

**Durham Police Department
2023 Fourth Quarter Report
October 1 – December 31, 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 3.79 percent during the fourth quarter of 2023 compared to the fourth quarter of 2022. Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) increased by 18.94 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2022. Part 1 property crime comprised 85.4 percent of all Part 1 crime and larcenies made up more than half – 59.9 percent – of Part 1 crime.

Part 1 Violent Crime – January through December

Part 1 Violent Crimes	3-Year Avg	2021	2022	2023	2022-23 % Change
Homicide	48	50	45	49	+8.89%
Rape	138	122	135	157	+16.30%
Robbery	530	531	574	484	-15.68%
Aggravated Assault	1,256	1,436	1,171	1,162	-0.77%
Violent Crime Total	1,972	2,139	1,925	1,852	-3.79%

Statistics provided by the Police Department’s Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Property Crime – January through December

Part 1 Property Crimes	3-Year Avg	2021	2022	2023	2022-23 % Change
Burglary	1,355	1,444	1,263	1,359	+7.60%
Larceny	7,334	7,357	7,049	7,597	+7.77%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,125	686	803	1,885	+134.74%
Property Crime Total	9,814	9,487	9,115	10,841	+18.94%

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Part 1 Clearance Rates

Crime Category	FBI 2022 ¹	DPD 2022	DPD 2023
Homicide	52.2%	62.2%	71.4%
Rape	27.9%	22.2%	24.2%
Robbery	23.1%	19.2%	20.9%
Aggravated Assault	37.6%	36.3%	36.3%
Violent Crime Total	34.9%	30.8%	32.2%
Burglary	13.7%	15.0%	11.1%
Larceny	13.3%	11.8%	8.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	11.8%	8.7%	2.5%
Property Crime Total	13.2%	12.0%	7.4%

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¹ Source: Statista (south region) - Due to the FBI's transition to a new crime reporting system, only 15,726 of 18,888 participating law enforcement agencies submitted crime data to the FBI for 2022. As a result, clearance rates by population were not available.

Priority 1 Call Responses

2023– Priority 1 Call Responses		
Average Response Time	Targeted Average Response Time	Target Met
6 min 29 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
49.1%	57.0%	No

Adult Misdemeanor Diversion Program (October 2015 - December 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 420 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 4% have re-offended within one year of completion.

Demographics: 57% African American; 25% Caucasian; 17% Hispanic; and 1% AS/PI
Referral Sources for this CY: 100% DPD; 0% Sheriff/SRO

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services	
Education Services	48
Employment Assistance	66
Mental Health	80
Mentoring	18
Substance Use Evaluations/Treatment	30
Housing	34
Total	276

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.

Fourth Quarter Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes (January - December)

Part 1 Violent Crime	2021	2022	2023
Homicide	1	0	3
Rape	20	17	17
Robbery	32	24	22
Aggravated Assault	275	213	230
Violent Crime Totals	328	254	272

Part 1 Property Crime	2021	2022	2023
Arson	2	1	4
Burglary	46	56	42
Larceny	77	52	47
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	2	8
Property Crime Totals	126	111	101
Part 1 Index Crime Totals	454	365	373

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Juvenile Offenses for January - December 2023

Offense/Age	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault							2		2	10	14
All Other Offenses ¹				1		18	3	21	13	20	76
Burglary					1	2	4	3	7	4	21
Disorderly Conduct						1		1		1	3
Driving While Impaired									1		1
Drug Violations						1		6	2	8	17
Embezzlement										1	1
Fraud				1				1			2
Homicide							1	3		2	6
Larceny ²	1	1		1	9	10	10	10	20	14	76
Liquor Law Violations									1		1
Robbery				1	2		3	5	3	2	16
Simple Assault			1	1	1	10	7	12	2	8	42
Stolen Property	1	1		1	3	9	11	21	15	13	75
Vandalism							3	6	5	1	15
Weapon Violations						6	4	5	18	17	50
Grand Total	2	2	1	6	16	57	48	94	89	101	416

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

¹ Top three types include: Conspiracy to Commit Felony, Resist Delay Obstruct Public Officer, Conspiracy to Commit Misdemeanor

² Includes Larceny from Motor Vehicle

DPD Staffing Levels

*As of December 31, 2022	Positions Filled	Positions Authorized	Staffing Percentage
Sworn	404	535	76%
Non-Sworn	118	137	86%

DPD Staff Departures (January - December)

Reason For Departure	2022	2023
Resignation	46	50
Retirement	32	22
Termination	5	11

DEMOGRAPHICS FOR DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY #58

	Number of Recruits
Total Recruits in Academy	13
Durham Residents	7
Non-Durham Residents	6
Caucasian	6
African American	6
Hispanic	1
Asian	0
Male	12
Female	1
Bachelor's Degree	5
Associate degree	1
High School Diploma/Equivalent	7

Applicants Tested During the Fourth Quarter 2023

2023 4th Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test
White Male	24	0	1
White Female	4	0	1
African American Male	30	8	0
African American Female	11	2	2
Hispanic Male	17	4	1
Hispanic Female	2	1	1
Asian Male	1	0	0
Asian Female	0	0	0
Other Male	5	0	0
Other Female	0	0	0
Totals	94	15	6

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

2023 Fourth Quarter - Job Fairs & Open Houses

The Recruiting Unit attended 30 events this Quarter. Local events included multiple visits to Southpoint Mall Table Events (Durham); Hiring our Heroes Hiring Event; Coffee with a Cop Event; Treat N Fleet; Holiday Christmas Parade; Week Long Coffee Shops and Local Business Flyer Initiative; Tanger Outlet's Recruitment Flyer Initiative; and the Reliant LE Career Fair (Raleigh). Military visits included 12 visits to Fort Bragg. The recruiting unit visited 4 Colleges/Universities within NC. They included Meredith College; App State University; Guilford College; and North Carolina Central University.

