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Narcotics Search Warrant Arrest

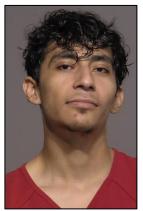
Location of Incident: 9300 Block of E. Saddle Drive -Yuma, AZ

On Thursday, April 4, 2024, at approximately 3:00 PM, the Yuma County Narcotics Task Force – which is a multi-agency task force comprised of officers and agents from the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO), Homeland Security Investigations and Border Patrol – along with additional YCSO Investigators, served a narcotics search warrant at a residence in the 9300 Block of E. Saddle Drive -Yuma, AZ.

With the assistance of YCSO K-9 "Aisha", the search of the residence and the property led to the discovery of approximately 1,767 multi-colored counterfeit M30 pills containing Fentanyl with an estimated street value of \$7,068 dollars, 1.2 grams of methamphetamine, 2 grams of black tar heroin, and multiple items of paraphernalia indicative of street sales.

The suspect of the search warrant, **Martin Jesus Rodriguez**, 27, of Yuma, Arizona, was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for Possession of a Narcotic for Sales, Possession of a Narcotic and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia numerous counts.

An additional suspect, **Rosendo Esquibel**, 42, of Yuma, Arizona, was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for Possession of a Narcotic, Possession of a Dangerous Drug and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.







Rosendo Esquibel

These counterfeit pills, referred to as "skittles" or "rainbow" pills, can contain a lethal dose of pressed fentanyl for someone of any age. It is important for parents to talk with children about the facts and dangers of drugs. Practice with them on ways to turn down or avoid drugs when faced with pressure to try them. Need help starting the conversation? Visit https://talknowaz.com/ or https://drugfree.org/preventionand-taking-action-early/.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public to call (928) 783-4427 to report any suspected drug activity or visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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