



# Ukiah Police Department

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## Patrol Division Weekly Activity Report 02/22/17 to 03/01/17

- REPORTS: 69
- ARRESTS: 30
- Moving citations: 12
- Non-moving citations: 4
- Speeding citations: 3
- DUI: 5
- Ukiah City Code: 3

### Statistics

**Arrests included:** 2 for warrants, 5 DUIs, 2 under the influence of a controlled substance, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia / VOP, 1 warrant / evading / false name, 1 trespassing, 1 public intoxication / VOP, 1 under the influence, 1 domestic assault, 1 assault with a deadly weapon / child endangerment, 1 resist arrest / false name, 1 violation of probation, 2 probation pickup orders, 1 threats, 4 public intoxication, 1 under the influence / resist arrest, 1 VOP / drive without a license / hit and run, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia / VOP, 1 sex registration violation / parole violation,

**Officers investigated and took reports of:** 10 found property, 2 stolen vehicles, 7 vandalism, 1 sex registration, 1 cited for driving suspended / vehicle towed, 1 fraud, 1 theft / vandalism, 1 graffiti, 1 cited in field for shoplifting / warrants, 1 violation of DV order, 1 issued in error, 1 burglary, 1 cited at school for possession of Marijuana, 1 unlawful camping, 1 death investigation apparent natural causes, 1 domestic investigation, 1 hit and run traffic collision, 1 court order violation, 1 abandon auto tow, 1 unlawful sex with a minor, 1 false registration, 1 expired registration tow, 1 animal fight report,

The Patrol Division's average response time to in-progress calls was just over 5 minutes. The average response time to all other calls was just under 19 minutes.

### Highlights for the Week

On February 25<sup>th</sup> at about 3:16 pm, UPD officers were dispatched to Applebee's parking lot, for a report of two intoxicated females that were possibly preparing to drive away from the restaurant. A description was provided of the suspects and their respective vehicles. A responding officer located one the vehicles traveling on Airport Park Blvd. and performed an investigative stop. The driver was identified as Crystal Staser, a 31-year-old subject out of Willits. As the officer spoke with Staser, he suspected that she was intoxicated and began a DUI investigation. Staser was placed under arrest for DUI. Another UPD officer had located the other reported vehicle in the 600 block of South State Street and performed an investigative stop on it. The driver was identified as Shantaylah Castner, a 22-year-old Kelseyville resident. As the officer spoke with Castner, he suspected that she was intoxicated and began a DUI investigation. Castner was placed under arrest for DUI. Both subjects were later booked, cited and released with court appearance dates. 17-0556 and 17-0557



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On February 22<sup>nd</sup> at about 10:46 pm, UPD officers were on patrol, when they contacted a male subject in the 300 block of Clara Avenue. The subject was identified as Michael McGee, a 28-year-old county resident. As officers spoke with McGee, they suspected that he was under the influence of illegal drugs and evaluated him for this. A records check revealed that McGee was on probation. McGee was found to be under the influence of a controlled substance and placed him under arrest. McGee was later booked, cited and released with a court appearance date. 17-0558

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### **Press Release: Vehicle pursuit / foot pursuit / suspect in custody Ukiah Police Department case # 17-0561**

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> at about 9:48 am, UPD officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Oak Park Avenue in Ukiah, for a report of a suspicious vehicle. Dispatch advised responding officers that an older model white sedan had been parked and running at the location for about two hours and was believed to be occupied by one subject. The first officer to arrive located the vehicle an older model Ford Thunderbird parked the wrong direction on the roadway with expired registration. The officer went to speak with the driver, who appeared asleep behind the wheel. The officer knocked on a window of the vehicle and woke the driver, who was later identified as Benjamin Abl, a 34-year-old transient. Seeing the officer the driver refused to roll down his window when asked, but instead sped off. UPD officers gave chase and Abl led officers on a pursuit through the streets of Ukiah. In the 1100 block of West Standley Street, Abl abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot. Abl led UPD officers on a foot chase over fences and through a creek in the area. Two UPD officers were able to take Abl into custody. A records check revealed that Abl had one felony warrant for felon in possession of a firearm and one misdemeanor warrant for possession of a controlled substance, both out of Lake County. Abl was booked into county jail on the warrants, for reckless evading and resisting arrest. One officer received a minor injury requiring stitches.

