

## **Humboldt County Sheriff's Office**

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

**Date:** 4-23-2013

From: Lt. Steve Knight (707) 268-3630

**Subject:** Kidnapping/ Burglary

Case: 201302010

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 04-22-2013, approximately 11:55 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was notified of possible kidnapping victim being treated at a local hospital emergency room. A deputy respond responded to the hospital and met with the 63 year old female victim. She told the deputy she was home alone at approximately 8:00 p.m., on 04-22-2013 at her residence in the 2500 block of Central Avenue, McKinleyville when she heard a knock at the door. She opened the door and Eric Eugene Lundin, 63 years old from Arcata, grabbed her by the neck and pushed his way into the residence. He began shouting at her accusing her son of stealing marijuana from him as he shoved her backwards. He made her sit on the couch in the living room of her residence as he continued shouting at her. He then removed two handguns from his pockets. One handgun was a silver colored semi-automatic handgun and the other was a black semi-automatic handgun. He set the guns on the coffee table in front of her and then removed a pill bottle from his pocket and ordered her to take three pills which he gave her. He told her the pills were Methadone and it was the easiest way to make her overdose. He repeatedly told her she was going to die, while also stating several times he was a member of the Mongols motorcycle gang and they do not leave witnesses. After the victim took some pills he placed the black semi-auto handgun to her temple and told her to call her adult son and have him come home. Lundin then stuck her television with the handgun breaking the screen and grabbed her cell phone and threw it across the room, destroying it. He ordered her into his pick up truck parked in front of her residence. Lundin drove the victim around from McKinleyville to Arcata while telling the victim all the places he could hide her body. He eventually dropped the victim back off in front of her home and told her he only wanted to scare her.

A be-on-the lookout was placed for Lundin to area law enforcement agencies. Arcata Police located Lundin at his residence in Arcata in the 1100 block of G Street, Arcata. He was arrested at the residence for kidnapping, assault, brandishing of a firearm, burglary, being a convicted felon in possession of firearms, administering drugs to commit a felony, vandalism and transportation and possession of a controlled substance. Deputies also recovered two loaded semi-automatic handguns. He was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional facility where he was booked and his bail was set at \$100,000.00

The victim was admitted to the hospital.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Tip Line 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff

## Eric Eugene Lundin

