

**Durham Police Department  
2013 First Quarter Report  
May 6, 2013  
Police Chief Jose L. Lopez Sr.**

I am pleased to report that Part 1 crime (total of violent and property crimes) dropped to a 14-year first quarter low in 2013. Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) dropped 12 percent from 350 reported in 2012 to 308 this year. Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) declined by 3 percent from 2,354 reported in 2012 to 2,277 in 2013.

| <i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i> | <i>3-Year Avg</i> | <i>2011</i> | <i>2012</i> | <i>2013</i> | <i>2012-13 %<br/>Change</i> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Homicide</i>             | 5                 | 5           | 5           | 4           | -20%                        |
| <i>Rape</i>                 | 23                | 15          | 23          | 30*         | 30%                         |
| <i>Robbery</i>              | 128               | 150         | 109         | 125         | 15%                         |
| <i>Aggravated Assault</i>   | 185               | 193         | 213         | 149         | -30%                        |
| <i>Violent Crime</i>        | 340               | 363         | 350         | 308         | -12%                        |

***Violent Crime***

**Homicides** - There were four homicides reported during the first quarter of 2013. Arrests have been made in two out of the four cases. There was no indication that any of the cases involved domestic violence. Investigators also cleared three cold case homicides during the first quarter – two from 2011 and one from 2012.

**Rapes** – There was an increase in the number of reported rapes in 2013 but the FBI expanded its definition of forcible rape, effective January 2013, and that affected this quarter’s statistics. Approximately 27 percent of the cases were domestic.

**Robberies** - Investigators made a series of armed robbery arrests in February which cleared 23 armed robberies which occurred in 2012 and 2013. They are also made several other arrests that cleared multiple robberies.

| <i>Part I Property Crime</i> | <i>3-Year Avg</i> | <i>2011</i> | <i>2012</i> | <i>2013</i> | <i>2012-13 %<br/>Change</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Burglary</i>              | <b>830</b>        | <b>929</b>  | <b>848</b>  | <b>712</b>  | <b>-16%</b>                 |
| <i>Larceny</i>               | <b>1426</b>       | <b>1548</b> | <b>1352</b> | <b>1379</b> | <b>2%</b>                   |
| <i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>   | <b>152</b>        | <b>117</b>  | <b>154</b>  | <b>186</b>  | <b>21%</b>                  |
| <i>Property Crime</i>        | <b>2408</b>       | <b>2594</b> | <b>2354</b> | <b>2277</b> | <b>-3%</b>                  |

### *Property Crime*

**Burglaries** - The drop in property crime during the first quarter was the result of a significant decrease – 16 percent – in the number of reported burglaries. The Police Department implemented the Residential Awareness Program (RAP) in the fall of 2011 following steady increases in burglaries.

Each week the Crime Analysis Unit provides information about recent burglaries and possible RAP target areas. Our community resource officers go door to door in the target areas, pass out burglary crime prevention information and encourage residents to report suspicious activity. Officers conduct high-visibility patrols in the targeted areas. This program ensures that district commanders have accurate, up-to-date information about burglary trends and also strengthens the community-DPD partnership.

Our Crime Analysis Unit recently analyzed the RAP results and determined that burglaries were down by 79 percent and all incidents were down by 58 percent in the RAP areas. We believe that residents in those areas are more aware of risks due to the RAP canvasses and, as a result, are taking precautions and being more proactive in calling 911. We have also had situations in which RAP has helped investigators identify possible burglary suspects. This results in apprehending suspects earlier in a burglary series and preventing additional crimes. The Durham Police Department's RAP program is a trend-setting program in law enforcement.

**Motor Vehicle Thefts** - Motor vehicle thefts increased during the first quarter but investigators arrested two men – James Williams and Demario Jones – and charged them with stealing 11 vehicles during this time. The vehicles were almost always 1990s Honda Accords and Honda Civics.

*Part I Domestic Violence Crimes  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (January through March)*

|                            | <i>2011</i> | <i>2012</i> | <i>2013</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Murder</i>              | 0           | 1           | 0           |
| <i>Rape</i>                | 3           | 2           | 8           |
| <i>Robbery</i>             | 8           | 2           | 2           |
| <i>Aggravated Assault</i>  | 49          | 65          | 49          |
| <i>Violent Crime</i>       | 60          | 70          | 59          |
| <i>Burglary</i>            | 11          | 16          | 11          |
| <i>Larceny</i>             | 23          | 32          | 39          |
| <i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i> | 3           | 5           | 4           |
| <i>Property Crime</i>      | 37          | 53          | 54          |
| <i>Part I Index Crime</i>  | 97          | 123         | 113         |

*Statistics provided by the Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit*

**Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for Jan-March 2013**

| <b>Offense/Age</b>             | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>Grand Total</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>Aggravated Assault</b>      |           |           |           |           | 2         |           | 1         | 4         | 7                  |
| <b>All Other Offenses</b>      | 1         |           |           | 2         | 1         | 2         | 15        | 21        | 42                 |
| <b>Burglary</b>                |           |           |           | 1         |           |           | 6         | 1         | 8                  |
| <b>Disorderly Conduct</b>      |           |           |           | 1         | 1         | 1         |           | 3         | 6                  |
| <b>Driving While Impaired</b>  |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1                  |
| <b>Drug Violations</b>         |           |           |           | 3         |           | 3         | 5         | 21        | 32                 |
| <b>Embezzlement</b>            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         | 1                  |
| <b>Forgery/Counterfeiting</b>  |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         | 1                  |
| <b>Fraud</b>                   |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           | 1                  |
| <b>Homicide</b>                |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 0                  |
| <b>Larceny</b>                 | 1         |           | 1         | 5         | 8         | 2         | 9         | 11        | 37                 |
| <b>Liquor Law Violations</b>   |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2         | 2         | 4                  |
| <b>Non-Reportable Offenses</b> |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2         | 2         | 4                  |
| <b>Offenses Against Family</b> |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 0                  |
| <b>Rape</b>                    |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 0                  |
| <b>Robbery</b>                 |           |           |           | 1         | 5         | 1         | 3         | 4         | 14                 |
| <b>Sex Offenses</b>            |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           | 1         | 2                  |
| <b>Simple Assault</b>          | 2         | 4         |           | 3         | 2         | 3         | 4         | 14        | 32                 |
| <b>Stolen Property</b>         | 1         |           |           | 2         | 1         |           | 2         | 3         | 9                  |
| <b>Vandalism</b>               |           | 1         | 1         |           |           |           | 3         | 5         | 10                 |
| <b>Weapon Violations</b>       |           |           |           | 1         | 2         | 12        | 3         | 5         | 23                 |
| <b>Grand Total</b>             | <b>5</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>19</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>99</b> | <b>234</b>         |

*Statistics provided by the Crime Analysis Unit*

## *Significant Violent Crime Arrests*

### *Homicide Arrests*

**Fidelity Drive Homicide Arrest** - Officers responded to a stabbing call at 1406 Fidelity Drive on March 16. When they arrived, they found a male inside the house suffering from stab wounds. The male - Aubrey Parrish, 29, of Durham - was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later. Anthony Alfred Adams, 30, of Kincaid Court in Durham was arrested on March 24 and charged with murder.

**Fayetteville Road Homicide Arrests** - Officers responded to a shooting call on February 9 in the 6800 block of Fayetteville Road. When they arrived, they found Brian Christopher Keys, 24, of Greensboro lying in a parking lot. Although Officer D.B. Daye began to do chest compressions in an attempt to revive him, Keys was pronounced dead at the scene. Officers were given a description of a suspect vehicle (a Jeep Liberty) and Officers R.D. Trice, M.L. Hodrick and R.E. Thomas got behind a vehicle matching that description a short time later on Fayetteville Road. The driver refused to stop and officers chased the vehicle until it crashed near Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Officer J.R. Hitchings, who was off-duty at the time, Officer Thomas and Cpl. A.C. Rogers caught one suspect in front of Lowes. Master Officer R.E. Young and Officers Hodrick and Trice caught a second suspect a short distance away. A third suspect remained in the vehicle. Investigators charged Monquell Davis, 19, of Lutz Lane, Deshario Mitchell, 18, of Marne Avenue and Kadeem Johnson, 18, of Umstead Street with murder. It appears that Keys was shot inside the Jeep.

**2011 Cold Case Arrest** - A Durham man was indicted March 18 on murder charges in connection with a 2011 homicide on Canal Street. Veshan M. Chambers, 24, was charged with fatally shooting Jimmie Lamont Harris Jr., 24, of Dowd Street on January 16, 2011. Officers were dispatched to a "shots fired" call in the area of Canal Street and Gurley Street. When they arrived, they found Harris lying on the steps in front of 507 Canal Street. He was pronounced dead at the scene. A second victim – a 28-year-old male – was also shot and was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Chambers, who is currently serving time in federal prison on unrelated charges, was indicted on one charge of murder and one charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Investigators said Chambers and Harris knew each other.

**2011 Cold Case Arrest** - Durham police investigators made an arrest on March 5 in connection with a July 2011 homicide that happened on Hardee Street near Naples Place. Officers were dispatched to a shooting call in the 600 block of Hardee Street on July 5, 2011. When they arrived, they found a male lying in a grassy area in front of an apartment building. The male – Orlando Martinez, 32, of Hardee Street – had been shot and was pronounced dead at the scene. The shooting apparently occurred during an altercation. Investigators charged Miguel Antonio

Meza-Rodriguez, 22, of Durham with murder. The warrant was served on Meza-Rodriguez at the Wake County Jail, where he is awaiting trial on a 2011 Wake County murder. Meza-Rodriguez was one of seven people charged in connection with the murder of 44-year-old Santiago Hernandez-Arrendendo, which happened on July 17, 2011 off N.C. 98 near Falls Lake in Wake County. Meza-Rodriguez is facing charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder and robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with that case.