New Recruiting Initiatives

During this quarter, the Recruiting Unit initiated multiple marketing campaigns for Recruitment, which included Coffee Shops and Local Business Initiative; Increased Social Media advertising; and the Spanish Officers Recruitment Initiative (Spanish Radio Ads and Flyers translated to Spanish). The Recruiting Unit also implemented Google Forms for Test Registration. Saturday testing dates have continued this quarter and they have contributed to the increase in applicant numbers. Recruiting continued the combined Hiring and Testing Events with a Saturday Test date. Major updates have been made to the recruiting website with the help of PAU that gives a more professional and modern image of our agency. Collaborations with PAU on media interviews, filing hiring/testing events, and social media spotlight stories continue to help boost interest. The Recruiting Unit is also researching new software (eSOPH) to streamline the Background Investigation Phase.

30x30 Initiative Update

On November 16, 2021, DPD signed the 30x30 pledge. The 30x30 Initiative is a coalition of police leaders, researchers, and professional organizations who have joined together to advance the representation and experiences of women in all ranks of policing across the United States. The goal is to increase the representation of women in police recruit classes to 30 percent by 2030.

In 2023, we had **52 female applicants** apply to become sworn police officers. This is the highest number of female applicants who have applied with Durham Police since 2017.

Currently, we have **70 females** out of **401 sworn officers** in the department. **17.5%** of Durham Police's sworn officers are female, which is above the national average of **12%**.

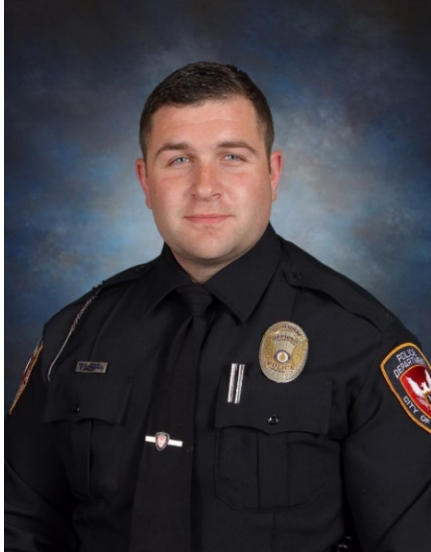
Our recruiting unit works year-round to recruit more female officers. Recruiters make efforts to attend female college career fairs, such as Meredith College in Raleigh. In 2023, our public affairs unit featured a different female officer each month through the Women in Blue video series to help boost interest among female applicants. Durham Police has also applied for a COPS 30x30 grant that would be geared toward initiating more specific recruitment for female officers.

Fourth Quarter Awards and Honors

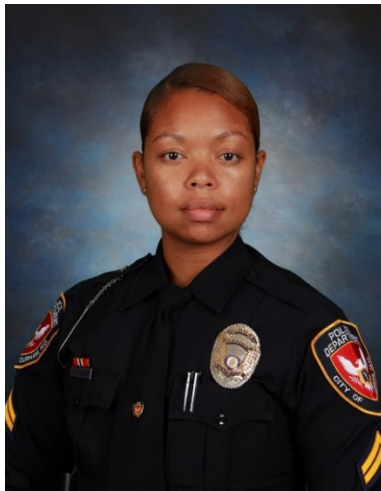


North Carolina Hometown Hero Award: On December, 12, 2023, Officer Lawanda Mock and Senior Police Officer Jason Weiss were honored with a 2023 North Carolina Hometown Hero Award. They were honored by the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association at their annual conference. Officers Mock and Weiss organized the Community Police Academy this year. The Academy is the premier program for those wanting to learn more about the operations of the Durham Police Department and experience a day in the life of a uniform patrol officer. While learning what it takes to keep Durham safe, participants visit the range, the Emergency

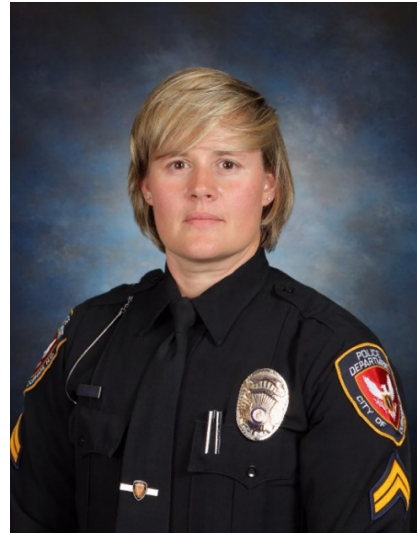
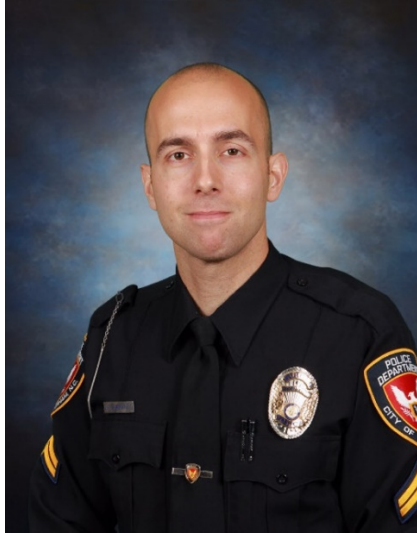
Communications Center, and are trained on the use of force simulators, as well as other various department classes.



North Carolina Hometown Hero Award: On December, 12, 2023, Corporal M. Adams received a 2023 North Carolina Hometown Hero Award. He was honored by the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association at their annual conference. Corporal Adams created the Criminal Investigation Division Mentorship Program to allow uniform patrol officers to expand their knowledge in investigations within the Durham Police Department. His implementation of this program has allowed investigators to pass on valuable experience to patrol officers.



North Carolina Justice Academy Leadership Certificate Program (LCP): On November 17, Captain R. Hinton received her Leadership Certificate from the North Carolina Justice Academy. The Leadership Certificate Program (LCP) is a challenging, 400-hour pursuit toward leadership excellence. The Leadership Certificate Program 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, 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.



West Point Leadership Program: On December 5, Sergeants J. Brigante and A. Walker completed the West Point Leadership Program. The West Point Leadership Course is adapted from the Military Leadership Course (PL300) required of all Cadets at the United States Military Academy in their third year of study. The course has been adapted for use in non-military organizations. This is an academically rigorous course that relies heavily on the case based learning. The course examines and integrates leadership in organizations from four perspectives: the individual, the group, the leader, and the organization.

