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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE # 25-0486

Date: 03/07/2025

Location: Stella Drive and Warren Drive in Ukiah, CA.

Victims: People of the State of California.
49-year-old resident of Hopland, CA

Suspects: Sesario Rios
44-year-old resident of Hopland, CA.

Jenna Joe Hatcher
39-year-old resident of Ukiah, CA.

Violations: 496d(a) PC- Possession of a stolen vehicle (Felony.)
182(a)(1) PC- Conspiracy to commit a crime (Felony.)
11350(a) H&S- Possession of a narcotic (Misdemeanor.)
1203.2(a) PC- Violation of probation (Misdemeanor.)

On 03/07/2025 at approximately 6:00pm Ukiah Police Department (UPD) Officers were alerted by the Flock automated license plate recognition system that a reported stolen vehicle was traveling the streets of Ukiah. UPD Dispatch was able to verify that the Jeep Wrangler had been reported stolen to the Ukiah branch of the California Highway Patrol, and the vehicle was still at large.

A short time later officers located the stolen Jeep Wrangler traveling eastbound on East Perkins Street. Due to the propensity of vehicle thieves to carry weapons, a high-risk felony stop was conducted on the Jeep near the intersection of Stella Drive and Warren Drive. The Jeep was being driven by Sesario Rios of Hopland, CA and the passenger was Jenna Hatcher of Ukiah, CA. Both suspects were taken into custody without incident, and both were determined to be on unsupervised probation out of Mendocino County. Rios and Hatcher claimed to have purchased the vehicle legally, but were unable to provide any proof of purchase or ownership.

Suspected Fentanyl was located inside the stolen Jeep, which belonged to Hatcher. Rios and Hatcher were both arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail for charges of 496d(a) PC - possession of a stolen vehicle, 182(a)(1) PC – conspiracy to commit a crime, and 1203.2(a) PC – violation of probation. Hatcher was also booked for 11350(a) H&S - possession of a narcotic. The stolen Jeep was towed and stored so that it



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could be returned to its lawful owner. The California Highway Patrol will be filing a complaint with the District Attorney's Office against Rios and Hatcher for vehicle theft.

As always, UPD's mission is to make Ukiah as safe a place as possible, and we are grateful for the help and support that we received from the California Highway Patrol during this investigation. If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cellphone, and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button on our website: www.ukiahpolice.com.

