** UPDATE **

Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: 12700 block of South Avenue G – Somerton, AZ

UPDATE:
The passenger from the 2006 Hyundai has been identified as Maria Fernanda Lopez, 19 years of age, of San Luis, Arizona. Ms. Lopez sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was pronounced deceased on scene. Next of kin notification has been made.

ORIGINAL RELEASE – December 18, 2019:
On Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at approximately 6:48 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a two vehicle injury collision on Avenue G and County 13th Street.

The initial investigation revealed that a silver 2006 Hyundai Sonata four door sedan was traveling northbound on Avenue G. At the same time, a black 1996 Jeep Cherokee was traveling southbound. The driver of the Hyundai attempted to pass an unidentified vehicle which was also traveling northbound. The Hyundai was unable to complete the passing maneuver and as a result struck the Jeep head on.

The driver of the Jeep, along with the driver and a passenger in the Hyundai, were transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center for initial treatment. All three subjects were later flown to a Phoenix area hospital with serious injuries. A second passenger from the Hyundai was pronounced deceased on scene.

Next of kin notification is pending 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 to submit an anonymous tip.

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