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THREE ARRESTED FOR BREAK AND ENTERING

New Bern Police arrested three teenagers Monday afternoon when they broke into a house near the Derby Park community just before 2:30 p.m. Police responded after a neighbor called to report three black males breaking in the back window of the house at 3865 Bluegrass Court. She said the suspects ran off with a laptop, clothing and other electronics. Two of the suspects were wearing red shirts, the other a white shirt.

Within 5 minutes of receiving the 911 call, officers spotted three males matching the suspect description near the intersection of Preakness Place and Derby Park Drive. All three were taken into custody, and most of the stolen items were recovered.

Jaronta Mikia FARROW, 11/26/1992, of 112 Fox Chase Village, and **Deontre' Ulysess RANDALL, 10/20/1992**, of 133 Wyndors Park Dr., were charged with Breaking and Entering a Building, Larceny and Possession of Stolen Property. **FARROW** was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$5,000 bond. **RANDALL**, who also had an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear on drug charges, received a \$17,000 bond. **Otis Burnell CRONER, 09/12/1991**, of 410 Fox Chase Village, was charged with Breaking and Entering a Building and Larceny. He received a \$10,000 bond.

The New Bern Police Department wants to remind citizens of simple tips and safety measures that reduce the risk of break-ins and thefts. From November 1, 2009 until mid January 2010, more than 60 residential break-ins have been reported, with a large concentration in the Derby Park and Colony Estates neighborhoods. Most of the incidents have occurred during the daytime when people are away at work or school.

To avoid becoming a victim, the following measures can be taken to increase security at your home:

- Use high quality locks on exterior doors, including deadbolts. This will help resist twisting, prying and lock-picking.
- Use secondary blocking devices on sliding glass doors. They are more vulnerable to being forced open from the outside because they use latches not locks.
- Secure windows in your home with secondary locks and blocking devices. Do not leave windows open.
- Install an alarm system. They often come with signage that can deter would-be thieves.
- Mark valuable items such as TVs, laptops and other expensive electronic items with ID numbers. Have these items engraved with your drivers' license # or record the manufacturer serial number. This can help identify and locate stolen items.
- Get to know your neighbors and agree to watch each others' homes and neighborhoods for unusual people or activity.
- Always report any suspicious activity to police or law enforcement in your area.

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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