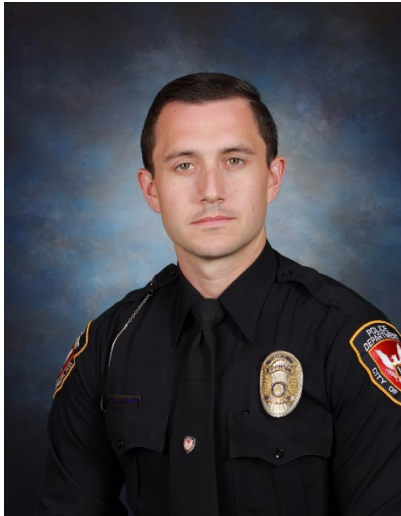


Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate: Investigator R. Armstrong received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. The Advanced Law Enforcement certificate is the highest certificate awarded by the North Carolina Department of Justice. Officers must have a combination of years of experience in law enforcement and meet specific educational or job related training hours to be eligible to receive the certificate. Investigator Armstrong has 11 years of experience in law enforcement, a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Science from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and 866 total training hours.

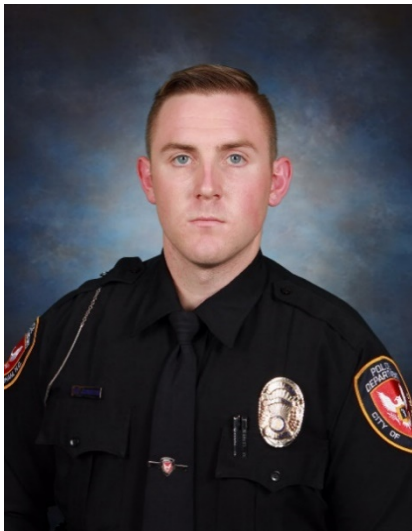


Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate: Sergeant M. Beal received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. The

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Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate: Investigator D. Cramer has received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. The Advanced Law Enforcement certificate is the highest certificate awarded by the North Carolina Department of Justice. Officers must have a combination of years of experience in law enforcement and meet specific educational or job related training hours to be eligible to receive the certificate. Investigator Cramer has 11 years of experience in law enforcement, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Liberty University, and 813 total training hours.



Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate: Investigator D. Johnson received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. The Advanced Law Enforcement certificate is the highest certificate awarded by the North Carolina Department of Justice. Officers must have a combination of years of experience in law enforcement and meet specific educational or job related training hours to be eligible to receive the certificate. Investigator Johnson has 7 years of experience in law enforcement, a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from East Carolina University and 729 total training hours.



Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate: Corporal O. Ortiz has received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. The

Advanced Law Enforcement certificate is the highest certificate awarded by the North Carolina Department of Justice. Officers must have a combination of years of experience in law enforcement and meet specific educational or job related training hours to be eligible to receive the certificate. Cpl. Ortiz has 10 years of experience in law enforcement, a Bachelor’s Degree in Management Information Systems from Fordham University, and 602 total training hours.



Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate: Corporal E. Valerio has received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. The Advanced Law Enforcement certificate is the highest certificate awarded by the North Carolina Department of Justice. Officers must have a combination of years of experience in law enforcement and meet specific educational or job related training hours to be eligible to receive the certificate. Cpl. Valerio has 10 years of experience in law enforcement, an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Gateway Community College, and 721 total training hours.



Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate: Officer S. Roman has received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. The Advanced Law Enforcement certificate is the highest certificate awarded by the North Carolina Department of Justice. Officers must have a combination of years of experience in law enforcement and meet specific educational or job related training hours to be eligible to receive the certificate. Officer Roman has 14 years of experience in law enforcement, an Associate’s Degree in Business Management from Wake Technical Community College, and 1,078 total training hours.

Fourth Quarter 2023 DPD Employees of the Month

District 1

OCTOBER

Officer S.C. Moody, Squad 1B – The District 1 Officer of the Month nomination for October 2023 is Officer S.C. Moody for his life saving efforts. On October 26, 2023, Officer Moody responded

to the 2100 block of Angier Avenue in reference to an overdose. Upon his arrival, he found an unresponsive female who appeared to have overdosed on an unknown substance. Before EMS arrived, Officer Moody administered a dose of NARCAN. Once EMS arrived on scene, the female began to wake up and become coherent. Officer Moody's quick actions proved extremely helpful in saving her life.

NOVEMBER

Corporal C.A. Fennell, Squad 1B – On November 12, 2023, Corporal Fennell responded to the Budget Inn at 2101 Holloway St. in reference to a disturbance. The family he encountered had very limited money and needed to leave. The family also had several small children with them and it was cold on this particular night. Cpl. Fennell made arrangements and had the family meet him at another hotel on Hillsborough Road in District 2. Cpl. Fennell used his own money to pay for a hotel stay to get them through another night. The family already had housing arrangements, but was unable to get into the house until the next day. Cpl. Fennell did not ask to be recognized for this very generous deed, but I felt it was too modest of a gesture to not have him be recognized.

District 2

OCTOBER

Senior Officer R.J. Preston, Gang Unit – On November 1, 2023 at 12:34 a.m., SPO R.J. Preston was dispatched to an unknown police problem in the 1100 block of Briar Rose Lane. The victim told dispatch that a man was "trippin" outside with a gun. In addition, the call taker heard gunfire through the phone at 12:39 a.m. At 12:40 a.m., SPO Preston arrived on scene and came into contact with the suspect. The suspect ran through the wood line toward Hebron Road and SPO Preston pursued. He was able to give clear radio traffic of the direction of travel along with the suspect description. Ultimately, SPO Preston was able to apprehend the suspect a short distance later without further incident. After an article search, a 9mm handgun with an extended magazine was located nearby. The suspect was charged with possession of a firearm by felon, assault by pointing a gun, discharging a firearm within city limits, and resist, delay, and obstruct.

SPO Preston's speedy response to the scene and ability to stay with the suspect through darkness and thick brush led to the seizure of an illegally possessed firearm. This comes as no surprise as SPO Preston has shown unwavering work ethic and drive while assigned to 2D. He enthusiastically shares his job knowledge from his experience working in OCD with other officers. SPO Preston is an insightful and exemplary officer, and has the makings to become a great leader in the Durham Police Department.

