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## **OFFICER ON FOOT PATROL MAKES DRUG ARREST**

A New Bern man faces a number of drug charges after an officer on foot patrol found him in possession of illegal narcotics.

A New Bern police officer on routine foot patrol around 5:30 p.m. yesterday, saw a man sitting on a bench near a children's playground in the Craven Terrace Housing Authority. The officer approached and identified the man as **Bishop ALDRIDGE, 05/02/1986**, of 712 Bern St. The officer noticed he was tightly clinching his fist and asked **ALDRIDGE** what he was holding. The man had crack cocaine in his hands and pants pockets. He took off on foot when the officer told him he was under arrest.

**ALDRIDGE** ran across Queen and Broad streets before additional responding officers caught up with him near Pollock Street. Officers seized 59 rocks of crack cocaine and 36.5 grams of marijuana from **ALDRIDGE**.

He was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Resist/Obstruct and Delay, Second Degree Trespassing and Damage to Personal Property. **ALDRIDGE** was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$35,000 bond and scheduled to make a first appearance in court this 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.

Frank Palombo, Chief of Police

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