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## November 2008 Newsletter

### What's New on the Police Front

Construction at our new headquarters continues to progress along nicely. We are very optimistic that we will be open to the public before the Christmas holidays.

### Wilmington Crime Prevention Goes Cellular

City of Wilmington introduces new "Text-A-Tip" Program

The Wilmington Police Department has unveiled its newest tool in crime prevention which utilizes the most popular form of communication for young people today, text messaging.

The program, called "Text a Tip", will enable users to text confidential information to the Wilmington Police Department and remain totally anonymous. Because text messaging has become the primary means of communication for this age group, the program targets our areas youth, middle school through college-age students and beyond. "Text a Tip" provides a new and innovative way for the Wilmington Police Department to engage young people in crime prevention. The anonymity feature plays a tremendous role in encouraging teens and young adults to share valuable information that has previously been withheld because of fear and intimidation. "Text-A-Tip" allows an individual to text crime information inconspicuously and anonymously." The Wilmington Police Department's "Text-A-Tip" Program is the first law enforcement text messaging program in the Cape Fear region. Similar programs have also been adopted by some of the country's major cities Police Departments such as Los Angeles and Boston.



**How it Works:** Text messages will be sent to CRIMES (274637). Messages go to a national server and are stripped of identifying information before being forwarded to the Police Department. The Wilmington Police Department's unique agency identifier (Tip708) must appear in the text messages to identify. This is because law enforcement agencies around the country will be using the same server -- CRIMES (274637). Texting the phrase Tip708 at the beginning of the message insures that the information will be directed to Wilmington Police Department. More information is available at [www.tip708.com](http://www.tip708.com)

#### **Text a Tip users will be instructed as follows:**

- Text TIP708 and your message to CRIMES (274637). Your message must begin with TIP708.
- When your message is received at CRIMES, your name and cell phone number will be stripped from the message before it is forwarded to the Police Department.
- You will receive an immediate text reply that will include a confidential I.D. number.
- If you use Text a Tip again, you may include your confidential I.D. number, but it is your choice. Text a Tip is totally anonymous.
- **For more information, go to [www.tip708.com](http://www.tip708.com).**

(Source: Lucy Crockett, Public Affairs Officer, #910-343-3602)

### Know Your Southeast (SE) Patrol Personnel

Each month we would like to introduce you to one of the officers serving your community. This month we would like to introduce you to Cpl. Nedley, one of our senior officers:

Cpl. Nedley has been with the Wilmington Police Department for 20 years. He has served in several different areas of the department to include, Patrol and Detective Division's, Traffic Unit, Patrol Oriented Response Team (PORT), Special Enforcement Response Team (SERT), and Bicycle Patrol Unit. He was the 2004 National Kick Boxing Champion. He is a NC Certified Law Enforcement Instructor specializing in Firearms, Subject Control and Arrest Techniques, and Physical Fitness. Cpl. Nedley currently is assigned to District 6.



**Corporal J. K. Nedley**

### **Police Beat**

The officers in the SE division have been extremely busy and productive. Below is an end of month breakdown of arrests made in October.

6,145 – Number of calls for service SE Patrol Division Officers responded to during October 08.

#### **Arrests:**

- 4 – Armed Robbery
- 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Deg. Rape
- 12– Breaking and Entering
- 5 – Possession of Stolen Property
- 16 – Narcotics Related
- 18 – Assault
- 48 – Larceny/Shoplifting
- 32 – DWI
- 14 – Quality of Life Violations (begging, trespass, property damage, etc.)
- 86 - Warrants served

Calls for service seem to increase during the holiday season. We expect that this year will be no exception to years past. We are in receipt of statistics related to previous holiday seasons and are in the process of developing plans to be proactive for this year.

### **Model Block Program**

**District 5:** Officers are using a variety of proactive measures in our model block area. In the past it was not uncommon for shoplifters to be released on a citation with proper identification; however, in our model block area all shoplifters are being arrested and taken before a Magistrate to be placed under bond. We are also employing the use of decoy cars. These marked patrol units are strategically placed, not only in our model block area, but also throughout district 5 in problem or high crime areas, to give the appearance of police presence. Additionally, officers have been checking car doors in parking lots and locking those they find to be unsecured in an effort to reduce the crime of breaking and entering of motor vehicles. Driver's license checkpoints have also been very successful in locating persons with outstanding warrants and those driving with revoked licenses.

The program has been in effect for approximately 60 days and it appears to be having a positive effect. *Calls for service or crime in the Model Block area are down by 10% compared to the same time frame in 2007.*

Suspect	Address	Crime	Crime Location
John Reidy	Dapple Ct.	Armed Robbery	Dapple Ct.
Demario Berry	New Berry Rd.	Armed Robbery	Dapple Ct.
Kevin Kortright	Dapple Ct.	Armed Robbery	Dapple Ct.
Alan Sneed, Jr.	Rocky Point, NC	B&E Larceny Auto	Market St./S. College Rd.
Harry Cook	Leland, NC	B&E Larceny Auto	Market St.
Alisha Griffis	Leland, NC	B&E Larceny Auto	Market St.
Gregory A. Adams, Jr.	Campbell St.	B&E/Safecracking	Randall Pkwy.
Keithon D. Southerland	Clay St.	B&E Larceny	Racine Dr.

