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PRESS RELEASE

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Narcotics Search Warrant

Location of Incident: 1500 Block of W. 3rd Street - Yuma AZ

On Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at approximately 7:02 AM, the Yuma County Narcotics Task Force (YCNTF) – which is a multi-agency task force comprised of officers and agents from the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security Investigations, and with additional assistance from the Yuma County Sheriff's Special Response Team and Criminal Investigations Bureau, served a narcotics search warrant at a residence in the 1500 Block of W. 3rd Street.

Upon arrival, Deputies and agents made forced entry into the residence due to a reinforced outside facing lock. Inside the home, an 82-year-old female was located with indications of long-term confinement. The elderly was responsive, appeared to be in good health, and was transported by City of Yuma Fire Department to OnVida Health as a precautionary measure. Patrol Deputies responded to address the incident and Adult Protective Services has been contacted (DR# 2025-90153).

The search of the residence and the property led to the discovery of approximately 272.4 grams of Methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$5,448.00, 10.5 grams of Cocaine with an estimated street value of \$630.00, a loaded firearm, and multiple items of Drug Paraphernalia indicative of street sales.

The suspect of the search warrant, **Vincent Maldonado**, 41, of Yuma, AZ, was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for Possession of a Narcotic for Sales, Possession of a Narcotic, Possession of a Dangerous Drug, Possession of a Dangerous drug for Sales, Possession of a Weapon in a Drug Offense, Possession of a Weapon by Prohibited Possessor and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The suspect will also be facing further elder abuse related charges from case #2025-90153.

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public to call (928) 783-4427 to report any suspected drug activity or visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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