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**PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE 25-1040**

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**Date:** 05/19/2025

**Location:** 1200 Block Airport Park Boulevard, Ukiah, CA

**Suspect:** Rahul Shukla  
33-year-old male out of Santa Rosa, CA

**Violations:** 29800(a)(1) PC – Felon/addict in possession of a firearm – **Felony**  
29805(a) PC– Possession of a firearm while convicted of specific offense(s) – **Felony**  
29825(a) PC – Possession of firearm in violation of court order – **Felony**  
11550(a) H&S– Under the influence of a controlled substance – **Misdemeanor**

On 05/19/2025, at approximately 8:15am, Ukiah Police Department (UPD) Officers were dispatched to the area of Airport Park Boulevard for a report of a male adult walking on Airport Park Boulevard holding a black handgun. The subject was described as wearing a brown shirt and dark pants.

UPD Officers located a subject matching the above description in the area, later identified as Rahul Shukla, who had a firearm protruding out of his pants pocket. Officers were able to detain Shukla without issue. Shukla was displaying signs and symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

The reporting party was contacted on scene. The reporting party was an off-duty fire fighter that stated he observed Shukla manipulate the firearm and insert the magazine into the magwell. A records check was conducted through UPD Dispatch, and it was discovered that Shukla had a restraining order which prevented him from possessing firearms. Shukla also had three previous felony convictions which prohibited him from possession of a firearm.

Shukla was determined to be wandering the Great Redwood Trail and was about a mile away from his vehicle. Shukla consented to a search of his vehicle where officers located a large sum of cash, an additional magazine, and holsters for the firearm that was located in his pants pocket.

UPD Detectives authored a search warrant for Shukla's listed address in Santa Rosa, CA. The Sonoma County Sheriffs Office assisted UPD Detectives with serving the warrant. No additional evidence was located at Shukla's residence.

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Shukla was arrested for violations of 29800(a)(1) PC, 29805(a) PC 29825(a) PC, 11550(a) H&S and transported to the Mendocino County Jail where he was booked and lodged.

The Ukiah Police Department would like to thank the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with this investigation.

As always, our mission at UPD is to make Ukiah as safe a place 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)

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