



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Armed Robbery update

Case: 201401707 #1

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate the armed robbery which occurred on 04-15-2014 and has identified the driver of the vehicle. She is identified as

Candice Keshan Swain, 25 years old who is a transient. She is described as Native American, 5' 4" tall, approximately 145 pounds, brown hair and brown eyes.

The lead investigating deputy is still actively working on identifying the second female who was the one identified by the victims as holding the knife. She is known as, "Sonya".

Sonya is described as Native American, approximately in her 30's, heavy set, about 250 to 300 pounds, dark short hair pulled into a bun, was last seen wearing dark clothing and in possession of a 4" to 6" blade knife. She is possibly from the Hoopa area.

A be-on-the-lookout to area law enforcement has been issued for Swain who is wanted armed robbery.

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, McKinleyville Sheriff Station at 707-839-3857 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Previous

On 04-15-2014, at approximately 11:45 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call from two adult female victims who said they had just been robbed at knifepoint. Deputies responded and met with the victims in the 4900 block of Dows Prairie Road, McKinleyville.

When the deputies arrived, the victims told the investigating deputy they were gambling at Blue Lake Casino when they met up with two females. The victims knew one of the females and asked for a ride to McKinleyville. The two females agreed to give the victims a ride to McKinleyville. While enroute the two females told the victims they needed to make a stop at a residence in Trinidad and drove there first. In Trinidad, the front passenger exited the vehicle, and another female got into the passenger seat. The driver then told the victims she would now drive them to McKinleyville. While enroute to McKinleyville, the driver drove the victims onto Dows Prairie Road. The driver stopped the car in the 4900 block of Dows Prairie Road. The female who just got in the front passenger seat of the car in Trinidad, then turned around and brandished a knife at the victims, while demanding money from them. The victims gave the suspect their money and a cell phone. They were then able to escape the vehicle and run into the brush and hide. After the vehicle left they called the Sheriff's Office.

Deputies searched the area for the suspects' vehicle, a 1995 Red Mitsubishi Eclipse, and located it parked at Moonstone Beach. Deputies also located a female in the vehicle who told them it was her car, but she was not involved in the robbery. The victims were brought to the scene and confirmed the female the deputies had detained was not one of the suspects. Deputies are currently working to identify the two female suspects. No one was injured in the robbery.

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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