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PRELIMINARY ANNUAL REPORT CRIME IN NORTH CAROLINA 1994

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The number of Crime Index offenses reported by North Carolina law enforcement agencies during 1994 increased 1 percent over 1993. Crime in suburban areas of North Carolina increased 1 percent, while crime in the rural areas went up 1 percent.

Collectively the number of violent Index offenses (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) decreased 2 percent statewide. Individually, murder and robbery both dropped 4 percent, rape went down 2 percent and aggravated assault decreased 1 percent.

Property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) as a group increased 2 percent across the state. While burglary decreased 1 percent, larceny went up 3 percent and motor vehicle theft rose 7 percent. Arson, a property crime not included with the other Index offenses, jumped 21 percent.

The number of juveniles under the age of 18 arrested for Crime Index offenses increased 7 percent over 1994, compared to a 4 percent decrease in adults 18 and over arrested. Youths arrested under 18 for violent crime increased 3 percent, with adult arrests dropping 6 percent. The number of property crime arrests for juveniles under the age of 18 jumped 7 percent, while adult arrests for all property crimes decreased 2 percent.

The number of North Carolina law enforcement officers assaulted increased 1 percent over 1993. Two law enforcement officers were feloniously killed in 1994, compared to four that were killed in 1993.

TABLE 1 - CRIME INDEX TRENDS¹

Percent change 1994 over 1993, offenses known to police.

POP. GROUP AND AREA ²	TOTAL INDEX ³	VIO-LENT	PROP-ERTY	MUR-DER	RAPE	ROB-BERY	AGG. ASLT.	BUR-GLARY	LAR-CENY	MVT	ARSON ³
Core Cities	+4	-1	+5	-15	-8	-8	+4	+1	+6	+11	+21
Suburban Cities	-2	-7	-1	+12	-4	-5	-9	-3	-1	+1	+34
Suburban Counties	-3	-1	-3	+1	+1	-2	-1	-6	-1	+2	+15
Suburban Areas	+1	-2	+2	-7	-5	-7	+0	-2	+3	+7	+21
Rural Centers	-5	+2	-6	+17	+17	+18	-6	-10	-5	+1	+7
Rural Cities	+0	-4	+1	+33	-5	+10	-8	-1	+2	-1	+11
Rural Counties	+7	+0	+8	-11	+14	+9	-1	+9	+8	+12	+30
Rural Areas	+2	-1	+2	+2	+10	+13	-5	+2	+1	+6	+20
STATE TOTAL	+1	-2	+2	-4	-2	-4	-1	-1	+3	+7	+21

TABLE 2 - CRIME INDEX OFFENSES - FIVE YEAR TRENDS¹

1994 Offenses Are Based on Preliminary Data

YEARS	TOTAL INDEX ³	VIO-LENT	PROP-ERTY	MUR-DER	RAPE	ROB-BERY	AGG. ASLT.	BUR-GLARY	LAR-CENY	MVT	ARSON ³
1990	353,646	40,065	313,581	691	2,219	9,913	27,242	98,554	196,687	18,340	2,464
1991	389,448	43,575	345,873	773	2,292	11,704	28,806	112,053	213,946	19,874	2,784
1992	389,657	45,853	343,804	710	2,418	12,611	30,114	111,067	213,477	19,260	2,623
1993	384,906	46,448	338,458	788	2,330	13,188	30,142	103,111	215,679	19,668	2,465
1994	390,186	45,512	344,674	756	2,286	12,644	29,826	102,107	221,550	21,017	2,980
90/94 % Change	+10%	+14%	+10%	+9%	+3%	+28%	+9%	+4%	+13%	+15%	+21%

1. Caution should be exercised in using these statistics since they are an initial indication of crime known to law enforcement in North Carolina. Finalized figures covering the entire state will be available this summer in the detailed annual report entitled *Crime in North Carolina - 1994*.
2. See back page for explanation of population groups and areas.
3. The number of reported arsons has not been included in the total Crime Index.

