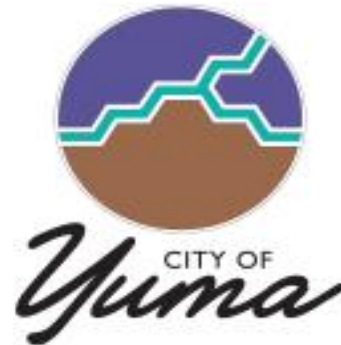




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AMBERLY MENDOZA HOMICIDE

Yuma, AZ –

On Saturday, March 9, 1996, at approximately 10:47 a.m., Yuma Police officers responded to a disturbance call in the 1700 block of W. 24th Lane. Upon arrival, officers located a 10 year old female unresponsive in her bedroom.

The investigation showed an unknown subject(s) entered the Mendoza residence, sexually assaulted 10 year old Amberly Mendoza in her bedroom, then killed her. The cause of death is listed as asphyxiation.

Detectives from Yuma Police Department coordinated with other resources within the state. As a result, FBI's Phoenix Field Office is now offering a reward of up to \$30,000 for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) involved in the death of Amberly Mendoza.

<https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/seeking-info/amberly-mendoza>

This case is still under investigation.

Anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to contact the Yuma Police Department at (928) 783-4421 or 78-Crime at (928) 782-7463 to remain anonymous.

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