PRESS RELEASE

On December 24th, 2017, at about 5:50 PM Ukiah Police Officers responded to the 1100 block of North Oak Street for a reported physical altercation between family members. Responding officers contacted the 35 year old male victim and saw fresh blood running down his face, and noticed a portion of his ear was missing. Officers immediately requested an ambulance and the victim was transported to the hospital, where he was treated and later released.

The officers' investigation revealed the victim and a family member, identified as 40 year old Samuel Paul Galindo, were drinking alcohol together and engaged in a disagreement regarding a marijuana product. Galindo reportedly became enraged and forced the victim to the ground and began shoving his fingers into the victim's eyes. During the struggle Galindo told the victim repeatedly he intended to kill the victim, and bit off a portion of the victim's ear which Galindo then spit out.

The victim struggled free and Galindo grabbed a cylindrical object and held it in his fist and tried to punch the victim. The victim fled from Galindo, and Galindo ran after the victim yelling he was going to kill the victim. Galindo chased the victim until the victim was able to secure himself in a locked vehicle. Galindo repeatedly punched the vehicle's window again threatening to kill the victim.

Galindo was contacted at the scene and arrested without incident. Galindo was booked into the County Jail and charged with Mayhem, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Criminal Threats, and for Violating Parole.

For helpful information you can visit the UPD's web site at www.ukiahpolice.com, and click on the Crime Prevention Flyers tab.

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