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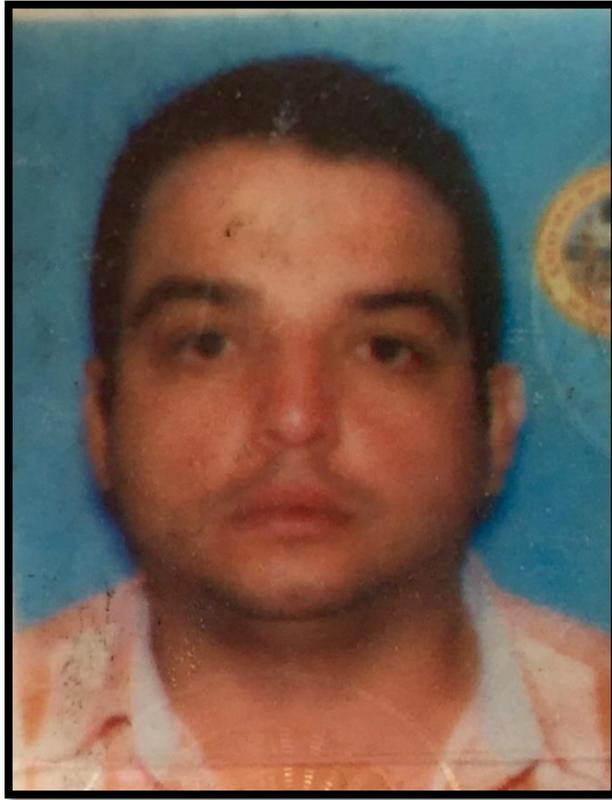
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

On Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at approximately 12:28 A.M, the Quartzsite Police Department was dispatched to the Pilot Travel Center located at 1201 West Main Street to investigate a possible assault involving an injured adult male. The injured adult male left the location before police arrived and was later located at approximately 2:30 A.M. after he entered the business for a second time. The victim was identified as Yoan Baez-Morales a truck driver from Miami, Florida.

The Quartzsite Fire Department (Paramedics) and AMR (Ambulance Service) responded to the location and began treating Mr. Baez-Morales for head trauma injuries. Mr. Baez-Morales was transported to La Paz Regional Hospital Emergency Room in Parker, Arizona, and was later transferred to the Lake Havasu Regional Medical Center where he was listed in critical condition. The Quartzsite Police Department had made contact with Mr. Baez-Morales' wife from the State of Florida. On Friday, February 5, 2016, at approximately 8:00 A.M., Mr. Baez-Morales was pronounced deceased by medical staff with his wife at his side.

It is believed Mr. Baez-Morales entered a local establishment in Quartzsite located on Main Street for a period of time during the evening hours of Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Mr. Baez-Morales may have been in a physical altercation with several subjects after leaving the location. The incident is under investigation by the Quartzsite Police Department who is seeking the community's assistance with information and locating witnesses that may have seen the victim the night of the incident. Please contact Quartzsite Police Detective Mike Lancaster at (928) 927-4644 with any information regarding this incident.



Victim: Yoan Baez-Morales

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