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Level 3 Sex Offender Notification
Ricardo Hernandez

New Address: 10613 E. 38th Street – 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, **Ricardo Hernandez**, 48, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Ricardo Hernandez has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 10613 E. 38th Street in Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 6 feet, 1 inches tall, 200 pounds, with black and gray hair (or bald) and brown eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

Ricardo Hernandez

Height:	6'1"
Weight:	200 lbs
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown

On June 4, 2009, Hernandez was convicted of 1 count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and 1 count of Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor in the Yuma County Superior Court. The victim was a 16-year-old female who was unknown to him. He was sentenced to 12.5 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections with 597 days credit for time served. Hernandez was also sentenced to Lifetime Intensive Probation.

Ricardo Hernandez 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.

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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