NOVEMBER

Officer A.S. Misbah, Squad 2B – Officer A.S. Misbah's exemplary performance and dedication to duty over the past month truly distinguishes him as a standout member on our team. On November 5, 2023, Officer Misbah demonstrated exceptional professionalism and commitment during two DWI apprehensions. In the first incident, he responded to a motor vehicle crash with injuries, where the overturned vehicle's combative and heavily intoxicated driver was taken to the hospital. Officer Misbah showcased his thorough investigative skills through obtaining a medical records search warrant which revealed the driver had a blood alcohol content of .20. Later that same day, Officer Misbah responded to another DWI incident that involved a male passed out behind the wheel. Through a comprehensive DWI investigation, he arrested the individual, whose breath sample revealed a .16 BAC. Officer Misbah's swift and decisive actions in both cases reflect his commitment to ensuring public safety.

Furthermore, on November 10, 2023, Officer Misbah responded to a larceny in progress at the Sheetz on Hillsborough Rd. His keen observation skills enabled him to locate the suspect, a known habitual offender, in possession of stolen goods. Officer Misbah's quick and effective response led to the arrest of the suspect.

In addition to his outstanding fieldwork, Officer Misbah's commitment to professional development is evident in his completion of Radar School. Remarkably, he promptly initiated his required training hours, demonstrating tenacity by completing them in record time. Officer Misbah's dedication to continuous improvement and professional growth sets an inspiring example for his colleagues.

Moreover, Officer Misbah's willingness to assist his squad members without complaint highlights his collaborative spirit and positive contribution to Squad 2B and the Durham Police Department as a whole. He is undeniably an asset to our team.

In conclusion, Officer Alexander Misbah's exceptional performance, unwavering dedication, and positive attitude make him a deserving candidate for the Officer of the Month award. I strongly recommend that he be recognized for his outstanding contributions to the community and our department.

DECEMBER

Officer S.W. Gamm and Officer J.M. Luque, Squad 2D – On December 10, 2023, Officer Gamm and Officer Luque were dispatched to a disturbance with a weapon call in the 2000 block of House Avenue. The call notes mentioned there was a group of intoxicated males shooting outside in the parking lot. Once on scene they were able to locate a group of individuals that met the description given by the caller. As Officer Luque translated, they approached the group. Officer Gamm noticed one of them attempting to reach for his right side. She glanced down and saw a handgun in the suspect's right pocket, quickly seized the firearm, and detained the suspect. Through their

thorough investigation, they were able to charge the suspect with carrying a concealed weapon and discharging a firearm within the city limits after finding a shell casing that matched the caliber of the suspect's handgun. This was made possible by Officer Gamm and Officer Luque's response and coordinated efforts.

Furthermore, on December 16, 2023, Officer Luque and Officer Gamm were dispatched to a welfare check at Duke Street and Leon Street where a man was reported slumped over at the wheel backing up traffic. Once on scene, Officer Luque and Officer Gamm attempted to gain the driver's attention by banging on the windows but to no avail. It was also noticed the vehicle was in drive and the driver's foot was on the brake. Ultimately, the passenger side window was broken and the driver woke up only when the driver side door opened and the vehicle was placed in park. During the investigation, it was apparent that the driver was intoxicated and was transported to the magistrate's office. A concealed handgun was also located inside the vehicle wedged in between the driver's seat and middle console. Officer Luque and Officer Gamm were fluid in their thought process and critical thinking skills with this incident at a busy intersection, on a busy day. Officer Luque and Officer Gamm are able to analyze situations, adapt if need be, and come to a solution without hesitation.

District 3

OCTOBER

Officer B.M. Baker, Squad 3D – During the month of October 2023, Senior Officer Baker responded to 101 calls for service as either the primary or assisting officer. One particular call for service stands out in which Senior Officer Baker's response saved a life.

On October 22, 2023, S.O. Baker responded to a cardiac arrest in the 100 block of Forestwood Drive. Durham 911 communications received a call at 4 p.m. advising that a male riding a bicycle had fallen off of his bicycle and was unresponsive. S.O. Baker arrived on scene at 4:03 p.m. and found the adult male still unresponsive to include no pulse and not breathing. S.O. Baker immediately began administering chest compressions on the male. By the time Durham County EMS and the Durham Fire Department arrived on scene, approximately two minutes after Senior Officer Baker arrived on scene, a pulse had been re-established and the male had agonal breathing.

The male was transported by Durham County EMS to Duke University Medical Center where he recovered from his cardiac event. Senior Officer Baker's quick actions in a stressful situation saved a life and allowed the male to return to his role as a doctor with a local hospital.

I hope this provides insight to the district and executive command staff of Senior Officer Baker's dedication and hard work he brings to the Durham Police Department every day and to highlight his achievements from the month of October 2023.

DECEMBER

Officer E.A. Gaither, Squad 3B – In my short period of time supervising Senior Officer Gaither, 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.”

On November 12, 2023, officers were dispatched to an apartment in the 200 block of Glen Falls Lane for a report of an armed subject in crisis. He had barricaded himself inside the apartment along with other family members, that included a 14-year-old girl. Upon arrival, Senior Officer Gaither took command realizing the seriousness of the situation. As Senior Officer Gaither went upstairs to the suspect’s apartment he immediately started talking with the subject in crisis through the apartment front door. For approximately 42 minutes, Senior Officer Gaither was able to build a rapport with the subject through constant positive messages as he showed compassion and empathy for what the person was experiencing.

During the course of this incident, a medical emergency arose and Senior Officer Gaither was able to negotiate with the suspect to let his mother leave the apartment to get the care she needed. This allowed officers to gain access into the apartment once the door to the apartment opened and peacefully take the subject in crisis into custody without incident. The firearm was located in plain view and seized. The compassion and care Senior Officer Gaither showed to the subject in crisis no doubt prevented anyone from being seriously injured or killed. Senior Officer Gaither’s actions should be commended.

