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NEWS RELEASE

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“Suspect Arrested on Drug Charges”

At approximately 8:20 pm on February 12, 2010, Officers observed a suspicious person in a muddy area behind apartments located near Biddle and I Streets. As the officers approached the individual he threw down a bicycle he was riding along with a plastic bag and fled the area on foot. Officers pursued the suspect and were able to detain him several blocks away. Other officers recovered the bicycle and plastic bag and found 12 individually wrapped rocks of crack cocaine.

The suspect was identified as **Kenneth TANKSTON, D.O.B. 7/29/1976** of 1209 Myrtle Avenue New Bern. **TANKSTON** was arrested without further incident and charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Cocaine, Resist Obstruct and Delay and Littering. During a search of **TANKSTON**'s person \$455.00 U.S. currency was found and seized. **TANKSTON** was booked into the Craven County Jail under an \$8,000.00 secured bond with a first appearance of February 15, 2010.

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.

Frank Palombo, Chief of Police