



Ukiah Police Department

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Patrol Division Weekly Activity Report 1/3/13 to 1/9/13

- **REPORTS: 57**
- **ARRESTS: 32**
- **DUI's: 1**
- **Speeding citations: 2**
- **Non-moving citations: 2**

Statistics

Arrests included: 8 for public intoxication, 4 for domestic violence, 3 for drug influence and/or possessing drug paraphernalia, 2 warrant arrests, 2 for violating probation, 2 for fighting in public, 2 for robbery, and 1 each for: shoplifting, burglary, possessing methamphetamine, trespassing, embezzlement, battery on school grounds, and resisting arrest. Probation or parole holds were placed on 2 of these arrests.

Officers investigated 2 deaths by apparent natural causes, and 1 suspicious death. One vehicle was impounded for 30 days due to the driver being suspended or unlicensed.

Officers took reports of: 7 thefts, 5 vandalisms, 4 found property, 2 child neglect, 2 domestic violence, and 1 each of; burglary, missing person, suicidal subject, recovered stolen vehicle, stolen vehicle, embezzlement, and animal bite.

Officers assisted the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office with locating a stolen vehicle.



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Highlights for the Week

On January 5th at about 2:35 PM a Ukiah Police Officer recognized 27 year old Michael Tinajero, of Ukiah, who had warrants for his arrest walking in the 100 block of Leslie Street. The officer contacted Tinajero, who repeatedly provided his brother's name despite the officer telling Tinajero that he was familiar with both he and his brother. Tinajero was arrested for the warrants, and for personating another, and was found to possess less than a gram of methamphetamine, and a shotgun shell. Tinajero is a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing ammunition, and was booked into the County Jail for the warrants, possession of methamphetamine, personation of another, and prohibited possession of ammunition.

On January 6th at about 4:25 PM Ukiah Police, along with Officers from the California Highway Patrol, responded to the field area in the 300 block of Hastings Avenue for a fight involving numerous people. A Ukiah Police Officer contacted two subjects leaving the field area, while other officers continued to the scene. One of the subjects, 28 year old Waylon Earl Pickett, of Ukiah, was extremely intoxicated, and was staggering and nearly fell. Pickett suddenly told the officer he was leaving despite being told not to, and began walking away from the officer, ignoring the officer's commands. Pickett tried to physically resist the officer, and had to be taken to the ground where he continued to try and return to his feet and pull his arms and hands away from the officer. Pickett was eventually taken into custody, and with the assistance of another officer eventually placed into a patrol vehicle while continuing to physically resist, pushing and pulling against the officers and yelling profanities. Pickett was later booked into the County Jail for public intoxication and resisting arrest. The remaining officers had arrived to the field area to find two subjects actively fighting, one of whom was holding a knife. Officers repeatedly ordered 52 year old Elwood Duane Hayes, of Redding, to drop the knife, and used a Taser on Hayes after he refused to do so. Hayes, and 53 year old Billy Melvin Eaton, of Ukiah, both were heavily intoxicated and had significant facial injuries but claimed they had fallen, riding bicycles. Eaton was on parole and prohibited from drinking alcohol, and both were arrested for public intoxication and for fighting in public. It was later determined that Eaton had been stabbed in the side, though he apparently wasn't aware of his wounds and refused to provide a statement. All subjects were booked into the County Jail, and Eaton was additionally charged with violating parole. Charges of assault with a deadly weapon against Hayes are being sought with the District Attorney's Office.



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On January 8th at about 3:40 AM Ukiah Police responded to the Ukiah Valley Medical Center, at 275 Hospital Drive, for a female threatening to harm others. Officers contacted 33 year old Sabrina Lynn Silva, of Willits, and found she displayed symptoms of recent methamphetamine use. Silva was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

On January 8th at about 7:15 a.m., UPD officers received a call of a theft that had just occurred at Rite Aid, 680 S.State St. It was reported that a Hispanic male had just left the store after taking two televisions and assaulting the employee who tried to apprehend him outside the store. The suspect fled on foot after placing one of the stolen TV's into a silver Mazda sedan. A female driver of the Mazda also fled the area in the vehicle after the TV was placed in the vehicle.

Officers began searching the area for the suspect and eventually located the silver Mazda and the female in the 700 block of S.Dora Street. The female, 21 year old Samantha Lee Green of Ukiah was placed under arrest and the stolen television was recovered inside the vehicle.

Officers spotted the male suspect, 32 year old Juan Eriberto Vera of Sonoma County, running in the area of S.Dora St., and Gobbi Street and gave chase. Vera refused to stop and resisted the officers efforts to place him under arrest when they physically made contact with him in the 800 block of S.Oak St. One UPD officer received minor injuries from the struggle with Vera.

The victim, the 55 year old male store manager, reported that he was in the store when Vera entered and selected two 32 inch televisions valued at \$300 each from the store display. Vera walked past the manager and out the front doors of the store without paying or attempting to pay for the items. The store manager contacted Vera in the parking lot at which time Vera hit the store manager with one of the televisions. Vera then dropped the televisions and grabbed the store manager and threw him to the ground. The store manager got up off the ground and Vera then punched him in the head. Vera then picked up one of the televisions and placed it in the vehicle that was parked running with Green driving in the parking lot nearby. Vera yelled for Green to go and she sped out of the parking lot while Vera took off running. The victim sustained minor injuries as a result of the assault.



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Vera is on probation for weapons violations out of Sonoma County and has a lengthy criminal history that includes prior weapons, violence and theft related crimes and is a known gang member. About 1 gram of suspected methamphetamine was found in his possession at the time of his arrest. Green is on probation in Mendocino County for drug related prior offenses.

Both Vera and Green were booked into the Mendocino County Jail and held without bail for the crimes listed above.

On January 8th at about 11:55 AM Ukiah Police responded to the Grocery Outlet, at 1203 North State Street, for a shoplifter. Officers learned 24 year old Anthony Glenn Parrish, of Fort Bragg, had been observed by store employees concealing food in his clothing, and leave the store without paying. Parrish was on probation for drug use, and has prior conviction for theft. Parrish was arrested for shoplifting and violating probation.

On January 8th at about 1:00 PM Ukiah Police responded to JC Penney's, at 205 North Orchard Avenue, for an embezzlement. Officers learned 20 year old employee Mindy Diane Pratt, of Ukiah, had been suspected of stealing money from cash registers and of theft of a gift card. An internal investigation confirmed Pratt had stolen over \$1000.00 in cash since late last year, and had recently obtained and used a gift card worth over \$300.00 without paying for it. Pratt was arrested for embezzlement and for grand theft.

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