



Ukiah Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

On January 20th at about 4:30 PM Ukiah Police responded to the parking lot at Anton Stadium, at 506 Park Boulevard, for a domestic disturbance. Callers reported seeing a man and a woman arguing, and saw the male suspect get into a white Ford pick-up and drive the vehicle in circles in the parking lot and smoking the tires. The male then left in the vehicle and a description of the vehicle and suspect was provided to Ukiah Police.

A responding officer spotted the suspect vehicle and attempted to stop the vehicle in the 800 block of North State Street. The driver refused to stop, and proceeded northbound refusing to yield to the officer's lights and siren. The vehicle ran the red light at the intersection with Low Gap Road, causing cross traffic to swerve to avoid a collision, and proceeded westbound on Low Gap Road. The vehicle reached speeds of 50 miles per hour then turned southbound onto North Bush Street, running the stop sign.

The pursuit continued through several intersections to Walnut Avenue where the suspect turned westbound, failing to stop for all posted stop signs, and continued at about 30 miles per hour until reaching the area of Todd Grove Park. The suspect then circled the park five times at about 20 miles per hour, with officers pursuing. The driver was seen talking on a cellular telephone and looking back at the pursuing officers.

Additional Ukiah Police Officers and Deputies with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office had responded to assist with the pursuit, and the driver swerved around one of the police vehicles before circling the park another time then proceeded to the Anton Stadium parking lot. The driver stopped the vehicle and was taken into custody without further incident.

The driver was identified as 49 year old Victor Branko Rodin, of Clearlake. Rodin is on parole in Lake County for threats, and has been contacted several times recently by Ukiah Police and is apparently residing in the Ukiah area. Rodin was arrested for felony vehicular evasion, reckless driving, and violating parole, and booked into the Mendocino County Jail. 13-0187

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