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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE # 25-2230

Date: 09/29/25

Location: 1100 Airport Park Boulevard in Ukiah.

Victim: Savings Bank of Mendocino County.

Suspects: Barkley Estiven Mora-Pacheco, 27-year-old resident of San Francisco.
Edgardo Mendez-Vanegas, 23-year-old resident of Daly City.
Julia Rodriguez-Ramos, 27-year-old resident of San Francisco.

Violations: 487(a) PC – Grand Theft (Felony.)
182(a)(1) PC - Conspiracy (Felony.)

On September 29, 2025, the Ukiah Police Department Detective Bureau was dispatched to the Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Airport Park Boulevard branch, for a report of a large-scale theft. Upon arrival, detectives were informed by the branch manager that over \$100,000 had been stolen overnight from two ATM machines.

Detectives reviewed the bank's security footage and observed two masked suspects arriving in a Toyota Prius during the late-night hours. The suspects—believed to be male based on their stature and clothing—used a generic key to open the exterior panels of the ATMs and install an electronic device inside each machine.

The suspects then left the scene briefly before returning and pulling up to the drive-up ATMs, posing as customers. Security footage showed one suspect seated in the back seat using a cell phone to remotely activate the ATM, causing it to dispense cash. The pair remained at the location for a period of time, conducting hundreds of fraudulent withdrawals while appearing to be ordinary customers.

Through the course of the investigation, UPD Detectives identified the Toyota Prius used in the theft and traced it to an address in Daly City. With assistance from the Daly City Police Department, detectives contacted the registered owner and determined he was not involved. The owner reported that he had rented the vehicle to Julia Rodriguez-Ramos, who had acted suspiciously and been dishonest about the vehicle's location prior to returning it.

Detectives corroborated this information and tracked Rodriguez-Ramos to an apartment in San Francisco. A search warrant was obtained and served at her residence, where detectives located two males matching the



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suspects' build and physical characteristics seen in the security footage. The individuals were identified as 27-year-old Barkeley Mora-Pacheco and 23-year-old Edgardo Mendez-Vanegas.

During the search, detectives recovered numerous pieces of evidence linking the suspects to the theft, including clothing matching that worn during the crime, ski masks, and electronic records showing mapping searches of Ukiah. All three suspects provided conflicting accounts of their whereabouts on the night of the theft and denied involvement

Based on the investigation, Rodriguez-Ramos was arrested for conspiracy to commit a crime, while Mora-Pacheco and Mendez-Vanegas were arrested for grand theft and conspiracy to commit a crime. The three were extradited to Mendocino County and booked into the Mendocino County Jail on charges of 487(a) PC and 182(a)(1) PC.

Because grand theft and conspiracy were book-and-release offenses at the time, a Mendocino County Superior Court Judge was contacted. The judge set bail at \$25,000 and placed a hold requiring the suspects to provide proof of legitimate income before posting bond.

Mora-Pacheco and Mendez-Vanegas reported residing in the Bay Area but stated they were originally from Venezuela. Further coordination with Daly City Police and the FBI revealed that the method used in this theft—known as “jackpotting”—is commonly associated with South American Theft Groups (SATG), organized networks known for similar crimes across Northern California and Nevada. UPD detectives are continuing to work with the FBI to determine whether these suspects are connected to additional thefts nationwide.

The Ukiah Police Department remains committed to keeping Ukiah safe and appreciates the assistance of the Daly City Police Department, the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office, and the FBI.

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