



## **Carteret County Sheriff's Office**

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### ***NEWS RELEASE***

## **Sex offender arrested**

On 11/24/2012 Newport Police arrested Samuel O'Neal, 35, homeless, on a Carteret County warrant for failing to provide the Sheriff's Office with a new address.

Newport Officer Ty Mann came in contact with O'Neal near the Newport River Shops and discovered the outstanding warrants after a check through the NCAWARE warrant database.



According to Detective Harold Pendergrass, Mr. O'Neal was placed on the sex offender registry after pleading guilty to engaging in a Lewd and Lascivious act on a child under the age of 16, in which he was convicted in Lee County, Florida on May 22, 2000.

O'Neal was charged with failing to change his address as a sex offender in addition to probation violation warrants and was placed in the Carteret County Jail under a \$15,000.00 bond. He was scheduled for his first court appearance this morning.

To search for sex offenders near you please visit: <http://sexoffender.ncdoj.gov/>

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