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POLICE CHARGE TWO WITH STRING OF CAR BREAK-INS

New Bern Police have charged two people with a string of vehicle break-ins over the past two months. Police were able to locate the suspects after they tried to break into cars at a Craven County School System building on Highway 55 Thursday afternoon. A concerned citizen saw the two at the location, followed them and reported their license plate number to the Craven County Sheriff's Department. The sheriff's department later took the suspects into custody and learned the pair was also responsible for more than 10 break-ins inside the city limits.

New Bern investigators charged **Samantha Dale JONES, 04/08/1986**, and **Andrew Phillip NEWTON, 04/14/1986**, both of 855 Washington Post Rd Lot 121, with a list of charges including:

JONES - 13 counts of Breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle
13 counts of Larceny
6 counts of Obtaining Property by False Pretense
5 counts of Injury to Personal Property
4 counts of Felony Conspiracy
3 counts of Financial Card Theft
1 count of Financial Card Fraud, Common Law Forgery, Common Law Uttering,
Forgery of Instrument and Possession of Stolen Property

NEWTON - 8 counts of Breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle
6 counts of Larceny
4 counts of Felony Conspiracy
2 counts of Injury to Personal Property
1 count of Obtaining Property by False Pretense and Attempted Larceny

Most of the cars broken into were unlocked and valuables were in plain view. Money, purses, credit cards, and electronics were taken from the vehicles. New Bern police remind citizens to **always lock car doors and never leave expensive items in unattended vehicles**. An unlocked car is the easiest target for a would be criminal.

The investigation is ongoing and investigators expect additional charges against **JONES** and **NEWTON**.

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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