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TABLE 3 - CRIME INDEX RATES PER 100,000 - FIVE YEAR TRENDS

1994 Rates Are Based on Preliminary Data

YEARS	TOTAL INDEX ³	VIO-LENT	PROP-ERTY	MUR-DER	RAPE	ROB-BERY	AGG. ASLT.	BUR-GLARY	LAR-CENY	MVT	ARSON ³
1990	5,520.2	625.4	4,894.8	10.8	34.7	154.7	425.2	1,538.4	3,070.1	286.3	38.5
1991	5,999.6	671.3	5,328.3	11.9	35.3	180.3	443.8	1,726.2	3,295.9	306.2	42.9
1992	5,945.3	699.7	5,245.7	10.9	36.9	192.4	459.5	1,694.6	3,257.2	293.9	40.0
1993	5,792.1	699.0	5,093.1	11.9	35.1	198.5	453.6	1,551.6	3,245.5	296.0	37.1
1994	5,738.7	669.4	5,069.4	11.1	33.6	186.0	438.7	1,501.8	3,258.5	309.1	43.8
90/94 % Change	+4%	+7%	+4%	+3%	-3%	+20%	+3%	-2%	+6%	+8%	+14%

TABLE 4 - CRIME INDEX TRENDS

1994 Offenses Are Based on Preliminary Data

	1993	1994	% Change		1993	1994	% Change
Murder	788	756	- 4	Aggravated Assault	30,142	29,826	- 1
Rape	2,330	2,286	- 2	Larceny/Theft	215,679	221,550	+ 3
Robbery	13,188	12,644	- 4	Pocket-Picking	631	693	+10
Highway	6,048	5,639	- 7	Purse-Snatching	932	814	-13
Commercial House	1,671	1,621	- 3	Shoplifting	31,250	29,619	- 5
Gas, Service Station	247	205	-17	From Motor Vehicles	43,120	46,405	+ 8
Convenience Store	1,276	939	-26	MV Parts & Accessories	30,190	29,110	- 4
Residence	1,833	1,893	+ 3	Bicycles	11,515	12,015	+ 4
Bank	209	153	-27	From Buildings	26,715	25,442	- 5
Miscellaneous	1,904	2,194	+15	Coin Machines	2,562	2,522	- 2
Burglary	103,111	102,107	- 1	All Other	68,764	74,930	+ 9
Resident Total	67,168	66,801	- 1	MV Theft	19,668	21,017	+ 7
Night	15,641	14,314	- 8	Automobiles	13,466	14,656	+ 9
Day	22,956	22,534	- 2	Trucks/Buses	3,224	3,379	+ 5
Unknown Time	28,571	29,953	+ 5	Other Vehicles	2,978	2,982	+ 0
Non-Residence Total	35,943	35,306	- 2	Arson	2,465	2,979	+21
Night	14,112	12,003	-15	Structural Property	1,573	1,904	+21
Day	3,683	3,631	- 1	Mobile Property	523	621	+19
Unknown Time	18,148	19,672	+ 8	All Other (Crops, Timber)	369	454	+23

TABLE 5 - VIOLENT CRIME BY WEAPON

1994 Offenses Are Based on Preliminary Data

	1993	1994	% Change		1993	1994	% Change
Murder				Rape			
Handgun	369	387	+ 5	Firearm	227	181	-20
Shotgun	73	41	-44	Knife, Cutting Instru.	229	205	-10
Rifle	50	50	+ 0	Blunt Object	20	19	- 5
Other/Undeter. Firearms	56	25	-55	Other Weapon	23	21	- 9
Knife, Cutting Instru.	109	106	- 3	Unknown	34	74	+118
Blunt Object	29	22	-24	Hands, Fist, Feet	1,797	1,786	- 1
Other Weapon	30	37	+23	Total	2,330	2,286	- 2
Hands, Fist, Feet	49	39	-20				
Unknown	23	49	+113				
Total	788	756	- 4				
Robbery				Aggravated Assault			
Firearm	5,850	5,467	- 7	Firearm	9,644	9,354	- 3
Knife, Cutting Instru.	1,121	980	-13	Knife, Cutting Instru.	5,785	5,832	+ 1
Other Dangerous Weap.	1,266	1,187	- 6	Other Dangerous Weap.	7,897	8,078	+ 2
Hands, Fist, Feet, Etc.	4,951	5,010	+ 1	Hands, Fist, Feet, Etc.	6,816	6,562	- 4
Total	13,188	12,644	- 4	Total	30,142	29,826	- 1

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TABLE 6 - CRIME INDEX TRENDS - SELECTED CITIES AND COUNTIES

Number of offenses reported to city police and county sheriff/county police, 1993 and 1994.

