



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release: Report of stolen vehicle leads to arrest UPD case # 18-0124

On January 16th at about 9:26 am, a UPD officer was dispatched to the 100 block of West Clay Street for a report of a stolen vehicle. Upon arrival, the officer learned that the victim had parked his tan Ford F250 pickup, which was loaded with tools, near his work on West Clay Street at approximately 7 am. At about 8:30 am, the victim went to return to his vehicle and noticed it missing. During the subsequent investigation, the officer spoke to a witness at a neighboring business, who provided a description of a possible male suspect.

At about 2:12 pm, an alert officer spotted the stolen pickup parked unoccupied on the east side of the Walmart parking lot. During the recovery of the stolen vehicle, the officer located a witness who reported seeing a male subject walking away from the vehicle and heading towards the nearby Quik Stop. The officer also located a Golden State Advantage EBT card issued to a Justin Garner that did not belong to the victim.

At approximately 4 pm, a UPD officer located Justin Garner, age 27 of Ukiah, in the 1000 block of South State Street. Officers were able to link Garner to the stolen vehicle and he was placed under arrest for vehicle theft and grand theft. Garner was booked into county jail.

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.