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PRESS RELEASE

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**** UPDATE ****

Burglary Suspect

Location of Incident: 11000 block S. Shadow Avenue – Yuma, AZ

UPDATE: October 21, 2020 – 2:00 PM

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at approximately 8:22 AM, Investigators with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office located **Shawn Tavender** and **Nicole Mothersole** at a residence in the 12000 block of E. 34th Place.

During the course of the investigation, it was learned that Mothersole was an accomplice to the commercial burglary committed by Tavender. Both Tavender and Mothersole were also identified as subjects who fled from law enforcement on Tuesday, October 20th, after crashing a Hyundai Tucson in the 11300 block of S. Avenue 9E.

Tavender was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center on two counts of burglary, two counts of theft, two counts of criminal trespass, one count of criminal damage, one count of unlawful flight from law enforcement, and also a misdemeanor warrant for default in payment.

Mothersole was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center on one count of conspiracy to commit burglary.

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The Yuma County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating a burglary suspect. **Shawn Michael Tavender**, 25, of Yuma, AZ is wanted for a commercial burglary.

On Monday, October 19, 2020, at approximately 4:00 AM, Tavender entered a secured business yard in the 11000 block of S. Shadow Avenue in Yuma and removed several tools from vehicles on the lot. Tavender was an occupant of a black Hyundai Tucson at the time.

On Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at approximately 10:45 AM, Deputies observed a black Hyundai Tucson in the area of 46th Street and Hunter Avenue and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed and became disabled in the area of 11300 block of S. Avenue 9 E after colliding with a retention basin. A male and female subject fled the vehicle on foot. The male subject who fled was believed to be Tavender.

After an extensive search of the area by the Deputies, Border Patrol Agents, and Yuma Police Department Officers, the subjects were unable to be located in the area and remain outstanding.

Tavender is described as a white male, approximately 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 185 lbs. The attached photograph is from 2017 and does not include more recent tattoos Tavender has on his face. The tattoos consist of writing on both eye lids, a large star on his chin, and multiple tattoos covering his neck.

The Sheriff's Office recommends the public not approach Tavender and contact law enforcement if he is seen.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, or if you observe Tavender, please 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.

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