



# Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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## Press Release: High speed driving on State Street leads to arrest UPD case # 17-2253

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On August 9<sup>th</sup> at about 11:53 pm, a UPD officer was driving in the parking lot of Safeway, when he noticed three vehicles traveling northbound in the 700 block of South State Street, at an extremely high rate of speed. The veteran officer estimated the vehicles' speed to be approximately 80 MPH, and identified the lead vehicle as being a 2 door white Acura Integra. The officer activated his emergency lights and caught up to the vehicles. The officer performed a traffic stop on the Acura, now traveling in the 100 block of West Perkins Street. The driver was contacted and identified as Ryan Lopez age 23, with an address out of Ukiah. Based upon the excessively high speed on one of our City Streets and the fact that Lopez was driving with the wanton disregard for public safety, he was placed under arrest for reckless driving. A records check revealed that Lopez did not have a driver's license and was on summary probation. Lopez was also found to be in possession of a glass methamphetamine smoking pipe. Lopez's vehicle was towed from the scene and he was booked into county jail for reckless driving, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a license, and 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).