

**Durham Police Department  
2023 Third Quarter Report  
July 1 – September 30, 2023  
Police Chief Patrice V. Andrews**

The Durham Police Department reports on five measures every quarter – 1) *Part 1 Violent Crime* 2) *Part 1 Property Crime* 3) *Clearance Rates* 4) *Sworn/Non-Sworn Staffing* and 5) *Priority 1 Call Responses*. The report also includes *significant arrests and activities*, and *outstanding performances* during the quarter.

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) decreased by 5.5 percent during the 3rd quarter of 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) was up by 21.5 percent compared to 2022. Part 1 property crime comprised 85.5 percent of all Part 1 crime and larcenies made up more than half – 59.4 percent – of Part 1 crime.

**Part 1 Violent Crime – January through September**

Part 1 Violent Crimes	3-Year Avg	2021	2022	2023	2022-23 % Change
Homicide	35	38	32	35	+9.4%
Rape	102	91	97	118	+21.6%
Robbery	398	362	465	366	-21.3%
Aggravated Assault	961	1,108	890	884	-0.7%
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>

*Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit*

**Part 1 Property Crime – January through September**

Part 1 Property Crimes	3-Year Avg	2021	2022	2023	2022-23 % Change
Burglary	1,029	1,099	922	1,066	+15.6%
Larceny	5,494	5,408	5,322	5,751	+8.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	836	479	570	1,459	+156.0%
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>7,359</b>	<b>6,986</b>	<b>6,814</b>	<b>8,276</b>	<b>+21.5%</b>

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### Part 1 Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD 2022	DPD 2023 3Q	FBI 2020
Homicide	62.2%	80.0%	49.0%
Rape	22.2%	23.7%	23.9%
Robbery	19.2%	19.4%	24.8%
Aggravated Assault	36.3%	34.7%	36.6%
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>30.8%</b>	<b>30.9%</b>	<b>33.1%</b>
Burglary	15.0%	11.4%	11.9%
Larceny	11.8%	8.1%	11.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	8.7%	2.7%	9.3%
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>

*Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit  
FBI statistics are for cities with 250,000 to 499,999 populations*

### Priority 1 Call Responses

2023Q3– Priority 1 Call Responses		
Average Response Time	Targeted Average Response Time	Target Met
6 min 42 sec	5 min 48 sec	No
% of Calls Answered In Less Than 5 Minutes	Targeted % of Calls Answered In Less Than 5 Minutes	Target Met
49.5%	57.0%	No

### Adult Misdemeanor Diversion Program (October 2015 - September 2023):

*\*Adult MDP was for ages 18-21 until February 2019 when DPD did expansion to include up to age 26 and older adults at officer discretion*

There have been 416 participants enrolled to date with a 100% completion rate. There are participants currently still open in MDP and on track to complete the program.

There have been 411 participants who have completed the program and only 16 participants have re-offended within one year of completion.

**Demographics:** 57% African American; 26% Caucasian; 16% Hispanic; and 1% AS/PI

**Referral Sources for this CY:** 100% DPD; 0% Sheriff/SRO

<b>Referrals to Wrap-Around Services</b>	
Education Services	48
Employment Assistance	66
Mental Health	79
Mentoring	18
Substance Use Evaluations/Treatment	30
Housing	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>

Wrap-around services may continue for participants as long as needed - even after they have completed MDP.

Community resources and MDP programming options are available to participants in both English and Spanish. All MDP programming and wrap-around services are free of charge.

***Third Quarter Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes (January - September)***

<b>Part 1 Violent Crime</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Homicide</b>	1	0	2
<b>Rape</b>	16	14	13
<b>Robbery</b>	24	18	18
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	214	156	172
<b>Violent Crime Totals</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>205</b>

<b>Part 1 Property Crime</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	34	42	34
<b>Larceny</b>	61	40	36
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	1	0	6
<b>Property Crime Totals</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Part 1 Index Crime Totals</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>281</b>

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### Juvenile Offenses for January - September 2023

Offense/Age	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault							1		2	5	8
All Other Offenses				1		7	3	8	9	11	39
Burglary					1	2	3		3	3	12
Driving While Impaired									1		1
Drug Violations								4	2	2	8
Embezzlement										1	1
Fraud				1				1			2
Homicide								2		1	3
Larceny	1	1		1	7	7	6	5	18	8	54
Liquor Law Violations									1		1
Robbery				1	1		3	3		1	9
Sex Offenses						1					1
Simple Assault			1	1	1	6	5	6	1	8	29
Stolen Property	1	1		1	2	8	10	18	13	8	62
Vandalism							2	2	5		9
Weapon Violations						3	4	4	13	10	34
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>273</b>

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### DPD Staffing Levels

*As of September 30, 2023	Positions Filled	Positions Authorized	Staffing Percentage
Sworn	414	535	77.4%
Non-Sworn	116	137	84.7%

### DPD Staff Departures (January - September)

Reason For Departure	2022	2023
Resignation	35	40
Retirement	28	15
Termination	4	8

### DEMOGRAPHICS FOR DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY #58

	Number of Recruits
<b>Total Recruits in Academy</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Residency</b>	
Durham Residents	3
Non-Durham Residents	12
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
Caucasian	6
African American	8
Hispanic	1
Asian	0
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	14
Female	1
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	
Bachelor's Degree	4
Associate degree	2
High School Diploma/Equivalent	7

### ***Applicants Tested During the Third Quarter 2023***

2023 3rd Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test
White Male	14	0	0
White Female	3	0	0
African American Male	31	6	1
African American Female	5	1	1
Hispanic Male	8	2	0
Hispanic Female	2	1	1
Asian Male	3	0	0
Asian Female	0	0	0
Other Male	3	0	0
Other Female	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

*Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division*

### **2023 Third Quarter - Job Fairs & Open Houses**

The Recruiting Unit attended 31 events during the third quarter. Local events included multiple table events at Southpoint Mall (Durham); Circle 93 Career Fair; Cars and Coffee Event (Durham); Durham Tech Public Safety Career Fair; Reliant LE Career Fair (Raleigh); Bulls Games Table Event (Durham); Explorers Recruiting Presentation (Durham); NHS Recruiting Presentation; and Taste of Soul Recruiting Event. Military visits included 13 visits to Fort Liberty; National Guard Military Event; and a Military Recruiting Event (Raleigh). The recruiting unit visited 5 Colleges/Universities within North Carolina. They included Johnson C. Smith University; Meredith College; Elizabeth City State University; App State University; and UNC Greensboro. The BLET Program visit included Statesville Community College. Other events included attending a Reliant Career Fair in Charlotte and a Military Career Fair (Raleigh).

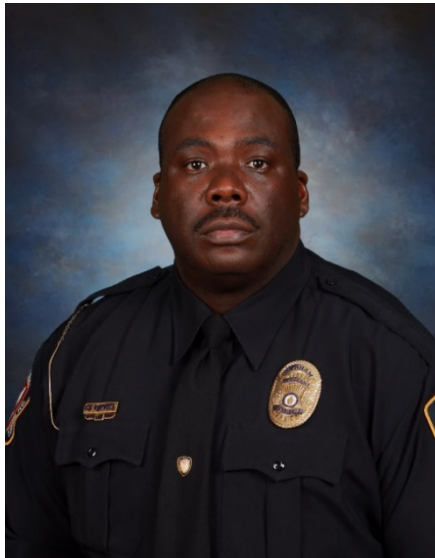
### **New Recruiting Initiatives**

During this quarter the Recruiting Unit initiated multiple marketing campaigns for Recruitment, which included Durham Bus advertising; Increased Social Media advertising; Durham Bulls advertising; and NCDMV Hub digital advertising. The Recruiting Unit is also researching advertising with NBC Universal (Peacock) and Hulu/Disney+. Saturday testing dates have continued this quarter and contributed to the increase in applicant numbers we are seeing. Recruiting has combined a hiring event with a Saturday test date. We are seeing some success and we will continue to explore this as a better opportunity to meet people. Major updates have been made to the recruiting website with the help of Public Affairs Unit (PAU) that gives a more professional and modern image of our agency. Collaborations with

PAU on media interviews, filling hiring/testing events, and social media spotlight stories continue to help boost interest.

