An ECU student abducted from campus was sexually assaulted, and a 17-year-old ex-convict is charged in connection with the crimes, authorities said Tuesday.

Kaimeek Keiron Brown of 1007 Colonial Ave. in Greenville was charged Tuesday with robbery with a dangerous weapon, first-degree sex offense, first-degree kidnapping and other charges in connection with Monday's abduction.

He was booked into the jail Monday night for possession of stolen goods, Greenville police said during a media briefing Tuesday afternoon. Warrants were served on the other charges about 1:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Brown has several previous convictions and has served prison time.

He was taken into custody with help from the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force and held in lieu of a $651,000 secured bond. He was located with a group of people near Cherry and Vance streets at 8:15 p.m., about six hours after the abduction was reported.

The 22-year-old woman from Jacksonville escaped her kidnapper in a residential area of Country Club Drive. She told police she was sexually assaulted at gunpoint. Police declined to release specifics, citing a need to protect the victim and the integrity of the case.
“It's something we really don't want to get into because of the prosecution and out of respect for the victim,” Greenville police Chief William Anderson said during the briefing.

“It's my understanding that she's doing fine — she's been through a very traumatic experience,” Anderson said. “She's been very cooperative with the investigation. She's doing the best she can.”

The case began Monday when police received a report just before 2 p.m. that a student was abducted at gunpoint from a university-owned parking lot at Third and Reade streets and forced to drive to several ATM locations. No money was withdrawn, police said.

The incident concluded at the end of Country Club Drive, when the woman saw a chance to escape and bolted from the car to a nearby house seeking help. She is not believed to have known her attacker, police said. He ran from the scene.

Surveillance cameras caught images of the victim and the suspect in the parking lot, police said, but the abduction was not caught on tape.

In January 2010, Greenville police arrested Brown for breaking into an upper rear window of a 60-year-old woman's house in the 2900 block of Williams Road.

Brown, then 16 and of 110 Woodside Road, was charged with felony breaking and entering and injury to real property. He also was charged in two December 2009 break-ins and a second January break-in.

He was sentenced in July to 10-12 months in prison for two break-ins and to 36 months' probation for two break-ins. He was released from prison on Dec. 24 and listed by the N.C. Department of Correction as an absconder on the probation terms.

Police said releasing a composite sketch late Monday night was needed to further the investigation and help ensure the suspect in custody was their man, Anderson said.

“We've got to make sure we've got the right guy,” he said. “We still needed assistance from the public. We still needed to get the information out there.”

Several students on campus Tuesday said they'd heard about the incident and characterized it as concerning, but said they still felt safe.

“It's kind of scary; it was daylight,” said Suzi Rogers, 21, an elementary education major from Louisburg. “I walk to my car every day. I feel safe.”

“I guess my response is, ‘What can we do to keep that from happening again,’” said Peter Larrimore, 22, of Charlotte, an exercise physiology student. “I'm not concerned for myself,” he said. “I'm concerned for others.”

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ECU dedicates veterans memorial

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Three East Carolina University students who died serving their country are among the first to be honored at a new veterans memorial on campus.

University and military personnel hosted the dedication of the ECU Memorial Walk and Freedom Wall outside Christenbury Gymnasium on Tuesday. The site honors ECU students, staff and employees in the armed forces.

“This is a fitting tribute to honor those who have served or lost their lives in service of our country,” Chancellor Steve Ballard said.

Personalized paving stones were laid in a designated area beside the walk by family members for three ECU graduates who died in conflict or in service in Vietnam, South America and Afghanistan. Current and retired service members also were honored in stone. Blank bricks are available for personalization to fund scholarships for the university's Army and Air Force ROTC programs.

The ECU Victory Bell, cast in Philadelphia in 1855 and brought to campus in 1953, also was re-dedicated at its new resting place on the Memorial Walk.

“There is a great amount of pride in everything we do for the military,” Ballard said. “I hope everyone shares the pride I have in making this commemoration today.”

“There is a long tradition of military service at ECU,” said Glen Gilbert, dean of the college of health and human performance which houses the ROTC program. “All units on
this campus — academics, housing, grounds — are supportive of the military. I've never been on a campus as military-friendly as ECU.”

Discussion of such a memorial began when civilian alumnus Al Lockamy wanted to honor two of his classmates who were killed on duty. James Tant, Class of 1965, and Frank Rice, Class of 1967, became two of the three inaugural honorees, along with David Smith, Class of 2010.

