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## MAN ARRESTED FOR STABBING, VICTIM AT PITT

New Bern police are investigating a stabbing that took place Wednesday night in a mobile home park on Washington Post Road.

Police were called to CarolinaEast Medical Center just before 9 p.m. after a Hispanic male victim came to the hospital with stab wounds. He was transported via ambulance to Pitt Memorial Hospital where he remains for treatment.

Officers went to the victim's home in the Beech Grove Mobile Home Park, and found a group of about five Hispanic male witnesses. As a result of a language barrier, Spanish speaking officers were dispatched to the residence. They learned the victim and the suspect worked together on a construction crew in Jacksonville, and all of the men were at the home earlier in the day. The witnesses told officers the victim and suspect left the residence together, and a little while later, the victim called them saying he had been robbed and stabbed.

The men picked up the victim and took him to the hospital. Detectives learned of two different names for the victim, and are currently working to positively identify the man.

Investigators identified the suspect as **Eric Miguel GARNICA, 09/08/1978**, of 855 Washington Post Road. He was taken into custody between 1 and 2 a.m. Thursday morning at a residence a few homes away from the victim's.

**GARNICA** was charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury and Drug Equipment Violations. He was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$75,000 bond.

The investigation is on-going and anyone with information is asked to contact police at 252.633.2020.

The New Bern Police Department is committed to Community Policing. Citizens are encouraged to become a **"Partner in Policing,"** by reporting suspected illegal activity to the New Bern Police Department's **TIPS** line at **(252) 636-5034** or the Craven County Crime Stoppers line at 633-5141.

For additional information, please contact Beth Stevenson, Public Information Officer at the New Bern Police Department at (252) 672-4211.

Frank Palombo, Chief of Police

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