



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release: An alert Detective spots a stolen vehicle that leads to an arrest, after a pursuit.
UPD case # 17-2391

On August 22nd at about 9:50 am, a UPD Detective observed a red / black Mazda Miata in the area of Old River Road and Tindall Ranch Road. The UPD Detective was aware of a stolen vehicle that matched this description so he followed the vehicle as it turned northbound onto Sanford Ranch Road. Using the license plate number, UPD Dispatch conducted a records check on the vehicle and confirmed it was reported stolen out of Lake County. Once UPD patrol officers arrived, they attempted an enforcement stop on the vehicle. The driver failed to stop and led officers on a high speed pursuit, which led back into the City of Ukiah. During the pursuit, the driver attempted to elude patrol officers and was driving with a willful disregard for public safety. The driver proceeded from Babcock Lane and headed westbound on Talmage Road. On Talmage, the driver tried to swerve around traffic, at which time he collided with a large flatbed truck and pickup. Fortunately there were no injuries from in the collision and Officers took the driver into custody. A male adult passenger was detained. The driver was identified as Joshua Torres age 29 and during booking listed his address as transient. During a records check Torres was found to be on Felony probation for prior drug offences and hand an active warrant out of this county. The driver was booked into county jail for possession of stolen property, reckless evading an officer, violation of his probation and for the active warrant. The passenger was questioned and released.

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.