



## Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

**Chris Dewey**

Chief of Police

### **Press Release: Vehicle vs pedestrian traffic collision UPD case # 17-2463**

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On August 28<sup>th</sup> at about 1545 pm, UPD officers along with Ukiah Fire Department personnel responded to the intersection of Perkins and State Street, for a reported traffic collision. Upon arrival officers located a 44 year old male and a 35 year old female lying in the roadway, near a crosswalk. A silver Buick sedan that had been involved in the collision, was found parked southbound on State Street. The driver of the Buick, a 48 year old female from Redwood Valley, was located near her vehicle and identified. The Ukiah Fire Department and Ambulance personnel arrived and treated the female pedestrian for a complaint of pain and the male for a contusion on his head. Both were transported to Ukiah Valley Medical Center by ambulance. During the investigation officers learned that the driver of the Buick was westbound on Perkins Street, turning left to head Southbound on South State Street. The two pedestrians were walking eastbound in the crosswalk crossing State Street, when they were struck by the front of the Buick. The cause of the collision is still under investigation.

#### *Pedestrian Safety Tips:*

- *Stay alert and look both ways before and during crossing the street*
- *Make eye contact with drivers when you can*
- *Never step into that path of a moving vehicle*
- *Don't be distracted on your phone when crossing the street*
- *Always obey signs and signals and only use designated crosswalks when possible*
- *Help elderly and children cross the street safely*
- *Be noticed – wear bright clothing especial at night*

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](http://www.ukiahpolice.com).