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## Fatality Collision

**Location of Incident:** East County 19<sup>th</sup> Street and South Avenue 1E - Yuma, Arizona

On Thursday, July 11, 2019 at approximately 3:30 P.M. the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two vehicle collision on East County 19<sup>th</sup> Street and South Avenue 1E.

The initial investigation revealed that a white 2014 Ford F-250 pickup was traveling eastbound on County 19<sup>th</sup> Street approaching Avenue 1E. At the same time, a black 2003 Ford Ranger pickup was traveling northbound on Avenue 1E. The driver of the Ford Ranger failed to stop at the stop sign at County 19<sup>th</sup> Street, and proceeded into the path of the Ford F-250. The front of the F-250 struck the driver's side of the Ranger.

The driver of the Ford Ranger, Mr. Joel Garcia, 59, of Yuma, sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the Ford F-250 was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center for non-life threatening injuries.

Next of kin notification has been made and this case is pending further investigation. Alcohol does not appear to be a contributing 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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