



Ukiah Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

On July 4th at about 3:15 PM a Ukiah Police Officer was patrolling in the 300 block of South Main Street. The officer saw a bicyclist traveling south on the sidewalk, and recognized him as 24 year old Daniel Sanchez known to have a warrant for his arrest. Sanchez is on probation and is known to officers as a methamphetamine user who has been arrested recently for possessing a firearm. The arrest warrant also included charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The officer attempted to stop Sanchez, who looked back at the officer then accelerated away and rode into the Safeway parking lot. The officer pursued Sanchez while requesting assistance, and followed Sanchez as he continued through the lot and back onto South Main Street. Sanchez repeatedly looked back at the officer and crossed the street and into the dirt lot near the intersection with Gobbi Street, and continued to perform sudden turns and changes in direction to evade the officer.

The officer continued to pursue Sanchez as he crossed the street again and fled eastbound on the south sidewalk of Gobbi Street. The officer turned onto Village Circle driving partially in front of Sanchez, who drove off the sidewalk in an apparent attempt to ride around the front of the police vehicle. Sanchez collided with the police vehicle and subsequently fell under the vehicle causing damage to his bicycle and the vehicle, as well as injuring himself. The officer immediately requested an ambulance for Sanchez, and another officer rendered first aid until medical personnel arrived.

An acquaintance of Sanchez had also arrived, and the officer allowed the acquaintance to console Sanchez while waiting for the ambulance. The officer realized the acquaintance had removed the backpack Sanchez was wearing, and ultimately fled the scene with the backpack.

Sanchez was transported by ambulance and treated for his injuries. The California Highway Patrol was asked to respond and document the collision scene. Charges of reckless evasion and violating probation against Sanchez are being sought with the District Attorney's Office.

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