

Durham Police Department
2018 First Quarter Report
May 7, 2018
Police Chief Cerelyn "C.J." Davis

The Durham Police Department has six performance measures – Part 1 violent crime, Part 2 property crime, Part 1 index crime, clearance rates, response times to Priority 1 calls and staffing levels – and they are reported to the public on a quarterly basis. This report contains information about the performance measures as well as highlights from the 1st quarter of 2018.

Reported Part 1 index crime (property and violent crime) decreased by 21 percent during the first quarter of 2018 compared to the first three months in 2017. Violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) dropped by 41 percent and property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) fell by 18 percent.

Six out of seven Part 1 crimes and overall Part 1 index, violent and property crimes dropped during the first quarter of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017.

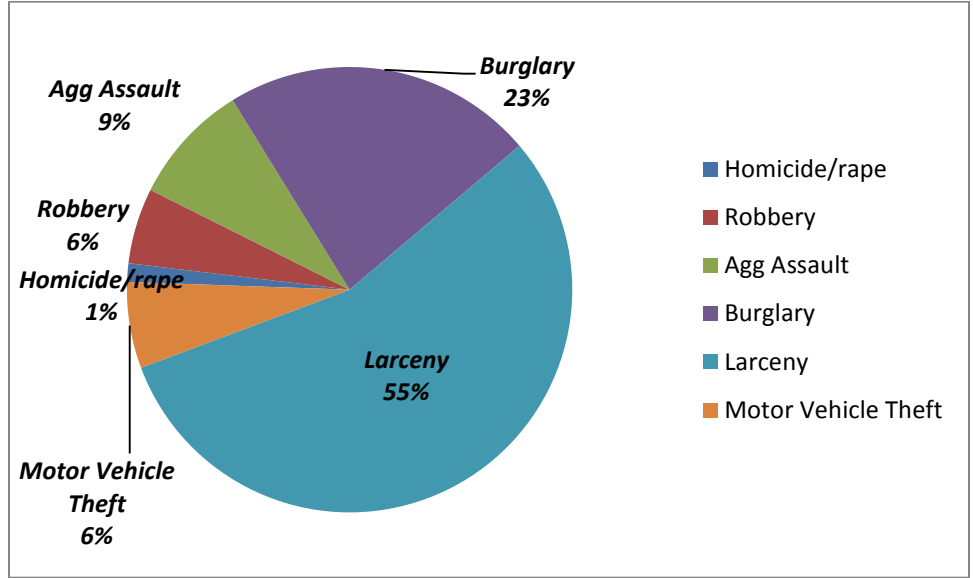
Part 1 Violent Crime – 1st Quarter (January through March)

<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	<i>3-Year Avg</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017-18 % Change</i>
<i>Homicide</i>	7	11	5	6	20%
<i>Rape</i>	26	23	31	24	-23%
<i>Robbery</i>	184	192	238	123	-48%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	279	318	322	197	-39%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	497	544	596	350	-41%

Part 1 Property Crime – 1st Quarter (January through March)

<i>Part 1 Property Crime</i>	<i>3-Year Avg</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017-18 % Change</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	732	570	549	506	-8%
<i>Larceny</i>	1,419	1,444	1,573	1,241	-15%
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	150	136	173	140	-19%
<i>Property Crime</i>	2,111	2,150	2,295	1,877	-18%

2018 1st Quarter Part 1 Crime Percentages



Part 1 Crime Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD 2018 1Q	DPD 2017 Total	FBI 2016*
Homicide	133.33%	85.7%	50.1%
Rape	37.5%	46.2%	32.6%
Robbery	60.16%	23.3%	24.6%
Aggravated Assault	51.27%	34.8%	44.2%
Violent Crime	54.86%	31.6%	37.1%
Burglary	15.02%	13.6%	10.3%
Larceny	21.84%	19.8%	16.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	26.43%	13.3%	10.5%
Property Crime	20.35%	17.9%	14.8%

*The FBI clearance numbers are for cities with populations of 250,000 to 499,999

1st Quarter Domestic Violence Part 1 Crimes

	<i>2016 1Q</i>	<i>2017 1Q</i>	<i>2018 1Q</i>
<i>Murder</i>	2	0	2
<i>Rape</i>	4	3	2
<i>Robbery</i>	3	2	4
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	68	57	51
<i>Violent Crime</i>	77	62	59
<i>Burglary</i>	25	26	29
<i>Larceny</i>	41	41	37
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	2	4	3
<i>Property Crime</i>	68	71	69
<i>Part 1 Index Crime</i>	145	133	128

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

1st Quarter Part 2 Crime Offenses

Offense	2016 1Q Total	2017 1Q Total	2018 1Q Total
All Other Offenses	151	117	148
Arson	5	9	9
Disorderly Conduct	10	11	3
Driving While Impaired	120	71	79
Drug Violations	314	144	150
Embezzlement	37	24	24
Forgery/Counterfeiting	28	43	34
Fraud	400	465	386
Liquor Law Violations	10	5	3
Obscene Material/Pornography	5	6	5
Offenses Against Family	31	29	16
Prostitution	1	1	9
Sex Offense	26	31	31
Simple Assault	462	415	404
Stolen Property	13	12	17
Vandalism	400	385	306
Weapon Violations	59	73	44

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Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for Jan-March 2018

Offense/Age	08	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault							3		3
All Other Offenses			1		14	5	3	11	34
Burglary					2		4	2	8
Drug Violations							1	5	6
Forgery/Counterfeiting								1	1
Fraud				1		1	7	1	10
Larceny		1	1		3	2	10	10	27
Non-Reportable Offenses					1	1		2	4
Robbery							3	3	6
Simple Assault					3	2	1	2	8
Stolen Property					3	3	3	2	11
Vandalism	1				2	1	2	3	9
Weapon Violations							1	1	2
Grand Total	1	1	2	1	28	15	38	43	129

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1st Quarter 2018 Training Division Activities

Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the 1st Quarter 2018

	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Written Test	Durham Residents Failed Physical Test
White Male	49	2	0	6	0	0
White Female	6	0	1	0	0	0
African-American Male	30	10	1	4	1	0
African-American Female	9	5	0	4	3	0
Latino Male	17	2	0	7	1	0
Latino Female	3	0	1	0	0	0
Asian Male	2	2	0	1	0	0
Other Male	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	117	21	3	22	5	0