District 4

OCTOBER

Officer B.N. Jones, Squad 4B – On October 25, 2023, at approximately 5:21 a.m., a 911 call was made regarding an elderly disabled man who needed help. It was approximately 45 degrees that morning and his electric wheelchair had run out of power while traveling home. The stranded citizen flagged down a passerby who called 911 on his behalf. Officer B. Jones was dispatched and arrived soon after. She met the disabled man near Fayetteville Street and Mutual Drive, approximately a mile from his home on Booker Avenue. She learned that the man was suffering from combat-related nerve damage that affected his legs and back and that he was a military veteran. Officer B. Jones assessed the man’s situation, and her compassion took over. Officer B. Jones took inventory of her available resources and devised a plan to get the disabled man and his wheelchair home. Officer Jones contacted Durham County EMS for help. EMS responded, medically assessed the disabled man, and cleared him. Officer B. Jones relayed to EMS the unfortunate situation. Their response was to help transport the man home via ambulance. However, EMS could not transport the electric wheelchair themselves. Officer B. Jones then contacted her immediate supervisor, who employed and used our agency’s pickup truck parked at Durham Police headquarters. By then shift change was upon them. With the help of the on-

coming shift, Officer B. Jones and a fellow District 4 patrol officer reunited the owner with his wheelchair soon after.

Officer B. Jones's exemplary actions reaffirm the Durham Police Department's commitment to the public and its mission. Our police officers regularly show remarkable decision-making skills and often showcase those efforts via the lengths they take to help those in need.

DECEMBER

Officer K.T. Mathews, Squad 4A – During December 2023, Officer K. Mathews showcased his commitment to the district's crime-fighting efforts through self-initiated activity. The record shows that Officer Mathews has experienced a fair share of calls for service this month, ranging from assisting other agencies to disturbances with weapons. These types of calls are commonplace in our district, demanding our limited time and resources. However, the need has not stopped Officer Mathews from remaining proactive.

The relentless crime surge of car break-ins and car thefts across our district has kept our officers busy completing reports and taking proactive measures in response to the problem. We know that stolen cars are often used to perpetuate more serious crimes. Officer Mathews has taken on the challenge of searching for these perpetrators. At a minimum, he's made a sincere effort to recover what was taken. His dedication netted (thus far) five stolen cars this past month.

For example, On December 6th, Officer Mathews was patrolling the area of Riddle Road and NC 55 Highway when he encountered a suspicious vehicle that was left running and unattended. His investigation discovered that the vehicle had been stolen less than an hour before in Durham. On December 24th, Officer Mathews was patrolling the area of Penrith Drive, an area notorious for being one of several dumping sites for stolen vehicles in District 4. Officer Mathews noticed a suspicious car parked in a parking lot. His investigation discovered that the vehicle was also stolen.

It may be easier to assume that these two examples were instances of coincidence. However, training and experience also show that it takes patience, working knowledge, and self-efficacy for an officer to improve his or her odds to be in the right place, and at the right time. Whatever factors led Officer Mathews to the recovery of the stolen vehicles, these are five fewer stolen vehicles that are roaming our city streets and being used to victimize others.

District 5

NOVEMBER

Corporal K.I. Offenburg, Squad 5C - In the month of November, Corporal Offenburg saved the life of a suicidal subject at a parking deck located on American Tobacco Complex. Officers were called about a subject getting ready to jump from the top deck of the parking deck. HEART

(Holistic Empathetic Assistance Response Teams)/COR (Co-response) teams responded along with Corporal Offenburg. HEART/COR were not making any leeway in getting the subject off the ledge during their conversations. When the subject was distracted for a moment Corporal Offenburg was able to get his hands on the subject and pull him off the ledge, thus saving the subject's life while also putting his own life on the line.

The following are emails that I received in reference to his quality of work in reference to the suicidal subject call, as well as other calls he responded to during the month of November.

From Officer T. King: "Hey Sergeant Schaub, on November 4, 2023, we got a call at the parking deck next to the bus terminal about a subject who tied a noose around his neck to attempt suicide. Cpl. King and other crisis clinicians attempted to negotiate, which proved ineffective. Cpl. Offenburg took an opportunity to grab ahold of the man, before he could jump, saving his life."

From Lieutenant Rogers: "An adult male was robbed at gunpoint in the Harbor Freight parking lot. The suspect was armed with a black handgun and took approximately \$1,300 from the victim. Approximately 20 minutes later, Cpl. Offenburg observed a possible suspect boarding a DATA bus on N. Roxboro Street. Cpl. Offenburg stopped the bus and detained the suspect without incident. Following a show-up with the victim, the suspect was positively identified. CID (criminal investigations division) investigators responded and Corporal Offenburg did an outstanding job.

On November 2, there was a protest in the downtown area. There were approximately 300 people involved. These individuals were able to block NC Highway 147. Corporal Offenburg was able to identify the subjects using their vehicles to block traffic. Per request of the Executive Command Staff, Corporal Offenburg was able to obtain warrants on four (4) of those subjects.

DECEMBER

Officer A.M. Acker and K9 Rudi, K9 Unit – On December 24, 2023, Officer Acker and K9 Rudi responded to assist District 4 officers in the 5000 block of Fayetteville Street in reference to a foot pursuit. The officers were chasing a suspect following a shooting at a residence. Officer Acker and K9 Rudi conducted a track from the back of the residence. They tracked through the woods onto a school playground, back into the woods, and through another residence. K9 Rudi had a noticeable change in behavior at a set of trash cans behind a house on Fortunes Ridge Drive. Officer Acker along with a District 4 officer took cover at the front corner of a brick house and challenged the suspect in the trash can. The suspect emerged from the trash can and was taken into custody without incident.

The suspect was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, possession of a stolen firearm, assault on a female of an unborn child, assault by pointing a gun, attempted motor vehicle theft, attempted armed robbery, discharging a weapon in the city limits, and injury to personal property.

The handgun used in the shooting was stolen and recovered by officers on scene. In addition, Officer Acker and K9 Rudi participated in several community engagement activities for the month of December. The pair have also gained popularity on social media.

