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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE # 23-0811

Date: 04-21-2023

Location: 805 Cindee Drive, Ukiah

Suspect(s): Gabriel Aguilar (20 year old male from Ukiah)

15 year old male from Ukiah

Violation(s):

Gabriel Aguilar:

29610(a) PC – Possession of a handgun as a minor (Felony)

25850(c)(6) PC – Possession of non-registered firearm “Ghost gun” (Felony)

Two Mendocino County misdemeanor warrants

15 year old:

29610(a) PC – Possession of a handgun as a minor (Felony)

25850(c)(6) PC – Possession of non-registered firearm “Ghost gun” (Felony)

On 04-21-2023 at approximately 9:31 am, Ukiah PD personnel received a call regarding a suspicious social media post reported by a Ukiah High School student. A UPD officer responded to the high school and observed a photograph of a male subject holding what appeared to be a semi-automatic handgun pointed at a camera. It should be noted that the photograph was taken at a residence and not on school grounds. The subject in the photograph was identified by school staff as the 15 year old male suspect in this case.

In addition to the pointed gun at the camera, there was a written caption that was directed in a threatening manner toward a South Valley High School student. Ukiah Unified School District quickly determined neither of the involved parties were on school grounds at the time. During the investigation it was determined that there had been a physical altercation two days prior between these two subjects off school grounds, but it was not reported to law enforcement at that time.

Based on the evidence of a juvenile being in possession of a handgun, and the insinuated threat to another juvenile, a UPD officer authored a search warrant for the 15 year old's residence. The search warrant affidavit was reviewed by a local judge and signed.



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UPD personnel, with the assistance of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, executed the search warrant at the listed address. During a search of the residence the same handgun depicted in the photograph was located inside a duffel bag. The firearm was determined to be a "Polymer 80" Glock style semi-automatic 9mm handgun. It should be noted that these types of firearms are illegal due to the fact they are not registered, and have no identifying serial numbers on them, commonly referred to as "Ghost guns." There was also identifying information inside of the duffel bag belonging to Gabriel Aguilar, who was present at the time of the search warrant execution.

Aguilar was placed under arrest at the scene and transported to the Mendocino County Jail to be booked for the above listed offenses, and two misdemeanor warrants. The 15 year old was also arrested at the Ukiah High School following the search of the residence for the listed offenses.

The Ukiah Police Department would like to thank the Ukiah Unified School District for notifying law enforcement immediately and their collaboration in bringing this to a safe resolution.

As always, UPD's mission 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.