



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL  
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**REPORT OF ARREST / UNUSUAL INCIDENT - NEWS RELEASE**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6254(f) of the Government Code the following information is releasable unless the information would endanger the successful completion of an investigation or endanger the safety of the person involved in an investigation.

**ARRESTEE\* / PARTY INFORMATION**

FULL NAME MELISSA RENEE BECK		DOB (ARREST ONLY) 09/21/1979	SEX Female	CHARGES 451(A) PC, 454(A)(2) PC
ADDRESS (EXCEPT AS EXEMPTED BY STATE LAW, INCLUDING CVC 1808.4. MUST COMPLETE A CHP 190A)		PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION FEMALE, BLN, GRN, 5-04, 145		
CITY, STATE, ZIP UKIAH CA 95482		ARREST LOCATION US-101 S/B S/O N STATE ST		
ARREST DATE & TIME 05/30/2022 10:49	BOOKING DATE & TIME 05/30/2022 12:10	RESISTANCE BY SUSPECT NONE	PURSUIT NECESSARY N/A	
DESCRIPTION OF EVIDENCE SEIZED OR WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT (e.g., Handgun, not S&W .38) ONE GREEN BUTANE LIGHTER		ANY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC NO	USE OF WEAPON BY OFFICER NO	
WARRANT INFORMATION / PAROLE / PROBATION HOLDS (IF AVAILABLE) NONE		BAIL AMOUNT (IF AVAILABLE)	TIME AND MANNER OF RELEASE (IF AVAILABLE)	
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FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ARREST OR INCIDENT:

On 05/30/2022, at approximately 1036 hours, the Ukiah Communication Center (UCC) received several 911 calls for a fire being started in the center divider on US-101 just south of N State St by a pedestrian wearing a black jacket. Officers from the Ukiah CHP office responded to the scene and located an adult female matching the description provided by the motoring public. Officers detained the subject and conducted an arson investigation. While conducting their investigation, Officers located a green butane lighter in the subjects possession. After conducting their investigation and with assistance from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, The CHP Officers on scene were able to identify the subject as Melissa Beck of Ukiah. Melissa Beck was subsequently arrested and charged with arson. A CHP Officer transported Melissa Beck to the Mendocino County Jail where she was booked into custody without incident.

Fire personnel from CAL Fire and Ukiah Valley Fire arrived on scene and were able to quickly contain the fire to only a quarter acer. Chief Buckingham with the Ukiah Valley Fire department arrived on scene to conduct his own arson case along side CHP.

**NON-RELEASABLE INFORMATION:**

1. Identity of suspect prior to arrest.
2. Results of investigating procedures prior to arrest.  
Items 1 & 2 can be released if:
  - will aid in arrest
  - will aid in investigation
  - will warn public of danger
3. Investigative procedures involving officer involved shootings or other personnel actions.
4. Prior criminal record, reputation or character of suspect.
5. Identity of any personal information of a juvenile arrestee or suspect.
6. Confession or existence of a confession.
7. BAC (PAS is releasable).
8. Any photographs except:
  - will aid in arrest
  - will aid in investigation
  - will warn public of danger
9. The identity, credibility, or testimony of prospective witnesses.
10. Any personal opinion as to the suspect's guilt, innocence, or merits of the case.
11. Any information that would be known to be inadmissible in court.
12. References to investigative procedures such as fingerprints, polygraph tests, or ballistic tests.

**\* Juvenile arrest information relating to a collision cannot be disclosed.**

**\*NOTE: Information on juvenile in custody arrests or detentions is not subject to disclosure to the public. Such disclosures are limited to other enforcement agencies or persons or agencies having a legitimate official need for purposes of official disposition of the case. (Welfare and Institution Code Section 827 - 28) Refer inquiries to Juvenile Court.**