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

1st Quarter Recruiting Events/Job Fairs – Officers from the Recruiting Unit attended recruiting events and job fairs at the following locations during the first quarter of 2018: University of South Carolina, Mayor’s Job Fair in Orlando, Florida, North Carolina State University, East Carolina University, The Citadel, UNC Charlotte, Appalachian State, Clemson University Criminal Justice Fair, UNC Greensboro, Fayetteville State University, Military Job Fair in Virginia Beach, Jordan High School, CIAA Tournament, Ready, Set, Go Career Expo, North Carolina Central University, Liberty University, Lenoir Community College, North Carolina Wesleyan University, Sandhills Community College, University of Mount Olive, Mega Career Fair in Greensboro, UNC Pembroke, Parris Island, Carrington Middle School, William Peace University, Campbell University, UNC Asheville, East Carolina University Criminal Justice Fair and Johnson C. Smith University.

Misdemeanor Diversion Program 1st Quarter 2018

Misdemeanor Diversion Program for 16-17 year olds

- Seven total referrals with six referred from DPD and one from Sheriff/SRO
- 15 referrals for wrap-around services completed (mental health, substance use, tutoring/educational needs, employment, mentors)

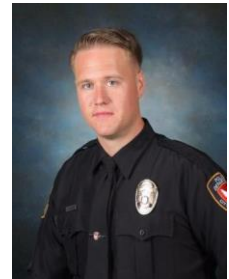
Misdemeanor Diversion Program for 18-21 year olds

- 33 total referrals with six referred from DPD; one from Sheriff/SRO; and 26 from ALE/ABC officers
- 16 referrals for wrap-around services completed (mental health, substance use, housing, employment, tutoring/educational)

All youth in both programs have either successfully completed or are still in the program on track to successfully complete the misdemeanor diversion program. No youth this quarter have received any new criminal allegations or had citable interactions with law enforcement.

1st Quarter Lifesaving Efforts

Cardiac Arrest – In February Officer J.L. Hann responded to a cardiac arrest call. When he arrived on scene, he found a female who did not have a pulse and immediately began action by moving the female to the floor and beginning CPR. He continued CPR until relieved by medics a few minutes later. A pulse was able to be gained and the female was transported to the hospital. Officer Hann's quick actions and response helped the female regain a pulse.



Lifesaving Efforts - Four Durham police officers saved two suicidal people in two separate incidents within two hours on January 16. Three officers - Cpl. Lawrence Van Dewater of the Special Projects/Logistics Division and Squad 4-A Officers A.P. Ramos and J.M. Weiss - rescued a suicidal woman who was threatening to jump off a high bridge over the Durham Freeway during the evening rush hour. A fourth officer - Squad 4-A Officer J.M. Berkstresser - was able to cut down a man who was hanging and save his life earlier that afternoon.



Cpl. Van Dewater

Officer Ramos



Officer Weiss

Officer Berkstresser

Officers were dispatched to a call about a woman who had threatened to jump off a bridge in Durham, but she had not given a specific location. A short time later, Cpl. Van Dewater spotted the woman hanging from a newly constructed bridge high over the Durham Freeway between the Briggs Avenue and Ellis Road exits. The woman was hanging onto the railing with both hands and would have fallen onto the highway had she let go.

Cpl. Van Dewater straddled a concrete barrier on the bridge to get closer to the woman and spoke with her, trying to keep her calm. When Officers Ramos and Weiss arrived, Officer Ramos distracted the woman for a split second, allowing Cpl. Van Dewater to grab her coat. The

officers tried to pull her over the concrete barrier back onto the bridge, but it was too high. Cpl. Van Dewater, who was still on the outer ledge of the bridge, was able to grab the woman by her waist and help lift her over the barrier. The bridge railing was starting to crack and break as the officers pulled the woman to safety.

Two hours earlier, Officer Berkstresser responded to a call about a man who had threatened to kill himself and who had said he had a gun. Officer Berkstresser found the man inside a shed hanging by a rope from the ceiling. The man was 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 the man regained consciousness and was able to speak with Officer Berkstresser. Officer Berkstresser's quick actions saved the man's life.

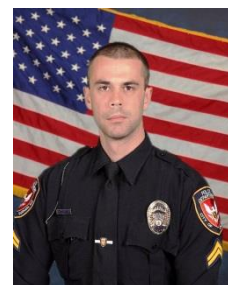
Bridge Rescue - Several good Samaritans assisted officers in saving a man who tried to jump off a bridge onto Interstate 85 in February. Officers were dispatched to a call shortly before 8 a.m. on February 7 about a man trying to jump from the bridge on Hillandale Road.



When DPD Officer J.H. Wagstaff Jr. arrived on the scene, he saw four people - retired Durham Fire Department firefighter George Atkins, a Duke social worker, a Duke Hospital nurse and a man - standing by a man who had one leg over the bridge railing and who was saying he wanted to die. When the man saw Officer Wagstaff's patrol car, he quickly tried to put his other leg over the railing so he could jump. "I sprinted over to him, but had the citizens not been there I couldn't have possibly gotten to him in time if he was keen on jumping right away," Wagstaff said.

The four citizens pulled the man back over the railing so that Officer Wagstaff was able to get control of the man. At that time, DPD Lt. D.M. Anthony, who was on his way to work, ran up and helped Officer Wagstaff get the man away from the sidewalk on the bridge and bring him to safety. The social worker and nurse continued to comfort the man while the officers prepared to have him transported to the hospital.

Icy Creek Rescue - A Durham police officer rescued two women from an icy creek after their car ran off the road during a snowstorm on January 17. Officers were dispatched to the call in the 2600 block of Dearborn Drive shortly after 1 p.m. Durham Police Cpl. J.J. Barazandeh was the first person to arrive at the scene. He saw two women - one in her 30s and one in her 60s - clinging to the door jamb of a fully submerged car. The women, who were waist deep in the water, were waving their arms and calling for help.



Cpl. Barazandeh took off his duty belt and jumped into the icy creek, which was at the bottom of a steep embankment. He was able to reach the car and guide both women, floating them on their stomachs, to the shoreline. By that time, two passing motorists had stopped and helped pull the women and Cpl. Barazandeh to safety. Paramedics arrived and treated the women. Cpl. Barazandeh dried off, took a hot shower and quickly returned to work. Cpl. Barazandeh has been a Durham police officer for 11 years.

