



## Ukiah Police Department

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### Patrol Division Weekly Activity Report 03/19/15 to 03/25/15

- REPORTS: 79
- ARRESTS: 40      Misdemeanor – 33      Felony - 7
- DUI's: 3
- Moving citations: 8
- Speeding citations: 3
- Non-moving citations: 0
- City code citations: 1

### Statistics

Arrests included: 12 for warrants, 5 for public intoxication, 3 for shoplifting, 3 for driving under the influence (DUI), 3 for domestic violence, 3 for possession of a controlled substance, 2 for being under the influence of a controlled substance and/or possessing drug paraphernalia, 2 for threats, 2 for battery on school grounds and 1 each for; violation of probation, resisting and/or delaying an officer, vandalism, violation of a court order, and possession of stolen property.

Probation or Parole holds were placed on 2 of these arrests and 2 were additionally charged with resisting arrest.

Officers investigated 4 traffic collisions.

Officers investigated and took reports of: 11 found property, 2 missing persons, 2 death investigations, 4 suspected child abuse, 2 mental health evaluations, 2 thefts, 2 stolen vehicles, 5 burglaries, and 1 each for; abandoned vehicle, suspicious circumstance, drug and/or arson registration, transportation of marijuana, vandalism, child endangerment, and driving without a license.

The Patrol Division's average response time to in-progress calls was about 5½ minutes. The average response time to all other calls was about 16 minutes.



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### Highlights for the Week

During the past month our community has seen a rise in vehicle thefts within both the city limits and in the county. Citizens are advised to not leave keys or valuables in their vehicles and above all do not leave your vehicle running while unattended, as this can present an opportunity for the criminal element within our community to take advantage of us. Anyone with information regarding these thefts are encouraged to contact the Ukiah Police Department or the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

There has also been a recent rash of burglaries in the Oak Manor area. Residents need to ensure that they lock their doors when not home and vehicles when parked. Officers have increased patrols in this area during the evening hours while Ukiah Police Department Detectives are following up on leads regarding the responsible person(s). Anyone with information regarding these incidents are encouraged to contact the Ukiah Police Department.

On 03/20/2015 at about 427 PM, Ukiah Police Officers were dispatched to 310 S. State St., (Alex Thomas Plaza) regarding a report of an intoxicated female urinating in the park. Upon arrival, officers contacted the female who was identified as Tasha Ornelas. As officers spoke with Ornelas, she was swaying side to side, her speech was slurred and she was having difficulty standing on her feet. Along with these obvious symptoms of intoxication Ornelas was found to be on probation. Ornelas was arrested for public intoxication and violation of her probation.

Ornelas was transported to the Mendocino County jail for booking. While the officer completed booking paperwork and waiting for jail staff to remove Ornelas from the vehicle, she began screaming obscenities at the officer and slamming her forehead against the partition which separates the front seats from the rear seats. Before the officer could stop Ornelas from hitting her forehead against the partition again, Ornelas slammed her head into the partition again this time causing injury. Ornelas was therefore transported to the ER. Once treated Ornelas was transported back to the Mendocino County Jail where she was booked for public intoxication and violation of her probation. 15-0831

On 03/21/15 at about 236 AM, Ukiah Police Officers were dispatched to the area of Irvington Dr, regarding someone calling for help after a window had been smashed. Upon arrival officers contacted Angelo Bettega who was bleeding on the right side of his head. When officers



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questioned Bettega as to his identity and what had happened to him, he provided a false name and claimed he had fallen. An ambulance was called and Bettega was transported to the ER for treatment. Officers checked the surrounding area and located a nearby residence which had a broken window. Upon contacting the resident officers learned Bettega's true identity and that he had caused a verbal argument inside the residence and had been asked to leave. When Bettega left he struck his head on the window causing it to shatter and injure himself. After speaking with the resident who desired no prosecution for the vandalism officers requested a records check on Bettega and found that he had a felony warrant for his arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. Officers responded to the ER and placed Bettega under arrest once he had been treated for his injuries for the warrant and for providing a false information to a peace officer. 15-0835

On 3/21/15, at about 758 PM, Ukiah Police Officers were dispatched to a residence on Lorraine St regarding a disturbance. Upon officers arrival, they learned that Shane Miller, a resident of the home, had been drinking alcohol all day, and was being verbally abusive towards his elderly grandmother. As officers attempted to find a solution to the disturbance, as no violations of the law had occurred, Miller had left the residence going towards the street. Officers advised Miller that if he left the property he would be arrested for public intoxication. Miller responded by telling officers that he wanted to go to jail.

Miller then clinched his hands into a fist and stood in a fighting stance as he faced the officers. Based on this behavior and Miller's obvious signs of intoxication, officers went to place him under arrest. Miller began resisting the officers as they took hold of him to place him under arrest. As officers attempted to place handcuffs on Miller, continued to struggle by pulling his arms away from officers as he yelled that they were not going to be able to arrest him. Miller was then forced to the ground where he was placed in handcuffs. After handcuffing Miller, officers went to stand him up and he began kicking at the officers. Due to this a leg restraint was placed on Miller to prevent him from kicking officers after which he was carried to the patrol vehicle. Miller was then transported to the Mendocino County Jail. During this time it was learned that Miller is currently on court diversion and ordered to obey all laws by the courts. Miller was therefore also charged with violation of a court order and public intoxication. 15-0839



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On 03/23/15 at about 146 AM, Ukiah Police Officers responded to the 200 block of N. State St regarding a hit and run traffic collision. Upon officers arrival witnesses told them that a silver Toyota Tacoma being driven by a male adult, later identified as Jacob Nozicka, had collided with a parked vehicle and then fled the scene going south on N. State St. Officers began checking the area for the vehicle and driver and were able to locate the Toyota parked in the 700 block of S. Dora St. Nozicka was found nearby the vehicle and admitted to officers that he had been driving. While speaking with Nozicka he displayed symptoms of intoxication. Nozicka completed a series of field sobriety tests and was later arrested after being identified as the driver by witnesses for DUI and hit and run. Nozicka was booked into the Mendocino County Jail. 15-0864

On 03/25/15 at about 815 PM, Ukiah Police Officers stopped Sherri Neeley in the 100 block of Washington Ave as officers were aware that Neeley had a warrant for her arrest. Upon contacting Neeley she was placed under arrest for the warrant. During a search of her person Neeley was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and a purse. In searching the purse officers discovered that the contents inside belonged to another person. Officers contacted the owner of the purse and learned that the owner had left the purse inside her unlocked vehicle while it was parked on S. Dora St. The purse was returned to the owner and Neeley was arrested for the warrant, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of stolen property. Neeley was booked into the Mendocino County Jail. 15-0894

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