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Weekly Activity Report 11/26/2017 – 12/02/2017

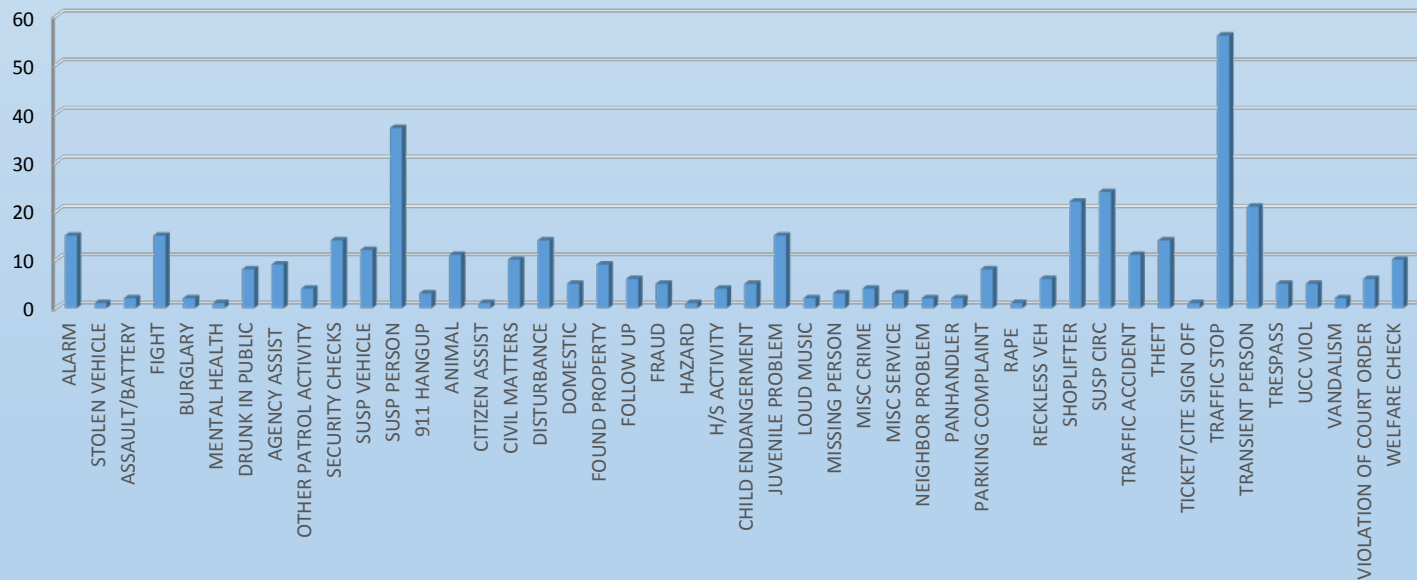
Patrol Division

Calls For Service:	466
Reports:	66
Misdemeanor Arrests:	15
Felony Arrests:	5
Warnings:	30
Traffic Citations:	21
Non-Moving/Other Citations:	12

Top 5 Call Types of the Week

- Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Circumstance (73)
- Transient related (47)
- Shoplifting (22)
- Alarms/Fights (15 each)
- Theft/Disturbance (14 each)

Weekly Patrol Activity by Call Type



For further details about the Ukiah Police Department incident activity, please visit our website at www.ukiahpolice.com. View our Daily Press Log under the "News" tab.

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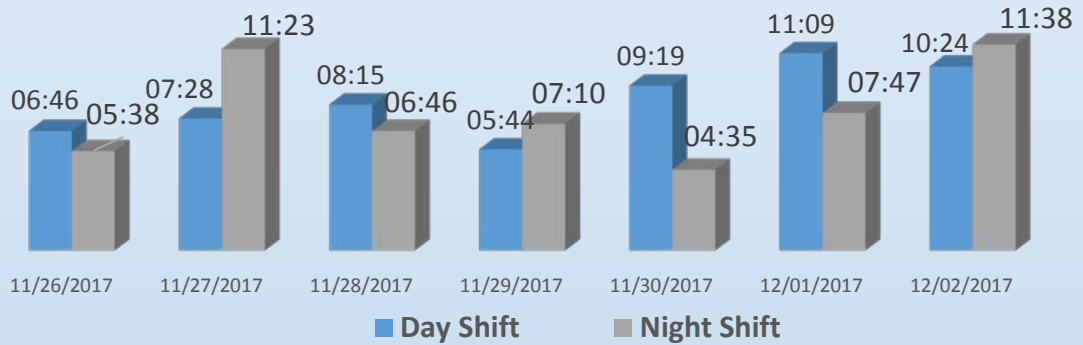
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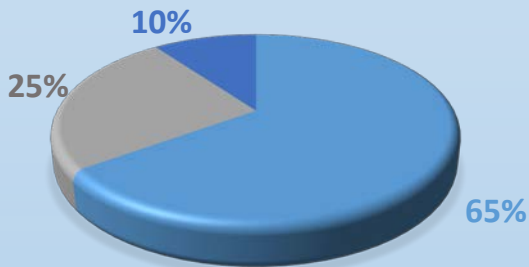
Daily Average Response Times (mm:ss)



The Patrol Division's response time to in-progress calls was just over 2 minutes.

