

**Durham Police Department
2014 Second Quarter Report
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Overall Part 1 crime (the total of Part 1 violent and property crimes) was up 11 percent during the first six months of 2014, compared to the same period in 2013 when Part 1 crime was at a 14-year low. The increase was driven primarily by increases in aggravated assaults and burglaries.

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) rose by 30 percent during the first six months of 2014 even though homicides were at a three-year low.

Part 1 Violent Crime	2012	2013	2014	% Change 2013-14
Homicides	11	13	10	-23%
Rapes	45	47	52	11%
Robberies	264	282	301	7%
Aggravated Assaults	484	391	587	50%
Violent Crime	805	733	950	30%

Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) was up by eight percent during the first two quarters of 2014. Part 1 property crime made up approximately 85 percent of all Part 1 crimes during the first half of 2014. Larcenies accounted for more than half – 52 percent – of all Part 1 crime.

Part 1 Property Crime	2012	2013	2014	% Change 2013-14
Burglaries	1646	1485	1728	16%
Larcenies	3115	2984	3176	6%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	322	346	293	-15%
Property Crime	5083	4815	5197	8%
Index Crime	5888	5548	6147	11%

Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for January-June 2014

Offense/Age	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault			2		1	2	2	7	8	22
All Other Offenses			1	1	10	18	15	25	40	110
Burglary	1		1		6	14	9	15	11	57
Disorderly Conduct						1		3		4
Drug Violations						1		13	15	29
Embezzlement									1	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting									2	2
Fraud						2	1			3
Homicide									1	1
Larceny			6	2	13	23	18	31	29	122
Non-Reportable Offenses					1				2	3
Offenses Against Family									1	1
Robbery						7	4	6	6	23
Sex Offenses						3	2			5
Simple Assault			1	1		5	3	12	6	28
Stolen Property			3		7	16	9	9	11	55
Vandalism	1		1		6	2	1	9	7	27
Weapon Violations				2			2	6	12	22
Grand Total	2		15	6	44	94	66	136	152	515

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

***Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes
January-June***

	<i>YTD 2012</i>	<i>YTD 2013</i>	<i>YTD 2014</i>
<i>Murder</i>	3	1	0
<i>Rape</i>	6	12	10
<i>Robbery</i>	9	5	5
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	132	124	143
<i>Violent Crime</i>	150	142	158
<i>Burglary</i>	29	24	42
<i>Larceny</i>	71	70	49
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	7	7	4
<i>Property Crime</i>	107	101	95
<i>Part 1 Index Crime</i>	257	243	253

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*Part 2 Offenses
January to June 2014*

Offense	Total
All Other Offenses	319
Arson	8
Disorderly Conduct	22
Driving While Impaired	240
Drug Violations	743
Embezzlement	73
Forgery/Counterfeiting	33
Fraud	738
Liquor Law Violations	8
Obscene Material/Pornography	19
Offenses Against Family	60
Prostitution	6
Simple Assault	789
Sex Offense	85
Stolen Property	30
Vandalism	803
Weapon Violations	130

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Significant 2nd Quarter Violent Crime Arrests

Homicide Arrest - Alexis Hernandez Ramirez, 21, of Durham was arrested on June 3 on Ivy Street and charged with murder in connection with the May 25 shooting death of Juan Carlos Ruiz, 27, of Durham. Officers were dispatched to a traffic accident in the 2700 block of Holloway Street on May 25. When they arrived, they found a vehicle occupied by four males that had crashed into an unoccupied house. Ruiz, the driver of the vehicle, had been shot and was pronounced dead at the scene. Three other adult male occupants of the vehicle were injured and taken to the hospital for treatment. Shots were fired from another vehicle into the victims' vehicle and the incident did not appear to be random, according to investigators.

Homicide Arrest - Jermaine Alexander Gibbs, 18, of Eva Street was arrested on April 3 on Hicks Street and charged with murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Jeffery Lamar Dawes, 21, of Durham. Dawes was inside an apartment at 561 Liberty Street when he was shot on March 22. Investigators have determined that Gibbs and Dawes knew each other and the incident does not appear to be random.