## Third Quarter Awards and Honors

### Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP)



Captain H.J. Burwell and Assistant Chief J.D. Piatt graduated from the 87<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) at Boston University, sponsored by the Police Executive Research Forum. SMIP is a demanding three-week course that brings together more than 100 police executives from around the country where they use their critical thinking skills to explore the important issues facing law enforcement. SMIP's curriculum addresses the issues that demand the attention of today's forward-thinking law enforcement leaders. Captain Burwell and Assistant Chief Piatt join over 6,000 graduates who have completed the program since its inception in 1980.

## North Carolina Justice Academy Leadership Certificate Program (LCP)



Officer K.R. Jackson and Lieutenant Q.D. Tait completed the North Carolina Justice Academy Leadership Certificate Program (LCP). The Leadership Certificate Program is a challenging, 400-hour pursuit toward leadership excellence. It is an opportunity for sworn and non-sworn criminal justice leaders to enhance the leadership skills that will help guide their agencies and communities toward a better future. The program is designed to broaden the way leaders think and act, thus strengthening relationships and levels of influence with those they lead and serve. Core requirements include the NCJA Leadership Institute (120) hours, as well as an additional 40-hour leadership course and 240 hours of elective courses. Credit is also given for outside leadership courses such as the West Point Leadership Program and FBI-LEEDA.



## NCLEWA Woman of The Year

The North Carolina Law Enforcement Women's Association (NCLEWA) has recognized Durham Police Investigator Deborah Smith as the Woman of the Year. The NCLEWA Woman of the Year is the highest recognition in North Carolina for a

female in law enforcement.

Investigator Smith began her career with Durham Police in 2004. Since joining Durham





PD, she has served as a patrol officer, a field training officer, and most recently, Durham Police's only organized retail theft investigator. Since 2005, she has served as a dedicated member of the NCLEWA. She has spent countless hours working to improve the organization and has served as both a board member and a historian. The NCLEWA recognized Investigator Smith for her outstanding contributions to law enforcement, dedication to community service, and invaluable impact on the community members she serves.

In addition, Investigator Smith also received an award for designing a new logo for NCLEWA. The new logo shows the inclusion of all women in law enforcement. Her logo was chosen out of more than a dozen submitted entries.

## **Third Quarter 2023 DPD Employees of the Month**

### **District 1**

#### **JULY**

**Investigator R.S. Turner, Squad 1C (Organized Crime Division)** – This month, Investigator Turner recovered 20 grams of crack cocaine, 28 Grams of marijuana, and made a felony arrest as a result. Investigator Turner has also made 3 additional felony arrests, and conducted 36 directed patrols. Investigator Turner was temporarily assigned to District 1C in June. His permanent assignment is to the Organized Crime Division. Since being with District 1C, Investigator Turner has shared his Organized Crime training and experience with his squad. He is a team player and goes above and beyond to be proactive and help his squad mates.

#### **AUGUST**

**Officer S.B. Dixon and Officer K.R. Jackson, Squad 1D** - On August, 14, 2023, D squad officers responded to a stolen vehicle/kidnapping in District 2. A vehicle was stolen as it sat running with a small child in the backseat. The suspect fled District 2 and dropped the baby off at a local school. The vehicle was spotted downtown by Officer Dixon who attempted a vehicle stop. The suspect vehicle fled and Officer Dixon was given approval to chase the vehicle. Officer Dixon was the primary officer in the pursuit, followed by Officer Jackson who was secondary. Officer Dixon maintained a line of sight on the suspect, while Officer Jackson gave regular updates to the speed and location of the pursuit. The pursuit eventually led back to Ben Franklin Boulevard in District 2, where the suspects jumped and ran from the vehicle in an apartment complex. Officers Dixon, Jackson, and B.A. Colley were quick to apprehend four of the six suspects. A fifth suspect was located after a search. Due to the excellent work of Officer Dixon and Officer Jackson, and all the officers on D Squad, the stolen vehicle was recovered, no lives or property were injured, and all the suspects were successfully charged.

## SEPTEMBER

**Officer C.L. Knight, Squad 1B** - While working supplemental patrol on September 20, 2023, Officer Knight assisted the US Marshall's Office in locating and apprehending a subject who was wanted in connection with a homicide that occurred in the 2400 block of Ashe Street. The subject was arrested and taken to the Durham County Magistrate's Office and was given no bond.

Officer Knight also took out felony charges against another individual in reference to possession of stolen goods after he tried trading in two stolen cell phones at Metro PCS. This suspect is also a suspected offender from a District 2 break-in at another Metro PCS.

Officer Knight's proactivity, assistance, and thoroughness is always appreciated when he is working. Officer Knight frequently goes above and beyond when doing his job. He is an asset to District 1 and the Durham Police Department.

## **District 2**

### JULY

**Officer D.J. Kirkman, Squad 2D** – On July 18, 2023, Officer D. Kirkman was patrolling the 2400 block of North Roxboro Street. He initiated a traffic stop due to illegal tint. During his investigation he was able to establish probable cause to conduct a search of the vehicle. Located in the glove box was a Glock handgun. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was arrested for possession of a firearm by a felon and carrying a concealed weapon. Due to Officer D.J. Kirkman's proactive policing he was able to get an illegally possessed gun off of the streets. His strong work ethic, along with this incident, is why he is our officer of the month.

### AUGUST

**Officer K.J. Lyzenga, Squad 2C** – Officer Lyzenga has been a valuable asset to the squad and regularly steps up for extra duties in addition to his patrol work. Lyzenga has volunteered to help out with the Academy and also has volunteered for a special operation that requires work on his regularly scheduled days off. On patrol, Lyzenga regularly volunteers for assignments and he recently compiled intelligence information to combat a string of break-ins occurring in District 2. While proactively conducting a follow-up related to this, he caught one of the suspects in the act using drugs, which resulted in criminal charges to the suspect. Lyzenga is able to work independently and often researches laws and policies to gain a further understanding of his duties as a patrol officer.

## SEPTEMBER

**Officer D.D. Rainey and Officer J.R. Kimbrough, Squad 2A** - On September 2, 2023, at approximately 07:52 a.m., Officer D. Rainey was patrolling District 2 when he self-initiated a

suspicious vehicle call at 215 William Penn Plaza. Officer Rainey looked up the license plate to the vehicle and it came back stolen. He called out for an additional unit and Officer J. Kimbrough answered the call. Once Officer Kimbrough arrived on scene, Officer Rainey approached the driver's side of the occupied stolen vehicle while Officer Kimbrough approached from the passenger side. Officer Rainey knocked on the rear driver's side window to get the driver's attention. The suspect sat up and immediately started the vehicle. Officer Rainey reached in from the driver's side and Officer Kimbrough reached in from the passenger side. Officer Kimbrough turned the vehicle off and went to the driver's side to assist Officer Rainey in the apprehension of the suspect. The suspect was fighting with the officers to get free, but after several minutes was taken into custody.

Officer Rainey and Officer Kimbrough were persistent and showed great resolve during this incident as it took additional officers several minutes to get there and assist. They both were injured during this incident, but did not give up.

