



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release **UPD case #19-2197**

On 08/16/2019, at about 1:35 AM, Ukiah Police Officers were actively searching for a Toyota Corolla that had been stolen the day prior during a residential burglary. During this time, the vehicle was located in the 1200 block of South State Street. Ukiah Police Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle and the driver of the vehicle immediately began to accelerate and a pursuit of the vehicle was initiated. The driver of the vehicle continued southbound on South State Street and then entered onto Highway 101, near Highway 128 and continued southbound at a high rate of speed.

Based on the fact that the vehicle was stolen and had been obtained during a residential burglary, in which the residents were home asleep, UPD Officers continued to pursue the vehicle. In the area of Hopland on Highway 101, near the green Bridge, a passenger in the vehicle attempted to disable the vehicle, by pulling the emergency brake, causing the vehicle to spin out of control and come to rest alongside the roadway. Two adult female passengers immediately surrendered to law enforcement, while it is believed two adult males, one of which is believed to be the driver fled on foot.

Officers, with the help of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office searched the area for the two outstanding adults, however due to dense brush and rural area near the Russian river. Officers were unsuccessful in locating the two outstanding males. The two female adults who were initially detained were interviewed and later released, as they were not believed to have been involved in the initial burglary or in possession of the stolen vehicle.

The Ukiah Police Department continuing investigate the matter and would in courage anyone with information regarding this investigation or recent burglaries having occurred within the City of Ukiah to contact the Ukiah Police Department at (707) 463-6262. Additionally the Ukiah Police Department would like to thank the Hopland Fire Department, California Highway Patrol and Mendocino County Sheriff's Office for their assistance.