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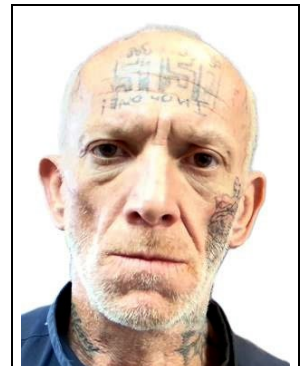
## Level 3 Sex Offender Notification Paul T. Chapman, Jr.

**New Address: 12355 S. Renee Avenue – Yuma, AZ 85367**

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) is releasing the following information pursuant to A.R.S. 13-3825, the Community Notification on Sex Offenders Law. The offender in this publication is living within Yuma County. It is the responsibility of the Chief Law Enforcement Office having jurisdiction where the offender resides to make notification to the community. Notification must be made when certain sex offenders are released from the Arizona State Prison, accepted under an interstate compact or released from the county jail back into the community. Offenders are categorized into three levels: Level One (low risk to the community), Level Two (intermediate risk to the community), and Level Three (high risk to the community).

The individual who appears on this notification, **Paul T. Chapman, Jr.**, 51, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Paul Chapman has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 12355 S. Renee Avenue, Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 5 feet, 9 inches tall, 147 pounds, with blonde hair and brown eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

On November 16, 1995, Paul Chapman plead guilty and was convicted of Rape/Carnally with a minor in the Chesterfield County Circuit Court in Chesterfield, Virginia. He was sentenced to an eight (8) year term, which was suspended for ten (10) years<sup>1</sup>. Suspended conditions required him to serve twelve (12) months in the county jail and be placed on probation upon release. His victim was a female juvenile known to him.



Paul T. Chapman

Height: 5'09"  
Weight: 147 lbs  
Hair: Blonde  
Eyes: Brown

Paul Chapman is considered a Level 3 sex offender with a high risk to reoffend.

This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather, it is our belief that an informed community is a safer community. The YCSO has no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he/she chooses. Citizen abuses

<sup>1</sup>Suspended sentence was contingent on Chapman completing a ten (10) year period without any further offenses during that period.

of this information to threaten, intimidate, or harass sex offenders will not be tolerated. Sex Offenders have always lived in our communities; but because of Megan's law, law enforcement is now able to share this information with you.

The YCSO would like to remind the public of the registered sex offender and community notification program OffenderWatch. To register for free email alerts or search for sex offenders in your area, please visit the YCSO [OffenderWatch](#) page.

If you have information regarding current criminal activity on this or any other offender, please call the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at (928) 783-4427.

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