**District 6:** Officers from SE Patrol and other Divisions/Sections of the Wilmington Police Department continue to work diligently in the Model Block area surrounding Bethel Road Park. The Police Mounted Unit has been seen patrolling on horseback on some of the neighboring streets. Visibility is a key factor in crime deterrence and we hope to do this type of patrolling more often. Additionally, the last few weeks for the remainder of the district have been busy. Code Enforcement has been called in to address city code violations and letters have been sent out to a few residents to clean up their property. If you know of a property that we need to look at, please do not hesitate to call. Several instrumental arrests have been made by WPD which are summarized below; however, most of these individuals have multiple charges for crimes committed in District 6.

*Calls for service or crime in the Model Block area are down by 2% compared to the same time frame in 2007.*

Suspect	Address	Crime	Crime Location
Israel Sanchez-Lemos	Jordan Lane	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Rape	Jordan Lane**
William Leslie Baptiste	Lancaster Rd.	Armed Robbery	S. College Rd/Holly Tree
Joshua C. Gaweda	Bretonshire Rd.	Tampering w/ Auto	Echo East Subdivision
Ryan B. Bitler	St. Andrews Dr.	B&E Larceny Auto	St. Andrews Dr.
Ryan C. Thompson	Kingsley Rd.	B&E Larceny Auto	St. Andrews Dr.
Kimberly L. Mclean	Condo Club Rd.	B&E Larceny/Residential	Multiple Locations
John Finneran	Condo Club Rd.	B&E Larceny/Residential	Multiple Locations
Rocky W. Garner	Long Branch Rd.	B&E Larceny/Residential	Holly Briar/Haymarket Ln.
Cedric D. Grady	Castle Hayne, NC	B&E Larceny/Residential	Holly Briar/Haymarket Ln.
Christine Howard	Broad St.	B&E Larceny/Residential	Holly Briar/Haymarket Ln.

\*\*Indicates Suspect was known by victim.

### Upcoming events:

There are no immediate upcoming events to report at this time. However, we have been busy with presentations and community related events this past month. Here are a couple of photos to show our interaction with those we serve.



**Off. J. Marcel &  
Off. Friendly at  
Festival Latino**

**Off. A. Schwartzel &  
Mount Crescent at  
Festival Latino**

**Off. Friendly at  
Cow-lo-ween  
Festival at Chick-fil-a**

### **Traffic Enforcement Locations for the Month of October/November:**

**3300 Bragg Dr.  
Amber Dr.  
Stonewall Jackson Dr.**

**300 Blk Pine Cliff Dr.  
Waltmoore Dr.  
Greenville Ave.**

**Greenville Loop Rd.  
Kelly Rd.  
S. College Rd.**

**Disney Dr.  
Hooker Rd.  
Cascade Dr.**

### **Crime Prevention/Thanksgiving Safety Tips**

#### **Around the House**

If you haven't already done so, get some family help in gathering up items in the yard that need to be stored. Don't make it any easier for casual thieves.

Remember to use your locks –on all doors and windows –even if you'll “only be gone a minute” or “just down the block”. It doesn't take long for a crook to take advantage.

If you haven't already done so, check your smoke detector before the cooking starts. Keep candles burning only where you can see them, and blow them out when you leave the room.

Make sure a trusted neighbor is keeping an eye on the place if you go away –picking up mail and papers, checking around your home. Put some lights on timers and keep shades and drapes in normal positions.

#### **On the Road**

If you're traveling by car, remember to “lock up, roll up, and look around,” Keep all doors locked, all windows rolled up, and yourself alert to your surroundings at all times.

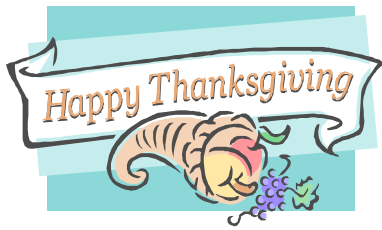
Be sure you carry only the cash and credit cards you absolutely need. Keep your possessions under your control at all times.

#### **Holiday Shopping**

Going shopping after Thanksgiving? Take only what you need in your purse or wallet, and keep a tight hold on it. Carry purses closed and snugly against your body; carry wallets in front pants or coat pocket. Pick-pockets are out this time of your looking for holiday cash. Don't let it be yours!

Keep shopping bags and packages out of view in the car. Put them in the trunk or cover them up with a blanket.

Review with children your family's rules for shopping safety and whose houses they can visit. Talk about that they should do if your family is away from home and they get lost; whether at the mall or an airport.



*From our family to yours,*

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