**2012 Homicide Arrest** - Durham police arrested a second man in connection with May 2012 homicide on Mordecai Street. Officers responded to a shooting call in the 3300 block of Mordecai Street on May 1, 2012. When they arrived, they found a male – Carl Anthony Presley, 35, of 3307 Mordecai Street – who had been shot inside his apartment. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators believe Presley was shot after two males forced their way into the apartment. On May 2, 2012 officers arrested Kerry W. Graham Jr., 16, of 1315 Morreene Road and charged him with first-degree murder and first-degree burglary in connection with this case. On March 5, 2013 investigators charged Marcus Devon Shareef, 24, of Raynor Street with murder, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and first-degree burglary.

### ***Aggravated Assault Arrests***

**Officer-Involved Shooting Arrest** – Durham police investigators led the investigation into the shooting of a state trooper during a February 19 traffic stop on U.S. 70 near Cheek Road. The next day officers from several agencies arrested Mikel Edward Brady, 23, of White Pine Drive in Durham at an apartment complex in Raleigh. Durham police investigators charged him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Brady was also wanted on a felony absconder warrant from the State of Vermont. Brady’s girlfriend – Lyndsey Smith, 22, of White Pine Drive – was arrested and charged with accessory after the fact and felony harboring a fugitive.

The trooper, Michael Potts, was shot after he stopped a Nissan Altima with 30-day tags. The driver was gone when officers arrived to assist. The vehicle was located a short time later behind a business in the 2000 block of North Roxboro Street. Potts, who is still recovering from his injuries, is an 11-year veteran of the North Carolina Highway Patrol and is stationed in Durham County.

Officers from the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the Durham Police Department, the Durham County Sheriff’s Office, the Raleigh Police Department, the Wake County Sheriff’s Office, the Cary Police Department, the Duke University Police Department, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles and federal task forces from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms assisted in the investigation.

**Trinity Avenue Shooting Arrests** – Investigators charged three people in connection with a double shooting that happened January 21 in the 900 block of Trinity Avenue. The two shooting victims – Adam Yunus Coovadia and Brandon Neville – were charged with shooting each other. Both were taken to the hospital for treatment. Coovadia, 19, of State Street was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, possession of marijuana with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of possession of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a school. Neville, 20, of Waterford Valley Drive was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. A third man – Cedric Lamar Green, 20, of Autumn Ridge Drive – was charged with one count of possession of a stolen firearm.

**Elizabeth Street Shooting Arrests** – Three teens were arrested in connection with a January 23 shooting on Elizabeth Street. A 16-year-old was on a porch when several teens approached him and an argument took place. The victim was shot in the leg during the argument and taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Richard Tiberious “R.T.” Bonaparte Jr., 17, of Dakota Street was charged with one charge of conspiracy to commit an assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Demarkee Rayheem Midgette, 16, of Cathy Drive was charged with one charge of conspiracy to commit an assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and one charge of possession of a handgun by a minor. Dontae Lamont Richardson, 17, of Grant Street was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, discharging a firearm within the city limits and possession of a handgun by a minor. A 15-year-old juvenile has also been charged with conspiracy.

**Drew Street Shooting Arrest** – A 24-year-old Durham man was shot and critically injured on January 21 in the 1000 block of Drew Street. Durham police investigators served a search warrant January 26 at 1002 Drew Street and arrested 21-year-old Terrance Jonathan Butler. Butler was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, felony possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Briggs Avenue Shooting Arrests** – Three people were arrested and charged with shooting a teen on Briggs Avenue near Liberty Street on March 11. The 17-year-old victim suffered serious injuries.

Officers were told that the victim and a friend were walking on Briggs Avenue when a green Cadillac Seville occupied by three people pulled up beside them. One of the occupants in the vehicle spoke to the victim and a shot was fired. Officers broadcast a description of the vehicle and Durham County Sheriff’s Deputy J.C. Hamlett spotted a vehicle matching the description a short time later and tried to stop it on Hardee Street near Liberty Street. Deputies arrested two occupants of the vehicle – Shelly Ann Polk, 30, of Cammie Street and Victor Lavar Brown Jr., 17, of Hardee Street. A third occupant of the vehicle jumped and ran from officers. Officers recovered two firearms. Officers later arrested a third suspect – Larry Joseph Harwell, 20, of Yancey Street.

Brown, Harwell and Polk were all charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Brown was also charged with resisting a public officer and altering/removing a serial number from a firearm. Polk was also charged with being an accessory after the fact and Harwell was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

### ***Robbery Arrests***

**Business Robbery Arrests** – Four men were arrested during the first quarter of 2013 and charged in connection with close to two dozen business armed robberies starting in October 2012. The four men – Bernic Lee Alston-Currie, 28, of East Main Street, Andrew Lamar Coley, 20, of Durante Place, Jacquez Darkevion Green, 21, of North Duke Street and John Anthony Lyons, 32, of Jones Circle – were arrested after a lengthy investigation. Lyons and Alston-Currie both have prior murder convictions.

