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## Fraudulent Schemes Suspect Arrested

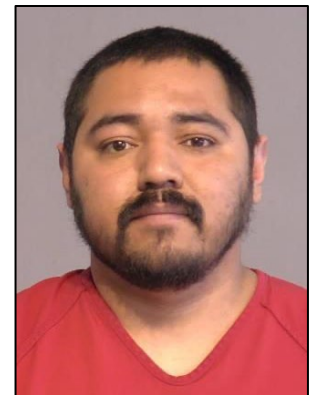
**Location of Incident:** 1800 Block of S. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Yuma, AZ

Yuma County Sheriff's Office Investigators have been working a fraudulent scheme case involving a victim being defrauded out of approximately \$775,000.00 in cash and crypto currency for a false business start-up. The suspect utilized the funds to purchase luxury items to include an exotic vehicle as well as travel expenses.

On Thursday, April 28, 2022, Investigators and Agents with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB), Yuma County Narcotics Task Force (YCNTF) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) served search warrants on the residence and a business owned by **Andres Fernandez**, 29, of Yuma, AZ.

Fernandez was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for Fraudulent Schemes, Theft, and Money Laundering.

Anyone with information regarding this case, 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.



*Andres Fernandez*

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