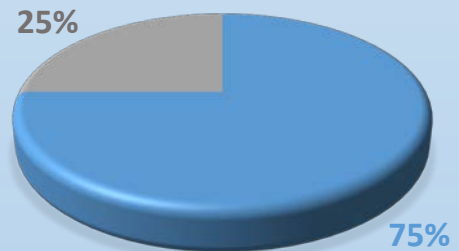
The average response time to all calls was just over 8 minutes.

CRIME BREAKDOWN



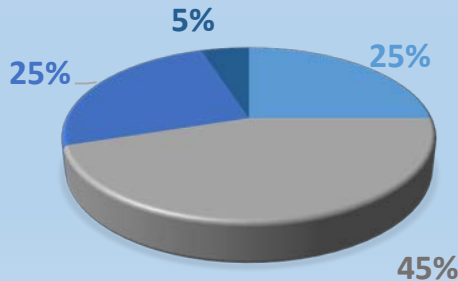
■ Felony ■ Misdemeanor ■ DUI

ARREST DISPOSITION



■ Booked at Jail ■ Cited and Released

ARREST RESIDENTIAL DEMOGRAPHICS



■ City Resident ■ Transient ■ County Resident ■ Out of County Resident

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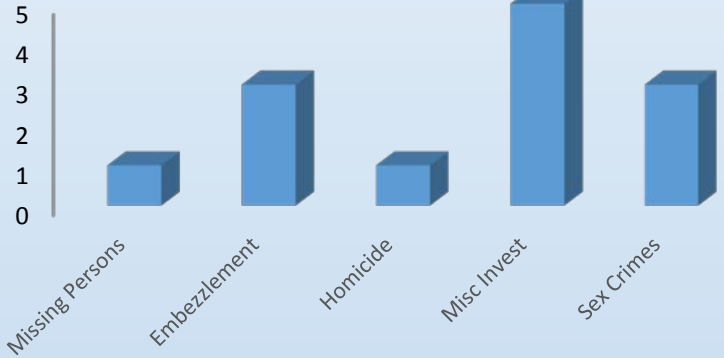
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Detective Division

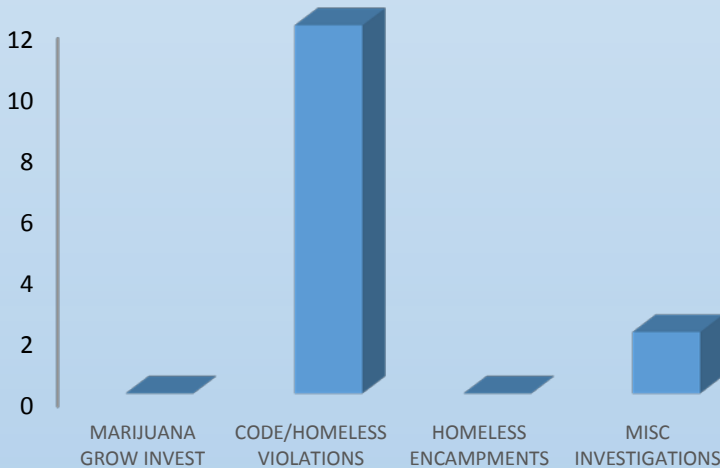
Ongoing Investigations Activity

DA Case Dispositions		
<u>Number of Cases Filed</u>	926	81%
<u>Number of Cases Rejected</u>	137	12%
<u>Number of Cases Pending</u>	83	7%



Special Enforcement Team

Ongoing SET Activity



SET Activity	
Number of cases assigned to SET since January 2017	163
YTD Outdoor Marijuana Plants Eradicated	825

School Resource Officer

Weekly Truancy Activity

<u>Ukiah High School</u>	6
<u>Pomolita School</u>	13
<u>Eagle Peak School</u>	4
<u>South Valley School</u>	3
<u>MCOE</u>	4
<u>Oak Manor</u>	1
<u>Nokomis School</u>	2
<u>Yokayo School</u>	11

Crime Prevention

<u>Weekly Activity</u>	
<u>Number of Businesses Visited</u>	22
<u>Number of Volunteer Hours</u>	8.5
<u>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</u>	0

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Weekly Column – Hot Topic

Making a Difference

Last week, I toured the Ukiah Food Bank facility with Ford Street Project Executive Director Jacque Williams. Ford Street, which oversees food bank operations, is in the initial stages of remodeling the entire food bank facility and Jacque was excited to review the plans with us.

