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Patrol Division Weekly Activity Report 12/18/14 to 12/24/14

- **REPORTS: 60**
- **ARRESTS: 32**
- **City Code citations: 5**
- **Moving citations: 1**
- **Non-moving citations: 3**

Statistics

Arrests included: 9 warrant arrests, 7 for public intoxication, 4 for possessing methamphetamine, 3 for shoplifting, 3 for being under the influence of a controlled substance and/or possessing drug paraphernalia, and 1 each for; domestic violence, violating probation or parole, resisting arrest, and violating a court order. Probation or parole holds were placed on 3 of these arrests.

Officers investigated 2 traffic collisions and 2 hit and run traffic collisions, and 2 deaths from apparent natural causes.

Officers investigated and took reports of: 6 thefts, 3 vandalisms, 3 domestic violence, 3 child neglect, 2 found property, 2 elder abuses, 2 missing persons, and 1 each of; abandoned vehicles, suicidal subject, unlawful discharge of a firearm, vehicle pursuit, child molest, assault with a firearm, animal bite, stolen vehicle, and identity theft.

The Patrol Division's average response time to in-progress calls was about 5 minutes. The average response time to all other calls was a little under 13 minutes.

Officers assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Office with a theft investigation, and the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force with the service of a search warrant.



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Highlights for the Week

On December 17th at about 8:15 PM Ukiah Police responded to the Buddy Eller Center, at 201 Brush Street, for an intoxicated female. Officers contacted 35 year old Elizabeth Anne Todis, of San Francisco, who had been drinking and who had a warrant for her arrest from Glenn County for failing to appear in court. Todis was arrested for the outstanding warrant. 14-3784

On December 18th at about 9:00 PM Ukiah Police responded to the Orchard Plaza Center, at 155 South Orchard Avenue, for two subjects camping at the location. Officers contacted 26 year old Kelisha Sheree Alvarez and 31 year old Scotty Lee Willis. Officers had recently responded numerous times to this location regarding calls Alvarez and Willis were camping, littering, and bothering customers. Alvarez and Willis had a large variety of camping related items gathered at the location, and garbage was strewn about. The responding officer advised Alvarez and Willis the shelter was open and recommended that as an alternative to remaining at the location. Willis replied he and Alvarez refused to stay at the shelter because of Alvarez' and Willis' racial biases, and Alvarez stated their present location was convenient because of the electrical outlets which allowed them to recharge their electronics. Alvarez and Willis said they believed as long as they were awake, and not sleeping, when contacted by officers they could not be cited for the overnight camping ordinance. Based upon the numerous and repeated contacts with Alvarez and Willis at their present location, and the totality of the conditions, the officer determined Alvarez and Willis were in violation of the City's overnight camping ordinance and cited them for violating that City Code. 14-3799

On December 19th Ukiah Police Detectives identified a vehicle being driven by 43 Christian Wayne Hunt, who was a person of interest in an open felony investigation. Hunt had been at large for the past several years, and had numerous outstanding warrants for his arrest for evading in a vehicle, domestic violence, and violation of a court order. At about 11:35 AM Ukiah Police Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, which was a large ¾ ton pick-up, in the 300 block of Talmage Road. Hunt slowed and pulled to the roadside, then sped away heading east on Talmage Road with the officer in pursuit. Hunt drove to the left of traffic and ran the stoplight at Airport Park Boulevard, and reached speeds of 80 miles per hour as he continued on Talmage Road while forcing oncoming traffic off the road. Hunt turned onto Old River Road, then left onto Mill Creek Road and continued to flee high speeds. Hunt forced another vehicle



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off the road near the Mill Creek Dam, and drove to the 5300 block of Mill Creek Road where he turned onto private property and drove through a closed and locked metal gate. Hunt drove through two more gates and at one point drove off the roadway, slowing enough that a passenger, who was later released, jumped out of the vehicle. The passenger was detained and Hunt continued and was able to elude officers, and assisting California Highway Patrol Officers soon located the vehicle stuck in the mud and abandoned. Ukiah Police Officers, Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputies, and California Highway Patrol Officers searched the area but were unable to locate Hunt. Officers found ammunition and other firearm related items inside the vehicle. Hunt is a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. Hunt is still being sought and is believed to be armed and dangerous. 14-3803

