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Patrol Division Weekly Activity Report 07/20/16 to 07/27/16

- REPORTS: 69
- ARRESTS: 23
- Moving citations: 17
- Non-moving citations: 8
- Speeding citations: 16
- DUI: 1
- Ukiah City Code: 3

Statistics

Arrests included: 7 warrants, 1 possession of marijuana and transportation for sale, 1 ID theft, 1 VOP, 2 shoplifting, 1 attempt theft / parole warrant / resist arrest, 1 domestic assault, 1 vandalism, 5 drunk in public, 1 possession of a controlled substance / possession of drug paraphernalia, 1 DUI, 1 resist / delay officer, 1 resist arrest / VOP / grand theft, 1 VOP

Officers investigated and took reports of: 11 found property, 2 issued in error, 2 field cited for shoplifting, 3 cited for unlawful camping, 1 grand theft, 2 CPS cross reports, 1 stolen vehicle, 5 non-injury traffic collisions, 1 car-jacking investigation, 1 domestic investigation, 1 brandishing a firearm investigation, 2 sexual assault investigations, 1 death investigation apparent natural causes, 2 mental health commitments, 1 use of force, 1 theft of firearm, 1 missing person recovered, 1 marijuana compliance, 1 agency assist report, 3 thefts, 1 drug registrant, 1 robbery, 1 vandalism, 1 hit and run traffic collision

The Patrol Division's average response time to in-progress calls was a little over 5 minutes. The average response time to all other calls was a little over 10 minutes.

Highlights for the Week

On July 21st at about 7:22 am, a UPD officer was dispatched to a residence on Lorraine Street, regarding the theft of two Honda water pumps. Upon arrival the officer spoke with an employee of Nor Cal Pump. The employee told the officer that on July 20th at about 6 pm, he left the job site and at the time both water pumps were near a storage container. The water pumps were described as red and black Honda WB30XT, worth about \$600.00 each. 16-2120



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Press Release: ID theft / Violation of probation arrest
UPD case #16-2121

On July 21st at about 9:28 am, a UPD officer was dispatched to the Mendocino County Farm Supply on Talmage Road, regarding a possible fraud. The officer learned from an employee, that a male subject had entered the store to return store items that had been purchased on an account. The male subject, who was later identified as Merrill Walrath age 32, presented himself as the Farm Supply account holder and requested a cash refund. The employee happened to know the account holder, which was not Walrath and asked for identification. Walrath told the employee that his identification was inside his vehicle, exited the store and drove away. The alert employee was able to get a description of the vehicle that Walrath was driving, along with the vehicle's license plate number. The employee also provided the evidence to the officer of prior fraudulent transactions that Walrath had made on the account, totaling over \$450.00.

During this investigation, UPD dispatch advised the officer that a female adult in the 700 block of East Perkins Street was reporting that she let a male subject test drive her vehicle and he had not returned it. The female told the officer that the male had left his white 4Runner and provided the license plate, which matched the one from the recent fraud. The officer responded and contacted the adult female, who told the officers that the male had since contacted her and was headed back with her vehicle. Walrath arrived and officers spoke with him about the incidents. Walrath was placed under arrest for unauthorized use of personal identification and violation of his probation. Walrath was booked into county jail.

I would like to take this time to provide some ways to help prevent identity theft:

- *Keep all documents with personal information secure.*
- *Be aware of what personal information you put on social media sites!*
- *Shred documents before trashing.*
- *Always protect your passwords and PINs.*
- *Don't give any personal information to strangers.*
- *Watch your bank and credit card accounts.*
- *Check your credit score once a year.*
- *Call the police if you believe you're a victim of fraud.*

