

SHERIFF

J. D. “DOUG” DOUGHTIE

DARE COUNTY

PRESS RELEASE

January 29, 2026

On January 28, 2026, at approximately 10:55 p.m., Deputies from the Dare County Sheriff's Office stopped a vehicle in Manns Harbor on U. S. Highway 64 for a traffic violation.

A Sheriff's Office K-9 alerted on the vehicle, after which a search was conducted that resulted in the discovery of a felony amount of cocaine, a controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia.

Jerry S. Bryant, M/66, from Engelhard, NC, was arrested and charged with:

Felony Possession of Cocaine

Felony Possession of a Schedule VI Controlled Substance

Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia

Misdemeanor Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Bryant has been issued a \$5,000 secured bond related to these charges.

The Dare County Sheriff's Office remains committed to upholding public safety and encourages anyone with information about criminal activity to contact local law enforcement.

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