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PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE 2

Double Homicide

Location of Incident: 1900 Block of W. Chico Lane – Yuma, AZ

UPDATE 2: During the course of the investigation, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) Investigations Bureau identified a suspect.

On Friday, May 3, 2024, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Yuma Police Department, served a search warrant at a residence in the 1900 Block of W. Chico Lane.

The suspect, identified as **Romeo Jay Arellano**, 19, of Yuma, AZ, was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center on two counts of Premeditated 1st Degree Murder.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following agencies: the Homeland Security Investigations, the Yuma Police Department, and the YCSO Helicopter Unit for their assistance.

This case remains under investigation at this time.



Romeo Jay Arellano

UPDATE 1 - May 3, 2024 - 9:30 AM: The victims of the homicide have been identified as Manuel Marquez, 82 of Yuma, AZ and Patricia Marquez, 79, of Yuma, AZ.

Next of kin notifications have been made. This case remains under investigation at this time.

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On Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at approximately 8:58 PM, Yuma County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 1900 Block of W. Chico Lane in reference to a possible burglary and two missing persons.

The reporting party went to check on the elderly couple that resided at the residence and contacted law enforcement after noticing the residence had been possibly burglarized.

Upon arrival, Deputies conducted a search of the property and located the missing male and female deceased inside the residence.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau responded and assumed the investigation.

This case is being investigated as a homicide. It remains under investigation at this time.

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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