

# Visitor booked after report of home thefts

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Just five days before Christmas, a local resident got a visitor.

Unlike Santa, however, this unwanted guest was not dropping off gifts, but apparently walked away with several items.

Ruston Police spokesman Lt. Curtis Hawkins said police received a call about an unwanted visitor at 10:45 p.m. Friday from a handicapped man in an apartment on Roosevelt Drive.

“When officers arrived, they spoke to the resident, who said he heard a knock on the door,” Hawkins said. “He said when he opened the door, an unidentified black male barged in and grabbed several items from inside his house and fled on foot.”

While officers were circulating the area in search of the suspect, police received a second call from the complainant, who said the man was back knocking at his door, Hawkins said.

Police responded and arrested suspect Carlos Jenkins, 34, of Ruston, who Hawkins said appeared to be highly intoxicated.

He was booked into the Lincoln Parish Detention Center on charges of unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling. Since none of the stolen items was located, Hawkins said no theft charges were included for Jenkins, who he said has an extensive criminal background with the RPD.

Those convicted of unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling can be fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than six years, or both.