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NEWS RELEASE

Newport Man Facing Charges after Assaulting Deputy

On 10/11/2011 Carteret County Deputies arrested Vincent Lewis Rizzi, 56, of Atlantic Village MHP, located at 515 Tom Mann Rd in Newport after assaulting a Carteret County deputy.

Deputy Jamie Willis was attempting to serve an outstanding warrant for "assault on a female" on Rizzi when he resisted arrest on the front porch of the residence.

During the struggle Deputy Willis sprayed Rizzi with pepper spray and is accused of attempting to remove the deputies' gun from his holster.



As blow back from the pepper spray incapacitated the deputy Rizzi was able to flee the scene in his vehicle. Deputies who were already in route to assist Willis were quickly able to spot Rizzi who led them on a low speed pursuit down Mason Town Rd, Nine Foot Rd, and Nine Mile Rd in Newport. Rizzi eventually drove back to his residence where he was taken into custody at gunpoint by additional waiting deputies.

Rizzi has been charged with Assault on a Government Official, Fleeing to Elude Arrest, Resist, Obstruct, and Delay a Law Enforcement Officer, and Assault on a Female. He is currently being held in the Carteret County Jail under a \$21,000.00 bond.

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