Percent change 1994 over 1993, total Crime Index offenses known to police.

CITY	YR	TOTAL INDEX ¹	VIO-LENT	PROP-ERTY	MUR-DER	RAPE	ROB-BERY	AGG. ASLT.	BUR-GLARY	LAR-CENY	MVT	ARSON ¹
Asheville	93	5,266	454	4,812	9	42	142	261	1,148	3,311	353	8
+10%	94	5,808	568	5,240	12	36	170	350	1,181	3,652	407	8
Cary	93	1,899	100	1,799	0	2	40	58	367	1,366	66	21
+11%	94	2,102	105	1,997	3	8	28	66	370	1,552	75	30
Durham	93	14,980	1,707	13,273	26	109	848	724	4,851	7,471	951	90
+4%	94	15,550	1,729	13,821	35	78	848	768	4,729	7,918	1,174	83
Fayetteville	93	10,189	1,786	8,403	30	92	583	1,081	2,071	5,685	647	59
+3%	94	10,482	1,840	8,642	15	88	488	1,249	2,183	5,810	649	40
Gastonia	93	6,139	895	5,244	20	25	304	546	1,386	3,590	268	32
-7%	94	5,702	757	4,945	14	27	235	481	1,173	3,504	268	33
Goldsboro	93	4,208	677	3,531	6	20	207	444	910	2,419	202	12
+2%	94	4,294	615	3,679	7	26	158	424	809	2,669	201	13
Greensboro	93	15,303	1,720	13,583	27	105	791	797	3,177	9,657	749	96
+11%	94	16,998	2,007	14,991	21	89	767	1,130	3,245	10,787	959	125
Greenville	93	5,560	692	4,868	5	52	244	391	1,322	3,243	303	8
-8%	94	5,131	513	4,618	13	28	204	268	1,458	2,908	252	30
High Point	93	7,084	934	6,150	12	39	291	592	2,060	3,714	376	48
-2%	94	6,977	1,049	5,928	14	36	326	673	1,896	3,596	436	56
Jacksonville	93	3,528	310	3,218	3	25	101	181	778	2,292	148	8
-11%	94	3,125	271	2,854	4	26	88	153	779	1,963	112	22
Raleigh	93	15,255	2,030	13,225	27	94	795	1,114	2,947	9,395	883	29
+8%	94	16,522	2,170	14,352	30	89	825	1,226	3,546	9,791	1,015	87
Rocky Mount	93	5,523	674	4,849	14	25	203	432	1,356	3,259	234	10
+8%	94	5,967	659	5,308	8	28	260	363	1,456	3,593	259	13
Wilmington	93	6,829	767	6,062	7	38	279	443	1,531	4,156	375	49
+1%	94	6,882	673	6,209	2	33	233	405	1,605	4,196	408	62
Winston-Salem	93	18,331	2,825	15,506	36	170	1,053	1,566	4,783	9,590	1,133	161
+6%	94	19,468	2,680	16,788	41	142	969	1,528	4,905	10,665	1,218	228

