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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE 26-1707

Date: 08/07/2026

Location: 300 Block North Main St, Ukiah, Ca

On 08/07/2026 at approximately 1036 hours, Ukiah Police Department and Ukiah Valley Fire Authority personnel were dispatched to a plane crash in the 300 block of N. Main St. Upon arrival, Officers located a PZL-104 Wilga that crashed onto the roadway. The pilot, passenger, and 2 dogs all exited the aircraft with minor to no injuries.

UPD Officers, with assistance from CHP, UVFA, and City of Ukiah Employees shut down North Main Street from East Perkins Street to Norton Street.

The pilot informed Officers that the plane was flying north of Ukiah when the pilot realized the plane was experiencing engine troubles. The plane was unable to make it to the Ukiah Airport so the pilot performed an emergency landing on North Main Street.

During the emergency landing by the pilot, a power line was damaged. The airplane was able to avoid vehicles, buildings, and pedestrians. City of Ukiah personnel arrived on scene and were able to repair the power lines and return power to those affected.

The FAA and NTSB were contacted regarding the plane crash, and the NTSB has begun their own investigation into the situation.

Sierra Pacific Aviation, a local vehicle recovery business, was sent to the scene, and was able to remove the plane from the roadway.

The Ukiah Police Department would like to thank the California Highway Patrol, Ukiah Valley Fire Authority, and The Ukiah Airport for their assistance with this investigation.

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, cell phone, and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button on our website; www.ukiahpolice.com

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