

Leduc RCMP investigate home invasion

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Following an interview with a male who arrived, in handcuffs, at the Leduc RCMP detachment yesterday, the Leduc RCMP, with the assistance of the Leduc General Investigation Section, are investigating a home invasion.

At approximately 2:00 a.m., on February 28, a home was broken into in Leduc County by four males and one female. Initially, they knocked on the door and announced themselves as the police, and then they kicked in a door and handcuffed the homeowner. The suspects were brandishing firearms and demanded that the victim open his safe.

The homeowner was robbed of five firearms as well some other items. The three rifles and two shotguns were properly stored in the homeowner's safe. The stolen items were loaded into the victim's vehicle which was subsequently stolen. All suspects then left the property.

The victim was able to release himself from one of the handcuffs and then enlisted a neighbour to assist him and bring him to the Leduc RCMP Detachment. He was not injured, and was the sole occupant of the residence.

Preliminary investigation leads the RCMP to believe that the suspects were aware of certain property within this home, and targeted the home. The RCMP do not feel that this was a random home invasion.

The suspects are described as follows:

Female Suspect:

- Caucasian
- 5'7" tall / 130 – 170 lbs
- Brunette hair, past shoulder length and wavy
- Wearing a red coat

Suspect #1

- Caucasian male with brown eyes and darkish hair
- Approximately 40 years old
- 5'11" tall
- Wearing a blue windbreaker with blue jeans and a tan mask covering his mouth and nose. A police emblem on a dark blue toque; gold borders on the emblem on the toque

Suspect #2

- Caucasian male with sandy blond hair and light coloured eyes (wrinkles under his eyes)
- Approximately 50 years old – was in charge, had a raspy, gravelly voice
- 6'3" tall / 220 – 240 lbs

- Wearing a navy blue windbreaker with what appeared to be police shoulder patches, dark toque with police patch, blue jeans, same tan mask as the other suspects

Suspect #3

- Caucasian male short dark hair, dark beard, brown eyes
- Approximately 30 – 35 years old
- 5'9" tall
- Dark blue jacket, blue jeans, no toque, similar tan mask as the other suspects

Suspect #4

- Male with dark hair and side burns, brown eyes
- Approximately mid 30s
- 5'9" tall
- Wearing a grey toque, blue jeans, dark coat, dark brown boots with white soles

There is no information available on the vehicle that they arrived in, however they took the victim's white 2009 Ford Ranger, with Alberta license plate BJX0984.

The RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in identifying these suspects. If you have information about this investigation, please call the Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7200 or call your local police detachment. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by SMS.

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