COUNTY	YR	TOTAL INDEX ¹	VIO-LENT	PROP-ERTY	MUR-DER	RAPE	ROB-BERY	AGG. ASLT.	BUR-GLARY	LAR-CENY	MVT	ARSON ¹
Buncombe	93	2,021	136	1,885	6	8	19	103	631	1,138	116	5
+11%	94	2,240	295	1,945	4	10	28	253	697	1,103	145	2
Cumberland	93	10,879	948	9,931	27	95	331	495	3,183	5,880	868	97
-1%	94	10,812	902	9,910	26	107	286	483	3,138	5,858	914	130
Davidson	93	2,364	141	2,223	6	19	19	97	952	1,118	153	25
+5%	94	2,485	204	2,281	8	22	16	158	1,001	1,182	98	24
Forsyth	93	3,206	332	2,874	4	13	24	291	1,033	1,698	143	63
+14%	94	3,642	296	3,346	2	23	39	232	1,225	1,990	131	89
Gaston	93	2,420	262	2,158	5	15	30	212	967	1,058	133	25
+4%	94	2,519	312	2,207	6	19	33	254	925	1,139	143	29
Guilford	93	3,550	282	3,268	3	18	48	213	1,227	1,910	131	17
+2%	94	3,605	299	3,306	1	14	39	245	1,152	1,986	168	27
Randolph	93	1,907	138	1,769	3	6	17	112	781	903	85	4
+13%	94	2,149	121	2,028	7	12	12	90	825	1,115	88	8
Robeson	93	1,240	181	1,059	19	7	13	142	583	379	97	14
+19%	94	1,471	196	1,275	15	7	13	161	723	475	77	14
Wake	93	3,227	343	2,884	5	32	64	242	1,247	1,434	203	78
+7%	94	3,443	295	3,148	3	26	57	209	1,237	1,674	237	72

In January of 1994, Charlotte PD and Mecklenburg PD were merged into Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD.

Charlotte	93	49,757	9,724	40,033	123	354	3,227	6,020	10,691	26,370	2,972	388
Mecklenburg	93	3,665	387	3,278	6	19	38	324	1,289	1,870	119	29
Charlotte-Mecklenburg	94	51,057	9,102	41,955	87	350	2,713	5,952	10,326	28,469	3,160	420

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TABLE 7 - ARREST TOTALS BY OFFENSE AND AGE

1994 Arrests Are Based on Preliminary Data

Offense Category	Juveniles Under 18			Adults 18 & Over			All Ages	
	1993 Juv. Arrests	1994 Juv. Arrests	93/94 Percent Change	1993 Adult Arrests	1994 Adult Arrests	93/94 Percent Change	1993 Total Arrests	1994 Total Arrests
Murder	94	83	-12	786	680	-13	880	763
Forcible Rape	95	94	- 1	763	706	- 7	858	800
Robbery	679	791	+16	3,313	3,053	- 8	3,992	3,844
Aggravated Assault	2,266	2,260	- 0	19,481	18,265	- 6	21,747	20,525
Subtotal - Violent	3,134	3,228	+ 3	24,343	22,704	- 7	27,477	25,932
Burglary	3,713	3,865	+ 4	12,282	12,536	+ 2	15,995	16,401
Larceny	8,200	8,964	+ 9	31,978	30,569	- 4	40,178	39,533
Motor Vehicle Theft	759	787	+ 4	1,522	1,581	+ 4	2,281	2,368
Subtotal - Property	12,672	13,616	+ 7	45,782	44,686	- 2	58,454	58,302
Subtotal - Index Crime	15,806	16,844	+ 7	70,125	67,390	- 4	85,931	84,234
Arson	198	231	+17	325	293	-10	523	524
Manslaughter	9	10	+11	47	38	-19	56	48
Simple Assault	4,830	5,775	+20	39,878	41,984	+ 5	44,708	47,759
Forgery, etc.	212	203	- 4	5,046	4,507	-11	5,258	4,710
Fraud	513	739	+44	50,398	49,564	- 2	50,911	50,303
Embezzlement	103	142	+38	1,683	1,837	+ 9	1,786	1,979
Stolen Property	1,154	1,352	+17	5,146	5,272	+ 2	6,300	6,624
Vandalism	2,534	2,757	+ 9	7,715	7,767	+ 1	10,249	10,524
Weapons	1,417	1,677	+18	7,515	7,826	+ 4	8,932	9,503
Prostitution	20	10	-50	1,233	971	-21	1,253	981
Sex Offenses	254	249	- 2	2,440	2,351	- 4	2,694	2,600
Drugs	2,375	3,109	+31	26,833	29,207	+ 9	29,208	32,316
Gambling	15	22	+47	707	448	-37	722	470
Offenses Against Family	90	106	+18	6,278	6,126	- 2	6,368	6,232
DWI	931	1,001	+ 8	67,675	75,282	+11	68,606	76,283
Liquor Laws	1,432	1,469	+ 3	9,149	8,413	- 8	10,581	9,882
Disorderly Conduct	2,343	2,923	+25	13,003	12,964	- 0	15,346	15,887
Vagrancy	26	31	+19	142	155	+ 9	168	186
All Other Offenses	9,064	9,364	+ 3	128,710	117,245	- 9	137,774	126,609
Curfews - Loitering	75	82	+ 9	4	0	-100	79	82
Runaways	1,363	1,886	+38	0	0	NA	1,363	1,886
Subtotal - Non-Index	28,958	33,138	+14	373,927	372,250	- 0	402,885	405,388
Grand Total	44,764	49,982	+12	444,052	439,640	- 1	488,816	489,622

