Home Invasion Robbery Sends Three Victims to Hospital

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**Summary of Incident:**
On August 13, 2008, a group of armed people broke into an occupied house near Banks, Oregon. The suspects bound four victims in the house and assaulted three of them. The suspects left with money and property. The victims were transported to area hospitals and have since been released. Detectives have been diligently working all leads in the case, and are now seeking the public’s help in identifying suspects or stolen property. A reward is offered for information in the case.

**Details of Incident:**
On Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at 2:34 a.m., a 9-1-1 call was placed from the 48000 block of NW Narup Road in Banks. The person reported that she heard a man screaming for help. Deputies quickly arrived and contacted one of the victims who told them that a group of people broke into his house and robbed them at gunpoint.

Deputies located the man who had been yelling for help, he was at the neighbor’s house and his hands were still bound. The binds were so tight, they were cutting off the circulation to his hands. Deputies had a difficult time cutting the binds off the victim.

Sheriff’s detectives were called into investigate and learned that four friends (one adult female and three adult males), were at the house watching a movie when several people came through the front door. At least two of the intruders were carrying guns. The victims were immediately ordered to lay on the floor while the suspects bound their hands and feet.

The suspects were brutal in the treatment of the victims. They demanded money and marijuana from the victim who lives at the house. When they did not get as much money as they believed was in the house, they began kicking and hitting the victims in the head and chest. The suspects eventually took the victims into the bathroom and placed them over the edge of the bathtub, with their heads inside the tub and their knees on the ground. They tied the bathroom door shut as they left.

Three of the victims were transported to area hospitals. One of the male victims went by LifeFlight because of the severity of the head trauma he suffered by being hit and kicked. He was released several days later, but is still suffering from the injuries he received.
The victims described from five to seven suspects. One of them had a semi-automatic gun with a nickel-plated (silver) slide and a black handle. Another suspect is believed to have been carrying a revolver. Because the victims were forced to lie on the ground, they were unable to get a very good look at the suspects. All of the suspects were wearing dark clothing with some sort of mask on their face. One of them had a hoodie sweatshirt with the drawstring pulled tight so only his eyes, nose, and mouth were visible, that suspect had a dark colored mustache.

The suspects got away with an undisclosed amount of cash, a moderate amount of freshly harvested marijuana, cell phones, and a Sony video camera. They also took some motocross riding gear that detectives are trying to locate. The riding gear consisted of the following items:

- A Shift brand yellow and clear chest protector
- An "HJC" yellow, silver, and black helmet with a "White Knuckle" logo on the back
- One pair of Shift brand blue and white riding pants

Detectives are offering a reward of up to $1000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of any of the suspects in this case. Any information on the suspects involved or the stolen property should be directed to Detective Kurt Tarkalson at (503) 846-2690.

### Update (November 21, 2008):
**Two Suspects Arrested in Home Invasion Robbery**

Original release

Update No. 2

On Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at about 5:30 a.m., the Washington County Tactical Negotiations Team served a search warrant at a residence located on SW Farmington Road near SW Tile Flat Road in unincorporated Washington County. Detectives from the Washington County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Unit searched for evidence related to a home invasion robbery that occurred August 13, 2008, near Banks, Oregon (see related press release). In that robbery, four people were tied up and three were physically assaulted. Detectives believe the robbery victims were targeted for drugs and money believed to be present at the location because of the illegal drug sales that occurred there. The victims house was also a licensed Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) grow site.

Robert Elvis Lummus, 32 years old, lives at the Farmington Road house and was arrested for Robbery I in connection with the earlier Banks robbery. Detectives discovered Lummus has an OMMP Card that allows him to possess 1.5 pounds of dried marijuana, six mature plants, and 18 immature plants. During the search of the Farmington Road residence, detectives discovered that Mr. Lummus possessed 37 mature plants beyond what was authorized by the OMMP. Accordingly, detectives seized the 37 plants, leaving six mature plants that Mr. Lummus was authorized to possess. They also determined that Mr. Lummus possessed at least four pounds of marijuana beyond what is authorized by the OMMP. Detectives seized the excess amount, leaving Mr. Lummus the 1.5 pounds he is permitted by the OMMP. Detectives also seized two guns, a stolen motorcycle, and over $5,000 in cash. Drug related criminal charges will be considered by a grand jury.

Detectives discovered 23-year-old Jason Robinson when they executed the search warrant. Robinson
was arrested on several charges unrelated to the robbery.

Detectives found three children in the house in conditions that caused concern for their well being. They also located 13 pit bulls on the property that appeared to be in poor health.

In response to concerns about the children, the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare Division (DHS) responded and took a four-month-old child into protective custody. The other two children were placed with family members.

Washington County Animal Control responded to evaluate the dogs. They gave the remaining residents a care plan to follow with feeding and caring for the dogs. Animal control personnel did not feel the dogs were in bad enough condition to be seized, but they will be following up to make sure they receive better care.

Earlier in the month, on November 7, 2008, Sheriff's detectives arrested Tammy Lynn Felix, 41, another suspect in the Banks robbery. She has been charged with the following crimes:

- Robbery I (Four counts)
- Robbery II
- Assault I (Two counts)
- Assault II
- Assault IV (Two counts)

She is currently being held in the Washington County Jail with bail set at $1 million. Mr. Lummus is also being held in the Washington County Jail on a $250,000 bail. He has been charged with the following crimes:

- Robbery I (Six counts)
- Robbery II (Four counts)
- Unlawful Sexual Penetration with an Object (Three counts)
- Assault I (Two counts)

This investigation is ongoing. There are still several suspects outstanding and Sheriff's Detectives would like the public's help to find them. There is a reward of up to $1,000 being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of any individual involved in this home invasion robbery.

Update (December 19, 2008):
Additional Arrests on Home Invasion Robbery Near City of Banks
The Washington County Major Crimes Team with the assistance of the Washington County Tactical Negotiations Team served three arrest warrants on December 18, 2008. Two people were taken into custody in connection with the Banks home invasion robbery on August 13, 2008. Ryan Moffett, age 24, of Hillsboro was arrested at 7079 NE Ronler Way #911 in Hillsboro. Benjamin Edwards, age 28, of Beaverton was arrested near SW 172nd Court and SW Chatelain Drive. A third warrant was served at Edwards’s residence located at 4550 SW 160th Avenue #4 in Beaverton.

Detectives arrested Ryan Moffett and Benjamin Edwards for one count of Robbery I; both are lodged at the Washington County Jail.