



# Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Chief of Police

## **Press Release: Man arrested / children located in out of county parental child abduction case UPD case # 16-2627**

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On September 8<sup>th</sup> at about 1:17 pm, UPD dispatch received a call from an employee at Redwood Coast Regional Center in the 1100 block of Airport Park Blvd., in regards to a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of the business. The employee was able to provide the license plate of the vehicle, and a description of a male and two children that had walked away from it. UPD dispatch conducted a records check on the vehicle and found that it was reportedly associated with a parental child abduction case out of Santa Maria California. A Kevin Dirksen age 33 was listed as the suspect in the case and the two children reported abducted, were his 7 and 12 year old sons. There was also a domestic violence restraining order in place, restricting Dirksen from having contact with the children. UPD officers, Detectives and a MCSO Deputy, immediately responded to the location, saturated the area looking for Dirksen and the two children. Dirksen was located inside of Wal\*Mart and taken into custody without incident. The 7 and 12 year old were also located, transported to UPD where one of our officers provided them with a meal because they were hungry. The children were then turned over to the custody of Child Protective Services. Dirksen was booked into county jail for violation of a domestic violence restraining order and a felony warrant out of Santa Barbara County for child abduction; bail set at \$100,000.

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).