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## ARRESTS MADE IN SERIES OF ROBBERIES, ONE MAN STILL SOUGHT

On August 17, 2011 at approximately 10:30 p.m., officers of the New Bern Police Department investigated a report of a strong arm robbery that took place in the area of Queen Anne Lane and Neuse Blvd. James SUGG reported that he had been beaten and robbed by an unknown black male. SUGG reported he was approached by a white female who departed in a car and then had the encountered with the black male a short time later. SUGG reported the suspect beat him about his head and stole his prescription medication. SUGG also reported that he believed the white female was connected to the robbery.

On September 4, 2011 at approximately 9:57 p.m., officers of the New Bern Police Department investigated a report of an armed robbery at Craven Mobile Home Park, 2406 Country Club Road, Lot #9. The resident of the mobile home, Crystal SCOTT, was being visited by Chelsea ETHEREDGE, and Johnny VIEGANDT. There was also a 6 month old baby in the residence. They reported two males entered the home through an open door brandishing handguns. The suspects were reported to have assaulted Scott by kicking her and striking her with the handgun. The suspects stole money and fled from the home on foot.

On September 7, 2001 at approximately 11:00 p.m. officers of the New Bern Police Department investigated a report of an attempted armed robbery at 2506 Oaks Road. The victim in this case, Joseph RICHARDS, reported that two suspects entered his home and attacked him. One suspect pointed a handgun at him and demanded money and pills. At some point during the incident RICHARDS was able to grab the gun and began to struggle with one of the suspects. Both suspects eventually broke off the encounter without taking anything and ran from the home on foot. RICHARDS received minor injuries and an ambulance was dispatched to the scene.

Detectives with the New Bern Police Department investigated these incidents. On September 13, 2011, arrests were made in connection with these crimes with the assistance of the Pamlico County Sheriff's Department. Detectives have been working with investigators with the Sheriff's Department on these crimes as well as some similar incidents that have occurred in Pamlico County and another incident in Beaufort County.

**Heather Ann DICKERSON, DOB 12/31/1988**, last known address of **401-A Main Street Bayboro NC** was arrested for Common Law Robbery in connection with the robbery of James SUGG on August 17, 2011. **DICKERSON** was placed in the Pamlico County Jail under a \$50,000.00 secured bond with a first appearance set for September 14, 2011 in

district court in New Bern NC. **DICKERSON** was taken into custody at 13504 NC 55 in Bayboro NC without incident.

**Demetrius Lee BARBER** aka “Meet”, DOB 05/07/1990, streets of Bayboro NC was arrested for Common Law Robbery in connection with the robbery of James SUGG on August 17, 2011. He was also arrested for Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon in connection with the robbery at Craven County Mobile Home Park on September 4, 2011. **BARBER** was placed in the Pamlico County Jail under a \$100,000 secured bond with a first appearance set for September 14, 2011 in district court in New Bern NC. An additional warrant for **BARBER** for Attempted Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon was obtained on September 14 in connection with the robbery reported on September 7, 2011 at 2505 Oaks Rd. **BARBER** was taken into custody at a traffic stop on NC55 in Bayboro NC without incident.

Detectives are also looking for **William Jerry WARREN**, DOB 10/03/1988, aka “Jay Warren”. There are outstanding warrants for **WARREN**'s arrest. **WARREN** is wanted for Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon in relation to the September 4<sup>th</sup> robbery at Craven Mobile Home Park as well as Attempted Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon in relation to the September 7<sup>th</sup> robbery attempt at 2506 Oaks Road. **WARREN** is described as a white male, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 155 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes. **WARREN**'s address is unknown and he is known to stay in both the Pamlico County and New Bern areas. Police are asking anyone with information on **WARREN**'s location to contact the New Bern police Department at 252-633-2020. **WARREN** is considered to be armed and dangerous.

Antoinne Carnell ROBERTS, DOB: 12/16/1986, of 570 Mile Road, Vanceboro, NC was earlier reported as a person on interest in the September 4<sup>th</sup> robbery at Craven Mobile Home Park. As a result of the investigation, detectives have not linked ROBERTS to the robbery. ROBERTS was initially sought out for questioning because of recent incidents at the same location. ROBERTS was never charged with any offenses relating to the robbery incident.

These cases are still under investigation.

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.

John West, Interim Chief of Police