



Ukiah Police Department

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Press Release: Unconscious driver / hit and run DUI drug case UPD case # 17-1388

On May 15th at about 6pm, UPD officers and an ambulance were dispatched to the area of East Perkins Street and Oak Manor Drive, regarding an unresponsive male subject inside a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers located a parked white Toyota Tacoma in the roadway, blocking northbound Oak Manor Drive traffic. The vehicle had sustained significant front-end damage and the driver was unresponsive. The vehicle was locked and officers had to break a window, to render aid to the unconscious driver. Officers removed the driver and ambulance staff transported him to Ukiah Valley Medical Center for treatment. The driver was identified as Sergio Luna, a 24-year-old local resident. During the subsequent investigation officers learned that prior to being found unconscious Luna was driving in the 800 block of Yosemite Drive and had collided with a parked vehicle. Luna then left the scene of the collision and drove to where he was found unconscious. Luna was suspected of being under the influence of Heroin and prescription medication at the time of the collision. This case was submitted to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution of Luna for driving under the influence of drugs and the hit-and-run collision. Officers were also aware of an incident on May 12th, UPD case 17-1353, where Luna was arrested for a hit-and-run DUI drug collision that occurred in the 100 block of Clara Avenue. At that time Luna was booked into county jail.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide some tips in reporting a suspected DUI driver:

- *Use a hands free type device to call 911 and tell the dispatcher you suspect a driver maybe impaired. (If you don't have a hands free device, safely pull over, park and then make the call).*
- *Be aware that you will be asked questions such as your location, the suspect vehicle location, direction of travel, vehicle description, license plate number, manner in which the vehicle is being driven, etc...Be patient with the dispatcher as they are often talking with you and dispatching officers to respond at the same time.*
- *Don't follow too close to the suspected impaired driver or attempt to stop the suspect vehicle yourself.*

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.