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MAN ARRESTED AFTER STAND-OFF

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 was identified as Crystal SCOTT, DOB: 8/10/1978. Chelsea ETHEREDGE, DOB: 2/12/1988 and Johnny VIAGANT, DOB: 8/20/1984 both of 3512 Windy Trail, New Bern, NC were visiting SCOTT with their 6 month old baby during the time of the robbery.

The victims told police they were inside the residence with the door open while they were smoking in order to provide ventilation for the baby when suddenly two black males entered the residence brandishing handguns yelling for them to get down and demanding money. The victims complied with the orders. While guns were pointed at them, \$65.00 was taken VIAGANT and a large amount of cash was taken from SCOTT's person. SCOTT was hit with the handgun and kicked several times. No monies or items were taken from ETHEREDGE. The suspects then fled the residence on foot through a wooded area behind the mobile home park. CarolinaEast Medical Services personnel responded and treated SCOTT's injuries on scene.

One suspect was described as a black male, approximately 25 years of age, 6 ft. tall, weighing about 170 lbs., wearing dark clothing and a black bandanna and holding a silver gun. The other suspect was a light skinned male, approximately 25 years of age, 6 ft., tall, weighing about 170 lbs., wearing dark clothing and a black bandanna and holding a black gun.

Further investigation led police to believe **Antoinne Carnell ROBERTS, DOB: 12/16/1986, of 570 Mile Road, Vanceboro, NC** to be a person of interest in this case. SCOTT recently broke off a turbulent relationship with **ROBERTS**. A warrant for Assault on a Female was on file for a domestic incident that had occurred between **ROBERTS** and SCOTT on September 3, 2011. Also on file were two warrants for Failure to Appear on an Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury charge and Failure to Appear on charges of Resisting a Public Officer and Rear Lamp Violation. The Failure to Appear Warrants were for incidents that occurred in Craven County.

Police went to 237 Lombardi Circle, **ROBERTS'** mother's residence and where **ROBERTS** is known to frequent. **ROBERTS** answered the door and then closed it immediately which initiated a stand-off between police and **ROBERTS**. The New Bern Police Department

Special Response Team (SRT) was activated at 1:40 this morning to take **ROBERTS** into custody.

At 6:27 am, **ROBERTS** was taken into custody without further incident and charged with the warrants on file. **ROBERTS** was placed in the Craven County Jail under a \$26, 000 secured bond with a court date set for September 19, 2011.

This case is still under investigation. Further information will be released as information becomes available.

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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