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The Cumberland County Sheriffs Office is currently investigating a home invasion which occurred at 44 Shore Road in the Town of Standish.

We have arrested EPHRIAM BENNETT, age 46, (DOB 2/19/1962)

BENNETT was taken to the Cumberland County Jail where he awaits arraignment on Elevated Aggravated Assault, Robbery and Burglary charges. All are classified as Class A felonies.

BENNETT is a convicted felon in the state of North Carolina. We are also holding him on a FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE warrant originating from that jurisdiction in October 08 in connection with a probation revocation on a felony theft conviction.

BENNETT is also being held on an Assault warrant from the Scarborough Police Department in connection with a domestic violence incident that occurred in that town two years ago.

BENNETT IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BAIL as a consequence of the FUGITIVE charge.

BENNETT, who prefers to be addressed as "E", is a former resident of Searsmont, Maine and is currently living at 1009 Wintu Court in Raleigh North Carolina.

Detectives have established the following information:

At approximately 0200 hrs this morning the suspect broke into a residence at #44 Shore Rd. in the Town of Standish Maine.

Upon entering the residence, the masked suspect went directly to the victim's bedroom and repeatedly assaulted the homeowner, RICHARD CARLSON, age 55, who had been asleep in his bed. Mr. Carlson lost a number of teeth from that initial attack.

Mr. Carlson was subsequently tied up with duct tape and then repeatedly kicked and beaten about the body by the suspect.

The suspect also stabbed Mr. Carlson twice once in the back once in the left arm.

The suspect then remained inside of the residence for approximately six hours, where he proceeded to clean the blood off from his clothing utilizing the victim's washer and dryer.

At approximately 08:00 hours, the suspect fled the scene.

The victim managed to free himself and flee to a neighbor's home, where the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office was called.

The victim was transported to Maine Medical Center where he is being treated for two stab wounds, numerous lacerations to the face and head, and multiple broken ribs.

Through the combined efforts of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Maine State Police, Gorham and Buxton Police Departments, BENNETT was located exiting the woods approximately a quarter mile from the crime scene and taken into custody.

Detectives were able to recover the mask, gloves and knife used in the stabbing at the Carlson home. These items had been hidden at another location.

Detectives are also attempting to establish BENNETT'S connection to three other burglaries in the immediate vicinity.

Our investigation will continue.

For any further information please contact:

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Cumberland County Sheriff's Office



Bennett, Ephriam Keith

Date of Birth: 02/19/1962

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