TABLE 8 - INDEX ARRESTS - JUVENILES 15 & UNDER

1994 Arrests are Based on Preliminary Data

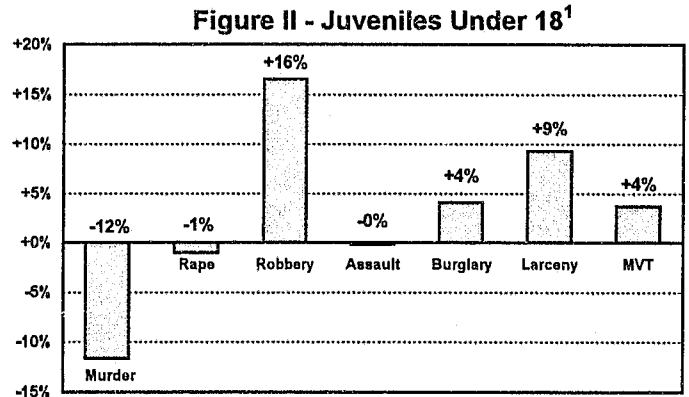
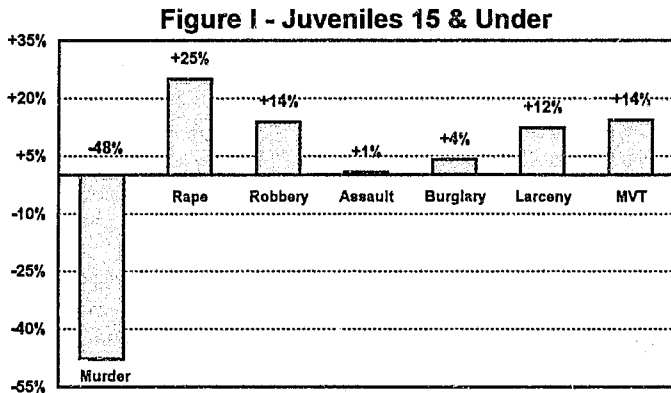
Juveniles 15 & Under	Total Index ¹	Violent	Property	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Aslt.	Burglary	Larceny	MVT	Arson ¹
1993	6,644	1,070	5,574	25	36	210	799	1,412	3,836	326	145
1994	7,256	1,102	6,154	13	45	239	805	1,470	4,311	373	165
% Change	+9%	+3%	+10%	-48%	+25%	+14%	+1%	+4%	+12%	+14%	+14%

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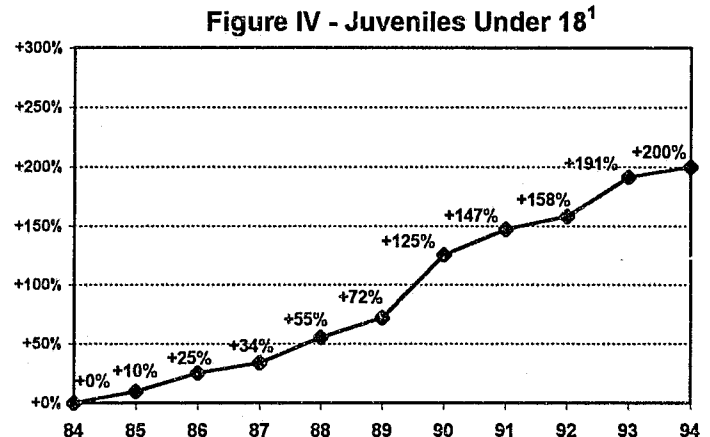
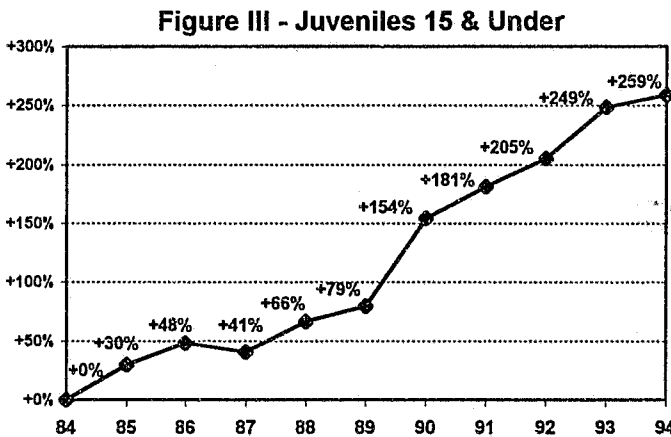
Juvenile Crime Trends

