



NEWS RELEASE

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Border Patrol Agents rescue elderly person near Palo Verde *Diabetic man in shock when agent arrived on scene*

YUMA, Ariz.- Yuma Sector Border Patrol Agents rescued a senior citizen that was in shock earlier this afternoon. At 2 PM, Senior Patrol Agent Joseph Mujica was on Highway 78 en route to the Blythe Border Patrol Station when he approached the Palo Verde area. Agent Mujica spotted an elderly woman standing outside her vehicle in apparent distress. The agent pulled over to assist and discovered the woman's husband on the ground and on the verge of unconsciousness.

Agent Mujica checked the vital signs of the 69-year old man and made an immediate decision to contact rescue units. The man appeared to be in shock and Agent Mujica began first responder treatment. The man's wife stated that her husband was a diabetic and they pulled off the road when he displayed symptoms of a seizure. The man began responding to the first aid given by Mujica. Within a few minutes he was talking and drinking water.

Agent Mujica's partner arrived on the scene and assisted with communications. Palo Verde Fire and Rescue along with the Blythe ambulance arrived at around 2:50 PM and took control of the situation. The elderly man responded very well to treatment and is expected to make a full recovery.

The location on Highway 78, near milepost 70, is very remote and because of that arrival times for rescue units may vary. First response in a remote area can mean the difference in life and death, and the first response by Agent Mujica may well have saved the life of the senior citizen.

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