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PRESS RELEASE

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Aggravated Assault

Location of Incident: Levee Road and County 8th ½ Street, Yuma AZ

On Sunday, December 19, 2021, at approximately 11:07 AM, The Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of shots fired at the Colorado River in the area of Levee Road and County 8th ½ Street.

The initial investigation revealed a victim was on the bank of the Colorado River photographing activity at Morelos Dam, when an unknown black SUV was observed parking on the Mexico side of the river. While the victim was sitting down taking photos, two unknown subjects were observed getting out of the SUV and started walking toward his direction. There were then approximately two shots fired from an unknown firearm towards the victim. The subjects and vehicle departed as Border Patrol Agents approached the area. Witnesses in the area reported hearing approximately two shots fired.

The victim did not sustain any injuries. Border Patrol and Mexico authorities were notified of the incident.

This case remains under investigation at this time.

Due to the current border crisis, there has been an influx of unknown individuals along the areas of the Colorado River and the Levee Road. These individuals may be accompanied by smugglers and/or other unknown criminals.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public to be aware of your surroundings, even when in remote areas. Do not hesitate to call 911 if you find yourself in a safety concerning situation and report any endangering incidents.

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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