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Patrol Division Weekly Activity Report 5/22/14 to 5/28/14

- **REPORTS: 68**
- **ARRESTS: 41**
- **DUI's: 2**
- **Moving citations: 8**
- **Non-moving citations: 1**

Statistics

Arrests included: 8 for public intoxication, 8 warrant arrests, 5 for shoplifting, 3 for being under the influence of a controlled substance and/or possessing drug paraphernalia, 3 for domestic violence, 2 for battery with serious injury, 2 for possessing stolen property, 2 for violating probation or parole, and 1 each for; violating a court order, possessing heroin, possessing methamphetamine, trespassing, threats, resisting arrest, and indecent exposure. Probation or parole holds were placed on 6 of these arrests.

Officers investigated 2 traffic collisions, and one vehicle was impounded for 30 days due to the driver being suspended or unlicensed.

Officers investigated and took reports of: 3 thefts, 3 abandoned vehicles, 2 stolen vehicles, 2 suicidal subjects, and 1 each of; burglary, found property, rape, transportation of marijuana, vandalism, missing person, battery, shoplifting, vehicle tampering, elder abuse, and distributing intimate photos without consent.

Officers assisted Ukiah Ambulance with an injured individual, the City Water Department with a broken water main, and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office with locating a fugitive, a large fight, a combative suicidal subject, a vehicle pursuit, and capturing a burglary suspect.



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Highlights for the Week

On May 21st at about 4:10 PM a Ukiah Police Officer was stopped at the intersection of Low Gap Road and North Bush Street. The officer saw a silver vehicle traveling eastbound on Low Gap Road, and saw the vehicle drive to the left of several stopped vehicles, and into the oncoming turn lane. The vehicle proceeded through the intersection without stopping, and drove northbound on Bush Street at a high rate of speed. The officer gave chase to the vehicle which refused to stop, turning east on Empire Drive then south on North State Street. The vehicle continued at a high rate of speed while passing vehicles and driving into the oncoming lane. The vehicle turned onto Brush Street, then into the field making a U-turn, and heading back to North State Street where it was able to elude pursuing officers. Several subsequent reports were received of a vehicle matching the description being driven recklessly on Highway 101. A short time later Ukiah Police learned the vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run traffic accident in Willits, and had fled northbound. Ukiah Police were able to identify the driver of the vehicle as 27 year old Benjamin David Pope, of Clearlake. Officers learned Pope had been released from the Mendocino County Jail moments before engaging officers in the vehicle pursuit. A family member had arrived to pick Pope up from the jail, and Pope obtained the keys to the vehicle and immediately been driving recklessly in an apparent rush to get out of town. On May 22nd Ukiah Police learned Pope had been arrested in Crescent City, and he was later transferred back to the Mendocino County Jail and charged for reckless vehicular evasion. 14-1475

On May 21st at about 11:35 PM Ukiah Police responded to a residence in the 300 block of Mason Street for a prowler. Officers were told a witness arrived home and saw a subject peering through the window of a residence. The witness yelled to the suspect, who ran away while holding the front of his pants. Officers determined a female was sleeping in the room the suspect had been looking into, and officers began searching for the suspect. At about 11:55 PM officers were directed to the intersection of Mason and Norton Streets where witnesses had observed the suspect walking in the area. Officers identified the suspect as 40 year old Steven Lynn Simpson, who was positively identified by witnesses and arrested for peeping while prowling. 14-1478

On May 22nd at about 10:45 PM Ukiah Police responded to the area near West Perkins and Dora Streets for the occupants of a white SUV shooting BB guns at houses. Officers located and stopped the vehicle in the 200 block of Walnut Avenue, and contacted the 4



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occupants of the vehicle. Officers also located airsoft guns in the vehicle. Officers determined 19 year old Logan Andrew Rymel was on probation with a term to stay away from 2 of the other vehicle's occupants. Rymel was arrested for violating probation. 14-1489

