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## NEWS RELEASE

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### SEARCH WARRANTS LEAD TO DRUG ROUND-UP

A number of people face drug, alcohol and gambling related charges following the execution of search warrants at three locations on Pavie Avenue late Friday. The searches were done as part of a joint investigation between the New Bern Police Department, state Alcohol Law Enforcement agents and Craven County ABC officers. The search warrants were conducted at 1022 Pavie Ave., apartments A and B, and also at 1013 Pavie Ave.

In total, officers seized more than 40 grams of crack cocaine, more than 150 grams of marijuana and large sums of currency. During the search, officers also determined the suspects were involved in a football gambling ring.

**Harvey Lee CAMPBELL, III, 02/18/1976**, of 2425 Hwy 55 West, was charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$5,000 bond.

**Steve HOLLOWAY, 05/12/1946**, of 1023 Mechanic Street, was charged with Maintaining a Dwelling for a Controlled Substance. He also faces gambling charges. **HOLLOWAY** was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$5,000 bond.

**Dimcah Otorio HOPKINS, 11/30/1971**, of Cove City, was charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana. He was also placed in the Craven County jail under a \$5,000 bond.

**Donetta MELTON, 04/28/1979**, of 1022 Pavie Ave. Apartment B, was arrested for a Failure to Appear warrant out of Greene County. She was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$100 bond.

**Van Devon SMITH, 08/24/1964**, of 1020 Sampson St., was cited and released for Simple Possession of Schedule VI substance and gambling.

Others involved in the incident include: **Anthony GARDNER, 01/25/1972**, who was taken into custody for an outstanding warrant with the Craven County Sheriff's Department. **Darius SMITH, 05/07/1986; Edger HORNE, 02/04/1985; Kenneth TANKSON, 07/29/1976;** and **Andre WILLIAMS, 09/07/1980**, were all cited for gambling.

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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