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POLICE IDENTIFY, ARREST ONE OF BELK SHOPLIFTERS

New Bern police have arrested one of the people responsible for stealing items from the Belk store in the New Bern Mall and trying to run over a store security guard as they fled.

Jessica Dawn LILLY, 10/07/1990, of Ernul, turned herself in at the police department around 6 p.m. Monday. Tips from citizens helped officers identify **LILLY** after they saw pictures of surveillance footage from Belk on local media outlets.

Last Thursday **LILLY** and a male suspect entered the Belk store, stole clothing and then fled from a security officer who tried to stop them. The security officer tried to open the door to **LILLY**'s car as she drove away with the male suspect in the back seat. **LILLY** accelerated, trapped the security officer with her car door and continued to drive, pulling the guard under her car until she struck a parked vehicle.

LILLY was charged with Felony Conspiracy, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Felony Hit and Run, Reckless Driving and Larceny. She was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$50,000 bond.

Police are now looking for the male suspect, **Rodney Delano ORMOND, 03/22/1986**. **ORMOND** was last known to be living on Ten Mile Fork Road in Jones County. Anyone with information about his location should 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.

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