



Shallotte Police Department Monthly -February 2025

Highlights

- 1346 Calls for Service and Self-Initiated Incidents
- 86 Citations written by Uniform Patrol
- 38 Traffic Accident Investigations/Reports
- 213 Volunteer Hours
- Planet Fun / Starz Grille was present the Outstanding Community Service Award
- Lt. Lykins spoke at the UNCW campus on how to become a police officer.
- Chief Stanley and Lt. McLamb attended BCC Groundbreaking Ceremony for new public safety complex.
- Lt's Dunn and McLamb attended Career Day at the COAST
- Chief Stanley and Major Gravino BC Chief of Police meeting at the Sheriff's Office
- Lt. McLamb and Sergeant Baker attended Career Day at Southeastern Christian Academy
- Working diligently towards NC Accreditation standards.

Investigations and Incident Summary

The Shallotte Police Department's Investigative Division managed 18 cases in February. The division filed charges in four cases, which included seven misdemeanors and thirteen felonies, while obtaining four search warrants.

Their efforts led to the recovery of \$684.34 in stolen merchandise from local businesses.

Detectives focused heavily on four high-priority cases. Details of these key cases are provided below.

1. Felony Financial Fraud:

On January 28, 2025, a police officer responded to a report of fraudulent checks at the State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) in Shallotte, NC. The female suspect had previously tried to cash a \$3,200 check on January 21 but was denied. Authorities also identified a male accomplice involved in the crimes at the SECU ATM. SECU provided copies of the fraudulent checks and images of both suspects.



The suspects were charged with ten felonies, including forgery, counterfeiting, and obtaining property under false pretenses. Both suspects have been apprehended with help from neighboring law enforcement agencies. The Shallotte Police Department is collaborating with the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and the U.S. Secret Service to investigate additional financial crimes committed by the male suspect outside of the jurisdiction.

2. String of Felony & Misdemeanor Larceny by Same Subject:

On January 31, 2025, a Shallotte Police officer responded to a report of multiple larcenies at Home Depot over the past few months. The officer met with a Home Depot investigator who had been looking into the case. The investigator explained that he had identified the suspect from a previous incident and had been tracking the larcenies from October 19, 2024, to December 27, 2024, with a total of eight offenses. The stolen items amounted to \$1,857.83.

On February 5, 2025, a detective with the Criminal Investigations Unit confirmed the identity of the investigation and secured three felony warrants and six misdemeanor warrants for the suspect. The case was closed with the suspect's arrest.

3. Child Neglect:

On January 30, 2025, officers responded to a child custody issue where a mother reported that her in-laws were refusing to return her children. She had an active domestic violence protection order (DVPO) against her ex-partner, prohibiting him from being around the children due to domestic and alcohol abuse. The officers also contacted the Department of Social Services (DSS) after the in-laws stated DSS had advised them not to return the children yet. DSS reported concerns of possible child neglect and abuse, including allegations that the mother had been taking inappropriate pictures of the children. Case was forwarded to the Criminal Investigations unit.



Following these revelations, a search warrant was obtained on February 12 for the mother and her partner's phones, and a search was executed on February 13. Electronic devices were seized from their residence for further investigation into the alleged exploitation of the children. On February 14, additional search warrants were signed for specific electronic devices to recover potential evidence. The investigation is ongoing.

4. Felony Larceny from Capital Chevrolet:

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, officers responded to a report of stolen wheels from vehicles at Capital Chevrolet of Shallotte, located at 2366 Ocean Highway West. The manager led officers to two vehicles—a 2018 white Chevy Silverado and a 2020 red/black Chevy Silverado—both sitting on cinder blocks with their tires and rims missing. The lug nuts were found on the ground where the tires had been removed. The stolen rims and tires were valued at \$8177.00.

The officers reviewed surveillance footage from the previous night, which showed a van, possibly a Dodge Caravan, parking near the dealership. Two suspects were seen around the vehicles, one with a flashlight.

Later the same day, additional surveillance footage from Coastal Horizons was reviewed. The footage showed a burgundy minivan entering the lot around 11:17 PM, with two suspects walking toward the dealership. The suspects appeared to load something into the van before leaving the area. The investigation is ongoing.