



Ukiah Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

UPD CASES #18-2110

OFFENSES: 459 PC (Burglary), 148(a)(1) PC (Resist/delay arrest)

DATE: 8-21-18 to 8-23-18

LOCATION: 600 BLOCK DORA AVE, 1000 LOW GAP RD., ETC.

SUSPECT(S): MORALES, JOSE (32 year old male transient Ukiah)

VICTIMS: Multiple

On 8-21-18 at approximately 1PM, UPD officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Dora Ave. for a report of an interrupted residential burglary that had just occurred. UPD officers checked the area but were unable to locate the suspect. UPD officers gathered evidence and property that had been left behind by the suspect. Approximately 1 hour later, a suspect matching the same description was seen acting suspicious in 2 different yards in the 700 block of N. Bush St. Later on in the evening, UPD received a report of a subject matching the same description, attempting to open a screen door to a residence on Irvington Dr. UPD officers were unable to locate the suspect.

On 8-22-18, a late report was made with UPD regarding a theft of a cell phone from inside of a building at Ukiah High School that had occurred the day prior at approximately 5 PM. The victim's father had tracked the phone later in the evening (on 8-21-18) to an unknown male subject in the 200 block of Hospital Dr. The subject subsequently ran when confronted and discarded the phone.

UPD officers gathered video surveillance and determined all incidents were committed by the same subject, later identified as Jose Morales (age 32 of Ukiah).

On 8-23-18, at approximately 11 AM, a UPD detective spotted Morales walking on Magnolia St. As marked units arrived in the area, Morales attempted to flee on foot. A perimeter was set up and Morales was quickly found hiding in between two houses on Magnolia St. Morales was found to be wearing the same shirt as he wore in the video surveillance. Morales was lodged at the county jail for two counts of 459 PC (burglary) and one count of 148 PC (resist/delay arrest). Morales' bail was set at \$50,000.

UPD officers are continuing their investigation. Anyone with any additional information is urged to contact Ukiah PD at 707-463-6262. UPD officers would like to remind residents to lock their vehicles, residences, and report people acting suspicious.

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