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Level 2 Sex Offender Notification Rafael Flesher

New Address: Laguna Dam Road & County 1st Street (Mittry Lake Camp Area) – Yuma, AZ 85365

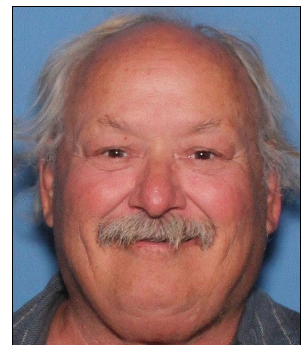
The Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) is releasing the following information pursuant to A.R.S. 13-3825, the Community Notification on Sex Offenders Law. The offender in this publication is living within Yuma County. It is the responsibility of the Chief Law Enforcement Office having jurisdiction where 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, **Rafael Flesher**, 57, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Rafael Flesher has advised the YCSO that he is residing at Laguna Dam Road & County 1st Street in Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 5 feet, 7 inches tall, 225 pounds, with gray hair and brown eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

On May 24, 2016, Flesher entered into a plea agreement of guilty/no contest in the Yuma County Superior Court to one count of Attempted Molestation of a Child. His victim was an 11 year old female who was known to him. He was sentenced to ten years in the Arizona Department of Corrections with credit of 1,337 days prior to sentencing.

Rafael Flesher is considered a Level 2 Sex Offender with an intermediate risk to re-offend.

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.



Rafael Flesher

Height: 5'7"
Weight: 225 lbs
Hair: Gray
Eyes: Brown

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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