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MAN ARRESTED FOR ARMED ROBBERY

On April 2, 2011 at approximately 6:20 am, New Bern officers responded to the New Bern Police Department where **Christian C. CRUDUP**, D.O.B. 8/05/1958 of 728 Cedar Street reported he was robbed at 1210 Broad Street (Five Points Food Mart).

CRUDUP stated he was leaving from inside Five Points Food Mart to get into a vehicle operated by his girlfriend when he was approached in the parking lot by **Rayvon "Ray Ray" MORRIS**, D.O.B 11/08/1980 of 2005 Opal Street. **MORRIS** was a passenger in an unknown vehicle and exited the vehicle when he saw **CRUDUP** exit the business. **MORRIS** approached **CRUDUP** with an unknown object in his hand while questioning **CRUDUP** on why he was looking at him the way he was. **MORRIS** struck **CRUDUP** about the head and face several times with the unknown object causing lacerations to the face. **MORRIS** allegedly took \$200.00 from **CRUDUP**. **CRUDUP**'s girlfriend intervened to stop the altercation and drove him to the police department to report this incident.

Further investigation was conducted at the crime scene. Warrants were obtained for **MORRIS** for Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon.

At approximately 2:00 pm on April 2, 2011, Rayvon **MORRIS** was arrested at 2005 Opal Street. **MORRIS** resisted arrest while officers attempted to take him into custody. Once in custody, **MORRIS** was transported to Carolina East Medical Center for complaints of injury to his left elbow. He was treated and released. **MORRIS** was processed and placed in the Craven County Jail under a \$50,000 bond with a first appearance of April 4, 2011. **MORRIS** was out on a \$5000.00 bond for previous charges unrelated to this incident.

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 Lt. Linda T. Godette, Public Information Officer, at the New Bern Police Department at 252-672-4196.

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