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PRESS RELEASE

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Animal Cruelty

Location of Incident: 200 block of South Avenue B – Yuma, AZ

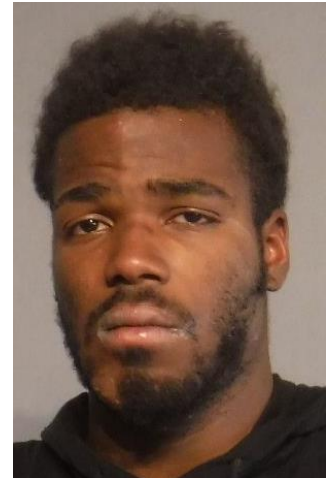
On Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at approximately 9:32 a.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office responded to the 200 block of South Avenue B in Yuma, AZ in reference to an animal cruelty case.

Upon arrival, Deputies met with the reporting party who stated that the suspect had been observed striking his canine and proceeded to restrict the canine from breathing. The canine suffered injuries to his snout and muzzle causing him to bleed.

Douglas E. Severson, 19, of Yuma, was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for one felony count of animal cruelty.

“We will not tolerate any type of animal abuse in our community. Those caught will be arrested and charged for their crime” stated Sheriff Leon Wilmot.

Anyone with any information concerning this investigation 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 to submit an anonymous tip.



Douglas E. Severson

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