



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release / DUI arrests UPD case #'s 16-1225 and 16-1229

On April 30th in the morning hours of 5:54 am, a UPD officer was dispatched to the drive thru of Jack in The Box on Airport Park Blvd., for a report of an unresponsive driver inside the vehicle. Upon arrival the officer found a black Honda Accord stopped in the drive thru. As the officer walked up to the vehicle, he noticed that the vehicle was turned on and an adult male was seated in the driver seat. The windows were rolled up, the doors locked and the driver was found unresponsive. Officers tried several attempts to wake the driver but were unsuccessful. Concerned that the driver was having a medical issue officers were forced to break a window of the vehicle to gain access to the driver. As the vehicle door was opened, an officer reported smelling the strong odor of an alcohol beverage and marijuana coming from the interior. Once officers gained access they were able to wake the driver, who was identified by a Texas driver's license as Nicholas Brown age 19, from Freeport Texas. As officers spoke with Brown, it was clear that he was intoxicated, so an officer began a DUI investigation. Brown was placed under arrest for DUI and his vehicle was towed from the scene. 16-1225

On May 1st in the early morning hours at about 1:13 am, a UPD officer was dispatch to a report of an unconscious subject seated in a vehicle that was parked in the McDonalds' drive thru on N. Orchard Ave. Upon arrival at the scene, the officer found a grey Chevy Impala with the engine running and an unconscious person sitting in the driver's seat. It took some time, but the officer was able to wake the driver, who was identified as Alfredo Romero age 30. As the officer spoke with Romero, he discovered that Romero appeared intoxicated. The officer began a DUI investigation and a records check revealed that Romero's license was suspended. Romero was placed under arrest for DUI and driving suspended. He was later booked into county jail. 16-1229

I would like to take this time to provide some tips on reporting a suspected intoxicated driver:

- *Call 911 and tell them you wish to report a drunk driver. Do not call while driving. Pull over or call using a hands-free device.*
- *Give the exact location of the vehicle, including the name of the road or cross streets and the direction the vehicle is traveling.*
- *Give a complete description of the vehicle, such as make, model, color and license plate.*
- *Describe the manner in which the vehicle is being driven.*
- *Do not try to stop the car or detain the driver. Leave that to the officers.*
- *Be patient with the dispatcher as they are often talking on the radio to officers, while talking to you on the phone or dealing with other emergencies at the same time.*

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.