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MAN WANTED FOR MAY 2007 ROBBERY EXTRADITED

A New Bern man wanted since May 2007 for an armed robbery near the Galley Story downtown was extradited from Connecticut to New Bern yesterday afternoon.

Joseph Cortez BAKER, 02/24/1979, was charged with Obtaining Property by False Pretense and Robbery with Firearms or other Dangerous Weapons. He was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$50,000 bond.

On May 23, 2007, officers responded to an armed robbery near Pollock and East Front streets, where the victim, a 72-year old man, had been landscaping at the River Walk Apartments. Witnesses said two black males confronted the victim with a knife and took his wallet and checkbook from his pockets. One of the suspects, **Antonio Cassel EDWARDS, 10/12/1975**, was apprehended a short time later and charged with Armed Robbery.

Police identified **BAKER** as the second suspect, and obtained warrants for his arrest. **BAKER** was arrested by the Connecticut State Police for the outstanding warrants from New Bern.

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 Beth Stevenson, Public Information Officer, at the New Bern Police Department at 252-672-4211.

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