### District 3

#### JULY

**Officer M.J. Murtaugh, Squad 3D** – On July 28, 2023, Officer Murtaugh responded to the Family Fare gas station located at 4830 Hope Valley Road in reference to a mental health crisis. The reporting party stated that a female was screaming and crying and appeared to be volatile in the women's bathroom of the gas station. The reporting party sent this email explaining her positive interaction with Officer Murtaugh, especially highlighting his professionalism and empathy during the incident:

*"...I was at Family Fare with you both when the young woman was in crisis in the lady's bathroom. As I mentioned I am a psychologist and was stopping in to buy something when the owner told me he was concerned.*

*I went into the bathroom and tried to help her. She had been crying and was shouting out. I could see she was in distress. I asked if she needed help and she asked me to leave.*

*Officer Murtaugh arrived and I heard how he approached her. He told me after he had known her from previous experiences. I was so taken by his very humane and compassionate approach. He treated her with integrity, respecting her dignity. When I shared this with him after, he was incredibly modest. His approach helped her to calm down and to get grounded. I was impressed not only by his skillfulness but what it said about him as a person.*

*Having a relationship with her, I believe, did make a difference as well. He also shared that she was probably homeless and how difficult that would be in this heat. I worked with people who were street homeless for over 5 years. People need compassion and respect and not "pity". He was also sensitive to her circumstances.*

*What he did today will stay with me. I was truly touched, inspired, and encouraged to hear that there are many like him in the Durham Police Department. Our community desperately needs that. I don't think officers get enough credit. I wanted to share this to commend Officer Murtaugh. I hope this will go into a file as a record used for promotion..."*

The interaction described above between Officer Murtaugh and the citizen of Durham is not an isolated incident. I have personally witnessed this type of interaction personally on several occasions.

Additionally, to the above incident, Murtaugh responded to 192 calls for service as either the primary or assisting officer out of a total of 702 calls for service for all of 3D. This equates to approximately 27% of calls for service. His work ethic and enthusiasm is an immediate morale booster to the squad when he is at work and he is an asset to the Durham Police Department. Officer Murtaugh is an example of the Durham Police Department's Vision Statement *by providing the best quality of service, fostering public confidence, and maintaining the highest standards of excellence as a community partner for positive change.*

## **AUGUST**

**L.N. Stokely, Squad 3B** - In my short period of time supervising this officer, he has continuously displayed the value of the department's Vision Statement which states, *"... by providing the best quality of service, fostering public confidence and maintaining the highest standards of excellence as a community partner for positive change."* During the month of August, Officer Stokely recovered 10 stolen motor vehicles and seized one vehicle pursuant to a felony seizure that was obtained from Alamance County. Officer Stokely also recovered 5 firearms, which 3 of them were reported stolen. He also recovered an ounce of marijuana, 11 OxyContin pills, and seized \$170 dollars. Officer Stokely has developed patterns of suspects as to how they are stealing vehicles but also how they are leaving them in apartment complexes. Officer Stokely continuously speaks with apartment complex supervision in an attempt to gain the suspect's identity and he also passes vital information along to other officers as well and the intelligence unit. Furthermore, during the month of August, Officer Stokely responded to 181 calls for service, conducted 72 directed patrols, 15 foot patrols, 6 property checks, and 9 traffic stops.

## **District 4**

### **JULY**

**Corporal K.E. Baum, Squad 4B** – During the month of July 2023, Corporal Baum was tasked with Patrol Training Officer duties to help with recruit training. As we all are aware, this added, yet important responsibility, can easily consume a person. In this case, Corporal Baum must balance his assumed role of training officer with his regular obligations as a patrol squad supervisor.

Secondly, Corporal Baum has been assisting with the completion of a succession plan for the rank of Corporal within the district. The purpose of the succession plan is to help new supervisors with direction and provide the necessary tools to quickly transition into the supervisory role in District Four. On July 23, Corporal Baum led a community clean-up effort in the area of Grant Street Park, to help address an on-going community issue. For those who are not familiar, Grant Street Park sits on Linwood Avenue, between Fayetteville Street and South Alston Avenue. This area is afflicted by homelessness and other quality-of-life issues. Ultimately, Corporal Baum and his team of officers collected several large contractor-sized bags filled with trash and discarded items. Lastly, Corporal Baum and his recruit recovered seven stolen vehicles during the month of July.

## **AUGUST**

**Officer W.B. Mangum, Squad 4D** - In August 2023, Officer Mangum responded to a neighborhood on T.W. Alexander Drive in reference to a suicide threat. The male subject in crisis called 911 and made threats to use a handgun to take his own life. Officer Mangum arrived and made contact with the subject still in crisis outside of his apartment. Having received Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), Officer Mangum created distance between the subject and his weapons, refusing to sacrifice officer safety while simultaneously engaging the subject in an honest and heartfelt conversation about what he was going through. During their conversation, Officer Mangum discovered that the subject was a United States Army Veteran. While keeping the subject engaged, Officer Mangum was able to reach out to a member on his squad who was also a United States Army Veteran. By involving a fellow military veteran, Officer Mangum was able to provide the subject with a relatable resource that could only be offered by a fellow veteran at that time. Officer Mangum spent at least forty-five minutes interacting with the subject by listening and developing a rapport. In the end, the subject willingly surrendered his firearms to Officer Mangum for safekeeping and the matter was resolved without further incident. Officer Mangum responded to a second similar situation in August when he helped another subject in crisis after that person consumed illicit drugs. Officer Mangum built a rapport with the subject, offering mental health services and convincing the man to voluntarily seek mental health treatment. These are just two examples of Officer William Mangum's outstanding work ethic, patience and dedication to the citizens of Durham.

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Officer R.S. Glod, Squad 4B** – Officer R.S. Glod has spent considerable time improving residents' quality of life along the Fayetteville Street Corridor. The Fayetteville Street Corridor is within the officer's assigned beat of 411, which has historically demanded a higher need for police services. Residents have regularly asked for increased police presence and resources in their community. Officer Glod has recognized the need and taken on some of the socio-environmental issues by developing and implementing a district-level initiative during the past month - District 4 Initiative: *Environmental Progress*.

Officer Glod has done several things in support of his initiative. He has collected information and shared viable intelligence through field contact submissions to other agency members. He has conducted directed patrols and foot patrols in crime hot spot areas to deter drug activity, trespassing, and vagrancy. All of which are directly attributed to the deteriorating conditions along the Fayetteville Street Corridor. City streets like Dawkins Street, Merrick Street, and Linwood Avenue are familiar locations with regularly reported drug overdoses, prostitution, and violent crime. Officer Glod may be unable to stop all crime, but he can undoubtedly deter much of it.

Recent department-level anti-crime initiatives have taught law enforcement new skills to combat problem areas. Officer Glod has followed suit by addressing non-criminal quality-of-life issues as well. Durham One Call has been an effective tool for incorporating outside resources in the effort. Officer Glod has utilized the service many times for reasons like reporting trash build-ups, plant overgrowth on dilapidated properties, and blown-out street lights, among other things. Officer Glod is estimated to have made at least 20 quality-of-life-related referrals supporting his initiative during September 2023 to Durham One Call. As a result, conditions on Linwood Avenue and Merrick Street have improved (in part) because of Officer Glod's efforts. Some residents have thanked the district command staff for the positive changes they have noticed.

Police work in today's environment demands more than enforcement action. It requires a comprehensive approach and dedication to effect meaningful change. Officer Glod has been a distinguished reminder of what a Durham police officer can do.

