



# Ukiah Police Department

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## Press Release: Case # 19-1747

**Date:** June 30, 2019

**Locations:** 1105 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah

**Suspect:** Tominia, Jessica Layne (35-year-old of Clearlake Oaks)

**Violations:**

215(a) PC:	Carjacking
10851(a) CVC	Vehicle Theft
2800.2(a) CVC	Reckless Evading

In the morning of 06-30-19, Officers were dispatched to the area of the QuikStop, 1105 Airport Park Blvd., for the report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was described as a red SUV, that had many bags on top of it. It was reported the owner of the vehicle (44- year-old transient from Fort Bragg) had been struck in the head and then pulled from his vehicle by a female named "Jessica". The vehicle was reportedly last seen driving eastbound on Talmage Rd. over highway 101. Officers spotted the vehicle stopped along the northbound lanes of highway 101. Once Officers arrived at the vehicle's location; the driver accelerated rapidly onto highway 101. The driver failed to stop for Officer's emergency lights and sirens and continued northbound. The vehicle reach speeds in excess of 90 MPH, passing vehicles on the right shoulder of the roadway. The vehicle then traveled eastbound on highway 20 at speeds reaching 80 MPH, while the numerous luggage bags and belongings that were strapped to the roof of the vehicle flew off, causing traffic hazards. The vehicle drove in the opposing traffic's lane, while it continued eastbound.

CHP was requested to assist and had an air unit in the area. Due to the erratic driving, the items falling off the vehicle and the presence of the CHP air unit; UPD Officers followed the vehicle from a distance. CHP and MCSO patrol units joined the pursuit and the vehicle eventually pulled off the side of the roadway, approximately 3 miles west of the Mendocino / Lake County

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line. The female driver, Jessica Tominia, was taken into custody by CHP without further incident.

Subsequent investigation revealed Swift and Tominia had a brief contact in the parking lot of the QuikStop. He allowed her to sit in the driver's seat of his vehicle, to cool herself with the vehicle's air-conditioning. Swift remained at the driver's door, until Tominia hit him on the head with an unknown object. He was stunned by the blow and stepped away from the vehicle. Tominia then fled the scene in the vehicle, without his permission.

Tominia was booked into the Mendocino County Jail for the following violations:

- 215(a) PC: *Carjacking* "is the felonious taking of a motor vehicle in the possession of another, from his or her person or immediate presence, or from the person or immediate presence of a passenger of the motor vehicle, against his or her will and with the intent to either permanently or temporarily deprive the person in possession of the motor vehicle of his or her possession, accomplished by means of force or fear.
- 10851(a) CVC: *"Vehicle Theft"* is the taking a vehicle without the owner's consent.
- 2800.2(a) CVC: *"Evading"* is the reckless evading of a Peace Officer with wanton disregard for public safety.

The Ukiah Police Department would like to thank the CHP and MCSO for assistance in the apprehension and subsequent arrest of Tominia.

As always, our mission at UPD is simple: to make Ukiah as safe a place as possible. If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cellphone and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button on our website; [www.ukiahpolice.com](http://www.ukiahpolice.com) .

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