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DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE LEADS TO ARREST

On June 13, 2011 at approximately 12:12pm, New Bern Police responded to 1711 Park Avenue for a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers spoke to Venetta Looney, D.O.B. 11/22/1977 of 1711 Park Avenue, New Bern, NC and **Percy SMITH, D.O.B. 8/1/1974 of 625 Mile Road, Vanceboro, NC.** Looney stated **SMITH** came to visit their juvenile son earlier in the morning. **SMITH** became upset with the juvenile and Looney asked him to leave her residence. Looney stated **SMITH** then punched her in the mouth with a closed fist and then took her walking cane and hit her on the right side of the head.

During the investigation, police discovered there were warrants on file for **SMITH** for Failure to Appear and Second Degree Trespass for unrelated incidents. He was taken into custody and transported to the police department for processing for those charges. In the meantime, Looney went to the magistrate's office to draw additional charges against **SMITH** for Assault on a Female.

SMITH was placed in the Craven County Jail with a bond to be set within 48 hours for the Assault on Female charge. His court date was set for July 20, 2011 for the previous charges on file.

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 Lt. Linda T. Godette, Public Information Officer, at the New Bern Police Department at 252-672-4196.

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