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Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office detectives arrested a Chauvin man in connection with two felony crimes Tuesday afternoon, Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois said.

In late December 2010, a residence under construction on Country Drive in Bourg was burglarized and all of the copper wiring was ripped from the attic causing extensive damage and more than \$1500.00 in losses to the builder. At the time, no suspect information was available.

Patrol officers in the area of Bayouside Drive Monday afternoon observed smoke emitting from the backyard of a residence located at 4509 A Bayouside Drive. Upon investigation, a subject was discovered stripping and burning wires from welding leads behind the residence. The patrol officers were familiar with a rash of theft of welding leads from various areas in the parish and continued to investigate.

Further investigation by patrolmen and detectives revealed that the subject, identified as Curtis Tucker, 22, of 4509 A Bayouside Drive had stolen the welding leads from a nearby business on January 5, 2011. The value of the welding leads was nearly \$4000.00.

During questioning of Tucker, he admitted to the burglary of the business and also to his involvement in the burglary of the residence on Country Drive. Tucker used the stolen copper materials to sell at local scrap yards for money.

Tucker was subsequently arrested and charged with two counts of simple burglary. He was transported to the Terrebonne Parish Criminal Justice Complex where he was booked and jailed.

Tucker has previous criminal history for theft.