

**Durham Police Department
2022 Third Quarter Report
July 1 – September 30, 2022
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 seven percent during the third quarter of 2022 compared to the third quarter of 2021. Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) was down by two percent compared to the third quarter of 2021. Part 1 property crime comprised 82 percent of all Part 1 crime and larcenies made up more than half – 64 percent – of Part 1 crime.

Part 1 Violent Crime – January through September

Part 1 Violent Crimes	3-Year Avg	2020	2021	2022	2021-22 % Change
Homicide	31	24	38	32	-16%
Rape	88	77	91	97	7%
Robbery	418	427	362	465	28%
Aggravated Assault	1,092	1,277	1,108	890	-20%
Violent Crime Total	1,629	1,805	1,599	1,484	-7%

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Property Crime – January through September

Part 1 Property Crimes	3-Year Avg	2020	2021	2022	2021-22 % Change
Burglary	1,140	1,400	1,099	922	-16%
Larceny	5,461	5,654	5,408	5,322	-2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	574	673	479	570	18%
Property Crime Total	7,176	7,727	6,986	6,814	-2%

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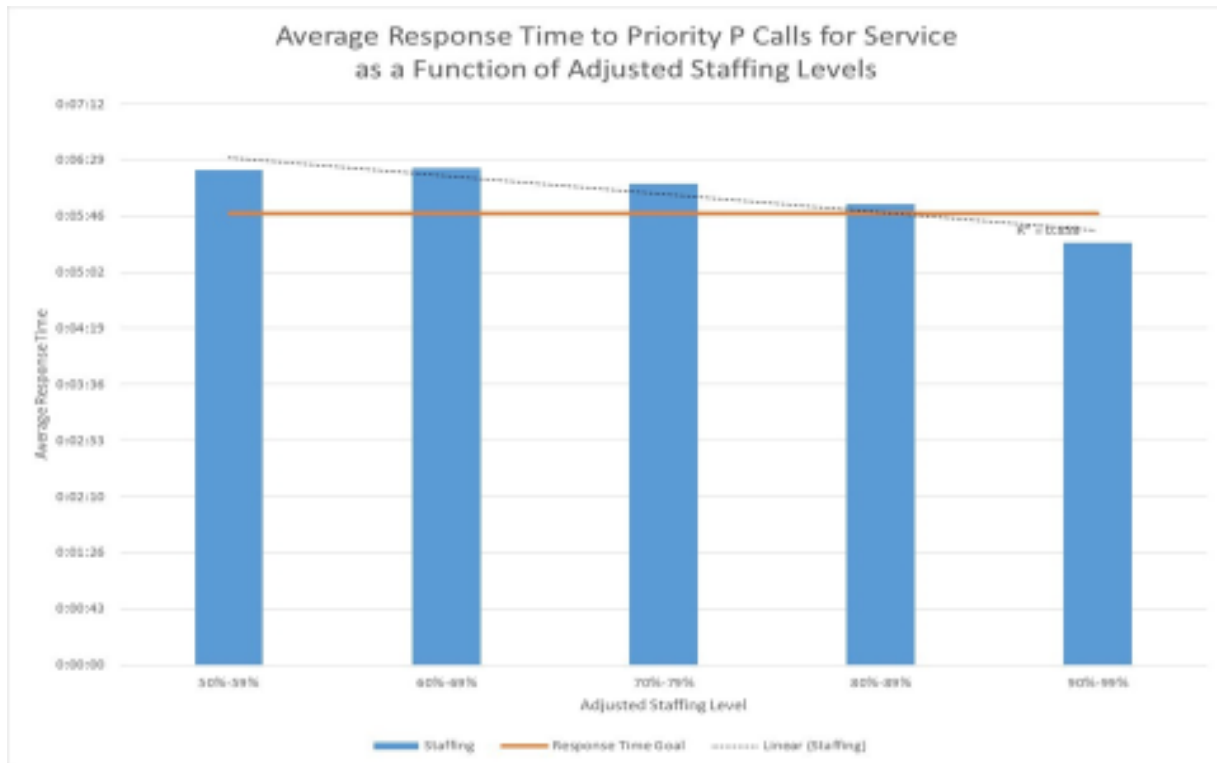
Part 1 Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD 3Q 2022	DPD 2021	FBI 2020
Homicide	62.5%	48.0%	49.0%
Rape	22.7%	22.9%	23.9%
Robbery	20.0%	32.6%	24.8%
Aggravated Assault	37.0%	37.7%	36.6%
Violent Crime Total	31.3%	35.9%	33.1%
Burglary	16.1%	15.9%	11.9%
Larceny	12.3%	12.7%	11.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	10.0%	11.2%	9.3%
Property Crime Total	12.7%	13.1%	11.0%

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FBI statistics are for cities with 250,000 to 499,999 populations*

Priority 1 Call Responses

2022 Third Quarter – Priority 1 Call Responses		
Average Response Time	Targeted Average Response Time	Target Met
6 min 28 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
49.9%	57.0%	No



Adult Misdemeanor Diversion Program (October 2015 - September 2022):

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

There have been 394 participants enrolled to date with a 100% completion rate. There are thirteen participants currently still open in MDP and on track to complete the program.

There have been 381 participants who have completed the program and only 16 participants have re-offended within one year of completion.

Demographics: 58% African American; 25% Caucasian; 15% Hispanic; and 2% AS/PI

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

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services	
Education Service	48
Employment Assistance	62
Mental Health	76
Mentoring	18
Substance Use Evaluations/Treatment	30
Housing	34
Total	268

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

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

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

Part 1 Violent Crime	2020 3Q	2021 3Q	2022 3Q
Homicide	1	1	0
Rape	17	16	14
Robbery	16	24	18
Aggravated Assault	202	214	156
Violent Crime Totals	236	255	188

Part 1 Property Crime	2020 3Q	2021 3Q	2022 3Q
Arson	0	0	1
Burglary	30	34	42
Larceny	57	61	40
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	1	0
Property Crime Totals	91	96	83
Part 1 Index Crime Totals	327	351	271

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Juvenile Offenses for January - September 2022

Offense/Age	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault								0
All Other Offenses				1	3	1		5
Burglary	1	1	1	1	2		2	8
Drug Violations					2		1	3
Embezzlement								0
Fraud				3				3
Homicide							1	1
Larceny			1	4	2	2	1	10
Non-Reportable Offenses								0
Robbery						1		1
Simple Assault					3		5	8
Stolen Property			1	2			5	8
Vandalism	2	2	2				2	8
Weapon Violations				3		1	7	11
Grand Total	3	3	5	14	12	5	24	66

