



Ukiah Police Department

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Patrol Division Weekly Activity Report 3/20/14 to 3/26/14

- **REPORTS: 76**
- **ARRESTS: 33**
- **Moving citations: 12**
- **Speeding citations: 1**
- **Non-moving citations: 4**
- **City code citations: 2**
- **DUI's: 2**

Statistics

Arrests included: 9 warrant arrests, 5 for being under the influence of a controlled substance and/or possessing drug paraphernalia, 3 for public intoxication, 2 for domestic violence, 2 for shoplifting, 2 for violating probation or parole, 2 for burglary, 2 for resisting arrest, 2 for transporting marijuana for sale, and 1 each for; prowling, possessing methamphetamine for sale, possessing marijuana, battery, possessing stolen property, trespassing, and possessing a narcotic. Probation or parole holds were placed on 5 of these arrests.

Officers investigated 3 traffic collisions, 2 injury traffic collisions, and 1 hit and run traffic collision. One vehicle was impounded for 30 days due to the driver being unlicensed or suspended.

Officers took reports of: 6 found property, 5 child neglect, 3 vandalisms, 3 thefts, 3 burglaries, 2 batteries, 2 suicidal subject, 2 identity theft, and 1 each of; missing person, abandoned vehicle, explosive device, stolen vehicle, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Officers assisted the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office with a security detail, and were assisted by the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad with a bomb disposal.



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Highlights for the Week

On March 19th at about 9:35 AM Ukiah Police responded to the 100 block of Talmage Road for a subject walking slowly in the roadway and wearing a mask. Officers contacted the subject who removed his mask, and identified him as 21 year old Dallas Landry Ezell, of Willits. Ezell displayed symptoms of having used a controlled substance, and was subsequently arrested for drug influence. 14-0806

On March 24th at about 6:20 PM Ukiah Police responded to the Pear Tree Center, at 514 East Perkins Street, for a traffic collision wherein a vehicle had struck a pedestrian. The investigating sergeant determined 26 year old Nicholas Kent Tow was driving his blue Toyota Prius, and struck the 44 year female victim as she walked in the parking lot. The victim rolled onto the hood and fell to the ground, and suffered minor injuries and was transported to the Ukiah Valley Medical Center for treatment.

Tow's driver's license was found to be suspended, and as the sergeant was preparing a citation for Tow, the sergeant saw 30 year old Jose Alberto Mora Mejia walking near-by. The sergeant knew Mejia had a felony warrant his arrest for being a felon in possession of a firearm, and attempted to contact Mejia who suddenly fled. The sergeant pursued Mejia onto North Orchard Avenue, and was joined by other Ukiah Police Officers and citizens as the foot pursuit continued into the Home Depot parking lot. Mejia was apprehended in the parking lot, and arrested for the warrant and for resisting arrest.

The sergeant returned to the scene of the traffic collision to finish the investigation, and was contacted by the husband of the victim. The sergeant learned the husband had ridden his bicycle to the scene to check on his wife, and that it was stolen from where he had left it leaning against the side of a business. A witness informed the sergeant the suspect was seen heading towards McDonalds with the stolen bicycle, and provided a description of the suspect. The sergeant located the bicycle leaning against the exterior wall of McDonalds, and saw the suspect walking near-by and onto North Orchard Avenue. The sergeant contacted 29 year old Tommy Joel White, of Maine, who admitted taking the bicycle, claiming he was just going to "hold onto it". White was arrested for possessing stolen property.

14-0859/14-0860/14-0861



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On March 25th at about 5:00 AM Ukiah Police responded to Safeway, at 653 South State Street, for a theft. The sergeant learned on the morning of March 23rd, store employees discovered a bottle of alcohol had been stolen at about 5:00 AM that morning, and that the theft was captured on video surveillance. The suspect was seen entering the store again this morning, but left after realizing he was being watched. The sergeant viewed the recording of the suspect stealing the alcohol and took note of the suspect's clothing and description. At about 11:45 PM that evening the sergeant responded to a fight at the Pear Tree Center, at 504 East Perkins Street, and contacted 54 year old Steven Michael Denham. The sergeant observed Denham had been drinking and was agitated and yelling. Denham stated he was drinking alcohol and sharing food with a group of subjects, when he became engaged in an altercation with one of the subjects wearing a white shirt. That subject apparently left the group but returned and struck Denham numerous times with a stick. The sergeant recognized Denham was the suspect he had viewed earlier that morning on the security recording at Safeway, and directed another officer to Safeway to contact the involved employees. That officer then advised he'd located a subject wearing a white shirt at Safeway known to associate with Denham and the others, and that he was possibly the suspect who'd struck Denham with a stick. The sergeant brought Denham to Safeway, and Denham ultimately explained the subject in the white shirt had been present but was not the suspect who'd struck him. Safeway employees, however, positively identified Denham as the suspect who'd stolen alcohol on the 23rd, and Denham was arrested for burglary. 14-0879

On March 25th at about 5:15 PM Ukiah Police stopped a vehicle being driven by 50 year old James Vincent Surber, of Fortuna, in the 500 block of South State Street. Also in the vehicle was a passenger, identified as 30 year old John Robert Skelton, of Redway. The officer detected an odor of marijuana within the vehicle, and a search revealed 20 pounds of marijuana in 1 pound bags. Also located in the vehicle was approximately \$8000.00 in US Currency. Surber and Skelton were arrested for possessing and transporting marijuana for sale, and the currency was seized pursuant to state asset forfeiture laws. 14-0876

On March 26th at about 5:50 PM Ukiah Police responded to Marino's Pizza, at 142 Talmage Road, for a disturbance involving a disruptive female refusing to leave. The officer began speaking with an employee to learn what happened, and observed the female suspect ask a bystander for a cigarette, then become angry and aggressive with the bystander. The officer



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had to detain the disorderly female in his vehicle to proceed with the investigation. The female had identified herself as 29 year old "Sarah Harrison", and the officer learned Harrison tried to buy a slice of pizza but did not have enough money. Another customer bought Harrison the pizza, then Harrison requested dipping sauce and became enraged upon learning it would cost more money. Harrison threatened the employee and demanded the sauce be given to her for free, then spit at the employee and refused to leave after being asked to multiple times. Harrison then selected a pint of milk and opened it, and attempted to take it outside before being confronted by the employee. Harrison was again told to leave and finally did so, but continued to threaten the employee from outside and kicked over a table and again spit at the employee. Harrison then attempted to return to the restaurant, and when told the police were being called replied, "Good, I need a place to stay". Harrison was arrested for trespassing. 14-0890

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