

**Durham Police Department
2018 3rd Quarter Report
November 19, 2018
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The Durham Police Department reports on six performance measures every quarter. Those measures are Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault), Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft), Part 1 index crime (total of violent and property crime), Part 1 crime clearance rates, response times to Priority 1 calls and staffing levels.

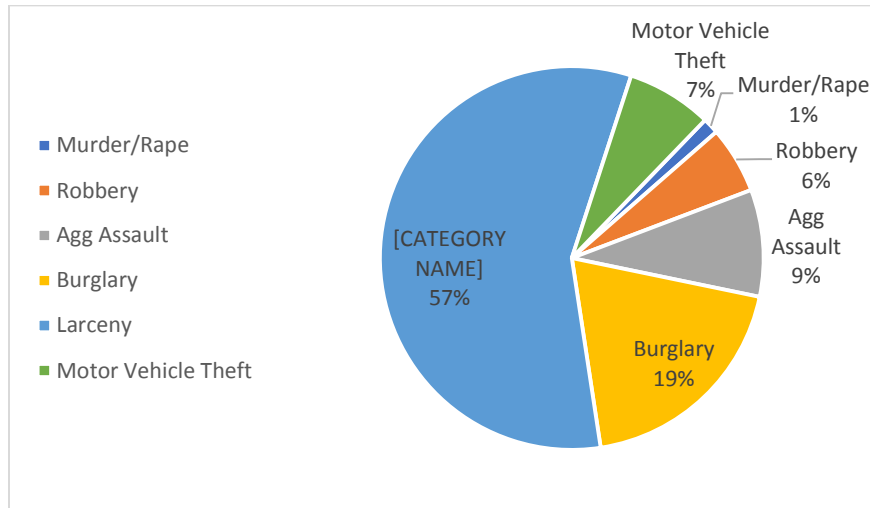
Overall Part 1 index crime dropped by 7 percent during the first nine months of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. Reported Part 1 violent crime decreased by 17 percent during the first nine months of 2018, primarily due to double digit decreases in robberies and aggravated assaults.

<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	<i>3-Year Avg.</i>	<i>3Q 2016</i>	<i>3Q 2017</i>	<i>3Q 2018</i>	<i>2017-2018 % Change</i>
<i>Homicide</i>	23	30	16	24	50%
<i>Rape</i>	88	74	97	94	-3%
<i>Robbery</i>	568	574	638	491	-23%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	887	942	935	784	-16%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	1,566	1,620	1,686	1,393	-17%

Part 1 property crime dropped by 5 percent compared to the same period in 2017. Part 1 property crime made up approximately 84 percent of all Part 1 crimes during the first nine months of 2018. Larcenies accounted for more than half - 57 percent - of all Part 1 crime, which is the same as during the first nine months of 2017.

<i>Part 1 Property Crime</i>	<i>3-Year Avg.</i>	<i>3Q 2016</i>	<i>3Q 2017</i>	<i>3Q 2018</i>	<i>2017-2018 % Change</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	1,761	1,864	1,738	1,682	-3%
<i>Larceny</i>	5,091	4,903	5,379	4,992	-7%
<i>Vehicle Theft</i>	574	521	574	627	9%
<i>Property Crime</i>	7,427	7,288	7,691	7,301	-5%
<i>Index Crime</i>	8,980	8,908	9,337	8,694	-7%

Part 1 Index Crime Percentages – January-September 2018



Part 1 Crime Clearance Rates

*The FBI clearance numbers are for cities population 250,000 to 499,999

Crime Category	DPD 2018 3Q YTD	DPD 2017	FBI 2017
Homicide	83.3%	85.7%	53.3%
Rape	52.1%	46.2%	30.5%
Robbery	37.9%	23.3%	24.3%
Aggravated Assault	44.8%	34.8%	43.8%
Violent Crime	43.5%	31.6%	36.7%
Burglary	14.9%	13.6%	10.8%
Larceny	18.1%	19.8%	15.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	16.7%	13.3%	10.5%
Property Crime	17.2%	17.9%	13.7%

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Priority 1 Response Times

Officers responded to 6,723 Priority 1 calls from January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018, which is a 4 percent drop in Priority 1 calls from the same period in 2017. The department did not meet our standard of responding to 57 percent of Priority 1 calls in under five minutes (52.3 percent were under 5 minutes). We did not meet our 5.8 minute average Priority 1 response time standard (the average response time was 6.03 minutes).

Staffing Levels

The Police Department's sworn ranks were 97 percent filled at the end of the third quarter. Nineteen new Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) recruits graduated from Academy #47 in August. Non-sworn staffing was 88 percent (109 of 124 positions filled) at the end of the third quarter. There are currently 25 recruits in our BLET #48 class, which is scheduled to graduate in February 2019. Four Advanced Law Enforcement Training (ALET) officers graduated during the third quarter.

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes January-September

	YTD 2016	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
<i>Murder</i>	6	1	3
<i>Rape</i>	11	24	18
<i>Robbery</i>	8	12	8
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	219	207	162
<i>Violent Crime</i>	244	244	191
<i>Burglary</i>	83	87	83
<i>Larceny</i>	134	111	103
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	12	13	11
<i>Property Crime</i>	229	211	197
<i>Part 1 Index Crime</i>	473	455	388

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Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for January-September 2018

Offense/Age	8	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault							5	1	6
All Other Offenses			1	1	17	7	12	28	66
Burglary				1	3	2	7	9	22
Disorderly Conduct								1	1
Drug Violations				1	1	1	16	12	31
Embezzlement							1		1
Forgery/Counterfeiting								1	1
Fraud				1		1	11	2	15
Larceny		1	1	2	9	7	19	27	66
Liquor Law Violations								1	1
Non-Reportable Offenses					2	3	4	3	12
Obscene Material				1					1
Offenses Against Family								1	1
Rape				1					1
Robbery					1		3	8	12
Sex Offenses					1	1	1		3
Simple Assault			1	1	3	3	4	15	27
Stolen Property					4	6	8	8	26
Vandalism	1				2	2	3	7	15
Weapon Violations						2	4	4	10
Grand Total	1	1	3	9	43	35	98	128	318

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 2 Offenses
January to September