On May 23rd at about 10:45 PM Ukiah Police responded to the parking lot at Wal Mart, at 1155 Airport Park Boulevard, for a fight occurring inside a vehicle. Officers located a male and female seated in a parked vehicle, and saw the female was crying and that her face was covered in blood. Officers identified the male as 41 year old Timothy Scott Buckway, of Ukiah, and saw 4 children asleep in the back of the vehicle. Officers learned the victim had confronted Buckway about spanking 3 of the 4 children earlier in the day, with a stick. Buckway had apparently become angry with the children when they went to their school's office because Buckway was late picking them up. Buckway took the children to a secluded area, and struck the 10 year old, 8 year old, and 6 year old with a stick. Buckway also apparently grabbed and squeezed the 10 year old's face. When confronted by the victim later that night, Buckway grabbed the victim's shirt and pulled her hair, pulling her closer to him. The victim was able to strike Buckway in the mouth, causing it to bleed, in an attempt to free herself. Buckway apparently held the female close to him while blood pooled inside his mouth, then spit blood in her face. Buckway then struck the victim in the face. Officers arrived shortly thereafter. Visible injuries consistent with Buckway's assaults were located on the victim and the 3 children, and Buckway was arrested for domestic violence and for child abuse. An emergency protective order was obtained restraining Buckway from the victim and children. 14-1498

On May 24th at about 4:15 AM Ukiah Police responded to the corner of State and Perkins Streets for a fight. Officers arrived to find 3 people who appeared to be shoving each other, and saw a knife on the ground near-by. Officers identified two of the subjects as 23 year old Charles Jay Edward Slagle and 23 year old Tad Allen Brown, both of Ukiah. The third subject had visible injuries to his face and forehead, and reported he was walking on the sidewalk and was confronted by one of the others. A fight soon ensued with Slagle and Brown punching the victim while he was lying on his back. The victim apparently lost consciousness briefly, and pulled a knife which caused the two to stop and get off him. Offices arrived shortly thereafter. Officers spoke with Slagle and Brown, both of whom had been drinking. Brown was belligerent and clearly intoxicated, and physically resisted when officers attempted to take him into custody. Brown and Slagle were arrested for battery with serious injury and criminal



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conspiracy, and Brown was additionally charged with public intoxication and resisting arrest. 14-1500

On May 24th at about 5:15 PM Ukiah Police responded to the 100 block of East Gobbi Street for a subject damaging a pay phone. The arriving officer saw 41 year old Mark Joseph Dimitri Palley, of Fort Bragg, striking the pay phone's coin return with a tool. Palley complied when told to stop, and the officer found the coin return was damaged and that coins were accessible. Palley had over \$20.00 in quarters in his possession, as well as several other devices and tools likely used to access or damage similar machines. Palley was arrested for possessing stolen property and burglary tools, and vandalism. 14-1506

On May 27th at about 9:40 AM Ukiah Police responded to the Alex Thomas Plaza for a subject hitting another with a stick or bat. The responding officer stopped a subject leaving the scene in the 100 block of South State Street, and identified him as 26 year old Michael Andrew Owen. The officer determined Owen was on Post Release Community Supervision in Humboldt County, and that he had a hypodermic syringe containing heroin in his possession. Owen was arrested for possessing a narcotic and drug paraphernalia, and for violating PCRS. 14-1528

On May 27th at about 6:45 PM Ukiah Police responded to the Ukiah Civic Center, at 300 Seminary Avenue, for a subject exposing himself. Arriving officers saw 19 year old Carlos Alberto Ortega, of Ukiah, standing, facing the front entrance. Ortega was viewing an electronic tablet, and upon seeing the officers fumbled with the front of his pants and hurriedly zipped his zipper. Officers learned an employee had observed Ortega's hand near his exposed genitals and called the police. Officers determined Ortega was using the facility's Wi-Fi to view pornographic movies while masturbating. Ortega was arrested for indecent exposure. 14-1535

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