On July 21st at about 5:11 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to Redwood Heating and Cooling on East Gobbi Street, regarding a vehicle theft. Upon arrival the manager of the business told the officer that today at about 4:40 pm, an employee went to an address in the 700 block of Yosemite Drive to work. The employee parked a 2001 GMC Sierra license 6P66508 on the street and left the keys in the ignition. About 10 minutes later the employee returned to where he left the vehicle and it was no longer there. The vehicle was described as a single cab truck, with a black lumber rack attached to it. There were several Redwood Heating and Cooling emblems on the vehicle. 16-2124

On July 22nd at about 5:31 am, a UPD office was in the parking lot of 245 Observatory Avenue, investigating a possible vehicle theft, when he saw an adult female, who he recognized as Caytlin Collicott. The officer was aware that Collicott had two outstanding felony warrants for her arrest, one out of this county and the other out of Alameda County. The officer contacted Collicott and placed her under arrest for the warrants. Collicott was booked into county jail. 16-2126



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On July 22nd at about 12:11 pm, UPD officers were dispatched to a residence in the 700 block of Waugh Lane, regarding a male subject asleep in the front of the residence. Officers located and identified the subject as Richard Neagle age 36. Officers eventually were able to wake Neagle, who was found to be heavily intoxicated. A records check revealed that Neagle was on probation with an “Abstain from alcohol” clause. Neagle was placed under arrest for violation of his probation and booked into county jail. 16-2129

On July 22nd at about 3:26 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to Wal-Mart regarding a shoplifter being detained by employees. Upon arrival the officer contacted the asset protection employee and the suspect, who was identified as Nicole Jurrens age 28. During the investigation the officer learned that Jurrens entered the store wearing a backpack. Jurrens walked around the store selecting merchandise and concealing that merchandise in her backpack. Jurrens then exited the store making no attempt to pay for the merchandise. She was detained and placed under arrest for shoplifting and booked into county jail. 16-2130

On July 23rd at about 7:30 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to a report of a possible assault that had occurred behind Staples on Airport Park Blvd. The suspect had left on a bicycle and was last seen fleeing westbound through the area of the Mendocino Animal Hospital. Upon arrival a UPD officer located a subject he knew as Thomas Cook age 53, who was found behind the animal hospital. Cook told the officer that he had been involved in a verbal argument with a friend near Staples, but denied any type of physical confrontation. Officers were unable to locate Cook’s friend. A records check revealed that Cook had an active misdemeanor warrant for his arrest and he was placed under arrest. While in the back of the patrol car Cook became irate and struck his head approximately 3 times against the partition inside the vehicle, causing an abrasion. Cook was treated for the injury and booked into county jail. 16-2143

On July 23rd at about 9:41 pm, UPD officers were dispatched to the area of Pacific Outfitters on North State Street, regarding a physical domestic disturbance in progress. Responding officers were advised that a male adult was seen choking a female. Upon arrival the subjects were located and the male subject detained. The male subject was identified as Thomas Knight age 30, with an address out of Middletown. During the investigation officers learned that Knight was seen by an independent witness choking his adult girlfriend. Knight was placed under arrest for the domestic assault and booked into county jail. 16-2146

On July 24th at about 12:03 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to Pacific Outfitters on North State Street, regarding a theft that had just occurred. The suspect had reportedly just left the store and was headed northbound. Upon arrival, the officer was flagged down by the owner of the store, who was following the suspect. The suspect was located in the area by an officer and detained. The suspect was identified as Wana Matthias age 29 and was wearing a stolen dress from the store. The officer learned from an employee that Mathias had been inside the store, tried on four different items and only returned three of them. Mathias was placed under arrest for shoplifting and booked into county jail. 16-2151

On July 24th at about 3:29 pm, a UPD officer was on patrol traveling N/B on Oak Manor Drive, when he observed a black motorcycle traveling at an estimated 65 mph in the residential neighborhood. The officer performed an enforcement stop on the motorcyclist, who stopped in the 100 block of N. Orchard Avenue. The rider was identified as James Robert Russell age 42. When questioned by the officer as to why Russell was driving so fast, Russell stated that he was showing off for his nephew who was standing outside of a residence on Oak Manor Drive. A records check revealed that Russell was on probation and his license was suspended. Russell was found to have methamphetamine, heroin, and drug paraphernalia on his person. Russell was placed under arrest for the violations and booked into county jail. 16-2152



