



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release / Assault on a peace officer / violation of probation UPD case # 16-1147

On April 22nd at about 12:14 am in the early morning hours, a UPD officer was dispatched to a report of a hostile male subject inside of Denny's, refusing to pay for his meal. While the officer was en-route, UPD dispatch advised that the subject's behavior was escalating and he was observed placing a knife in his pocket. Upon arrival the officer observed the subject in the parking lot of the restaurant and made contact. The officer recognized the subject as Timothy Fischer age 49, who is on probation. Fischer was visibly angry, yelling and waving his arms around. The officer spoke with Fischer attempting to get him to calm down, without success. For safety reasons, the officer attempted to detain Fischer in handcuffs. Fischer struggled with the officer and turned facing the officer while arming himself with a knife. The officer wrestled Fischer to the ground and attempted to take him into custody. Once on the ground Fischer threatened the officer and reached out with one of his hands and began clawing at the officer's face and eyes. A MSCO Deputy arrived to assist and Fischer was taken into custody for assault on a police officer with a deadly weapon and violation of his probation. The officer was not injured in the altercation and Fischer was booked into county jail on the listed charges.

I would like to take this time to provide some safety tips for your personal safety:

- *Stay alert at all times with your head up and looking around.*
- *Keep your mind on your surroundings, and what is around you.*
- *If you're worried about being out by yourself, ask a friend to accompany you.*
- *Walk with determination. A confident looking person is less likely to be attacked.*
- *Carry a cell phone or know where telephones are located.*
- *Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave.*
- *Call the police immediately if something happens to you or someone else.*

For more helpful information you can visit the UPD's web site at www.ukiahpolice.com, and click on the Crime Prevention Flyers tab.

As always, our mission at UPD is simple: to make Ukiah as safe as possible. If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cell phone and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button on our website: www.ukiahpolice.com.