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## MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING POLICE

On September 10, 2011 at approximately 7:47 a.m., Officers of the New Bern Police Department responded to 1706 Edenton Street for a domestic disturbance call. Upon arrival, officers came in contact with Jamie Dupres SWINSON, DOB: 2/26/86 of 1706 Edenton Street who was standing in the street in front of the residence. SWINSON was upset but calm when suddenly **Wilson Ray HINTON, DOB: 10/29/60** of this address came out of the house wielding a wooden ax handle while screaming at SWINSON. Demetra Swinson HINTON, DOB: 11/25/65, SWINSON's mother and **HINTON's** wife, was also at the residence. Mr. **HINTON** repeatedly threatened to do bodily harm to SWINSON and refused to comply with the orders to calm down by the police. Mr. **HINTON** was just inside the residence when he swung and struck an officer. Officers then struggled with Mr. **HINTON** inside the residence while attempting to place him under arrest. **HINTON** continued to disobey police during the struggle but was taken into custody. **HINTON** was just returning home after having been out all night and was intoxicated.

**HINTON** was charged with Communicating Threats, Assault on a Government Official and Resist Delay Obstruct. **HINTON** was placed in the Craven County Jail under a \$3,000.00 secured bond with a first appearance set for September 12, 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