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PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE

Fatal Collision

Location of Incident: Levee Easement Road and Avenue 2 1/2 E– Yuma, AZ

UPDATE: The driver is identified as Cristoval George Ayala, 49, of Yuma, AZ. Next of kin notification has been made.

ORIGINAL: March 1, 2026 – 2:00 PM

On Sunday, March 1, 2026, at approximately 7:15 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a vehicle versus trailer collision in the area of the Levee Easement Road and Avenue 2 1/2 E.

The initial investigation revealed a 2016 Volkswagen Jetta was traveling eastbound on the north side of the levee road when it collided into the front of a parked trailer loaded with irrigation poles.

Rural Metro Fire responded and the driver was pronounced deceased on scene. Identification of the driver will not be released at this time, pending next of kin notification.

This case remains under investigation at this time. Speed and Alcohol may have been factors in the 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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