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CASE NUMBER: 11-7463

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 10/09/11 – 8:47 am

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NATURE OF STORY: Kidnapping Investigation

LOCATION: 89505 Old Marcola Road

VICTIM: Name not yet released

INVOLVED: Kody L. Lawrence, 22, of Springfield
Not yet in custody

Jared A. Youngblood, 19, of Springfield
Not yet in custody

Payton C. Benson, 18, of Springfield
In custody, charges include kidnapping

Cody R. Morton, 21, of Springfield
In custody, charges include kidnapping

Dustin J. Norris, 21, of Springfield
In custody, charges include kidnapping

DETAILS: Shortly after 8:00 am on Sunday, October 9, a man flagged down a vehicle on Marcola Road, and asked the driver to take him to the nearest police station, saying that he had just escaped from being held captive for over a day. The motorist took the victim to the Springfield Police Department.

It was soon discovered that the incident had taken place in unincorporated Lane County, so the Sheriff's Office took over the investigation. The victim gave a very thorough and detailed account of the incident, saying he was abducted Saturday morning from a convenience store near the intersection of Marcola Road and Camp Creek Road. He said his abductors, a group of several men, transported him to a remote area in the Marcola Valley where they bound him to a tree and left him. They ultimately returned, and took him back to a residence off Old Mohawk Road where

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they held him for almost 24 hours. The victim reported being in wrist restraints most of the time, and was assaulted while he was held. The victim said he was ultimately able to escape while the men were outside; fleeing to the nearest road and flagging down a passing car for help.

Sheriff's Office detectives have been actively working this case since it was reported and developed information and located evidence that corroborated the victim's account of the event. Detectives applied for and received a search warrant for a property located at 89505 Old Mohawk Road. That warrant was served early this morning. Given the severity of the event and the number of suspects involved, a SWAT team from the Oregon State Police made the initial entry onto the property, securing it for further investigation and detaining several persons.

Three individuals left the property shortly before the SWAT team arrived, one has since surrendered to authorities and law enforcement officials are actively looking for the other two, identified as Kody L. Lawrence, 22 and Jared A. Youngblood, 19. The men may be driving a 1986 silver BMW 4-door, with Oregon license plates 140AFB. Available information indicates these men should be considered armed and dangerous. The fact that all the suspects are not yet in custody is the primary reason the Sheriff's Office cannot yet release the name of the victim.

Investigation by the Sheriff's Office and State Police is continuing, and detectives will likely be searching for and processing evidence at the scene as well as interviewing persons from the property for several hours. The Sheriff's Office is not yet in a position to release any detailed information regarding any possible motive for this incident, beyond the fact that the victim was not selected at random.

Prepared by: Capt. Bill Thompson



Jared Allen Youngblood



Kody Lane Lawrence