Awards and Honors

EAGLE Awards - The Durham Police Department's 2nd Annual EAGLE Awards ceremony was held on March 16 to honor women who represent excellence, achievement and gallantry in law enforcement.



Three women were honored as DPD Trailblazers – Officers L.L. McFaul and E. Keefer were recognized as the DPD's first female patrol sharpshooters and Portia Sidberry was recognized for her work as the department's first civilian property and evidence supervisor.

Inv. C.J. Moody received the EAGLE Crime Fighter Award for her work on a multi-agency task force focusing on a series of robberies and burglaries targeting Asian victims in the Triangle area. The work resulted in federal indictments against six people.

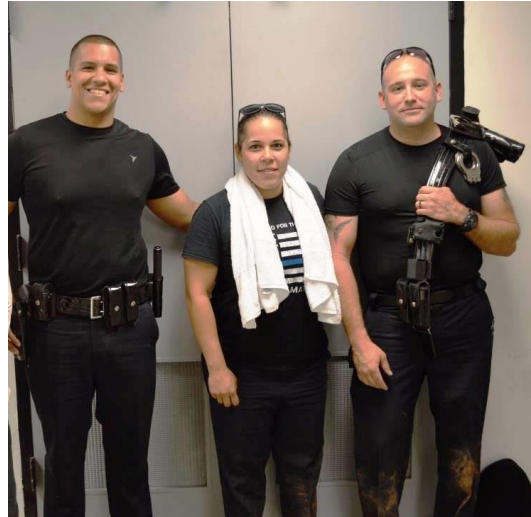
Three women were recognized with Sister-in-Law Awards for their contributions to the work and mission of the DPD.

- NCCU Sgt. Cheryl Geiger was honored for her work putting together National Night Out celebrations in McDougald Terrace and the Cornwallis housing community.
- DPD Crime Analysis Supervisor Mary Roberts was recognized for her crime analysis skills and programs and her vital support in helping the DPD analyze crime trends.

- Chick Hinton, who volunteers with the DPD's Property and Evidence Unit, was recognized for her longtime support of the DPD through her activity with PAC-2, her work on the CrimeStoppers board of directors and her volunteer work with the DPD.

North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lifesaving Award

- Three Durham police officers were honored on March 24 when they received the North Carolina FOP Lifesaving Award for rescuing two women from a sinking car in a water retention pond June 28, 2017, on South Alston Avenue. Officers were dispatched at 2:20 p.m. to the call about a car in a pond in the 4500 block of South Alston Avenue near N.C. 54 Highway. Edwoe Mante was driving a Honda and was attempting to turn into the library parking lot at 4505 South Alston Avenue when she hit a tree and then went into the pond, officers said.



Manta and a pregnant passenger in her car – Maude Boateng – were trapped in the vehicle, which was sinking into the pond, when Investigator E.E. Ortiz and Officers K. De La Cruz and A.M. Acker arrived on the scene. The officers, who were each wearing more than 30 pounds of gear, dove into the pond and attempted to rescue the women. A police applicant – David Plitt of Winston-Salem – who was riding with Officer De La Cruz also dove into the pond to assist the officers. The officers were able to free both women from the vehicle within minutes and help them to safety. Neither woman suffered serious injuries, but Ms. Boateng was taken to the hospital to be checked out. The Honda was completely submerged in the water shortly after the women were rescued.

City of Durham Fairness STAR Award - Squad 4-

C Officers J.M. Burns, R.M. Cone and J.R. Thomson responded to a suicide threat call where a man was threatening to kill himself using a knife. The officers spent several minutes talking to the male in an attempt to get him to drop the knife and seek help. Eventually, the male stood up and said "It's hard to kill myself, so Officer Cone, I am gone have you do it." He took steps toward the officers with the knife in his hand. Using non-lethal methods, the officers were able to effectively and safely take the subject into custody to seek help. Based on the actions and teamwork taken by the officers, they were able to prevent a deadly force situation and get the male to treatment.



Safe Kids Durham County Certificate of Appreciation - The Durham Police Department's TACT Unit and Motor Unit were recognized by Safe Kids Durham County in January for their valuable contributions to the Safe Kids Durham County program and the residents of the Durham community. These units frequently partner with Safe Kids Durham County at child safety seat events and other community safety initiatives.

DPD January Employees of the Month

District 2 – Cpl. J.L. Knight, Squad 2-B - Cpl. Knight was recognized for her work with the American Heart Association's *Little Hats Big Hearts* initiative during the holiday season. The initiative provides red knitted hats for newborns born during February. Cpl. Knight organized this community project for her squad. She offered to teach DPD employees how to crochet the hats and coordinated the collection of knitted hats and skeins of red yarn. As a result, DPD employees donated more than 150 hats to Duke University Hospital.

District 4 – Officer J.M. Berkstresser, Squad 4-A - Officers were dispatched to a "suicide threat" call in January. They were told that a man had a gun and had threatened to kill himself. When Officer Berkstresser arrived at the house, he learned that the man might be in a shed in the backyard. He cautiously made his way to the shed and could hear heavy breathing coming from inside. Cpl. Berkstresser entered the shed and found the man hanging from the ceiling. He was unconscious and unresponsive. Officer Berkstresser quickly grabbed his pocket knife and cut the bungee cord. The man regained consciousness by the time EMS arrived. Officer Berkstresser's bravery, awareness and quick actions helped save the man's life.

Community Services Division – Senior Patrol Officer S.R. Hall, Community Resource Unit - Officer Hall was recognized for his extra efforts during the previous months. During the past nine months, Officer Hall did double duty as the community resource officer for Districts 1 and 5 while also assisting with corporal duties for the unit. Officer Hall also helped to create crime prevention flyers about catalytic converter thefts and gave a work safety presentation to more than 100 DPR employees. Officer Hall is always trying to come up with new ideas for interacting with the community, according to his supervisors.