## District 5

### JULY

**Officer S.V. Massimo, Squad 5B** – During the month of July, Officer S.V. Massimo demonstrated unique qualities to become the best and most prepared rookie in his class. He separated himself not only from his rookie class, but has outperformed some of our veteran officers. In the month of July, Officer Massimo located 7 stolen vehicles, recovered 3 firearms, served multiple warrants, and executed a narcotics arrest. An example of his excellent work was locating a vehicle that rammed a District 4 patrol car 3 weeks prior. He initiated a traffic stop, identified the driver, and recorded the vehicle information. Additionally, he located and detained two suspects that were caught breaking into vehicles in the Unscripted Hotel parking deck. One was an adult and the other was his juvenile brother. Officer Massimo assisted Officer Ellis with juvenile petitions for the juvenile and then swore out a total of six felony warrants and three misdemeanor warrants for the adult. After swearing out the warrants, Officer Massimo coordinated with other officers to plan and execute the warrant service for the adult.

Finally, Officer Massimo took a report of a robbery that occurred at the bus terminal where a firearm was stolen from the victim. Using nicknames and social media, Officer Massimo was able

to coordinate with the victim's family and identify suspects with the help of the Intel Unit. He then forwarded the information to investigators. Officer Massimo is a valued team member, but he is also an asset to the Durham Police Department and the Durham community.

## **AUGUST**

**Officer A.M. Acker and K9 Rudi, Squad 5A** - K9 Rudi and Officer Acker responded to assist NCCU Police with a track for two suspects with handguns that officers had chased on foot across campus. During the track, K9 Rudi located a loaded black Glock 27 .40cal handgun. Rudi later located the suspect hiding in thick vegetation in the woods south of Dunbar Street. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. K9 Rudi and Officer Acker worked to locate the second suspect but were unsuccessful. It was determined the Glock handgun had also been reported stolen. The suspect was charged with possession of a stolen firearm and possession of a concealed firearm on an educational property. K9 Rudi and Officer Acker were requested by DPD/FBI task force officers for a suspect track after a known suspect fought and fled from officers. K9 Rudi located the suspect hiding in a tall brier thicket adjacent to a power line outfall. The suspect was arrested without incident in this case. The suspect was then charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree sexual exploitation of a minor and indecent liberties with a minor.

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Officer C.E. Wiesemann, Squad 5C** - During three separate events during the month of September, Officer Wiesemann assisted with his tactical knowledge and training.

The first event was at a homicide in District 1 on Owens St. Homicide investigators were on scene and learned that possible suspects were inside a house on Briggs Avenue. Officer Wiesemann was able to respond to help set up a perimeter, get a description of the residence, and put in place an arrest team in case SET was called in. An investigator was able to make contact by phone with the residents and they walked out. Officers were in place to secure them based on Wiesemann's knowledge of what needed to be done.

The second event happened at the Fortune 7 gambling establishment located at North Roxboro and Murray Avenue around 3 a.m. A witness advised a nearby officer that a subject just went into the business with a rifle in his hands and they believed that the person was robbing the place. Officer Wiesemann responded because he is assigned a patrol rifle. He helped set up a perimeter, had the streets blocked, and was able to assist in calling out the patrons and employees of the business. He then helped search the business to make sure it was secured. After questioning, the security officer admitted that he had his rifle out and walked inside with it.

The third incident happened in District 3 near N.C. Highway 751 and N.C. Highway 54. A breaking and entering suspect was located in a vehicle passed out behind the wheel. The vehicle was running and a gun was located next to him. Wiesemann responded and was able to coordinate a plan. He helped in successfully getting the suspect out of the vehicle and into custody without any harm to the suspect or officers.

## Community Services Division

### JULY

**Corporal T.B. Althaus, Liaison Unit**– Corporal Althaus has excelled at his duties during the month of July 2023. He has helped his unit transition due to the retirement of the sergeant and has assisted with covering the court liaison duties this month as well. Corporal Althaus initiated a Community Engagement Fair on July 27th at the Rippling Stream Community. This initiative was in partnership with the Durham Fire Department, Durham Emergency Communications, Emergency Management and various other local community partners, focusing on educating residents and providing crime prevention resources. Corporal Althaus displays leadership, professionalism, and a versatile skillset while performing his daily duties and is continuously up for new challenges.

## Criminal Investigations Division

### JULY

**Inv. A.R. Bongarten, Homicide/Violent Crimes (HVC)**- CID would like to recognize Inv. Adam Bongarten for his commitment to the Durham Police Department and the community we serve. Although he demonstrates excellence in many ways on a daily basis, there are a few recent things he has done that deserve recognition.

Investigator Bongarten was assigned a runaway case involving a juvenile who had a history of mental illness and risky behaviors. Investigator Bongarten was able to locate and return the juvenile into the custody of her parents. As Investigator Bongarten was speaking with the parents, he was provided a twenty-one-page document that the parents created that detailed problems they encountered with their daughter since January 2022. The parents tried using several resources including various psychiatric options and Juvenile Justice, but these resources did not resolve the issues. Investigator Bongarten consulted personally with a Juvenile Justice Intake Counselor and it was agreed that multiple petitions were needed to help the parents and the juvenile. Inv. Bongarten self-initiated 7 incident reports and submitted 7 assault petitions, 1 larceny petition, and 1 damage to property petition. Investigator Bongarten showed remarkable initiative and was able to identify a long-standing issue the family was having, develop an effective action plan, and successfully implement that plan which resulted in a long-term solution. Investigator Bongarten served this family with the utmost professionalism and communicated clearly with them throughout the entire process. Due to Investigator Bongarten's initiative and work, this family's quality of life has improved and their daughter is receiving the help that she needs.

Rarely does a month go by without Investigator Bongarten receiving some type of recognition for his extra efforts. Most recently these commendations have come from the D.A.'s office,



Recruiting, and Employee services. He was commended for stepping in on a homicide case where the lead investigator was unavailable. The D.A. wrote a letter expressing that she was extremely impressed with his testimony, trial prep, and availability. He was also commended by Employee Services for volunteering to have a college intern shadow him for two days. He was also commended by Recruiting for serving as a mentor for Academy 57.

Investigator Bongarten is considerate of his fellow investigators and is always willing to help. He is usually one of the first to volunteer for any special assignment, like stepping up to take prisoner watch shifts and volunteering to be a mentor in the new CID Mentorship Program. He recently partnered with PAU to create a public service announcement, warning the public about celebratory gunfire. He is also our School Threat Specialist for HVC Team B, a position he volunteered for as well.

In addition to this, Investigator Bongarten is known as the go-to tech guy in CID for all of the external research databases we use and he proactively searches out new technology to improve the outcome and efficiency of investigations. He routinely volunteers to attend training for new software so that he can come back and train his fellow investigators.

## **AUGUST**

**Corporal M.J. Adams, Special Victims Unit** - Corporal Adams is a valuable member of SVU and is the foundation of the unit. Corporal Adams is a hard worker and always gives 100% to everything he does. He demonstrates his commitment to the unit by being the first person in the office and ready to assist his unit and citizens of Durham. This level of commitment sets the standard for the unit. Corporal Adams is incredibly efficient and is impressively knowledgeable with SVU subject matter. He is often the “go to guy” by not only SVU investigators, but many other investigators come to Corporal Adams daily for advice and guidance with their cases. The teamwork and leadership skills he shows when assisting other investigators within the department is nothing short of impressive. Corporal Adams is always the first to volunteer to assist investigators in writing search warrants, checking search warrants, offering advice, and assisting however needed. He manages multiple relationships with Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services, Department of Social Services, and the District Attorney’s Office. These relationships require constant attention and maintenance. Corporal Adams has begun creating a reference sheet to assist CPS workers and Durham Police patrol officers in handling cases where there is an overlap. This reference sheet will assist with less traumatic law enforcement involvement in cases involving children, better prosecutions, and furthering the high quality relationship that already exists between CPS and the Durham Police Department. On top of handling administrative duties that come with the position, Corporal Adams will also handle a case load in order to prevent his unit from being overwhelmed with cases. Corporal Adams will also take lead on high profile cases which end in not only successful investigations, but keeps the victim in the center of the investigation allowing for the victim to begin the healing process beyond the investigation. It is not uncommon for Corporal Adams to personally take incident reports at either Headquarters or the Family Justice Center in order to assist the victim and also assist patrol officers.

