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## Fatal Collision

**Location of Incident:** Highway 80 and Avenue 26 E – Wellton, AZ

On Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at approximately 10:39 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to a vehicle versus semi-truck collision on Highway 80 and Avenue 26 E.

The initial investigation revealed a white freight truck hauling two trailers was traveling eastbound on Highway 80, when the driver lost control of the vehicle which resulted in the trailers crossing the center line and colliding into a Toyota Tundra traveling westbound on Highway 80.

The driver of the Toyota, identified as Margarita Lopez, 75, of Yuma, AZ, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene.

The passenger of the Toyota, identified as Gilberto Lopez Jr., 57, of Yuma, AZ, was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Mr. Lopez later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Next of kin has been notified.

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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