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A Houma man was arrested Thursday afternoon for kidnapping his ex-girlfriend, Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois said.

The Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office received a call from a resident at 130 St. Louis Street in west Houma concerning her niece who was missing. The aunt reported that her niece, 22, was last seen at their residence with Jeramie Charles, the niece's estranged boyfriend. The aunt further reported that she suspected foul play since her niece's two infant children were left unattended inside the residence with the front door opened.

Patrol deputies and detectives arrived on scene immediately and confirmed that the niece was unaccounted for and her two children, although left alone, were safe.

An investigation revealed that Charles, 22, of 100 Chateau Road apt. 63 in Houma, arrived at 130 St. Louis Street to visit his ex-girlfriend and their two children. An argument occurred and Charles forced the female into his vehicle and fled the scene, leaving the children alone. Witnesses in the area observed the female attempting to escape from the vehicle, but she was hindered by Charles.

With the assistance of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, Charles was located at a relative's house in Cut Off approximately two hours later. The female was unharmed.

Both subjects were transported back to Terrebonne parish where Charles was later arrested for simple kidnapping, two counts of child desertion and domestic abuse battery. The victim was reunited with her children.

Charles was transported to the Terrebonne Parish Criminal Justice Complex where he awaits a bond hearing. He has previous criminal history for illegal narcotics distribution.