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NEWS RELEASE

Landlord Stabbed by Tenant

On 08/03/2011 Carteret County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Willard Willis, 29, of Chatham St, Newport in connection with the stabbing of his 52 year old landlord Claude Steffen.

Deputy Dave Perry reported that Steffen went to collect rent money from this tenant when the two got into an argument. Willis is accused of retreating inside his home and returning with a sword. Willis allegedly then slashed his landlord across the stomach requiring him to be transported to Pitt Memorial Hospital (Steffen's current condition is unknown at this time). Willis fled the scene prior to the arrival of Sheriff's Deputies but was captured about thirty minutes later in the Walmart parking lot by Morehead City Police.



Willis was charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon with intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury. Willis is being held in the Carteret County Jail under a \$30,000.00 bond and was scheduled for his first court appearance this morning, 08/04/2011.

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