The four men were charged in connection with the following robberies:

- **October 20, 2012 – Party City, 5402 New Hope Commons Drive.** Alston-Currie was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Lyons was charged with conspiracy.
- **November 27, 2012 – Randy’s Pizza, 1813 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.** Alston-Currie was charged with three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and one count of conspiracy.
- **December 3, 2012 – New Way Food Mart, 1907 Cheek Road.** Alston-Currie was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping, one count of conspiracy and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Lyons was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and one count of conspiracy.
- **December 5, 2012 – Durham Mini Mart, 1933 Holloway Street.** Alston-Currie was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, one count of second-degree kidnapping and one count of conspiracy. Lyons was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, one count of second-degree kidnapping and one count of conspiracy.
- **December 12, 2012 – Domino’s Pizza, 3001 Holloway Street.** Alston-Currie was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and one count of conspiracy. Lyons was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and one count of conspiracy.



- **December 23, 2012 – Morehead Mini Mart, 1601 Morehead Avenue.** Alston-Currie and Lyons were each charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and two counts of felony conspiracy.
- **January 2, 2013 – Town ‘n Country, 1423 East Club Boulevard.** Alston-Currie was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and one count of conspiracy.
- **January 5, 2013 – Hardees, 2721 Chapel Hill Road.** Alston-Currie, Coley, Green and Lyons were each charged with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy.
- **January 5, 2013 – Southside Tobacco, 1111 South Roxboro Street.** Alston-Currie was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Coley was charged with conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and two counts of second-degree kidnapping.
- **January 6, 2013 – Two Brothers, 3310 Dearborn Drive.** Alston-Currie and Coley were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy and larceny of a firearm.
- **January 20, 2013 – McDonald’s, 3117 Tower Boulevard.** Alston-Currie and Coley were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy and second-degree kidnapping.
- **January 24, 2013 - Hardees, 2721 Chapel Hill Road.** Alston-Currie was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of conspiracy and two counts of second-degree kidnapping.
- **January 25, 2013 – Kangaroo, 2503 NC 55 Highway.** Alston-Currie and Green were charged with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and Coley was charged with two counts of conspiracy.
- **January 26, 2013 – BP, 1251 University Drive.** Alston-Currie, Coley and Lyons were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and kidnapping.
- **January 26, 2013 – Domino’s Pizza, 1601 NC 54 Highway.** Alston-Currie was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, four counts of second-degree kidnapping, one count of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Coley was charged with conspiracy, two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and three counts of second-degree kidnapping. Lyons was charged with conspiracy, robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
- **January 27, 2013 – Town ‘n Deli, 1432 East Lawson Street.** Alston-Currie was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping and assault by pointing a gun.
- **February 4, 2013 – Fast Food Mart, 2947 Chapel Hill Road.** Alston-Currie and Coley were

charged with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy.

- **February 4, 2013 – Express Mart, 201 East Geer Street.** Alston-Currie and Green were charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and discharging a firearm into occupied property. Coley was charged with conspiracy.
- **February 4, 2013 – Stop and Go, 4640 Hillsborough Road.** Alston-Currie, Coley and Green were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon of a business, robbery with a dangerous weapon of an individual, second-degree kidnapping and conspiracy.
- **February 6, 2013 – A male was robbed at an apartment complex at 4230 Garrett Road.** Alston-Currie was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy.
- **February 6, 2013 – Triangle Mini Mart and Tobacco, 4003 Fayetteville Road.** Alston-Currie was charged with three counts of second-degree kidnapping, two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Coley was charged with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, three counts of second-degree kidnapping and one count of conspiracy. Lyons was charged with conspiracy, robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

**Bank Robbery Arrests** – Anthony Clark, 49, of Driver Street was arrested in January and charged with robbing two Durham banks in December 2012. He was charged with robbing Wells-Fargo Bank on West Main Street on December 6 and robbing SunTrust Bank on Erwin Road on December 17.

**Bank Parking Lot Robbery Arrests** – Two men were arrested in April and charged in connection with several robberies and assaults in bank parking lots during March and April. Durham police investigators charged Vernon Toomer, 40, of Morreene Road with attempted common-law robbery, conspiracy and possession of a stolen vehicle in connection with an April 8 incident at Wells-Fargo at 3600 North Duke Street.

