



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

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Subject: Robbery

Case: 201303219

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 06-22-2013, approximately 4:50 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriffs Office received a report of a robbery that just occurred on Cannibal Island Road, near Hawks Hill Road, Loleta. When deputies arrived on scene they met with the 65 year old male victim. The victim told the deputies he parked a four wheeler (ATV) on Cannibal Island Road and was about ten feet away from it working in the field. A silver 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee with Idaho plates and two males inside drove up to him. The male passenger exited the vehicle and asked him for a cigarette. The victim told the male he did not smoke and went back to working in the field. The male passenger reached into the Jeep and removed a tire iron. The passenger then began swinging the tire iron at the victim while charging the victim and making verbal threats. The victim backed away and the male passenger got onto the victims four-wheeler and drove off with it, driving westbound on Cannibal Island Road with the Jeep heading the same direction following the four wheeler. The victim was able to provide a good description of the suspects to the deputies.

While checking the area for the suspects a citizen contacted the deputies and told them they found a four wheeler in the bushes near Crab Park. Deputies checked the area and located suspect Kevin Todd Latham, 26 years old from Woodland, California. Latham was identified by the victim as the passenger who brandished the tire iron at the victim.

Deputies continued checking the area for the Jeep Cherokee, but were unable to locate it. At approximately 7:00 p.m. a deputy driving by Herrick Avenue and US 101, sighted the 1995 Jeep Cherokee parked at Herrick Avenue, Eureka. The deputy saw the driver, who matched the suspect description leaving the vehicle on foot. The driver matched the second suspect's description. When the deputy was able to get off the highway to access the Jeep, the driver was gone. The deputy continued to check the area. At approximately 7:20 p.m. the same deputy located the second suspect walking in the Broadway, McDonald's parking lot. The second suspect was identified as Joshua Ellis Moon, 24 years old, from Hoopa. The victim identified Moon as the driver of the Jeep.

Moon and Latham were arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of robbery, brandishing a weapon and vehicle theft. Their bail is set at \$50,000.00.

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

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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