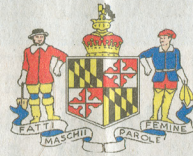


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Police charge home invaders

Third suspect caught Wednesday at Route 40 motel

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The third suspect in last Saturday's home invasion robbery in North East is now in custody, according to the Elkton Police Department.

Officers arrested John Albert Barton, 26, of no fixed address, at about 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the West End Gardens Motel on Route 40, Lt. Matthew Donnelly said.

Barton remained in the Cecil County Detention Center on Thursday in lieu of \$135,000 bond, a jail spokeswoman said.

Barton is facing numerous criminal charges, including armed robbery, first-degree assault, first-degree burglary, reckless endangerment and theft of \$500 or more.

Barton's alleged accomplices — his brother, Timothy Wayne Barton, 30, and Michelle Lee Dove, 33, both of North East — were arrested by the Maryland State Police on Monday and were still being held at the detention center in lieu of their respective \$100,000 bonds on Thursday.

Dove and Timothy Barton also are facing several criminal charges, including many

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Above, Jennifer Lieber of Schmidt Vineyard Management Company prunes a grapevine Wednesday at Terrapin Station Vineyard and Winery in Elkton. Jennie Schmidt, a vineyard owner from Queen Anne's County, contracts her company across Maryland to perform manual tasks such as pruning. Schmidt said undercutting during pruning often leads to higher crop yields but poorer grape quality.



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