



Ukiah Police Department

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Press Release: Disturbance call leads to 4 subjects being cited for Possession of marijuana for sale Ukiah Police Department case # 17-1854

On June 26th at about 11:37 pm, UPD officers were dispatched to the 1800 Block of Elm Street, regarding a physical altercation, where it was reported a gun was brandished. While in-route, UPD dispatch advised responding officers that some of the involved parties were leaving the area in a gray sedan. The vehicle was located near North State Street and Empire Drive. A MCSO Deputy along with UPD Officers performed a high risk stop on the vehicle based on the nature of the call. Driver Kevin Newton age 19 out of San Leandro, and passengers Golden Venters IV age 20, James Lovely Jr. age 20, and Jabari Dright age 19, out of Oakland were detained. During the subsequent investigation officers located approximately 16 pounds of marijuana and \$1200.00 in cash inside of the vehicle. It is believed that the four subjects came from Oakland to an address in Ukiah to purchase marijuana. The marijuana deal took an unexpected turn, when the buyers attempted to trick the seller out of some money. A fight broke out and guns were reportedly involved, but none were located by law enforcement during the investigation. The four subjects took the marijuana and fled the area in the gray sedan, before being stopped and detained by law enforcement. All four were cited in the field for the misdemeanor violation of possession of marijuana for sale, and given court appearance dates.

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.