1994 Arrests are Based on Preliminary Data

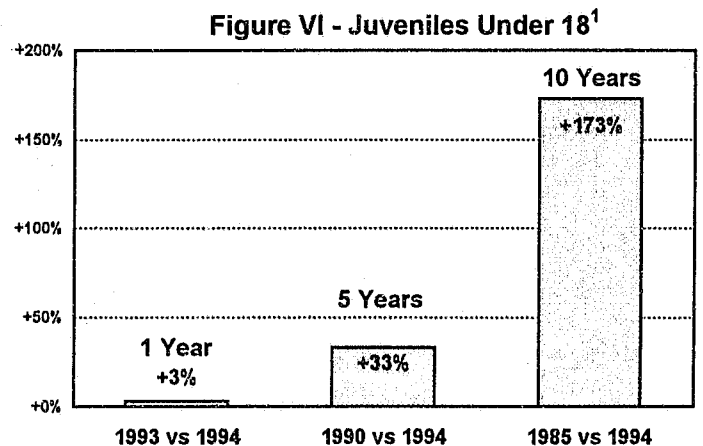
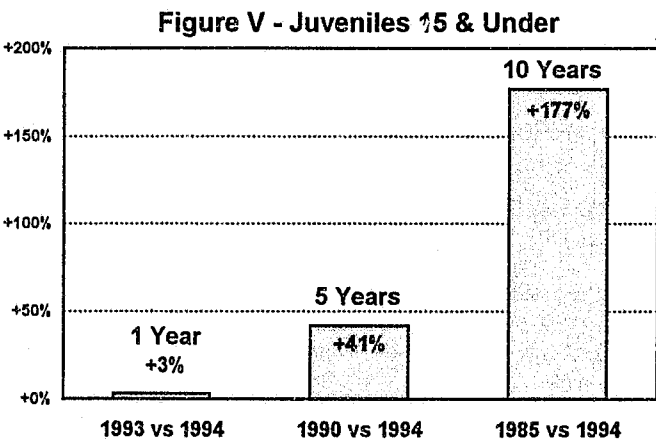
Juveniles Arrested for Index Crime Percent Change 1993 vs 1994



Juveniles Arrested for Violent Crime² Cumulative Changes Since 1984



Juveniles Arrested for Violent Crime² Five & Ten Year Trends



¹Includes the category of juveniles 15 and under.

²Violent Crime includes murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

**NORTH CAROLINA
POPULATION GROUPS AND AREAS**

Core Cities: Includes crimes reported to city law enforcement agencies with populations of 50,000 or more within a MSA.

Suburban Cities: Includes crimes reported to city law enforcement agencies within a MSA exclusive of the core cities.

Suburban Counties: Includes crimes reported to sheriff's departments within a MSA.

Urban Areas: Includes crimes reported to all law enforcement agencies within a MSA.

Rural Centers: Includes crimes reported to city law enforcement agencies with populations of 10,000 or more outside a MSA.

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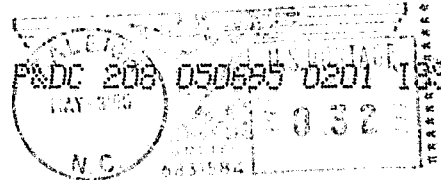
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