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## Stolen Campaign Sign Suspect Cited

**Location of Incident:** Area of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Avenue 8 ½ E – Yuma, AZ

On Friday, September 18, 2020, at approximately 7:41 AM, a witness observed a female suspect remove a campaign sign posted in the area of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Avenue 8 ½ E. The witness was able to photograph the suspect and vehicle during the incident. The witness confronted the suspect about removing the sign and the suspect responded by saying, "Call the police."

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office was contacted in reference to the incident and the suspect was identified Ms. Lacey Smith, 37, of Yuma, AZ. Ms. Smith was contacted and issued a citation for removing and disposing of the sign.

Per Arizona Revised Statute 16-1019.A, it is a class 2 misdemeanor for any person to knowingly remove, alter, deface or cover any political sign of any candidate for public office without authorization. Additional charges of trespassing, theft, and/or criminal damage may also be applicable under certain circumstances.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident, 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](http://www.yumacountysheriff.org) to submit an anonymous tip.



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