



Ukiah Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

On June 11th at about 7:25 PM Ukiah Police responded to the 1000 block of North Pine Street for an injury hit and run traffic collision. Officers found the 70 year old victim lying in the roadway on Pine Street, who was transported to the Ukiah Valley Medical Center by ambulance. Officers learned several witnesses in the area had seen the victim crossing Pine Street in his wheelchair, and was struck by a vehicle turning onto Pine Street from Low Gap Road. The victim was thrown from his wheelchair but the vehicle did not stop. A witness waived his hands at the driver but the vehicle continued without stopping dragging the wheelchair until nearly Magnolia Street, where the wheelchair dislodged. The suspect vehicle fled, and witnesses described the vehicle as a silver or gray Toyota Solara, and were able to provide a description of the driver. Officers determined the victim was being treated for injuries sustained in the collision, consisting of soreness and numerous abrasions. Officers collected broken lighting pieces left behind from the suspect vehicle, and searched the area for the suspect vehicle but were unable to locate it.

On July 2nd at about 9:30 PM a Ukiah Police Officer noticed a vehicle matching the suspect description parked at Wal Mart, at 1155 Airport Park Boulevard, and subsequently spoke with the driver, 20 year old Daniel Nunez, of Ukiah. Officers noticed damage on the vehicle consistent with the collision, and that the lighting in that area of the vehicle had been replaced. Nunez stated he'd struck an unknown object in the roadway because his vision was obscured by sunlight. Nunez said he saw that he was dragging a wheelchair then saw a body in the roadway behind him, and became terrified believing he had killed somebody. Nunez fled the scene and later had the damaged lighting on his vehicle repaired. Nunez was arrested for felony hit and run with injury, and booked into the County Jail. 13-1460

On June 27th at about 5:40 AM Ukiah Police responded to the Espresso Stop at 135 East Gobbi Street for a subject seen starting a fire. Officers saw burnt paper near the building and that the side of the building was scorched. Officers saw 45 year old Robert Verville, of Ukiah, walking away from the building holding folded newspapers. Verville was contacted and discarded a lighter onto the ground, then admitted he'd started the fire for warmth although it was 60 degrees at the time. Verville was arrested for arson and booked into the County Jail. 13-1603

During June, 2013, Ukiah Police Detectives were contacted by Sonoma County Sheriff's Detectives regarding a child pornography investigation connected to a suspect in Ukiah. Because of the level of expertise and specialized equipment required to conduct such an investigation, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Detectives agreed to assist the Ukiah Police with this case. The joint investigation culminated in obtaining a search warrant for the residence of 25 year old Thomas Daniel Bergmen in the 1500 block of Elm Street. On June 27th at about 7:30 AM Ukiah Police and Sonoma County Sheriff's Detectives executed the search warrant, and upon arrival



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learned a subject had fled out a window and was running along rooftops. The subject was soon captured and identified as 33 year old Curtis Wayne Morrison, who had a warrant for his arrest for the transportation and selling of marijuana. Morrison was booked into the County Jail. Thomas Bergmen was located inside the residence, as was evidence of child pornography on multiple computers and data storage devices. Bergmen was arrested for 2 counts of possessing child pornography and booked into the County Jail. Despite current personnel shortages within the Ukiah Police Detective Bureau, officers continue to investigate this matter and have devoted considerable resources to bringing this case to conclusion. The Ukiah Police Department thanks the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, and their investigators, for their commitment of resources and guidance with this case. 13-1605

On June 27th at about 10:30 PM Ukiah Police contacted a subject in the 300 block of Mason Street. The subject displayed overt symptom of having used a controlled substance recently, and admitted to possessing marijuana. The subject provided the officer a name which was determined to be false, and he was later identified as 36 year old Jesse Calhoun Zarkowski, of Point Arena. As the officer search Zarkowski, he felt what was determined to be an uncapped hypodermic syringe in his pocket. Zarkowski had less than a gram of methamphetamine in another pocket, and was found to be on probation. Zarkowski had warrants for his arrest for domestic violence and for violating probation, and was charged with possessing methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and violating probation. 13-1609

On July 2nd at about 12:05 AM Ukiah Police responded to a hit and run collision involving a power pole in the 100 block of Leslie Street. Officers found a northbound vehicle had struck a power pole on the west side of the roadway nearly sheering it, and damaging the electrical apparatus. A fluid trail left behind from the suspect vehicle indicated it had fled northbound and had suffered substantial front end damage. A Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputy soon advised of a vehicle with corresponding damage parked in the lot at Mendo Mill, at 1870 North State Street. Officers located a blue and silver 1996 Chevrolet Suburban and its driver, 38 year old Arnoldo Calvillo-Rocha, of Ukiah. Rocha stated he had been involved in a domestic argument, and was distracted while driving away and struck the power pole. Rocha's driver's license was suspended and he was arrested, and also charged with hit and run. 13-1658

On July 2nd at about 8:15 Ukiah Police responded to a business in the 400 block of Talmage Road for a call of indecent exposure. Officers learned a male subject had entered the business wearing only shorts, and quickly removed them and exposed his genitals to numerous females inside the business. The suspect fondled his genitals then slapped an employee on the buttocks as she ran by. The suspect then placed his genitals onto a seated employee's desk, instructing her to look. The suspect left the building and was last seen walking towards the railroad tracks. The responding officers believed the suspect was 41 year old Clarence Christmas based upon his description, and because Christmas had been previously arrested and was currently on parole for similar behavior. Upon checking the area officers were contacted by Christmas, who admitted to exposing



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himself and stated he needed to be put in jail. Christmas was arrested for indecent exposure after entering an occupied structure, battery, and for violating parole. 13-1659

On July 2nd at about 10:40 AM Ukiah Police received reports of a silver Lexus sedan being driven recklessly at high speeds, and running stop signs. The vehicle was seen in the area of Ford Street, Gibson Street, North Oak Street, and North Bush Street. A Ukiah Police Officer saw the vehicle stopped on Pine Street at Low Gap Road, and attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle drove across Low Gap Road and continued north on Pine Street, refusing to yield to the patrol vehicle's emergency lighting and siren. The vehicle proceeded to Arlington Drive then onto Lockwood Drive, travelling at speeds over 50 miles per hour. The vehicle turned right onto Empire Drive then quickly onto Irvington Drive, and then abruptly stopped in the 200 block of Irvington Drive. The driver, 30 year old Mark Fredrick Duman, of Ukiah, stepped out of the vehicle and surrendered to officers. Duman had a suspended drivers license, ands over 1 gram of methamphetamine was located within the vehicle. Duman was booked into the County Jail for reckless evasion in a vehicle, possessing and transporting a controlled substance, driving with a suspended driver's license, and for violating Post Release Community Supervision (a revision of state parole). 13-1661

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