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DPD Staffing Levels

*As of September 30, 2022	Positions Filled	Positions Authorized	Staffing Percentage
Sworn	433	549	79%
Non-Sworn	111	128	87%

DPD Staff Departures (January - September 2022)

Reason For Departure	2021	2022
Resignation	32	24
Retirement	20	28
Termination	3	4

DEMOGRAPHICS FOR DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY #56

	Number of Recruits
Total Recruits in Academy	12
Residency	
Durham Residents	3
Non-Durham Residents	9
Race/Ethnicity	
Caucasian	9
African American	1
Hispanic	2
Asian	0
Gender	
Male	11
Female	1
Educational Attainment	
Bachelor's Degree	4
Associate degree	0
High School Diploma/Equivalent	8

Applicants Tested During the Third Quarter 2022

2022 3rd Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test
White Male	9	1	0
White Female	2	0	1
African American Male	11	6	0
African American Female	7	5	0
Hispanic Male	6	3	0
Hispanic Female	3	2	0
Asian Male	0	0	0
Asian Female	1	1	0
Other Male	0	0	0
Other Female	0	0	0
Totals	39	18	1

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

2022 Third Quarter Recruiting Unit Job Fairs and Open Houses – The recruiting unit attended 23 events this quarter. Local events included a Family Community Job Fair (Raleigh), Reliant LE Career Fair (Durham), YouthWorks Career Fair (Durham), Women's Empowerment Seminar (Raleigh), and Durham County Library Job Fair. Military visits included 6 visits to Camp Lejeune table events, one Transitional Readiness Career Fair (Camp Lejeune), and a virtual open house for a Parris Island Career Fair. The recruiting unit visited 8 Colleges/Universities - 7 of which were within North Carolina. They included Elizabeth City State (HBCU), NC A&T (HBCU), Appalachian State, Johnson C. Smith (HBCU), East Carolina University, UNC-Wilmington, and Meredith College (Women's). The out of state college visit was to Towson University in Maryland. BLET Program visits included Surry and Mitchell Community Colleges. Other events included attending a Reliant Career Fair in Charlotte.

New Recruiting Initiatives – The Recruiting Unit is working to establish a relationship with the Appalachian State University Officer Development Program and hopefully establish a pipeline of certified officers from their program to full-time employment with DPD. Saturday testing dates have been added for the remainder of the year (one Saturday/month). Plans are also being prepared to revamp the Recruiting Ambassador Program and 30x30 Campaign Committee.

Third Quarter Awards and Honors

FOP Life Saving Award: On June 18, 2022, communications dispatched Officer B.N. Jones and the officers of District 4, B Squad to a stabbing in the 6800 block of Barbee Rd. Officer Jones was one of the first officers on scene and located the victim who had sustained multiple stab wounds, one of which was through his collar bone. The subject was transported to Duke in serious and life threatening condition.

The caller stated her ex-boyfriend forced his way into her house and started an altercation with her. The caller had texted her cousin who lives next door for help. Once her cousin arrived, he heard screaming. The cousin kicked in the front door and saw the suspect on top of the victim. The cousin stabbed the suspect in neck.

Officer Jones, having advanced medical training that she received in the US Armed Forces prior to her career in law enforcement, was able to immediately begin treatment to the injuries sustained by the subject. She continued to apply her own personal bandages to the wounds and took it upon herself to ride inside the ambulance on the way to the hospital in order to keep constant pressure on the stab wound.

Later, EMS workers approached supervisors asking about the first officer on scene (B. Jones) that rendered aid to the victim. They wanted to commend her on her field dressing and wanted it to be known that her swift action and the aid given helped to save the life of the severely injured party.

Crime Area Target Team (CATT) Update

CATT Summary by Month	July	August	September	Totals
Community Referrals	6	5	5	16
Firearms Seized	18	25	10	53
Firearms Related Charges	25	22	11	58
Stolen Firearms	3	2	0	5
Felons in Possession	5	2	1	8
Traffic Stops	223	240	203	666
Refusal to Stop	10	6	9	25
Money Seized	\$304	\$0	\$1,955	\$2,259
Schedule II (grams)	35	19	335	389 g
Schedule VI (grams)	1,285	1,632	1,033	3,950 g

Summary and Highlights of CATT Third Quarter Activity

During the third quarter of 2022, CATT officers conducted a total of **666** traffic stops in crime hotspot areas and other locations throughout the city, of which 25 vehicles fled from officers upon contact. CATT third quarter traffic stops yielded **43** of the **53** total firearms seized by the unit during this time period. Five firearms had been reported stolen at the time of confiscation. CATT filed **58** firearm-related charges, arrested **8** convicted felons in possession of a firearm, seized **389 grams** of schedule two narcotics (crack, cocaine, oxycodone, etc.); 3,950 grams of schedule six narcotics (marijuana), and **\$2,259.00** in cash related to the sales of illicit drugs, in

conjunction with weapon-related criminal charges. CATT made **16** quality of life referrals to other departments within the city, such as Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS), during the third quarter. The referrals included abandoned vehicles, damaged street signs, litter, and overgrown vegetation.

Weapons Arrest - On August 4, 2022, CATT conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of HWY 55 for a traffic violation. A K-9 alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle, and a probable cause search was conducted. During the search of the vehicle, a Glock 19 handgun and a corresponding ammunition drum magazine were seized. The suspect was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed gun.

Drug Arrest - On August 15, 2022, CATT conducted a traffic stop at Fayetteville St. and Old Fayetteville St. A probable cause search was conducted on the vehicle for illegal drugs. Approximately 1,162 grams of marijuana were located inside of the car along with drug packaging materials. The driver was arrested and charged with possession with intent to sell and distribute a controlled substance (marijuana), maintaining a vehicle for the purposes of illegal narcotics, and felony possession of a controlled substance.

Weapons & Drug Arrest - On August 18, 2022, CATT encountered a suspicious person sitting in a parked vehicle at Sima Ave. and Ridgeway Ave. The roadside investigation resulted in the detention of the person and a probable cause search of the vehicle. Approximately 28 grams of marijuana, a firearm, cash and drug packaging materials were discovered inside the vehicle. The firearm was found concealed under the driver's seat with an extended magazine. The suspect was arrested and charged with possession with intent to sell and distribute a controlled substance (marijuana), maintaining a vehicle for the purposes of illegal narcotics, carrying a concealed gun, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Weapons Arrest - On August 18, 2022, CATT conducted a traffic stop at Old Oxford Rd. and Danube Ln. The driver opened the glove compartment and a handgun was observed by officers. The driver and his passenger were removed from the vehicle and detained. The driver claimed the firearm, however, the passenger was in possession of the gun's magazine. The passenger was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed gun.

