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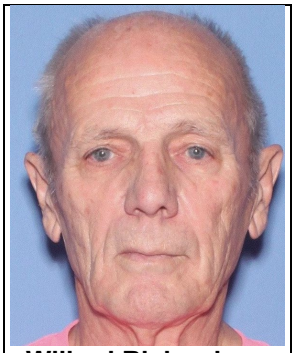
Level 3 Sex Offender Notification
Willard Richardson

New Address: 12252 E. 39th Way – 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).



Willard Richardson

Height:	6'0"
Weight:	175 lbs
Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	Blue

The individual who appears on this notification, **Willard Richardson**, 76, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Willard Richardson has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 12252 E. 39th Way in Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 6 feet, 0 inches tall, 175 pounds, with gray hair and blue eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

On April 5, 2011, Richardson was found guilty of two counts of Using Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct, and one count of Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the First Degree in the Clatsop County Circuit Court in Astoria, Oregon. He was sentenced to seventy months in the Oregon Department Corrections, and three years of post-prison supervision. His victim was a female juvenile known to him.

On May 30, 2024, Richardson pled guilty/no contest to one count of Failure to Register as Sex Offender in the Yuma County Superior Court. He was sentenced to twenty-four months of probation and is currently under the supervision of the Yuma County Adult Probation.

Willard Richardson 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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