

Press Release:

This morning at approximately 6:30 AM, an Ukiah High School Student was grabbed from behind and assaulted while she was waiting for the bus to school, near the intersection of S. Orchard Ave. and Cindee Drive. The female student fought back, escaped and ran from the scene. The student described the suspect as a male adult, wearing dark clothing.

The Ukiah Police Department is currently investigating the incident and working with the Ukiah Unified School District.

Parents should remind students traveling to and from school of these safety tips:

1. Don't talk to strangers.
2. Be aware of your surroundings (e.g., don't focus your attention on your cell phone while walking home from school).
3. Stick together. There's safety in numbers.
4. Practice basic self-defense. A swift kick to shins or private parts along with a loud scream will help get the attention of people in the area.
5. If you're at home alone – lock your doors.

Parents can get additional information to help protect their children at:

<https://www.ukiahpolice.com/community-support/missing-and-exploited-children-resources/>

If anyone witnessed this incident, or has additional information – please contact the Ukiah Police Department at 707-463-6262.

By: Chris Dewey – Chief of Police