



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012

From: Lt. Morey

Subject: Home Invasion Robbery

Case: 201200666

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Thursday, February 09, 2012 at 5:53 AM, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a 911 call from a male victim reporting a home invasion robbery that just occurred at his residence, 3000 block of Thomas Road, Salmon Creek.

Deputies were dispatched to the residence and arrived at the remote home at about 6:15 AM. Deputies interviewed the victim and discovered the following: At about 4:30 AM, the male victim was sleeping in his bed beside his wife. They both were awaked when their dog began barking and noticed four (4) armed men had entered the residence. The men were all wearing combinations of ski masks and hoods, each wearing latex type gloves. As the suspects entered the home, they were yelling, "It's the police, get up!" One of the suspects removed the male victim from the bed and forced him to the floor. The suspect "zip tied" the male victim's hands behind his back. The suspects then began demanding to know where the marijuana and money was located. The male victim led the suspects to approximately thirty (30) pounds of dried marijuana.

The suspects continued to demand money from the victim, who led them to a small security safe. When the victim could not remember the combination to the safe, he was struck in the face with an unknown object or fist, causing a moderate injury near his eye. Ultimately the safe

was opened and no cash was found. During the entire event, the suspects threatened to kill the victims and/or burn down the house. The suspects were estimated to be in the home for about an hour. During that time, they rummaged the house and took an estimated \$3,000 to \$4,000 in cash.

Prior to leaving the residence, the suspects used duct tape to bind the female victim. They next used duct tape and bound the male victim. The two victims were then bound together (back to back) in a seated position on the floor with duct tape. The suspects then entered the victim's newly purchased Subaru and drove approximately 1.5 miles to the locked gate on the victim's property. The suspects were not able to get the stolen vehicle through the gate and left it abandoned in the roadway.

The male victim was able to unbind himself within minutes of the suspects leaving his home and call 911 for assistance. There is no description of the suspects or description of a vehicle that may have been used to travel to the victim's residence.

At this time there are no evidentiary leads to the identity of the suspects, but the case remains under investigation. The Sheriff's Office is reaching out to the residents of the Thomas Road area to contact the Sheriff's Office with any information regarding this robbery (707-445-7251).

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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