



# Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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## Press Release: Motorcycle pursuit leads to arrest Ukiah Police Department case # 17-1773

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On June 21<sup>st</sup> at about 11:29 am, a UPD officer on patrol attempted a traffic enforcement stop on a speeding motorcyclist, on Brush Street. The motorcyclist failed to yield to the officer's lights and siren and led the UPD officer on a high speed pursuit northbound on North State Street and into the county. The motorcyclist was riding with complete disregard for other motorists' safety and attempting to elude the pursuing officer. The motorcyclist passed vehicles by riding into oncoming traffic. The motorcyclist turned onto Lake Mendocino Drive and the officer followed. The pursuit ended when the officer was able to block the path of the motorcyclist as he was making a U-turn. The front of the officer's patrol vehicle collided with the motorcycle at a slow speed, knocking over the motorcycle and rider. The rider got up and was immediately taken into custody by the pursuing officer. The rider was identified as Tristan Mendez age 20, a county resident. A records check revealed that Mendez was not licensed to ride a motorcycle and was on felony probation. As a precaution, Mendez was transported to Ukiah Valley Medical Center. Once medically cleared, Mendez was booked into county jail for felony reckless evading and for violation of his probation.

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](http://www.ukiahpolice.com).