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NEWS RELEASE

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“Suspect Charged in Connection with Armed Robbery”

On September 18, 2010 Officer of the New Bern Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery at 1509 National Avenue. Four suspects entered the store and demanded money. After unsuccessfully attempting to open the cash register, the suspects opened fire inside of the store, while holding customers and the clerks at gunpoint. One suspect was described as a black male, approximately 6’ 0” tall, medium build wearing a black t-shirt over his face, green long sleeved button down shirt and blue jeans. A second suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5’ 5” tall, medium build, black t-shirt over his face, wearing dark jeans and black and white shoes. The Third suspect was described as a black male 5’ 7” tall, medium build, with a black t-shirt over his face and a black ball cap wearing grey pants. The fourth suspect was described as a black male 5’ 8” tall, medium build wearing a white t-shirt over his face, wearing a black t-shirt and black jeans. After the suspects were able to open the cash register they left the store firing multiple shots as they left. There were no injuries as a result of this incident.

Officers arriving at the scene observed two suspects leaving the direction of the scene and attempted to question them. As the officers approached the suspects they ran away from the officers. Following a foot pursuit one of the suspects was apprehended in a field in the vicinity of G and Biddle Streets. The suspect was identified as the suspect wearing the baseball hat and grey pants during the robbery. A .380 semi-auto pistol was recovered from the suspect at the time of his arrest.

Jantez Edward ARTHUR D.O.B. 6/5/1990 of 4314 River Road, Vanceboro NC, was arrested without further incident and charged with Armed Robbery, Kidnapping and Resist, Obstruct and Delay a Police Officer. **ARTHUR** was booked into the Craven County Jail under a \$500,000.00 secured bond with a first appearance of September 20, 2010.

This case is still under investigation and additional arrests are pending. Anyone with information regarding this robbery is asked to contact the New Bern Police Department Major Case Unit at (252)672-4100.

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 Edward Preston, Deputy Chief at the New Bern Police Department at (252) 672-4145.

Frank Palombo, Chief of Police