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PRESS RELEASE

UPD CASES #18-2319

DATE: 09-12-18

LOCATION: 176 WABASH AVE. UKIAH

SUSPECT: 56 YEAR OLD MALE UKIAH

On 9-12-18 at approx. 4 PM, UVFA crews were dispatched to a fire in a trailer at the mobile home park at 176 Wabash Ave. UVFA crews were able to contain the fire before it spread to neighboring trailers. The trailer was completely destroyed as a result of the fire. The resident sustained serious, life threatening injuries and was flown to an out of county hospital for treatment. The fire appeared suspicious in nature and law enforcement was contacted.

Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force responded to the scene. A search warrant was obtained and evidence was located that the fire occurred as a result of a butane honey oil lab explosion. Butane honey oil labs are inherently dangerous and unfortunately more and more common. We are fortunate that in this incident, no other injuries or damages occurred to the neighbors.

Honey oil, also known as “hash oil” or “wax” is a substance containing high levels of THC or tetrahydrocannabinol, which is the active ingredient in cannabis. Honey oil is created by using butane to extract THC from cannabis.

The criminal honey oil lab aspect of the investigation is being headed by the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force. For further information, contact MMCTF Commander Darren Brewster. Anyone with any additional information is urged to contact Ukiah PD at 707-463-6262.



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