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TWO ARRESTED AFTER SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AT PALACE MOTEL

New Bern police arrested two men for drug violations after observing the suspects engage in suspicious activity near the Palace Motel on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Officers on patrol in the area noticed a white male lingering in the motel parking lot and a black male on a bicycle circling the area between the motel and Super Stop convenience station.

Officers approached the white male and identified him as **Freddy Dwayne GENTRY, 07/07/1986**, of 426 Stoney Hill Trail. While talking with **GENTRY** they found ecstasy pills in his pants pocket. He was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver a Schedule I Controlled Substance. He was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$10,000 bond.

During that time, the black male rode back to the area. He saw officers approach and arrest **GENTRY** and fled on his bicycle. Police left the area in order to transport **GENTRY** to the police station for processing.

A short time later, officers returned to the Palace Motel to follow up on the incident and spotted the black male suspect again. He was stopped and identified as **David Rochine LANE, 01/02/1982**, of 844 A Bloomfield Ave. **LANE** got off his bicycle and struggled with police, hitting one officer and then fled down Neuse Boulevard.

Officers quickly caught up with him and took him into custody near 1610 Neuse Blvd. **LANE** was charged with Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resist/Obstruct and Delay, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Felony Possession of Marijuana. He was placed in the Craven County jail under a \$15,000 bond.

Both men were 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.

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