



Shallotte Police Department

May 2025 Monthly Report

Highlights

- SPD had 3867 calls for service and self-initiated incidents
- 42 Traffic accident investigations
- 76 Traffic Citations
- 204 Volunteer Hours
- Staff attended Sheriff's Prayer Breakfast at Mt. Olive Church
- Staff held "Town Hall" style meeting with Rivers Edge HOA
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast was held at Rivers Edge
- Staff attended High Water Vehicle Rescue training class
- Staff attended Career Day at Cedar Grove Middle School
- Staff attended BSLPD building dedication in honor of Fallen Officer Mitch Prince
- Staff presented Citizenship Award to student at 8th grade SMS awards

Investigations and Incidents

During the month of May 2025, the Shallotte Police Department's Investigative Division remained highly proactive in its efforts to safeguard the community. The division successfully managed a total of 19 criminal cases, demonstrating a continued commitment to public safety and thorough investigative work. As a result of these efforts, the division filed one misdemeanor charge and recovered property valued at approximately \$5,010 in stolen funds.

Details of some of this month's newly assigned cases are provided below.

1. Missing Person:

On April 25, 2025, at approximately 1430 hours, a concerned citizen visited the Shallotte Police Department to report an adult male as a missing person. The individual was last seen on April 21, 2025, around 0700 hours at a convenience store on Main Street in Shallotte. He was known to frequent a local gym and camp in a wooded area nearby, but had not been seen for several days. His personal belongings were no longer at his usual



location, and his phone was reportedly broken. The reporting party indicated that the missing individual had no known family or support network in the Shallotte area.

Detective Fisher of the Shallotte Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit immediately took charge of the case. He conducted a thorough interview, gathered relevant background information, and began coordinating efforts to locate the missing person. Detective Fisher provided his direct contact information to the reporting party and alerted patrol units to remain vigilant.

On April 26, 2025, at approximately 2123 hours, Detective Fisher was notified that the missing individual had safely returned to his hometown. Within minutes, he coordinated with dispatch to ensure the individual was removed from NCIC records. On April 28, Detective Fisher followed up directly with a family member to verify the individual's well-being and confirm his return home.

Thanks to Detective Fisher's prompt response and diligent follow-through, the case was successfully resolved and is now closed as "located."

2. Misdemeanor Larceny:

On May 6, 2025, Officers responded to a report of larceny at Lowes Home Improvement. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with a loss prevention employee who reported that on April 17, 2025, around 1124 hours, a white male suspect entered the store and stole merchandise. Surveillance footage showed the suspect leaving the scene in a Toyota Highlander bearing North Carolina registration REB-4714.

Detectives conducted a records check on the vehicle tag and determined it was registered to a resident of Shallotte Point. They then visited the registered owner's residence and presented her with surveillance images of the suspect. The vehicle owner explained that she occasionally offers rides to individuals in need through a local food pantry. She identified the suspect only as "Michael" and stated that he stays at a nearby motel on an intermittent basis.



Detectives then visited the motel and spoke with staff, who recognized the suspect from the photos and confirmed he stays there sporadically but was not currently checked in. A driver's license photo and criminal history check later confirmed the identity of the suspect, whose physical appearance and tattoos matched the individual seen in the surveillance footage. The case was closed by formally charging the suspect with Misdemeanor Larceny.

3. **Felony Larceny:**

On April 30, 2025, an officer responded to Tractor Supply in reference to a reported larceny of a trailer. An employee reported that the store had closed the previous night at 9:00 PM and all appeared normal. However, at approximately 7:50 AM the next morning, the employee discovered that a 2025 Carry-On 7ft x 12ft single-axle landscaping trailer was missing from the lot. The officer observed that a section of chain-link fence had been cut, likely with a saw blade. The trailer was entered into NCIC, and the case was referred to a detective.

Detectives met with the store manager, who stated that although security cameras are in place, footage could not be reviewed due to a computer software issue. A work order had been submitted, and contact details for the Loss Prevention Manager were provided for further assistance.

Town of Shallotte surveillance footage from April 29 at 2100 hours through April 30 at 0855 hours was reviewed. No trailer matching the description was seen leaving the lot during that time. A detailed timeline of vehicle activity was compiled, showing normal employee and delivery traffic. Based on the footage, investigators concluded that the trailer was likely not taken during the reported window.

With no current leads or additional evidence, the case has been placed in inactive status. The trailer remains listed in NCIC.

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