

Boone Break-in Suspect Sought, One Arrested

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Boone Police, backed up by deputies of the Watauga Sheriff's Office, responded to what Boone Police are calling a violent home invasion in progress last night at an apartment on Coffey Street near downtown Boone—and one arrest of an ASU student is reported. The 9-1-1 caller reported that residents—the intended victims—managed to detain one of the suspects, and that a second—a black male— had fled toward Howard and Hardin Streets. Boone Police say the residents had been attacked in their home by two masked men armed with a club and a hammer, demanding money and drugs. The residents were joined by neighbors in fighting off both intruders and subduing one of the attackers until police arrived. Deputies arrived with a search dog, and an attempt was made to follow the trail of the suspect. ASU officers were called to assist in setting up a search perimeter, but even in the short time frame between the crime and the search, that area grew large, and encompassed both areas of campus and into downtown. The second suspect escaped and remains at large. Police say one resident of the apartment transported himself to Watauga Medical Center with minor injuries. The detained suspect was identified as Travis Dean Edgerton, age 20 and an ASU student from Chapel Hill. Edgerton was charged with felony burglary, felony attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a deadly weapon. He was taken before a Watauga County magistrate, and then held in the Watauga County Detention Center under a \$100,000 bond with a December 18, 2012 court date. Boone Police are continuing the investigation and are working to identify the second suspect.