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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE 25-2708

Date: 11-22-2025

Location: 700 block of S. Dora St., Ukiah.

Suspect: Alexa Harz, 47-year-old female Ukiah resident

Violations:

- 23152 (a) CVC – Driving under the influence of alcohol
- 23152 (b) CVC – Driving under the influence of alcohol over .08% BAC

On Saturday morning, November 22nd, 2025, at approximately 8:20 AM, Ukiah Police Department officers were dispatched to what was reported as an injury traffic collision with a vehicle having been driven into a school gymnasium.

On arrival, officers observed a white Mini Cooper vehicle that was resting against the corner of the school cafeteria building, adjacent to the street. Standing next to the open door of the vehicle was the suspect in this case, identified as Alexa Harz. Through the open door of the vehicle, officers observed numerous cans of beer on the passenger floorboard. Harz appeared intoxicated; however, she was uninjured during the collision. Due to it being a Saturday morning, no children were present at the school at the time and no one else was injured.

Based on obtained statements and school security camera footage, it was determined Harz had been driving westbound on Gobbi St. at an estimated 40 MPH, failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection with S. Dora St., and continued directly into the side of the school building.

The school sustained significant damage to an exterior wall. Ukiah Unified School District representatives were called to the scene to assess damages and begin arrangements for the upcoming weeks. Additionally, the suspect vehicle had struck a guy wire supporting a City of Ukiah electric utility pole, dislodging the wire from the



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ground. This necessitated the response of the City of Ukiah Electric Department and Ukiah Valley Fire Authority to ensure the safety of those in the area.

Officers conducted a DUI investigation of Harz and she was placed under arrest for the listed charges. Harz was later transported to the Mendocino County jail where she was booked.

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