Offense	2016	2017	2018
All Other Offenses	461	409	551
Arson	20	25	22
Disorderly Conduct	27	32	22
Driving While Impaired	344	223	221
Drug Violations	794	473	453
Embezzlement	112	103	92
Forgery/Counterfeiting	131	121	97
Fraud	1,208	1,297	1,187
Liquor Law Violations	22	19	13
Obscene Material/Pornography	23	24	17
Offenses Against Family	80	100	50
Prostitution	3	14	25
Sex Offense	94	89	110
Simple Assault	1,477	1,373	1,349
Stolen Property	39	32	38
Vandalism	1,309	1,372	1,130
Weapon Violations	198	203	155
TOTAL	6,340	5,909	5,532

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the 3rd Quarter 2018

2018 3rd Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Test
White Male	38	4	1	7	1
White Female	2	0	0	0	0
African-American Male	23	3	1	9	4
African-American Female	5	1	1	2	1
Hispanic Male	7	1	1	2	0
Hispanic Female	0	0	0	0	0
Asian Male	6	0	0	2	0
Asian Female	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	81	9	4	22	6

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

During the 3rd quarter of 2018, the DPD's Recruiting Unit held nine open houses and attended 14 job fairs/recruiting events. They attended the following job fairs and recruiting events: Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Job Fair in Charlotte, Reliant Hiring Job Fair in Charlotte, Criminal Justice Fair at Wake Tech, Charlotte PRIDE, WRAL Career Expo in Raleigh, Recruit Military Fair at NC State University in Raleigh, STEAM Leadership Conference in Raleigh, Tri-Base Military Job Fair in Jacksonville, Florida, Unity in the Community at Northgate Mall, UNC Greensboro Job Fair, John Jay College in New York City, University of South Carolina, Parris Island and University of Tennessee.

Misdemeanor Division Program

16 and 17-year-olds (April 2014 – September 2018)

364 youth enrolled to date with a 98% completion rate. Nine are still enrolled and on track to complete. 355 youth completed and have been out of the program for 12 months or longer. Of those 355, 19 re-offended within one year of completion.

Demographics: 60% African-American; 21% Caucasian; 17% Other; and 2% AS/PI

Referral Sources: 50% DPD; 3% DPD SROs; 44% DCSO SROs; and 3% DCSO

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services (500 total referrals): Education Services 188; Employment Assistance 79; Extracurricular Activities 7; Mental Health 126; Substance use evaluations/treatment 59; and Mentoring 41.

Adult Misdemeanor Diversion (19 to 21-year-olds)

(October 2015- September 2018):

193 young people enrolled, 100% completion rate with 17 still enrolled and on track to complete.

176 have completed the program and only four participants re-offended within one year of completion.

Demographics: 54% African-American; 27% Caucasian; 17% Hispanic; and 2% AS/PI

Referral Sources: 66% DPD; 2% DPD SROs; 11% DCSO SROs; 4% DCO; 17% ABC/ALE

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services (153 total referrals): Education Services 31; Employment Assistance 39; Mental Health 36; Mentoring 11; Substance Use evaluations/treatment 21; Housing 15

3rd Quarter Employees of the Month

District 1 - Officer H.C. Booth, Squad 1A - Officer Booth was recognized for saving a woman's life on July 4. It was the second life he saved within four months. In July, Officer Booth was flagged down by a man who told him that a woman was lying unconscious on a porch. Officer Booth checked on the woman and found that she was unresponsive and had no pulse. Officer Booth administered chest compressions until a slight pulse returned and EMS arrived on the scene. The woman was taken to the hospital and has recovered.

In March, Officer Booth, who joined the DPD in February 2017 and has completed EMT-B (basic) training, was dispatched to an "unknown problem" call and found a man passed out with no pulse inside a vehicle. Cpl. M.W. Brown and Officers Booth and Z.J. Arguilez pulled the man out of the vehicle and Officer Booth started during chest compressions until he felt a pulse. Durham County EMS arrived and treated the man with medication. The man survived. Officer Booth received a Heartsaver Hero Award from the American Heart Association.

District 2 - Officer D.A. Monroe, Squad 2A - Officer Monroe's supervisors describe him as "an exemplary police officer with great enthusiasm and a thorough officer who pays close attention to details and follows through with his investigations. Officer Monroe possesses great investigative skills, outstanding report writing abilities and has a high level of motivation. Despite the overwhelming amount of work that everyone has to do, Officer Monroe consistently finds ways to go above and beyond in his investigations."

His commanders mentioned two specific cases from September that demonstrated his ability to go above and beyond in handling calls. Officer Monroe responded to a shooting into an occupied dwelling call and promptly located the victim and secured the scene. He investigated further and was able to develop a suspect in the case. On this particular night, the city was rather busy, and FSU was unable to respond to the scene due to call volume. Officer Monroe processed the scene himself by taking photographs, locating and collecting shell casings, and submitting all evidence to Property. Officer Monroe then obtained felony warrants for the suspect in this case. Officer Monroe was later made aware that this suspect was a convicted felon, so he took the initiative in taking out an additional charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The second case involved a larceny of a motor vehicle call at a convenience store. Officer Monroe viewed surveillance video from the incident and was able to make out the tag on the vehicle. He

followed up on the information and was able to obtain a warrant. The car was located in Greensboro a few days later. This case was cleared thanks to Officer Monroe's hard work and initiative.

Criminal Investigations Division - Investigator A.C. Stringham, Special Victims Unit - Investigator Stringham handles a lot of juvenile cases and is always interested in taking additional training classes. He recently took a course to learn more about the RADAR interviewing technique. RADAR (Recognizing Abuse Disclosure types And Responding) is a research-based, best practices protocol for interviewing children (5 years and older) and adolescents who are being assessed for possible sexual or physical abuse. In June, Investigator Stringham was assigned a case involving the rape of a preteen girl. He was able to use the RADAR technique to interview the victim and the suspect, who was arrested as a result of Investigator Stringham's excellent work on the case.

Community Services Division - Officer C.C. Davis, SRO Unit - Officer Davis was recognized for her outstanding work in planning the three sessions of the DPD's 2018 SRO Summer Camp. The planning took almost a year and involved planning events for the weeklong camps, choosing locations, securing food and handling all the necessary paperwork. Ninety juveniles attended the camps this summer. The whole process has run smoothly with no logistical errors.

