



Ukiah Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

On August 16th at about 6:40 PM Ukiah Police responded the area of North School Street and Ruddock Avenue for a suspicious subject seen in several yards and climbing fences, while holding a knife in his mouth. Responding officers determined the suspect had damaged a fence after being confronted by a resident, and that the suspect may have headed towards Gibson Creek. Officers searching the creek bed encountered 23 year old James Alan Morris, who matched the reported suspect description and who was standing with his hands behind his back. Morris was non-compliant with officers, and was seen holding an object in his hand. Morris refused to follow the officers' instructions, and instead walked aggressively towards them yelling for them to shoot him while holding what looked like a large rock in his hand. Officers deployed a Taser and were able to safely take Morris into custody. Morris had a knife in his pants pocket, and he displayed symptoms indicating he had used a controlled substance recently. Morris stated he was on probation and parole, and had missed a recent appointment with his probation officer, instead using methamphetamine heavily all week. Morris had entered several yards hoping to avoid detection by law enforcement, and then entered the creek bed and removed his parole issued ankle monitoring bracelet shortly before being contacted by officers. Morris was arrested for violating probation and parole, trespassing, vandalism, and resisting arrest. 14-2490

While officers were in the creek bed searching for Morris, they encountered 20 year old Dariel Lamore Zapanta. While speaking with Zapanta officers noticed she appeared to have used a controlled substance recently, and she admitted to having used methamphetamine early that morning. Zapanta was found in possession of a methamphetamine smoking pipe, and physically resisted being taken into custody. Zapanta refused to place her hands behind her back, and repeatedly tried to pull away and struggle before finally being arrested. Zapanta was charged with having used a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting arrest. 14-2491

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