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PRESS RELEASE

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Fatal Collision

Location of Incident: S. Avenue 36E and E. County 11th Street – Wellton, AZ

On Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at approximately 4:45 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) received a report of a two-vehicle collision in the area of S. Avenue 36E and E. County 11th Street.

The initial investigation revealed a 2007 Ford Five Hundred was traveling northbound on S. Avenue 36E when it veered into the southbound lane to pass a vehicle in front of him. For unknown reasons, the driver of the Ford did not return to the northbound lane after passing and collided head on with a 2017 Dodge Ram 2500 that was traveling in the southbound lane.

YCSO Deputies and Wellton Fire arrived on scene and attempted lifesaving measures, but the driver ultimately succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene.

The driver of the Ford was identified as Kevin Espinoza, 24, of Dateland, AZ. He was the sole occupant of the vehicle. Next of kin notification has been made.

The driver, sole occupant, of the Dodge Ram was airlifted to a Phoenix area hospital due to serious injuries.

This case remains under investigation at this time. It is unknown at this time if impairment is 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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