Criminal Investigations Division - Investigator M.H. Evans, Homicide - Investigator Evans was the CID Employee of the Month for her tireless work on a homicide case. In July, Inv. Evans was assigned to the case of a man who was found dead inside a burning car. This was a very difficult case and the victim was from California. Inv. Evans worked with the FBI and went to California to do detailed interviews with people who knew the victim. After returning from California, Inv. Evans coordinated with the FBI and SBI to conduct three almost simultaneous raids in three different cities in North Carolina. The raids resulted in the recovery of numerous guns, cash, and drugs. Three individuals are now in jail for the murder thanks to her hard work.

Criminal Investigations Division - Investigator B.S. Jones, Special Victims Unit - Investigator Jones was recognized for her work on special projects in addition to her regular SVU caseload. "Since January, Inv. Jones has assisted in researching old cases for the backlogged SANE kits and helping submit several to the SBI Lab due to new standards. Inv. Jones not only works her normal case load, but she has also taken on the task of reassigned cases from previous years that needed follow up. Inv. Jones always volunteers to take these projects on with a positive attitude," according to her supervisor.

Inv. Jones assisted in a recent case where she researched how to submit evidence to a private lab. She submitted evidence for three cases which we suspected were linked to the same suspect. As a result of this, Inv. Jones was able to exceptionally clear a 2011 case and also connect the suspect to the current 2018 case. "Inv. Jones recently volunteered to help Cpl. Massie develop and implement a new log for our DSS cases which is now current and helping to streamline our DSS process. Inv. Jones stayed late to make sure this project was completed. Inv. Jones has also volunteered on numerous occasions to work on her regularly scheduled day off since we have been short staffed as well as take on additional on calls to make sure there is SVU coverage," according to her supervisor.

Analytical Services - Brent Shreve and Dwight Bell, Records Unit - One day Brent Shreve was leaving headquarters for his lunch break when he was approached by a man who asked for help to feed his family which included two young children. Brent came back inside and told Dwight Bell about the situation. The two went back outside and asked the family what they would like to have from McDonald's. They went to McDonald's and used their money to purchase two chicken nugget happy meals and two cheeseburger combos for the family. The father was very grateful for the kindness and compassion shown to him and his family.

Recruiting Unit - Officer J.C. Burrus - Officer Burrus was recognized for his hard work and dedication during BLET #48's three-week pre-academy training. "Officer Burrus would arrive at work 60-90 minutes prior to his scheduled reporting time, organize and inspect the recruits, and oversee their daily activities under the guidance of Corporal Drew. Officer Burrus taught the recruits how to march, fall into formation, shine their boots, gel into a team, and demonstrate leadership all while still performing his primary responsibility as a background investigator. Officer Burrus demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication during this key transitional time for the recruits. Officer Burrus has demonstrated an excellent work ethic, positive attitude and leadership since he was assigned to the Background Investigations unit," his supervisor said.

Awards and Honors

Durham Jaycees 2018 Outstanding Public Servant - Officer John Berkstresser, Squad 4-A, was selected as the winner of the 2018 Durham Jaycees Outstanding Young Public Servant Award in July. This award honors correctional officers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMS workers or other rescuers aged 21-40. Officer Berkstresser also won the statewide 2018 North Carolina Jaycees Outstanding Young Public Servant Award.



Officer Berkstresser, who joined the DPD in 2016, was recognized for helping to save the lives of three people during his short time on the department. He has been described by his supervisors as an enthusiastic, diligent and ethical officer who strives to help people and improve the quality of life in our community.

- On January 17, 2018, Officer Berkstresser responded to a call about a man who had threatened to kill himself and who had told relatives that he had a gun. Officer Berkstresser arrived at the call and was told that the man might be inside a shed behind the house. Knowing that the distraught man might be armed with a gun, Officer Berkstresser realized that time was of the essence and entered the shed. He found the man inside a shed hanging by a rope from the ceiling. The man was unconscious and not responsive. Officer Berkstresser quickly climbed a ladder and used his pocketknife to cut the rope from around the man's neck. He lowered the man to a chair and waited for medical help to arrive. The man regained consciousness and was able to speak with Officer Berkstresser. Officer Berkstresser's quick actions saved the man's life.

- In January 2017, Officer Berkstresser was riding with a training officer (Officer M.S. Supernaw) when they were dispatched to a call about a suicidal female at a parking deck near a church downtown. The officers checked a parking deck near the intersection of Ramseur Street and South Mangum Street and found a distraught 17-year-old female leaning over the railing three stories above the street. Officer Berkstresser got out of the car and spoke with the female while Officer Supernaw let 911 know that the female had been located. While Officer Berkstresser was speaking with the female and helping to calm her down, Officer Supernaw slowly and quietly approached the female, using parked vehicles to conceal his approach. While the female was focused on Officer Berkstresser, Officer Supernaw jumped out and pulled her to safety. Officers located the teen's purse and several suicide notes she had written to family and friends. The officers were able to take her to the hospital to get help.
- Also, in 2017, Officer Berkstresser and another officer were both still in their Patrol Training Officer (PTO) independent phase when they were dispatched to a domestic violence call in an apartment complex and were told that there was lots of screaming and an assault in progress. When they got there, they could hear screaming and sounds of an apparent assault. The officers entered apartment and saved a woman who was holding an infant at the time. The man was arrested on numerous charges. The two officers demonstrated professionalism and good decision-making skills as they rescued the woman and the baby.

Advanced Law Enforcement Certificates - Seven officers received their Advanced Law Enforcement Certificates in August. The certificates were earned by Cpls. J.A. Liberto, Q.D. Tait and N.T. Thorpe, Invs. J.A. Daniels, J.L. Roberts and A.C. Stringham and Officer T.R. Janifer. In May, Cpls. D.J. Kuszaj and T.A. Scozzafava and Officers B.K. Johnson and K.L. Geyer received their Advanced Law Enforcement Certificates. The Advanced Law Enforcement Certificates, which are the highest honor awarded by the state, recognize officers for education, professional training and on-the-job experience.

