

# Armed robbery suspects at large

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Ruston Police are searching for suspects in two armed robberies that occurred within the past three days.

At 8:39 p.m. Tuesday, a suspect entered the Farmerville Street E-Z Mart and pulled out a handgun after purchasing a few items, according to Ruston Police Lt. Curtis Hawkins. He forced the clerk to open the cash register and fled on foot with an undetermined amount of cash.

Police said the suspect in the E-Z Mart robbery was described as a black male, approximately 16-17 years old, about 5'3" tall and wearing dark clothing.

Police are also seeking a suspect in an armed robbery that occurred around 7:30 p.m. Sunday

at an apartment at 106 S. Homer St., in which four Tech students were robbed at gunpoint.

The two incidents are unrelated, according to police.

Police have not released the identities of the victims of Sunday's robbery out of concern for their safety.

According to the victims, who were all male international students, the four men were at the apartment when a black male knocked on the door and asked if "Tom" was there.

They responded that they didn't know who Tom was.

The suspect entered the apartment and pulled out a handgun and ordered the victims to get on the ground, Hawkins said.

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The suspect took personal items including cash from three of the victims, as well as some electronic items from the apartment, Hawkins said.

The suspect ordered the victims to get inside the bathroom and stay there for 20 minutes.

The victims said it seemed like the suspect knew his way around their house because he entered

the apartment through the front door and left through the back door. They said they think he was not alone, but they did not see anyone else.

Police said the suspect was described as a black male, six feet tall, stocky and weighing approximately 200 lbs.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes should call Crime Stoppers at 255-1111.