DPD February Employees of the Month

District 2 – Officer J.M. Stewart, Squad 2-D - Officer Stewart's supervisors described him as "a model police officer with an exemplary work ethic." In February, Officer Stewart responded to a gunshot wound call at a local hospital. Although the victim was uncooperative, Officer Stewart continued to investigate the case, resulting in an arrest and a recovered handgun. He also responded to a child abuse call and wrote a detailed report with enough information so that an arrest could be made. According to his supervisors, Officer Stewart demonstrated true concern for the child and the crime committed. His investigative skills, report writing and motivation led to an arrest in the case. "He makes an undying effort to serve the community and is an exemplary officer," his supervisors said.

Special Services Division (Central District) - Officer G.L. Munter, Motor Unit - Officers received numerous complaints about a dangerous driver in northern Durham who was tailgating other motorists, cutting motorists off in traffic and frightening other drivers. Officer Munter worked with the callers to build a case against the driver. Officer Munter, as a result of his yearlong investigation, was able to make arrests and tow the driver's vehicle. The case went to court and the driver was ordered to surrender his driver's license for six months, perform community service and adhere to other stipulations (the driver has appealed the conviction). Officer Munter's supervisors said Officer Munter compiled an impressive dossier on this case and did a major service to the community in making a case against "an extremely dangerous driver."

DPD March Employees of the Month

District 1 – Officer S.J Crossan, Squad 1-C - Officer Crossan was recognized for his level of activity during March and for several letters of commendation about his work. During a 30-day period, Officer Crossan was the primary unit on 70 calls for service, assisted on 36 other calls, performed 27 traffic stops and did 32 directed patrols. In addition, Officer Crossan seized two firearms, recovered three stolen vehicles and wrote 26 citations. He served 11 arrest warrants and took out three felony and 11 misdemeanor warrants.

Officer Crossan received three letters of commendation for his work. He was the lead officer on a gun-related incident and seized two stolen firearms from a convicted felon, likely saving lives by his quick actions. He also received two commendations from investigators for identifying a larceny suspect in one case and a suspect in an aggravated assault in a second case.

Officer Crossan also volunteers his time for traffic-related operations held by the TACT Unit. He is a member of the patrol rifle team and is a patrol training officer. According to his commanders, "We have come to expect this level of performance on a regular basis. His commitment and performance are a credit to himself and to the Durham Police Department."

District 2 – Investigator M.A. Beal, District 2 Criminal Investigations Division - Investigator Beal was recognized for his work in solving a string of robberies that happened in February and March. Five robberies occurred, including three that happened in District 2. The descriptions of the suspects varied and different vehicles were used so investigators did not at first connect the robberies. Inv. Beal was assigned the cases and started to think outside of the usual parameters of basic investigation and explored the possibility of the suspect altering his appearance to avoid suspicion and throw off law enforcement efforts to identify him. Inv. Beal continued to follow leads and developed a suspect in the cases, which included two bank robberies. On March 28 Inv. Beal conducted a search warrant for the property of John Sizemore, who then was arrested in Raleigh. Investigators seized items that Sizemore allegedly used to change his appearance. Sizemore was charged with three counts of common-law robbery and one count of second-degree kidnapping. Other charges are pending from outside jurisdictions.

Inv. Beal is a dedicated professional who is devoted to his job and works diligently to pursue those who break the law. Inv. Beal devoted a large amount of time to this investigation which ended the suspect's crime spree in more than one jurisdiction, according to his supervisors.

District 3 – Gwendolyn Bryant, Administrative Assistant - The District 3 commanders praised Ms. Bryant for her work in the district. "As the District 3 Administrative Assistant; she has demonstrated superior skills as a time keeper, vehicle maintenance scheduler, internal mail distribution and other assigned duties and responsibilities. Along with her hard work comes a wealth of knowledge. She is usually the first person that visitors see when they come to Station 3 and she is always polite, personable and professional. In fact, many citizens have commented about how kind and helpful she made their experience," her district commanders said.

They added, "As it relates to our officers, Gwen is genuinely concerned about officers assigned to District 3 and always has the answer to their administrative questions so they are able to concentrate on their primary mission of abating crime on the streets of Durham. Gwen keeps Station 3 "running on all cylinders" every day and we overwhelmingly appreciate the excellent job she does. Gwen Bryant is a real team player and so often her efforts, although appreciated, go unrecognized. She has great passion for service and she gives 100% in District 3." The commanders specifically mentioned her hard work, attention to detail and overall integrity.

District 4 – Officer E.B. Mills, Squad 4-C - "Officer Mills was selected as District 4's Employee of the Month due to a unique combination of his monthly productivity and his stellar interpersonal abilities. Officer Mills is a veteran officer on 4-C and has assumed an informal leadership role on the squad. He is quick to offer assistance and suggestions to other officers, and always does so in a helpful tone. He possesses a keen understanding of law enforcement and departmental policy and is often called upon by officers throughout the district for advice. For the month of March, Officer Mills responded to or assisted on 349 calls for service. He conducted an additional 92 directed patrols and 47 property checks. While these numbers alone are impressive, Officer Mills' temperament and judgment are also admirable and should be highlighted as a standard for others," according to his supervisors.

As an example, 4-C officers recently responded to a disturbance among neighbors call. "Four officers initially responded and cleared the call. Within an hour, the call came out again and had escalated to include more people and possibly weapons. One of the involved parties requested to speak with a supervisor. When the sergeant arrived on scene several officers were dealing with two separate groups. The situation had calmed and it appeared to be tracking toward a peaceful resolution. Several minutes later, however, Officer Mills brought the two previously angry groups of neighbors together. He then mediated a sidewalk conversation between them wherein each group's position was expressed and appreciated. Officer Mills conveyed a sincere desire for these neighbors to be able to peacefully coexist once officers left. He spoke to the people involved with respect, even when pointing out their actions that led or contributed to the current disturbance. Everyone present understood and acknowledged their actions. Both groups thanked the officers repeatedly as they left the scene. It turned out that neither group needed a supervisor at that point; instead they both expressed their sincere appreciation for Officer Mills taking the time to actually work to resolve the issue rather than to just clear the call."

Officer Mills' supervisors said, "Officer Mills has established himself as a knowledgeable and capable police officer. He is a valuable member of 4-C and an asset to the Department as a whole."

