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Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: S. Avenue G and W. County 19th Street - Somerton, AZ

On Sunday, March 25, 2018, at approximately 6:41 a.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two vehicle collision just east of the intersection of Avenue G and County 19th Street.

The initial investigation revealed a red, 2016 Dodge Dart sedan was traveling westbound on County 19th Street and a white, 1991 Nissan truck was traveling eastbound. The driver of the sedan passed another vehicle but failed to re-renter the westbound lanes before colliding with the truck in a head on collision.

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

The driver of the Nissan truck, Mr. Jesus Banuelos-Cruz, 69, of San Luis, was pronounced deceased at the scene of the collision. Next of kin notification has been made.

The driver of the Dodge Dart, Ms. Marianne Chairez, 21, of Gadsden was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center by the San Luis Fire Department for non-life threatening injuries.

The case remains under investigation. 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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