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PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE

Fatality Collision

Location of Incident: S. Avenue 36 E and westbound Interstate 8 Exit Ramp - Yuma, AZ

Update: The victim of the fatal collision has been identified as Ijah Se'lah Smith, 34, of Atlanta, GA. Next of kin notification has been made.

This case remains under investigation at this time.

Original – December 20, 2024 – 3:00 PM

On December 20, 2024, at approximately 10:03 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a deceased subject located in the area of S. Avenue 36 E at the westbound Interstate 8 exit ramp.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau responded and assumed the investigation.

The initial investigation indicates a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle which departed the scene. The victim sustained fatal injuries as result of the collision.

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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