

Man with Tahoe connections arrested in kidnap case

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A bizarre kidnapping case that police once called a hoax took yet another surprising turn Monday. The FBI issued a warrant for the arrest of a 38-year-old Harvard Law School graduate in connection with the case and a separate alleged home invasion that occurred last month.



Matthew Muller

In court documents unsealed Monday, the FBI said that there is probable cause to believe that Matthew D. Muller of Orangevale kidnapped Denise Huskins from a Vallejo home on March 23.

At the time, her boyfriend Aaron Quinn told police that assailants entered the home in the early morning, drugged them and tied him up, and disappeared with Huskins. She appeared mysteriously days later in her hometown, unharmed after a person or persons claiming to be her kidnapper demanded thousands of dollars in ransom.

Vallejo police said after Huskins reappeared that the situation was likely a hoax and that there was no evidence that there had even been a kidnapping.

Months later, the FBI's statement on Muller's arrest appears to vindicate Huskins's and Quinn's story.

Muller had been arrested in connection with a home invasion robbery case on June 5 at his South Lake Tahoe home and was charged with home invasion, burglary, assault with a deadly weapon and great bodily injury in that case.

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