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WOMAN ARRESTED ON DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED CHARGES

On April 29, 2011 at approximately 4:26 p.m., Traffic Officers of the New Bern Police Department responded to the intersection of Country Club Rd and US Hwy 70 east on/off ramps for a vehicle crash involving injuries. Upon arrival, officers located the two vehicles involved resting in the roadway. **Cassandra MYERS, D.O.B. 2/13/1986** of 1801 Moore Avenue, New Bern NC was operating a 2009 Hyundai Elantra at the time of the crash. **Lee SCHIFFLER**, 25 years of age of Buffalo New York was a passenger in the Hyundai. The other vehicle was a 1992 Ford Aerostar van operated by **William BECTON, D.O.B. 5/04/1942** of 2408 Moore Avenue, New Bern NC.

MYERS' vehicle struck **BECTON's** vehicle in the rear. Both vehicles were a total loss as a result of the collision. **BECTON** suffered head trauma and back injuries and was taken to CarolinaEast Medical Center. He has since been released. **MYERS** suffered superficial injuries to her arms and chest area. **MYERS** was transported to CarolinaEast Medical Center and has since been released. **SCHIFFLER** suffered severe head trauma and was treated at Carolina East Medical Center. She has since been released and is back in Buffalo, NY.

On the day of the collision, **Mrs. Myers** was charged with Driving While Impaired.

After further investigation, additional warrants were drawn against **MYERS** for Aggravated Felony Serious Injury by Motor Vehicle (2 counts) and Open Container. On May 4, 2011 **MYERS** turned herself in at the New Bern Police Department where she was taken into custody without incident. **MYERS** was placed in the Craven County Jail under a \$5,000.00 secured bond.

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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