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Press Release: Subject who arms himself with pipe, threatens officers, and crawls under a business taken into custody
UPD case # 18-0981

On April 17th at about 2:11 pm, a UPD officer was dispatched to the northeast corner of the Umpqua Bank parking lot, regarding transients loitering near parked vehicles and littering in the parking lot. The officer located and contacted the group in the parking lot. While talking to the transients, the officer heard a male subject screaming nearby and was flagged down by a female subject. The female, worked at a nearby business on E. Mill Street, The Office Bar. She advised that the male that was yelling, was located underneath the business, in the crawl space of the foundation. The subject was unknown to employees at the bar and he was unwanted at the location.

The officer contacted the male subject at the crawl space opening. The male was lying on the ground, with only his head, an arm and shoulders protruding. The officer recognized the subject as Timmy Cooper age 56, from Ukiah, who had been arrested early this year for assault with a deadly weapon.   Cooper was immediately hostile and uncooperative toward law enforcement, while threatening officers and arming himself with a pipe. A records check revealed that Cooper was on probation.

Officers attempted to negotiate with Cooper, who became increasingly more agitated and threatening. Three officers had to crawl under the building, deploy pepper spray and the use of a Taser to take Cooper into custody. Cooper was booked into county jail for felony threats and resisting, violation of probation, along with committing a felony while out on release from jail.

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.

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