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Aggravated Assault

Location of Incident: Avenue 6E and 48th Street – Yuma, AZ

On Friday, November 11, 2022, at approximately 9:58 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a trespass on private property. It was reported the individuals were detained in the area of Avenue 6E and 48th Street.

Upon Deputy arrival, three juveniles were observed seated along the roadway with the suspect standing near his vehicle.

The initial investigation revealed the three juveniles were jogging in the area when they entered onto an open field surrounded by a barbed wire fence to take an alternate route for their jog. A neighbor witnessed the juveniles on the property and told them they were on private property. The juveniles were unaware they were on private property, and they departed.

The suspect received a notification from the neighbor that there were individuals seen on his property and drove his vehicle in search of the subjects.

Mitch Freeman

As the juveniles continued their jog, approximately half a mile from the property mentioned, the suspect pulled up next to them and exited the vehicle displaying a firearm at the juveniles. The suspect then ordered the juveniles to sit down while pointing the firearm at them as he called law enforcement to report the trespass.

The suspect, Mitch Freeman, 56, of Yuma, AZ, was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center on three counts of Disorderly Conduct and three counts of Aggravated Assault.

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 to submit an anonymous tip.

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