Homicide Arrest - Arsenio Lamberth, 23, of Durham was arrested on May 27 in Kinston and charged with murder in connection with the February 26 murder of Kourtney Krista Dawson on Holloway Street near North Guthrie Avenue. Lamberth's brother, Dominique Xavier Lamberth, 21, of Creedmoor, was arrested in March in Louisburg in connection with the same case. The Lamberths are both charged with robbing a male of \$20 at gunpoint and then firing shots at his vehicle as he drove away. One of the shots apparently struck Dawson as she was walking on Holloway Street. She was not the intended victim, according to investigators. Both brothers are charged with murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Cold Case Homicide Arrest - On June 23, a Durham County grand jury indicted Crystal Brandi Fox, 41, for the July 9, 2012 murder of 74-year-old Donald Watson, Sr. at his home at 4424 Regis Avenue.

Robbery Arrests - Durham police arrested three teens on robbery charges after responding to an armed robbery in progress at Soletez Boutique at 4400 North Roxboro Street on May 23. When officers arrived and announced their presence, they saw the back door to the business close. Officers entered the business and found three teens hiding in the bathroom. Officers were told that three teens wearing bandanas over their faces and armed with guns entered the business and demanded money and shoes. They duct taped employees' hands and feet and were attempting to leave when officers arrived. Officers arrested Naeem Deonte Jones, 18, Demonte Meadows, 18, and a 13-year-old juvenile. All three were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and assault by pointing a gun. Meadows was also charged with possession of a stolen

firearm and the juvenile was charged with possession of a firearm by a minor. Jones and Meadows were both placed in Durham County Jail under \$250,000 bonds and the juvenile was placed in a youth facility. Officers recovered three firearms.

Robbery Arrests – On May 9, officers were dispatched to a robbery call in the area of Mangum and Corporation streets. The victim told officers he was walking on Corporation Street shortly after midnight when he was approached from behind by three males and robbed at gunpoint. Officers arrested three 15-year-old juveniles and charged them with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. Officers also found items belonging to a man who had been robbed approximately five hours earlier. That victim told officers two teens on bicycles approached him and robbed him at gunpoint. One teen threw a bicycle at the victim. Two of the 15-year-olds were charged with committing the second robbery.

Robbery Arrest - Terry Charles Coleman, 60, of Durham was arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with a May 24 armed robbery at the Shoe Show at 1517 Glenn School Road. A male entered the business, asked for a box of shoes and took the shoes to the front counter. He then put a box cutter to an employee's side and demanded money and the shoes.

Robbery Arrest - A male and female were walking on the American Tobacco Trail near Pilot Street around 1 p.m. on June 6 when four teens approached them. One teen asked to use the male's cell phone and the male told him no. He was then punched in the face several times by the teens. The teens took the male's cell phone and iPod and fled. Two weeks later, investigators charged Justin Sturn, 17, of Durham with simple assault, common law robbery, and felony conspiracy in connection to the incident.

Robbery Arrest – A male and a female with a baby stopped their vehicle on Spruce Street near Juniper Street on May 30 so the male could get some baby bottles out of the trunk. Two males approached the male victim at the back of the car and robbed him at gunpoint of a phone, a hat and a gun. Tevin Cox, 22, and Sedrick Tucker, 22, were arrested several weeks later and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Bank Robbery Arrest – A male entered SunTrust Bank, 1516 North Gregson Street, shortly after noon on June 13 and handed a teller a note demanding money and threatening the use of a weapon. No weapon was seen. A short time later police investigators arrested Major Edwards Jr., 50, of Durham and charged him with robbery.

Robbery Arrest – Eushun Jackson, 25, was arrested on numerous felony charges in June in connection with an incident that was reported on May 17. A female told officers she was getting in her car in the parking lot of a convenience store in the 3300 block of NC 55 Highway around 2:30 a.m. on May 17 when an unknown male approached her and started talking to her. The male pulled out a gun and asked for money. He then forced the female to drive to an ATM in the 4900 block of NC 55 Highway and take out money. He then took her car, which was located later in

Ahoskie, NC. Johnson was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, first-degree kidnapping, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, possession of stolen property, assault by pointing a gun, carrying a concealed weapon, communicating threats and sexual battery.

Shooting Arrest – Officers responded to a shooting call at an apartment complex in the 1300 block of Hudson Avenue on May 27. A 62-year-old male told officers he heard arguing and was shot when he looked outside. He was not the intended target, according to investigators. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Allah Superior Malachi, 31, of Hudson Avenue was arrested a month later in New Bern and charged with one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and one count of going armed to the terror of the public.

