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ARMED ROBBERY AT CONVENIENCE STORE

New Bern police arrested a man minutes after he robbed the Five Points Mini Mart at 1509 National Ave., just before noon today.

Officers were called to the location after a male suspect entered the store, approached the counter with a gun and demanded money. The store employees cooperated with the suspect, who then fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police quickly spotted a man matching the description given by witnesses near Fowlers Lane and F Street. He was stopped and identified as **Duain STARKS, 03/17/1972**, of 523 Miller St.

STARKS was arrested and charged with Robbery with a Firearm or other Dangerous Weapon. Police also charged **STARKS** with Common Law Robbery, for an incident on September 15, 2009, where an elderly man was robbed while walking near the cemetery on National Avenue.

He was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$75,000 bond and scheduled to make a first appearance in court Friday 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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