Duke Football Durham Night Honor - District 3 Investigator Ron Guardino was honored at a Duke football game on August 31 for his kindness and compassion while investigating a case involving the theft of an electric wheelchair from an elderly woman. Investigator Guardino donated a \$5,000 slightly used electric wheelchair to the victim to replace the stolen one and he bought materials and constructed a handicap ramp to make her apartment more accessible. The victim now calls him her guardian angel.



Member of the N.C. Inmate Dispute Resolution Board - On July 9, Capt. David Addison, Special Services Division Commander, was appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper to be a member of the state Inmate Dispute Resolution Board. The five-member board has jurisdiction over all appeals of inmate grievances filed through the Inmate Remedy Procedure. The appointment is for four years.



Examples of DPD 3rd Quarter Community Commitment

DPD Hurricane Florence Assistance - Eighteen Durham police officers spent a week in Wilmington assisting the Wilmington Police Department following Hurricane Florence in September. The following officers spent the week helping with traffic, security and assisting at calls: Capt. M.K. Bond, Sgt. J.B. Butler, Cpls. K. De La Cruz and J.R. Montoya, Investigators C.N. Walker, C.W. Ugolick and M.D. Southerland and Officers A.M. Acker, D.D. Colquitt III, B.K. Johnson, A.J. Wilkinson, C.T. Strickland Jr., J.C. Justice, S.T. Barna, J.T. Rose, J.S. Bell, N.J. Lynde and J.D. Graham.



Four DPD officers who are members of the Durham County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #2 — DPD Sgt. T.A. Navarre and DPD Cpls. M.J. Hamilton, B.M. Glover and N.M. Miller — also went to Wilmington to assist the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office following Hurricane Florence.

Crisis Compassion - A woman recently thanked District 3-A Officer J.E. Gillis for his compassion while she was in crisis last spring. The woman told another officer that she had been suicidal when Officer Gillis found her walking out of the woods. She wanted to pass on how grateful she was for the way Officer Gillis spoke with her and helped her. "She literally cried as she explained how much (Officer Gillis) helped her that day. She said she is doing much better and is getting help for her depression," the officer said.

Squad 2C Assisted Ill Woman - Officers from Squad 2-C opened their hearts and wallets to help a woman who was in a difficult situation in September. Officers responded to a call about a woman who could not pay her hotel bill and had nowhere else to go. The woman had been ill and had been recently released from the hospital. She had spent all of her money to stay for a few nights at the hotel and had no family in the area. The officers worked feverishly to find a safe place for her to stay but could find no place that could accommodate her over the weekend. Officers called several local hotels and found one that agreed to provide her with a room for \$110 for two nights. Sgt. J.J. Kenyon and Officers L.A. Williams, C.T. Slaughter, J.T. Cleary and T.J. Feren each chipped in \$22 to pay for two nights. The officers transported the woman to the motel and made sure she was safe. Cpl. W.M. Winstead then spent \$55 so she could stay in the room for a third night. The woman is now being provided with services.

Iglesia El Buen Pastor Food Drive - Squad 1-D Officers J.C. Keller and M.J. Adams enjoyed meeting several members of the community on August 4 when they stopped by Iglesia El Buen Pastor on Liberty Street to help out with a food drive.



3rd Quarter Community Outreach



Park Smart Initiative - In July, the DPD implemented the Park Smart initiative to focus on vehicle break-ins and motor vehicle thefts. More than 100 high quality metal signs have been put up in areas where there have been reports of vehicle break-ins. These areas include parking garages, apartment complexes and businesses. DPD officers also donated 30 signs to the Durham Parks and Recreation Department for use in parks throughout the city. The signs remind people to lock their vehicles, secure valuables and take their keys with them.

Community Engagement Unit Outreach Events - Officers from the Community Engagement Unit (CEU) participated in numerous community events during the 3rd quarter. This is a sampling of those events.

- CEU officers took children from the Cornwallis Road housing community fishing at Falls Lake.
- Officers helped chaperone a swimming trip for children at Long Meadow Park.
- Sgt. Macaluso presented a life skills program for 50 youth at North Carolina Central University. The conference was for housing authority youth throughout Virginia, Georgia, North and South Carolina.
- CEU officers took 45 children and eight adults to a Durham Bulls game. Officers gave an anti-bullying presentation to 75 Junior Bulls.
- Officers helped chaperone a bowling trip for children from the Cornwallis Road housing community.
- Officers gathered donations for a bookbag drive and attended the bookbag giveaway in McDougald Terrace.
- Officers took several kids to North Carolina Central University for a tour. They met members of the football team and went bowling.
- Officers took 15 people to the USS North Carolina in Wilmington in August.
- On several occasions officers took children to Durham Bulls games.
- Officers attended a book bag drive in Cornwallis Apartment /McDougald Terrace. Jubilee Church gave out 104 book bags and another 50 bags of school supplies.
- Officers took 14 children to the Wet 'n Wild Water Park in Greensboro.

National Night Out - National Night Out was held in approximately 100 Durham communities on August 7. Neighborhoods hosted events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anti-crime campaigns. This year marked the 35th anniversary of the national observance. NNO is a collaborative effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood unity.



Citizen Police Academy - The six-week Citizen Police Academy was held during August and September and 23 participants graduated on October 3 in a ceremony at City Hall. The six-week academy, which is free of charge, provides first-hand knowledge and frontline experiences. Classes feature a ride-a-long with an officer on patrol, K-9 and DWI demonstrations, gang awareness and domestic violence information and more. The goals of the Citizen Police Academy are to provide residents information to gain a working knowledge of police operations, units, divisions, procedures and protocol; create an understanding of how police deliver services in the Durham community and why decisions are made; motivate residents to proactively help abate crime; and help strengthen police-community relationships.



DPD Youth Summer Camp - Two week-long sessions of the DPD Summer Camp were held in July and August. Open to youth ages 9 to 13, the free camp featured daily field trips, and a variety of recreational, educational and social activities that create positive and fun interactions among police officers and campers. Hosted by school resource officers of the department's Community Services Division, the program aims to add structured youth activities to the summer months and to strengthen law enforcement's relationship with participating youth and their families.

Durham Police Athletic League (PAL) Summer Programs

Durham PAL Golf Program - This program started on July 2 with 12 participants aged 12 to 14. The program was held at Falls Village Golf Club and retired and current DPD officers worked with the children.



