



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release: Traffic Collision / DUI arrest UPD case # 16-2478

On August 24th at about 7:53 pm, UPD officers responded to the intersection of Commerce Drive and Airport Park Blvd., regarding an injury traffic collision. Upon arrival officers found two vehicles in the roadway, a black 1996 Toyota 4 Runner that sustained major damage and a white 2014 Toyota Tundra that had sustained moderate damage. A center divider light-pole had been knocked off of its base and was lying on the hood of the 4 Runner. Ukiah Fire Department personnel and ambulance services were on scene. An adult female passenger in the 4 Runner was transported to Ukiah Valley Medical Center via ambulance for lacerations and a complaint of neck pain sustained in the crash. An officer contacted the driver of the 4 Runner, who was identified as Daniel Browne age 21. As the officer spoke with Browne, he suspected Browne was intoxicated and began a DUI traffic collision investigation. It was determined that Browne was northbound on Airport Park Blvd., and failed to stop for a posted stop at the intersection of Commerce Drive. Browns' 4 Runner collided with the Tundra, which was in the intersection proceeding from westbound Commerce to head southbound on Airport Park Blvd. Browne was placed under arrest for felony DUI, due to the injuries caused from the collision. Browne was booked into county jail for the violation.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide some tips in reporting a suspected DUI driver:

- *Use a hands free device to call 911 to report if you suspect a driver maybe impaired. (If you don't have a hands free device, safely pull over, park and then make the call).*
- *Be aware that you will be asked questions such as your location, the suspect vehicle location, direction of travel, vehicle description, license plate number, manner in which the vehicle is being driven, etc...Be patient with the dispatcher as they are often talking with you and dispatching officers to respond at the same time.*
- *Don't follow too close to the suspected impaired driver or attempt to stop the suspect vehicle yourself.*

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.