



# Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Chief of Police

## Press Release: Man arrested after throwing rocks at an officer UPD case # 16-2587

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On September 3<sup>rd</sup> at about 3:57 pm, a UPD officer on patrol observed a male subject in the middle of a gravel parking lot in the 1100 block of South State Street. The subject appeared to be distressed and was waving his arms around. UPD dispatch had also received a call from a citizen regarding the subject's erratic behavior and other UPD officers responded to assist. The initial officer approached the subject, while keeping his distance, to check on the subject's welfare. The officer recognized the subject as Brett Gray age 49 from multiple prior police contacts. The officer was also aware that Gray had made threats earlier in the day toward an employee at Ukiah Hospice Thrift and Gift. The officer asked Gray if he needed any assistance. Gray was agitated, yelling and holding a rock the size of a tennis ball. The officer told Gray to drop the rock and Gray yelled for the officer to shoot him. Gray threw the rock toward the officer but missed. Gray picked up additional rocks which he threw toward officers and then fled on foot. Officers pursued Gray and were able to surround him in the 100 block of Rupe Street. An officer's Taser had to be deployed to safely control Gray and take him into custody. Grey was placed under arrest for assault on a police officer and resisting and threatening an officer. Grey was booked into county jail.

For more helpful information you can visit the UPD's web site at [www.ukiahpolice.com](http://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](http://www.ukiahpolice.com).