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## DEATH OF ELDERLY MAN RULED A HOMICIDE

New Bern police are investigating the death of an elderly gentleman as a homicide following preliminary autopsy results.

EMS personnel were sent to 3004 Westminster Drive Apartment-D, Monday afternoon after a maintenance worker found an elderly man suffering from a head wound in the residence. The worker had been replacing air filters in the apartment complex, entered the residence and saw **Edwin Banks Yarbrough, 03/08/1926**, sitting in a chair. **Yarbrough** was transported by EMS to CarolinaEast Medical Center. New Bern police were notified of the incident after the victim arrived at the hospital.

**Yarbrough** was later flown to Pitt Memorial Hospital and passed away late Monday night. An autopsy was conducted Tuesday afternoon and preliminarily ruled the death a homicide.

Investigators are talking with neighbors and witnesses to determine what may have happened to the victim. This is an on-going investigation, and police are working to develop leads in the case and ask anyone with information to please contact 252-633-2020.

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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