Analytical Services – Eric Arrington, Crime Analyst - Eric Arrington always does great work, according to his supervisor. During March, he produced some stellar mapping work which assisted officers. He created a Google Earth map to help officers determine if any given location is within 1,000 feet of a school or a park. (This is helpful when officers are dealing with drug charges). Following a shooting incident, Arrington was able to use some specific mapping information to identify a suspect and his location, which assisted investigators who were working the case.

1st Quarter DPD Promotions

Promotions - Thirty officers were promoted in January, including three promotions to the department's highest ranks.

Deputy Chief Todd Rose - Todd Rose was promoted to the rank of deputy chief, which is the second highest rank in the department (there are two deputy chiefs). Chief Rose will be in charge of Field Operations. Chief Rose is a native of Rocky Mount and a graduate of Jordan High School in Durham and N.C. State University, where he earned a B.S. degree in textile materials and management. Chief Rose was a commercial pilot who flew for American Eagle before joining the DPD in 1994. Chief Rose, who most recently served as assistant chief for Patrol Services, has worked in many capacities during his DPD career. He has worked in the Patrol Bureau, Criminal Investigations Division (homicide investigator, violent crimes investigator and CID commander), and Special Operations Division (Corporal, SOD assistant commander, SOD commander and member of the FBI Task Force). He also served as the department's range master for four years.

Assistant Chief Terrence Sembly - Terrence Sembly was promoted to the rank of assistant chief, which is the department's third highest rank (there are four assistant chiefs). Assistant Chief Sembly, who joined the Police Department in 1997 after working for the Duke University and Carrboro police departments, will serve as assistant chief for Patrol Services. Assistant Chief Sembly has served as commander of the Organized Crime Division and District 4. He also served in the Uniform Patrol Bureau, GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Unit, the Recruiting Unit and the Internal Affairs Unit. Assistant Chief Sembly earned his B.A degree from N.C. Central University and earned a Master's Degree in Leadership and Organizational Change from Pfeiffer University. Assistant Chief Sembly is a graduate of Session 66 of the Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston and the Administrative Officers Management Program from North Carolina State University.

Captain Joseph Kelly - Joseph Kelly was promoted to the rank of captain, which is the department's fourth highest rank. Capt. Kelly, who joined the Durham Police Department in 1994 after serving with the Durham County Sheriff's Office and the N.C. Department of Adult Probation and Parole, is the new commander of the Organized Crime Division. Capt. Kelly earned a bachelor's degree in political science/public administration with a minor in English from Winston-Salem State University. He has

served with the Public Housing Unit, Gang Unit, HEAT 1 Unit, Uniform Patrol and Organized Crime Division. He has also served as a patrol watch commander.

The following officers have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant:

- Lt. D.M. Anthony – assigned to Special Services Division (Central District) as assistant commander
- Lt. M.A. Clancy – assigned to the Training Bureau
- Lt. H.J. Burwell – assigned to B Squad, Watch Commander
- Lt. D.W. English – assigned to D Squad, Watch Commander

The following officers have been promoted to the rank of sergeant:

- Sgt. J.E. Werner, assigned to Special Victims Unit
- Sgt. R.S. Packard, assigned to Professional Standards Division
- Sgt. T.B. McMaster, assigned to Patrol Services Bureau
- Sgt. N.M. Cloninger, assigned to Patrol Services Bureau
- Sgt. B.S. Holliday, assigned to Patrol Services Bureau
- Sgt. A.C. Rogers, assigned to Patrol Services Bureau
- Sgt. D.A. Ferrell, assigned to Recruiting Unit
- Sgt. J.M. Cloninger, assigned to Patrol Services Bureau
- Sgt. J.J. Kenyon, assigned to Patrol Services Bureau

The following officers have been promoted to the rank of corporal and are assigned to the Patrol Services and Support Services Bureaus:

- Cpl. W.C. Thomson
- Cpl. K.J. Robinson
- Cpl. K.F. Wheeler
- Cpl. K. De La Cruz
- Cpl. F. DeVera
- Cpl. D.P. Strandh
- Cpl. J.R. Montoya
- Cpl. J.L. Williams
- Cpl. M.G. Stevenson
- Cpl. J.G. Christy
- Cpl. B.T. Francis
- Cpl. C.J. Foley
- Cpl. J.A. Liberto
- Cpl. E.R. Ellerman

1st Quarter Operations and Initiatives

Operation Medicine Drop - The Durham Police Department, in partnership with Safe Kids North Carolina, held Operation Medicine Drop on Friday, March 23 at four locations. Operation Medicine Drop allows people to safely and anonymously dispose of unused or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications.



The program's purpose is to educate the public on the dangers of pharmaceutical drug abuse and accidental poisonings as well as educate them on the responsible handling, security and destruction of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Operation Medicine Drop was held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations: Walgreens, 1812 Holloway Street; Kroger, 3457 Hillsborough Road; Triangle Pharmacy/Ace Hardware, 1700 East NC Highway 54 and Kroger, 202 West NC Highway 54. Officers at these locations supervised the collection and maintained security of any collected materials. The collected materials will be destroyed in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

Officers collected approximately 200 pounds of medication, which included Morphine, Fentanyl, Hydrocodone and other highly addictive substances. NC Safe Kids provided coloring books for children and other literature to educate the public about prescription drug dangers.



Speed Enforcement Operation - Forty people were charged with speeding during speed enforcement operations on Interstate 40 near NC 751 and on Interstate 85 on March 22. The highest recorded speed was 92 mph and 20 people were going faster than 80 mph. Officers also issued tickets for 13 additional traffic violations. Officers from the DPD's TACT and Motor units, four DPD radar operators and deputies from the Durham County Sheriff's Office participated. These operations were held to help reduce serious and fatal crashes in Durham.

American Tobacco Trail Patrols - On March 4 and 30, officers from District 5-C Bike Squad conducted heavy saturation patrols on the American Tobacco Trail from the Durham Bulls Athletic Park to the Streets at Southpoint. The officers used bicycle and an ATV to ride the trail and meet with people using the ATT. Officers had several positive interactions with people using the trail and also located several locations with graffiti. They also found damaged or worn out signage and fencing and handled an animal control issue.

Interstate 85 Speed Enforcement Operation - On February 28, officers from the DPD's TACT Unit and Motor Unit, along with deputies from the Durham County Sheriff's Office and four Durham Police Department radar operators, conducted a speed enforcement operation on Interstate 85 South and U.S.

