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In the morning hours of October 15, 2015, Quartzsite Police Department (QPD) received a call from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) regarding the area of Interstate 10 and Mile Post 21 east of the Town of Quartzsite. The DPS Officer took QPD Officers to the skeletal remains found. QPD Officers arrived on scene and identified partial human skeletal remains located near the roadway of Interstate 10 in the desert area.

After a thorough investigation, the partial human skeletal remains were removed from the scene by the Parker Funeral Home and sent to the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office in Tucson, Arizona for a scientific medical examination and for positive identification purposes. This will include dental, hair and DNA comparisons. QPD Officers found a State of California identification card and other documents possibly identifying the deceased person.

With respect to the next of kin, the Quartzsite Police Department's case officer has requested assistance from the Mexican Consulate to notify the apparent next of kin family members in Mexico. Once this has been accomplished, a follow-up press release of the deceased person's name will be released. Quartzsite PD is dedicated to working with the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office and others in the effort to determine the method of death.

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