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## Criminal Littering Clean-Up

**Location of Incident: Avenue 10E South of 40<sup>th</sup> Street - Yuma, AZ**

On March 30, 2015, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with Yuma County Juvenile Probation and Yuma County Public Works, conducted a clean-up in the desert area south of 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue 10E.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office is investigating ongoing criminal damage and criminal littering incidents that have taken place in the area of east 40th Street at Avenue 10E, south into the desert. Suspects, some of which are local businesses, have been bypassing local landfills and associated fees by dumping their trash, rubbish and commercial building materials in this area and destroying the desert landscape. The Sheriff's Office has issued numerous citations for criminal littering and criminal damage in this area and continues to investigate known suspects.

Today's clean-up resulted in the removal of over 150 used tires, broken swing sets, tree trimming debris, car parts and thousands of spent ammo casings and shotgun shells.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public that illegal dumping is a criminal and arrestable offense.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office is asking citizens who witness incidents of criminal damage or illegal dumping to please take down vehicle and suspect information and call (928) 783-4427 to report violators.

Let's keep our deserts clean and litter free!

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