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SECOND BELK SHOPLIFTER ARRESTED

The second suspect in a shoplifting case from the Belk store in the New Bern Mall last week was arrested Wednesday afternoon.

New Bern police had been looking for **Rodney Delano ORMOND, 03/22/1986**, of Trenton, after identifying him and **Jessica Dawn LILLY, 10/07/1990**, in surveillance footage from the store. **LILLY** was arrested Monday night.

Officers received a tip Wednesday that **ORMOND** had been staying at a home at 400 Gracie Farms Rd. With assistance from the Craven County Sheriff's Department, officers went to the residence, but **ORMOND** was not there. **ORMOND** later turned himself in at the police department around 2:30 p.m. after learning police were searching for him.

Last Thursday, **ORMOND** and **LILLY** 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 **ORMOND** 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.

ORMOND was charged with Common Law Robbery and placed in the Craven County jail under a \$50,000 bond. He is scheduled to make a first appearance in court Thursday morning.

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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