70. Officers stopped more than 100 drivers (the highest recorded speed was 93 mph in a 60 mph zone) and issued 90 speeding tickets and 11 citations for other traffic violations.

School Zone Speed Operation - Officers from the Durham Police Department's Traffic Services Unit held three speed enforcement operations in school zones on Fayetteville Street in mid-February. Officers wrote 60 speeding tickets as well as citations for registration violations, driving without a license, driving while license is revoked, insurance violations, child safety seat violations and a red light violation. The highest speeds recorded were 55 mph and 57 mph in these 25 mph zones. The officers held the operations due to complaints about speeders in the areas of Hillside High School, W.G. Pearson Magnet Elementary School, Fayetteville Street Elementary School and Mount Zion Christian Academy.

Prostitution Operation - Six people were arrested on prostitution charges on March 21 after the Durham Police Department's Vice-Narcotics Unit conducted an operation in response to complaints from residents. Officers also filed one drug charge.

Investigators from the Vice-Narcotics Unit were assisted by the Selective Enforcement Team, the Violent Incident Response Team, the Community Engagement Unit, the LGBTQ Liaison Officer, the Crisis Intervention Team and officers from Squad 1-D. All those who were arrested were offered services from the Crisis Intervention Team.

Other 1st Quarter Activities

BLET #46 Graduation - Eighteen new recruits graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) academy class #46 on February 2. BLET academy #46 began training on August 7, 2017, and the recruits successfully completed 24 weeks of tactical and classroom training. The 18 graduates included 13 males and five females. Ethnicities represented were 11 Caucasians, four African-Americans and three Hispanics. Six were born in North Carolina and one is a Durham native. The graduates range in age from 21 to 38. Fifteen earned college degrees (12 bachelor's degrees, two associate degrees and one master's degree). Four have relatives who are, or were, in law enforcement (including a former DPD officer).

CIT Graduation - Ten Durham police officers were among the 22 graduates of a weeklong, 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training class held from March 12-16 in Durham. The Durham Police Department currently has 212 sworn officers who have CIT certification. More than 48 percent of the current DPD patrol officers have CIT certification.

Teddy Bear Donations - On January 5, the DPD's Hispanic Liaison Officer, Obed Ortiz, and DPD CIT Officer Kendrick Hunter, in collaboration with Kay Jewelers, donated 33 teddy bears in support of El Centro Hispano for their first annual Chocolatada event, which was held on January 6 to celebrate Three Kings Day. Officer Hunter also donated teddy bears for every child who was hospitalized in the Duke Emergency Department on Jan. 5.



Community Helpers Week - On March 22 officers from the DPD's Organized Crime Division spoke with students at Sandy Ridge Elementary School as part of "Community Helpers Week." The officers brought a marked police vehicle and equipment used by the Selective Enforcement Team. The children had lots of questions and fun was had by all involved. The officers also purchased candy to share with the students.



New Police K9 - K9 Choco joined the Durham Police Department on February 9 and was assigned to K9 Officer B. Gardner. K9 Choco is a multi-purpose 2- year-old Belgian Malinois. Officer Gardner and K9 Choco recently completed over 250 hours of canine training at NC K9 LLC. Officer Gardner and K9 Choco were also certified by the North American Police Working Dog Association in the areas of controlled aggression, tracking, obedience, article and building searches and narcotics detection. Officer Gardner and K9 Choco are assigned to the Special Services Division, A Squad.



Police Response to Homelessness Presentation - Officers Kendrick Hunter and Douglas Beckett from the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) attended a conference about "Police Response to Homelessness" in January in Long Beach, California. The conference, which was held by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), was attended by police agencies from all over the country. The conference allowed them to share ideas and solutions to help the homeless population progress to a more permanent and positive living situation. Officers Beckett and Hunter brought back ideas to share with the DPD.

Emergency Responders Basketball Game - The Durham Police Department, along with the Durham County Sheriff's Office, Durham Fire Department and North Carolina Highway Patrol, took part in playing the Liberty School Varsity Basketball Team in the Second Annual Emergency Responders Game. DPD lost this year, but our overall record is 1 and 1.



1st Quarter Homicide Arrests

Murder Arrest - Durham police investigators arrested Michael Anthony Person, 55, of Durham and charged him with murder in the January 30 death of 50-year-old Alicia Elder in Hillside Park in the 1300 block of South Roxboro Street. Elder had been stabbed to death and the incident did not appear to have been random, according to investigators.

Murder Arrest - Tysheem Leblanc, 20, was arrested and charged with murder in the February 25 death of 60-year-old Willie Lee Gibson on Avondale Drive. Officers were dispatched shortly before 1 a.m. to the 2000 block of Avondale Drive. Upon arrival, the officers found a man lying on the ground in the parking lot with an apparent stab wound. The victim, later identified as Gibson, was transported to a local hospital where he died a short time later.

Murder Arrests - Tyrone Stanback Jr. and Danon Hirsch were arrested and charged in connection with the January 30 fatal shooting of 31-year-old Darelle Parker in a parking lot at N.C. 55 and N.C. 54. Stanback, 25, was charged with murder and Hirsch, 28, was charged with accessory after the fact of murder. The shooting did not appear to be random, according to investigators.

Manslaughter Arrest - Investigators charged Diamonte Porter, 19, with involuntary manslaughter in the February 9th death of Markis Perry, 17. Officers were dispatched shortly before 9:15 p.m. to the 700 block of Eva Street. Upon arrival, the officers found a male with a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he died a short time later.

Significant 1st Quarter Robbery Arrests

Bank Robbery Arrests - Durham police investigators charged a Raleigh man with robbing two banks and a convenience store in Durham. Investigators charged 35-year-old John Maxwell Sizemore with committing the following robberies:

- **February 26 at BP Family Fare, 3804 North Duke Street** - A male entered the business around 2:45 a.m. and threatened to hurt an employee if he did not open a cash register and give him money. The man fled with cash and cigarettes.
- **February 26 at Wells-Fargo Bank, 900 West Club Boulevard** - A man wearing a mask over the lower part of his face entered the bank around 4:30 p.m. and demanded money. He jumped over a counter and then fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.
- **March 22 at BB&T, 5028 North Roxboro Street** - A man wearing an orange mask entered the bank around 3:40 p.m. and demanded money. He fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

No weapons were seen during the robberies and no one was injured. Sizemore was charged with three counts of common-law robbery and one count of second-degree kidnapping. Sizemore was arrested on March 28 in Raleigh.