On top of administrative and investigatory responsibilities, Corporal Adams was able to solve a 2021 homicide case. During the course of this investigation, Corporal Adams was able to get a full confession from the suspect in this case. Bringing relief to the victim's family. Corporal Adams was instrumental in forming the new CID Mentorship Program. He showed great initiative to make investigative knowledge more accessible to patrol by collaborating on the General Order, coming up with a mentorship checklist and creating a Do's and Don'ts list with helpful tips for mentors. Corporal Adams also started an initiative where members of the Special Victims Unit would perform directed patrols on the American Tobacco Trail in order to prevent sexual-related crimes from happening. Corporal Adams is consistently looking to improve the Special Victims Unit. Corporal Adams has also recently acquired his General Instructor Certificate and attended a week long Domestic Violence Institute class at the North Carolina Justice Academy. Corporal Adams does not only show his commitment to the Special Victims Unit, but the Durham Police Department as a whole. He consistently goes above and beyond and he is always willing to help others. He is thorough, efficient, and does not take shortcuts. It is clear that Corporal Adams cares about the victims and values all members of the Durham Police Department.

## **Organized Crime Division**

### **AUGUST**

**Inv. A.E. Carter, Major Crimes Unit** - Investigator Carter was instrumental in the rescue of a juvenile female who was being sexually abused by her father and being utilized to produce child pornography. Without Investigator Carter's quick and detailed investigation, the child would still be in the custody of her father and very likely still be abused. In August 2023, Investigator Carter received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Endangered Children in reference to Microsoft, Snapchat, and Discord accounts uploading images of child sexual abuse material. It was determined that the IP addresses came back to an address in Durham, NC. Search warrants executed on the associated accounts revealed the suspect. Through further investigation, evidence of child sexual abuse was found. Investigator Carter immediately executed a search warrant on the suspect along with his residence and his vehicle. Multiple child sexual abuse images involving the child were obtained from the suspect's cell phone indicating he was sexually abusing his daughter and producing/distributing child sexual abuse material online. At this time, he is charged with six counts of first degree sexual exploitation of a minor, two counts of second degree sexual exploitation of a minor, indecent liberties with a child, resisting, delaying, or obstructing a public officer (RDO), and felony assault on a law enforcement officer.

## **Forensic Services Division**

### **JULY**

**Billy Henderson, Property and Evidence** - Billy has been the "acting supervisor" since we lost Ruth Brown earlier this year. He stepped up to this challenge to continue the necessary work to

keep the unit afloat under these extraordinary circumstances. Not only did he have to learn the role and requirements of the property and evidence supervisor, but he also continued his own duties as an evidence technician. Those duties included overseeing the audit of the property, which is required when there is a change in supervisors. There was also the cash reconciliation he had to learn. For many people, this would have been overwhelming, but he did all of this all while still mourning the loss of a coworker and friend. He was the rock for the staff as they continued to do the necessary and important work in property and evidence. I want to thank him for his leadership and commitment to this organization and for being there when we needed him most.

## **AUGUST**

**Sara Martin, Latent Unit** - The Crime Lab is very fortunate to have recently received four new part-time chemical processing technician positions. With the growth of the Crime Lab, came the need to ensure that each of those technicians was properly and thoroughly trained in the most recent techniques for the chemical development of latent print evidence. After transferring from the Crime Scene Unit, but prior to beginning her own training as a latent print examiner, Sara was willing to train the four technicians, *simultaneously*. She adjusted her work schedule to make herself accessible to each trainee. She created mock evidence to practice chemical processing methods, helped create a training program for a position that has never previously existed, and also created workflow documents and guide sheets to help the technicians produce standardized work. Each technician advised that Sara was extremely helpful in preparing them for case work. Without Sara's help, the task of training the chemical processing technicians would have been substantially more difficult. Furthermore, since the completion of their training, the chemical technicians were able to eliminate the backlog of handguns (approximately 200) waiting to be processed for latent prints and DNA. Sara's positive outlook, willingness to meet the challenges, and desire to contribute toward the betterment of our team are the reasons why she is nominated for employee of the month. Sara rose to the challenge of training four (4) employees during a time when she had never trained anyone before. She continues to be an asset to the department, and without her contribution to this training project, its completion would have been significantly more difficult.

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Ally Anderson, Firearms Unit Supervisor** - I would like to nominate Firearms Supervisor Ally Anderson for employee of the month for her efforts in hosting the first ever North Carolina NIBIN Users Meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. This was a great undertaking due to it being the first ever meeting of this sort for the state while also maintaining her duties as the Firearms Supervisor. She took it upon herself to plan and schedule the meeting, obtain the appropriate approvals, invite and coordinate all 24 different agencies and companies to include the ATF, Albemarle

Community College, and the United States Attorney’s Office. She also recruited informative and relevant presenters and even obtained multiple NIBIN plaques to be presented.

This meeting was very well received and everyone enjoyed and appreciated all of the presentations and round table discussions. She thought to include Ultra Forensic Technology to be present to discuss NIBIN software updates. The United States Attorney’s Office discussed NIBIN in the courtroom. Corporal Crumbley discussed the NESS system and how it has assisted with investigations here at DPD. A guided round table discussion was also facilitated where current NIBIN issues and topics were discussed from a user’s standpoint. The attendees left with a better knowledge of how other NIBIN sites in the state are handling upcoming issues and how to solve any struggles they may be experiencing. The networking opportunity allowed for better communication between NC NIBIN users. A NC NIBIN Master Contact List was generated and distributed to everyone to facilitate further communication across the state.

While managing all the associated tasks with planning and coordinating this meeting, she also seamlessly continued with her duties as the Firearms Supervisor to include both onboarding a new firearms examiner and preparing for the upcoming maternity leave of the current firearms examiner.

<b>ShotSpotter Alert Data - 2023 3rd Quarter</b>	
<b>December 15, 2022 – September 30, 2023</b>	
Published Alerts	1,125
Shots Detected	4,245
Alerts Per Day	3.9 (on average)
Shots Per Alert	3.8 (on average)

ShotSpotter Alerts w/911 call	26.3%
ShotSpotter Alerts w/ Evidence Collected	17.3%
ShotSpotter Alert Resulting in Incident Report Filed	19.9%
Gunshot Wounds Accurately Detected	30
Gunshot Wounds Not Accurately Detected	14
Arrests Made	21
Guns Recovered	20
NIBIN leads to other cases	64

Through the third quarter of 2023, there were **1,125** published ShotSpotter alerts and a total of **4,245** shots detected. There was an average of **3.9** alerts per day and **3.8** shots per alert. **26.3 percent** of the ShotSpotter alerts also had a resident 911 call. However, this was more likely with multiple gunshots (41.0%) than a single gunshot (10.5%). **17.3 percent** of the ShotSpotter alerts had evidence collected. This was also more likely with multiple gunshots (28.7%) than a single gunshot (7.3%).

About **19.9 percent** of the unique gunfire incidents resulted in an incident report being filed, with **109** of the **186 reports** being supported by a 911 call. In **27** of the **186 reports**, there was a total of **30** gunshot wounds.

- 1 of the 30 was pronounced deceased at the scene.
- 3 of the 30 refused medical transport to the hospital.
- 7 of the 30 were taken to the hospital by private transport.
- 19 of the 30 were transported by EMS. 5 had life-threatening wounds.

So far Durham Police’s response to these ShotSpotter alerts has resulted in **21** arrests.

