

Ex-boyfriend faces charges in kidnapping

Woman receives minor injuries in confrontation

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Alaska State Troopers arrested a Fairbanks man whom they say kidnapped, robbed and threatened to kill his ex-girlfriend.

Arlo Olson, 25, broke into his ex-girlfriend's Glasgow Drive apartment, hid and waited for the 24-year-old woman to return home about 4 p.m. on Saturday. The woman arrived a short time later with the couple's two young children and an unidentified young girl, after being dropped off by her new boyfriend, said trooper Sgt. Dave Drvenkar.

The woman did not notice the door had been broken and when she walked in, Olson knocked her to the floor, he said.

"He confronted her with a knife," Drvenkar said. The unidentified young girl ran to Justa Store and called 911.

In the meantime Olson forced the woman to take their two children, ages 3 and 4, to his mother's home nearby. From there, Olson and the woman headed toward University Avenue on foot, Drvenkar said.

Sometime during the kidnapping Olson tried to force the woman to swallow a large amount of an unnamed prescription medicine and took the woman's cash, Drvenkar said. He did this while threatening to kill the woman at knifepoint, he said.

When troopers responding to the 911 call arrived at the apartment, no one was there, Drvenkar said. Another caller saw the pair on University Avenue near the bridge over the Chena River and phoned troopers.

Olson was apprehended near the intersection of Airport Way and University Avenue, 45 minutes after the troopers were first called, Drvenkar said.

Olson was arrested and charged with kidnapping, attempted murder, burglary in the first degree, criminal mischief in the third degree, assault in the third degree, and robbery in the first degree. He was taken to the Fairbanks Correctional Center.

The woman received minor injuries. The children were not injured. Troopers are not releasing any more information.

"We intend to put a good case together for the district attorney," Drvenkar said.

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