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## Fatal Collision

**Location of Incident:** S. Avenue 34E and E. County 7<sup>th</sup> Street – Wellton, AZ

On Friday, January 24, 2025, at approximately 5:34 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a single vehicle collision in the area of S. Avenue 34E and E. County 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

The initial investigation revealed a 2006 Nissan Frontier was traveling southbound on S. Avenue 34E when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle veered off the roadway. The vehicle rolled over onto the shoulder of the road, causing the driver to be ejected.

The driver, identified as Buddy Wayne Clatone, 44, of Wellton, AZ, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. He was the sole occupant of the vehicle. Next of kin notification has been made.

This case remains under investigation at this time. It is unknown at this time if impairment is 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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