

# Man faces battery charge

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Ruston police officers arrested a 51-year-old Ruston man last week on aggravated battery charges after what police said was a drug deal gone wrong.

Officers arrested Dwight LaWayne Davis Sr., 51, 1013 Oakdale, Ruston, and charged him with aggravated battery. Davis was arrested Friday night after he allegedly used a knife to cut a woman on her cheek, said Lt. Curtis Hawkins, spokesman for the Ruston Police Department.

Officers responded to a call for help Friday night on South

Trenton Street and met a woman with a cut on her cheekbone. The woman reportedly told officers that she and Davis had been walking together on Pecan Street to buy crack cocaine. She said she and Davis arrived at the home of a drug dealer when the two began arguing about money, Hawkins said.

"One of the two pulled a knife during the argument. Both said the other person was the one who had the knife, though. A struggle ensued. The suspect (Davis) was cut on the hand, and the woman was cut on the cheek," Hawkins said.

The woman was treated for her cut at the Northern Louisi-

ana Medical Center, Hawkins said.

"After a short search of the surrounding area, officers located the suspect (Davis) riding a bike down South Trenton and detained him. As a result of our investigation, Davis was arrested and charged with aggravated battery," Hawkins said.

Officers transported him to the Lincoln Parish Detention Center.

Davis was already on probation for previous unspecified charges, and state probation officers placed a hold on Davis, Hawkins said.

"People do crazy things for crack," Hawkins said.