

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Date: 11-25-2013 From: Lt. Steve Knight

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Subject: Home Invasion Case: 201305860

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 11-23-2013, at approximately 9:00 a.m., a 32 year old male victim came to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The victim reported a home invasion robbery that occurred at his residence in the 4000 block of Union Street, Eureka at approximately 2:00 a.m. the same day. The victim told the investigating deputy he was in his residence alone, when he heard a loud bang at his front door. When he looked towards his locked front door, he saw it was forced open and three men entered his residence. The victim saw all three men were armed, one with an AR-15 assault style rifle, one with a semi- auto handgun and another with a crow bar. All three men had their faces covered up with either masks or shirts. The men ordered the victim to the floor and then wrapped his legs, ankles and hands with duct tape. The suspects ransacked his home and stole cash, 99 marijuana plants, computers and other electronic items. Then when the suspects left they stole the victims 1998 Black Toyota 4 Runner.

During the robbery one of the suspects told the victim they would return and kill him if he reported the robbery to law enforcement. The victim was able to free himself after the suspects left. The victim debated reporting the crime to law enforcement fearing cultivating marijuana could get him into trouble. The victim was not injured, however was still shaken up when the deputy interviewed him.

Deputies responded to the victim's residence and processed the crime scene. They located evidence consistent with the victims account as to what occurred.

Through their investigation efforts, deputies developed information that the stolen property may be located at a residence in the 1200 block of I street, Eureka. Deputies searched the residence on I street and located most of the victim's stolen property, including the marijuana.

On 11-23-2013, approximately 12:15 a.m. Eureka Police located the stolen 4 Runner at Allard Avenue and Glenn Street, Eureka.

The case is still being actively investigated by Sheriff's Deputies and Detectives.

The suspect's descriptions provided by the victim is limited. All three males were believed to be adult, dark skinned, possibly Hispanic. The male suspect who was armed with the AR-15 assault style rifle was wearing a dark green hoodie sweatshirt with long jean shorts and his socks pulled up to his knees. All three suspects' faces were covered.

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 Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff

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