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On July 24th at about 4:14 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of Washo Drive regarding a theft. Upon arrival the adult victim reported that on July 22nd at about 6 pm he accidentally left a .357 magnum revolver on the front passenger side floorboard of his vehicle. The victim said he had forgotten the firearm inside the vehicle after he had returned from the Ukiah Gun Club. Just before contacting the police, the victim had gone to his vehicle and discovered the theft. The victim had no idea who took the firearm. 16-2153

On July 24th at about 10:31 pm, a UPD officer was conducting a security check of Frank Zeek School on North Bush Street, when he located two subjects on the north end of the school. One of the subjects was identified as Jessica Diaz age 23. A records check revealed that Diaz had two active misdemeanor warrants for her arrest. Diaz was placed under arrest and booked into county jail. 16-2155

On July 25th at about 1:56 pm, a UPD officer was on patrol in the 1200 block of South State Street, when he observed a subject named Keith Driver age 40 near Motel 6. The officer was aware that Driver had an active misdemeanor warrant out of Sonoma County for theft and contacted him. A records check revealed that Driver had an additional warrant out of Lake County, also for theft. Driver was placed under arrest for the warrants and booked into county jail. 16-2163

On July 25th at about 4:43 pm, UPD officers were dispatched to a report of an unconscious male inside his vehicle, which was stopped in the Kentucky Fried Chicken drive through. The reporting party believed the driver was having some type of medical emergency. As the officer arrived, he observed the reported vehicle, a red colored Chevrolet Camaro with Colorado license plates, pulling out of the drive through. Before exiting northbound, the driver proceeded over a curb, driving through a section of landscaped plants in front of the business. The driver continued northbound at a slow rate of speed and almost collided with a responding UPD patrol vehicle. The officer performed a traffic stop on the vehicle and the driver was identified as Ruben Aguilar age 27, with an address out of Sebastopol. As the officers spoke with Aguilar, he suspected that Aguilar was intoxicated and began a DUI investigation. Aguilar was placed under arrest for DUI and later booked, cited and released with a court appearance date. 16-2165

On July 26th at about 3:47 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to a City of Ukiah owned electrical transformer, near Freidman Bros., regarding vandalism. The officer located the transformer, which had Norteno gang monikers spray-painted in red on it. 16-2176



On July 26th at about 3:59 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to a report of an intoxicated male inside the ER room of UVMC. Upon arrival the officer contacted Derick Bilow age 45. Bilow had been contacted earlier and found unconscious due to alcohol intoxication and was transported by ambulance to UVMC. Hospital staff advised that Bilow was now medically cleared, but was still too intoxicated to be released under his own care. Bilow was then placed under arrest for public intoxication and booked into county jail. 16-2180

On July 26th at about 7:11 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to the Orr Street Bridge, regarding an intoxicated subject attempting to ride a bicycle. Upon arrival the officer contacted Johns Pestoni age 63, who was lying on the bridge. Pestoni was found to be heavily intoxicated and placed under arrest for public intoxication. Pestoni was booked into county jail. 16-2181



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On July 26th at about 9 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to CVS on South Orchard, regarding a subject who had just stolen a bottle of alcohol and was now in the parking lot. Upon arrival the officer located the subject, who was sitting on the east side of Star's Restaurant. The subject had a bottle of Vodka in his lap. The officer recognized the subject as Thomas Sanders age 54, who was heavily intoxicated. A records check revealed that Sanders was on probation with a no alcohol clause. The merchandise was returned to the store and Sanders was placed under arrest for violation of his probation. Sanders was booked into county jail. 16-2183

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