Durham PAL Summer Basketball Program - The DPD All Stars team played in summer league basketball, which was held at the Walltown Recreation Center and Holton Resource Center. The championship game was held on August 9 at Walltown Recreation Center followed by a friendly game between players and coaches. Pizza and drinks were served.

Durham PAL Soccer Program - The Police Athletic League soccer program was held from September 29 to November 19. Students from 19 schools participated in the program. On August 15, five female PAL players were invited to the North Carolina Governor’s Mansion to participate in a ceremony recognizing the NC Courage Soccer Team.

Bridge II Sports August Madness Wheelchair Basketball

Tournament - For the last few years, several members of the Durham Police Department have played in the Bridge II Sports August Madness Tournament. This year’s team consisted of Cpl. P.B Clark, Inv. M.T. Bynum, Officer C.A. Miller and Corry Cook. PAL Officers T.R. Janifer and J. L. Suitt volunteered as referees for the tournament. The Durham Police Department made it to the semi-finals this year.



3rd Quarter Initiatives

Operation Road Runner - The Durham Police Department’s Traffic Accident and Crash Team (TACT) and Motor units conducted Operation Road Runner on September 27 to target speeding in school zones by Mount Zion Christian Academy, W.G. Pearson Elementary School and Hillside High School in the 3500 to 3700 blocks of Fayetteville Road. The schools have a joint school zone speed limit of 25 mph between the hours of 7:15 am and 9:30 am. During that time period the operation resulted in 57 traffic stops of vehicles exceeding 15 mph above the posted 25 mph limit. In addition to speeding citations, officers wrote five citations for no operator’s license, four citations for driving while license revoked, one citation for a registration violation and one other traffic charge.



TACT officers placed the department's new speed signs in the school zone the prior week to monitor speeds and to alert drivers when they exceed the posted speed limit. Data from these speed monitoring systems will show speeds in a specific location and the times when speeding occurs.

Operation Liberty - Members of the Organized Crime Division with assistance from District One Uniform Patrol, the Traffic and Crash Team, Motorcycle Unit, Community Engagement Unit, Crisis Intervention Team, and the Community Resources Unit conducted a four-month (June through September) special operation with a focus in the Liberty Street/Commerce Street area due to complaints about violent crime and gang activity.

Officers served 18 search warrants, conducted 164 knock and talks and served 73 warrants. During the operation they confiscated 95.6 grams of cocaine, 613.5 grams of heroin worth more than \$20,000, 1,285.4 grams of marijuana, 18.5 dosage units of pills and 29 firearms. The warrants included charges for trafficking in heroin, trafficking in cocaine, numerous drug violations and firearms/shooting offenses.

Officers conducted a buy/bust drug operation and a prostitution initiative in response to complaints from residents. In addition, officers did a lighting assessment in the area. They checked out almost 200 lights and requested upgrades for more than 40 of those lights. Officers worked with several other city departments during Operation Liberty.

Booze It and Lose It - The Durham Police Department held a multi-agency "Booze It and Lose It" operation on August 11 on University Drive at Forest Hills Park. Eight people were arrested for driving while impaired and five guns were confiscated. Other agencies involved were the Hillsborough Police Department, North Carolina State Highway Patrol and the Durham County Sheriff's Office. The North Carolina BAT (Breath Alcohol Testing) Mobile, MADD representatives and members of the Durham County District Attorney's office also attended.

K9 Ballistic Vests - Eight Durham Police Department K9s received free custom-fitted ballistic vests donated by Spike's K-9 Fund. The dogs were fitted for the vests in mid-August and recently received their new protective gear. DPD's K9s multi-purpose dogs trained to track suspects and missing persons, search buildings and detect drugs.



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Operation Roman Candle - During the afternoon of July 4, officers from the Durham Police Department's TACT and Motor units conducted Operation Roman Candle, which targeted speeding on Interstate 85 South. Officers issued 46 speeding citations as well as eight other traffic citations. The fastest recorded speed was 89 mph in a 60 mph zone. TACT and Motor officers have been conducting speed enforcement operations in an effort to reduce the number of serious and fatal traffic crashes in Durham.

Homicide Arrests

Guardian Drive Homicide Arrests - Three men were arrested in September and charged with murder in the July death of Ly Teng Nhiayi on Guardian Drive. Nhiayi, 32, of California, was found dead inside a burning car in the 5000 block of Guardian Drive around 9:30 p.m. on July 26. An autopsy determined Nhiayi had been shot.

Investigators charged Derrick Tyson, 40, of Bear Creek and Reginald McClain, 28, and Walter Thorne-Price, 29, both of Durham, with murder. All three were arrested on September 27 and placed in Durham County Jail without bond. Investigators served search warrants at homes in Durham, Cary and Greensboro and recovered a stolen gun and drugs. Investigators said the shooting did not appear to be random.

Channing Avenue Murder Arrests - Two men - Derrick Rashawn Motley, 38, of Durham and sterling Eugene Whitted, 48, of Durham - were arrested and charged with the July fatal shooting of 43-year-old Reginald Johnson on West Channing Avenue. Officers were dispatched to a gunshot wound call around 3:45 a.m. on July 31 in the 100 block of West Channing Avenue. When they arrived, they found a man outside who had been shot. The man, identified as Johnson, was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators said the shooting did not appear to have been random.

Camellia Drive Homicide Arrest - Durham Police Department investigators arrested Philip Montanino, 49, of Alamance County and charged him with murder in the death of 59-year-old Elizabeth Watson. Officers were dispatched to Watson's residence on Camellia Drive shortly before noon on July 2. Upon arrival, officers discovered a deceased female, later identified as Watson. A death investigation led to Montanino's arrest. Montanino and Watson were acquaintances, according to investigators. Montanino was also charged with larceny of a motor vehicle.

East Main Street Homicide Arrest - Dwight Leon Gill Jr., 35, of Durham was arrested and charged with fatally shooting a woman and injuring a man in the 1900 block of East Main Street in September. Gill was arrested on November 6 in Bowman, South Carolina.

Officers were dispatched to a gunshot wound call shortly before 12:30 a.m. on September 8. When they arrived, they found Andrea Farrior, 31, of Durham, dead from an apparent gunshot wound inside a vehicle parked in the driveway. An adult male was also located near the residence with multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to a local hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Waterford Valley Murder Arrest - Demetrius Deshane Lynn, 26, was arrested on August 7 and charged with second-degree murder in the death of Antonio Devon Wright, 33, of Burlington.

