



## Yuma County Sheriff's Office

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**\*\* UPDATE \*\***

## Missing Person

**Location of Incident:** 12635 block of East 46<sup>th</sup> Street - Yuma, AZ

**UPDATE:** On Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at approximately 6:39 a.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a call in reference to a deceased subject in a retention basin located in the 12900 block of East 48<sup>th</sup> Drive. Upon arrival, Deputies confirmed the deceased as Mr. Degan. Next of kin has been notified.

**Original Release:** On Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at approximately 11:09 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing person from the 12635 block of East 46<sup>th</sup> Street in Yuma, AZ.

Deputies spoke to the reporting party who stated that the missing person, identified as James Edward Degan, 78, of Yuma, was last seen on Tuesday night leaving his home at 8:30 p.m.



*James Edward Degan*

Mr. Degan is described as 6'00" tall, approximately 260 pounds, with gray hair and blue eyes. He was last seen wearing a gray t-shirt, jean shorts, black socks and black shoes. Mr. Degan suffers from Alzheimer's and multiple other illnesses.

Continuous efforts to locate Mr. Degan by the Sheriff's Office have been unsuccessful.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Degan is asked to contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous.

You can also visit our website at [www.yumacountysheriff.org](http://www.yumacountysheriff.org) to submit an anonymous tip.

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