



## Yuma County Sheriff's Office

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

## Burglary Investigation

**Location of Incident:** 5700 block of W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Yuma, AZ

**Update:**

The suspect may be driving the stolen vehicle described as a grey in color 2012 Dodge Journey bearing Arizona license plate CHV0296.

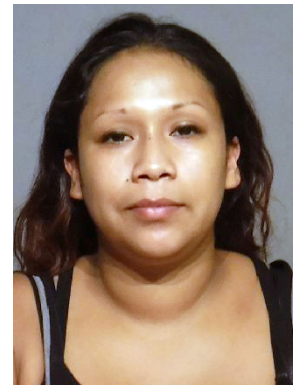
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On Friday, April 10, 2020 at approximately 5:24 PM, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary and vehicle theft in the 5700 block of W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The owner of the residence had recently passed away and the caretaker was advised of unknown subjects on the property. When Deputies arrived, they discovered that the residence had been ransacked and that a vehicle was missing.

Deputies later discovered that the stolen vehicle had possibly been taken into Mexico. Further investigation revealed that Tara Contreras, 32 years of age, of Yuma, had been in possession of the vehicle when it entered into Mexico.

The suspect, Tara Contreras, is currently wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office. She is described as 5 foot, 6 inches tall, 195 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.

Sheriff Leon Wilmot would like to remind the public to remain vigilant in observing and reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement. The community's assistance in reporting crimes and working with law enforcement in efforts to make Yuma County a safer place is invaluable.



Tara Contreras

The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this case, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. **Please do not approach the suspect yourself.**

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

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