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PRESS RELEASE

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Missing Hiker

Location of Incident: Telegraph Pass – Yuma, AZ

On Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at approximately 3:45 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 Laura Kissinger, 58, of Yuma, AZ, had informed them she would be going on a hike in the area of Telegraph at approximately 6:00 AM. After the reporting party did not hear from Ms. Kissinger for a few hours they notified law enforcement. Deputies located Ms. Kissinger's parked vehicle near the hiking area and a search was commenced.

YCSO's Search and Rescue responded and with the assistance of Border Patrol BORSTAR and CBP Air & Marine aerial support, Ms. Kissinger was located at the bottom of a ridge approximately ¼ mile from a main trail. She was found with trauma associated with a fall and was pronounced deceased on scene.

Due to the remote area and steep terrain, AZDPS Helicopter Ranger from Tucson assisted with the extraction needed for the deceased.

Next of kin has been notified.

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