



# Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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## Press Release / Vehicle pursuit felon arrested UPD case #16-3220

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On November 11<sup>th</sup> at about 2359 hours, a UPD officer attempted to perform an enforcement stop on a grey GMC Jimmy, traveling westbound on East Gobbi Street. The officer recognized this vehicle as being involved in a prior vehicle pursuit in September of this year.

During this attempted enforcement stop, the driver immediately failed to pull over and led officers on a high speed pursuit, throughout the downtown area and up to the west side residential neighborhoods of Ukiah. During the pursuit, the driver was running stop signs at a high rate of speed, driving on the wrong side of the road and had complete disregard for the safety of our community. At the intersection of Walnut and North Bush Street, the suspect slowed and an officer used his patrol vehicle to forcibly stop the suspect's vehicle. The suspect's vehicle spun out in the roadway and momentarily stopped. Other officers arrived and attempted to block the path of the vehicle, to prevent the suspect from fleeing. The suspect then drove forward and reversed and then drove toward an Officer and the front of his vehicle, colliding with the patrol vehicle. The suspect made a U-turn, drove up onto the west sidewalk of Bush Street and then proceeded north bound on the west sidewalk, between trees and a house. Officers again used their vehicles and were able to forcibly stop the suspect's vehicle.

The vehicle was disabled, but the suspect continued to be uncooperative and yelled out that he had a gun, challenging the officers to shoot him. Officers surrounded the vehicle as he repeatedly put his hand between the driver's seat and the center console as if he were reaching for a gun. A Taser was deployed by an officer, and the suspect was removed from the vehicle and taken into custody. The suspect was identified as Mark Lucas age 46. A record's check revealed that Lucas had a felony no bail warrant out of Nevada for assault on emergency personnel, was on felony probation and his license was suspended.

No officers were injured and the suspect was booked into county jail for the warrant, felony reckless evading, assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, violation of his probation and driving on a suspended license. Three patrol vehicles, the suspect's vehicle, two parked cars, the side of a garage and a small brick retaining wall were damaged during this incident.