Shooting Arrest – Officers responded to a shooting call shortly after 6 p.m. on June 6 in the parking lot of a strip shopping center at 1418 Avondale Drive. According to witnesses, at least two people were shooting at each other in the parking lot. Five unoccupied vehicles and three occupied businesses were struck by bullets. One person – 33-year-old Jacinto Barr – suffered a gunshot wound to his shoulder. Barr was later charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of heroin with intent sell or deliver, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shooting Arrest – Officers were dispatched to a shooting call at an apartment complex at 412 East Pilot Street on May 16. Officers found a 6-year-old boy who had been shot in the left chest area and the arm. The child's 28-year-old stepfather also suffered a gunshot wound to his foot. The child underwent surgery for his injuries and the stepfather was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The stepfather, Christopher Graham, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, assault by pointing a gun, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, injury to real property and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Significant 2nd Quarter Property Crime Arrests

Vehicle Theft Arrests – Investigators arrested Taki Jamel Leak, 20, in June and charged him in connection with a fraud scam involving stolen cars. According to investigators, the scam involved someone calling a reputable tow company and having them tow a broken down or older vehicle from a victim's house. Most of the vehicles belonged to elderly victims or were parked near houses that appeared to be vacant. The tow companies transported the vehicles to scrap metal dealers where the scammers allegedly had an unwitting person use their ID and sell the vehicle. Leak was charged with five counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, three counts of possession of a stolen vehicle, three counts of obtaining property by false pretense, four counts of conspiring to obtain property by false pretense and three counts of conspiring to commit felony larceny.

Burglary Arrests - Jeremiah Toomer, 16, was charged with committing numerous burglaries in the area of Fidelity Street and Naples Place during May and June. In most cases, the burglaries occurred at night while residents were asleep. In three cases the residents' vehicles were stolen. Toomer was charged with eight counts of first-degree burglary, eight counts of larceny after breaking and entering, two counts of attempted first-degree burglary, three counts of larceny of a motor vehicle and three counts of breaking and entering.

Drug Trafficking Arrests

Cocaine Trafficking Arrests - On April 3, the Major Crimes Unit concluded a long term drug investigation that involved a major drug trafficking organization. As a result of their investigation, Sergio Ramirez, 34, of Hillsborough was arrested after officers confiscated 385.2 grams of cocaine. Ramirez was charged with two counts of trafficking cocaine and three other charges. Filiberto Arreaga, 35, of Durham was charged with conspiracy to traffic in cocaine and 13 other charges.

Heroin Trafficking Arrest – On May 13, investigators from the Durham Police Department's Special Operations Division arrested Shelby Andrew Wilson, 48, of Durham on heroin trafficking and weapons charges today following a long-term undercover operation. Investigators confiscated 117.8 grams of heroin and two firearms (one firearm was reported stolen) during the operation. Wilson was arrested on the following charges: trafficking heroin Level 3 (28 grams of heroin and above – the highest level of heroin trafficking); seven counts of trafficking heroin Level 1 (4 grams up to 14 grams of heroin); two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; possession of a stolen firearm; eight counts of maintaining a dwelling/business for the manufacture, sale or delivery of controlled substances; eight counts of possession of heroin with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver; six counts of sale of heroin; and six counts of delivery of heroin. Wilson is the owner of Tasty Haven at 518 East Trinity Avenue. Investigators served search warrants at Tasty Haven and homes on Oxboro Circle and Birch Run Drive.

Heroin Trafficking Arrests - On May 23, the Major Crimes Unit concluded an undercover drug investigation on Van Antoine McCrae, 29, of Durham. This investigation resulted in the seizure of approximately 23.6 grams of heroin, 7.2 grams of cocaine, 4.6 grams of marijuana, and cash. McCrae was charged with four counts of trafficking heroin (level one), four counts of trafficking heroin (level two), conspiracy to traffic heroin (level two) and several other felony drug charges. Sharika Michelle Harding, 21, was charged with trafficking heroin (level two) and conspiracy to traffic heroin (level two).

Heroin Trafficking Arrest - On June 6, the Interdiction Unit stopped a vehicle at Avondale Drive and Trinity Avenue. Seven grams of heroin and 13 dosage units of oxycodone were recovered. Tony Anthony Person, 31, of Durham was arrested and charged with three counts of trafficking heroin, child endangerment and five other drug charges.

Oxycodone/Morphine Trafficking Arrest - On June 19, the Interdiction Unit stopped a vehicle on Chapel Hill Boulevard. One hundred dosage units (55 grams) of oxycodone and 60 dosage units (11 grams) of morphine were recovered. William Faucette, 79, of Durham was arrested and charged with three counts of trafficking schedule I controlled substances and several other felony drug charges.

