



FAIRBANKS POLICE
911 Cushman Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701



PRESS RELEASE

DATE: April 17, 2017
INCIDENT: Burglary, Robbery, Kidnapping, Felony Assault
CASE #: 17-1243

Fairbanks Police closed down the 300 block area of First Avenue today after suspects involved in Burglary, Robbery, Kidnapping and Felony Assault were tracked to that location.

A local business was burglarized after midnight on April 17th. The caretaker of the property confronted several suspects who severely assaulted him, then tied and taped him up. They held him in one building while they burglarized several other buildings on the property belonging to the business.

The suspects fled with a significant amount of stolen property, a vehicle, and numerous stolen firearms.

Employees of the business arrived to find the business was burglarized. They called 911 around 7:30 am. Officers arrived and found the victim who was then transported to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

Shortly after noon, FPD Officers and Detectives were able to track the suspects to 310 First Avenue. Officers witnessed activity around the building and detained several individuals believed to be involved the earlier incident. Officers reported a male came out on a rooftop area with a gun. After being given commands by the Officers, he put down the gun and surrendered. When the Officers went to recover the gun, they found two other guns on the rooftop.

The Tactical Police Team, on duty Officers, and Detectives blocked off First Avenue from Noble Street to Dunkel Street, and Wendell Street to First Avenue. The Alaska State Troopers helicopter, Helo 2, responded to assist. Officers notified residents and businesses in the area of the ongoing incident. Fairbanks citizens were notified by the Nixle alert system via text, email and Facebook to avoid the area.

FPD Tactical Negotiators, the Long Range Acoustical Device (LRAD), and the Tactical Robot were deployed to assist in the operation. Four people surrendered during the incident and no one was injured.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Anthony Laska at 907-450-6451 or alaska@fairbanks.us.

The Fairbanks Police Department would like to thank the Fairbanks Emergency Communication Center, Fairbanks Fire Department, Alaska State Troopers, North Pole Police Department, and Fairbanks Public Works Department for their assistance in this incident.

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