Investigators have charged Duane Curtis Bond, 43, of Maymount Drive with attempted common-law robbery and felony conspiracy in connection with an April 12 incident at Wells-Fargo at 3600 North Duke Street. Bond was also arrested on charges from three incidents in March. He was charged with common-law robbery, felony conspiracy and possession of a stolen vehicle in connection with the following cases:

- **March 12 in the parking lot of SunTrust Bank, 5112 North Roxboro Street.** A male told officers he was coming out of the bank when a vehicle pulled up next to him and man wearing a hoodie jumped out. The man demanded the victim's money and fought with him before grabbing the money and fleeing. Officers found a stolen car believed to have been used in the robbery a short time later on Seven Oaks Road.

- **March 15 in the parking lot of Northgate Mall, 1058 West Club Boulevard.** A female was carrying a deposit bag and getting ready to walk into the mall when a male wearing a mask and a hoodie ran up behind her and grabbed her bank bag. He fled in a vehicle driven by a second person.
- **March 18 in the parking lot of SunTrust Bank, 2008 East NC 54 Highway.** A male was walking toward the bank with a deposit bag when a man wearing a black toboggan and dark hoodie ran up to him and grabbed his bank bag. The man fled in a vehicle driven by a second person.

**Robbery Arrests** – A man charged with committing two armed robberies was arrested after a chase on March 5. Darryl Wayne Stephens, 30, of Durham was wanted on charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony conspiracy and second-degree kidnapping in connection with a February 11 armed robbery at Cruizers, 3578 Hillsborough Road. Two men wearing masks and armed with guns robbed the business shortly before 10:30 p.m.

Stephens was also charged with kidnapping a man from a parking lot in the 900 block of Fayetteville Street on February 28 and forcing him at gunpoint to drive to the State Employees Credit Union at 504 South Duke Street. The victim was forced to go into the credit union but the suspect ran out of the credit union when an investigator was alerted to a disturbance in the lobby. The suspect fled in a green Acura occupied by three other males. Stephens is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, assault with a deadly weapon on a government official and three counts of felony conspiracy in connection with this case.

Stephens was also arrested on charges from a domestic incident on November 10, 2012. Those charges included assault on a female, misdemeanor larceny and habitual misdemeanor assault (a felony charge). In addition, Stephens is facing traffic charges as a result of the chase.

**Ninth Street Robbery Arrest** – Richard Lee Smith Jr. was arrested on March 4 in connection with a December 24, 2012 kidnapping and armed robbery on Ninth Street. A Durham woman told officers she parked her car in the 800 block of Ninth Street around midday on December 24 and noticed a dark green Toyota Camry occupied by a male and a female parked nearby. The victim went into a business and when she returned to her car, she noticed the male standing outside his car looking at one of the back tires. When she asked him to move so she could get to her car, he pulled a gun and forced her into her car. He drove the victim to several ATMs in Durham and forced her to withdraw money. The male got out of the victim's car near Shannon Road and University Drive around 1:20 p.m. Smith was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and second-degree kidnapping.

**Robbery Arrests** – Officers responded to a call about suspicious activity on Park Avenue shortly after midnight on January 12. Officers stopped two males who matched the descriptions of suspects in two robberies that had occurred the previous night. Two people were robbed at gunpoint on Holman Street and one male was robbed at gunpoint on South Maple Street. Shots were fired by the suspects during both robberies but no one was injured. William Dozia Smith, 25, of Anthony Drive and Ronald Deshaun Lloyd, 22, of Morreene Road were both charged with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of felony conspiracy and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

**Town ‘n Country Robbery Arrests** – James Williams, 23, of Shirley Caesar Court and Perry Thornton, 24, of Morreene Road were arrested and charged with the January 20 armed robbery of the Town ‘n Country convenience store on South LaSalle Street. Two males armed with guns and wearing bandanas over their faces took cigars and a cash drawer from the business.

Thornton was also charged with two burglaries on Morreene Road during February and Williams was charged with 11 vehicle thefts.

### *Significant Property Crime Arrests*

**Burglary Arrests** – District 3 officers arrested the same man – Savian Turrentine, 20, of Foxridge Crescent - on burglary charges three times during the first quarter of 2013. Turrentine and Jeremy Riddick, 19, of Falls Pointe Drive were arrested on January 11 following a break-in progress at 1315 Morreene Road. Riddick was also charged with a December 2012 burglary on Morreene Road after investigators noticed he was wearing a distinctive piece of jewelry stolen during that break-in.

On February 25, Turrentine, Andre Dixon, 19, of Concord Street and Jaylen McNair, 19, of Long Leaf Drive were arrested on burglary charges after officers responded to a burglary in progress call on Hornbuckle Place. Turrentine and Dixon were arrested again on burglary charges after officers responded to a break-in in progress call on March 25 on Anderson Street.

**Burglary Arrests** – Wilbert Roper, 22, of Morehead Avenue was arrested and charged with seven burglaries during January on Grace Lane, Lyric Street and North Elizabeth Street. In most of the cases, appliances were stolen during the burglaries.