- 1 – Homicide
- 7 – Aggravated assaults
- 1 – Possession of a stolen firearm
- 6 – Discharging a firearm in the city limits
- 5 – Arrests indirectly related to the gunfire
- 1 – Traffic citation unrelated to gunfire

So far Durham Police has recovered **20** guns in conjunction with ShotSpotter alerts. There have been **15** arrests in those cases. **64** of the ShotSpotter alerts have NIBIN leads to other cases based on shell casings recovered. **1** of these NIBIN leads has led to an arrest in a ShotSpotter incident.

<b>ShotSpotter Response Times</b>
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<b>December 15, 2023 – September 30, 2023</b>	
Median Response Time (to ShotSpotter Alerts)	5 minutes, 10 seconds
Time saved (In Call Processing Time)	1 minute, 26 seconds (on average)

The median response time from a published ShotSpotter alert to the first officer arriving was **5 minutes and 10 seconds**. ShotSpotter saved a mean average of **1 minute and 26 seconds** in call processing time. By contract, ShotSpotter guarantees at least 90% of alerts will be published within 60 seconds. Durham’s performance was **94.0%** through the 3rd quarter. ShotSpotter also guarantees at least 90% of qualifying gunfire incidents will be detected and located within 25 meters. Durham’s performance was **95.3%**. A qualifying gunfire incident is defined as unsuppressed outdoor gunfire involving standard, commercially available rounds above .25 caliber located inside the ShotSpotter coverage area.

### **ShotSpotter Successes**

- **ARREST:** Shortly after 2 a.m. on January 27, 2023, officers responded to the 100 block of W. Knox Street where they found Shakida Rivers, 41, who had been shot. The location was approximately 3,400 feet outside the ShotSpotter coverage area, so officers were not alerted to gunfire in the area. However, the system was able to later provide relevant information to investigators about when the shooting occurred and the number of rounds fired. The Durham Police Department has arrested and charged Shawn Leroy Butler, 25, of Durham for the murder of Rivers.
- **ARREST:** Shortly before 7 p.m. on May 6, 2023, officers received the first of two ShotSpotter notifications about rounds being fired near the 1200 block of Merrick Street. They were able to use the information to locate a gunshot victim leaving the area in a vehicle. Six days later, a suspect was arrested in the same area, and was in possession of a privately made handgun. A check of the NIBIN system showed it to be the gun involved in the shooting. The suspect was charged in both cases, and also extradited to Connecticut on a felony parole violation.
- **FASTER MEDICAL INTERVENTION:** Shortly before 1 p.m. on July 25, 2023, several ShotSpotter notifications were received regarding rounds being fired in the area of Colfax Street and Linwood Avenue. While responding, officers were notified that someone at the scene had been shot. The first 911 call was 47 seconds after the first ShotSpotter notification. Upon arrival, officers found the victim had suffered life-threatening injuries and applied multiple tourniquets to slow the bleeding. The victim was transported to Duke University Medical Center and survived. The information provided by ShotSpotter helped officers respond in less than 4 minutes from when the first shots were fired, allowing them to quickly render aid to the victim.

- **ONLY NOTIFICATION OF FATAL GSW:** At approximately 1:30 a.m. on September 2, 2023, a ShotSpotter notification was received regarding rounds being fired in the area of Neville Street and Mallard Ave. Responding officers arrived 3 minutes and 26 seconds later, and located a gunshot victim in a nearby park. Unfortunately, the victim did not survive his injuries. However, there were no 911 calls received regarding the incident, and the victim would not have been easily seen where he was located. Without the information provided by ShotSpotter, he likely would not have been discovered until at least daylight by a passerby.

## ShotSpotter Failures

- **NO PUBLISHED ALERT:** Shortly after 1:40 a.m. on July 4, 2023, officers responded to the 1500 block of Robinhood Road where they found one adult male had been shot, who was pronounced deceased by EMS on scene. The shooting should have been captured and published as a multiple gunfire event. However, per their standard process, ShotSpotter searched all 17 sensors within 1,200 meters of the location 20 minutes before and after the reported incident, and was unable to locate any audio resembling gunfire.
- **ONE ALERT NOT PUBLISHED, SECON ALERT HAD ROUNDS MISCOUNTED** - At approximately 3:27 p.m. on July 20, 2023, officers responded to a ShotSpotter alert, as well as an officer calling out a sound of shots in the 1000 block of Raynor Street. Upon arrival, officers found an adult male victim who had been shot. EMS responded and the victim was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Two ShotSpotter alerts were identified, a single round event that was published and a single event 39 seconds later and approximately 114 feet away that was dismissed by a human reviewer as not being gunfire. Evidence at the scene indicated a higher volume of gunshots had occurred. A post-incident analysis by ShotSpotter detected at least 44 rounds were fired in the incident.
- **MISLOCATION:** Shortly before 5 p.m. on August 31, 2023, officers responded to multiple gunshot wounds in the 1000 block of North Miami Boulevard. Officers located three victims who had been shot. One adult male victim was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased a short time later. ShotSpotter detected gunshots and published an alert 10 seconds prior to the first 911 call, which was approximately 463 feet away from the actual shooting location. The published alert was determined to be a mislocate caused by a pulse alignment mismatch.
- **NO PUBLISHED ALERT:** At approximately 3:44 p.m. on September 27, 2023, officers responded to a report of a gunshot wound in the 1300 block of Fayetteville Street. When officers arrived, they found an adult male had been shot. EMS responded and he was transported to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. No ShotSpotter alert was published for the event. A review of the system indicated the shots were captured, but were dismissed by a human reviewer as not being gunfire. ShotSpotter determined that the audio and some visual cues did contain some indicators that should have led the reviewer to publish it as gunfire. The first 911 call was received 21 seconds after the alert was dismissed.

## **Significant Third Quarter Homicide Arrests**

### **Guthrie Street Homicide Arrest**

On July 5, 2023, officers responded to a report of an overdose in the 300 block of North Guthrie Avenue. Upon arrival, officers found a 15-year-old female and a 5-year-old female had been shot. Both victims were transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries where the 5-year-old female was later pronounced deceased.

That same day, Brian Deshan Luster, 42, was arrested and charged with first degree murder, attempted first degree murder, and possession of firearm by felon. He is currently being held in the Durham County Jail with no bond.

### **NC Highway 54 Homicide Charges/Arrests**

On July 10, 2023, officers responded to a report of a gunshot wound in the 2200 block of NC Highway 54. When officers arrived, they found Johnny Lloyd Banks Jr., 55, had been shot. He was transported to the hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

The shooting suspect has been identified as Dominique Morgan, 33. He has been charged with First Degree Murder and Felony Conspiracy. Warrants are pending. The following three suspects have been arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit murder: Edward Cooke, 49, Frederick Friend, 32, and Susan Cooke, 42.

### **Holloway Street Homicide Arrest**

On July 23, 2023, officers responded to a ShotSpotter alert in the 100 block of Holloway Street. When they arrived, they found Brandon Lamar Wiggins, 28, suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

On August 2, 2023, Corey Juan Pettiford, 45, was charged and arrested with first degree murder, possession of a firearm by felon, and resisting public officer. He is currently being held in the Durham County Jail with no bond.

### **Angier Avenue Homicide Arrest**

On July 24, 2023, officers responded to a call for an unknown problem in the 800 block of Angier Avenue. Upon arrival, officers found Ronnie Christopher Streeter, 67, and one other adult male were suffering from serious injuries after a physical altercation. Both men were transported to the hospital, where Streeter later died from his injuries. A third adult male sustained minor injuries.

That same day, Clarence Winston III, 65, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder, first-degree attempted murder, and felony assault on a disabled person. He is currently being held in the Durham County Jail with no bond.