Weapons & Drug Arrest - On August 23, 2022, CATT conducted a traffic stop near Ashe St. and Briggs Ave. The driver and passenger jumped out and fled from the traffic stop. The passenger fled while carrying an AR-15 style rifle and fled into a house on Ashe Street. A search warrant was applied for and executed for that residence. Two AR-15 rifles, two semi-automatic handguns, fifty grams of marijuana, multiple handgun and rifle magazines, and drug paraphernalia were discovered and seized from the home. The suspects were arrested and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession with intent to sell and distribute a controlled substance (marijuana), maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of illegal drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia. One of the suspects was also served with a federal detainer for federal parole violation.

Weapons Arrest - On August 26, 2022, CATT conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of E. Pettigrew St. and Bacon St. Reasonable suspicion was developed for a weapon frisk of the vehicle. A juvenile passenger was discovered with a stolen firearm in his waistband. The firearm had been reported stolen from a Durham home earlier in the month. Juvenile petitions were filed for possession of a stolen firearm and carrying a concealed gun.

Weapons & Drug Arrest - On August 31, 2022, CATT conducted a traffic stop in the area of 1200 Camden Ave. During the roadside investigation, the driver informed officers that his passenger was in possession of a firearm. Officers detected the odor of marijuana from within the car as well. A handgun and marijuana were located concealed under the passenger seat. The suspect was a convicted felon and had been paroled via electronic monitoring. The suspect was arrested and charged with possession of firearm by convicted felon, carrying a concealed gun, and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance (marijuana).

Weapons & Drug Arrest - On September 2, 2022, CATT conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of S. Alston Ave. The vehicle was occupied by multiple known Durham gang members. Officers developed probable cause to search the vehicle. During the search, officers discovered a rifle, a handgun, 16 grams of powder cocaine, and a digital scale. The driver was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed gun, possession with intent to sell and distribute a controlled substance (cocaine), possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a vehicle for purposes of illegal drugs.

Weapons & Drug Arrest - On September 3, 2022, CATT responded to a drug activity call in the 200 block of Memphis St. CATT officers detected the odor of marijuana coming from several vehicles. The vehicles were searched based on probable cause. Officers discovered approximately 290 grams of marijuana inside one of the vehicles, along with a concealed handgun, and drug packaging material. The driver of that vehicle was arrested and charged with possession with intent to sell and distribute a controlled substance (marijuana), felony possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), maintaining a vehicle for the purposes of illegal drugs, and carrying a concealed gun.

Weapons Arrest - On September 7, 2022, CATT conducted a traffic stop on Angier Ave. near Bingham St. A K-9 was requested based on the suspicion of illegal narcotics inside the vehicle. The K-9 detected the presence of drugs inside the vehicle and a probable cause search was conducted. A firearm was located under the driver's seat. The firearm had an obliterated serial number. The driver was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed gun and possession of a firearm with an altered serial number.

Weapons & Drug Arrest - On September 9, 2022, CATT conducted a traffic stop at Liberty St. and N. Alston Ave. The vehicle's passenger jumped out and fled on foot. During the foot pursuit, the passenger threw a firearm into a wooded area. The passenger was taken into custody shortly afterwards. A handgun and 8 grams of crack cocaine were later discovered with the help of a K-9 unit. The firearm was discovered to have a removed serial number. The passenger was also discovered to be a convicted felon. The suspect was arrested and charged with possession of a

firearm by convicted felon, altering or removing a serial number, R.D.O., and possession with intent to sell and distribute a controlled substance (cocaine).

Recovery of Stolen Weapon - On September 14, 2022, CATT assisted patrol officers with a pursuit of a stolen motor vehicle occupied by suspects in a homicide and carjacking that occurred the previous day in Fayetteville, NC. Several suspects ran from the vehicle when it crashed near the intersection of N. Roxboro St. and Delafield Ave. A K-9 track led to the recovery of a firearm which was stolen from the homicide victim.

Weapons & Drug Arrest - On September 28, 2022, CATT assisted the U.S. Marshals Service at 322 Junction Road. A search warrant was applied for and executed at the residence. Approximately, 270 grams' worth of oxycodone pills were discovered and seized from inside the home. A short-barreled rifle deemed a weapon of mass destruction was also seized. The suspect was arrested and charged with trafficking a controlled substance schedule two (oxycodone), maintaining a dwelling for the purposes of illegal drugs, possession with intent to sell and distribute a controlled substance (oxycodone), possession of a weapon of mass destruction, and purchase of a firearm in violation of a domestic violence protective order.

Third Quarter Homicide Arrests/Indictments

Big Leaf Way Homicide Arrest

On July 5, Nicholas Bright, 32, was charged with first degree murder.

On March 15, Durham Police responded to a shooting in the 100 block of Big Leaf Way. Upon arrival, officers found Aldamon Boykin, 39, of Durham, who had been shot. He was transported to a local hospital where he later died from his injuries.

Holloway Street/Alston Avenue Homicide Arrest

On July 6, a juvenile suspect was taken into custody and charged with first degree murder.

On April 12, at 9:15 p.m., officers were flagged down on Alston Avenue and told that someone had been shot. Officers located a wrecked vehicle occupied by two males on Alston Avenue near Juniper Street. Both males – an adult and a teenager – had been shot and were taken to the hospital for treatment. Jose Cabrera died a short time later at the hospital. The teenager was transported in stable condition.

Woodcrest Street Homicide Arrest

On July 19, Jermaine Lunsford, 27, of Durham was arrested on charges of second degree murder and is currently being held at the Durham County Jail on a \$1,000,000 secured bond.

Shortly after 2:00 p.m. on June 25, officers responded to a shooting in the 2700 block of Holloway St. Following the shooting, the victim's vehicle struck a utility pole causing a power outage in an area along Holloway St. from Junction Rd. to Lynn Rd. Upon arrival, officers located

an adult male inside a vehicle who had been shot. The victim was transported to a local hospital where they were pronounced dead. This remains an active investigation.

Miosha Street Homicide Arrest

On July 28, Ayinde Melvin, 24, of Durham was arrested in relation to a June 10 shooting on Miosha Street.

