



Ukiah Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

UPD CASES #17-0415

OFFENSES:

311.11(a) PC-FELONY-POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

311.2(C) PC-FELONY-PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, OR EXHIBITION OF OBSCENE MATTER

OFFENSE LOCATION: 400 BLOCK COAST ST. WILLITS, CA.

SUSPECT: HOAG, STEPHEN VINCENT (58 YEARS OLD, WILLITS)

In January and February of 2017, UPD received information that images had been uploaded to the internet from a specific address in Willits, Ca. UPD detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence. UPD, along with the assistance of the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Task Force, MCSO, and WPD served the search warrant on Coast St. in February of 2017. Evidence (multiple computers etc.) was seized at the residence. Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Task Force forensically analyzed the computers and located more contraband (pornographic images). UPD submitted a report to the Mendocino County DA's Office in May of 2017. The DA's office issued a warrant for Stephen Hoag's arrest for 311.11(a) PC and 311.2(C) PC with a bail of \$50,000. On 8-8-17, WPD located and arrested Hoag for his warrant. Hoag was transported to the Mendocino County Jail, where he was lodged.

UPD would like all citizens to be constantly vigilant for online predators. For tips for protecting children from online predators and other matters, please refer to <http://backgroundchecks.org/the-concerned-parents-toolbox-120-tools-and-tricks-to-protect-your-kids.html>, as well as other online resources. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Ukiah Police Department at (707)463-6262.



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