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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE 25-2021

Date: 09-14-2025
Location: Hwy 101, Willits, Ukiah, Hopland.
Suspect: Elie Raphael JeanBaptiste 28-year-old male out of Vacaville
Dominique Jason Gulick 23-year-old male out of Vallejo

Violations:

- 29800(a)(1) PC – Felon in Possession of a Firearm - **Felony**
- 30305(a)(1) PC – Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition - **Felony**
- 3455(a) PC – PRCS Violation - **Felony**
- 30605(a) PC – Possession of Assault Weapon - **Felony**
- 2800.2(a) CVC – Felony Evading – **Felony**
- 2800.4 CVC – Evading Opposite Direction of Traffic - **Felony**
- 496(a) PC – Possession of Stolen Property - **Felony**
- 182(a)(1) PC – Criminal Conspiracy - **Felony**
- 135 PC – Destruction of Evidence – **Misdemeanor**

On Sunday, September 14, 2025, at approximately 5:12 PM, officers with the Ukiah Police Department (UPD) assisted in the conclusion of a high-risk vehicle pursuit that began in Humboldt County and spanned multiple jurisdictions, ultimately resulting in the arrest of two individuals in connection with stolen firearms and multiple felony offenses.

The incident began when UPD was notified of an ongoing Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) investigation into the theft of firearms. HCSO issued a **BOLO** (Be On the Lookout) for two adult male suspects traveling in a gray Toyota Matrix, reportedly heading southbound on Highway 101.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and California Highway Patrol (CHP) located the suspect vehicle in the Willits area and attempted a traffic stop. The suspects failed to yield, initiating a pursuit. During



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the chase, the suspects drove recklessly at high speeds—often in the wrong direction of traffic—posing significant danger to the public. Due to these hazardous conditions, CHP and MCSO discontinued their pursuit. Shortly afterward, UPD officers positioned themselves along southbound Highway 101 at North State Street to assist. UPD deployed the newly acquired **stop sticks**, which successfully deflated the vehicle's front tires. Despite the damage, the suspects continued fleeing southbound on Highway 101.

The pursuit continued southbound on Highway 101 through the Ukiah area. Both front tires eventually detached from the vehicle, yet the suspects continued to flee on bare wheels.

The pursuit ended just north of the green bridge south of Hopland, where the suspects stopped and were taken into custody without further incident.

The suspects were identified as:

- **Elie Raphael JeanBaptiste**
- **Dominique Jason Gulick**

During the investigation, it was determined that **Gulick** had thrown a backpack containing an **assault weapon** from the vehicle near the Cal Fire Station north of Hopland. **JeanBaptiste** was found to be on **Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS)** out of Solano County for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

Both suspects were booked on multiple felony charges:

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The Ukiah Police Department commends the coordination and response efforts of our allied agencies, including HCSO, MCSO, and CHP, which led to the safe resolution of this dangerous incident.

Both subjects were booked into the Mendocino County Jail. UPD Officers obtained a bail enhancement for **Gulick** in the amount of **\$300k**. **JeanBaptiste** was held on **NO BAIL**.

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

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