On June 10, officers responded to a shooting call on Miosha Street near North Roxboro Street. Upon arrival, officers found Kenneth Hawley, 35, of Oxford, had been shot. He was transported to a local hospital where he later died from his injuries.

Melvin is charged with first degree murder and is being held at the Durham County jail without a bond. Melvin was also served on an unrelated, outstanding warrant for cyberstalking. This case remains an active investigation.

US 15-501 Homicide Arrest

Durham Police have charged two individuals with murder for the June 14, homicide of Jeremiah Dixon on 15-501 north. Nicolas Martin, 19, of Durham, and a 17-year-old male have been arrested and charged with first degree murder. Martin is being held in the Durham County Jail with no bond. The juvenile suspect is being held in a juvenile detention facility.

Shortly after 8:30 p.m. on June 14, Durham Police officers responded to a shooting on 15-501 North near Pickett Road. Upon arrival, they located Jeremiah Dixon, who had been shot. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Cornwallis Road Homicide Arrest

Durham police have arrested Jayon Smith-Sherman, 19 and Mujahid Muhammad, 23 in the murder of Raheem Sharaf Clark Jr. and the shooting of another individual in early April.

Mujahid Muhammad was arrested and charged with murder, attempted first-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Jayon Smith-Sherman was arrested and charged with murder, attempted first-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. They both received no bond.

On April 15, officers responded to a shooting call in the 1400 block of East Cornwallis Road. When they arrived, they found two shooting victims. One victim, Raheem Sharaf Clark Jr, 21, of Durham was pronounced deceased at the scene. The second victim was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Front Street Kidnapping Arrest

On August 15, Brentley Yancey, 34, was charged with first degree kidnapping, second degree burglary, and conspiracy to commit murder.

On August 15, Tariq Henderson, 23, was charged with first degree kidnapping, second degree burglary, and conspiracy to commit murder.

These charges are in relation to the disappearance of Shawn Burton, 44, who was reported missing from the 700 block of N. Duke St. on March 22, 2022.

Cornwallis Road Homicide Arrest

On February 19, officers were dispatched to a shooting call in the 1400 block of East Cornwallis Road. When officers arrived, they located four males, who had been shot. Two victims, Elijah Hosea Everett, 25, and Aaron Michael Bailey, 25, were pronounced deceased at the scene. The other two males were transported to a local hospital.

On September 7, 2022, Robert Everett, 27, was charged with 2 counts of first degree murder, 2 counts of attempted murder, and first degree burglary.

On September 7, 2022, Jamonty Green, 27, was charged with 2 counts of first degree murder, 2 counts of attempted murder, and first degree burglary.

On September 7, 2022, Raymond Lewis, 26, was charged with 2 counts of first degree murder, 2 counts of attempted murder, and first degree burglary.

On September 7, 2022, a 15-year-old juvenile was charged with 2 counts of first degree murder, 2 counts of attempted murder, and first degree burglary.

Hillsborough Road Homicide Arrest

On September 8, Frederick Johnson, 52, of Durham, was arrested and charged with first degree murder. He was placed in the Durham County Jail with no bond.

On August 30, officers were dispatched to a shooting call in the 3600 block of Hillsborough Road. When they arrived, they were notified that an adult male had been shot. EMS responded and pronounced the male deceased at the scene. This shooting does not appear to have been random.

Falls Pointe Drive Kidnapping/Homicide Arrest

On September 19, Sianne Wright, 23, was charged with first degree murder and felony conspiracy.

Shortly after 7:40 p.m., on September 13, officers located Jivon Cherry, 39, deceased in the trunk of a vehicle. Investigators later determined that he had been shot.

Significant Third Quarter Special Victims Unit Arrests

Child Sex Offense Arrest - In February 2022, Durham Police received a report of a juvenile being sexually assaulted in 2017. In September 2022, John Emory Compton, 35, was arrested and charged with statutory sex offense with a child, indecent liberties with a child and distribute tobacco to a minor. He was arrested in Hertford, North Carolina by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office. He was released on a \$100,000 bond. Investigators believe that he lived in Durham from 2017 to 2020. Investigators believe that he may have had contact with other juvenile females during this timeframe.

Weapons Arrest – On August 26, SVU obtained warrants on Tyrek Harding, 25, charging him for possession of firearm by felon, 5 counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling/moving vehicle, and injury to personal property.

Weapons Arrest – On August 30, SVU obtained a warrant on Tyrek Harding, 25, charging him for possession of stolen firearm and possession of firearm by felon.

Significant Third Quarter Robbery Arrests

Commercial Robbery Arrest – On July 15, Christian Davis, 29, was arrested and charged with 6 counts of robbery with dangerous weapon in the following series of commercial robberies.

July 4 - Family Fare Shell at 106 W. Cornwallis Rd.

July 5 - Cruizers at 3578 Hillsborough Rd.

July 5 - One Hop at 2021 Guess Rd.

July 5 - Family Fare Shell at 106 W. Cornwallis Rd.

July 10 - Family Fare Shell at 106 Cornwallis Rd.

July 14 - Family Fare BP at 2502 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd.

Robbery from Person Arrest – On August 30, Tyrek Harding, 25, was arrested and charged with AWDWITK, possession of firearm by felon, RWDW, and damage to property. Harding is held with no bond under a Federal Detainer at the Durham County Jail. Harding committed a robbery on August 22, 2022 at the Red Roof Inn located at 4405 NC 55 Highway.

Bank Robbery Arrest - William David Bentley, 55, and Larry Bullock, 59, were both arrested and charged with common law robbery and felony conspiracy related to a September 19 robbery of a Truist Bank. Bentley received a \$15,000 secured bond and is still in Durham County Jail as of September 26. Bullock received a \$50,000 secured bond. Bullock also has a federal detainer. He remains in custody of the Durham County Jail as of September 26.

Significant Third Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests

Nation Avenue Shooting Arrest - On July 3, Taqiyya Lewis, 23, and Moliak Anderson 25, were both charged with discharging firearm into occupied property, felony conspiracy, and injury to property, both have since been arrested on outstanding warrants. Both were given a \$10,000 secured bond.

Ed Cook Road Aggravated Assault Arrest - On July 3, an aggravated assault occurred in the 1700 block of Ed Cook Rd. On July 11, Rafael Soto, 36, was charged with felony assault inflicting serious bodily injury and injury to personal property. On the same date, Daniel Mendoza, 32, was charged with misdemeanor simple assault. Mendoza turned himself in on July 11. The arrest warrant for Soto is still outstanding.

