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87 Year Old Robbed by Friend

On February 19, 2010 at 9:40 am the Slidell Police Department was contacted by the daughter of an 87 year old Slidell resident, who advised that her father had been robbed.

The 87 year old victim advised that on February 16, he befriended a 31 year old black male by the name of Arthur. Arthur had asked the victim if he wished to purchase copper. After the victim refused Arthur returned a short time later and told the victim that he was hungry. The victim then fed Arthur and gave him a ride to Ellis Recycling so that Arthur could sell the copper.

On February 19, Arthur returned and asked the victim if he could borrow money. The victim invited Arthur inside for a cup of coffee. The victim turned his back and Arthur grabbed him around the neck in a choke hold, while holding the victim Arthur demanded his wallet and the P.I.N. for his debit card. Arthur then used nylon cord to tie the victim's hands, neck and feet together and before leaving, Arthur took the victim's .22 caliber handgun. Arthur left the residence in the victim's 1996 Green Dodge Caravan. After Arthur left the residence, the victim was able to free himself with a kitchen knife and then called his daughter.

A description of the stolen vehicle was broadcasted and at 10:42 am on this date Patrol Officer Joe McMahan spotted the vehicle on Front Street and with the assistance of several other Slidell Police Officers stopped the vehicle and took the driver (Arthur) into custody. The victim's gun and wallet were also recovered.

Arrested subject: Arthur J. White, age 33 of 850 Cleveland Avenue, Slidell, LA was arrested and charged with Simple Robbery, Auto Theft, False Imprisonment and Being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm

A photo is not available at this time.

Chief Drennan said *"First I would like to praise the guys for their quick work in getting this suspect in custody. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all our citizens to be very careful on whom they befriend and if they have suspicious to please contact us immediately."*

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