Business Robbery Arrests - Durham police investigators charged two men with committing five armed business robberies within six weeks. The two men – Frankie George Grimes, 23, and Marquize Jerrell Knight, 22, both of Durham – were arrested following an armed robbery at a fast food restaurant.

Officers were dispatched to a robbery call at Subway at 2405 Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard shortly after 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22. Employees told officers that two men with hoods pulled tight around their faces entered the business, jumped over a counter and demanded money. The men, who were armed with a gun, forced a female employee to the floor, took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled in a car. A few minutes later, officers responded to a suspicious person with a weapon near the intersection of House Avenue and Chapel Hill Road. Knight and Grimes were arrested on House Avenue. Officers recovered a gun and cash.

Knight and Grimes were also charged with committing the following robberies:

- **February 10, Speedway at 803 East Geer Street** - Two males wearing ski masks entered the business shortly after 11:30 p.m. and robbed the business at gunpoint.
- **February 11, Kroger at 1802 North Pointe Drive** - Two males entered the store shortly after 5 a.m., pointed guns at two people and took cash.
- **March 11, University Market at 1108 West Chapel Hill Street** - Two men entered the business around 10:20 p.m. and robbed the business at gunpoint. An employee was kicked in the head during the robbery.
- **March 19, Family Dollar at 2904 Guess Road** - Three males wearing masks entered the store around 10 p.m. and robbed the business and a customer at gunpoint.

Knight and Grimes were both charged with five counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, five counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and two counts of possession of a stolen vehicle. In addition, Knight was charged with one count of larceny of a motor vehicle (charged with taking a vehicle warming up on Stone Village Court on March 11), one additional count of possession of a stolen vehicle and two probation violations.

Family Fare and Tops China Business Robbery Arrests - Two men – Derrick Devon Ray, 19, of Sims and Garrick Demonte Ross, 19, of Durham – were arrested and charged with robbing two businesses at gunpoint on January 21. Officers were dispatched at 8:43 p.m. to an armed robbery at the Family Fare at 2685 Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard. A man wearing a red bandana over the lower part of his face entered the store, pointed a gun at an employee and demanded money. He fled in a black Toyota Camry driven by a second man.

The robbery was similar to one that had been reported 15 minutes earlier at Tops China at 1205 University Drive. Officer J.M. Burns located a black Toyota Camry in a parking lot at N.C. 55 and Cornwallis Road a short time later. The license plate matched the one on the vehicle seen leaving the scene at the Family Fare. The occupants – Ray and Ross – were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. Ross was also charged with breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering and larceny of a motor vehicle in connection with a burglary on Hermitage Court in January. Officers located a cash register drawer, rolls of coins and a red bandana inside the Camry.

Family Dollar Robbery Arrest - Investigators charged Anthony L. Harris, Jr., 41, of Durham with robbing the Family Dollar at 900 Bacon Street on March 18. A man entered the business shortly after 3:30 p.m., took a drink to the checkout counter and told the clerk he needed money. When the clerk did not immediately respond, the man pulled up his hoodie to show the clerk a gun in his waistband. The man fled with an unknown amount of money. Harris was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon and placed in Durham County Jail under a \$100,000 bond.

Jackpot Sweepstakes Robbery/Kidnapping Arrest - A Durham man who was shot during an armed robbery on January 4 was arrested several days later on robbery, kidnapping and other felony charges in connection with the case. The robbery was reported shortly after 4 a.m. on January 4 at Jackpot Sweepstakes at 2000 Chapel Hill Road. A male entered the business and played some games before breaking into a locked office in the business.

According to investigators, the man found a female employee in the office and demanded money. The employee grabbed a gun and fired it, striking the man. The two tussled over the gun and the man was able to grab it. The man again demanded money and the employee gave him cash from a register. The employee called 911 to report the incident. Officers found the man, identified as 30-year-old Alonzo Hester of Durham, a short distance from the business. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds.

Investigators took out warrants charging Hester with robbery with a dangerous weapon, kidnapping, larceny of a firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and felony breaking and entering.

Hester was released from the hospital on January 6. Investigators do not plan to file charges against the employee.

Food Delivery Driver Robbery Arrest - Daravyion Deshawn Jenkins, 16, of Durham was arrested and charged with robbing a food delivery driver in January on Wadesboro Street. The delivery driver told officers he went to make a delivery at an apartment complex in the 900 block of Wadesboro Street around 5:20 p.m. on January 3. One teen approached him and asked if he was looking for an apartment. A second teen armed with a shotgun then appeared and the teens took the driver's phone, keys, cash and order of Chinese food. The teens were last seen running behind an apartment building.

Investigators arrested Jenkins on January 5 and charged him with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The second teen has not been charged at this time.

Family Dollar Robbery Arrest - Durham police officers arrested Paul Edward Rhoten, 43, and charged him with robbing the Family Dollar store at 318 Old Oxford Highway on January 11. A man entered the business around 9:45 p.m. and asked to use the bathroom. He left when he was told there was no public bathroom, but he returned a few minutes later and purchased a soda. He then demanded money from the cashier and held his hand in his pocket as if he had a weapon. Officers found Rhoten, who matched the description of the robbery suspect, at a nearby business. Rhoten was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

M & M Mini Mart Robbery Arrest - Jabezric Cradle, 21, was arrested and charged with robbing M&M Mini Mart at 801 North Mangum Street on February 20. A male wearing a bandana over the lower part of his face entered the business around 9:20 p.m., pointed a rifle at an employee and demanded money. The suspect took cash and candy and ran from the store. As Sgt. J. S. Tyler was en route to the call, he saw a man matching the suspect's description walking on North Street. Officers stopped the man, identified as Cradle, and found a rifle in his possession. Cradle was arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy.

Sweepstakes Robbery Arrest - Durham police investigators arrested Deryl Wayne Odom, 56, and charged him with the February 8 armed robbery of a sweepstakes business at 2107 Allendown Drive. Two men entered the business around 5:40 a.m. and robbed an employee and customers of money and cell phones at gunpoint. The second suspect has not been identified.

