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The Southern Pines Police Department Announces an Arrest For:

Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia and Resisting Arrest

Southern Pines, NC - The Southern Pines Police Department announces the arrest of **Brandon David Kearns**, 21 years of age, of Vass, North Carolina, for the following charges: Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia and Resisting Arrest.

On July 10, 2019, at 5:25 pm, officers from the Southern Pines Police Department observed Brandon David Kearns operating a vehicle in an erratic manner on South Stephens Street in Southern Pines, North Carolina. Upon stopping this vehicle, Police K-9 "Ivy" alerted the investigating officers that there was odor of contraband emanating from the vehicle. At this time, Brandon David Kearns rolled up the windows and locked himself inside the vehicle. After a brief period of time, Brandon David Kearns exited the vehicle, at which time he again locked the vehicle doors and threw the keys for the vehicle into a nearby wooded area. Brandon David Kearns became combative with the investigating officers and was subsequently taken into custody. The alert by K-9 "Ivy" resulted in the recovery of a Hi-Point 380 semi-automatic pistol, ammunition, marijuana and digital scales.

Brandon David Kearns has multiple prior felony convictions and is prohibited by state and federal law(s) from possessing a firearm and/or ammunition. Brandon David Kearns was currently released on bond for multiple prior charges in Moore County to include, but not limited to, Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, Breaking or Entering to a Building and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

Brandon David Kearns appeared before a Moore County Magistrate, and was subsequently incarcerated in the Moore County Detention Center under a \$25,000.00 secured bond pending a hearing in Moore County District Court on July 18, 2109.

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