

Press Release

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CONTRACTING WITHOUT A LICENSE

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 14000 Block of E. 28th Street, Yuma, AZ

YUMA, ARIZONA, JANUARY 28, 2010: On 1/27/10 the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a potential construction fraud from a Foothills Resident. The resident reported she had been approached by a subject who offered to pave her driveway. The resident agreed and paid the subject \$1000.00. The subject then covered the driveway in ground up, used asphalt. The subject also offered to 'seal' the asphalt for another \$250.00 which is a common ploy used by less than reputable construction firms. The resident realized the work was sub-par and contacted the Sheriff's Office.

The investigation revealed the subject was not a licensed contractor. The subject was identified as Larry King, a white male in his mid 50's. The Sheriff's Office is currently seeking King for questioning concerning potential fraud and operating without a license. Anyone with any information concerning the location of Mr. King is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at 783-4427.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind residents that construction fraud is a common occurrence in this area, and particularly targets elderly residents. Often times, the suspects in these cases are involved in asphalt and or roofing scams but are not limited to these types of jobs. They frequently go door to door soliciting work and often times carry the 'asphalt' with them until a job is found. Once a job is secured the work completed is sub-standard and they then request cash payment and disappear.

The Sheriff's Office would encourage anyone considering construction work to contact a reputable, licensed contractor. A reputable contractor will have no problem in providing their license information which can be verified online or by calling the Registrar of Contractors.



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