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WOMAN WANTED FOR STEALING VEHICLE

On August 10, 2011 at approximately 1:46 p.m., officers of the New Bern Police Department responded to Joe Alcocke Auto and Truck Center located at 3405 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd for a stolen vehicle. Upon arrival, officers received information that on August 9, 2011 **Nina Anne GOWEN, D.O.B. 02/07/1989** of **1219 North Bryan Drive, Jacksonville, NC** was allowed to test drive a blue 2010 Ford Focus bearing NC Registration # FD4871. **GOWEN** was instructed to return the vehicle to the dealership by 7:00 pm that evening. The vehicle was not returned as agreed upon. Unsuccessful attempts by the dealership were made to contact **GOWEN** which prompted the dealership to contact the police. The police made several attempts to contact **GOWEN** and were unsuccessful as well.

A warrant was drawn for **GOWEN**'s arrest for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle. Although **GOWEN** resides in Jacksonville, she is frequently in Craven County. Anyone who knows the whereabouts of **GOWEN** or the 2010 Ford Focus are asked to contact the police immediately.

GOWEN was arrested on August 6, 2011 by New Bern Police for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle for charges filed in Onslow County by Sherl Gowen (mother) of 1219 North Bryan Road, Jacksonville, NC when **GOWEN** failed to return her 2004 Buick. **GOWEN** was placed in the Craven County Jail under a \$500.00 secured bond. She has a court date for August 23, 2011 for this case.

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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