

Police seek man connected with Ruston shooting

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Ruston police are hunting for a suspect who shot a Ruston man in the back on Monday.

Lt. Curtis Hawkins, Ruston Police Department public information officer, said officers were called in close to 11 p.m. Monday on a report of gunfire at Duque Drive and McCallister Street.

"They interviewed some people in the area, but nobody provided any information about what happened, and there was no victim on the scene," Hawkins said.

A call from the Northern Louisiana Medical Center emergency room connected RPD officers with the victim — 24-year-old Brandon Perry of Garr Road.

"Perry said he'd been in the area of Duque and gotten into an argument with another man

over his girlfriend," Hawkins said.

Perry told officers he turned his back on the unidentified black male and began walking away, and heard several gunshots behind him, Hawkins said. Several of those shots hit near his feet, and one shot struck him in the lower back. He laid on the ground for several minutes as the suspect fled and was able to get up and head for the street, where he flagged down a ride to the hospital, Hawkins said.

Duque was treated and released from the hospital Tuesday.

CrimeStoppers will offer up to \$1,000 for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those involved in the shooting. Anyone with information about this incident can call 255-1111.