Hardee Street Aggravated Assault Arrest - On June 29, an aggravated assault occurred in the 600 block of Hardee St. On July 11, Willie Carr, 56, was charged with felony possession of firearm by convicted and felony possession of stolen goods/property. On July 11, Aaron Williams was charged with felony assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Aaron Williams turned himself in to the Durham County Jail and received a \$150,000.00 secured bond. The arrest warrant for Willie Carr is still outstanding.

Worth Street Arrest – On June 26, shooting incidents occurred in the area of Worth St. and Main St. and Elm Street. Derashio Wilson, 27, was arrested on August 16 and charged with two counts of felony conspiracy and two counts of solicitation to commit first degree murder. He was given a \$1.5 million bond.

Aggravated Assault Charges - Tyrek Lowery, 19, was charged in August with two counts of felony conspiracy, three counts of attempted first degree murder, three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, five counts of discharging a weapon into a moving vehicle, attempted first degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, discharge weapon into occupied property, possession of a firearm by a felon. Lowery was already in jail for other charges when he was served with these charges.

Omah Street Assault Arrest - On August 29, Kristoff Granson, 31, was arrested by Durham Police Officers for an August 19 incident on Omah Street. Granson was transported to the Magistrate's Office and was given no bond for his outstanding warrants of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He was given a \$100,000 secured bond.

Third Quarter 2022 DPD Employees of the Month

District 1

JULY

Officer A.R. Brave, Squad 1A – Officer Brave operates at the highest level possible for an officer of his training and experience. During the month of July, Officer Brave answered a total of 296 calls to include 49 directed patrols, 28 vehicle stops and 2 warrant services. In three of Officer Brave’s vehicle stops he managed to seize 3 firearms resulting in numerous felony charges for the involved parties. In addition to the firearm seizures, Officer Brave also uncovered a small personal use marijuana grow while searching a residence for intruders after an alarm call.

AUGUST

Officer H.A. Nobles, Squad 1C – Officer H. Nobles was District 1’s nominee for Officer of the Month for August 2022. Officer Nobles successfully completed General Instructor School and Police Training Officer School during the month of August. Officer Nobles took the initiative to seek additional training where she saw there was shortage and need for the department. This training is not only valuable for the squad, but a benefit to the department as a whole. If this wasn’t a busy enough month for Officer Nobles she did have an additional incident to cap off her month. On August 31, Officer Nobles was dispatched to assist another officer on a Domestic Violence call on Park Ave. Upon arrival, Officer Nobles and Officer Moore had to chase and fight the suspect. In the ensuing use of force incident, Officer Nobles managed to break her hand. Officer Nobles did not realize it at the time and managed to finish her shift with what she felt was a sore hand. The break wasn’t diagnosed until the following next day. It is for her continued efforts to better herself and our department and for her meritorious actions on Park Ave that Officer Nobles is our Officer for the Month for August.

SEPTEMBER

Officer R.M. Benfield, Squad 1B – On Wednesday September 28, 2022, Officer Benfield responded to I40-E near S. Miami Blvd, in reference to an urgent welfare check. The call notes stated that a heavy set black male in his 20’s, wearing a black shirt and red shorts, was hanging over the bridge.

As officers arrived on scene, the male was spotted against the edge of the bridge on S. Miami Blvd over I-40. Officer Benfield exited the interstate and observed the described male standing at the edge of the bridge looking at the traffic. The male did not initially respond to Officer Benfield when he called out to him.

Officer Benfield went up to the male and could see that he had tears in his eyes. Officer Benfield gently moved the male away from the bridge edge so that he could speak with him. The man was upset and still crying and implied that he just had problems and that he just wanted to go. Officer Benfield explained to the man that we wanted to get him help and that we would be

taking him to Duke so that he could talk with someone. The male subject stated that he was having issues with his girlfriend who he lived with and had recently moved to the area with.

It was later determined that the male had called 911 himself in order to get officers to respond to the location. The male was taken to the hospital on an emergency commitment.

It was evident that this individual was in crisis. However, the crisis was mitigated by the deft de-escalation skills of Officer Benfield. With his calming demeanor and skillful persuasion techniques, Officer Benfield kept a troubled individual from possibly taking his own life.

District 2

JULY

Officer T.J. Wray, Squad 2D – District 2 would like to recognize Officer Tyler Wray as our Officer of the Month for July, 2022.

This nomination stems from Officer Wray's handling of a stolen motor vehicle on July 29. On that morning, Officer Wray located a stolen vehicle backed into a parking stall at the Medical Park Inn on Hillsborough Rd. Officer Wray was able to position his vehicle in a manner where he could observe the area while not being detected. A short time later, Officer Wray observed a subject approach the vehicle and begin to get inside. Officer Wray quickly approached the suspect, leading to a foot chase. While pursuing the suspect, Officer Wray observed that the suspect was in possession of a firearm. Officer Wray was able to broadcast a description of the suspect and a perimeter was quickly established. The suspect was located inside the perimeter and the firearm was found with assistance from K-9. The suspect was charged with possession of a firearm by a felon, CCW, RDO, and possession of a stolen vehicle.

This quality arrest was made possible by Officer Wray's knowledge of his beats hot spots. He also took the initiative to run the VIN of the vehicle when he observed that the parked vehicle was displaying a fictitious tag. Officer Wray then had the ability and knowledge to park his patrol vehicle out of the general view of the hotel in a manner where he could still observe the stolen vehicle. Due to all of the circumstances, Officer Wray and D squad were able to remove another armed violent felon from the streets of Durham. This effort is an everyday occurrence for Officer Wray and is deserving of recognition from the department. It is for these reasons that Officer Wray is District 2 Officer of the Month for July 2022.

AUGUST

Officer C.A. Park, Squad 2A – On August 7, Officer Camrin Park responded to the 600 block of Rippling Stream Rd. in reference to an animal attack. Two pit bulls had attacked a small terrier. The injured dog was picked up by Officer Park and transported to Triangle Veterinary Hospital at 608 Morreene Rd, where life saving measures were performed.

Animal hospital staff said that the dog needed emergency procedures and the cost would be \$800 just to begin. The dog's owner did not know if she could afford this.

Officer Park offered to put in \$300 of her own money towards the dog's care. The owner was able to find the remainder of the money, and the terrier was given the emergency medical treatment it needed.

A follow up with the owner was completed during Officer Park's time off, and the terrier was found to be alive and recovering well.

