



Ukiah Police Department

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Press Release: Traffic Stop turns into foot pursuit and arrest of suspect with felony warrants Ukiah Police Department case # 17-0580

On February 24th at about 11:07 pm, UPD officers performed a traffic stop on a black Lincoln Navigator in the 400 block of East Perkins Street, for a traffic violation. Right after the Lincoln came to a stop, the driver exited without warning and fled on foot. UPD officers gave chase and radioed additional officers for assistance. The driver climbed a nearby tall cyclone fence and led pursuing officers on a chase for several blocks. The chase ended when officers caught the driver behind Black Oak Coffee and detained him. The driver verbally identified himself as "Joe Michael Padilla" and he was placed under arrest for resisting / delaying an officer. Using the name and other information the driver provided, officers were unable to make an identification match. Later, through fingerprints records the driver was identified as Kevin James Padilla age 24. A records check revealed that Kevin Padilla had two felony warrants, one out of Martin County Florida for violation of parole and the other out of St Lucie County Florida for felony assault. Kevin Padilla was booked into county jail for the felony warrants, resisting / delaying an officer and for providing false identification to a police officer.

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.