### **Ashe Street Homicide Arrest**

On August 24, 2023, officers found 62-year-old Maverick Deran Tatum suffering from a gunshot wound in a crashed vehicle in the 2400 block of Ashe Street. He was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

On September 20, 2023, Avion Cox, 19, was arrested for 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder by the U.S. Marshals Task Force. On August 25, 2023, Iquwan Timmons, 22, was arrested and charged with murder in reference to this case. Both Cox and Timmons remain in the Durham County Jail with no bond. Zakiya Bumpers, 19, was charged on August 25, 2023 in this case with obstruction of justice. She received a \$5,000 secured bond and was released that same day.

### **N. Miami Boulevard Homicide Arrest**

On August 31, 2023, officers responded to multiple gunshot wounds in the 1000 block of North Miami Boulevard. Officers located Devin Rogers, 22, and two other victims who had been shot. Rogers was transported to the hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

The shooting itself was determined to be self-defense. As a result of the investigation, Brian Carrington, 27, was charged with attempted armed robbery.

### **Fayetteville Street Homicide Arrest**

On September 27, 2023, officers responded to a report of a gunshot wound in the 1300 block of Fayetteville Street. When officers arrived, they found Taqon Jayshon Blake, 21, suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. As a result of the investigation, Messiah Harvin-Cleveland, 22, was charged with murder. He is currently in custody in Georgia awaiting extradition.

## **Significant Third Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests**

**East Main Street Shooting Arrest** – On July 10, 2023, an adult female told officers she was at a park near the intersection of East Main Street and Gary Street with some friends when a known male suspect approached them on foot and fired multiple shots. The female victim was shot and sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

On August 9, 2023, Jamaury Tyrek Pleasant, 21, was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Pleasant received a \$15,000 secured bond.

**House Avenue Shooting Charge** - On July 20, 2023, officers responded to a report of a gunshot wound in the 2000 block of House Avenue. When they arrived, they found a 15-year-old female who had been shot. She was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On July 22, 2023, Luis Espinosa-Cortez, 24, was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, discharging a barreled weapon into an

occupied dwelling, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, going armed to the terror of the public, injury to real property, and injury to personal property.

**Slater Road Shooting Arrest** – On July 24, 2023, officers responded to a disturbance with a weapon call at an apartment complex in the 1000 block of Slater Road. A DPD off-duty officer witnessed three suspects breaking into vehicles. When the off duty officer asked the suspects what they were doing, one of the suspects pointed the gun at the officer and fired a round. The officer was not injured. Officers responded to the scene and a foot chase with the suspects ensued. All three suspects were apprehended. One juvenile was charged with aggravated assault, larceny from a motor vehicle, and conspiracy larceny from a motor vehicle. The other two juveniles were charged with larceny from a motor vehicle and conspiracy larceny from a motor vehicle.

**South Elm Street Shooting Arrest** - On August 1, 2023, officers responded to multiple ShotSpotter alerts near the intersection of South Elm Street and Angier Avenue. When officers arrived they found three adult male victims who had been shot. All three victims were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. On August 4, 2023, three juvenile petitions were obtained for a 16-year-old male juvenile. The juvenile was charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

**Normandy Drive Shooting Arrest** – On August 8, 2023, officers responded to a report of a gunshot wound in the 200 block of Normandy Drive. When officers arrived, they found an adult male had been shot. The victim stated that a suspect had started shooting at him, and that's when he pulled out his weapon and returned fire. The victim and the suspect were both transported to Duke with non-life-threatening injuries. On August 13, 2023, Gregory Elijah Wilson, 42, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, possession of a firearm by felon, possession with intent to sell or deliver meth, and maintaining a vehicle.

**North Roxboro Street Kidnapping**– On August 14, 2023, a woman reported that her 1-year-old child had been left in the car seat of a vehicle while her husband and other child stepped inside a business to get a tool. Upon returning to the parking lot, the vehicle and the child had been taken. The child was later located at Excelsior Classical Academy by a teacher unharmed. Our officers spotted the vehicle in the downtown area and they chased the vehicle to Ben Franklin Boulevard where the suspects jumped and ran. Officers were able to apprehend six suspect. A 15-year-old juvenile male was charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree kidnapping, larceny of a motor vehicle, and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Secure custody was granted.

**Owen Street Kidnapping** – On August 15, 2023, officers responded to a report of a disturbance with a weapon in the 2800 block of Owen Street. The adult male victim was found in the 2400 block of Owen Street. He said he was forced into a truck in the 2000 block of Holloway Street and taken to a nearby auto shop where he said he was handcuffed and hit multiple times by unknown assailants. The victim was transported to the hospital with serious injuries.

In August 2023, Nelson Santiago, 23, and Ciro Perla Lopez, 39, were arrested and charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree kidnapping, conspiracy, and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

**Main Street Stabbing** – On September 16, 2023, officers responded to a report of a stabbing in the 1000 block of East Main Street. When officers arrived, they found an adult male who had been stabbed.

On September 20, 2023, Shaterica Allen, 33, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury in connection with this stabbing.

**Holloway Street Stabbing** – On September 22, 2023, officers responded to a report of a stabbing in the 3000 block of Holloway Street. When officers arrived, they found an adult male victim had been stabbed. The victim was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Adrian Alejandro Perdomo Manzano, 23, has been arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

**Pettigrew Street Aggravated Assault/Arson** - On September 24, 2023, officers responded to a disturbance with a weapon call a flea market in the 1600 block of Pettigrew Street. The suspect had thrown an incendiary device into the flea market that exploded and started a small fire. The suspect attempted to flee on foot, but was stopped by bystanders. Two victims were treated on scene with minor injuries. The suspect, Dominique Edwards-Rucker, 29, was arrested and charged with 4 counts of assault with a deadly weapon, burning a commercial property, malicious use of explosives damaging property, and malicious use of explosives causing injury. Rucker received a \$50,000 secured bond.

## **Significant Third Quarter Robbery Charges/Arrests**

### **Juvenile Robbery Arrests**

The same three juveniles were charged and taken into custody for the following two armed robberies:

**Meriwether Place Robbery Arrests** – At approximately 9:43 a.m. on July 5, 2023, an adult male victim was working in his apartment complex when three unknown male juveniles approached him. The juvenile suspects asked the victim for money. When the victim

refused, one juvenile suspect displayed a handgun robbing the victim of his personal property. Three juveniles were taken into custody and one firearm was recovered.

**Denver Avenue Robbery Arrests** – At approximately 11:06 a.m. on July 5, 2023, an adult male victim was working at his residence when three unknown male juveniles approached him. The suspects initially asked the victim for money. When the victim refused, one suspect displayed a handgun while another took the victim’s cell phone and other personal property. Three juveniles were taken into custody and charged with robbery.

### **Robbery Suspect Charged in Multiple Robberies**

Mario Taylor, 43, of Durham, has been charged in the following three robberies at commercial businesses in Durham.

- On July 27, 2023, Taylor entered Family Fare in the 2700 block of Guess Road and attempted to steal store merchandise. When confronted by the store clerk, the suspect brandished a knife. Taylor was charged with robbery in this case.
- On September 26, 2023, Taylor entered Cruizers in the 3400 block of Hillsborough Road and inquired about cigarettes. He then displayed a handgun and robbed the business. Taylor was charged with robbery in this case.
- On September 30, 2023, Taylor entered Mobile Gas in the 1200 block of West Club Boulevard and robbed the store of merchandise. Taylor was charged with robbery in this case.