Instead of utilizing the warehouse for both food storage and food distribution, the food bank is remodeling their office space and adding a store-front, grocery-style area from which to distribute food—away from the dangers of the warehouse. They are also building a new kitchen and community meeting room, which will be used to provide regular classes on nutrition and healthy food preparation techniques.

I can't tell you how excited I am to see these much-needed improvements occurring at the food bank. They will greatly enhance food distribution, and the classes and new meeting and cooking facilities will benefit our entire community.

Every year, the Ukiah Daily Journal sponsors the Food Bank Fund Drive. I wish I had words to explain how incredibly important this drive is in delivering food to those who would otherwise go hungry in our community. If you have donated already, thank you! If you haven't yet, please consider it.

Your donation means that local families will have a place to turn so they can put food on their table this year. Like many communities, ours struggles to support those in need, and our local food bank is a vital part of helping people who have nowhere else to turn. When people have enough food to eat and a place to sleep, it helps prevent crime. Your donations to our local food bank make our community a safer place—and a better place to live for everyone.

Donating couldn't be easier. Just drop off a check payable to Ukiah Food Bank at the Ukiah Daily Journal office at 617 S. State Street.

KEEPING PACKAGES SAFE

With the holidays approaching, I also thought now would be a good time to include some tips on how to avoid losing mail-order packages. Left unattended, these attractive Christmas gift packages can vanish as quickly as they arrive.

If your employer will allow it, have packages delivered to your office.



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Making a Difference (cont.)

Have packages delivered to a place where they can be received in person (by a trusted neighbor or retired family member who is home during the day).

Ask the shipper to hold your package at their pick-up facility so you pick it up.

If you're purchasing something from a large retailer, consider having your package delivered to the store.

Request a specific delivery date and time so you can plan to be home.

Provide instructions to the shipper so packages can be left in a safe location that isn't visible from the street.

Sign up for delivery alerts (text messages or emails) from the shipper and call a trusted friend to pick up and hold your package until you can retrieve it.

SHOP LOCAL

While some Christmas gifts are difficult (or impossible) to find in town, I strongly encourage you to look for gifts from local businesses as often as you can. We've all been encouraged to "Buy Local," but sometimes people wonder if it really makes a difference. I can tell you: it does!

Spending our dollars with local businesses not only guarantees our packages won't be lost in transit, it keeps our friends and neighbors employed. As the holidays approach, now is the perfect time to buy fantastic gifts right here in Ukiah.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't remind you that Santa has only a few weeks left to help with our local Christmas Effort. If you'd like to help, please visit www.facebook.com/UkiahValleyChristmasEffort to learn more, or call (707) 272-9627 or email ukiahchristmaseffort@yahoo.com. They can sure use our help.

As always, our mission at UPD is simple: to make Ukiah as safe as possible. If you have suggestions on how we can improve please feel free to call me. 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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Press Release

UPD Case # 17- 3315

On 11-27-17 at approx. 8:15 AM, UPD detectives were alerted to a credit card fraud in progress at Friedman Brothers, 1255 Airport Park Blvd. UPD detectives got in the cashier line behind the suspect, later identified as Jason Ress. Upon UPD detectives identifying themselves, Ress immediately attempted to flee on foot out of the store. Ress was quickly apprehended in the parking lot. Ress was arrested for resisting/delaying an officer, 148(a)(1) PC. Ress was found to be in possession of a meth pipe, a fraudulent California ID with a fictitious name (Greg Tate), along with approx. 15 fraudulent credit cards corresponding with the fictitious name.

Friedman Brothers employees advised that Ress had previously made numerous prior transactions at Friedman Brothers various locations (Sonoma, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Ukiah) for thousands of dollars worth of fraudulent transactions.

Ress was arrested for 470b PC, 530.5(a) PC, 11364(a) HS, and 148(a)(1) PC. Ress was transported to the jail, where he was lodged.

UPD detectives contacted Diana Ress (age 53) at the Fairfield Inn, where Ress had a room registered under his fictitious name. Ress had also used a fraudulent credit card to obtain the room. Diana was briefly questioned and released. UPD detectives secured the room while a search warrant for Ress' hotel room and vehicle were obtained.

It was discovered that Ress had recently been arrested in Scotts Valley, Ca. in August with his wife Diana Ress. At the time, the two were in possession of methamphetamine, 400 fraudulent credit cards, a machine to make fraudulent credit cards, stolen property, and a fake ID.