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On February 23<sup>rd</sup> at about 1:51 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to Payless Shoe in the 200 block of North Orchard Avenue, to assist Veri-Health with an aggressive subject. Upon arrival, the officer contacted the subject who he recognized as Scotty Willis, a 33-year-old local transient. Ambulance personnel told the officer that Willis had suffered a seizure and with it was over, became hostile. Willis kicked at the ambulance personnel and refused to leave from in front of store. The officer talked with Willis, who was blocking the entrance to the store and refusing to leave. A store employee had noticed that multiple customers had attempted to enter the store, but were unable to because of Willis' behavior. A records check revealed that Willis was on probation. The store employee wanted Willis prosecuted and she placed him under citizen's arrest, for interfering with a lawful business and for violation of his probation. The officer transported Willis to UVMC for a medical clearance, due to the recent reported seizure. 17-0563

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> at about 1:57 pm, UPD officers were dispatched to Lucky's in the 500 block of East Perkins Street, for a report of a drunk driver. Upon arrival the officer contacted an employee, who was the reporting party. The employee told the officer there was a very intoxicated male subject, who had been seen driving a blue Chevy Tracker that was parked in the parking lot. The subject came into the store and attempted to purchase alcohol. The employee refused to sell to the



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subject, who was still standing at one of the registers attempting to purchase alcohol. The subject was contacted and identified as Darin Moffett, a 46-year-old Ukiah resident. As the officer spoke with Moffett, he was found to be as reported, very intoxicated. The officer conducted a DUI investigation and placed Moffett under arrest for DUI. Moffett was booked into county jail. 17-0564

On February 24<sup>th</sup> at about 12:17 am, UPD officers contacted two subjects illegal camping at the MTA bus stop, in the 200 block of East Gobbi Street. The officers knew both subjects, one of which was Michael Donahe, a 62 year-old local transient. Donahe was extremely intoxicated and a records check revealed that he was on probation for prior alcohol related offences. Donahe was placed under arrest for public intoxication and for violation of his probation. Donahe was booked into county jail. 17-0571

On February 24<sup>th</sup> at about 12:31 am, UPD officers were dispatched to the 500 block of East Perkins Street, for a report of a male subject acting erratically, and running in and out of traffic. A description was provided and officers located the subject in the 100 block of North Orchard Avenue. Officers recognized the subject as Geoffrey Ritter, a 32-year-old transient. As the officers spoke with Ritter they suspected he was under the influence of illegal drugs and evaluated him for this. A records check revealed that Ritter was on probation for prior drug offenses. Ritter was placed under arrest for being under the influence and for violation of his probation. Ritter was booked into county jail. 17-0572

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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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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On February 25<sup>th</sup> at about 4:16 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to Ukiah Autumn Leaves on East Gobbi Street, for a report of a subject that was coughing loudly and may need assistance. Upon arrival, the officer contacted a subject in a common hallway. The officer recognized the subject as Dena Morris, a 55 year-old local transient. The officer was aware that Morris was on probation with an "Abstain from alcohol" term. Morris had an open and partially consumed 24 ounce can of Budweiser Hurricane beer. Morris was intoxicated and placed under arrest for violation of her probation. Morris was booked into county jail. 17-0581



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On February 25<sup>th</sup> at about 7:48 am, UPD officers were dispatched to 390 East Perkins Street, the Train Depot, for subjects unlawfully camping on the south side of the building (shown left). Upon arrival, officers found a makeshift camp and two subjects, who were recognized as Susan Widner age 58 and Randolph Feliz age 63, both transients. Officers were aware that Widner had been warned multiple times about violating the City of Ukiah's camping ordinance, so she was cited and provided with a court appearance date. Feliz was released with a warning. 17-0582

On February 25<sup>th</sup> at about 10:33 am, a UPD officer was on patrol in the 100 block of South Main Street, when he observed a subject he recognized as Isaiah Bennett, a 20-year-old local transient. The officer was aware that Bennett was on felony probation from a prior burglary and had a probation pick-up order issued for his arrest. The officer contacted Bennett and placed him under arrest

without incident. Bennett was booked into county jail. 17-0583

On February 26<sup>th</sup> at about 1:08 am, UPD officers were dispatched to the Perkins Street Grill on East Perkins Street, regarding a physical altercation. Upon arrival officers found that a male subject was being held on the ground by security. The male subject was detained and officers spoke with security. The male subject was identified as Rafael Mendoza age 29. Officers learned that Mendoza was intoxicated and had started an altercation inside the bar, so he was removed and detained. Mendoza was placed under arrest for public intoxication and booked into county jail. 17-0588

On February 26<sup>th</sup> at about 1:48 am, a UPD officer performed an enforcement stop on a silver Honda in the 100 block of Stephenson Street, for a traffic violation. The driver was identified as Joshua Rogers, a 21-year-old Ukiah resident. As the officer spoke with Rogers, he appeared intoxicated so the officer began a DUI investigation. A records check revealed that Rogers had a misdemeanor no bail warrant for his arrest. Rogers was placed under arrest for DUI and for the warrant, and then booked into county jail. 17-0589

On February 26<sup>th</sup> at about 2:14 am, a UPD officer observed two female subjects in an altercation at Alex Thomas Plaza. The officer contacted the two, who were identified as Cherri Roberts age 40 and Anika Brown age 20, both local transients. Brown was found to be extremely intoxicated and placed under arrest for public intoxication. Brown was booked into county jail. 17-0590

