



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release Robbery **UPD case #16-0595**

On 2/29/16 at about 2:13 AM, Ukiah Police responded to the Express Mart, 390 E. Gobbi St., for a report of a theft. Upon arrival, Officers contacted the store clerk, who reported that two female subjects and a male subject entered the store and took multiple items. Officers viewed the store's surveillance video and saw that the two female subjects entered the store and began taking multiple containers of alcohol and a knit hat. While the two females began taking these items from their respective displays the male stood at the counter attempting to distract the clerk. As the two females approached the front of the store, the clerk watched the two exit and the male subject followed. The clerk went to stop the three as they left and the male turned on the clerk pushing him back.

The clerk stepped away and watched as the three entered a white Honda Accord and drove out of the parking lot going North on Leslie St. Other Ukiah Police units had been searching the area and located it driving eastbound on E. Perkins St. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle as it reached Redemeyer Rd.

Once the vehicle was stopped and the occupants removed from the vehicle they were identified as 35 year old Candice Peters, 24 year old Kiana Flores, 21 year old Monica Pedroza, and 19 year old Benjamin Knight. Peters was not involved in the initial theft but was found to have a warrant for her arrest. Peters was arrested for this warrant and later booked into the Mendocino County jail.

Flores was found to be the driver of the vehicle while Knight, Pedroza and Peters were passengers. Knight, Pedroza, and Flores were all identified as the three subjects involved in the original theft and found to be in possession of the stolen items from the store. All three were arrested for robbery. During a search of the vehicle a firearm and a small amount of suspected methamphetamine was located inside a small bag which belonged to Flores. Flores was found to also be on probation, had a suspended drivers license, and a convicted felon. Flores was additionally arrested for violation of her probation, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance and driving on a suspended license.

Flores, Knight and Pedroza were all booked into the Mendocino County jail.

For tips on workplace safety, FAQs for Businesses and personal safety please visit the Ukiah Police Department's web site at <https://www.ukiahpolice.com/> . Click on the links for Crime Prevention Flyers and Business Watch Forum, which has information on these and other topics. Together we can work on keeping our community safe.