Shortly before 7 a.m. on July 16, officers were dispatched to check on the welfare of a man lying in an apartment complex parking lot in the 1400 block of N.C. 54 Highway. The man, later identified as Wright, had been shot and was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators were able to connect the homicide to a domestic disturbance in the 4300 block of Waterford Valley Drive around 11:45 p.m. on

July 15. When officers arrived on Waterford Valley Drive, they found 25-year-old Gerald Braddy who had been shot in the shoulder. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

Investigators arrested Lynn that night and charged him with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury for shooting Braddy. Lynn posted a \$50,000 bond and was released from jail on July 16. Braddy was charged with simple assault, injury to property and misdemeanor conspiracy in connection with the same case.

NC 54 Highway Homicide Arrest - Colby Aaron Lucas, 29, of Durham was fatally shot during an argument in the parking lot of a convenience store at 109 N.C. 54 Highway during the afternoon of September 25. Lucas was pronounced dead at the scene. Atom Divine Cameron, 20, was indicted for murder in this case.

Fatal Hit-and-Run Arrests

Fatal Hit-and-Run Arrest - William Patrick Carl, 65, of Durham was arrested on August 14 and charged with felony hit-and-run involving serious injury/death in a wreck involving a pedestrian that happened on August 12 on N.C. 54 Highway. The victim was identified as Christina Marie Green, 39, of Durham.

Fatal Hit-and-Run Crash Arrest - On July 18, investigators arrested Rudy Alexander Ascencio, 29, of Durham and charged him with felony hit-and-run causing serious injury/death in connection with the June 18 crash that fatally injured 44-year-old Salvador Omar Sanchez of Durham. Sanchez was driving home from work when he experienced problems with his vehicle and parked it in a nearby parking lot on North Duke Street. He was walking home around 2:40 a.m. when he was struck by a vehicle as he was walking across North Duke Street between Horton Road and Fairfield Road. Sanchez was pronounced dead at the scene.

Significant Robbery Arrests

October 2017 Downtown Robberies Arrest - A Durham man wanted in connection with several armed robberies in downtown Durham in October 2017 was arrested on July 6 in Florida. Antonio Rashawn McGhee, 35, was arrested in Palm Bay, Florida by members of the U.S. Marshals Florida/Caribbean Regional Fugitive Task Force. McGhee was also charged with committing several armed robberies in Brevard County, Florida.

McGhee is facing more than a dozen counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with the following cases:

- **October 2, 2017** - A man was walking near West Main Street and Corcoran Street around 11:30 p.m. when a man approached him, pointed a gun and demanded that he withdraw cash from an ATM.
- **October 5, 2017** - A man and a woman were walking on Foster Street near Hunt Street around 10 p.m. when a man pointed a gun at them and demanded money. He forced the man to withdraw money from a nearby ATM.

- **October 6, 2017** - A man and a woman were walking on Morris Street near Hunt Street around 10 p.m. when a man approached them, pointed a gun and demanded money. He forced the man to withdraw money from an ATM.
- **October 8, 2017** - A man was near the intersection of Hunt Street and Foster Street when a man approached him shortly before 10 p.m. and pointed a gun at him. The suspect demanded money and forced the victim to take cash from a nearby ATM.

Pizza Robbery Arrests - Durham police investigators arrested four people in connection with a series of six robberies in the Cedarwood Drive/ Willowdale Drive/Cook Road area during June and July. Warrants have been issued for two more people, but they are not in custody. Four of the robberies targeted pizza delivery drivers.

Investigators arrested the following people on robbery charges:

- Destiny Monique Dawson, 17, was arrested on two charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon and two charges of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.
- Delavonta Hissan Moore, 18, was arrested on four charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon and four charges of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.
- Raijon Bethea, 19, was arrested on two charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon and two charges of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.
- Kavon Williams, 19, was arrested on two charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon and two charges of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.

They were charged in connection with the following robberies:

- June 28 in the 1000 block of Willowdale Drive. A pizza delivery driver was robbed of pizza, a phone and a wallet. The suspects hit the victim on the head with a pole and attempted to take the victim's vehicle, but they were unable to drive a stick shift. The suspects were armed with a pole and guns. Moore and Dawson were charged with this robbery.
- July 1 in the 3100 block of Cedarwood Drive. A pizza delivery driver was robbed of pizzas and money. The suspects tried to get the victim's car keys, but the victim was able to get away. Moore, Williams and Dawson were charged with this robbery.
- July 2 in the 1100 block of East Cornwallis Road. The victim was robbed at gunpoint behind a convenience store. Bethea was charged with this robbery.
- July 3 in the 3100 block of Cedarwood Drive. A pizza delivery driver was robbed at gunpoint of pizza, a phone and a wallet. The suspects fled in the victim's vehicle. Moore and Williams were charged with this robbery.
- July 10 in the 1300 block of Willowdale Drive. A pizza delivery driver drove to this location but became suspicious and was trying to leave when he was robbed at gunpoint. The victim was robbed of pizzas and cash. Bethea was charged with this robbery.
- July 21 in the 200 block of Cook Road. The victim was robbed at gunpoint at a party. The victim's phone was stolen. Moore was charged with this robbery.

Robbery Arrest - Eric Lemel Campbell, 29, of Durham was arrested and charged with robbing a handicapped couple on Chestnut Street in July. A 65-year-old man and a 78-year-old female, both in wheelchairs, were coming from the bus stop and were in the 300 block of Chestnut Street when a man approached them around 1:45 p.m. on July 6. The man yanked a gold necklace off the female victim's neck and tried unsuccessfully to pull rings off her fingers, causing lacerations to her hands. The male victim was able to fight off the suspect, who ran from the scene. Both victims were taken to the hospital for treatment. Campbell was charged with one count of common-law robbery, one count of attempted common-law robbery and two counts of assault on a handicapped person.

