



Ukiah Police Department

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Chief of Police

**Press Release: Two late reported assaults / property stolen
Ukiah Police Department case # 17-0278 and 17-0280**

On January 28th at about 8:12 am, a UPD officer was dispatched to Ukiah Valley Medical Center, for an assault victim. Upon arrival the officer contacted the adult female victim in the emergency room, who was being treated for minor injuries. The victim reported that the day prior on January 27th at about 9:30 pm, she was walking in the area of McPeak and Jones Street, when she heard yelling behind her. The victim looked back and noticed three White male adults walking towards her at a fast pace. The victim began to walk faster, when she was grabbed by the hair and thrown to the ground. Once on the ground she was physically assaulted, while the suspects yelled slurs at her. The victim fought back and was able to pull one of the male suspects to the ground. The victim got up and ran to her residence, located several blocks away. During the assault, the victim said the one of the suspects took her wallet and a hat that she had been wearing. The victim was able to provide a limited description of the suspects, but said the three were all White male adults in the early 20's. One male was blonde, wearing a black hoodie with a "Nor Cal" imprint and wearing blue jeans. The second male adult had blonde hair, wearing a green shirt and blue jeans. The third suspect was wearing a long sleeve grey shirt and blue jeans. She had also noticed one of the suspects was wearing a pair of black and white "Vans" brand shoes. 17-0278

On January 28th at about 12:00 pm, a UPD officer responded to the lobby of the Police Station, to contact an adult male, who wished to report an assault. The male victim reported that on January 27th at about 7 pm, he was standing on the sidewalk near the Pomolita soccer field, in the 500 block of Cypress Avenue. While waiting for a friend to arrive the victim was looking at his phone, when he was punched from behind in the back of the head. The victim said that 3 male suspects began attacking him, punching and kicking him. The victim fought back and as he did, one of the suspects brandished a black semiautomatic handgun, while making statements about a gang. A passerby or possible neighbor in the area yelled at them to stop or he would call the police. The 3 suspects all fled the area on foot, taking a bag belonging to the victim. The victim was able to provide a limited description of the suspect, but said all three were possibly "Younger" aged males. One suspect was possibly Hispanic and was wearing a black hooded Nike sweatshirt. Another subject was possibly African American, wearing a lime colored hooded sweatshirt. The victim received minor injuries from the assault. 17-0280

UPD Detectives were notified and have been working the two cases. If anyone has information on either of these cases please contact Detective Sergeant Crook at the Ukiah Police Department, 707-463-6262.

I would like to take this time to provide some safety tips for your personal safety:

- *Stay alert at all times with your head up and looking around.*
- *Keep your mind on your surroundings, and what is around you.*
- *If you're worried about being out by yourself, ask a friend to accompany you.*
- *Walk with determination. A confident looking person is less likely to be attacked.*
- *Carry a cell phone or know where telephones are located.*

Patrol Lt. David McQueary

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- *Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave.*
- *Call the police immediately if something happens to you or someone else.*

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.