“So many people had been talking about it. All I did was put forward an idea,” Lockamy said. “There needed to be a place of honor for all veterans on this campus.” Lockamy said he was “thrilled” to see the memorial reach completion. He laid a brick for his son, Christian, who served in the Navy. “I couldn't keep a dry eye,” he said.

One of the masons working for ECU who installed the bricks for the memorial has been serving in the National Guard for 11 years.
“I'm very, very proud to be a part of this,” Ron Causey said. “It was an honor to be able to do this.”

Mary Jane McWilliams spoke on behalf of her son, David Smith, who was killed in Afghanistan.

“Our world changed forever when we lost him,” McWilliams said. “You have helped honor him here today.”
“This memorial celebrates those who sacrificed the ultimate,” said Charles Rice, brother of Frank Rice, who died in Cambodia in the Vietnam war. “I know my brother would be proud.”

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Editorial: Abduction a frightening reminder
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Greenville police believe 17-year-old Kaimeek Keiron Brown was responsible for the Monday abduction of an East Carolina University student from a downtown parking lot, charging him with kidnapping, sexual assault and robbery on Tuesday. The arrest should provide some measure of relief to a community alarmed by a frightening crime committed on a weekday afternoon in a high-profile location.

The abducted young woman bears no responsibility for being a victim of the act; only the individual responsible should shoulder the blame. But this incident does provide a powerful reminder about the need for people to be aware of their surroundings wherever they go in this community, as doing so can help avoid a repeat of this terrifying crime.

Investigators continue to piece together the details of Monday's abduction, but it appears that a 22-year-old East Carolina student was forced at gunpoint into a vehicle. The event happened at the parking lot along Reade Street, near the intersection of Third Street, as the woman packed up her car and readied to leave campus for the semester. Police said she was forced to withdraw money from several ATM machines and was assaulted before escaping near Country Club Drive about an hour after the abduction.

Brown was taken into custody on Tuesday as a person of interest before authorities filed formal charges against him later that afternoon. At a news conference, officers provided a timeline of events as well as Brown's criminal record, which includes several break-in convictions and several months spent in prison.

East Carolina issued a campuswide alert to the university community Monday afternoon once information about the abduction was confirmed. Officials also announced plans to increase patrols around the parking lots and the campus in response to this incident as a way to improve security as the semester winds to a close. That is a welcome measure.

Yet, even with a more prominent law enforcement presence, those in this community must also take active responsibility for their safety throughout the city. The victim here bears no blame for this attack, but all can benefit by paying greater attention to their surroundings, being aware of who is near them and using the buddy system whenever possible.

There is something clearly wrong when criminals carry out such brazen acts in public spaces like this, and it calls for a thorough review of law enforcement strategy on campus. However, those who frequent East Carolina can be part of the solution by playing their part as well.
Crowds of people sit and listen, during the 2011 Jah-Vegas Roots and Reggae Jam, put on by G-Vegas Magazine and Mountain Dew, held at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. (Aileen Devlin/The Daily Reflector)

‘Reading’ before exams
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Students got a chance to take a break before exams to enjoy live music while helping the community on Tuesday.

Several local music acts and charities were featured at the first “Jah-Vegas Roots and Reggae Jam” at the Pitt County Fairgrounds hosted by G-Vegas Magazine and Mountain Dew. Tuesday was reading day at East Carolina University.

“We just wanted people to have a good time and help out local charities,” Kevin Howard, owner and editor of the monthly local entertainment publication, said.

“We're hoping to repeat it,” Howard's sister, Susan Howard, said. “It looks like we're having a pretty good turnout.”

More than 1,100 tickets were pre-sold.
An overcast sky may have kept some away, but rain held off for most of the festival.

The Howards wanted to provide some organized fun for students “mainly because they need to blow off steam but do it in a safe way,” Susan Howard said. Free shuttles were provided from downtown and a major apartment complex to the fairgrounds.

Acts like one-man band Barefoot Wade and recently reunited 5th Generation provided rock and reggae music as attendants visited various booths for charities and nonprofit organizations. Organizers did not charge a set-up fee and allowed the organizations to keep their proceeds.
“We wanted to let people know we exist and we're here,” said ECU student Katie Winn, coordinator of the Campus Kitchen for ECU, a student-run organization that provides excess dorm food to local children's programs.

“We've had an impressive amount of interest,” said Katy Gray Urquhard at Ayden Elementary's March of Dimes booth, which was raffling off a donated guitar to benefit premature babies.

