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PRESS RELEASE

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Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: Avenue D ½ and County 9 ½ Street – Yuma, AZ

On Sunday, October 17, 2021, at approximately 6:43 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) received a report of a single-vehicle collision in the area of Avenue D ½ and County 9 ½ Street.

The initial investigation revealed a Polaris UTV was traveling westbound along a farm access road when the driver failed to observe the road ended at a canal. The driver was unable to stop in time and drove across an irrigation canal, colliding with the opposite embankment.

All four passengers in the vehicle sustained injuries and were transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center.

One passenger, identified as Sonya Gomez, 43, of Yuma, AZ, sustained critical injuries and was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center where she later succumbed to her injuries. Next of kin notification has been made.

Another passenger sustained critical injuries and was later flown to a Phoenix area hospital for additional treatment.

This case is currently under investigation. Impairment appears to have been a 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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