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ATTEMPTED LARCENY OF POLICE BADGE

A New Bern man was arrested Saturday night after he attempted to remove a police badge from a plaque hanging in the police department.

Around 6:05 p.m., two men and two women entered the front lobby of the police department. **Robert Anthony PARTYKA, 06/02/1977**, of 919 George St., approached a plaque that recognizes a police officer who is annually chosen as the “Civitan Officer of the Year.”

An officer working in a nearby office saw **PARTYKA** as he tried to pry a police badge from the plaque. When the officer approached **PARTYKA** he attempted to conceal a single razor blade in his hand. **PARTYKA** had used the blade to try to cut the badge from the plaque.

PARTYKA was arrested and charged with Attempted Larceny. He was placed in the Craven County Jail under a \$500 bond and scheduled to appear in court August 4, 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.

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