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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE # 23-0715

Date: 04-08-2023
Location: 1000 block of W. Perkins Street
Incident: Vehicle pursuit, DUI
Suspect: Marissa Diaz, 27-year-old female of Ukiah
Violations: 2800.2(a) VC – Reckless evading from Police Officer – **Felony**
4463(a)(1) VC – False registration tabs – **Felony**
14601.2(a) VC – Drive with suspended license – **Misdemeanor**
23152(a) VC – DUI – **Misdemeanor**
23152(b) VC – DUI over .08% – **Misdemeanor**
1203.2(a) VC – Violation of probation – **Misdemeanor**
Warrant – **Misdemeanor**

On 04/08/2023 at approximately 1:14 AM, a UPD officer was patrolling the 1000 block of W. Perkins Street when the officer observed a white Honda Accord, traveling in front of the officer. Records check on the vehicle indicated the vehicle's registration was expired as of two years ago. The officer noticed the vehicle displayed a registration tab for this year (2023), leading the officer to believe the registration tab was fraudulent. The officer initiated a traffic enforcement stop on the vehicle and the vehicle accelerated. The vehicle appeared to be trying to evade the officer and a vehicle pursuit was initiated.

The driver of the Honda traveled eastbound across town at speeds as high as 70 mph with a disregard for traffic control devices and the public. The vehicle was travelling northbound on N. Orchard Avenue at its intersection with Brush Street when the vehicle collided with a cement curb. The vehicle remained in contact with the curb for approximately 100 yards and led to extensive damage to the vehicle. A high-risk traffic enforcement stop was conducted due to the nature of the crime, and the driver of the vehicle was detained. The driver was identified as Marissa Diaz. Diaz displayed objective signs and symptoms of alcohol intoxication. A records check was conducted for Diaz, and it was determined her driver's license was suspended/revoked, she was on probation, and she had a misdemeanor warrant for her arrest for a violation of her probation.

Diaz was placed under arrest for the following: Recklessly evading police officers, displaying false registration tabs, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, violation of probation and for her warrant. Diaz was transported to the MCSO Jail after a brief medical clearance at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley.

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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