



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release: Vehicle pursuit ends in DUI arrest UPD case # 18-0180

On January 20th at about 10:14 pm, a UPD officer was on patrol in the 700 block of South State Street, when he observed a tan GMC Yukon, traveling northbound on South State Street at a high rate of speed. The driver of the Yukon failed to stop at a red light at the intersection of Gobbi Street, so the officer attempted to perform an enforcement stop on the vehicle, for the violations. The driver of the Yukon, failed to pull over and led the officer on a pursuit through the downtown area of Ukiah and eastbound on East Perkins Street. While on East Perkins Street, the driver at times drove into the oncoming traffic lanes at high speeds, in an attempt to elude the pursuing officer. As vehicle continued eastbound onto Vichy Springs Road, the driver lost control rolling the Yukon several times into a nearby vineyard. The Yukon came to rest on its driver's side. Nearly at the same time, the UPD patrol unit went off the roadway, colliding with a fence and coming to rest in the front yard of a residence on Vichy Springs Road. The pursuing officer ran to the overturned Yukon, as other officers arrived to assist. The Yukon had caught fire and the driver was removed by officers. The fire was extinguished and the driver was identified as Salvador Garcia-Polvos age 30 from Ukiah. Garcia-Polvos was found to be intoxicated and transported to Ukiah Valley Medical Center. After being medically cleared, Garcia-Polvos was booked into county jail for DUI and felony reckless evading a police officer. I'd like to thank Ukiah CHP and MCSO, who responded as well and assisted in the investigation.

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.