Criminal Investigations Division

NOVEMBER

Investigator A.M. Cristaldi, Criminal Investigations Division - It is our recommendation to nominate Inv. Cristaldi as CID's officer of the month for November 2023. The following are examples of what makes Inv. Cristaldi our recommendation for CID officer of the month:

- Inv. Cristaldi has volunteered to be a mentor investigator for patrol officers wishing to learn more about CID.
- Inv. Cristaldi is the senior investigator for the unit and is always the first person that other investigators go to for advice.
- Inv. Cristaldi has volunteered to investigate numerous cold case homicides on top of her regular case assignments, including an active homicide.
- During homicide call outs, Inv. Cristaldi is always the first one on scenes and takes it upon herself to write any and all search warrants that would be needed during the call outs.
- Inv. Cristaldi is a model investigator that leads by example. Her work ethic and desire to be the best she can be is infectious for others around her.

DECEMBER

Sgt. Jermaine Clarke, Robbery Unit - Sgt. Clark has shown great leadership and problem solving skills during his tenure as the Robbery Unit sergeant. He frequently collaborates with different units (HVC, OCD, CAU) to help his investigators generate leads in their cases. He also facilitates communication with other agencies and the media and he encourages his investigators to do the same. Sgt. Clark has done several media interviews recently and arranged for the creation and dissemination of many public awareness social media posts in an effort to keep our community members safe. He has received kudos from PAU for the way he handles tough questions during media interviews with ease and professionalism.

Sgt. Clark encourages his investigators to be proactive by being proactive himself. There are many examples over the last eight months of Sgt. Clark conducting surveillance and traffic stops on known robbery suspects which led to multiple arrests and weapon seizures. Under his leadership, his team has solved high profile cases such as a home invasion/cryptocurrency, robbery/kidnapping, a trend of multiple Hispanic females being carjacked, a trend of multiple cellphone store robberies, and a bank robbery.

Most recently in the month of December, Sgt. Clark and his team have focused on a series of robberies targeting Hispanic victims. Sgt. Clark worked with CSD and PAU to disseminate crime prevention tips in English and Spanish and participated in several media interviews. He worked with Crime Analysis to narrow down the best times and locations for surveillance. He safely and successfully led his team in surveilling these areas and gathering intel. He coordinated with the FBI taskforce to get pole cams ordered for covert surveillance in these target areas. Through diligence and determination, they were able to identify a suspect and obtain warrants for 4 counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy, and kidnapping. Sgt. Clark coordinated with SET to execute a search warrant where the suspect was taken into custody and stolen property and a rifle were recovered. They were also able to identify and charge a second suspect and more charges are forthcoming in this case.

In addition to the recent achievements of the robbery unit, Sgt. Clark consistently and efficiently relays pertinent information to his supervisor in a timely manner. He is an excellent communicator and is extremely responsive to requests for information from his chain of command even after normal office hours. He always has a positive and confident attitude which is mirrored in the morale and success of the team he serves.

I am continuously impressed with the hard work and dedication Sgt. Clark brings every day to this department, this division, and our community.

Forensic Services Division

NOVEMBER

Amanda Holowaty, Latent Print Supervisor – Amanda Holowaty has been newly promoted to this role after spending months as Acting Latent Print Supervisor. Amanda has shown what it means to be a committed leader to her field and section. She has hit the ground running implementing new training procedures, new lab protocol for more efficient reporting, and executed monthly latent lab events that enhance career development. Amanda is innovative and dedicated to the latent print community as well as the DPD latent print unit.

Amanda successfully passed the IAI (International Association of Identification) Latent Print Certification Exam, making her the second individual in the unit to be certified and she serves as Merchandise Co-Chair of the NCI. With the onboarding of new Latent Print examiners, Amanda jointly developed the Latent Print Training Manual to get all the new employees up to speed of the day-to-day operations and signed off to complete case work. She has managed the training of the two Latent Print examiners and the part-time chemical technicians that she oversees. Amanda is diligent with monitoring their progress and making sure they have the resources they need to succeed. She often alters her schedule to spend time with the evening part time employees to ensure they are seen and well taken care of. Amanda was also burdened with an impossible backlog of over 100 rifles that needed to be processed for latent prints. However, she worked up a plan of attack to get that number to only 11 rifles pending for processing. She is on

track to eliminate the rifle processing backlog by the end of the year, in order to start 2024 off with a clean slate for processing evidence in real time.

Amanda has fielded the questions, policy changes and new protocol/worksheets for the implementation of Limited ID's and AFIS Associated Leads. This came into effect on Monday December 4th, and Amanda again altered her schedule to ensure a smooth transition for the investigators and her latent print section. With these new protocols, the Latent Print backlog will hopefully begin to reduce and investigators will have access to key information that can be utilized as part of their probable cause.

The Latent Print Section has started monthly lunch and learn sessions where employees are tasked to bring topics, research, or issues within the field for the unit to discuss and learn from in a casual and unique atmosphere. This is a great way to encourage career development without costing the department a dime. She incorporates not only the day shift employees but also the night shift to ensure all members of her unit are well versed in the new information and have the ability to learn.

We are very fortunate to have Latent Print Supervisor, Amanda Holowaty. The Forensic Services Unit looks forward to seeing what more she will accomplish.

DECEMBER

Billy Henderson, Property and Evidence Unit - Evidence Technician Billy Henderson successfully led the Property & Evidence Unit as the interim supervisor for the previous 9 months, and during a very challenging time.

Not only was the PEU hit with the passing of a valued team member and supervisor, but there was also a severe shortage and the need to train a new employee. During this tumultuous time, Evidence Technician Henderson was assigned the position of interim supervisor. He took the reins and led the Property & Evidence section with dedication, patience, and worked hard to provide continuity of service and assistance to all members of our agency.

As interim supervisor, Evidence Technician Henderson provided training, was very responsive to questions, offered advice and suggestions, took his time to discuss any issues that arose, and consistently maintained a professional decorum. Without his leadership, it would have been significantly more difficult for officers, investigators, and forensic services members to complete their work. Court cases may have suffered as well.

His current supervisor Charles Sole, noted, "Billy Henderson has been a great resource for me during my transition to PEU Supervisor. He is, without question, the informal leader of the group and is extremely dedicated to his job. Billy has an amazing attitude and a pleasant approach to solving challenges in the PEU. I feel extremely fortunate to have such a great teammate as Billy and I look forward to working with him in the future."

