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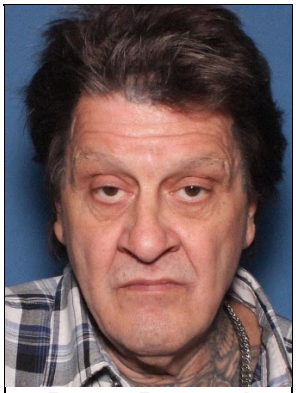
Level 3 Sex Offender Notification

Bryan Bernard

New Address: 966 South Palm Avenue – 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).



Bryan Bernard

Height:	5'9"
Weight:	187 lbs
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown

The individual who appears on this notification, **Bryan Bernard**, 62, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Bryan Bernard has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 966 South Palm Avenue in Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 5 feet, 9 inches tall, 187 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

On August 5, 1988, Bernard pled no contest in the San Juan District Court in Aztec, New Mexico to one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct. He was sentenced to eighteen months in the New Mexico Department of Corrections, with one year of mandatory parole supervision upon his release from prison. His victim was an adult female who was unknown to him.

On August 24, 2016, Bernard pled guilty in the Yuma County Superior Court to two counts of Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. He was sentenced to ten years in the Arizona Department of Corrections, with 680 days credit for time served. Bernard is currently on Lifetime Intensive Probation under the supervision of Yuma County Adult Probation.

Bryan Bernard 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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