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PRESS RELEASE

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Livestock Incident

Location of Incident: County 13th Street and South Avenue 26E – Wellton, AZ

On Friday, October 19, 2018 at approximately 7:01 a.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to the Main Canal on East County 13th Street and South Avenue 26E in Wellton, AZ in reference to a livestock incident.

Upon arrival, Deputies met with the reporting party who stated that they had located 100 plus sheep in the Main Canal. The sheep had been grazing in the area of South Avenue 27E when they came out of containment. Over 50 sheep were located deceased or injured in the canal.

Due to the severe nature of this incident, the YCSO has contacted the Department of Agriculture Animal Services and Livestock Officers are en route from Phoenix to investigate this incident. The YCSO is also working closely with the Arizona Game and Fish along with the Bureau of Land Management. The YCSO has also notified the Yuma County Health Department, and they in turn contacted the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. The owner of the sheep has been contacted and is pending charges.

This case remains under investigation. Anyone with any information concerning this investigation is asked to 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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