Evidence Technician Henderson’s contribution and dedication to our agency cannot be overstated. For these reasons, I respectfully submit him for consideration for Employee of the Month.

ShotSpotter Alert Data - Pilot Period	
December 15, 2022 – December 14, 2023	
Published Alerts	1,416
Shots Detected	5,259
Alerts Per Day	3.9 (on average)
Shots Per Alert	3.7 (on average)
ShotSpotter Alerts w/911 call	26.9%
ShotSpotter Alerts w/ Evidence Collected	16.5%
ShotSpotter Alert Resulting in Incident Report Filed	19.3%
Gunshot Wounds Accurately Detected	48
Gunshot Wounds Not Accurately Detected	14
Arrests Made	24
Guns Recovered	21
NIBIN leads to other cases	94

For the one-year pilot period (12/15/22 – 12/14/23), there were **1,416** published ShotSpotter alerts and a total of **5,259** shots detected, not including New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day, and Independence Day. There was an average of **3.9** alerts per day and **3.7** shots per alert. **26.9 percent** of the ShotSpotter alerts also had a resident 911 call. However, this was more likely with multiple gunshots (42.0%) than a single gunshot (10.9%). **26.9 percent** of the ShotSpotter alerts had evidence collected. This was also more likely with multiple gunshots (27.8%) than a single gunshot (6.8%).

About **19.3 percent** of the unique gunfire incidents resulted in an incident report being filed, with **146** of the **229 reports** being supported by a 911 call. In **42** of the **229 reports**, there was a total of **48** gunshot wounds, 2 of which had no 911 call (1 fatal, 1 nonfatal).

- 1 of the 48 was pronounced deceased at the scene.
- 4 of the 48 refused medical transport to the hospital.
- 11 of the 48 were taken to the hospital by private transport.
- 32 of the 48 were transported by EMS. 6 died and 9 had life-threatening wounds.

So far Durham Police’s response to these ShotSpotter alerts has resulted in **24** arrests.

- 2 – Homicides
- 7 – Aggravated assaults
- 1 – Possession of a stolen firearm
- 2 – Possession of a firearm by felon
- 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 **21** guns in conjunction with ShotSpotter alerts. There have been **16** arrests in those cases. **94** 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.

ShotSpotter Response Times	
December 15, 2023 – December 14, 2023	
Median Response Time (to ShotSpotter Alerts)	5 minutes, 11 seconds
Time saved (In Call Processing Time)	1 minute, 17 seconds (on average)

The median response time from a published ShotSpotter alert to the first officer arriving was **5 minutes and 11 seconds**. ShotSpotter saved a mean average of **1 minute and 17 seconds** in call processing time. By contract, ShotSpotter guarantees at least 90% of alerts will be published within 60 seconds. Durham’s performance was **92.9%** during the fourth quarter through the end of the pilot period. ShotSpotter also guarantees at least 90% of qualifying gunfire incidents will be detected and located within 25 meters. Durham’s performance was **95.5%**. A qualifying gunfire incident is defined as unsuppressed outdoor gunfire involving standard, commercially available rounds above .25 caliber located inside the ShotSpotter coverage area.

Fourth Quarter Homicide Arrests/Indictments

Worth Street Homicide Arrest - On October 5, 2023, Stephen Dubose, 30, of Durham, was arrested and charged in the murder of Angela Marina Risi, 30, of Durham.

On October 2, 2023, officers responded to a gunshot wound call shortly before 7:30 a.m. in the 1000 block of Worth Street. Risi had been shot and was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased. A second woman was also shot at the scene and suffered life-threatening injuries. Dubose was charged with murder and attempted first degree murder in connection with this incident.

Liberty Street Homicide Arrest - On October 24, 2023, Douglas Rashad Jones, 25, of Durham, was arrested and charged in the murder of Derke Clay, 53, of Durham.

At approximately 3:14 p.m. on October 24, 2023, officers responded to an aggravated assault in the 900 block of Liberty Street at Long Meadow Park. Jones had assaulted Clay, and he was found unconscious and not breathing. Clay was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Jones was charged with Clay's murder the same night.

Tri Center Boulevard Homicide Arrest

On November 26, 2023, John Freddy Carvajal Campos, 22, of Durham, was charged with involuntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting of a juvenile male.

That same morning, officers responded to a walk-in gunshot wound at a local hospital where a juvenile male had arrived with life-threatening injuries. He was later pronounced deceased at the hospital. Campos had claimed to have accidentally shot and killed his friend. Campos was charged with involuntary manslaughter and taken to the Durham County Jail where he received a \$10,000 secured bond.

Queen Street Homicide Arrest

On December 6, 2023, Daniel Lamont McCray, 40, was arrested in the fatal stabbing of Alexander Bernard Jordan, 41.

On November 30th, officers responded to a stabbing near the intersection of Queen Street and Liberty Street. Jordan had been stabbed and was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Troy Street Homicide Arrest On December 8, 2023, James Edward Lyons, 44, was arrested and charged in the murder of Darryl Keith Harris 65, of Durham.

On December 3, 2023, officers responded to a ShotSpotter alert in the 600 block of Troy Street. Harris was found shot and transported to the hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Significant Cold Case Arrests

2015 Cold Case Sexual Assault Arrests – In October 2015, a woman was walking near Holloway Street and Briggs Avenue when a man in a white van stopped and asked her if she wanted a ride. She got in the vehicle with him. The man drove her to an abandoned building near

Midland Terrace and Camden Avenue where he sexually assaulted her in the van. He then drove her to another location and dropped her off.

In November 2023, Dennis Speed, 65, was charged with first degree rape, second degree rape, and interfering with emergency communications in connection with this incident. He remains in the Durham County Jail on a \$1.96 million bond.

2020 Cold Case Sexual Assault Arrests - In August 2020, a woman accepted an offer from a stranger for a place to shower and sleep. They went to his room at the Carolina Duke Inn where she said the man sexually assaulted her.