Morphine Trafficking Arrest - On June 24, the Interdiction Unit completed a long term investigation. One hundred and seventeen dosage units (14.8 grams) of morphine were recovered. Erica Jackson, 28, of Raleigh was arrested and charged with three counts of trafficking morphine and several other felony drug charges.

Heroin Trafficking Arrests - On June 26, the Interdiction Unit conducted a knock and talk at 1920 Ivy Creek Boulevard. A search of the hotel room revealed 23.2 grams of heroin, crack cocaine and marijuana. Shawn Harding, 41, and Elizabeth McKinney, 46, both of Durham, were arrested and charged with trafficking heroin, conspiring to traffic heroin and other drug charges.

Examples of DPD 2nd Quarter Events and Initiatives

Car Seat Safety Check - On April 26, Traffic Services officers participated in Operation Breakthrough's Family Day car seat check up with Safe Kids Durham. Eighty-nine percent of the car seats that were checked were incorrectly installed and 75 percent of the seats were replaced.

Operation Fetch a Felon – On April 8, officers from the Police Department's HEAT 1, HEAT3, CID District 1 and Warrant Squad and deputies from the Durham County Sheriff's Warrant Squad and SACNARC participated in *Operation Fetch a Felon*. Officers did 35 knock and talks and executed one search warrant. Officers confiscated more than three pounds of marijuana, firearms and crack cocaine. They arrested 11 people on felony charges including possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, burglary, larceny of a dog, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, sex offender violations, drug possession and fraud.

Apartment Complex Access Project – During the 2nd quarter, after multiple calls where officers could not access apartment complexes due to outdated or invalid gate codes, officers from District 2D decided to compile an updated and improved list of apartment complexes in the district. Officers went to 39 apartment complexes in the district and gathered updated names, contact numbers, and, in many cases, maps of the complexes. In one case, they even obtained a master gate code. In addition, they added two complexes (plus contact info) to the original list.

District 3-A Family Day – On May 31, District 3-A officers sponsored a free Mental Health Awareness and Child Safety event at Forest Hills Park on University Drive. Mental health wellness information was provided by Durham crisis intervention teams. Child fingerprinting was available from Ident-A-Kid and free gun locks were provided by the Durham Police Department's Project Safe Neighborhoods. The Hillside High School Theta Phi Psi fraternity step team performed and there were free activities for children including face painting, a bounce house, police and fire vehicles and McGruff the crime dog. The family day event was Officer Michael Antonides' Neighborhood Portfolio Exercise project.

Central American Community Impact Exchange (CACIE) Program - During the first week of May, the Police Department participated in a program that welcomed Central American leaders and law enforcement officials to Durham to learn about Durham's organized gang suppression strategies and established community partnerships. This program was part of the 2014 Central American Community Impact Exchange (CACIE), a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, White House National Security Staff and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The CACIE visitors include participants from El Salvador, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama.

CACIE participants rode with officers from our Violent Incident Response Team and the High Enforcement Abatement Teams. They attended a Project Safe Neighborhoods Juvenile Call-In and also attended several presentations about various gang and community programs.

Summer G.R.E.A.T. Camp - The Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Unit held its first session of summer G.R.E.A.T. Camp in June. G.R.E.A.T. officers hosted 33 kids, ages 11 to 13, for a week. Officers mentored the children and helped teach them how to make positive choices. The campers and officers took a trip to the Carolina Tiger Reserve, participated in Teen Court at Shepard Middle School, toured the Durham County Jail, went horseback riding and visited the NC Zoo in Asheboro.

Cops on Top/Law Enforcement Torch Run – The Police Department held two events during the second quarter to raise money for North Carolina Special Olympics. On April 11 officers held their annual Cops on Top fundraising event at Chick-fil-A restaurants on Hillsborough Road and North Roxboro Road. On May 29, officers from the Durham Police Department and North Carolina Central University Police Department participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise money for North Carolina Special Olympics. The route covered 11 miles from Durham Police Headquarters to Glenwood Avenue at Brier Creek Parkway. This year, the Durham Police Department raised more than \$5,800 for the North Carolina Special Olympics.

Common Grounds Meeting with Residents - Officers from District 4-D and members of our Citizen Observer Patrol (COP) met with residents June 14 at a Common Grounds meeting at Koinonia Coffeehouse on South Miami Boulevard. This provided a relaxed setting for officers and residents to get to know each other better.