



Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Leon N. Wilmot
Sheriff of Yuma County

141 S. 3rd Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364
Tel: (928) 783-4427 • Fax: (928) 539-7837
www.yumacountysheriff.org

PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Tania Pavlak
Phone: (928) 783-4427
DR# NA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 30, 2021 – 1:00 PM

Level 3 Sex Offender Notification Thomas Paddock

New Address: 248 S. Avenue B, #106A – Yuma, AZ 85364

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, **Thomas Paddock**, 58, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Thomas Paddock has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 248 S. Avenue B., #106A in Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 230 pounds, with gray hair and hazel eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

On April 26, 2011, Paddock was convicted of 1 count Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and 1 count Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor in the Yuma County Superior Court. He was sentenced to 10 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections with credit for 183 days. The victim was a young juvenile female acquaintance. Paddock is currently on probation and under the supervision of the Yuma County Adult Probation.

Thomas Paddock was previously classified as a Level 2 sex offender. Paddock was reassessed and now is considered a Level 3 sex offender with a high 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.



Thomas Paddock

Height: 5'10"
Weight: 230 lbs
Hair: Gray
Eyes: Hazel

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.

Information Released By: J. Hunter