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**PRESS RELEASE – CASE # 20-1726**

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**Date:** August 14, 2020

**Locations:** 650 S. State St., Ukiah  
1208 S. State St., Ukiah

**Suspect:** James Monroe Dodd (27-year-old) from Willits

<b>Violations:</b> 211 PC:	Robbery: <i>Theft by force or fear</i> (Felony)
273.5(a) PC:	Domestic Violence w/ injury (Felony)
236 PC:	False Imprisonment (Felony)
69(a) PC:	Resist / Delay an Officer <i>Threats of violence</i> (Felony)
1203.2(a) PC:	Violation of Probation (Felony)
1203.2(a) PC:	Misdemeanor Arrest Warrant

On August 14, 2020 at approximately 8:25 PM, Officers were dispatched to the area of Safeway regarding a male and a female who were involved in a “fight”. The reporting party advised the male appeared to be bleeding from his hand and the female was attempting to “get away” from the male. Upon arrival, Officers located the involved female, and her two minor children, inside the store, but the male was no longer at the location.

An investigation was initiated, and it was learned the male (John Monroe Dodd) was in a dating relationship with the female (victim) and had assaulted her several times over the past two days. These assaults occurred at two different motels, in Ukiah, and during one of the assaults, Dodd forced her into a bathroom and prevented her from exiting. It was further discovered that also over the course of the two prior days; Dodd had forcibly taken her cellphone from her possession and refused to allow her to use the cellphone. As a result of the assaults; the victim suffered visible injuries to her face, mouth and ears. Just prior to arriving at Safeway; Dodd, the victim and her two minor children were at a nearby motel. Dodd was intoxicated and used a knife to cut his hand. Dodd told the victim he would tell law enforcement that she had cut him with the knife, in an apparent attempt to prevent her from either leaving him or contacting law enforcement.

While the victim was being interviewed, other Officers and MCSO Deputies were searching the area in an attempt to locate Dodd. A MCSO Deputy located Dodd at 390 E. Gobbi Street.



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EMS was summoned to the scene to treat a minor laceration on his hand. Dodd was in possession of a knife. While on-scene, Officers learned Dodd was on Formal Probation, from Mendocino County, for a prior incident of Domestic Violence and that there was an active warrant for his arrest for a violation of his probation. They also learned terms of his probation included “obey all laws” and “no possession of knives”.

Officers placed Dodd under arrest for 211 PC, 236 PC, 273.5(a) PC, 1203.2(a) PC and the warrant. During the course of the arrest; Dodd was resistant and threatened to kill the Officer once Dodd was released from jail. Dodd was additionally charged with a violation of 69(a) PC and was housed at the MCSO Jail.

Based on the circumstances of the incidents, Dodd’s history of violence and his threats of violence; a Magistrate was contacted and approved an increase in Dodd’s bail to \$125,00.00. An Emergency Protective Order for the victim was also granted by the Magistrate.

The UPD would like to thank MCSO Deputies for their assistance in locating Dodd.

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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