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## **CAR CHASE SUSPECT OUT OF HOSPITAL, FACES MORE CHARGES**

The man responsible for leading New Bern Police on a car chase Tuesday morning has been released from the hospital and is in the Craven County jail.

**Matthew John KOHUT, 01/30/1965**, of Swansboro, had been under medical observation at Craven Regional Medical Center since complaining of chest pain following his arrest. New Bern officers provided security until doctors released **KOHUT** Thursday afternoon.

During the investigation of the chase, **KOHUT** was also identified as a suspect in a number of larcenies that occurred at the New Bern Target store during the past two weeks.

In addition to eight charges related to Tuesday's incident, **KOHUT** faces six added Larceny charges in New Bern and an additional Failure to Appear charge from Craven County.

**KOHUT** was being held under a combined \$77,000 bond for all charges. He is scheduled to make a first appearance in court June 23, 2008.

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.

Frank Palombo, Chief of Police

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