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MAN FOUND IN LAKE - INVESTIGATION PENDING

On May 15, 2011 at approximately 3:39 p.m., Officers of the New Bern Police Department responded to the lake at the end of Chestnut Avenue in the Pembroke Community after receiving information about a body floating in the water. Two witnesses had launched their boat at approximately 1:30 p.m. to fish in the lake. Shortly afterwards, they came across an overturned canoe and some washed up fishing gear and became concerned about the safety of anyone associated with the canoe. They continued fishing the shoreline and came across a body face down in the water. The witnesses immediately notified the New Bern Police Communications Center.

New Bern Police responded and requested assistance from the New Bern Fire Department Rescue Team along with CarolinaEast Emergency Medical Service. New Bern Police Department Major Case Detectives also responded. Officers observed a black Ford F150 pickup trucked near the ramp area.

The Rescue Team and Police launched and recovered the body of a black male from the lake. The body was transported to CarolinaEast Medical Center.

Further investigation lead to a third witness who reported the pickup truck had been parked there since Thursday, May 12, 2011. The pickup truck and the canoe were secured by police.

The victim has been identified as **Bernard Keith GREENE**, D.O.B. 7/1/1951 of 2570 Asbury Road, Cove City, NC.

Further investigation is pending the result of an autopsy scheduled for Tuesday.

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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