In November 2023, Dennis Speed, 65, was charged with second degree forcible rape in connection with this incident. He remains in the Durham County Jail on a \$1.96 million bond.

Significant Third Quarter Special Victims Unit Arrests

Rape Charge – On October 24, 2023, Allen Blue, 65, was arrested after investigators charged him with second degree forcible rape.

Sex Offense Charge – On November 4, 2023, Kevin Orellana, 20, was arrested after investigators charged him with statutory rape of a child less than 15 years old and indecent liberties with a child.

Rape Charge – On November 20, 2023, Rajan Shaw, 31, was arrested after investigators charged him with second degree rape.

Rape Charge – Investigators charged Jose Melendez, 58, with statutory rape of a child by an adult, statutory sex offense of a child by an adult, and indecent liberties with a child.

Rape Charge – A True Bill of Indictment for Leon Jackson III, 35, was obtained for the charges of second degree forcible rape and second degree forcible sexual offense.

Significant Fourth Quarter Robbery Arrests

Juvenile Petitions Filed in Robberies Impacting Hispanic Females – From early September through early October, a group of juvenile aged suspects committed multiple armed robbery offenses in which the victims were Hispanic females. A 16-year-old male juvenile was charged with two counts of armed robbery in connection with the two robberies below:

10/07/23 – Female victim was robbed at gunpoint in the 4000 block of Meriwether Drive.

10/08/23 - Female victim was carjacked at gunpoint in the 5000 block of N. Roxboro Street. The stolen motor vehicle was recovered on Meriwether Drive.

Arrest made in robbery trend on Garrett Road/Rochelle Street – Multiple armed robberies and carjackings were reported in the 4200 block of Garrett Road and in the 2900 block of Rochelle Street in December. Michael Covarrubias, 20, and Edwin Maldonado, 19, have been charged with three counts of Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon in connection with the following robberies:

12/16/23 – Victim reported being robbed by two Hispanic males in possession of a handgun, rifle, and partially wearing a mask in the 2900 block of Chapel Hill Road.

12/17/23 – Victim reported being carjacked at gunpoint by two Hispanic males in the 4200 block of Garrett Road. A subsequent vehicle pursuit ensued with the carjacked vehicle.

12/17/23 – Victim reported being carjacked by two Hispanic males in the 4200 block of Garrett Road. The victim's vehicle was later recovered on I-85N.

Juvenile Offender Robbery Trend – Over a 7-day span, multiple juveniles ranging in age from 9 years old to 16 years old committed a series of armed robberies.

11/21/23 – King D Tobacco and Vape Shop in the 2200 block of Avondale Drive was robbed at gunpoint by 4 juveniles. A 16-year-old juvenile, 15-year-old juvenile, a 14-year-old juvenile, and an 11-year-old juvenile were charged with armed robbery by a juvenile petition in connection with this incident.

11/25/23 – Multiple juveniles attempted to take items from Toledo Butcher Shop in the 2200 block of NC 54 Highway. A 15-year-old, a 13-year-old, and an 11-year-old were charged with armed robbery via juvenile petition in connection with this incident.

11/25/23 – Multiple juveniles robbed Tropicana in the 1000 block of North Miami Boulevard. The suspects took cash while possessing a firearm. A 15-year-old, a 14-year-old, and an 11-year-old were charged with armed robbery by a juvenile petition in connection with this incident.

Old Chapel Hill Road Armed Robbery Arrest – On November 9, 2023, a BP gas station in the 4100 block of Old Chapel Hill Road was robbed of cash and merchandise at gunpoint. A 16-year-old male juvenile was charged with armed robbery by a juvenile petition.

Holloway Street Armed Robbery Arrest – On November 10, 2023, a Family Dollar store in the 2900 block of Holloway Street was robbed of cash and merchandise at gunpoint. A 16-year-old male juvenile was charged with armed robbery by a juvenile petition.

Durham Chapel Hill Boulevard Armed Robbery Arrest – On November 26, 2023, a Subway was robbed at gunpoint. Tony Williams, 18, was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with this incident.

Significant Fourth Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests

Ryan Street Double Shooting Arrest – Zacolby Shealey, 19, and a juvenile male have been charged in the shooting of two men at a home in the 4400 block of Ryan Street on November 25th.

On December 4, 2023, Shealey was charged and arrested with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Juvenile petitions were obtained on the juvenile for two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

North Alston Stabbing Charge – Kayla Evans, 32, has been charged in the stabbing of a woman that occurred in the 700 block of N. Alston on October 21st.

Evans has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Middle Street Stabbing Arrest – Luis Ferrer-Cepeda, 32, has been arrested and charged for stabbing two men in the 600 block of Middle Street on November 5, 2023.

Officers located Cepeda shortly after the stabbing occurred and he was also found to have been stabbed. He was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Owen Street Shooting Arrest – Shyheem Henry Davis, 21, has been charged in the shooting of a male juvenile that occurred in the 2400 block of Owen Street on November 14, 2023.

Davis has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

S. Alston Shooting Arrest – On October 27, 2023, Phillip Thackston, 34, was arrested and charged in a shooting that occurred near the intersection of S. Alston Avenue and Massey Avenue on August 10, 2023.

The adult male victim reported that he had been shot at while he was driving on South Alston and his vehicle was struck multiple times. No one was injured in the shooting. Thackston was charged with firearm by felon, assault with a deadly weapon, and discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

N. Roxboro Street Aggravated Assault Arrest – On October 19, 2023, Mins Shaqueile Wilkerson, Jr., 29, was arrested and charged for an incident that occurred on a DATA bus on North Roxboro Street on October 10, 2023.

Wilkerson got on the DATA bus and threatened to stab the driver. The driver was not injured. Wilkerson was arrested and charged with communication threats, assault with a deadly weapon, and assault on a public transit operator.

Significant Fourth Quarter Property Crime Arrests

Motor Vehicle Theft Petition – In October 2023, petitions were filed against a 13-year-old juvenile for stealing two vehicles in July 2023. One vehicle was stolen from a mini mart in the 700 block of S. Alston Avenue and the other was stolen from a Dollar General store in the 4100 block of Lumley Road. The juvenile has been charged with larceny of a motor vehicle and felony conspiracy.