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SEXUAL ASSAULT

Yuma, AZ –

On Monday, July 31st, 2023, the Yuma Police Department received information alleging a medical doctor practicing in the area of 1900 block W. 24th Street had sexually abused a patient.

During the course of the investigation, two additional victims were identified and reported sexual abuse by the same medical doctor within the same medical facility.

On Wednesday, February 28th, 2024, at approximately 9:30 a.m., 36-year-old Edsel Sandoval was located in the area of 2000 block W. 24th Street and subsequently arrested for this case. Edsel SANDOVAL was booked into Yuma County Detention Facility on five counts of sexual assault and two counts of attempted sexual assault.

UPDATE: Since his arrest, eight more former patients of Edsel Sandoval reported sexual abuse allegations against him. As a result of the on-going investigation, Edsel Sandoval was indicted on 13 additional sexual related offenses.

The Yuma Police Department encourages anyone with any information about this case to please call the Yuma Police Department at (928) 373-4700 or 78-Crime at (928) 782-7463 to remain anonymous.

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