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## \*UPDATE 2\* Attempted Homicide

Location of Incident: 800 Block of E. 21st Street - Yuma, AZ

**UPDATE:** During the course of the investigation, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau identified **Jiovanny Isaiah Ochoa**, 22, of Yuma, AZ, as an additional suspect.

On Thursday, April 18, 2024, Ochoa was located and arrested with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service. He was booked into the Yuma County Detention Center on three counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon, Possession of Weapon by Prohibited Person, and Unlawful Flight from law enforcement.

This case remains under investigation at this time.



Jiovanny Ochoa

## UPDATE 1 - April 12, 2024 - 10:10 AM

During the course of the investigation, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau identified **Abraham Espinoza**, 33, of Yuma, AZ, as a suspect.

On Thursday, April 11, 2024, Espinoza was located and arrested with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service. He was booked into the Yuma County Detention Center on three counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Attempted Murder.

This case remains under investigation at this time.



Abraham Espinoza

## Original - March 30-2024 - 1:30 PM

On Saturday, March 30, 2024, at approximately 2:30 AM, Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) Deputies responded to a report of a disturbance at a business in the 800 Block of E. 21st Street.

Initial investigation revealed the subjects of the disturbance were in an altercation and removed from the business by employees. The disturbance continued into the parking lot and gunfire was exchanged. One subject and several vehicles were struck by gunfire. The subject struck by gunfire fled the scene and later arrived at the Yuma Regional Medical Center for wounds sustained.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau responded and assumed the investigation. The case remains under investigation at this time.

Investigators are asking the public's assistance to come forward with information that will help them identify individuals involved in the altercation.

YCSO would like to thank the Yuma Police Department for their on-scene assistance and response. Anyone with information regarding this case, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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