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### **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Two men charged with throwing balls from moving vehicle**

On 03/18/2011 Carteret County Sheriff's deputies arrested Aaron Kyle Penny, 27, of Bell Creek Dr, Beaufort, and Justin James Williams, 36, of Hwy 101, Beaufort, in connection with throwing balls at moving vehicles on several occasions during the week of 03/14/2011.

Detective Lt. Michael Panzarella who is investigating the case stated that the two men are accused of driving on Merrimon Road between North River and South River throwing steel ball bearing type balls (similar to small pin balls) out of Penny's vehicle at passing motorists. The balls struck and broke windshields and caused other damage to vehicles depending on where they landed.

"One victim in the case was able to "turn around" on the suspects after his vehicle was struck and got the license plate number" said Detective Lt. Panzarella. Upon a search of Penny's vehicle the same type small steel balls were found inside the car.

Penny has been charged with seven counts of Simple Assault "for propelling the steel balls at moving vehicles" and six counts of Damage to Property. Williams was charged with four counts of Simple Assault and four counts of Damage to Property. Both men were released, each posting a \$3000.00 bond and have a court date scheduled for May 19, 2011 in Carteret County District Court.



**Penny – Top / Williams - Bottom**



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