



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release: Multiple car traffic accident leads to drug arrest UPD case # 17-3031

On October 25th at about 2pm, UPD officers were dispatched to a reported injury traffic collision on East Perkins Street, near the intersection of South Orchard Avenue. Upon arrival officers found that three vehicles had been involved and traffic was blocked. During the subsequent investigation officers learned that Stian Schwindt age 49 out of Willits, was driving his 2012 Chevy Volt eastbound on East Perkins Street at an excessive speed, when he decided to pass traffic in front of him. As Schwindt entered into the oncoming westbound traffic he collided with a 2017 Toyota Camry, that was traveling in the number 1 westbound lane. A 2008 Ford Edge was traveling in the number 2 westbound lane. The impact of the collision from the Volt pushed the Camry into the number 2 westbound lane and the Camry collided with the Ford Edge.

What initially complicated the investigation was a passenger from the Volt, identified as Barry Kirkland age 56, told officers that he had been driving at the time of the collision. Fire and Ambulance personnel were called and assisted with the collision call. The driver of the Camry, a 65 year old female from Potter Valley, was injured from the collision and transported to UVMC via ambulance. A records check revealed that Schwindt's driver's license was suspended. Schwindt was also found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and suspected methamphetamine. Schwindt was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and driving on a suspended license. Kirkland was placed under arrest for delaying a police officer. While Kirkland was being booked into MCSO jail, he was found to be in possession of suspected methamphetamine and the additional charge of bringing a controlled substance into jail was added. Both were booked into county jail on the listed violations.

As always, our mission at UPD is simple: to make Ukiah as safe as possible. If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cell phone and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button on our website: www.ukiahpolice.com.