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## Carjacking victim escapes from car trunk

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A safety release on the inside of a car trunk apparently enabled a man to escape his kidnapers early Monday in the University City area. The incident was part of a carjacking that happened about 2 a.m. in a neighborhood off Mallard Creek Road.

Police say a man told them he was returning home, in the 8900 block of Legacy Park Drive, when two men approached him. The victim said he was ordered to get inside the trunk of the car and give his keys to the men.

Police say the men then drove off, with the victim locked in the trunk. The victim was able to escape a short time later and called police. No suspects were caught, and police have not issued a description of the two men.

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## Carjacked War Veteran Bails Out Of Moving Car After Kidnappers Lock Him In Trunk

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**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** -- A war veteran ready to celebrate his first Christmas back home was scared for his life when two men carjacked him and forced him into the trunk of his car early Monday.

Josh Baker said he was headed out to the store from his apartment on Legacy Park Drive, which is off Mallard Creek Road in northwest Charlotte, when two men in a car approached him.

“(One of the men said,) ‘You know what this is, let me get your wallet.’ I’m like, ‘Right here, what else you want? Cell phone? Whatever you want,’” Baker said.

The men forced Baker at gunpoint to lie face down into the back of his car. Over the next several hours the kidnapers drove him around and threatened him. They demanded he call his parents and tell them to cough up thousands of dollars in ransom. At one point they blindfolded him and duct taped his hands together and forced him into the trunk of another car.

“Whenever you have something over your face, you can't see what's going on, I kept thinking I'd hear that pop and be gone,” he said.

He said as he lie trapped in the trunk, he could only think about his two sons.

“This is the first year I have my sons with me on Christmas,” he said.

Baker's five years of military service often kept him overseas. He recently spent a year in Iraq.

“I'd rather get blown up in a humvee in Iraq serving my country than come back and die in the back of my car because someone wants some money from me,” he said.

But his soldier training kicked in. He freed his hands from the duct tape and pulled the emergency latch inside the trunk. Then he bailed out of the moving car.

"I tumbled a couple times," he said.

His elbows and knees bared the brunt of his escape. With no idea where he was, he just started running and knocking on doors until he found someone to call 911.

Baker said for him, Christmas came early. He'll be able to see his boys open their presents.

"I'm just happy to be alive," he said.

Baker said police found his stolen car, but it is being held as part of their investigation. Anyone within information that could help police should call Crime Stoppers at (704) 334-1600.

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## **Santurri sentences two sex offenders**

[JENI BOOKER SENTER](#) January 9, 2009 - 11:11AM

On Tuesday, prosecutors said Derrick Dewayne Lofton, 23, of Navarre, entered pleas to sexual battery, false imprisonment and aggravated assault.

Lofton was arrested in January 2007 after investigators reported he choked a woman at his Pawnee Drive home and raped her at knifepoint.

After the incident, Lofton apologized and said he'd turn himself in to police, but as the woman started to leave Lofton choked her again and forced her into the trunk of his car.

Lofton drove for about an hour before she escaped, pulling a release handle and jumping out around Andorra Street. The car was still moving.

A couple from Navarre, who were passing by, rescued her, later telling investigators they saw a car with its trunk open backing up quickly as a woman ran away from it. They took her to a nearby Tom Thumb, where she called authorities.

She has since moved out of state and didn't attend Lofton's hearing Monday. Prosecutor Larry Kaden said if she had testified, Lofton's sentence might have been heavier.

Lofton initially faced life in prison, but Santa Rosa County Circuit Judge Thomas Santurri said Lofton cooperated in the investigation of another criminal sex case and had no prior record.

The other sex case involved Lofton's cellmate who allegedly molested a young girl.

Santurri also sentenced 32-year-old Milton man, Eddie Lamar Weekley, who pled guilty to two counts of lewd and lascivious molestation. Weekley was sentenced to 25 years in prison with no chance of an early release.

Prosecutors said the two girls molested by Weekley were less than 12 years old when he fondled them in the fall of 2007. At his hearing, Weekley apologized to his victims and said he was molested as a child.

