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Illegal Dumping

Location of Incident: Yuma County – Yuma, AZ

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with Yuma County Public Works, will be tackling the ongoing illegal dumping in Yuma County head on. During 2020, a total of 95 illegal dumping/littering investigations were conducted. In 2021, there were 82 illegal dumping/littering investigations.

Yuma County has seen an increase in illegal dumping of debris consisting of household trash, furniture, lawn trimmings, tires, and commercial materials. This debris has been found polluting multiple locations throughout the County, predominantly in desert areas surrounding the Foothills.

To confront the issue, the Sheriff's Office and Public Works will be working together by increased patrols in problem areas, disseminating information on disposal sites, encouraging the public to report offenders, and educating the public on fines and penalties for illegal dumping. Signs prohibiting illegal dumping and listing associated fines will be posted in frequently violated areas. Illegal Dumping/Criminal Littering ranges from a class 2 misdemeanor to a class 6 felony depending on the type and amount of the debris being dumped. A class 6 felony carries a maximum penalty of 2 years in prison and a \$150,000.00 fine.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office has a zero-tolerance approach to illegal dumping and encourages the public to report illegal dumping immediately, especially if you witness the person and/or act in progress. Those who enjoy our desert areas recreationally, such as hikers, campers, hunters, and off-road vehicle operators, are asked to report polluted sites they come across and to also appropriately dispose of their debris to keep our deserts beautiful.

Additional information about Yuma County solid waste management can be found at www.yumacountyaz.gov/government/public-works/waste-management/.

Anyone with information regarding illegal dumping within the county, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also submit an anonymous tip at www.yumacountysheriff.org.

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