On December 20th at about 2:45 AM a Ukiah Police Officer 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. 14-3813

On December 20th at about 9:45 AM Ukiah Police responded to Friedman's Home Improvement, at 1255 Airport Park Boulevard, for a shoplifter who'd fled the location. The Officers located the suspect running behind the Crush Steakhouse and detained him. The suspect, 41 year old Daniel James Sturmels, of Indiana, had a knife concealed on his person



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which officers determined he'd been seen stealing by Friedman's employees. Sturmels was also wearing a piece of clothing he'd stolen. Sturmels was on probation for theft, and was arrested for shoplifting, possessing a concealed weapon, and violating probation. 14-3815

On December 21st at about 3:30 PM Ukiah Police responded to the Home Depot parking lot, at 350 North Orchard Avenue, for a male subject seen pulling on the door handles of parked vehicles. Officers contacted 45 year old James David Hoffman who matched the reported suspect description, and who had a warrant for his arrest for violating Post Release Community Supervision. Hoffman was arrested for the warrant. 14-3823

On December 22nd at about 1:15 PM Ukiah Police assisted the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force serve a search warrant in the 1200 block of South State Street. At that location officers contacted 58 year old Gloria Ann Burgess, 38 year old David San Diego, and 45 year old Adelita Teeman Zacarias. Pursuant to a search of the location officers located more than 4 grams of methamphetamine, over 8 grams of heroin, and less than a gram of cocaine all packaged in various weights. Also located was a variety of prescription medication, and other items commonly associated with the sales of drugs. Burgess was arrested for possessing heroin for sale, San Diego was arrested for possessing methamphetamine for sale, and Zacarias was arrested for possessing methamphetamine.

On December 22nd at about 4:45 PM Ukiah Police responded to City Hall, at 300 Seminary Avenue, for two females fighting inside. Officers contacted 47 year old Judith Lynn Ducharme, who had been drinking and nearly fell as she stood. Ducharme was arrested for public intoxication. 14-3829

On December 23rd at about 7:05 AM a Ukiah Police Officer stopped a bicyclist, later identified as 41 year old Billy Joe Rickman, in the 400 block of East Gobbi Street. Rickman dismounted his bicycle, threw it down and quickly discarded his backpack and ran eastbound with the officer in foot pursuit. Rickman soon stopped and gave up, and was arrested for resisting arrest. Inside Rickman's backpack officers located less than a gram of methamphetamine and a hypodermic syringe. Rickman was on Post Release Community Supervision in Butte County, and had a warrant for his arrest also from Butte County. Rickman was charged with the violating PCRS, possessing methamphetamine, and the arrest warrant. 14-3831



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On December 23rd at about 6:50 PM Ukiah Police responded to a residence in the 1600 block of Lockwood Drive for an out of control family member. Officers contacted 23 year old Jorge Lonbera, who displayed symptoms of having used methamphetamine recently and was arrested. Lonbera had less than a gram of methamphetamine in his possession. On December 24th at about 6:25 PM Ukiah Police Officers returned to the residence for Lonbera being out of control, and determined he had assaulted a family member. Officers contacted Lonbera who again appeared to be under the influence of methamphetamine, and who physically resisted the officers and a lengthy struggle ensued. After requesting emergency back-up Lonbera was finally arrested for resisting arrest. 14-3838/14-3847

On December 24th at about 1:20 PM Ukiah Police responded to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, at 951 Low Gap Road, for an intoxicated male causing a disturbance. Officers contacted 51 year old Charles Wayne Hensley and arrested him for public intoxication. 14-3838

On December 24th at about 7:20 PM Ukiah Police responded to a residence in the 800 block of Waugh Lane for a subject being held against their will. The reporting caller stated he'd been contacted by 27 year old Zachariah Wayne Barber who told the caller where he was. A search of the residence was performed but Barber was not located. Officers re-contacted the caller who re-established contact with Barber, who stated he was near the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 951 Low Gap Road. Officers contacted Barber in the lobby area of the Sheriff's Office, who stated he was in danger and being chased by a drug dealer. Barber was found to be under the influence of methamphetamine and arrested. 14-3849

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