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## Fatal Collision

**Location of Incident:** Desert area East of Avenue 15E and South of Interstate 8 – Yuma, AZ

On Monday, March 19, 2018, at approximately 8:22 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing person that was last seen driving an off road vehicle in the desert area east of Avenue 15E.

At approximately 10:04 p.m., the victim's vehicle was located in the desert area. The initial investigation revealed that the vehicle was traveling west on a small dirt trail at the top of a dry ravine. The vehicle appeared to run off the left (south) side of the trail and then rolled several times, ejecting the driver, and landing in the ravine.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Critical Accident Response Team responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.

The driver of the vehicle, an 83 year old male, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The name of the victim is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

This case is pending further investigation; however, alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

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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