UPD detectives served the search warrant on the hotel room and Ress' vehicle. Detectives located another machine to make fraudulent credit cards, suspected methamphetamine, and a meth pipe in the motel room. Detectives also located approx. 1/4 pound of suspected methamphetamine, approx. 40 fraudulent credit cards, burglary tools, and suspected stolen property in Ress' vehicle.

On 11-29-17, UPD detectives served a search warrant on Ress' storage locker in Watsonville, Ca. More suspected methamphetamine and suspected stolen property was recovered. As of 11-30-17, Jason Ress remains in custody with a bail of \$95,000. Charges are forthcoming regarding Diana's involvement.

It is suspected that Ress has made fraudulent transactions throughout Northern California. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Ukiah Police Department.

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Crime Prevention Tips

Put a Stop to Shoplifting

Make Shoplifting Inconvenient

Alert employees may be your best defense. Have them greet customers when they enter the store. Teach them to be attentive in a helping way. Make sure that all your employees are familiar with shoplifting laws in your state and establish procedures for them to follow if they suspect shoplifting.

Make sure you can see everything that goes on in your store. Keep counters low, no more than waist-high. Mount mirrors in corners so there are no blind spots.

Make it hard to leave your store without paying. Place expensive items in the center of the store, away from exits. Arrange counters and display tables so there's no direct route to the exit. Some stores put turnstiles at entrances so the only way to get out is through the checkout counter.

Arrange your displays so that missing items are easily noticed. Place small items in neat rows or patterns. If you must, fasten expensive merchandise and attach alarms. Reverse alternate hangers of hanging garments to prevent "grab and run."

Shoplifters Will Be Prosecuted!

Announce and observe a policy to prosecute shoplifters. The threat of being caught, questioned by police, put on trial and maybe even put in jail, may be enough to turn most shoplifters away. If someone ignores your warning, follow through. An empty threat is meaningless.

Inventory Control

Your best defense is frequent and thorough inventory control. Limit employees' access to stock and inventory records. Occasionally check trash bins.

Conduct periodic, unexpected inventory checks. A dishonest employee will know he or she runs the risk of being caught by surprise.



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Put a Stop to Shoplifting (cont.)

Common Shoplifting Methods

Bulky clothing – coats, pants, maternity outfits – are often used to hide merchandise.

Packages, bags, knapsacks and purses are good hiding places.

Special props include hollowed-out books, fake casts, umbrellas, secret pockets, belts or hooks under coats.

Folded newspapers or magazines are used to hide small and/or flat items.

Push-outs – filling a shopping cart and then exiting the store without paying.

Be aware of customers' hands – and their pockets, purses and handkerchiefs.

Notice open packages, purses, shopping bags and knapsacks.

Watch for customers who are nervous, have wandering eyes, or are loitering.

Know What to Watch For

Watch for groups of people—especially if one attempts to keep you distracted. Some experts believe that businesses lose more to employee theft than to burglary, robbery and shoplifting combined. Examine your management practices. Make your employees feel that they've got a stake in your business.

Employees are Not Exempt

Sometimes employees only take a few items, like office supplies. But embezzlement and pilferage can get a lot bigger. Cashiers may use "short ring ups" – ringing up a lower price on the sales register to cover money they've taken from the cash register. Or they may overcharge other employees and friends.



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Put a Stop to Shoplifting (cont.)

Embezzlement & Pilferage

Embezzlement can go from simple overloading of expense accounts, to payments made to nonexistent suppliers, to complicated juggling of the company books.

Watch out for these signals of embezzlement:

- Records are rewritten so they'll look "neater."
- Inventory shortages are increasing in size or frequency.
- Employees refuse vacations or promotions.
- Business patterns change when a certain employee is absent.
- Customers complain about errors in monthly statements.
- Collections decline.
- Employees seem sensitive to routine questions about procedures.

Bribery & Kickbacks

Warning Signs to Look Out For:

- Purchasing agents use one supplier despite a company policy of rotating suppliers.
- Employees frequently associate with vendors or suppliers.
- Employees receive free tickets for sports events, shows, etc.
- Reputable businesses refuse to submit bids.
- One person has responsibility for issuing and approving bids.

To fight the problem, institute strong policies against accepting gifts, make sure employees require competitive bids, and rotate purchasing agents and suppliers.

Create High Security Zones to Protect Hot Products

Move your hot products (most frequently stolen items) into higher security zones with more staff surveillance. What makes a hot product? Use the acronym CRAVED to remember:

- Concealable
- Removable
- Available
- Valuable
- Enjoyable
- Disposable

If you would like us to schedule a security assessment of your business, call our business liaison, Community Service Officer, Nancy Sawyer at (707) 467-5708.

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