Other charities participating included the American Legion, Habitat For Humanity, Delta Zeta, Gamma Sigma, The Guardian Angel Project, Pitt Community College Sonography Group, Pitt County Food Bank, Guitars Not Guns, Catfish Hunter Chapter of ALS Association, Red Oak Fire Department and the Winterville Moose Lodge.

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Hot dish: Baskin-Robbins franchisee honored
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Baskin-Robbins ice cream store franchisee Jiyoung “Jinny” Bin, who operates the location at 1885 Fire Tower Road, has been named Baskin-Robbins 2010 Operator of the Year.

Bin, who opened the Greenville store in December 2008, was presented the award by Dunkin' Brands, the parent company of Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins. The Operator of the Year award is one of the company's highest distinctions, honoring her for excellence in store operations.

“Jiyoung consistently seeks out ways to drive business, striving for excellence in every facet of operations from people and processes to facilities,” said Dunkin' Brands CEO Nigel Travis. “She is a skilled recruiter and team motivator who empowers her crew to deliver a first-rate guest experience on all counts. We are proud to honor her for representing the very best of the Dunkin' Brands system.”

Bin says she was surprised to receive the award. “I'm pretty new to the system, since I opened less than three years ago,” she said. “And there are more than 2,000 Baskin-Robbins. So I am surprised that they selected me.”

When Bin opened the Baskin-Robbins location in 2008, she told “Hot Dish” that the brand had been a part of her life since she was a young girl in South Korea.

“I have precious memories with my father at Baskin-Robbins,” she said. “It was an expression of his love” to take her for ice cream. She continued the tradition by taking her son, Andrew, to Baskin-Robbins.
And her dog — Boston Terrier Tye Bow Wow Bin — is a big fan of ice cream. A picture of Tye adorns a poster prominently displayed on the wall in the new Baskin-Robbins.

Bin said she had always dreamed of opening her own business. She earned a master's degree in education from Oregon State and was working on her doctorate when her husband accepted a job with East Carolina University in 2001.

“I had hesitation about starting my own business,” she said. “It's a totally different path. But I thought of Baskin-Robbins because my dog likes it, my son and I like it.”

All Baskin-Robbins locations, including Bin's store on Fire Tower Road, will celebrate the company's annual 31-Cent Scoop Night from 5-10 p.m. today, Bin said. Patrons may get a scoop of their choice of ice cream for 31 cents — up to three scoops for $1, she said. The company will donate $100,000 from the special event to The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation, and Bin said a fire truck will be parked in front of her location and firefighters will be invited to help scoop ice cream during the event.

Hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. Call 321-7407.
This photo is one of many taken by Timothy H. O'Sullivan after the fall of Fort Fisher in 1865. No photos of the fort during wartime are known to exist. Courtesy photo

**Fort Fisher | Construction began in April of 1861**

**New book by local historian features period maps and photos**

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One hundred fifty years ago this week – on or around April 28, according to the history books – Maj. Charles Pattison Bolles began digging two small earthwork batteries a mile north of the now-vanished New Inlet.

North Carolina was still technically part of the Union, and would not get around to seceding until May 20, 1861, but the die was cast. Pro-Confederates, led by Gov. John W. Ellis, were pressing the Tar Heel State to side with the South. Meanwhile, on April 22, President Lincoln had formally extended the U.S. naval blockade against the Confederacy to include both North and South Carolina.

Union warships would not appear off the Cape Fear coast until July, but North Carolina officials were already preparing. New Inlet offered sailing ships a short cut to the port of Wilmington, so defending that point was crucial.
In early May, units of the Wilmington Light Infantry under Capt. William L. DeRosset mounted two 24-pound smoothbore cannon on the new battery and dug extra breastworks.

This was just the start. More earthworks, mounds and breastworks would be added. Not until Sept. 13 would the results be formally named "Fort Fisher" after Col. Charles F. Fisher, "an early martyr to the cause of Southern Independence," in the words of the general order. Fisher had died leading the 6th North Carolina regiment at the First Battle of Manassas (Bull Run). "The sheer size and strength of the fort just amazed the Federals," said Chris E. Fonvielle, assistant professor of history at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Its main batteries extended some 1,300 yards along the Atlantic shoreline. (The original section was later renamed "Battery Bolles" in Maj. Bolles' honor.) Satellite earthworks, such as Battery Buchanan (still visible not far from the modern Fort Fisher Ferry landing) lay a mile farther down Federal Point (renamed "Confederate Point" during the Civil War.)

