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CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL UPDATE

Yuma, AZ –

On Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, the Yuma Police Department received information about multiple reports of female employees who work at Yuma Regional Medical Center, located at 2400 S. Avenue A, receiving unsolicited sexually explicit text messages from various unrecognized phone numbers and social media accounts.

During this extensive investigation, information was obtained noting this suspect had been harassing a victim since 2021. Detectives ultimately identified the suspect as 24-year-old Ismael Perez Jr, an employee at Yuma Regional Medical Center.

Ismael Perez Jr was taken into custody today, Wednesday, July 17th, 2024, and was subsequently booked into Yuma County Detention Facility on one count of Sexual Extortion and 18 counts of Use of an Electronic Communication to Harass. This investigation is ongoing.

Update: Since July 17th, 2024, Ismael Perez Jr. was released on bond from the Yuma County Adult Detention Center. Detectives have followed leads into other criminal activity associated to Ismael Perez Jr. As a result, today on August 21st, 2024, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service, Ismael Perez Jr. was taken into custody again and booked into Yuma County Adult Detention Center on numerous new felony and misdemeanor offenses. Due to this new arrest, the report number and title have changed since the last arrest.

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.

Information Released By: Sergeant Francisco Saenz.