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PRESS RELEASE

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Fatal Collision

Location of Incident: Desert Area near Fortuna Mine

On Monday, January 29, 2024, at approximately 4:16 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) roll over collision in the desert area near the Fortuna Mine.

The initial investigation revealed a 2021 Polaris RZR was traveling westbound on an unmarked trail when it struck an embankment and began to roll over. The passenger of the RZR was ejected from the vehicle and sustained fatal injuries.

The passenger, identified as Michael Paul, 58, of North Dakota, was pronounced deceased on scene. 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 to submit an anonymous tip.

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