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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Man arrested for threatening veterans building**

On 12/06/2011 Carteret County deputies arrested Willie Holmes Austin, 63, of Cedar Island Rd in connection with making threats to the Veterans Services Office in Morehead City.

The investigation began after the Sheriff's Office received a call this morning from the Veterans Service's Office regarding a man who identified himself as Willie Austin who called their office and stated that he was coming to the VA Clinic in Morehead City to "shoot the place up" with an AK-47.

When deputies received this information they immediately began searching for Austin and the vehicle he was traveling in.

Sheriff's Deputies and Morehead City police stationed officers at the VA Clinic and the Veterans Services Office and began looking for Austin.

Additional deputies traveled towards Cedar Island and located Austin in the Atlantic area in his vehicle. Deputies conducted a traffic stop of his vehicle on Old Cedar Island Rd and took Austin into custody without incident. Deputies found Austin in possession of a loaded AK-47 and two fully loaded 30 round magazines on the front passenger seat of the car. Deputies subsequently searched his residence and seized a second AK-47, a 12 gauge shotgun and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

Austin was charged with one count of "Going Armed to the Terror of the Public" and one count of "Communicating Threats". He is being held in the Carteret County Jail under a \$15,000.00 bond and his next court appearance has been scheduled for January 30, 2012.

