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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE # 24-0589

Date: 03-26-2024

Location: Speedway Gas Station, 1105 South State Street, Ukiah

Suspect(s): Ryan Okerstrom, 45 year-old male from Ukiah

Victim: 57 year-old female of Ukiah, Speedway Gas Station

Violation(s): 211 PC, Robbery - **Felony**

On 03-26-24 at approximately 0357 hours, Ukiah Police Department officers were dispatched to 1105 South State Street (Speedway Gas Station) for a report of a robbery.

An employee provided UPD Dispatch with the suspects name (Ryan Okerstrom) and clothing description as the employee was similar with him for prior incidents.

Officers arrived in the area and located Ryan Okerstrom. Okerstrom was smoking a cigarette at the time of contact. Okerstrom was detained in handcuffs without incident.

During the investigation it was determined Okerstrom shoved the employee, causing the employee to fall back against the wall. Okerstrom then grabbed some cigarettes. The employee pressed the silent panic alarm and Okerstrom walked out with two packs of cigarettes. The employee was visibly shaken up from the incident and fearful of being harmed.

Based on the investigation, Okerstrom was determined to have been in violation of 211 PC, robbery, and was transported to the Mendocino County Jail.

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