On February 26<sup>th</sup> at about 7:30 am, UPD officers were dispatched to Ford Street Project in the 100 block of Ford Street, regarding a report of a resident causing a disturbance. Officers were directed to Bryan Newberry, a 50-year-old transient out of Willits. As officers spoke with Newberry, they suspected he was under the influence of illegal drugs and began evaluating him for this. Officers went to place Newberry under arrest for being under the influence of a controlled





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substance and he attempted to pull away from them. Newberry was physically restrained and handcuffed. Newberry was booked into county jail for being under the influence of a controlled substance and for resisting arrest. 17-0592

On February 26<sup>th</sup> at about 10:43 am, a UPD officer responded to McDonald's in the 100 block of North Orchard Avenue, regarding an unwanted female who was sleeping on a table. Upon arrival, the officer was directed to a booth, where after several attempts the officer was able to wake the female. The female subject was identified as Schaili Rodriguez-Silva, 19 years-old out of Willits. Rodriguez-Silva was found to be intoxicated and placed under arrest for public intoxication. Rodriguez-Silva was booked into county jail. 17-0594

During this last week, UPD officers were briefed that David Sowles age 34, had a warrant out of Sonoma County on a drug and firearms case. It was reported that he was possibly staying at an address on Lousie Court in Ukiah. On February 26<sup>th</sup> at about 7:52 pm, UPD officers located Sowles at the address and placed him under arrest without incident. Sowles was booked into county jail. 17-0595

On February 26<sup>th</sup> at about 10:19 pm, a UPD officer performed an enforcement stop on a black Lexus sedan, in the 300 block of Clara Avenue. The officer contacted the driver, who was identified as Robert McCoy, a 34-year-old Ukiah resident. A records check revealed that McCoy was on probation for a prior drug offence and he was unlicensed. McCoy was placed under arrest for the violations and found to be in possession of a glass methamphetamine-smoking pipe. McCoy was booked into jail. 17-0596

On February 27<sup>th</sup> at about 8:32 am, UPD officers were on patrol, when they observed a subject lying on the ground near the intersection of South State Street and Observatory Avenue. The officers contacted the subject, who was identified as Billy Elkin, a 53 year-old transient. There was a bottle of alcohol lying next to Elkin and he was intoxicated. Elkin was placed under arrest for public intoxication and booked into county jail. 17-0598

On February 27<sup>th</sup> at about 10:37 am, a UPD officer was dispatched to the Comfort Inn located in the 1100 block of Airport Park Blvd., for a report of a tenant banging on the walls of his room. The officer contacted the subject, who was identified as Richard Comptois, a 50-year-old transient. As the officer spoke with Comptois regarding his behavior, he suspected that Comptois was under the influence of illegal drugs and evaluated him for this. A records check revealed that Comptois was on probation for a prior drug offence. Comptois was placed under arrest for violation of his probation and for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Comptois was transported to jail, but a medical clearance was requested by jail staff. Comptois was transported to UVMC, where he was released on a citation for the violations and provided with a court appearance date. 17-0601

On February 27<sup>th</sup> at about 11:23 am, UPD officers responded to a residence in the 500 block of Nokomis Drive, regarding a report of a female subject who had a bloody face, was carrying a toddler and went inside a residence. Upon arrival officers located a subject identified as Carolina Alvarez, a 33-year-old Ukiah resident along with her toddler. Alvarez was bleeding from scrapes on her face and crying. During the subsequent investigation with included speaking with witnesses, officers learned that Alvarez had just returned with her child, from driving to the store to purchase alcohol. Once home and while carrying her child from the car to her residence, she fell down multiple times causing injuries to her face. Alvarez was extremely intoxicated and placed under arrest for DUI and child endangerment. Child Protective Services was contacted and responded, taking custody of the child. Alvarez was transported to UVMC, medically cleared and then booked into jail on the violations. 17-0603



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On February 27<sup>th</sup> at about 5:29 pm, a UPD officer was southbound in the 1000 block of South State Street and slowing for a stoplight. The officer observed a gold Honda Odyssey stopped next to him at the red light and could see that the driver was holding a 12-pack box of Coors Light in his lap. The officer performed an investigative stop on the vehicle and contacted the driver, who was identified as Jason McCutchan age 36 out of Redwood Valley. As the officer spoke with McCutchan he suspected that McCutchan was intoxicated and began a DUI investigation. A records check revealed that McCutchan did not have a license nor insurance on his vehicle. McCutchan was placed under arrest for DUI and later booked cited and released with a court appearance date. 17-0606

On February 28<sup>th</sup> at about 1200 pm, a UPD officer was in the 1400 block of Airport Road, where approximately six vehicles were parked with occupants living in the vehicles on a short term basis. The officer contacted the occupants, one of which was named Kenneth Dewitt, a 36-year-old transient. The motorhome that Dewitt was living in was leaking sewage on the ground from a damaged storage tank. A records check revealed that Dewitt was on Parole for a prior sex offence and was out of compliance with his sex offender registration. Dewitt was placed under arrest for the violations and booked into county jail. A local septic company was contacted and pumped the damaged septic tank of motorhome, and then it was towed from the scene. 17-0610

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