



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release: Prowler arrested UPD case # 16-1661

On June 8th at about 12:18 am, UPD officers were dispatched to a residence in the 300 block of Washington Avenue, for a report of an interrupted vehicle theft. Upon arrival officers spoke to the victim. The victim told officers that he has had a lot of problems with people stealing items out of his vehicles and from his front yard, so recently he installed a motion alarm on his private driveway, along with security cameras. Just before contacting the police, the victim received an alert from the motion alarm, so he checked his security camera and noticed a subject in his driveway next to his vehicles trying door handles. The victim turned on his front yard lights and went out to confront the subject, who immediately ran from the scene. Responding UPD officers had set up a perimeter around where the suspect had last been seen and requested assistance from MCSO, who had a K9 working. During the search the K9 alerted on a silver Toyota pickup parked in a driveway in the area. Officers and Deputies searched the truck the dog alerted on and located a female subject hiding underneath it. Officers recognized the subject as Sherri Neeley age 45 and records check revealed that Neeley was on probation for a prior case of possession of stolen property. During the investigation Officers were able to determine that Neeley was in fact the individual that had been seen by the victims' vehicles and she was placed under arrest for prowling and violation of her probation. Neeley was booked into county jail for the violations. The Ukiah Police Department would like to thank MCSO for their assistance and use of K9 named "Doc".

As a reminder here are some home security tips:

- *Always keep your exterior doors locked.*
- *Install and use a quality lockable security screen, if you want your door open why you are home.*
- *Never ignore a knock on the door.*
- *Secure all windows. If you intend on using a window open for ventilation when you're at home, use a locking mechanism that allows the window only to partially open, so no one can fit through.*
- *Trim hedges below the window level to eliminate hiding spots for criminals.*
- *Install outside motion security lighting and make sure it is in good working order.*
- *Don't allow strangers in your home!*
- *If something is suspicious notify your local police.*

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.