



# Ukiah Police Department

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## PRESS RELEASE

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, Ukiah Police Officers responded to a shooting alleged to have occurred near Mason and Clara Streets, wherein the victim was shot by a male subject known to the victim. Over the following 2 days Ukiah Police Detectives identified the suspect as 20 year old Markeese Mondale Brantley, formerly of Fort Meyers, Florida. The investigation revealed the 19 year old victim had met Brantley numerous times in the past, at or near Brantley's residence in the 600 block of North State Street, for the purpose of selling Brantley marijuana. On the night of the shooting, Brantley and the victim arranged to meet near Brantley's residence allegedly to settle a debt. The victim was seated in his vehicle when Brantley and an unidentified male approached, and Brantley pointed a handgun at the victim and made a statement indicating he would shoot and kill the victim. While Brantley held the victim at gunpoint, the second male suspect began searching and rummaging through the victim's vehicle. The victim suddenly accelerated in reverse in an attempt to get away, and Brantley shot him once in the arm as he was doing so. The victim drove himself to the Perkins Street area where he telephoned for help, and was subsequently contacted by police and fire personnel.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> at about 7:15 PM Ukiah Police Officers and Detectives served a search and arrest warrant at the residence in the 600 block of North State Street, and arrested Brantley at the location. Detectives interviewed Brantley, and he was booked into the Mendocino County Jail for attempted murder, assault with a firearm, robbery, and criminal conspiracy. The weapon used in this incident was not recovered.

The victim in this case has undergone surgery for a severe injury to his arm, and is reported to be in stable condition.

The second suspect is currently being sought.

This case remains under investigation, and anybody with information is asked to call the Ukiah Police Department at 707-463-6262.

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