



## Ukiah Police Department

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

On June 18<sup>th</sup> at about 7:30 PM Ukiah Police responded to the 500 block of Oak Manor Drive near Oak Manor Park for a disturbance. Officers found an unoccupied vehicle in the roadway and were contacted by several witnesses. Officers learned an SUV was seen blocking the vehicle's path on Oak Manor Drive, causing it to stop and several subjects exited the SUV and attacked the two occupants of the other vehicle. One victim was apparently stabbed, and was ultimately taken to the Ukiah Valley Medical Center with significant injuries.

Witnesses reported seeing the other victim being dragged and beaten, and he was then forced into the SUV which then sped away. The area was secured and Ukiah Police Detectives responded and proceeded with the investigation. A description of the SUV was obtained and broadcast to local law enforcement regarding its involvement in the stabbing assault and possible kidnapping.

At about 1:35 AM the following morning, approximately 6 hours after the initial call, a Ukiah Police Officer spotted the SUV traveling near Waugh Lane and Gobbi Street. The vehicle traveled to the 500 block of South Main Street where three occupants suddenly fled the vehicle, one of whom was soon taken into custody. The SUV sped away with Ukiah Police Officers in pursuit. The suspect vehicle collided with a pursuing police vehicle causing minor damage during the pursuit.

The vehicle pursuit continued through city streets and eventually onto US 101 and proceeded south. A California Highway Patrol Officer soon joined the three pursuing Ukiah Police Officers, and the pursuit continued at high speeds into Sonoma County. Near Lytton Springs another California Highway Patrol Officer deployed spike strips on the highway, which were struck by the fleeing SUV effectively disabling it. Other Sonoma County Law Enforcement Officers responded and three suspects were safely removed from the vehicle and taken into custody. The second victim believed to have been kidnapped was not located.

The three suspects were arrested and charged with crimes related to the event originating near Oak Manor Park, and the ensuing vehicle pursuit. Ukiah Police Officers and the Detective Division worked through the night processing evidence and searching for the second victim and continue to do so throughout the following day.

This case is suspected to be gang related based on the evidence discovered thus far. This case remains under investigation and additional information will be released as it becomes available. Anyone with information is asked to call the Ukiah Police Department at 707-463-6262.

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