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Ramsey County Sheriff's Deputies Foil Kidnapping for Ransom and Reunites Victim with Family

Saint Paul, Minnesota: The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office announced today the arrest of two suspects in a kidnapping for ransom case that took place earlier this week. Both suspects are in-custody and there is no threat to public safety. This was an isolated incident and the victim was reunited with her family.

On the morning of Tuesday, May 12, 2020, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to an address in Little Canada to speak with a concerned parent. Deputies spoke to a parent who reported that a person wearing a bulletproof vest had come to their home and displayed a picture of their daughter with a black and swollen eye. The suspect told the parents that the victim, their adult daughter, had been kidnapped and was being held for ransom. Other friends and family members had also received messages from the victim stating that she was in trouble and needed to raise \$5,000 for her release.

Through use of technology and exigent circumstance warrants, Deputies were able to identify the area where the victim's cell phone was located. Deputies from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office were joined by the Bloomington Police in a coordinated effort to locate the victim. Deputies and officers dressed in plainclothes responded to the area. The Sheriff's Negotiators Team worked with the victim's family to negotiate with the captors. The victim was rescued when one of the suspects left a Bloomington hotel with the victim to retrieve the ransom payment. The victim received a medical evaluation and did not require hospitalization.

It was later learned that the victim had been pistol-whipped the previous day, taken to a home in Saint Paul, and then to the hotel in Bloomington. She was held in the bathroom of the hotel room overnight and threatened at gunpoint while demands were made for money to her family and friends.

Two suspects have been charged in this case with kidnapping: Jason Tucker and Hailey Flynn. This case has been referred to the Ramsey County Attorney's Office for prosecution.



Jason Tucker, age 37, of Minneapolis



Hailey Flynn, age 21, of Minneapolis

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