SEPTEMBER

Officer T.J. Feren, Squad 2C – Officer Feren is one of our most experienced training officers in the department and during his career, he has regularly demonstrated an excellent work ethic and the willingness to go above and beyond for both the public and other officers.

In addition to this, recent research into his numbers showed that Officer Feren has now recovered roughly 500 stolen motor vehicles during his tenure with DPD, including nearly 50 that were stolen from other jurisdictions. Many of these recoveries were done while training a recruit officer.

His hard work demonstrates a positive and proactive mindset needed to mentor trainees and younger officers.

District 3

JULY

Officer J.E. Gillis and Officer D.M. Goodson, Squad 3A – For July, District 3 Officers of the Month are John Gillis and DaZhon Goodson from 3A. In the early hours of July 30, there was a traffic accident in the area of Academy Rd. and Duke University Rd. where a vehicle left the road and hit a tree. Neither occupant was injured. The tow truck driver that responded to retrieve the vehicle slipped on the embankment and fell approximately 20 feet into a stream below. Upon not getting a response from the driver, Officer Goodson observed him face down in the water. He quickly called out for assistance on the radio and rushed to the driver's aid. Officer Gillis arrived a couple of minutes later and made his way down the embankment to assist Officer Goodson who was performing CPR. Officers Goodson and Gillis worked together to re-position the victim out of the water and utilize an AED. Even after EMS arrived on scene, Officers Gillis and Goodson continued to perform CPR and utilize the AED in an attempt to save the driver's life. The victim was transported to the hospital and despite the life-saving efforts, he died.

Both Officers were given the option to go home for the rest of the night or go home and get cleaned up but they declined and continued to answer calls.

It is for their response in assisting the driver and not giving up on life-saving efforts that Officers Goodson and Gillis are District 3 Officers of the Month.

AUGUST

Corporal S.A. Gursslin, Squad 3D – The Officer of the Month for District 3 is Corporal Scott Gursslin of 3D.

On August 16, Corporal Gursslin used a vehicle entry tool that he carries to assist a distraught mother who had accidentally locked her 3-year old toddler in her vehicle on a rather hot morning. Corporal Gursslin was able to unlock the vehicle and re-unite the grateful mom with her unharmed child.

On August 26, just before the end of his shift, Corporal Gursslin came upon a vehicle on the side of 15/501 with its flashers on. A mom and her 6-yr old daughter had run out of gas. Corporal Gursslin retrieved a gas can from the sub-station and put \$20 dollars of gas in the can. Corporal Gursslin got the family back on their travels.

Corporal Gursslin went above and beyond to help in these situations and was nominated as the Officer of Month.

SEPTEMBER

Officer A. Rivera, Squad 3D – For the month of September, District 3 Officer of the Month is Officer A. Rivera. Officer Rivera is a respected member of the squad but on September 18, she really distinguished herself during a homicide call at El Ray on Durham Chapel Hill Blvd. Upon arrival to the scene, Officer Rivera immediately worked to calm down the victim's family members who were highly upset at seeing their loved one.

She then began the process of interviewing the 10-15 Spanish speaking witnesses in the bar. She took the time to speak to each and every person and assisted the investigators with translations once they arrived on scene.

Officer Rivera also showed a high level of compassion towards the wife of the deceased. Officer Rivera actually made the death notification to the wife. The wife fell to the ground distraught after hearing the news. Officer Rivera fell with her comforting her during her time of need. One of her squad mates stated that this was one of the most selfless acts that he had had seen as an officer in his over 10 years.

It is for her dedication for her job and to the community that she serves as why Officer Rivera is District 3 Officer of the Month.

District 4

JULY

Officer B.N. Jones, Squad 4B – On July 18, 2022, Officer Evans responded to investigate the larceny of construction equipment. It was discovered that a GPS tracker was placed in a bag containing some of the stolen materials. The tracker moved and was stationary at an address on

Independence Ave. Officer Evans, with the help of a District 1 officer responded to the location on Independence Ave. to conduct a knock and talk. When officers arrived, they observed several bags in plain view, which were identical to those described by the construction company. Officer Evans contacted the occupant of the location on Independence Ave. who agreed to sign a consent to search form. Officer Evans worked tirelessly to confirm the status of various pieces of equipment which were found on scene. Officer Evans contacted the respective owners and jurisdictions to coordinate the return of the items. Due to her hard work Officer Evans is responsible for the recovery of approximately \$12,000 worth of equipment.

AUGUST

Officer E.D. Heib, Squad 4D – The officer of the month nomination for the month of August is Officer E. Heib. Throughout the month of August 2022, Officer Heib has shown a great deal of proactivity while working in District 4. Over the course of the past month, Officer Heib has stopped numerous cars which resulted in misdemeanor citations along with felony arrests. A total of four firearms were seized and turned into property. Some of the charges included felony carrying a concealed weapon along with narcotics offenses. Because of Officer Heib's ability to seek out valid motor vehicle violations in conjunction with being able to talk to people in a professional manner, he was able to take some guns off the streets and make the community a little bit safer.

SEPTEMBER

Officer A.H. Davis, Squad 4C – On September 11, 2022, Officer Davis responded to a reported cardiac arrest inside a vehicle near the intersection of NC Hwy 55 and Westpark Drive. Officer Davis was first to arrive and immediately determined that there was a deceased individual who had been shot. Officer Davis noticed and secured a weapon from the deceased victim's waistband. Upon further assessment of the scene, Officer Davis located another vehicle with two additional victims that were not even aware that they had been shot.

Officer Davis, provided suspect descriptions and the direction of travel of armed suspects that fled from the scene and also triaged the other two victims until EMS arrived. Officer Davis also directed the witnesses to a safe location and removed their vehicles from the middle of the highway for scene preservation. Thanks to Officer Davis' prompt actions, the responding officers were able locate three handguns and two rifles.

Despite how overwhelming that call could have been, Officer Davis displayed the ability to take command of a chaotic scene, delegate responsibilities and calm the situation which resulted into a workable crime scene. His actions were responsive and timely as he continues to set examples for his fellow and officers.

Officer Davis displays his commitment to the residents of Durham and the Durham Police Department daily. He is the type of officer this department can be proud of and use as an example to others of what 'Taking pride in one's work' truly means.

District 5

JULY

Officer R.P. Norris, Squad 5A – In the month of July, Officer Norris responded to 174 calls, conducted 33 directed patrols and 28 foot patrols. Officer Norris is a self-motivated, hardworking, and proactive officer. During the month of July, three specific incidents demonstrate his thoroughness and dedication to the community.

