PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA



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Two Arrest Made In Christmas Day Fire

Travis Matthew Matia, DOB 08/11/1989, of Grifton, and **Harvey Elvis Tripp, Jr.**, DOB 05/17/1989, of Farmville were both arrested and charged today on multiple charges in the case of the 12/25/2010 fire at 6355 US13, Farmville.

On Christmas Day, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office responded to a suspicious fire at the Farmville property. Property owner, Michael Morris of Atlantic Beach, said that the house was unoccupied and was being used as a storage building. Morris reported that many items were missing.

On January 21, due to the thorough efforts of the investigators, some of the stolen items were recovered, and Matia and Tripp were charged with the following:

- Conspiracy to Break and Enter with Intent to Commit Felony Larceny
- Conspiracy to Commit Felony Larceny
- Felony Conspiracy
- Second Degree Arson
- Felony Breaking and Entering
- Larceny after Breaking and Entering

Both were transported to the Pitt County Detention Center where each received a \$100,000.00 secured bond.

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