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KIDNAPPING ARREST 200 BLOCK OF WEST MELRIDGE

The Tucson Police Department is currently investigating the kidnapping of a 16 year-old male that took place on September 2, 2014. Just after 7:00 p.m., family members of the teenager had received a phone call stating the child had been taken. The caller demanded a large amount of money for his return. The family immediately contacted police and the information was given to detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Home Invasion Unit.

Detectives investigated the incident and were able to obtain information about a possible residence where the teenager was being held. Investigators and surveillance officers responded to the residence in the 200 block of West Melridge. While watching the home they observed a vehicle leave the residence. Officers followed the vehicle that appeared to be occupied by at least two people. While following the vehicle they were unable to determine if the teenager was one of the occupants. Officers attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle using lights and sirens but the driver refused to stop. The vehicle then began speeding in an obvious attempt to flee from the officers. Due to the fact that the victim was possibly in the vehicle, officers stayed with the vehicle and initiated a pursuit. The vehicle traveled more than twenty miles, going through the city, county, on the highway and into Green Valley. The pursuit continued through Green Valley where the vehicle lost control and crashed into a ditch in the area of Camino Del Sol and Mission Twin Buttes Rd. The two occupants then fled on foot. The passenger was detained by police, however the driver was not located. The passenger was in possession of narcotic drugs at the time of his arrest. The Pima County Sheriff's Department, Department of Public Safety and the U.S. Border Patrol assisted with the pursuit and apprehension of the passenger.

While the pursuit was taking place, officers who had remained at the residence attempted to secure the home. As they approached, several individuals fled from the house. Officers were able to detain four of the subjects that ran. It is unknown at this time if more individuals were involved. As officers took the subjects into custody, the victim exited the house with a blindfold over his face and his hands tied. The victim had obvious signs of trauma that appeared to be from a physical assault. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. The victim told police that he had been kidnapped, tied-up and beaten. He also explained that the individuals who kidnapped him had multiple weapons in the house and that he heard them talk about explosives in the residence. The Tucson Police Department's Bomb Squad and SWAT team responded to the residence as a precautionary measure. A search warrant was obtained for the residence. No one else was located in the home and no explosive device was found. An assault rifle, several handguns and narcotics were located in the residence. Several of the guns had been reported stolen.

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The passenger in the vehicle that fled from officers was identified as 51 year-old Juan Carlos Martinez-Borajas. He was booked into jail on one count of Possession of Narcotic Drugs. It is unsure at this time if he was involved in the kidnapping.

The four suspects that were taken into custody at the residence have been identified as:

- 19 year-old Brandon Vega
- 36 year-old Jose Pedro Molina-Durgin
- 19 year-old Cruz Carrillo
- 28 year-old Jose Angel Reyes-Palomino

They were each booked into Pima County Jail and charged with Kidnapping, Extortion and Armed Robbery. Additional charges are pending on all five of the arrestees. The mug shots for these subjects are attached below.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.



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Brandon Vega



Jose Pedro Molina-Durgin



Cruz Carrillo



Jose Angel Reyes-Palomino

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