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FELON ARRESTED WHILE POSSESSING A FIREARM

On June 14, 2011 at approximately 23:40pm, New Bern Police received a call about a man with a gun near Craven Terrace wearing jeans, black shirt and a hat. Police in the area saw a man fitting description later identified as **James Anthony JONES, Jr., DOB 09-08-1988, 135 Rainbow Lake Drive, Vanceboro, NC**. Officers saw **JONES** clutch an object in his left waistband area with his left hand. Officers ordered **JONES** to stop as he was chased through the Craven Terrace Housing Development. Officers apprehended **JONES** near the O Building where **JONES** continued to resist arrest by fighting officers. An officer's eyeglasses were damaged during the struggle with **JONES**. A loaded .380 caliber handgun was taken from **JONES**' person while he was resisting arrest.

JONES was charged with Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon, Carrying Concealed Gun (Felony), Obliteration/Removal of Serial Number from a Gun (Felony), Resist Obstruct Delay, Injury to Personal Property and 2nd Degree Trespass in Craven Terrace. **JONES** bond was set for \$100,000.00 with a first appearance is June 15, 2011.

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.

John West, Interim Chief of Police