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SUSPICIOUS MAN ON BICYCLE ARRESTED

On October 3, 2009, just before midnight, a New Bern officer on routine patrol spotted a suspicious man riding a bicycle on Longview Drive near Neuse Boulevard.

The officer stopped the man, who was wearing all dark clothing, and operating a bicycle with no light on the front, as required by law during night time hours. As the officer was talking with the man in the parking lot of the Family Dollar store on Neuse Boulevard, he became agitated and aggressive toward officers. The suspect, later identified as **Charles Michael Tyre LOWRY, 03/27/1986**, of 1312 Goldsboro St., ran from the officers, who caught up with him, causing both **LOWRY** and the officers to fall to the ground.

LOWRY continued to push, kick and struggle, causing minor injuries to two officers. **LOWRY's** resistance also resulted in bruises and contusions to his face and shoulder. EMS arrived and **LOWRY** once again became combative while being transported to CarolinaEast Medical Center. While at the hospital, **LOWRY** tried to swallow crack rocks in an attempt to hide them from officers.

LOWRY was treated and released from the hospital and taken directly to the Craven County jail under a \$40,000 bond. He was charged with Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resist/Obstruct and Delay, Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Cocaine, and Altering/Stealing/ or Destroying Criminal Evidence. He was also issued a citation for failure to have lighting on the bicycle at night.

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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