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Scam Alert: Beware of Fake Bail Requests

Location of Incident: Yuma County

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) is warning the public about a scam targeting families of individuals in custody. Scammers are impersonating law enforcement officials and, in some instances, claim to represent bail bond agencies that can accept payment for an inmate's release.

Bondsmen are not permitted to solicit their services by telephone and will not call requesting payment for an inmate's release. Inmate release payments must be made in person by cash or through a surety bond obtained from licensed bondsman. Credit cards, electronic payments, and payments over the phone are not accepted.

Remember: Law Enforcement will NEVER call to request money, bail payments, gift cards, wire transfers, Zelle payments, or any other form of electronic payment over the phone.

If you receive a call demanding immediate payment or creating a sense of urgency, hang up - it's a scam.

The Yuma County Detention Center is a maximum-security facility designed to receive, process and house people who are arrested, awaiting trial and people sentenced to the custody of the Sheriff. If you have fallen victim to scams or fraud, we encourage you to contact a law enforcement agency in your area to report the crime.

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