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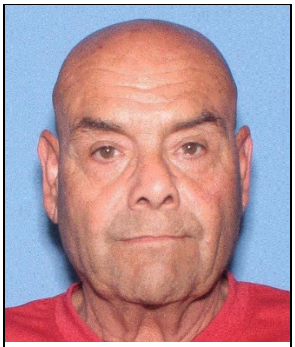
Level 2 Sex Offender Notification
Gilbert Buelna

New Address: 12440 East 35th Place – Yuma, AZ 85367

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).



Gilbert Buelna

Height:	5'10"
Weight:	180 lbs
Hair:	Brown/Bald
Eyes:	Brown

The individual who appears on this notification Gilbert Buelna, 64, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Gilbert Buelna has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 12440 East 35th Place in Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 180 pounds, with brown hair (bald) and brown eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

On November 3, 1997, Buelna was convicted of one count of Molestation of a Child in the La Paz County Superior Court in Parker, Arizona. He was sentenced to seventeen years in the Arizona Department of Corrections with 170 days credit for time served.

On October 12, 2023, Buelna pled guilty/no contest to one count of Attempted Failure to Register in the Yuma County Superior Court. He was sentenced to thirty-six months of probation, and is currently supervised by the Yuma County Adult Probation Department.

Gilbert Buelna is considered a Level 2 sex offender with an intermediate 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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