### **Arrests in Trend of Robberies Impacting Hispanic Female Victims**

The third quarter experienced a series of robberies in which victims were Hispanic females. Arrests have been made in the following cases:

- On September 3, 2023 at 12:21 p.m., a Hispanic female victim reported being robbed at gunpoint of cash and a cellphone while waiting at the bus stop in the 4000 block of Meriwether Drive. One juvenile has been taken into custody and charged with the robbery.
- On September 10, 2023 at 7:10 p.m., a Hispanic female victim’s vehicle was forcibly taken as she attempted to retrieve ice from a store in the 2200 block of North Roxboro Road. One juvenile has been taken into custody and charged with robbery.

### **Robbery Arrests Involving Thefts of Firearms**

The third quarter saw several incidents involving the theft of firearms during robbery attempts including the following cases:

**Chapel Hill Road Robbery Arrest** – At approximately 9:43 p.m. on September 20, 2023, an adult male victim was punched and robbed of his firearm after agreeing to meet the suspect for the sale of the firearm. Carson Hawkins, 32, was charged with robbery in this case.

**W. Pettigrew Street Robbery Arrest** – At approximately 11:18 a.m. on July 10, 2023, an adult male victim said he was at the Data bus terminal at 515 W. Pettigrew Street when he was robbed by four male suspects in the parking lot. He said the male suspects threw him on the ground, assaulted him, and stole his firearm. Travion Lassiter, 23, and Jayquon Taborn, 19, were charged with committing robbery and assault offenses.

## **Robbery Arrests with Significant Assaults**

**W. Pettigrew Street Robbery Arrest** – At approximately 12:18 a.m. on August 21, 2023, an adult male victim was asleep at the bus terminal when he was approached by four suspects demanding his items at knifepoint. The victim refused to give them his property and they proceeded to assault him. The victim suffered lacerations to his wrist and the back of his neck. Victoria Jones, 29, and Willie Mayo Jr., 25, were charged with robbery and assault offenses.

**Cash Road Robbery Arrest** – At approximately 11:01 a.m. on July 25, 2023, an adult male victim was robbed of two duffle bags containing his personal property. During the robbery, an altercation occurred which led to the victim being shot once in the abdominal area. In August 2023, Joshua Farmer, 18, was arrested and charged with robbery and assault offenses.

## **Notable Commercial Robbery Arrests**

**Athlete's Foot Robbery Arrest** – At approximately 6:48 p.m. on August 24, 2023, three suspects entered the business separately in the 4200 block of University Drive. One of the suspects attempted to steal a pair of pants and shoes before a scuffle ensued and the suspects fled in possession of store merchandise. Jerrod Carrington, 32, Ta'Kera Nichols, 33, and Quinones Gongora, 26, were charged with robbery and conspiracy in this case.

**Hibbett Sports Robbery Arrest** – At approximately 10:30 am. On September 28, 2023, a suspect entered the business in the 1500 block of North Pointe Drive in possession of a switch blade knife and stole four pairs of Nike pants. Frank Pettiford, 62, was charged with robbery in this case.

## **Significant 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Cold Case Arrests**

**1991 Cold Case Sexual Assault Arrest** – On August 17, 2023, Kenneth Lunsford, 60, of Durham, was charged with first degree rape, attempted first degree sexual offense, and first degree burglary. Lunsford's DNA matched the evidence from a sexual assault that occurred in July 1991. A female had been reported that an unknown male broke into her residence near the intersection

of Clarendon Street and Green Street where he sexually assaulted her. Lunsford remains in jail on a \$1.5 million secured bond.

### **Significant 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Special Victims Unit Arrests/Indictments**

**Sex Offense Charge** – On August 27, 2023, investigators arrested and charged Sebastian Noel Lugo, 22, with statutory sex offense with a child by an adult.

**Sex Offense Arrest** – In August 2023, investigators charged Marvin Rinaldo Tojin, 22, with statutory sex offense with a child by an adult.

**Sex Offense Arrest** – On August 22, 2023, investigators indicted Kenydrick Davis, 25, with two counts of indecent liberties with a child and two counts of statutory rape with a child under 15-years-old.

**Kidnapping Charge** – In September 2023, investigators charged Daquan Johnson, 19, with first degree kidnapping, assault by strangulation, assault on a female, assault by pointing a gun, and communicating threats.

**Sex Offense Arrest**- In September 2023, investigators arrested and charged Edwin Ogando, 36, with first degree kidnapping, indecent liberties with a child, and sexual battery. He was given a \$250,000 bond.

**Sex Offense Indictment**– In September 2023, Matthew Toney, 69, was indicted for indecent liberties with a minor.

**Sex Offense Indictment** – In September 2023, Jose Rodriguez was indicted with two counts of first degree statutory sex offense and two counts of indecent liberties with a child.

### **Significant 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Property Crime Arrests**

**Jackson Street Vehicle Theft/Break-In Arrests** – On August 2, 2023, petitions were obtained for two juveniles for larceny of a motor vehicle and conspiracy in connection with motor vehicle thefts and break-ins that occurred at 370 Jackson Street on June 27, 2023.

**Slater Road Vehicle Theft/Break-In Arrests** – On July 24, 2023, officers responded to a report of a disturbance with a weapon at 1050 Slater Road. The victim had witnessed three juveniles breaking into vehicles. When the juvenile suspects saw the victim looking in their direction, one of the juveniles fired a gun in the victim's direction. No one was injured. Officers responded to

the scene and were able to apprehend all three juveniles. One juvenile was charged with aggravated assault, possession of stolen motor vehicle, larceny from a motor vehicle, and conspiracy larceny from a motor vehicle. The two other juveniles were charged with larceny from a motor vehicle and conspiracy larceny from a motor vehicle.

**Langdon Drive Vehicle Break-In Arrests** – On August 2, 2023, juvenile petitions were obtained for three juveniles for larceny from a motor vehicle, conspiracy larceny from a motor vehicle, and possession of stolen goods. These petitions were in connection to vehicle break-ins that occurred in the 4500 block of Langdon Drive on July 24, 2023.

**First Edition Drive Vehicle Break-In Arrests** - On August 2, 2023, juvenile petitions were obtained for three juveniles for larceny from a motor vehicle, conspiracy larceny from a motor vehicle, and possession of stolen goods in connection with motor vehicle break-ins that occurred in the 1200 block of First Edition Drive on July 24, 2023.

**530 Foster Street Vehicle Theft/Break-In Arrests** – On August 4 2023, juvenile petitions were obtained for four juveniles for several counts of motor vehicle theft, conspiracy motor vehicle theft, larceny from a motor vehicle, conspiracy larceny from a motor vehicle, and Chapter 20 violations. These petitions were in connection with a series of motor vehicle thefts and break-ins that occurred at 530 Foster Street on July 20, 2023.

**545 Foster Street Vehicle Theft/Break-In Arrests** – On August 4, 2023, juvenile petitions were obtained for four juveniles for several counts of motor vehicle theft, larceny from a motor vehicle, and conspiracy larceny from a motor vehicle in connection with motor vehicle thefts and break-ins that occurred at 545 Foster Street on July 20, 2023.

**Holly Hill Drive Motor Vehicle Theft Arrests** – On August 14, 2023, juvenile petitions were obtained for two juveniles for motor vehicle theft and conspiracy motor vehicle theft in connection with a motor vehicle theft that occurred in the 2200 block of Holly Hill Drive on July 22, 2023.

**String of Pickaxe Break-In Arrests** – On September 20, 2023, warrants were obtained for Dan Hayes, 52, and Gary Hedgepeth, 35, in connection with two business burglaries where a pickaxe was used to break in. The first break-in occurred on September 9, 2023 at an Exxon in the 2500 block of Erwin Road. The two suspects broke in through the front window of the business and stole approximately \$2,500 worth of cigarettes and cigars. The second break-in occurred the same day at NAPA Auto Parts in the 3700 block of Guess Road. Both Hayes and Hedgepeth were charged with breaking and entering and larceny after breaking and entering.