Robbery Arrests - Three teens were charged with stealing a woman's purse and then striking a man with a car at a local shopping center on January 24. A woman told officers a teen grabbed her purse while she was sitting at a restaurant and then ran away with a second teen. The woman's male friend ran after the two teens and confronted them at a vehicle driven by a third teen. The driver of the vehicle floored it, according to witnesses, and hit the man, knocking him at least 10 feet. Investigators charged Ryan Russell Garrett, 19, of Chapel Hill, Adrian Emmanuel Ousley, 18, of Durham and Elijah Jaloni Sutton, 18, of Raleigh with common-law robbery and felony conspiracy. Garrett was also charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury and Sutton was charged with injury to property. Garrett, Ousley and Sutton were also charged with an armed robbery in Cary.

Robbery Arrest - Stefon Devion Robinson, 21, was arrested and charged in connection with a February 8 armed robbery last near the intersection of Newcastle Road and Stadium Drive. A 21-year-old male was in the woods shortly before 9 p.m. when he was robbed of his wallet and a gun. The suspect fired a shot during the robbery, but no one was injured. Robinson was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Significant 1st Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests

Aggravated Assault Arrest - Investigators charged Naisha Moena Bowser, 21, of Durham in connection with a March 15 aggravated assault on a GoDurham bus. The incident happened around 5:30 p.m. near the intersection of East Main Street and Angier Avenue. A female passenger on the bus became angry and threw a soda bottle through a windshield, according to witnesses. She started to argue with the bus driver and a male passenger attempted to intervene.

The female slashed the male passenger's neck with a box cutter, according to the witnesses, and then got off the bus. The male passenger was taken to the hospital for treatment for injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening. Bowser was charged with attempted first-degree murder, assault on a public transit operator and injury to property.

Double Shooting Arrest - Two people were shot on March 28 in front of Walmart on New Hope Commons Drive. Justin James Atwater, 18, of Durham was charged in connection with the shooting.

The shooting was reported shortly after 3 p.m. after a verbal argument between two men inside the store moved outside in front of the business. According to witnesses, one of the men fired several shots, striking the second man in the stomach. A woman who was working in the eye center inside Walmart was shot in the ankle. The 35-year-old male victim and the 38-year-old female victim were taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening.

After interviewing several people, investigators charged Atwater, 18, of Durham with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and attempted murder. Investigators said the shooting did not appear to be random.

Double Shooting Arrest - Torie Damonte Graves was arrested and charged with shooting a man and a pregnant woman on January 23 at an apartment community at 1126 Hoover Road.

Officers were dispatched to the call at 12:20 a.m. When they arrived, they found two people – a 22-year-old pregnant female and a 26-year-old male – who had been shot inside an apartment. The male and female were taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

Members of the U.S. Marshals Service Joint Fugitive Task Force arrested Graves during a vehicle stop on January 29 on Hoover Road near Ashe Street. A firearm was recovered during the vehicle stop. Graves, 26, of Mebane was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, two counts of malicious assault in secret, one count of discharging a weapon into an occupied building, one count of communicating threats, one count of injury to real property, one count

of discharging a firearm within a predominantly residential area, one count of assault on an unborn child and one count of carrying a concealed weapon.

Shooting Arrest - On January 8, a 26-year-old woman was shot in the face while driving in the 600 block of East Umstead Street. It appears that she was caught in the middle of a shootout, according to investigators, and there were multiple bullet holes in her vehicle. Officers found an abandoned Jeep with multiple bullet holes a short distance away and located a suspect, 40-year-old Jamon Frequandro White, on Colfax Street. White was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, possession of crack cocaine with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver within 1,000 feet of a school and maintaining a vehicle with the intent to keep or sell controlled substances. The female victim's injuries were not life-threatening.

Shooting Arrest - Officers were dispatched to a shooting call in the parking lot in the 1100 block of North Miami Boulevard on February 26. When they arrived, they found a 29-year-old man who had been shot in the abdomen. Deputies and officers found a man matching the suspect's description in the 2000 block of Owen Street. The man, 21-year-old James Rashay Johnson, was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, discharging a firearm within the city limits and carrying a concealed gun.

Shooting Arrest - On February 7, a 19-year-old man was shot in the mouth during an argument in the 700 block of Old Oxford Highway. Officers arrested William Vance Stallings, 47, and charged him with attempted first-degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and assault by pointing a gun.

Shooting Charges - Jovan Robinson, 26, was arrested and charged with firing a shot inside an occupied residence in the 900 block of East Pettigrew Street during an argument which was allegedly over a dustpan on February 18. Three people were inside a kitchen when a man fired a shot into the kitchen, causing a bullet to lodge in the refrigerator. No one was injured. Robinson was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Investigators recovered a firearm.

1st Quarter Drug Trafficking Arrests

Operation Snowbird - Investigators from the Organized Crime Division confiscated almost \$800,000 worth of heroin, cocaine and marijuana and charged four people with drug trafficking offenses during Operation Snowbird. The operation started after investigators from the Vice-Narcotics Unit assisted the North Carolina State Highway Patrol with a traffic stop of an ATV near Angier Avenue and Miami Boulevard on January 4. The driver, Allen Rhodes, 41, was charged with two counts of trafficking in cocaine after officers found 131.2 grams of powder cocaine in his possession.

As part of the investigation, investigators served search warrants at several storage units throughout the city. They confiscated 5.5 kilos (5,582 grams), 9.5 kilos of cocaine (9,630 grams) and 232 pounds of marijuana. (Specific drug trafficking thresholds in North Carolina – four grams of heroin, 28 grams of cocaine and 10 pounds of marijuana).

In addition to Allen Rhodes, investigators filed charges against Dena Ann-Sue Rhodes, Sirena Flowers and Ronald Goldsmith. Goldsmith, who is wanted on charges of trafficking heroin, cocaine and marijuana, is not in custody at this time.

Heroin Trafficking Arrest - On March 1, investigators with the Vice Narcotics Unit arrested Ronald Dwight Robinson, 23, and charged him with 12 counts of trafficking in heroin. He was also charged with three counts of possession of heroin with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver within 1,000 feet of a school and 16 other felony drug charges. Investigators confiscated more than 393 grams of heroin during the operation (4 grams of heroin is considered trafficking in North Carolina).

