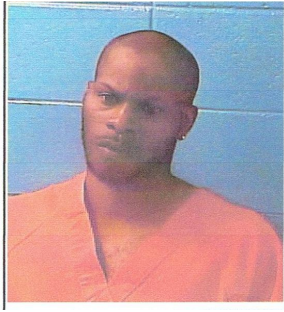


Carroll County Sheriff's Department Sheriff Clint Walker



Robert Earl Covington



Charles E. Chandler

On February 26, 2016 at approximately 10:25 a.m., Carroll County EOC received a 911 call from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Strachan on County Road 122. Mrs. Strachan stated that two subjects had broken into their residence, tied up her husband, and beaten him. The subjects also covered her head, beat her, and stole some guns before running out of the back of the house.

At approximately 10:26 a.m., Carroll County 911 also received a call from a 14 year old whose residence neighbors the Strachan home. The young girl advised that two male subjects were in her back yard. Carroll County Sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene within minutes to the Boone residence on CR 122. Deputies entered the home, got the 14 year old out of the residence, and returned to the Strachans' residence to check on their condition. Carroll Deputies pursued the subjects in the woods behind the Boone residence, and requested assistance from surrounding agencies to set up a perimeter of the wooded area. Numerous law enforcement agencies responded to help contain and capture the suspects from the home invasion.

The suspects were contained in the wooded area at one point. However, during the search by the Montgomery County SO K9 Unit and the Leflore County SO K9 Unit, it was determined that the suspects had escaped to a road and had been picked up by a vehicle. Thanks to eye witness accounts by several concerned citizens of the suspects and the unusual vehicle in the area, the investigation eventually led to a residence on Cotton Street in Greenwood, MS. The suspect vehicle was spotted leaving a residence and an investigative stop was made by Leflore County Sheriff's Office. During a consensual search of the Cotton Street residence CCSO and LCSO deputies located the third fugitive in that residence. The suspects were taken into custody at approximately 3:00 pm. They were then transported to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for questioning. Two of the suspects were eventually booked into the Carroll-Montgomery Regional Correctional Facility in Vaiden.

This home invasion was the second one in two days in the Carroll County area, following the home invasion of Mr. Thomas Green of CR 272 on Thursday. In both cases, the residents' homes were broken into, the residents assaulted, tied up and robbed. Evidence was presented to District Attorney Doug Evans on Saturday morning and it was determined that charges will be filed for kidnapping and burglary of an occupied dwelling on both of the home invasions from February 25th and 26th. Those being held at the CMRCF are Charles E. Chandler, age 28 of Greenwood, MS and Robert Earl Covington, age 37 of North Carrollton, MS.

Sheriff Clint Walker said Saturday morning, "I want to thank the Lord for answering our prayer that the fugitives would be arrested before someone was even more seriously harmed. I also want to thank all of the agencies and local citizens for all they did to help. Our citizens safety is of paramount importance, and violent crime of this nature will NOT be tolerated in Carroll County." Among those assisting were: Mississippi Department of Corrections, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks, Leflore County Sheriff's Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, North Carrollton Fire Department and numerous concerned citizens of the area.