**Vehicle Theft Arrests** - James Williams, 23, of Shirley Caesar Court and Demario Jones, 25, of Chalk Level Road were arrested and charged with numerous thefts of vehicles, primarily Honda Accords and Civics from the 1990s. Jones was charged with 11 counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, nine counts of larceny of motor vehicle parts and accessories and one count of possession of a stolen vehicle. Williams was charged with 10 counts of larceny of a motor vehicle and nine counts of larceny of motor vehicle parts and accessories. Williams was arrested on February 21 when officers responded to a break-in to a vehicle in progress call on Tattersall Drive. Williams was arrested at the scene and charged with attempting to break into a Honda Accord.

## *Crime Prevention/Community Activities*

**Police Athletic League (PAL)** – During the first quarter, the Police Department's Police Athletic League sponsored basketball leagues for students in Grades 1 through 5. Eighteen teams from nine schools participated in a co-ed league and four additional teams participated in an all girls league. The PAL program also started a developmental soccer league that meets the first Saturday of every month at Club Boulevard Elementary School.

The PAL mentoring program added a third school – W.G. Pearson Elementary – during the first quarter. The mentoring program was started in the fall of 2012 to help at-risk students at Eastway and C.C. Spaulding Elementary Schools. A PAL grant provides funds for officers and civilian employees to mentor students at these schools. The volunteers teach the students a PAL character building curriculum, help them with classes and participate in recreational activities with them.

**PSN 2013 FaithActs Initiative** – The Durham Police Department's Project Safe Neighborhoods FaithActs initiative added 30 new congregations during the first quarter to bring the total 2012 and 2013 outreach to the faith community to 63 churches. A FaithActs Kick-Off Breakfast was held on February 26 and district van tours were held for FaithActs participants.

**Police READS** – Sworn and non-sworn Police Department employees participated in the Police READS program at Y.E. Smith Elementary School during March and April. The volunteers served as classroom tutors for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes during the literacy block of instruction at the school and acted as role models and mentors for the students.

Police READS 2013 participating agencies include Durham Police Department, City of Durham, Durham County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina State Highway Patrol, N.C. Central University Police Department, Duke University Police Department, Durham Public Schools, East Durham Children's Initiative, North Carolina Department of Public Safety and National Night Out.

The Police READS program started in January 2012 as a partnership between Durham police officers and the East Durham Children's Initiative. The program was designed to provide the students with mentors and role models in addition to improving reading skills.

### *First Quarter Initiatives/Neighborhood Portfolio Exercises*

Durham police employees frequently do initiatives and operations targeting various crime and community issues. These are just a few examples of initiatives from the first quarter of 2013.

**Speed Enforcement Operation** - Officers from the Durham Police Department's Traffic Unit issued 72 citations for speeding on March 28 as part of the state's "No Need 2 Speed" campaign.

The officers conducted the operation from 6 to 10 a.m. at U.S. 15-501 South at Morreene Road and Interstate 85 North at Cole Mill Road.

Officers made 75 traffic stops and issued 72 speeding tickets, four citations for driving with a revoked license, two citations for no operator's license and four citations for other traffic violations. They also arrested one wanted person.

Law enforcement officers from across the state have partnered with the Governor's Highway Safety Program this week in the "No Need 2 Speed" campaign. Speed was a factor in 399 traffic fatalities in North Carolina in 2012, according to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

**Burglary Initiative** – District 1 officers developed Operation Ashton Hall in response to burglaries to new homes in a subdivision. Operation Ashton Hall produced intelligence information that led to the arrest of a subject out of Granville County. Jayson Graham Roberts of Creedmoor was charged with breaking into a house on Callandale Lane.

**Scotland Manor** – District 1 worked with the community to clean up Scotland Manor Townhomes on Kilarney Drive. This initiative was taken on for the purposes of alleviating that community of suspected criminal activity and improving the overall quality of life for its residents. Officers organized a community clean-up on April 20 and spent time playing basketball with neighborhood children. One month officers from Squad 1-D focused on the Kilarney and Ross Road areas. Officers conducted 21 directed patrols, one foot patrol and four license checks that incorporated two separate locations running concurrently. This activity resulted in one field contact, six misdemeanor traffic citations and an arrest on gun and drug charges. Several District 1 units have worked in the community and, as a result, have been able to start an active Neighborhood Watch program there.

**Lincoln Apartments** – In January, Officer B.K. Frey noticed that several squads had been responding to break-ins and trespasser calls in the Lincoln Apartments area. These apartments were in the process of being vacated and were almost completely empty. During the process of tenants vacating the premises, apartment doors and windows had been broken in and people were stealing copper from the apartments or sleeping in them overnight. Officer Frey then decided to contact Mr. Charles Lyons with the Durham Housing Authority, which had recently acquired the property. Upon speaking with Mr. Lyons it was suggested placing plywood over all the windows and doors of the apartments to prevent people from easily accessing the apartments. Within a week all the apartments were sealed off and inaccessible.

