



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release: Intruder detained by resident and arrested

UPD case # 17-1535

On May 29th at about 12:40 am, UPD officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1100 block of Elm Street, for a report of a male subject who had unlawfully entered the residence and was now being detained. Upon arrival, officers found a male adult holding down a male subject on the floor inside the residence. Officers detained the subject in handcuffs and placed him in a patrol car, so they could begin their investigation. The male subject was identified as Erick O'Donnell, a 27-year-old Ukiah resident. Soon after having O'Donnell sit in the back of a patrol car, he got up and attempted to flee while handcuffed. Officers quickly restrained O'Donnell and he was safely secured in the backseat of the car. During the subsequent investigation officers learned that the male resident was asleep in his bedroom, while his girlfriend was asleep in another bedroom. The male resident woke up to what he thought was his dog barking and found O'Donnell inside his room. The male resident had no idea who O'Donnell was or why O'Donnell was inside his residence. The male resident yelled at O'Donnell to get out of his house. As the resident got up to deal with O'Donnell and O'Donnell went toward the resident, who was able to wrestle the intruder to the floor. The resident's girlfriend awoke, saw what was happening and called the police. Luckily the residents were not harmed. O'Donnell was placed under arrest for unlawful entry into a residence, prowling and resisting arrest. O'Donnell was transported to Ukiah Valley Medical Center for a medical clearance. After exiting the patrol vehicle, O'Donnell attempted to flee again and had to be forced to the ground by officers, in order to restrain him. After being medically cleared, O'Donnell was booked into county jail.

As a reminder here are some home security tips:

- *Always keep your exterior doors locked.*
- *Install and use a quality lockable security screen, if you want your door open why you are home.*
- *Never ignore a knock on the door.*
- *Secure all windows. If you intend on using a window open for ventilation when you're at home, use a locking mechanism that allows the window only to partially open, so no one can fit through.*
- *Trim hedges below the window level to eliminate hiding spots for criminals.*
- *Install outside motion security lighting and make sure it is in good working order.*
- *Don't allow strangers in your home!*
- *If something is suspicious notify your local police.*

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.