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PRESS RELEASE

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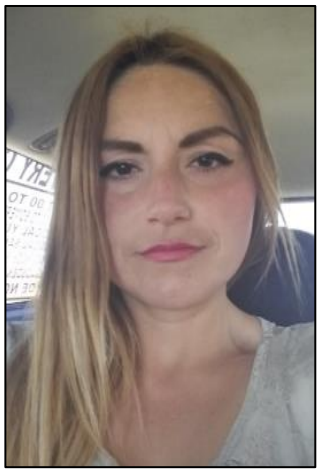
Missing Person

Location of Incident: 11300 Block of Elena Drive – Yuma, AZ

On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at approximately 10:46 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report regarding an injured male subject in the 11300 Block of Elena Drive. Upon Deputy arrival, the male subject was found to have an injury to his hand. The subject was uncooperative during questioning and was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro for medical treatment.

Evidence at the scene led Deputies to a residence where it is suspected an incident took place. The residence was checked and no other injured parties were located. Missing from the residence was the male subject's girlfriend and their newborn child. Continuous efforts to locate them have been unsuccessful.


Esmeralda Chavez-Avalos

The missing person was identified as **Esmeralda Chavez-Avalos**, 39, of Yuma, AZ. Esmeralda was last seen at her residence at approximately 7:45 PM on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. Her newborn child is a female that is approximately 10 days old.

Esmeralda Chavez-Avalos is described as being approximately 5'4" tall, weighing approximately 200lbs, with light brown hair, and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a pink long sleeve shirt and blue jeans with several rips on the front of them.

If anyone has information on the whereabouts of Esmeralda, 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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