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## *News Release*

### **Kings Mountain Man Charged in Carolina Beach Burglaries**

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CAROLINA BEACH, NC--Carolina Beach Police arrested Benjamin T. Brown, 22, of Kings Mountain, NC on January 24, 2004 in connection with a weekend crime spree involving residences on Bonito Lane and Ocean Boulevard. Eight identified 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burglaries and larcenies to homes on those streets occurred the weekend of January 16-18, police said.

A CBPD investigation revealed that the suspect left some of the stolen property in a residence on Bonito Lane. Surveillance of the residency by the CPBD Criminal Investigation Division coupled with the key assistance of a local family, resulted in Brown's arrest after he attempted to break into the residence for a second time.

CBPD uniform patrol officers responded and found Brown in the residence. The suspect was also in possession of a stolen motor vehicle from Dallas, NC. A second subject found at the residence was ultimately released after it was determined he had no involvement in the crimes. Carolina Beach investigators interviewed Brown who identified the location of other unrecovered stolen property. He was placed under a \$20,000 bond. Warrants for a second subject identified in the burglaries and thefts have been issued.

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