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PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE 2

Homicide

Location of Incident: Avenue B and County 18th Street – Somerton, AZ

Update 2: During the course of the investigation, The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau identified **Craig Menta**, 21, of Yuma, AZ, as another suspect.

On February 23, 2024, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals, Yuma Police Department Special Operations Group, and the Yuma County Narcotics Task Force, located and arrested Menta. He was booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for 1st Degree Murder and Narcotics Drugs for Sale.

This case remains under investigation.

Update 1 – February 15, 2024 – 7:45 PM

During the course of this investigation, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau identified **Maribel Ornelas**, 21, of Yuma, AZ, as a suspect. On February 15, 2024, Investigators located and arrested Ornelas, who was booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for 1st Degree murder and Narcotics Drugs for Sale.

This case remains under investigation at this time.

Original Release – February 7, 2024 – 11:25 AM

On Tuesday, February, 6, 2024, at approximately 7:47 PM, Yuma County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to Avenue B and County 18th Street in reference to a vehicle collision and shots fired.



Craig Menta



Maria Ornelas

Upon arrival, Deputies located the vehicle and discovered a male victim with gunshot wounds. The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau responded and assumed the investigation.

The victim, identified as Iza Granillo, 18, of Yuma, AZ was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Next of kin notification has been made.

This case remains under investigation at this time.

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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