



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release: Vehicle theft / suspect arrested UPD case #s 16-1314

On May 8th at about 5:33 am, a UPD officer was dispatched to a residence in the 1600 block of Lockwood Drive, to investigate a vehicle theft. The victim reported that he left his vehicle running and unlocked as he was loading items from his residence. While walking to his car, the victim reported seeing a male subject get into his vehicle and drive off, northbound on Lockwood toward Empire Drive. Officers contacted a witness who reported seeing the victim's vehicle sideswipe a parked car on Lockwood as it drove off. Officers checked the area and located the vehicle damaged in the hit and run, but not the stolen vehicle. At about 7 am UPD received a call from the victim, who reported seeing the male suspect walk by his residence. UPD officers responded and based on a description provided by the victim contacted a male subject in the 1700 block of Lockwood Drive. The male subject was identified as Daniel Castillo, age 28. A records check revealed that Castillo was on Post-Release Community Supervision (PCRS) out of Napa County. Evidence was located that linked Castillo to the vehicle theft and some suspected methamphetamine that had been discarded nearby. Castillo was placed under arrest for vehicle theft, possession of methamphetamine and for the PCRS violation. During an area search, the victim's vehicle was located in the 900 block of North Oak Street. The victim's personal belongings were missing from the vehicle. A UPD officer searched the area around where the vehicle was located and most items were recovered. One of the only item's that was not recovered was the victim's wallet. Castillo was booked into county jail on the above listed charges.

I'd like to take this time to provide some vehicle safety tips:

- Never leave the keys in your vehicle or leave it running unattended. It only takes a few seconds for a criminal to get in your car and drive off.
- Always lock the doors, even when you are away from the vehicle for a short time.
- Always roll up your windows when you leave your vehicle, even when it's parked in a driveway or garage.
- Don't leave any valuables in plain sight. It only takes seconds for a criminal to break a window, take your belongings and run off.
- Never leave any documents, credit cards or checkbook in your vehicle.

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.