notifications.

The sole occupant of the sedan sustained minor injuries and was transported to YRMC.

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 to submit an anonymous tip.

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