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Three Men in Custody following Month-long Home Invasion Investigation (Mat-Su Valley, Alaska) – A home invasion investigation from late February has resulted in three arrests. Early in the morning on Feb. 23, two residents on Caribou Road were awakened by three men banging on their front door yelling “State Troopers”. The residents opened the door to find three armed men who were clearly not Alaska State Troopers. The couple was moved to a back bedroom of the home and covered with a blanket while the armed men rummaged through their home and belongings. Several firearms were stolen, along with other items. The assailants eventually stole and departed in a Subaru Forrester that was parked in the driveway of the residence.

Investigation and interviews by Alaska State Troopers with the Criminal Suppression Unit (CSU) resulted in potential identities for two of the suspects. On Mar. 3, arrest warrants were issued for Beauford Horman and Jared Blackmore, both 34 of Wasilla. Horman was located in Wasilla on Mar. 19 and, following a short foot pursuit, taken into custody by Troopers in the CSU as well as investigators with the Mat-Su Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit. Further investigation also led to the identity of the third suspect and a warrant was obtained for Joe Garcia, 40 of Wasilla. The U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force was requested to assist with tracking down one of the two still-at-large home invaders.

On Mar. 23, both Blackmore and Garcia were taken into custody. The U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force tracked Blackmore down in Anchorage near downtown while CSU Troopers in the Valley targeted a traffic stop on a vehicle they knew Garcia would be in along the Parks Highway. Both were taken into custody without incident.

All three suspects were charged with Kidnapping, Robbery 1, Assault 2, Assault 3, Burglary 1, Theft 2 (x5), Vehicle Theft 1, Evidence Tampering, and Impersonating a Public Servant 1. All three suspects were remanded into custody at the Mat-Su Pretrial Facility. Blackmore was held on \$100,000 bail with a court approved third party custodian; Horman was held on \$25,000 bail and a court approved third party custodian; and Garcia was held on \$75,000 bail with a court approved third party custodian.