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Media Release: June 13, 2019 Two arrested in Ben Lomond home invasion

CASE #: 19-05189
SUSPECT: Noah Benjamin Hatcher, 21-year-old Texas resident
Anthony Charles Jefferson, 31-year-old Texas resident
CRIMES: 211 P.C. Robbery Felony
207 (A) P.C. Kidnapping Felony
245(A)(2) P.C. Assault with deadly weapon Felony
182 (A)(1) P.C. Conspiracy Felony

Yesterday around 1:30 P.M., deputies received a 911 call from a home in Ben Lomond. Deputies arrived and discovered two victims bound with zip-ties inside the home. The victims reported that two suspects took marijuana from the home after they had been tied up at gunpoint. One of the victim's was beaten in the head with a gun. The victim was treated and later released from the Hospital. The suspects ran into the woods as deputies arrived and a search was organized.

Deputies searched for the suspects with the assistance of officers from Scotts Valley Police, Santa Cruz Police, State Parks, and the California Highway Patrol. Neighbors were directed to stay in their homes while the search occurred. Search teams used several K-9's and a drone to aid their efforts. Within about 30 minutes, Noah Hatcher was arrested and shortly thereafter, Anthony Jefferson was arrested a significant distance from the victim's home. Deputies found two replica handguns that had been used in the robbery.

The investigation revealed that Hatcher and Jefferson came to Santa Cruz from Texas for a pre-arranged marijuana transaction at the victim's home. Although they planned to purchase about 10 pounds of marijuana, Hatcher and Jefferson made off with more than 30 pounds. The marijuana, which was estimated to be worth about \$50,000, was recovered outside of the home.

Hatcher and Jefferson were booked into the Santa Cruz County Jail where their bail was set at \$150,000 each.

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