



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release / A report of a male attempting to lure a child - arrest of Parolee **UPD case #17-1223**

On April 29th at about 2:46 pm, UPD officers were dispatched to the 800 block of North Bush Street, for a report a male adult who had attempted to lure a minor child. While in-route, UPD dispatch advised responding officers that the subject was leaving the area on foot wearing a camouflage shirt, with a witness following him. Upon arrival an officer located the subject walking eastbound along Orr Creek, with a dog. The male subject verbally identified himself as "Michael Craft age 38", but was later identified as Shawn Lane, a 27-year-old parolee.

During the subsequent investigation officers spoke with the 7-year-old female victim and her mother. The 7-year-old was visibly shaken and had recently been crying. The mother reported that she was parked near the rear of the Bottle Shop Deli and her 7-year-old daughter walked to a nearby trash can. The mother was dealing with other children in her vehicle, when her daughter ran to her extremely upset. The daughter told her mother that a male subject near the garbage can had attempted to lure her with candy. The daughter was interviewed about the incident, during which told officers that she had attended a stranger danger class and knew not to talk with the subject, but to run and contact her mother.

The daughter described the adult male as having a red beard, red hair, wearing makeup around his eyes and an "Army" type shirt.

Officers were able identify Lane as the suspect in this case and he was placed under arrest for annoying a child under 18, false ID to a police officer, and for violating his patrol. The case was turned over to the Ukiah Police Department Detective Division, who is investigating if Lane has any connection with UPD case 17-1190, an attempted abduction case last week.

Parents should take time to remind students traveling to and from school of these safety tips:

1. *Do not talk to strangers.*
2. *Be aware of your surroundings (example: Don't focus your attention on your cell phone while walking home from school. Walk with your head up looking at your surroundings).*
3. *Stick together. There is safety in numbers.*
4. *Practice basic self – defense. A swift kick to the shins or private parts along with a loud scream will help get the attention of people in the area.*
5. *If you're at home alone – lock your doors.*
6. *If something happens to you, report it immediately!*

Parents can get additional information to help protect their children at:

<https://www.ukiahpolice.com/community-support/missing-and-exploited-children-resources/>

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.

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