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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE # 22-0113

Date: 01-19-2022

Location: 150 Luce Ave.

Suspect: Tatiana Franco Cortez 36-year-old female of Ukiah

On 01/19/2022 at about 9:13 AM, UPD Officers were dispatched to 150 Luce Ave. for a report of a female that had just cut a male victim's throat. Dispatch advised that the suspect, later identified as Tatiana Franco Cortez, had left on foot and was still in possession of the knife.

A responding Officer located Franco Cortez walking away in the area of S. State St. and Observatory Ave. Additional Officers arrived and, based on the nature of the call and suspected possession of a weapon, Franco Cortez was taken into custody at gunpoint.

Officers and Medical personnel responded to 150 Luce Ave. where the victim was located. It was learned that the victim in fact had lacerations to his throat but the wounds were superficial. It was learned that the victim had been eating breakfast in a common room of the facility prior to the assault. The victim and witnesses present stated that Franco Cortez attacked the victim without provocation. Franco Cortez became angry with the victim and began shouting at him for an unknown reason. Franco Cortez withdrew a knife and placed it against his throat, causing the cuts to his neck. Franco Cortez then fled the location on foot as bystanders contacted Police.

Franco Cortez was in possession of a folding knife in a locked open position concealed on her person when she was located. The victim in this case desired prosecution of Franco Cortez for the assault. Franco Cortez was transported to the Mendocino County Jail where she was booked for the listed violations.

As always, our mission at UPD is 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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