**Stadium Drive** – Officer D.K. Michalak wrote an operations plan to deter property crime and enforce traffic laws in the Stadium Drive corridor around the apartment complexes and communities. The results of his month-long initiative included two license checkpoints, 17

directed patrols and seven citations issued. This initiative also resulted in three suspects being arrested after officers responded to a break-in in progress in the area.

**Pedestrian Safety** – Officer David Kub chose to focus on pedestrian safety for his Neighborhood Portfolio Exercise (NPE), which new officers are required to complete as part of their training. This requires the officers to identify a job-related problem or issue in the community they patrol and come up with a solution.

As part of his NPE, Officer Kub organized two enforcement campaigns from 8 to 10 a.m. on March 21. One was on West Club Boulevard at Oval Drive Park and the other was on Fayetteville Street at Pekoe Street by the NCCU campus. Officers from the Durham Police Department's HEAT 2 Team, Traffic Services Unit and District 2 patrol officers worked on Club Boulevard and Durham Police Department's District 4 officers worked with N.C. Central University police officers on Fayetteville Street. Officers in plainclothes attempted to cross the streets in the pedestrian crosswalks and drivers were stopped if they did not yield to pedestrians.

The Club Boulevard location was chosen due to the park with lots of children on one side of the street and tennis courts on the other side of the street. Officer Kub went door to door in the neighborhood, passing out brochures about pedestrian safety and speaking with residents. He learned that residents were concerned about vehicles not yielding to pedestrians.

Officers issued approximately 55 citations total at the two locations. A few of the citations were for no driver's license or no insurance, but most were for pedestrian crosswalk violations. These are \$35 citations with an added \$188 in court costs.

**Taxicabs Downtown** – For his Neighborhood Portfolio Exercise, Officer Luke Allen focused on the enforcement of Durham City Code 50, which is the passenger vehicle for hire ordinance. Officers had received complaints about illegal taxi and shuttle drivers congregating in the areas of downtown bars and clubs. During March officers from Squad 5-C frequented these areas and attempted to inform the taxi and shuttle drivers about the ordinance. Sixteen taxi drivers were stopped and cited or warned for traffic and Code 50 violations. Officers are working with the City of Durham Transportation Department to install no parking/no standing signs where large numbers of taxicabs park during peak hours.

**Other Notable Neighborhood Portfolio Exercises** – Officer Dustin Pickle focused on mental health issues and how they impact call volume. He befriended a teenager and an older man who suffer from mental health issues and have little support. Officer Pickle frequently checks in on both people and helps out when he can.

Officer Richard Armstrong focused on the issue of providing readily accessible medical equipment for officers to handle traumatic injuries. His proposal would provide equipment officers can easily carry as well as equipment for their patrol vehicles. The equipment would

allow officers to deal with heavy bleeding, choking and injuries due to gunshot wounds while waiting for paramedics to arrive on scene.

Officer Leron Thomas spoke to students at North Carolina Central University and provided them with crime prevention information and suggestions about how to stay safe on and off campus.

## ***New Facilities***

**New District 4 Substation** - The Durham Police Department's District 4 staff moved to a new and larger substation at 2945 South Miami Boulevard, Suite 135 (near T.W. Alexander Drive). District 4 covers much of southern Durham. The new substation houses the district's patrol units, investigators, administrative staff, HEAT 4 team and District 4 Citizens Observer Patrol. Before the move, HEAT 4 officers worked out of the BB&T Building at 505 South Duke Street and the District 4 COP was housed at District 3 substation. The new substation measures approximately 8,400 square feet (about 5,000 more square feet than the former location).

The new substation also provides the following:

- Work area for patrol officers;
- Space for multiple interview rooms that can be equipped with video recording devices to maintain best practices for policing and ergonomics;
- Locker rooms and showers for employees;
- Ample parking spaces for 45 allocated positions plus visitor spaces;
- Secured storage for files and equipment;
- Multi-purpose space for community meetings, district events and civic functions;
- Improved suitability for American with Disabilities Act (ADA) best practices; and
- Ease of accessibility to major highways and thoroughfares.

The Police Department will continue to use the old substation at 3022 Fayetteville Street for some specialized units.

**New Property and Evidence Unit Facility** - The Police Department has moved into the new Property and Evidence Unit facility at 921 Holloway Street (the same location as District 1 Substation). Before the move, the department's Property and Evidence Unit had four locations across the city. The move to one central location will simplify protocols and procedures, free up space at Police Headquarters for other units and allow the department to provide more efficient customer service.



## ***Operation Medicine Drop***

**Operation Medicine Drop** - Operation Medicine Drop was held on Saturday, March 23 in Durham. The purpose of Operation Medicine Drop is to help prevent accidental poisonings and abuse, preserve waterways, and safely dispose of unused and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications.

