



Ukiah Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

On December 20th at about 2:45 AM a Ukiah Police Officers was parked in the 700 block of South Orchard Avenue. The officer was completing paperwork and had a citizen ride-along as well as a prisoner who'd just been arrested in that area for public intoxication, in the police vehicle. The officer heard a gunshot and heard the projectile pass his location and believed he was being fired upon. The officer immediately requested emergency assistance and directed the passengers to a safe position while trying to determine the location of the shooter. A subject was seen walking from the parking lot of a nearby hotel and restaurant, and fled upon seeing the officer. Responding Ukiah Police Officers accompanied by Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputies and California Highway Patrol Officers secured a perimeter of the area, and a second subject was seen walking in the same area and was detained.

A Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputy deployed a K9 and the area was searched for the first subject, but he was not located. Ukiah Police Detectives responded and determined there had been a disturbance at the hotel involving numerous people just before the gunshot, and began an investigation into the circumstances surrounding this incident. Evidence was subsequently located and recovered at the hotel which included ammunition and a significant amount of methamphetamine. This case remains under investigation and anybody with information is asked to call the Ukiah Police Department at 463-6262.

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