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**COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION  
LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDER ALERT**

The Cottonwood Police Department is required to release the following information pursuant to ARS 13-3825, the Community Notification on Sex Offenders Law. The offender in the publication has indicated that he will be living within the city limits of Cottonwood. 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 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 has been convicted of a sex offense, which allows for community notification. The sex offender has advised Yavapai County Sheriff's Office that he will be living at the below address. *The individual is **not** wanted by the Cottonwood Police Department at this time.*

This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather it is our belief that an informed community is a safer community. **CITIZEN ABUSES OF THIS INFORMATION TO THREATEN, INTIMIDATE, OR HARASS SEX OFFENDERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** The Cottonwood PD may be reached at (928) 634-4246 and is available to help you join or start a neighborhood watch program as well as provide you with useful information on personal safety. If you have information regarding current criminal activity on this or any other offender, please call Yavapai Silent Witness at 1-800-932-3232 or 911.

**NAME**

Scott Anthony Backus  
Age: 28 Hgt: 5' 06" Wgt: 141lbs  
Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue

**ADDRESS**

1171 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Place  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

**VEHICLE**

No Vehicle



Offender Backus was arrested and convicted for misdemeanor Sexual Misconduct in March of 2004. The crime was committed in New York and was perpetrated against a 14 year old girl known to the offender when he was 19 years old. Offender Backus was also convicted of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Offender Backus is considered a Level 3 (high) risk to the community. Law Enforcement wishes to remind the public that the photo used is current however individuals can change hair color, styles and facial hair.

**THIS POSTER IS NOT TO BE DUPLICATED**

**For more information regarding sex offenders, see Web address [www.azsexoffender.org](http://www.azsexoffender.org)**

Poster approved by: Detective Monica Kuhl #580

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