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POLICE ARREST SUSPECT IN SHOOTING AT FULL MOON SALOON

New Bern Police arrested a man Tuesday afternoon in connection to a shooting that took place at the Full Moon Saloon in March.

On March 6, New Bern police responded to a call of shots fired at the bar at 3202 Neuse Blvd. Witnesses said a man became angry when the bartender refused to serve him a beer because he was intoxicated. They said the bartender escorted the man outside, and a few minutes later he returned with a gun. The bartender told police the man shot into the ceiling, hit a tip jar on the counter and shot through the front door as he drove away.

The investigation led detectives to **Cesar Pineda BENITEZ, 08/06/1982**, of 403 Midyette Ave. He was arrested and charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill, Discharging a Firearm into an Occupied Dwelling and Damage to Property. **BENITEZ** was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$50,000 bond and scheduled to appear in court Wednesday morning.

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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