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MEDIA ADVISORY: Home Invasion Robbery Leads To Arrest Of Mendota Man

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of a Mendota man on numerous charges including attempted home invasion robbery and burglary. Arrested was 38 year old Carlos Morales Molina.

Yesterday afternoon, shortly after 4:30 pm, deputies responded to a residence located in the 41000 block of W. American Ave. regarding a hot prowler burglary.

The female victim advised deputies that she had encountered an unknown male subject who had apparently entered her house through a window. She further advised deputies that the subject was armed with a knife. The victim was able to get out of the residence and call for help. She provided a good description of the subject and his vehicle which was immediately broadcast to responding deputies.

Just after 6:00 pm, the sheriff's helicopter "Eagle One" located the possible suspect vehicle in the area of Panoche and Newcomb, approximately two miles from the victim's residence. A male subject who matched the description of the suspect was seen walking into a nearby trailer. Eagle One was able to direct deputies to the vehicle and trailer where they made contact with the subject who was identified as Molina.

Molina was positively identified as the subject who had broken into the victim's residence and taken into custody.

During the investigation, it was learned that Molina was also wanted in connection with a carjacking incident that occurred on January 24th of this year. Firebaugh PD detectives responded and, as a result of their investigation, arrested Molina on charge of attempted murder, carjacking, and robbery.