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## NEWS RELEASE

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### “Arrest Made in Home Invasion and Armed Robbery”

At approximately 9:00 pm on February 14, 2010, Officers responded to a reported home invasion at 241 Hunters Landing Apartments. The victims reported that suspects armed with a Semi-Automatic Rifle and handgun forced their way into their apartment, held the male victim at gunpoint while forcing the female victim to her vehicle to retrieve her purse. The suspects then took money from the victims purse and then fled the area in what was described as a two toned Buick with a spoiler on the back.

During the investigation, Officers found another victim who had been robbed at gunpoint by the same suspects while he was in the parking lot of Hunters Landing Apartments. Officers continued their investigation and were able to identify **Jamaal Martrell JONES, D.O.B. 6/14/1988** of 117 Jones Road, Bayboro NC. New Bern Officers, working with Deputies of the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office were able to locate and apprehend **JONES** in Bayboro without incident. Weapons believed to have been used during the robberies have been recovered.

**JONES** was charged with First Degree Burglary, 2 counts of Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, Second Degree Kidnapping and 2 counts of Conspiracy to Commit Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon. He was booked into the Craven County Jail under a \$250,000.00 secured bond with a first appearance of February 16, 2010.

Officers have identified **Travis SCONYERS, D.O.B. 5/29/1988** of 122 Lariat Circle, New Bern NC as one of the other suspects in these incidents. **SCONYERS** is considered armed and dangerous. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **SCONYERS** is requested to call 911 immediately.

Both cases are still under investigation and additional charges are pending the results of that investigation.

The New Bern Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a “**Partner in Policing**”, by reporting suspected criminal 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 contact Deputy Chief Ed Preston at (252) 672-4100.

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