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4 arrested in rash of home burglaries

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Ruston police have made four arrests in two separate burglary rings, but neither of the two rings are connected, police said.

All four arrests took place because of observant people who had a hunch that something suspicious was taking place and called police, said Lt. Curtis Hawkins, spokesman for the Ruston Police Department.

Police recently arrested two men in connection with two burglaries:

- Marquis Daniels, 19, Vernon Street
- Dominick Smith, 18, Luther Drive, Monroe

Police also arrested two other men early last week in a separate burglary ring, this one involving four separate burglaries:

- William Henry Ledford, 18, Cook Road
- Tyler Marsh, 18, Quitman

Property was returned to the owners in all of the burglaries, Hawkins said.

Pinecrest, Woodhaven burglaries

"In the first burglary, a resident living on the 2400 block of North Trenton called police to report suspicious activity among two men who were knocking on doors and acting suspiciously," Hawkins said.

Officers responded to the area, found the two men, later identified as Daniels and Smith, leaving the area and started questioning them, he said. Hawkins went on to say one officer discovered a revolver on Daniels, which police later learned was stolen from a recent burglary on East Woodhaven Road. As they continued their investigation, officers found the suspects' vehicle in the Super One parking lot — they also reportedly found a shotgun lying in the vehicle. Officers later learned that someone had stolen that shotgun from another recent burglary on East Woodhaven, Hawkins said.

Officers also learned that Daniels had two failure to appear warrants for his arrest from the Ruston City Court, plus another one from district court, Hawkins said.

Officers connected the two to burglaries on East Woodhaven and North Pinecrest Drive. Officers arrested both men on charges of aggravated burglary (for arming themselves in the act) and simple burglary. They also charged Daniels with giving false information to officers and resisting an officer, in addition to the two failure to appear warrants. Those warrants stemmed from charges involving no driver's license and speeding, Hawkins said.



Green Mountain Drive, High Point Drive burglaries

Police received calls about two separate burglaries on Green Mountain Drive and two more on High Point Drive between July 18 and last Tuesday. Both neighborhoods are in the Hidden Valley subdivision on Frasier Road. Burglars stole guns, jewelry, electronic devices, cash and alcohol from the four homes, Hawkins said.

"Someone called authorities last Sunday to report that he had purchased a gun from someone in Ruston, and his instincts were telling him that the gun was probably stolen. He just knew that something was not right," Hawkins said.

The man identified the seller to deputies with the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Department, and those deputies passed that information along to Ruston police. Police identified those two people as Ledford and Marsh and found and arrested them last week, Hawkins said.

Both men were charged with simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling and booked into the Lincoln Parish Detention Center.

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