



# ***BRPD News Item***

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Slug:	Serial Robber Caught
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Detectives have arrested a suspect wanted in connection with at least ten robberies and aggravated burglaries that have occurred between the LSU campus and mid-city over the past six weeks.

JEFFERY JEROME BENNETT, 39, 2229 GEORGIA, was caught yesterday afternoon and booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison last evening charged with 14 counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Robbery, 4 counts of Armed Robbery, 7 counts of Home Invasion, 1 count of Simple Robbery, 1 count of Aggravated Kidnapping, 3 counts of Aggravated Burglary and 5 counts of Simple Kidnapping.

Bennett was spotted in the 2200 block of Maryland yesterday afternoon by a detective who noticed he was wearing clothing matching the description of the suspect in a recent robbery. The detective attempted to stop and identify Bennett, who fled on foot and was caught about a block away after a brief pursuit. Officers later executed a search warrant at Bennett's home and evidence was recovered linking him to the robberies.

In most of the cases Bennett knocked on the doors of residences and then forced his way inside after the occupant(s) opened the door. In others he simply entered through an unlocked door. In a few he actually forced the victim(s) to drive him to an ATM and withdraw cash. In some cases he implied or stated that he had a gun, in others he brandished a knife. In several of the cases there were multiple victims present. Many were LSU students.

The ten incidents occurred on the following dates and locations.

9/28/09	3200 Carlotta
10/10/09	2800 July
10/12/09	1200 Park Blvd.
10/19/09	3200 Ivanhoe
10/19/09	1700 Nicholson
10/21/09	1800 Olive
10/25/09	2500 McGrath
10/29/09	700 W. Roosevelt
10/30/09	600 Kenmore
11/2/09	3200 Carlotta

Detectives are continuing to investigate Bennett's possible involvement in other crimes as well.