Bank Robbery Arrest - Myron Roderick Nunn, 51, of Durham was arrested and charged with the July 9 robbery of First Citizens Bank at 3200 Hillsborough Road. No one was injured. A man entered the bank around 2:20 p.m. and handed a teller a note demanding money. No weapon was seen. The man fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. Nunn was arrested on July 10 in Hillsborough by the Hillsborough Police Department. Officers from the Hillsborough Police Department took out the following charges against Nunn: attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a stolen vehicle. Durham investigators charged Nunn with common-law robbery.

Robbery/Assault Arrest - Paul Riley Frick, 51, was arrested and charged with robbing and assaulting a 57-year-old female on Hillsborough Road on July 12. Frick is accused of putting a box cutter to the woman's throat and stealing her beer and cigarettes. He is accused of slapping her across the face and breaking her phone. Frick, who was arrested on July 30, was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, assault on a female, communicating threats and interfering with 911 communication.

Guess Road Mini Mart Robbery Arrest - Kevin White, 38, of Durham was arrested after he apparently was shot during an armed robbery at a convenience store at Guess Road Mini Mart at 2014 Guess Road on July 16. Officers responded to a shooting and attempted robbery at the store around 9:30 p.m. An employee told officers that a man entered the store and brought a beer up to the front counter. The man then went behind the counter, pulled out a gun and said he was robbing the store.

The employee struggled with the suspect and grabbed the gun. The employee told officers he fired shots when the suspect moved toward him. The suspect ran out of the business before officers arrived. A few minutes later, Officer J.M. Stewart found White lying in front of a house on Hillcrest Street, which is a short distance from Guess Road. He had been shot in the legs. White was taken to the hospital for treatment. Investigators charged White with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. After being treated at the hospital, White was taken to the Durham County Jail.

Bank Robbery Arrests - Three men were arrested and charged in connection with a July 18 bank robbery in which a teller was shot. Officers were dispatched at 2:45 p.m. to a robbery at SunTrust at 2008 East N.C. 54 Highway. When officers arrived, they found a bank teller who had been shot in the arm during the robbery. The teller was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries. The robber fled with an undisclosed amount of money.

Two men - Javon Cheek, 24, and Larry Lamar Johnson, 29, both of Durham — were arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. Cheek was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. In addition, Cheek was also served with an outstanding warrant from the Durham County Sheriff's Office charging him with being a sex offender and failing to report his new address. A third man - Shawn William Cox, 36, of Durham - was arrested and charged with accessory after the fact and possession of a firearm by a felon in relation to the bank robbery.

Bank Robbery Arrest - Joseph Alexander Rice, 33, of Durham was arrested and charged with robbing CresCom Bank at 4215 University Drive on July 18. A man entered the bank shortly before 11:30 a.m. and handed a teller a note demanding money. No weapon was seen and no one was injured. The man left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. A short time later, officers arrested Rice and charged him with one count of common-law robbery.

Robbery Arrest - Jaidyn Tinsley, 17, was arrested and charged with robbing a man at gunpoint in an apartment complex parking lot at 2920 Chapel Hill Road on August 16. Two men approached the victim and one placed a gun at his neck. The suspects took the victim's wallet and fled. Tinsley was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, possession of a stolen firearm and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Butcher Knife Robbery Arrests - Two men were arrested and charged with using a butcher knife to rob a man on West Main Street on August 24. The victim told officers he had been drinking with two unknown men when one of the men pulled out a butcher knife and took the victim's money. Officers found two men matching the descriptions of the suspects on East Main Street a few minutes later. Officers arrested Kendrick Lamont Scott, 48, and Melton Morris Melvin, 41, and charged them both with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy.

Internet Buy/Sell Robbery Arrest - Durham police arrested Omarr Anthony Contreras on September 5 and charged him with committing two armed robberies involving internet buy/sell transactions during the last week of August. Officers recovered a loaded gun during the arrest. Contreras is charged with committing both robberies in the parking lot of a shopping center at 3500 North Roxboro Street.

The first incident occurred on August 24 around 2 p.m. when two people met a man to sell a PlayStation 4 they had advertised on Facebook Marketplace. The buyer took the PlayStation to make sure it worked and then pulled out a gun and told the sellers he was taking it. He drove off without paying for the game console.

The second incident was reported around 4 p.m. on August 29. A man met with a buyer to sell an iPad he had advertised on Facebook Marketplace. The buyer grabbed the iPad from the victim and threatened to shoot him. The buyer then drove away, causing the victim to fall to the ground. The victim was treated by EMS at the scene. Contreras was charged with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and one count of carrying a concealed handgun.

Robbery Arrests - Two 15-year-old males were arrested and charged with robbing a 16-year-old male at gunpoint in the 2500 block of South Roxboro Street on September 2. The victim told officers that several males robbed him of his phone, a phone charger and a jacket. Officers arrested the two juveniles following a foot chase. Officers took out juvenile petitions charging both 15-year-olds with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Foster Street Robbery Arrests - Officers arrested four people and charged them with robbing two women at gunpoint in the 500 block of Foster Street on September 7. The women were robbed of their purses and phones. Officers located four people matching the descriptions of the suspects on Pettigrew Street and recovered the stolen purses and phones. Officers charged Kalil McMillan, 20, with robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony conspiracy and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Petitions were issued for three juvenile males - one 13-year-old and two 14-year-olds - charging them with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy.

Home Invasion Robbery Arrest - Marcellus Alston, 19, of Durham was arrested on September 19 on charges stemming from a September 11 armed home invasion on North Hyde Park Avenue. The victim told officers that three men entered the home and robbed the resident and two children at gunpoint. The suspects took a television set, phones, shoes, an Xbox, a purse and other items. Alston was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy.

Significant Aggravated Assault Arrests

Shooting Arrest - Jerome Bernard Carter, 30, was arrested on July 13 on numerous charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He was arrested in Morrisville by members of the U.S. Marshals Service Joint Fugitive Task Force. Carter was wanted in connection with a July 6 incident on Wabash Street. Officers responded to a disturbance with a weapon call shortly after 6 p.m. in the 1400 block of Wabash Street. Officers were told that a man had fired shots at several people standing in front of an apartment following a fight. At least one bullet entered an apartment and went into a room occupied by several children. No one was injured. Carter was charged with 10 counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, two counts of assault on a female, one count of assault by pointing a gun and one count of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling. He has been placed in Durham County Jail without bond.

