

High school senior arrested in armed home invasion

by Cheryl McDermott

PRINEVILLE, Ore. — Police today announced the arrest of a high school senior who is alleged to have broken into the northeast Prineville home of a woman and child late last Thursday night while armed with a knife and wearing a ski mask.

Ronald Jeremy Castillo - CCJ photo Ronald Jeremy Castillo, 18, was taken into custody at the Crook County High School Tuesday following an interview at the school, Prineville Police Chief Eric Bush reported.

The unnamed victim told police she and her child were awakened just before midnight on May 8 by a male in his teens or 20s who was wearing a ski mask and wielding a knife. The victims, ordered by the suspect to remain in one room of the residence on NE Mahogany Street in the Northridge area, were able to flee the house unharmed, Bush said in an earlier news release.

Following Castillo's arrest, he was lodged in the Crook County jail in lieu of \$105,000 bail. He was charged with first-degree burglary, two counts of first-degree kidnapping, two counts of menacing, and unlawful use of a weapon, police reported.

Police discovered and seized a ski mask, knife and two pair of womens' underwear during a search of Castillo's home at 2675 NE Buckbrush Court in Prineville, the chief said. The suspects' and victims' homes are not far from each other - less than 1/3 mile away, according to mapquest.com.

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