

# SHERIFF

**J. D. “DOUG” DOUGHTIE**

**DARE COUNTY**

**PRESS RELEASE**

January 29, 2026

On January 27, 2025, at approximately 08:52 a.m., Deputies from the Dare County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit conducted a warrant service in the Hatteras Village area after a several months long drug investigation.

Chad L. Rucker, M/30, from Hatteras, NC, was arrested and charged with:

*2 Counts of Felony PWISD Cocaine  
Felony Maintain Vehicle/Dwelling/Place for Controlled Substances*

Rucker has been issued a \$8,000 secured bond related to these charges.

The investigation was led by the Dare County Criminal Investigations Division.

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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