

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) 4532 PC [Prisoner Escape]

Report Number: 2015-10415

Coroner Number:

Crime/Incident: 4532 PC [Prisoner Escape]

Location: Talmage Road at Highway 101 Ukiah, CA

When: **Date:** 04-30-2015

Time: 1:26 PM

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	People of the state			

Suspect Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1:	Steven Leard	27		Ukiah, CA

Written by: Sergeant Mike Dygert

Synopsis:

On 04-30-2015 Mendocino County jail inmate Steven Leard was assigned to a Caltrans work crew in the area of Talmage Road at the onramp to Highway 101 in Ukiah, California.

At about 1:26 PM the crew was in the process of packing their equipment to move to another site when Leard was observed running away towards nearby businesses located on Airport Park Boulevard.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputies along with California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officers and Ukiah Police Department Officers responded and began an immediate searched the area for Leard.

About two hours later, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received information Leard was possibly hiding in an abandoned van in the 100 block of Norgard Lane approximately 1-2 miles south of the businesses.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputies along with CHP Officers responded to the location and found Leard hiding in an abandoned van as reported.

The Deputies and Officers surrounded the van however Leard refused to exit the van upon request.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office canine (K9) "Doc" was deployed and sent up to the door of the van. When Leard heard and saw K9 Doc, Leard quickly surrendered.

Leard was taken into custody and transported to the Mendocino County Jail where he was incarcerated to carry out his original sentence and was booked on an additional charge of 4532 PC (prisoner escape).

Approved By: Captain Greg Van Patten

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