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MAN ARRESTED FOR STOLEN VEHICLE AND DRUG CHARGES

New Bern police arrested a man early Thursday morning for driving a stolen vehicle and also drug charges.

Just before 1 a.m., an officer on routine patrol saw a black truck speeding down S. Glenburnie Road. The driver passed over Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and the officer activated emergency blue lights and siren to conduct a traffic stop. The driver of the truck pulled into the parking lot of the businesses at 2131 S. Glenburnie Rd. The driver appeared anxious and told officers he did not have his wallet with him in the truck. As officers were attempting to identify the driver, he broke away from them and fled the scene on foot.

A police K-9 was called to the location and tracked the suspect to a nearby dumpster where he was hiding. The man was then identified as **James Robert LEWIS, 02/02/1991**, of 102 Distant Creek Court.

Officers learned the truck **LEWIS** was driving had been stolen from Vanceboro, and also found him in possession of marijuana and drug equipment. **LEWIS** was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Resist/Obstruct and Delay, Driving without a License, Safety Equipment Violation, Speeding and Probation Violation.

LEWIS was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$10,000 bond for the probation violation and \$25,000 bond for the other charges. **LEWIS** also had an outstanding warrant from the Craven County Sheriff's Department for Breaking and Entering with Larceny.

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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