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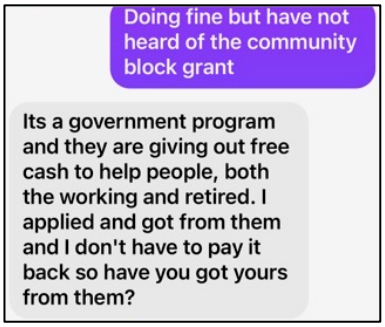
Fake Social Media Profiles

Location of Incident: – Yuma, AZ

We have been informed of fake profiles impersonating Sheriff Leon Wilmot on social media. These profiles have been friend requesting community members and sending direct messages to scam them out of money. Do not accept a friend request or click on any links sent from these fake profiles. The accounts have been reported. Please see examples below:



How to spot a fake profile:
Profile and cover pictures were uploaded within the last 24 hours and will have *NEW FACEBOOK ACCOUNT*. These accounts will send a message shortly after accepting their friend request and inform you of a monetary earning opportunity, how to enter in a contest sweepstakes, or free cash programs to sign up for.

When receiving new friend requests, please review profiles to verify information, view descriptions, and timeline posts. Do not accept money requests, enter contest sweepstakes, or click any links sent from 'new friends', this is most likely a scam.

Thank you to everyone who has done their due diligence in reporting this to our office or calling the Sheriff to verify the validity of the "new" profile and messages.

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