[http://www.srpressgazette.com/news/lofton\\_5876\\_article.html/weekley\\_molested.html](http://www.srpressgazette.com/news/lofton_5876_article.html/weekley_molested.html)

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## **Albany carjacking victim escapes gunmen**

Posted: Oct 3, 2008 02:43 PM EST By Jim Wallace October 3, 2008

ALBANY, GA (WALB) - An Albany man is in hiding after he was robbed at gunpoint, and locked in his trunk while being carjacked. He managed to escape from the trunk, but the robbers fired several shots at him as he fled.

Torey Mitchell shows his scraped knees and hands he suffered running from armed robbers shooting at him. He did not want his face shown because he is afraid the robbers are still after him.

Mitchell said "I was extremely scared. I didn't look back, I was just running. It was like in the movies."

But this was real. About 9:15 PM Mitchell was parking at his home on Towering Pines when two young men rushed him and put a gun to his head, forcing him into his car trunk. He says he knew they were going to kill him.

Mitchell said "They had no mercy, they had no mercy on me. They were going to take me, put me in the trunk and take me someplace else. That's why when I got out of the trunk I wasn't going back in."

Mitchell said while in the trunk, five young men got in the car. When they were about to drive away, Mitchell used the inside release to open the trunk, and took off running. The robbers chased him, shooting at him. One of the bullets hit the wall of a nearby apartment.

Mitchell said "They started shooting at me. And I got up. And I was hitting on every door going down the road trying to get somebody to come outside and help me."

Today Mitchell has scraps and bruises. His Lincoln is still missing, and Mitchell believes the robbers are involved in a gang. So he is staying away from his house until he can move.

Mitchell said "It really woke me up. To see really what's going on. Rather than just look over it."

An Albany crime victim, fortunate to escape.

Albany Police are questioning what they are calling two persons of interest, but have made no arrests. They ask your help finding the missing 2001 White Lincoln LS, with tag number AKY 6679.

If you have any information, call CRIME STOPPERS at 436-TIPS.

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## Student Robbed At Gunpoint, Locked In Trunk

**Video:** Student Robbed, Locked In Trunk 5:55 pm EST January 15, 2008

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. -- Forsyth County authorities are investigating a bizarre case involving two local high schools, when things turned violent after the cross-town basketball game Friday night between Mt. Tabor and Reynolds High Schools.

An 18-year-old student was leaving the gym around 9 p.m. when he was approached by two men, robbed at gunpoint and locked inside the trunk of a car, police said.

Police said the men forced the 18-year-old into a car, then drove him to an ATM where they forced him to withdraw money.

He was eventually able to escape by releasing the lock inside the trunk. The student then called for help, police said.

"I'm shocked that it happened -- shocked I found out through the grape vine -- and so now we are looking at increasing security for games to come trying to relieve any fears anyone might have about future games," said Reynolds Principal Dr. Art Paschal.

Police said Kedrick Monte Manning, 20, has been charged in the case.

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## Father on trial in child-in-trunk case

By NATALIE NEYSA ALUND [nalund@bradenton.com](mailto:nalund@bradenton.com) Posted on Wed, Mar. 11, 2009

BRADENTON — They didn't want their teenage daughter to run away. So David and Peggy Ingram bound the child's head, hands and feet with duct tape, put a wool cap over her head and threw her in the trunk of their car, according to lawyers in David Ingram's child abuse trial this week,

As they drove away from 27th Street East on Sept. 12, the couple turned up the radio to drown out their 17-year-old daughter's apologies and prayers to Jesus.

Somehow, the high school senior broke free from the bindings, opened the trunk using a glow-in-the-dark release hatch and jumped from the moving car.

The fall caused a serious head injury, Assistant State Attorney Lauren Berns told jurors Tuesday during the first day of Ingram's aggravated child abuse and false imprisonment trial.

Earlier this week, Peggy Ingram pleaded no contest to a false imprisonment charge and was sentenced to 18 months of probation. Under a plea deal with prosecutors, she agreed to testify against her husband.

