

Man arrested for stealing beer

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A 50-year-old Ruston man apparently was in such desperate need of two cases of beer early this morning that he was willing to break into a convenience store to get them, according to Ruston police.

Police found the man walking down the street this morning holding both cases of beer in his arms, police said.

Anthony Butler broke into the Delta Mini Mart at the corner of California and Trenton streets shortly before 2 a.m. today, said Lt. Curtis Hawkins, spokesman for the Ruston Police Department.

Butler set off the alarm when he broke in, and he was gone by the time police arrived. Police found the double glass door on the east side of the store broken.

"We determined that there was some beer missing from the store, and one of the employees later arrived to watch video surveillance of the burglary. We got a description of the suspect based upon that video," Hawkins said.

Police found Butler walking down Gill Street, less than a mile away from the store, later this morning, Hawkins said. He was arrested on simple burglary charges and taken to the Lincoln Parish Detention Center.