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## **MAN ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON**

New Bern police arrested a man late Sunday evening after he entered an apartment in Craven Terrace, armed and demanding money from the occupants.

Officers responded to B2 232 Craven Terrace at 11:20 p.m, after receiving reports that a man with a gun was at the location. When officers arrived they saw two men standing on the porch. As officers got closer, one of the men went inside the residence, the other walked toward officers and was identified as **Romel Jermaine KING, 12/16/1971**, of New Bern.

While officers were talking to **KING**, the second man, **Melvin CURMON, 11/10/1958**, of B2 232 Craven Terrace, exited the apartment and warned officers **KING** was armed. **KING** became nervous and tried to flee officers, who were able to catch him, causing them to fall to the ground. **KING** continued to struggle against the officers, at one point pinning one officer to the ground. During the incident, a gun fell to the ground. After **KING** was secure and in custody, officers located marijuana in his back pocket.

**CURMON** told officers he had been in the apartment with his brother **Harold CURMON, 01/11/1953**, and **Roscoe EDDIE, 02/04/1959**, when they heard a noise on the porch and opened the door. They said **KING** was outside, entered the apartment with a gun and began demanding the victims' wallets and money. **EDDIE** was hit in the head with the gun and taken to CarolinaEast Medical Center for treatment.

**KING** was arrested and charged with Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault with Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury, Resist/Obstruct and Delay, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Assault on a Government Official, Communicating Threats, Second Degree Trespass, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Assault by Pointing a Gun. **KING** was uncooperative with police and would not submit to fingerprinting and photographing during the booking process. He was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$200,000 bond.

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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