



HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**PRESS RELEASE**

TYPE OF INCIDENT <b>Arrest of Suspect in Home Invasion Robbery</b>		CASE NUMBER <b>H13-9519</b>	
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT <b>July 23, 2013</b>		LOCATION OF INCIDENT <b>100 Block of Bonaire Ave, Hercules, CA</b>	
VICTIM <b>Adult Female</b>		AGE <b>45</b>	CITY
RESPONSIBLE <b>Lawrence Barton</b>		AGE <b>28</b>	CITY <b>Oakland</b>
ARRESTED? <b>January 20, 2015</b>	CHARGE <b>Residential Robbery; Kidnapping, for Robbery; False Imprisonment; Assault with Force Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury; Assault with a Firearm; and First Degree (Residential) Burglary</b>	BAIL <b>\$1,325,000</b>	

SUMMARY

On January 20, 2015 Hercules Police Detectives arrested Lawrence Barton, 28 of Oakland, for a Home Invasion Robbery, which occurred in 2013. The identification was made through DNA evidence, processed by the Contra Costa County Crime Lab.

On July 23, 2013 at approximately 10:38pm, Hercules Officers responded to the 100 block of Bonaire Ave, for the report of a Residential Robbery. Officers contacted the adult female victim, who was the lone occupant of the residence.

The victim stated she was sleeping, in the upstairs master bedroom, when she was awakened by a male. The male shined a bright light in her face, and said he was "the police". The suspect asked the victim if she was alone in the house, then punched her in the face and tied her up with a cord. The suspect put an object to the victim's head and threatened to kill her. The victim believed the object was a gun, but did not see it. The suspect dragged the victim into the master bedroom closet and demanded money and jewelry. When the victim stated she had neither, the suspect hit her again and threatened to shoot her. The victim heard a second male, in the bedroom, but did not see him. The victim heard the suspects leave the house, and a vehicle drive off. She was able to free herself and call the police.

Officers examined the home and determined the suspects entered through an unlocked downstairs bedroom window. The master bedroom, and closet, was ransacked.

The victim received facial injuries and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. She was later released.

Hercules Crime Scene Officers collected numerous pieces of evidence and submitted it to the Contra Costa County Crime Lab for analysis.

In December 2014 the Hercules Police Department was informed an identifiable DNA sample, belonging to a male, was located on one of the pieces of evidence. The DNA came back to Lawrence Barton, of Oakland

In January 2015 Detectives obtained a Ramey Warrant (Probable Cause) naming Barton as the suspect in this case. Detectives determined Barton would be at the Solano County Court House, on an unrelated matter, on January 20, 2015. Detectives went to Solano County and arrested Barton. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

On January 21, 2015 Detectives present the case to the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office filed the following formal charges against Barton: 209(b) PC (Kidnapping for Commit Robbery); 211/212.5(a) PC(First Degree Residential Robbery); 459/460(a) PC (First Degree Residential Burglary); 245(a)(4) PC (Assault by Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury); 245(a)(2) PC (Assault with a Firearm); 236/237(a) PC (False Imprisonment); plus numerous enhancements. The total bail is \$1,325,000.

Barton will make his first court appearance at 8:30am on January 22, 2015.

The second suspect is still at large and the investigation is continuing.

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