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PRESS RELEASE

CASES # 20-2000, 20-1822, 20-1789

Date: September 13, 2020

Locations: 300 block of S. Orchard Ave., Ukiah

Suspect: Luis Martin Ortiz, 33-year-old male of Ukiah

Violations:

2800.4 CVC:	Reckless evading (Felony)
3455 PC:	Violation of PRCS terms (Felony)
594(b)(1) PC:	Vandalism in Excess of \$400.00 (Felony)
273.6(a) PC:	Violation of a Domestic Violence Restraining Order (Misdemeanor)

On September 13, 2020 at approximately 12:17 AM, Officers were dispatched to a residence on El Rio St., regarding a report that Luis Martin Ortiz was vandalizing the reporting party's vehicle and had stolen her cellphone. The reporting party advised dispatch that Ortiz left the location and provided a description of the vehicle he was driving. While Officers were responding to the area; they observed a vehicle that matched the description of the suspect's vehicle, driving northbound on S. Orchard Avenue. An Officer initiated an enforcement stop on the vehicle, in the 400 block of S. Orchard Avenue. The vehicle yielded briefly, but then drove away northbound. The vehicle continued to ignore the Police vehicle's emergency lights. The vehicle's driver drove onto Peach Street, in the on-coming traffic's lane, failed to stop at a controlled intersection and then continued south on Leslie Street. The driver again drove in the on-coming traffic's lane and eventually yielded in the driveway of a residence, in the 500 block of Leslie Street.

The driver, who was identified as Luis Martin Ortiz, was taken into custody without further incident. Officers confirmed that Ortiz had just left the reporting party's residence and that an argument had occurred. No evidence of a theft was located on Ortiz or in his vehicle. Ortiz was found to be on PRCS (Post Release Community Supervision), from this county. He was found to be in violation of numerous terms of his PRCS. Additionally, UPD had two prior cases within the past month for which Ortiz was wanted and there was probable cause for his arrest in both of those cases.



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UPD Officers attempted to contact the initial reporting party but found neither the reporting party nor her vehicle was at the location. The investigation into the initial call for service is on-going.

The first prior case was reported on August 20, 2020. In this incident Ortiz was identified as the person who was responsible for shooting the victim's vehicle, approximately 13 times, with a BB or pellet gun. The estimated damage to the victim's vehicle was approximately \$2,800.00.

The second prior case was reported on August 24, 2020. In this incident Ortiz contacted the protected party in a served domestic violence restraining order, in violation of the terms of the order.

Ortiz was subsequently transported and lodged at the MCSO Jail for the aforementioned violations.

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.

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