During opening statements in David Ingram's trial, defense attorneys called Ingram's actions a desperate act to save a child who's life had been "on the wrong track."

"This was a scare tactic that went stupidly wrong, a desperate act to get her not to run away," said lawyer Betsy Young, who represents Ingram with Varinia Van Ness.

It was the teen's choice to jump from the car, Young said.

Her client, she said, may be guilty of bad judgment, but is not guilty of aggravated child abuse.

Prior to Sept. 12, the teen had been acting out, Young said. Her parents learned she'd become sexually active and had gotten pregnant by an older man, known only as Eddie. Lawyers did not say how old he was.

After the teen had an abortion, her parents forbade her to see Eddie.

"We just couldn't understand this behavior . . . sneaking around with someone we'd never met," Peggy Ingram said on the witness stand.

Peggy Ingram testified Tuesday that the couple left their daughter with a relative so she and her husband could attend a Christian marriage retreat in Tampa.

While there, she told jurors a neighbor called her husband and said they saw her daughter with an unidentified man. The teen's brother also reportedly saw the girl get into a car with the man.

Berns said testimony this week will reveal that the couple drove home to Manatee and picked up duct tape, then drove to the home where their daughter was staying in the 300 block of 10th Avenue East.

As they were driving home, the girl told her parents she was going to run away, so they pulled over in the Mixon Fruit Farms area. Peggy Ingram bound her hands and legs with the duct tape as her husband held her down. They then placed a wool cap over her head, closed the trunk and drove off, Berns said in his opening statement.

At a stoplight, David Ingram noticed that the trunk lid was open and that their daughter was missing.

They turned around to retrace their route, finding the dazed teen standing on the side of the road.

They put her in the back seat, then drove her home, where they noticed blood from a head wound on her shirt. They took her to Manatee Memorial Hospital, where doctors determined she had suffered a skull fracture. She was transferred to All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg.

Testimony is expected to resume at 9 a.m. today in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Diana Moreland.

If convicted of aggravated child abuse and false imprisonment, David Ingram could be sentenced to up to 35 years in prison.

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## **Motive unclear in home invasion**

### **Man escaped from kidnappers; police are investigating.**

By Jim Schoettler Story updated at 12:45 AM on Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2009

Three masked gunmen terrorized a Jacksonville family after tying up a mother and her five children at gunpoint and kidnapping the husband, who jumped from the trunk of a moving car, police said Tuesday.

The pistol-whipped husband escaped further harm after being rescued by a family friend, who saw the vehicle, sounded a friendly honk and then saw him jump from the trunk.

No arrests were reported in the home invasion, which occurred about 8 p.m. Sunday in the north Jacksonville neighborhood of Lake Forest. A police report did not indicate why the gunmen may have targeted the family, including children, 5 and 7.

The husband, a 35-year-old longshoreman, has only a brief criminal history of minor charges, court records show. The wife, 37, has never been arrested, the records show.

The husband couldn't be reached to comment, and his wife did not return messages left on her cell phone. The Times-Union is not identifying the victims because the suspects remain at large.

The attack occurred in the 800 block of Linda Drive. A police report released Tuesday gave this account:

A 17-year-old told police that when he arrived at his home, he walked to the front and the attackers came from behind a vehicle in the driveway. One man pointed a gun to the teen's head and forced him to open the front door.

The gunmen tied up the mother and her five children who were forced to lie on the bedroom floor. The men demanded money, but were told there wasn't any.

One man pointed a gun at the woman's head and repeatedly asked when her husband would be home. The woman said she didn't know, and the men tore up the house.

The husband arrived home and was thrown to the floor. At least one of the men attempted to put handcuffs on him, but could get only one on. The husband was hit in the head with a pistol and felt a sharp object thrust into his side.

The men dragged the husband outside and put him in the trunk of his wife's car. The victim said he was able to open the trunk using a safety latch and jumped out of the car at the Lem Turner Road on-ramp to Interstate 95. The victim was trying to stop cars for help when a family friend drove by.

The friend said she had recognized the car and blew her horn as it went by. She then saw the trunk open and the man jump out. The woman drove the man home and called 911.