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PRESS RELEASE

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Aggravated Assault Arrest

Location of Incident: W. County 14th Street and S. Somerton Avenue - Somerton AZ

On Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at approximately 8:45 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) responded to a report of a subject involved in a shooting incident.

Upon Deputy arrival, a male subject was located with an apparent gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Onvida Health in stable condition by Somerton/Cocopah Fire Department.

The initial investigation revealed the victim was driving when a firearm was discharged at his vehicle from another vehicle. The victim was able to drive away from the area and called 9-1-1 to report the incident and request emergency assistance, believing he had been struck by gunfire.

The suspect vehicle was identified and attempted to flee from law enforcement by entering California. With the assistance of U.S. Border Patrol, Quechan Police Department, Somerton Police Department, Imperial County Sheriff's Office and the Yuma Police Department, the suspect vehicle was located and three suspects were detained.

All three suspects were arrested and booked into the Imperial County Jail. The suspects are identified as Manuel Sandoval, 24, of Somerton, AZ, Joseph Rivas, 28, of Somerton, AZ and Alejandro Gonzalez Alvarado, 24, of Yuma, AZ.

The YCSO Criminal Investigations Bureau responded and assumed the investigation. This case remains under investigation at this time.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all partner agencies involved for their support and collaboration.

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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