



Ukiah Police Department

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Press Release Assault with a Deadly Weapon UPD case #16-0670

On March 7th at about 5:30 pm, UPD officers were dispatched to a report of a vehicle accident in front of a residence in the 200 block of Irvington Drive. While en-route, UPD dispatch advised that a subject was now smashing the vehicle involved in the accident with a sledgehammer. Upon arrival officers contacted Miguel Guevara age 34 from Ukiah, who had an injury to his right hand. Also contacted was a subject identified as Chris Walrath age 61 from Ukiah. During the investigation officers learned that Walrath and Guevara were involved in a verbal altercation, which turned physical when Walrath struck Guevara with a large wooden cane (resembling a sledgehammer) in the hand, during a dispute over a vehicle. Walrath then proceeded to strike Guevara's vehicle with the cane breaking the windows. Guevara responded by entering his vehicle, performing a high speed U-turn and attempting to run over Walrath with his vehicle. Walrath was able to move out of the way, with Guevara missing Walrath by only a foot. Guevara's vehicle struck the rear of a vehicle parked in the driveway of Walrath's residence, causing moderate damage to the parked vehicle and major damage to Guevara's vehicle. Guevara was subsequently found to have broken his hand, was on summary probation and as well out on bail for a prior felony arrest. Walrath was found to be on formal probation and was not injured in the altercation. Guevara was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon, committing a felony while out on bail, vandalism, and violation of his probation. Walrath was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and violation of his probation. Both were booked into county jail. 16-0670