



Ukiah Police Department

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Press Release / Motorcycle Pursuit UPD case #16-0877

On March 27th at about 1:30 pm, a UPD officer observed a yellow motorcycle traveling northbound in the 700 block of South State Street at approximately 65 MPH. When the officer attempted to initiate an enforcement stop on the speeding motorcyclist, the rider refused to stop. The rider instead sped up and led the officer on a high speed pursuit throughout the City of Ukiah. During the pursuit the motorcyclist failed to stop for posted stop signs, ran a red light and at times drove into oncoming traffic, attempting to evade the officer. The pursuit ended as the rider attempted to turn into a dirt lot near Talmage Road and Babcock Lane. During this turn the rider lost control of the motorcycle, fell to the ground and was taken into custody by UPD officers. The rider was identified as Manuel Luis Ayala-Rodriguez age 19 of Ukiah. A records check revealed that Ayala-Rodriguez was on felony probation and did not have a license. Ayala-Rodriguez was taken into custody for felony evading a police officer, violation of his probation and driving without a license. Ayala-Rodriguez received some abrasions from wrecking the motorcycle, so he was transported to UVMC and treated for his injuries. Ayala-Rodriguez was then booked into county jail on the above listed charges.