



## **Ukiah Police Department**

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### **Patrol Division Weekly Activity Report 12/6/12 to 12/12/12**

- **REPORTS: 64**
- **ARRESTS: 32**
- **DUI's: 2**
- **Moving citations: 12**
- **Speeding citations: 2**
- **Non-moving citations: 1**
- **City code citations: 4**

#### **Statistics**

**Arrests included: 7 for public intoxication, 5 for resisting arrest, 5 for drug influence and/or possessing drug paraphernalia, 3 warrant arrests, 2 for threats, 2 for violating probation, 2 for burglary, and 1 each for: vehicle pursuit, domestic violence, possessing methamphetamine, hit and run, possessing marijuana in a vehicle, sales of marijuana, and embezzlement. Probation or parole holds were placed on 2 of these arrests.**

**Officers investigated 2 traffic collisions, 2 injury traffic collisions, 1 DUI/hit and run traffic collision, one injury hit and run traffic collision, and 2 deaths by apparent natural causes. Two vehicles were impounded for 30 days due to the drivers being suspended or unlicensed.**

**Officers took reports of: 3 identity theft, 3 child neglect, 3 vandalisms, 2 embezzlement, 2 thefts, 2 found property, and 1 each of; domestic violence, rape, robbery, stolen vehicle, burglary, and stalking.**

**The Ukiah Police K9 Unit assisted the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force and the California Highway Patrol with several narcotics investigations.**



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### Highlights for the Week

On 12/1/12 at approx. 3:00 PM, UPD officers were dispatched to Wal-Mart regarding a person seen breaking the driver's window on a silver four door sedan. The person was seen climbing through the broken window and driving off in the vehicle. UPD officers were unable to locate the vehicle or a possible owner of the vehicle at the time.

On 12/1/12 at approx. 4:00 PM, UPD officers contacted the owner of the vehicle at Wal-Mart. UPD officers were provided with the license plate of the vehicle and confirmed that the vehicle was indeed stolen. The vehicle was a silver 4 door 2003 Pontiac Grand Am.

On 12/6/12 at approx. 3:45 PM, A UPD officer was on routine patrol in the area of Low Gap Rd. and Oak St. when the officer observed Lawrence Ortiz in the stolen vehicle. At the time, Ortiz had multiple warrants for his arrest (including a felony warrant for vehicle theft regarding an unrelated case). The officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle. Ortiz failed to yield to the officer's red lights and siren. Ortiz sped up to approx. 60 to 70 mph in the Empire Gardens area. At the intersection of Empire Dr. and Carrigan Ln., Ortiz failed to negotiate a N/B turn on to Carrigan Ln. from Empire Dr. Ortiz bailed out of the vehicle and left the vehicle in gear. Ortiz was quickly apprehended. The stolen vehicle rolled over a curb and came to rest in a neighboring front yard. The stolen vehicle was returned to the owner at the scene. Aftermarket wheels, tires, and stereo equipment that were on the vehicle when it was stolen had been stripped/stolen from the vehicle and different tires and wheels had been put on the vehicle.

Lawrence Ortiz (28 year old Ukiah resident) was transported and lodged at the county jail for the following charges:

1. 2800.2(a) CVC-Felony vehicle evasion
2. 496(a) PC-Possession of stolen property
3. 10851(a) CVC-Vehicle theft
4. Felony warrant for 10851(a) CVC-Vehicle theft
5. Misdemeanor warrant for 1203.2 PC-Probation violation
6. Misdemeanor warrant for 11550(a) HS-Under the influence of a controlled

substance.

The additional charge of 666 PC (theft with prior convictions) will be requested to be charged by the Mendocino County District Attorney's office.



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On December 6<sup>th</sup> at about 3:35 PM Ukiah Police performed a traffic stop on a bicycle being ridden by 48 year old Alfredo Medina Ortega, of Ukiah, in the 100 block of Magnolia Street. Ortega stopped his bicycle briefly and looked back at the officer, then suddenly rode away south on State Street, ignoring the officer's commands to stop. The officer caught up to Ortega in the parking lot of the Day's Inn, at 950 North State Street, and arrested Ortega for resisting arrest. Ortega was on probation and also charged with violating that probation.

On December 6<sup>th</sup> at about 4:35 PM Ukiah Police responded to McDonald's, at 115 North Orchard Avenue, regarding a combative subject. Officers learned 30 year old Edward Karl Nicodemus, of Missouri, had entered the restaurant and began rummaging through the trash cans. The restaurant owner told Nicodemus to stop, and Nicodemus became threatening, and then asked for something drink. The owner asked Nicodemus to leave, and Nicodemus responded by proceeding to the fountain drink dispenser and attempted to obtain soda without paying. The owner again confronted Nicodemus, who became extremely irate and threatened the owner with serious injury. Nicodemus was arrested for threatening and challenging to fight and booked into the County Jail.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> at about 11:55 PM Ukiah Police responded to the Pub, at 531 North State Street, for a subject causing a disturbance. Officers learned 26 year old Joseph Thomas Smith, of Pennsylvania, had argued with a group of female patrons, and then removed a closed pocket knife from his pocket. The bartender was able to remove the knife from Smith, who left the bar. California Highway Patrol Officers were in the area and noticed Smith running in the area of the 400 block of North State Street. Smith refused commands to stop and attempted to climb a fence, but was captured by a CHP Officer and taken into custody. Smith was extremely intoxicated, and was arrested for public intoxication and for resisting arrest.

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