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PRESS RELEASE

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Level 1 Sex Offender Notification Joel Faz

New Address: 2801 W. 5TH Street, Space 4B – Yuma, AZ 85364

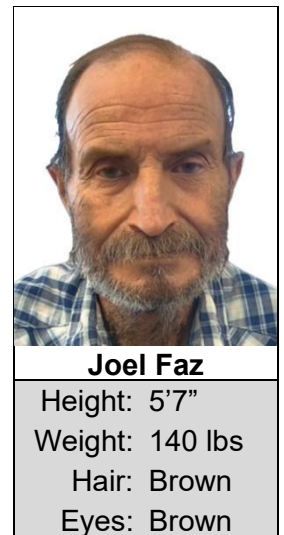
The Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) is releasing the following information pursuant to A.R.S. 13-3825, the Community Notification on Sex Offenders Law. The offender in this publication is living within Yuma County. It is the responsibility of the Chief Law Enforcement Office having jurisdiction where the offender resides to make notifications 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, **Joel Faz, 66**, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Joel Faz has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 2801 W. 5th Street, Space 4B in Yuma Arizona. He is described as 5'7" tall, 140 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

On May 1, 1998, Faz pleaded guilty to two counts of Attempted Molestation of a Child in the Maricopa County Superior Court in Phoenix, Arizona. He was sentenced to serve 7 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections, with 71 days of credit for time served, followed by 3 years of probation. His victim was a female juvenile known to him.

Joel Faz is considered a Level 1 sex offender with a low 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 Offender Watch. 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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