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Fatal Collision

Location of Incident: Avenue 5E and County 14th ¼ Street – Yuma, AZ

On Sunday, June 23, 2024, at approximately 1:44 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a single vehicle collision in the area of Avenue 5E and County 14th ¼ Street.

The initial investigation revealed a 2002 Suzuki Grand Vitara was traveling north on Avenue 5E when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle veered off the roadway where it struck several citrus trees.

The driver, identified as Joi Howell, 59, of Yuma, AZ, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. Next of kin has been notified.

This case remains under investigation at this time. Alcohol does not appear to be 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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