



## Ukiah Police Department

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

On December 20<sup>th</sup> at about 11:00 PM Ukiah Police stopped a vehicle for nearly causing a collision on North State Street at Clara Avenue. The driver, 37 year old Freddie Araiza, of Guerneville, told the officer he was from out of the area and unfamiliar with the area. Araiza was fidgety and nervous, and displayed other symptoms of recent drug usage. Another officer observed a package of marijuana in the vehicle, and Araiza admitted there was also a firearm in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed several grams of marijuana and concentrated cannabis, less than one gram of methamphetamine, and a .40 caliber pistol accompanied by a loaded magazine. Araiza was arrested for possessing methamphetamine, possessing a concealed firearm, and being armed in the commission of a felony. Charges of possessing concentrated cannabis and possessing methamphetamine while armed are also being sought with the District Attorney. 13-3483

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