



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Attempted Murder

Case: 201400235

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On 1-14-2014, at approximately midnight, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a 26 year old male who told the dispatcher he had just been shot with a shotgun. The victim told the dispatcher he needed law enforcement and medical attention immediately. He also told the dispatcher he believed the suspect was still on scene and was trying to kill him. Deputies and emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the victim's residence in the 6300 block of Longview Drive, Eureka. Medical personnel staged while deputies entered the residence and checked for the suspect. Deputies located the victim in the hallway of the residence near the front door. A neighbor had heard the victim's pleas for help and entered the home prior to law enforcements arrival to assist the victim with his injuries. The neighbor saw the victim was bleeding heavily from his left forearm and r applied a tourniquet, using a belt to the stop the bleeding.

Deputies secured the residence and surrounding area, and determined the suspect had fled the scene. Medical personnel entered the residence and treated the victim for the shotgun injuries. Deputies were able to interview the victim while he was being treated. The victim told the investigating deputy he had no idea who shot him or why. The victim said he heard a knock at his front door about 11:55 p.m., (11-13-2014). The victim was not expecting anyone, so he looked out his window and saw a male with his back turned towards his front door. The victim thought this was strange, due to hour and the man's behavior. The victim picked up a handgun for protection and answered the front door. The victim opened the front door part way to see what the man wanted at which time the suspect kicked at the door, which opened it further. The suspect then shot victim, who slammed the door using his shoulder and called 911.

The victim was transported to a local hospital and has been transferred to an out of area hospital due to the nature of his injuries.

The victim was able to provide the following suspect description: Late teens or early twenties, possibly Hispanic male, wearing a grey hoodie with the hood up, grey sweatpants and a black bandana over his face armed with a single barrel shotgun.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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