On July 2, 2022, an unknown suspect stole a gun from a vehicle parked in the 1100 block of West Main St. Officer Norris located the suspect and pursued him on foot. While chasing the suspect through a back yard in the area, Officer Norris heard a shot fired from the suspect's gun. Officer Norris could not determine if the suspect fired a round at him, but continued the pursuit. Officer Norris eventually lost site of the suspect and K-9 responded and attempted to track the suspect. Although the suspect was not apprehended, Officer Norris did an excellent job following up on the crime and attempting to apprehend the suspect. He displayed outstanding bravery by continuing the pursuit, knowing the suspect was armed and continuing to pursue even after a shot was fired.

On July 10, 2022, Officer Norris responded to a larceny from motor vehicle call in the 900 block of E. Ramseur St. A witness saw the suspect pulling on door handles of vehicles in the area and provided a detailed description. Officers Norris circulated the area and was able to locate the suspect near Angier Ave. and Holman St. After a successful show up, the suspect was cited for tampering with a motor vehicle.

Lastly, on July 27, 2022, District 5A Officers received information that Michael Williams had a warrant for his arrest. Mr. Williams has been a common suspect in District 5 for years and Officer Norris was able to locate him and serve the warrant in less than thirty minutes. The warrant was for assault on a female and Norris also charged him with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mr. Williams received a \$1,000.00 secured bond.

AUGUST

Officer N.M. Fernandes, Squad 5C – On August 22, Officer N. Fernandes responded to an address in the 200 block of S. Alston Ave. to serve involuntary commitment paperwork. Contact was made with a female through an open second floor window which was adjacent to the second floor balcony of the apartment building. The female, in an obvious crisis, was screaming through the open window and did not acknowledge Officer Fernandes' presence. Officer Fernandes was able to calmly speak with the female through the window for several minutes until another occupant of the apartment was able to unlock the front door. As Officer Fernandes entered the apartment, the female pushed the screen out of the frame and dove head first through the open window. Officer Fernandes grabbed the female's lower body and after a brief struggle, was able to pull her safely back into the apartment. She was transported to an appropriate medical facility for treatment. Officer Fernandes' actions undoubtedly prevented serious injury or death to the female in crisis.

SEPTEMBER

Corporal K.L. Geyer, Squad 5B – Corporal Geyer was promoted and assigned to District 5, B squad roughly a year ago and has worked under two different sergeants. When his supervisor was temporarily transferred to a special assignment at the beginning of April 2022, Corporal Geyer took over all of the administrative duties with the anticipation that this may last 90 days. Corporal Geyer readily took on the challenge of becoming the acting sergeant and on April 25, 2022, it was official.

He has willingly accepted this role and has been extremely dedicated to his squad. We are reaching the 6-month mark for his acting status and he continues to work tirelessly. All of the required administrative paperwork; monthly reports, time sheets, inspections and body worn camera footage viewings have been submitted earlier than requested. Corporal Geyer's quality of work in completing several Blue Team investigations (use of force, show of force, etc.) have also been exemplary. One of his Use of Force reports was so well investigated and thorough that it has been used as an example for other supervisors.

Also during the last 6 months, the staffing on 5B has been reduced, but Corporal Geyer has stepped up and has made sure District 5 continues to run smoothly. He sets an example with his positive attitude and genuine dedication to the police department.

Community Services Division

JULY

Sergeant J.B. Butler, PAL/Explorer/COP – The Community Services Division Officer of the Month is Sergeant Butler. Her supervisor would like to thank Sergeant Butler for her leadership, commitment, and service to division. The various programs in the unit have benefitted under her supervision and guidance. CSD Sergeant Butler has guided athletic programs, Explorers, Explorer Camps, G.I.R.L.S. Camps, Venturing, and Special Olympics, even during the pandemic, adjusting where needed to provide maximum impact with available resources. Her excitement and passion for these programs is evident on a daily basis. Sergeant Butler is constantly thinking forward about how the unit can manage program capacity growth, and how future programs, pipelines, and pathways can lead the next generation to an interest in law enforcement careers. While it is not easily quantified in the moment, the successes of these programs are measured in the foundational investments in the youth participants that will pay long term dividends to the community. The Community Services Division congratulates Sergeant Butler for being officer of the month and wish her success in her next assignment.

AUGUST

Sergeant J. Crews, Community Resource Unit – The Community Services Division Officer of the Month is Sergeant Jerome Crews, formerly of the Community Resource Unit. Over the last six years, Sergeant Crews led a team of officers committed to service to the community. The various programs, whether it be the Community Police Academies, Neighborhood Watch Programs, or Crime Prevention Presentations, benefitted under his leadership. Sergeant Crews was able to

maximize the existing resources and officer's skills to adapt to the growth in the city, and challenges that the pandemic presented. In addition to his own unit responsibilities, he was always able and willing to other units with tasks and projects. The Community Services Division thanks Sergeant Crews for his tenure and wishes him well in his new assignment.

SEPTEMBER

Officer R.M. Avila, Hispanic Liaison – The Community Services Division would like to nominate Officer Avila for officer of the month. She currently holds the Hispanic Liaison position and is also assisting the division in covering additional responsibilities. Officer Avila works diligently to provide excellent customer service, fostering and supporting the relationship between the police department and the Hispanic community.

Hispanic Heritage month which ran from September 15 to October 15, 2022. During this month, Officer Avila hosted or attended events to show support for her community. She most recently hosted an event at 1000 N. Miami Blvd., partnering with The Tropicana Grocery Store and El Centro. In addition to events that she coordinates, she is always willing to assist other units in the department. Recently, Officer Avila participated in various first responder school presentations, Touch-A-Truck events, and also assisted Criminal Investigations by translating for investigators. Officer Avila constantly tells her supervisors that these are “team” events. While this is true, it is evident that her leadership and commitment to the mission is a key factor in her success.

Criminal Investigations Division

JULY

Investigator I.I. Harton, Violent Crimes Unit – Inv. Harton has been with the Violent Crimes Unit since October of 2021. Since she arrived she has had an unwavering positive attitude, a willingness to help others, and a desire to provide a high level of customer service.

As the only Spanish speaking investigator on the unit, she quickly approached her supervisors and volunteered to be assigned any case with Spanish speaking victims. She has often volunteered to help cover on call shifts when other investigators have been out sick or on FMLA. She has also stepped up to help the Homicide Unit by handling a death investigation call out while they were tied up on another scene.

