



HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

TYPE OF INCIDENT Homicide and Attempt Homicide		CASE NUMBER H15-2683	
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT 02-25-2015		LOCATION OF INCIDENT 100 Buttercup, Hercules, CA	
VICTIM Native American Male and Asian Female		AGE 50-60	CITY Hercules
RESPONSIBLE Mark Anthony Carr		AGE 27	CITY San Pablo
ARRESTED? Yes	CHARGE Homicide and Attempt Homicide	BAIL \$2,150,000	

SUMMARY

On February 25, 2015, Hercules Police were dispatched, to area of the 100 block of Marigold, for two men fighting. When the officers arrived on Marigold they did not locate anything. The officers continued on Marigold and were flagged down, by a resident, near the intersection of Marigold and Buttercup. The reporting party stated he had seen two men fighting, in the drive way, at 100 Buttercup. An African American male adult was on top of another adult male, and seemed to be choking him. The witness noticed that the garage door was open.

Officers checked the driveway and did not locate anyone there, and the garage door was closed. The officers saw blood, near a truck, parked in the driveway. A blood trail lead from the truck to the area of the garage, and the front door of the house was ajar. Officers also observed, what appeared to be, a semi-automatic pistol laying near the front porch. The “gun” was later determined to be a BB gun, which closely resembled a real fire arm.

Officers requested additional assistance to control the perimeter of the residence. Officers also put out a description of the male who was seen choking the second male. A Contra Costa Deputy Sheriff located a male, matching the description of the possible suspect, on Marigold at Columbine. The male reportedly had blood on his person. The male was positively identified, by the witness, as the person who was choking the other male. The subject was detained while officers entered, and checked the residence at 100 Buttercup.

When officers entered the residence they found an Asian female, 50/60 years old, lying just inside the front door. The female had clear plastic covering her face. An officer removed the plastic and determined the female was alive but not conscious. She was immediately removed from the house and transported to John Muir Medical Center. Her condition was, and remains, critical. . It is believed the female may have been the victim of asphyxiation. The female’s identity will not be released as she is still alive.

Officers continued their protective sweep of the house and located a second victim in the garage. The second victim is known to be a Native American male, 50-60 years of age. The male had clear plastic packing tape wound around his head. He was pronounced deceased, at the scene, by paramedics. When the male victim’s body was examined it was determined he had suffered head trauma, but no gunshot or knife wounds. The identity of the male victim is being withheld while the Coroner attempt to notify the next of kin.

When the officers determined a crime had been committed the 27 year old Mark Carr, of San Pablo, was arrested for homicide and attempt homicide.

Once the house was cleared for any additional victims, suspect(s), or visible weapons, officers exited the residence until investigators could arrive; and a search warrant, for the residence, could be obtained. Once the search warrant was obtained the residence was searched for evidence and the body was released to the Office of the Coroner. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Evidence Response Team assisted, Hercules Police Crime Scene Technicians, in the processing of the crime scene, and the collection of evidence. All evidence was turned over to the Hercules Police Department and the FBI is no longer involved in the investigation.

The investigators are calling this crime a Home Invasion. It appears the suspect approached the victim's residence on a bicycle. The suspect put the bicycle in the bushes, next to the residence. The evidence indicates the suspect entered the house through the front or garage door, and exited through a window in the rear dining area. The "BB" gun, found near the porch, is believed to have been brought by the suspect.

There is no indication that the suspect knew, or had any relationship with either victim. The male victim lived at the residence on Buttercup. The female victim is a good friend of the male victim, but does not live on Buttercup.

The suspect, Mark Carr, has two prior misdemeanor convictions, in 2008, for Burglary and Petty Theft. Both cases were adjudicated in the Alameda County Courts. See attached photograph.

The official cause of death, for the male victim, is pending the Coroner's report.

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