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PRESS RELEASE – UPD CASE # 21-0866

Date: May 17, 2021

Location(s): 1155 Airport Park Blvd. and 1300 block of S. State St., Ukiah CA

Suspect: Rachael Diane Seivertson, 32-year-old female of Ukiah

Victims:
Wal-Mart
33-year-old female of Ukiah
69-year-old female of Ukiah
Male UPD Police Officer

Violations: 211 PC: Robbery (Felony)
243(b) PC: Battery on a Peace Officer (Misdemeanor)
368(c) PC: Elder Abuse (Misdemeanor)
69 PC: Resist / Delay an Officer with Force (Felony)

On 5/17/21 at approximately 9:36 AM, UPD officers were dispatched to a reported assault that occurred at Wal-Mart (1155 Airport Park Blvd.). Dispatch advised the suspect was a female, who was pushing a shopping cart and was being followed by a witness. While the Officers were responding a second caller reported that the suspect also stole merchandise from Wal-Mart and that the employee had been assaulted by the suspect as well. A UPD Officer located the suspect, who was known from prior contacts to be Racheal Seivertson, within the 1300 block of S. State Street. The witness identified the suspect to the Officer as the person who had been involved in the incident at Wal-Mart.

The Officer attempted to detain Seivertson, but she refused to comply with his verbal commands and kept walking away. The Officer attempted to physically detain her and she punched the Officer in the face with a closed fist. Seivertson was placed on the ground and detained without further incident. The Officer was not injured.

An investigation into the incident commenced and it was learned Seivertson gathered a shopping cart full of miscellaneous merchandise and attempted to exit the store after passing all points of sale. A female Wal-Mart loss prevention employee contacted her in



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the vestibule and tried to stop her from leaving the store with the stolen merchandise. Seivertson punched the employee in the face and attempted to exit the store, with the merchandise. A second, elderly female Wal-Mart employee also attempted to prevent Seivertson from exiting the store. Seivertson punched the elderly female in the face as well. Seivertson then exited the store with the stolen merchandise. An alert citizen observed the incident, telephoned UPD and followed Seivertson until she was contacted by the Officer.

The first female victim complained of pain and later sought medical treatment at UVAH. The elderly female victim suffered a visible injury to her face, as a result of being punched by Seivertson. Seivertson was positively identified by the victims and was placed under arrest for the aforementioned violations. The estimated total value of the stolen merchandise was \$161.00. The merchandise was released to Wal-Mart.

Seivertson was booked at the MCSO Jail and was held on \$150,00.00 bail.

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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