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STRING OF BREAK-INS AT UNFINISHED HOTEL

New Bern police are investigating a string of break-ins at a hotel that is still under construction at 3465 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The Candlewood Suites hotel has been broken into on three different occasions in the past two months: 12/16/2009, 12/18/2009 and most recently on January 3, 2010. Each time, doors to individual rooms have been damaged and televisions removed from the hotel. Around 25 television sets, worth more than a total of \$17,000, have been stolen from the location.

Police arrested one man, **Donwonta WEATHERSPOON**, on January 8th, in connection to the case, but need help from citizens who may have purchased the TVs, which are possibly being sold in the Duffyfield and Southgate communities.

Police ask anyone with information about the buying or selling of 32" Phillips brand flat-screen televisions to please call 252-672-4293.

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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