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Four held hostage in alleged home invasion in Allston; 2 men arrested



Charged after lengthy standoff

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Four men were held hostage — including two who were ordered to lie on the kitchen floor for about two hours — after two armed men broke into an Allston home early Thursday morning, first identifying themselves as police officers and then demanding money and drugs, authorities said.

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One of the victims was hospitalized for a cut to the head after being pistol-whipped, a Boston Police report said.

Police surrounded the home during a lengthy standoff and at one point ordered a "Code 99" to signal there was a "hostage situation," before arresting the two alleged intruders.

Jake Wark, a spokesman for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, identified the suspects as Jacob Noseworthy, 29, of Allston and Sean Bowler, 24, of Waltham.

Both men have been charged with home invasion and witness intimidation. Noseworthy was also charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

The two men were each ordered to be held on \$50,000 cash bail at their arraignment on Thursday, Wark said. A not guilty plea was automatically entered on their behalf. They are due back in court on May 30.

Wark said all of the victims are men in their mid-20s and residents of the home.

At about 3 a.m. Thursday, officers went to the house on Holman Street and saw one man – later identified as one of the alleged robbers – shut the front door,

The suspect offered a cut to the head after being pistol-whipped.

Soon after a man – later identified as a victim – walked out a back door of the house and was ordered by officers to put his hands up and walk toward them backwards. He obeyed and was cuffed and put into a police cruiser, according to the report.

The other suspect continued to walk around the house, ducking to try to stay out of view.

Another man – later identified as a second victim – tried to jump out a front window of the house. Officers outside ordered him to walk out the front door with his hands up. He, too, obeyed and was cuffed and escorted away by officers, the report said.

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About an hour later, two more victims escaped from the back door of the house.

Later, the second suspect walked out of the front door with his hands up, the report said.

The first victim to come out of the house told police he had been in his bedroom listening to music when he heard several loud bangs and someone yelling "Boston Police." A man then entered his room and repeatedly yelled "give me the money" and "where is the weed?," according to the report.

The victim replied: "We don't have any."

The two suspects then ordered the victim into the kitchen, to lay face down on the floor and to not look at the suspects. The suspects took the victim's phone so he would not be able to call for help, the report said.

Soon after, the suspects saw the officers outside and began running around the house. After waiting for several minutes, the victim ran for the back door, where he was stopped by police, the report said.

The second victim he was sleeping in his bedroom when one of the suspects came in holding a silver handgun and began yelling "give me the money," according to the report.

As the suspect threw things around the room, the victim said he told the suspect he did not know what he was talking about. The suspect then pistol-whipped the victim in the side of the head and told him to lay in his bed and pull a blanket over his face, the report said.

The victim said he laid in the bed until the man left the room and then later hid inside a closet. After a while, he left the closet, looked outside a window, saw officers and went outside. He was taken to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton to be treated for a cut on his head, the report said.

The third victim told officers he was in his bedroom when he heard loud banging and someone yelling "where's the money?" the report said. The victim was then told to go to the kitchen and lay on the floor with his face down. The victim laid there for about two hours alongside the fourth victim, who declined to talk to officers at the scene.

The second suspect apologized to the two victims. They then got up and left.

Police found a bag of marijuana and a cell phone inside a black Jeep Liberty parked in the driveway. The vehicle was towed away and seized as evidence, the report said.

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