



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release: Report of a male brandishing a firearm leads to large law enforcement response and warrant arrest.

UPD case # 17-3200

On November 14th at about 7:36 pm, UPD officers along with the assistance of MCSO and CHP, responded to a residence in the 200 block of East Gobbi Street, on a report of a male subject inside waving a gun around. While setting up a perimeter, officers found an open SUV with its engine running, left abandoned on the street. Inside the vehicle was a black tactical vest with the words "Bond Agent" on it, as well as a Taser that had been deployed. While dealing with the residence where the reported call had come from, a male subject yelled from inside to call police. From a safe position, officers ordered the male subject out and he was detained. The male subject was armed with a handgun and had nothing on his person identifying himself as bond agent. The male subject was identified as Charles Blasingame age 45, out of Fortuna. During a search of the residence officers located a female subject named Luna Magdaleno, age 27. A records check revealed that Magdaleno had two misdemeanor warrants for her arrest and she was taken into custody. During the subsequent investigation officers learned that Blasingame had been transporting Magdaleno to jail, when she escaped out of his vehicle and fled. Armed with a handgun, Blasingame pursued Magdaleno as she ran into an occupied nearby residence. A female resident called the police regarding the armed man. Magdaleno was booked into county jail for the warrants. Blasingame was released but his handgun was seized, as the circumstances around legality of the arrest and entry in the home is under 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.