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## **WALMART GREETER ASSAULTED**

New Bern police arrested a man Monday night after he assaulted a Walmart employee.

Police responded to the store around 7:30 p.m. and found **John MCLEAN, 83**, of New Bern, who works as a door greeter, suffering from small lacerations on his head. He told officers the injuries happened when he fell to the ground after a young man hit him.

**MCLEAN** said he saw a young white male leaving the store with two one-gallon milk jugs that were not in a bag. **MCLEAN** asked the customer to see a receipt for the items, but the man continued to walk away. **MCLEAN** reached for the customer, who then turned and hit him with the milk.

A witness, **Nathan JOSIAL**, of Cherry Point, was able to stop and hold the suspect until police officers arrived.

**Austin STUSALITE, 10/19/84**, of 1318 Spencer Ave., was arrested and charged with Simple Assault and released on a written promise to appear in court on February 8, 2010.

Officers confirmed **STUSALITE** did pay for the milk.

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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