The so-called "Mound Battery," towering nearly 50 feet over the shoreline, was visible for miles from sea – a handy landmark for blockade runners seeking to elude Union warships under the protection of the fort's guns. Brig. Gen. Cyrus Comstock, chief engineer of the Union assault force that took the fort on Jan. 15, 1865, sent an urgent message to Gen. U.S. Grant. "He said, ‘We need to make a photographic record of this stronghold,’" Fonvielle said.

Accordingly, in February 1865, Timothy H. O'Sullivan, a civilian photographer, arrived at Fort Fisher, to document the fort. Apparently, he spent two to three days with an unnamed assistant, taking glass photo negatives and making stereoptic slides.

O'Sullivan's work made Fort Fisher the most photographed fortification of the Civil War, and provides some of our only evidence of what it looked like. Although artists sketched the fort from the Confederate side, no photos were apparently taken during the war itself.
Fonvielle has now assembled all the known O'Sullivan images of the fort in "Fort Fisher 1865," a new book just published by N.C. Starburst Press, an imprint of SlapDash Publishing at Carolina Beach.

Paperback copies sell for $30 each and are available at Pomegranate Books, Two Sisters Bookery, McAllister & Solomon and the gift shop at the Fort Fisher State Historic Site. It can also be ordered online at www.CarolinaBeach.net.

Inspired as a boy by reading "The Golden Book of the Civil War" during the 1861-1865 centennial, Fonvielle has spent 30 years researching Fort Fisher. Before earning his master's degree at East Carolina University and his Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina, the UNCW graduate was director of the old Blockade Runner Museum at Carolina Beach.

In the course of that time, he tracked down every known O'Sullivan print of Fort Fisher, both in the Library of Congress and elsewhere. ("I'm convinced there are more out there," he said.) Some of these photos are known only through grainy reproductions in old newspapers, as the original plates have been lost.

The son of Irish immigrants, O'Sullivan had apprenticed to the great Matthew Brady and had worked in his Washington studio. Later, he'd become known as "the Ansel Adams of the 19th century," for his photos of the American West, Fonvielle said.

O'Sullivan developed his photos on the scene. His mobile darkroom cart can be spotted in the background in some of his photos of the earthworks. By the time he arrived, "they had buried the bodies and cleared most of the debris," Fonvielle said, although temporary graves are visible in some of his prints, and 300-pound cannonballs still jut out the sand in places.

Union forces were actually rebuilding parts of the fort in case of a Confederate counter-attack, Fonvielle said. By comparing some photos, he added, viewers can see where wooden palisades have been repaired. One can also see where old wagon wheels and other wooden wreckage disappears from one image to the next – perhaps collected by soldiers, Fonvielle guesses, and burned as firewood in the February chill.
Fort Fisher helped Wilmington stay open as the "lifeline of the Confederacy" after other Southern ports fell to Union forces. Robert E. Lee once wrote that if Fort Fisher fell, he could not hold Richmond. Sure enough, the Confederate capital fell less than 90 days after the fort was lost.

Much of Fort Fisher was later lost as well. Although visitors to the historic site can still see much of the northern, or land, face of the fort, the earthworks facing the ocean were largely washed away by coastal erosion in the 20th century. An aerial photo reproduced in "Fort Fisher 1865," with an overlay of the fort's outline, gives a clear idea of what has vanished.

Fonvielle will be on hand for a reception in honor of the new book at 2 p.m. Saturday in the local history room of the downtown public library.

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As more women earn degrees, more men stay home
BY HOPE YEN - Associated Press
WASHINGTON For the first time, U.S. women have passed men in gaining advanced college degrees as well as bachelor's degrees, part of a trend that is redefining who goes off to work and who stays home with the kids.

Census figures released Tuesday highlight the latest education milestone for women, who began to exceed men in college enrollment in the early 1980s. The findings come amid record shares of women in the workplace and a steady decline in stay-at-home mothers.

The educational gains for women are giving them greater access to a wider range of jobs, contributing to a shift of traditional gender roles at home and work. Based on one demographer's estimate, the number of stay-at-home dads who are the primary caregivers for their children reached nearly 2 million last year, or one in 15 fathers. The official census tally was 154,000, based on a narrower definition that excludes those working part time or looking for jobs.

