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## Serious Injury Collision

**Location of Incident:** El Camino del Diablo and 3 miles South of E. County 14<sup>th</sup> Street – Wellton, AZ

On Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at approximately 2:25 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a truck versus a construction vehicle in the desert area of El Camino del Diablo and 3 miles South of E. County 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

The initial investigation revealed that a motor grader was traveling northbound when the operator moved to the right of the gravel roadway to allow approaching northbound traffic to pass. After one vehicle safely passed, a Ford F-250 collided with the rear of the motor grader. Rural Metro, Wellton Fire Department, and Tri/Valley Ambulance Services responded to assess on-scene injuries.

The front passenger of the Ford was airlifted by Care Flight to a Phoenix area hospital in critical condition.

Rural Metro and Tri-Valley transported the operator of the motor grader, the driver and third passenger of the Ford to Onvida Health for non-life threatening injuries.

This case remains under investigation at this time. Alcohol does not appear to be 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](http://www.yumacountysheriff.org) to submit an anonymous tip.

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