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PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE 2 **Suspicious Death**

Location of Incident: 11700 Block of S. Adams Avenue – Yuma, AZ

UPDATE 2: During the early stages of this investigation, Yuma County Sheriff's Office Investigators identified **Mark Alan Spadt**, 52, of Yuma, AZ as a person of interest in the death of the 15-year-old juvenile.

After extensive investigative work and evidence collection, Mark Spadt was identified as the suspect.

On Thursday, August 13, 2026, at approximately 9:52 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the United States Marshals Service and US Border Patrol, arrested Mark Spadt in the 11300 block of S. Avenue 12E.

Mark Spadt was booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for 1st Degree Murder, two counts of sexual conduct with a minor, custodial interference, and evidence tampering.

This case remains under investigation at this time and details regarding the juvenile's death are not being released.

UPDATE 1: June 3, 2026 – 3:00 PM

The victim has been identified as a previously reported missing 15-year-old female juvenile from San Luis, AZ. Next of kin notification has been made.

ORIGINAL: June 1, 2026 – 6:45 PM

On Monday, June 1, 2026, at approximately 10:08 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a deceased female located in the 11700 Block of S. Adams Avenue.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau responded and assumed the investigation. Investigators are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the unidentified female.

The victim is described as being short in stature with black curly hair. She had black-painted toenails and wore

braces. At the time she was located, she was wearing pink shorts and a blue shirt.

Unfortunately, her age and race remain unknown, and no additional identifying information is available at this time.

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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