Level 2 Sex Offender Notification

David Eugene Rowell

New Address: 9796 S. Chant Way – Yuma, AZ 85365

The Yuma County Sheriff’s Office (YCSO) is releasing the following information pursuant to A.R.S. 13-3825, the Community Notification on Sex Offenders Law. The offender in this publication is living within Yuma County. It is the responsibility of the Chief Law Enforcement Office having jurisdiction where the offender resides to make notification to the community. Notification must be made when certain sex offenders are released from the Arizona State Prison, accepted under an interstate compact or released from the county jail back into the community. Offenders are categorized into three levels: Level One (low risk to the community), Level Two (intermediate risk to the community), and Level Three (high risk to the community).

The individual who appears on this notification, David Eugene Rowell, 52, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. David Rowell has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 9796 S. Chant Way in Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 6 feet, 0 inches tall, 200 pounds, with blonde hair and blue eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office at this time.

On September 29, 2009, Rowell was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Molestation of a Child, Obscene Material Transmit to Minor, and Violation of Promise to Appear. The victim was female juvenile known to him.

On May 20, 2010, Rowell was charged with two counts of Sexual Contact with a Minor under twelve years of age. Rowell was sentenced to lifetime imprisonment at the Arizona Department of Corrections.

On August 22, 2022, the Yuma County Superior Court dismissed both counts as originally charged and found Rowell guilty of an Amended Count One: Attempted Molestation of a child, a class three felony. Rowell was sentenced to time served and subsequently released from the Arizona Department of Corrections.

David Rowell is considered a Level 2 sex offender with an intermediate risk to reoffend.
This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather, it is our belief that an informed community is a safer community. The YCSO has no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he/she chooses. Citizen abuses of this information to threaten, intimidate, or harass sex offenders will not be tolerated. Sex Offenders have always lived in our communities; but because of Megan’s law, law enforcement is now able to share this information with you.

The YCSO would like to remind the public of the registered sex offender and community notification program OffenderWatch. To register for free email alerts or search for sex offenders in your area, please visit the YCSO OffenderWatch page.

If you have information regarding current criminal activity on this or any other offender, please call the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office at (928) 783-4427.

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