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PRESS RELEASE

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Missing Hiker

Location of Incident: Telegraph Pass – Yuma, AZ

On Saturday, August 15, 2020 at approximately 3:15 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing hiker in Telegraph Pass.

Deputies spoke to the reporting party who stated that the missing hiker, identified as George Wesley, 54, of New Mexico, had last spoken with him earlier that morning at approximately 8:00 AM. Mr. Wesley told the reporting party he was going to hike Telegraph Pass. The reporting party said Mr. Wesley should have returned around 12:00 PM.

The YCSO Search and Rescue (SAR), with the assistance of the United States Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine - Yuma Branch, Arizona Department of Public Safety Search and Rescue, aided with aerial support. The search continued late into the night ending at approximately 12:00 AM, due to low visibility.

On Sunday, August 16, 2020 at approximately 6:30 AM, the search resumed. At approximately 07:12 AM, the body of Mr. Wesley was found, approximately a mile from the main trail.

Next of Kin was notified.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all of the agencies that assisted with the search.

Information Released By: Sgt. Edgar Guerra, Public Information Officer