



## Ukiah Police Department

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### Patrol Division Weekly Activity Report 4/9/15 to 4/15/15

- REPORTS: 60
- ARRESTS: 31
- DUI's: 2
- Moving citations: 14
- Speeding citations: 10
- Non-moving citations: 1
- City code citations: 1

### Statistics

Arrests included: 6 for public intoxication, 5 for shoplifting, 4 warrant arrests, 3 for being under the influence of a controlled substance and/or possessing drug paraphernalia, 2 for violating probation or parole, 2 for stolen vehicle, 2 for domestic violence, and 1 each for; possessing marijuana, child abuse, resisting arrest, assault with a dangerous weapon, and possessing an illegal weapon. Probation or parole holds were placed on 7 of these arrests.

Officers investigated 1 traffic collision, 1 injury traffic collision, 1 injury DUI traffic collision, 1 hit and run traffic collision, and 1 death by apparent natural causes.

Officers investigated and took reports of: 5 found property, 5 vandalisms, 4 missing persons, 3 child neglect, 2 assault with a dangerous weapon, and 1 each of; stolen vehicle, burglary, theft, annoying phone calls, and arson.

The Patrol Division's average response time to in-progress calls was a little over 5 minutes. The average response time to all other calls was about 14 minutes.



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### Highlights for the Week

On April 10<sup>th</sup> at about 4:25 PM Ukiah Police Officers were advised of a vehicle pursuit north of the Ukiah City limits, being conducted by the California Highway Patrol and heading south on North State Street. Officers were then advised the California Highway Patrol had terminated the pursuit. The Ukiah Police Department soon received a call of a head-on collision on North State Street at the Brush Street intersection with one driver who had fled the scene on foot. Ukiah Police Officers determined a 1992 Honda Accord being driven by 19 year old Armando Alvarez was heading south on State Street at high speeds and weaving in and out of traffic, and failed to negotiate a left turn onto Brush Street due to the high speeds. The Honda collided head-on with a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe pulling a trailer, stopped in the northbound left turn lane waiting to proceed onto Low Gap Road. Both vehicles sustained minor damage to the front-ends, and the 48 year old driver of the Tahoe sustained minor injuries from the impact. Alvarez was located and arrested near-by and charged by the California Highway Patrol with reckless evading and hit and run with injury. 15-1058

On April 11<sup>th</sup> at about 5:55 PM Ukiah Police responded to the intersection of East Gobbi Street and South Orchard Avenue for a vehicle versus bicyclist traffic collision. Officers determined the 19 year bicyclist was heading north on Orchard Avenue and had ridden her bicycle into the side of a 1985 Lincoln Town Car, heading west on Gobbi Street. The impact caused minor damage to the Town Car and the bicyclist to fall into the roadway. The driver of the Town Car, 66 year old David Lee Pruitt, had been drinking and was found too intoxicated to drive and was arrested for DUI. The bicyclist was transported to the Ukiah Valley Medical Center for minor injuries. 15-1068

On April 12<sup>th</sup> at about 10:45 AM Ukiah Police responded to Low Gap Park, at 1151 Low Gap Road, for a missing 19 year old male. Officers contacted a 21 year old male who reported he and the 19 year old male went into the park the night prior to use drugs. Apparently the 19 year old suddenly “freaked out” and ran away, and was not located by the other subject. Officers began searching the park and contacting acquaintances of the missing subject, and learned the subject may have gone to the park to ingest LSD, known as “acid”. Unable to locate the subject, officers requested the assistance of the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office and Search and Rescue. As assisting personnel were responding and gathering to search, the missing person



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was determined to be at an acquaintance's residence on the south end of Ukiah, and reported having had a "bad trip". 15-1076

On April 12<sup>th</sup> at about 7:15 PM Ukiah Police responded to the area of Walgreen's, at 308 East Perkins Street, for a subject who'd fled the hospital. Officers contacted the caller and learned the caller was told by 22 year old Francis James Rocanella, that Rocanella had taken LSD, known as "acid". The caller observed Rocanella was acting strangely and became concerned for him, and took him to the Ukiah Valley Medical Center. Rocanella then fled from the hospital. Officers located Rocanella in the 300 block of South State Street, and found he was behaving strangely and providing odd responses to questioning. Rocanella was believed to be under the influence of a hallucinogen and was arrested for public intoxication. 15-1081

On April 14<sup>th</sup> at about 6:25 AM Ukiah Police responded to the 300 block of Leslie Street for a stolen vehicle. Officers learned the caller had left his 1995 Chevrolet pick-up unattended and running to warm it up, and within 10 minutes found the vehicle had been stolen. At about 7:00 AM Ukiah Police were notified by the California Highway Patrol this stolen vehicle was parked in the 1800 block of Talmage Road. California Highway Patrol Officers were in the area taking a stolen vehicle report, also believed to have been left unattended and running, and noticed this vehicle parked near-by. 15-1090

On April 14<sup>th</sup> at about 7:50 PM Ukiah Police responded to Babcock Lane near East Gobbi Street for a hit and run traffic collision. Officers arrived to find three vehicles with significant damage. In speaking with witnesses, officers determined a 2013 Toyota Camry was being driven northbound on Babcock Lane and struck the bridge abutment, causing it to spin around and collide with two parked vehicles and a fence. The Camry was left at the scene and had sustained major damage, and the driver was seen exiting the vehicle and fleeing on-foot. Officers identified the driver of the Camry as 35 year old Audiel Orozco Miranda, of Ukiah, and determined he was unlicensed and on probation and prohibited from driving after drinking. Officers were speaking with witnesses and investigating the collision scene when Miranda was spotted by witnesses at the scene, now driving a white Chevrolet Tahoe, at the intersection of Oak Manor Drive and Gobbi Street. Officers could see Miranda in the driver's seat as he drove through the collision scene, coming within inches of a police officer who had to quickly move out of the way to avoid being struck by Miranda. Officers gave chase and pursued Miranda as



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he drove south on Babcock Lane before turning abruptly into the orchard where he was able to evade the officers. Miranda's abandoned vehicle was soon located and empty beer and alcohol containers were located inside. Officers had returned to the collision scene when Miranda was again spotted by witnesses, standing and observing at the corner of Gobbi Street and Babcock Lane and holding the shirt he had been seen wearing on all the prior occasions he had been seen. Miranda was contacted by officers and found to have been drinking and was too intoxicated to drive, and was arrested for DUI, hit and run, assault with a deadly weapon, driving unlicensed, and violating probation. Miranda had the keys to the Camry and the Tahoe in his pocket. 15-1094

On April 15<sup>th</sup> at about 6:40 PM Ukiah Police responded to Kohl's, at 437 North Orchard Avenue, for a female juvenile shoplifter in custody. Officers learned store employees observed the 15 year old juvenile from Spokane County, Washington, conceal shoes worth over \$50.00 in her purse and leave the store without paying. The juvenile was contacted outside the store and detained. The officer was attempting to obtain contact information for the juvenile's guardian, and determined the juvenile had been traveling from Washington with her 15 year old female cousin in a family member's stolen Toyota Highlander. The other 15 year old female juvenile, also of Spokane County, Washington, returned to the parking lot in the stolen vehicle to pick-up the shoplifting suspect, and was contacted by officers and arrested. The officer found the juveniles had switched license plates on the stolen vehicle with another vehicle belonging to the same family member, before leaving Washington. Both juveniles were arrested for the stolen vehicle and criminal conspiracy. 15-1101

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