



Ukiah Police Department

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Press Release UPD case 15-3313

On 11/9/15 at about 11:19 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to Ukiah Valley Medical Center ER, on a reported assault. The victim, 35 year old Willits resident female, was contacted and interviewed by the officer.

The victim reported that at about 10:30 pm, she was walking southbound on the paved walking trail next to the railroad tracks that connect East Perkins Street with East Gobbi Street. The female noticed a male adult walking toward her from East Gobbi Street (suspect #1). The male subject approached the female victim and asked for a cigarette. Another male came up from behind the female victim and grabbed her purse (suspect #2). The female victim screamed and attempted to fight away the male adult grabbing her purse. The male who had asked for a cigarette struck the female victim in the nose with his elbow. The victim fell to the ground, hit her head and "blacked out". The two male attackers were last seen running northbound towards East Perkins Street on the trail.

After gaining consciousness, the female victim found her purse approximately 100 yards north of where she was assaulted. Numerous items were missing including the victim's cellular phone.

The victim described suspect #1 as a heavy set Native American male and was unable to describe suspect #2.

If anyone has any information regarding this assault, please contact the Ukiah Police Department Detective Division at 463-6262.

The Ukiah Police Department would like to remind everyone to be mindful of their surroundings. Stay alert at all times. The more aware you are, the less vulnerable you are. Try to walk in well-lit areas and if you can walk with a friend. Don't display valuables or other inviting targets such as jewelry. If someone tries to rob you, give up your property, don't give up your life. For more personal safety tips please visit the Ukiah Police Departments web site at www.ukiahpolice.com under the heading of Crime Prevention Flyers.