Investigator Harton is equally dedicated to solving her cases. From late May through early July, Investigator Harton was able to take out warrants for arrest on numerous aggravated assaults. She obtained warrants for assault by pointing a gun and discharging a firearm in the city limits in reference to a disturbance on Durham Chapel Hill Blvd., where the suspect threatened a group of people and shot off his own finger while recklessly handling a firearm. Investigator Harton was assigned a stabbing incident on Shiva Ct. and stayed after her shift to interview the suspect. This investigation resulted in the suspect being charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. A couple weeks later, Investigator Harton was assigned another stabbing, this time

at Long Meadow Park in District 1. She was able to obtain warrants on a suspect for the stabbing, as well as an additional charge of assault by pointing a gun in reference to a gun that was brandished, but not fired during the same incident.

Later in June, Investigator Harton was able to obtain multiple warrants on the parties involved in a shooting on Hardee St. One male was charged with felony possession of firearm by convicted felon and felony possession of stolen goods/property. The other party was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and received a \$150,000.00 secured bond. In early July, she was assigned a gruesome assault incident where, during a large party with dozens of people attending, a fight broke out and one male had his thumb bitten off. Despite only receiving cooperation from a couple of people, Investigator Harton was able to determine what happened and charge multiple individuals.

Even more impressive is that while investigating all of these cases in June, she also went above and beyond by attempting a follow up with a shooting victim who was uncooperative with the initial responding officers. While on this follow up, Investigator Harton saw a female who she recognized to be involved in a kidnapping/attempted robbery incident that she was assigned in January of this year. After concluding her follow up with the shooting victim, she was able to get the kidnapping suspect to voluntarily come to headquarters. Investigator Harton was able to take information from the interview and cross reference it with information contained within the social media and phone warrants she had previously executed and develop enough information to charge the female with kidnapping, conspiracy to commit robbery, and robbery with a dangerous weapon. Furthermore, she was able to recognize activity within the search warrants that indicated the suspect and her co-conspirators may have been involved in other robbery related incidents. Investigator Harton quickly made sure that she got this information to the Robbery Unit and Crime Analysis.

AUGUST

J. Daniel, Administrative Technician, Senior – Administrative Assistant Janis Daniel is the employee of the month for the Criminal Investigations Division.

Everyone knows Janis. Everyone knows Janis greets you with a smile and is always willing to help, no matter who you are. Janis often takes on additional projects or tasks without hesitation and always produces high-quality work. In June 2021, when criminal investigations were centralized, Janis took on the timekeeping of an additional thirty personnel. Janis took on this task with no complaints or hesitation. When another employee left Forensics, Janis took on their payroll and timekeeping responsibilities as well. Janis is also one of the primary trainers of new timekeepers, training several new Administrative Assistants. Janis is always positive and never shies away from taking on new tasks or projects.

Analytical Services Division

AUGUST

H. Mistretta, Crime Analysis Unit – On June 13, the Robbery Unit received two cases where multiple subjects in a white Ford Fusion were involved in robberies of Hispanic victims. These cases were initially linked to two similar robberies in Hickory, NC and then later to multiple incidents to include robberies, an aggravated assault and a home invasion in Charlotte, NC. After discussing the details of the case with the lead investigator, Ms. Mistretta took the initiative to research the known local cases, cases with similar M.O. and the known suspect's associates. She compiled all pertinent data into multiple quick-reference spreadsheets, bulletins and timelines and facilitated dissemination of this information to MAIN, Carolinas Crime Analysis Association and various contacts in the Triangle, Triad and Charlotte area in an effort to potentially link additional cases to this series. Through her tireless collaboration with investigators, dozens of hours of emails, phone calls and research, over 12 cases in 4 different jurisdictions have been linked to this group of suspects. Fifty Felony charges so far have been obtained, in Durham alone, and the FBI is currently working with local investigators on a federal Violent Crime in Aid of Racketeering case to present to Federal Prosecutors.

Forensic Services Division

JULY

CSI A. Sansola, Squad B – CSI Sansola has been with the department for about six years now and is one of our most senior Crime Scene Investigators. Sansola regularly pitches in not only to help her squad mates, but the entire unit. Sansola has volunteered to work on numerous projects within the unit such as updating the manuals, and creating a new training program. Countless hours have been dedicated to completing these projects. Sansola has also received her General Instructor Training and has provided her skills to both the unit and the department by teaching Blood Borne Pathogens classes. She currently is a trainer for our new personnel, sharing her invaluable experience and knowledge. CSI Sansola is extremely dedicated and enthusiastic about her work and constantly gives her all to the job that she does.

SEPTEMBER

CSI S. Martin, Squad A - CSI Martin has been with the department for five years now. In September, she received the Certified Crime Scene Analyst Certification through the International Association of Identification. (For those that do not know, this is the holy grail of Forensics). This is no easy feat, as is it a 4-hour exam consisting of 300 questions. To sit for the test, one must have:

- A minimum of 3 years of field experience
- 96 hours of additional crime scene training classes (this is in addition to the 9-month intensive in-house training that we provide).
- 4 references

- An applicant must be of good moral character, high integrity, and good repute and must possess high ethical professional standing.
- All applicants shall agree to abide by the "IAI Code of Ethics and Standards for Professional Conduct".

There are three levels for certification in Crime Scene, the higher the level, the more in-depth the test and more questions to complete as well as more requirements to qualify. The Crime Scene Analyst Certification is the second in this tier. The certification is good for five years and then personnel must take a recertification test to keep their certification, which requires an additional 80 hours of training, being published in a forensic journal, instructing forensic related courses, and hours of courtroom testimony, among others.

In addition, CSI Martin has assisted new employees with getting acclimated to the job. She works diligently on all of her scenes and cases, and recently, she was requested to complete a search warrant on a homicide vehicle. Even though she is bombarded with work, and though she is not lead on this particular homicide, Martin completed the assignment without hesitation. In checking in on her, the Forensic Manager noted that Martin had been hard at work accomplishing the task at hand and noted that the trajectory work done on the vehicle by Martin was flawless.

Recently, her Shift Supervisor reported that during the chemical processing of evidence under the fume hood in the latent lab, Sara made note of the large amount of powder and chemical build up within the hood that could possibly compromise the function of the fume hood. Sara took the initiative to clean the fume hood outside of the normal monthly lab cleaning schedule. Her ability to recognize potential issues that could affect evidence processing and her initiative and willingness to correct the issue should be recognized.

It is with great pride that we recognize CSI Martin for her recent accomplishments and her continued dedication to her job, the department, and the citizens of Durham.