"The gaps we're seeing in bachelor's and advanced degrees mean that women will be better protected against the next recession," said Mark Perry, an economics professor at the University of Michigan-Flint who is a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank. "Men now might be the ones more likely to be staying home, doing the more traditional child rearing," he said.

Among adults 25 and older, 10.6 million U.S. women have master's degrees or higher, compared with 10.5 million men.

When it comes to finishing college, roughly 20.1 million women have bachelor's degrees, compared with nearly 18.7 million men.

Who stays at home?
Some researchers including Perry have dubbed the current economic slump a "man-cession" because of the huge job losses in the male-dominated construction and manufacturing industries, which require less schooling.
Measured by pay, women with full-time jobs now make 78.2 percent of what men earn, up from about 64 percent in 2000.

Unemployment for men is 9.3 percent compared with 8.3 percent for women, who now make up half of the work force. The number of stay-at-home moms, meanwhile, dropped last year for a fourth year in a row to 5 million, or roughly one in four married-couple households.

By the census' admittedly outmoded measure, the number of stay-at-home dads has remained largely flat in recent years, making up less than 1 percent of married-couple households.

Whatever the exact numbers, Census Bureau researchers have detailed a connection between women's educational attainment and declines in traditional stay-at-home parenting. For instance, they found that stay-at-home mothers today are more likely to be young, foreign-born Hispanics who lack college degrees than professional women who set aside careers for fulltime family life after giving birth.

"We're not saying the census definition of a 'stay-at-home' parent is what reflects families today. We're simply tracking how many families fit that situation over time," said Rose Kreider, a family demographer at the Census Bureau.

**Difference for dads**
Kreider said in an interview that the bureau's definition of a stay-at-home parent is based on a 1950s stereotype of a breadwinner-homemaker family that wasn't necessarily predominant then and isn't now.

Beth Latshaw, an assistant professor of sociology at Appalachian State University in Boone, notes the figures are based on a narrow definition in which the wife must be in the labor force for the entire year and the husband be outside the official labor force for the specifically cited reason of "taking care of home and family."

Her own survey found that many fathers who had primary child-care responsibility at home while working part time or pursuing a degree viewed themselves as stay-at-home fathers. When those factors are included as well as unmarried and single dads, the share of fathers who stay at home to raise children jumps from less than 1 percent to more than 6 percent.
Put another way, roughly one of every five stay-at-home parents is a father. The remaining share of households without stay-at-home parents - the majority of U.S. families - are cases where both parents work full-time while their children attend school or day care or are watched by nannies or grandparents, or where fathers work full-time while the mothers work part-time and care for children part-time.

"There's still a pervasive belief that men can't care for children as well as women can, reinforcing the father-as-breadwinner ideology," Latshaw said. She is urging census to expand its definition to highlight the growing numbers, which she believes will encourage wider use of paternity leave and other family-friendly policies.
NCCU will offer more scholarships
BY ERIC FERRERI - Staff Writer
DURHAM N.C.—Central University is dipping deeper into its endowment than is customary to help its cash-strapped students cope with the rising cost of college.

The university will spend about 8.5 percent of its $19 million endowment next year, a significant jump from the standard 5.5 percent it usually takes each year.

Doing so will yield an extra $142,000 that the university will use for scholarships. At a university where more than 90 percent of students receive financial aid, the extra money is expected to benefit 142 students, who will receive grants of $1,000 each.

A committee of the university's board of trustees approved the move Tuesday, and the full board will likely give its blessing today.

NCCU and most universities generally take 5 percent or 5.5 percent of their endowments each year, based on a three-year rolling average, for scholarships and other uses. But mounting budget cuts and rising college costs prompted NCCU to use more, said Yolanda Banks Deaver, interim vice chancellor for administration and finance.

"Our students really need the money at this time," Deaver told trustees. Tuition has risen steadily in recent years; under a plan approved this year by the UNC system's governing board, NCCU students will pay about $240 more in tuition and fees in 2011-12.

University money managers are generally wary of using more than 5 percent of an endowment's value in a given year, though NCCU Chancellor Charlie Nelms said Tuesday that universities where he has worked have occasionally done so.

Glenn Adams, who chairs the board of trustees, said Tuesday he doesn't recall NCCU making this move before. It's doable, Adams said, because the
$19 million endowment has performed well in the last year or so, gaining more than $3 million from 2010.

"The fund has done well," he said. "So it's an opportunity to provide more money for scholarships without taking a substantial hit to our investment portfolio."

NCCU officials said using extra endowment money was a one-year move. Doing so again would require trustee approval again.

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