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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Border Patrol Rescues Illegal Immigrant in East Desert** *Subject Reports Imperiled Companion to Border Patrol*

U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the Yuma Sector successfully rescued a Mexican national in the foothills area yesterday evening. The subject, who entered the United States illegally from Mexico, crossed the Barry Goldwater Range with a partner and became severely dehydrated.

The partner, who was also in a state of dehydration, successfully made his way to a Yuma foothills residence where he asked for help from a local citizen at approximately 8 PM. The citizen contacted the Border Patrol and advised them of the situation. Border Patrol Agents were dispatched to the area, including two members of the BORSTAR team. The subject told the agents that he had left his companion a few miles south in the desert. The agents placed the subject into a Border Patrol vehicle and treated him for dehydration. At the same time, they utilized his help to determine the approximate area where he left his companion.

The agents pinpointed the area and followed footprints into the desert. At 9 PM the agents located the subject in a dehydrated state. BORSTAR agents treated the subject on the scene. No further medical treatment was required. Both subjects were taken to the Yuma Border Patrol Station for processing.

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