**UPDATE**

Drowning Victim

**Location of Incident:** Gila Gravity Canal, area of Adair Park Road - Yuma, AZ

On Monday, October 28, 2019, at approximately 6:51 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office received a report of an adult male, later identified as Woodley Mason, 54, of California, who had fallen into the Gila Gravity Canal near the Hidden Shores Village RV Park while he was fishing. YCSO personnel, along with Yuma Proving Ground Police and Fire Departments, responded to the area and attempted to locate Mr. Mason with negative results.

Search efforts continued over the course of the next few days to include the YCSO Search and Rescue units on foot, in vehicles, and on jet skis; and the Sheriff’s Office and Yuma Police Department Dive Team members searching underwater.

On Friday, November 8, 2019, at approximately 9:49 AM, YCSO Search and Rescue located Mr. Mason’s body in the Gila Gravity Canal in the area of Adair Park Road. Search and Rescue members, along with Sheriff’s Office Dive Team members, were able to recover Mr. Mason’s body from the canal. The Yuma County Medical Examiner responded to the scene. Next of kin has been notified.

The Yuma County Sheriff’s Office would like to thank all those involved in the search efforts.

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