Shooting Arrests - Two people - Juan Alberto Villalobos-Gonzalez and Joanna Marisol Ruiz, both 21 years old - were arrested and charged with shooting a woman in the leg during an argument in a parking lot of an apartment complex in the 4200 block of Garrett Road on July 13. Villalobos and Ruiz were both charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, felony conspiracy, communicating threats, assault by pointing a gun and two counts of misdemeanor conspiracy. Ruiz was also charged with simple assault.

Shooting Arrest - Investigators arrested 29-year-old Sequan Sumpter and charged him with shooting into an occupied vehicle on Wabash Street on July 15. The two occupants of the vehicle were not injured, but the car was damaged by bullets. Sumpter was charged with two counts of assault with a

deadly weapon with the intent to kill, discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, discharging a firearm within the city limits and injury to property.

Shooting Arrest - Freeman Denzel Johnson, 25, of Durham was arrested and charged with shooting another man near the intersection of Carroll Street and West Chapel Hill Street on July 18. When officers arrived, they found an 18-year-old man lying in the street. He had suffered a gunshot wound to his leg. The man was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Officers were given a description of a truck driven by a possible suspect. Officers stopped a truck matching the description on U.S. 15-501 near Cornwallis Road. The driver – Johnson – was arrested and charged with one count of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Stabbing Arrest - A 29-year-old man was seriously injured when he was stabbed multiple times during an argument in a parking lot at New Hope Commons Shopping Center on September 19. William Earley Jr., 28, was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and communicating threats. The incident was not random, according to investigators.

Stabbing Arrest - John Carlos Jose Martinez, 25, was arrested and charged with stabbing a neighbor during an argument in the 500 block of Cecil Street on September 19. The 25-year-old victim was stabbed multiple times and taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Martinez was arrested on October 1 and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and trespassing.

Significant Property Crime Arrests

Burglary/Copper Theft Arrests - Mark Wayne Locklear, 60, was arrested and charged with breaking into construction sites downtown and stealing more than \$30,000 worth of copper pipe and electrical wire during September. Locklear was charged with breaking into a construction site in the 500 block of Mangum Street multiple times. He was also charged with taking items from sites on East Main Street. He was also charged with obtaining property by false pretense for allegedly trying to sell the stolen goods as scrap.

Business Burglary Arrests - Kevin Gray Taylor, 30, was arrested and charged with breaking into 11 businesses in Durham between May 31 and July 11. He was charged with breaking into two businesses twice during that time and he was also charged with breaking into a church. Items stolen included several laptops, snacks, candy, cash, soda, a safe and paper towels. In addition to the burglary charges, Taylor was charged with identity theft, injury to property, obtaining property by false pretense and possession of stolen goods.

Fraud Arrests - Keith Edward Wright, 47, was arrested and charged with defrauding numerous businesses out of several thousand dollars during 2018. Wright is accused of representing himself as an employee of various governmental agencies and then claiming to be picking up food for meetings and other official functions. Wright allegedly generated bank accounts and had his checks printed in a way to list the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Housing on the checks along with his name. According to investigators, he then placed large orders with numerous restaurants and

vendors and picked up the food as though he was acting as an employee of the government. He allegedly paid for the orders with the fraudulent checks. According to investigators, Wright routinely made the checks out for more than the order totals in an attempt to further defraud the local businesses. Wright was charged with 30 counts of obtaining property by false pretense and attempting to obtain property by false pretense. He was also charged with three counts of failure to appear in court on prior charges.

Drug Trafficking Arrests

Opiate Trafficking Arrest - Investigators from the Vice-Narcotics Unit arrested Kenneth Dupree, 25, of Rocky Mount on July 5 and charged him with stealing medications from packages while he was working at a UPS shipping facility. Investigators found three prescription bottles that were prescribed to other people in Dupree's possession. The three prescription bottles contained 90 dosage units of Oxycodone, 30 dosage units of Fingolimond and 90 dosage units of Morphine. Dupree has been charged with more than a dozen counts each of trafficking in opiates, larceny by employee and possession of controlled substances with the intent to sell or deliver.

Cocaine Trafficking Arrest - On July 11, the Vice-Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 200 Grandview Drive, Apt. 303, and three people were arrested. A search of the apartment was conducted and 64.4 gram of cocaine, 24.4 grams of marijuana, four handguns and a shotgun were seized. Anthony Parker, 31, was charged with trafficking cocaine by possession, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, maintaining a dwelling, three counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of drug paraphernalia. Warren Parker, 30, was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and also arrested on non-related warrants. Jordan Smith, 27, was charged with possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia and maintaining a dwelling for the sale or use of controlled substances.

Cocaine Trafficking Arrest - On July 13, the Vice-Narcotics Unit conducted a vehicle stop at Avondale Drive and Interstate 85 and recovered 512 grams of powder cocaine and a single loaded magazine. Jason Lamont Pipkin, 39, of Chapel Hill was arrested and charged with two counts of trafficking cocaine and three other drug charges.

Methamphetamine/Synthetic Cannabinoid Trafficking Arrest - On September 4, investigators from the Vice-Narcotics Unit arrested Russell Ledbetter, 62, after serving a search warrant at 1617 Holly Hill Drive. Officers confiscated 66 grams of a synthetic cannabinoid, 31 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 21 guns, a 37mm gas grenade launcher and drug paraphernalia. Ledbetter was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine and synthetic cannabinoids, two counts of carrying a concealed weapon and three other drug charges.

Heroin Trafficking Arrest - On July 17, the Vice-Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 11C Sima Street and seized a rifle, ammunition and drug paraphernalia. Subsequently investigators conducted a

search of a 2018 Kia Rio and seized 17.8 grams of heroin, a Glock 40 cal. pistol and drug paraphernalia. Natasha Rogers, 30, was arrested and charged with trafficking heroin and three other drug charges.

MDMA (Ecstasy) Trafficking Arrest - On September 7, investigators executed a search warrant at 1408 Lathrop Street and seized a stolen handgun, a revolver, 217.4 grams of marijuana, 13.8 grams powder cocaine, 3.4 grams crack cocaine and 49.2 grams heroin and MDMA. Kahlil Christopher, 22, of Durham was charged with trafficking MDMA, possession of a stolen firearm and eight other drug charges.