The Durham Police Department and Safe Kids Durham County collected more than 37,000 dosage units of medication at Operation Medicine Drop on March 23. The medications included 2,688 controlled medication (for example, Hydrocodone and Oxycodone) dosage units, 31,935 non-controlled (prescription and over-the-counter medications) dosage units and 2,469 unclassified/unknown dosage units. Some of the most commonly dropped off medications included expired prescription and OTC allergy medications. The medications even included pet medications.

## ***BLET Graduation***

**BLET #36 Graduation** - The Durham Police Department's BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training) Academy #36 graduated on February 5. The BLET #36 class included 18 new Durham police officers. After graduation, the new recruits will each be assigned to a police training officer (PTO) for approximately six months.

## ***Above and Beyond***

Officers were dispatched to an "assist EMS-choking" call at 12:56 a.m. on March 24 on Pilot Street. When Officer Timothy L. Duke arrived, he found a 6-month-old child lying on the floor. The child was not breathing and his lips were turning blue. The mother was standing over the baby unsure of what to do.

Officer Duke immediately flipped the child over and gave it several thrusts to the back, as recommended by American Red Cross – CPR Training. The child coughed up the obstruction, and Officer Duke was able to clear the baby's airway. The child began to breathe normally, and EMS responded shortly thereafter. EMS checked the baby's vital signs, which appeared normal, and transported the baby to the hospital for follow up. Officer Duke's quick response and decision making saved the life of this 6-month-old child.

## ***Outstanding Work***

**State Child Passenger Safety Instructor of the Year** - Investigator Frank Gore, a member of the Durham Police Department's Traffic Services Unit, was named "North Carolina Child Passenger Safety Instructor of the Year." The award was given by the North Carolina Child

Passenger Safety Committee, the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program and the Dorel Juvenile Group at the 2013 North Carolina Child Passenger Safety Conference in Raleigh.

Gore received his Child Passenger Seat (CPS) installation certification in 1998 and his CPS instructor certification in 2001. There are 56 Child Passenger Seat instructors in North Carolina and approximately 2,000 people certified as Child Passenger Seat installation technicians. Gore is the only CPS instructor in the Durham Police Department, but all members of the Traffic Services Unit are certified installation technicians.

As an instructor, Gore teaches 40-hour child passenger seat installation certification classes to law enforcement officers, firefighters, health care workers and various community groups. Gore has taught these classes to more than 1,000 people during his career. Gore says that the classes are important because there are still traffic deaths involving children. "We want to save lives. Some parents don't understand how to install seats," he said.

**Certified Law Enforcement Analyst** - Brian Aagaard, a Durham Police Crime Analyst, earned a prestigious professional certification from the International Association of Crime Analysts. Aagaard is now a Certified Law Enforcement Analyst, the first in North Carolina and the 43<sup>rd</sup> in the world.

The certification is based on a point system that acknowledges work experience, demonstrable knowledge, skills and abilities, academic work, on-the-job training, and contributions to advancing the profession, according to the IACA website. Aagaard joined the Durham Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit in August 2011. He earned his undergraduate degree from Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pa., and his master's degree from the University at Albany – SUNY. He first worked as a crime analyst in 2008 with the John F. Finn Institute for Public Safety in Onondaga County, N.Y./Syracuse, N.Y. He then worked as an intelligence analyst with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation before joining the Durham Police Department.

*January 2013*  
*DPD Employees of the Month*

**District 1** – Sgt. Stephen Vaughan, Squad 1-B and Sgt. Jack Cates, District 1 CID

**District 2** – Officer Joel Turner, Squad 2-C

**District 3** – Officer Edwin Ortiz, Squad 3-C

**District 4** – Officer Bradley Frey, Squad 4-D

**Central District** – Officer Kimberly De La Cruz, Squad 5-D

**Special Operations Division** – Officer Earl Quick, VIRT

*February 2013*  
*Employees of the Month*

**District 1** – Investigator Joshua Brigante, District 1 CID

**District 2** – Sgt. Nicholas Cloninger, District 2 CID

**District 3** – Officer Andrew Hayes, Squad 3-D

**District 4** – Officer Thomas Scozzafava, Squad 4-D

**Central District** – Officer Calvin Harrell, Motor Unit

**Criminal Investigations Division** — Investigator Delois West, Homicide Unit

**Special Operations Division** – Investigator Mack Grady, Interdiction Unit

**Administrative Services Bureau**— India Gentry, Acting Records Manager

**Community Resource Unit**— Officer Paul B. Clark, SAMHSA

*March 2013*  
*Employees of the Month*

**District 1** – Officer Williams Thomson Jr., Squad 1-D

**District 2** – Officer David Kub, Squad 2-D

**District 4** – Officer Timothy Duke, Squad 4-A

**Central District** – Officer Christopher Wisnieski, Squad 5-A

**Criminal Investigations Division**— Investigator Charles Britt, Fraud Unit

**Special Operations Division** – Lt. Gregory Pickrell, Assistant Commander

**Administrative Services Bureau**— Brian Aagaard, Crime Analysis Unit