



Shallotte Police Department

December 2024 Monthly Report

Highlights

- SPD has 1214 Calls for Service and Self-Initiated incidents
- 160 volunteer hours
- 42 Traffic accident investigations
- Uniform Patrol issued 59 citations
- Held “Pack the Cruiser” event at Wal-Mart with Brunswick Family Assistance
- Held Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Starz Grille
- Christmas Parade
- Assisted Southport Police Department with their Christmas Parade
- “Shop With A Cop” at Wal-Mart in conjunction with the FOP.
- Staff attended BLET Graduation at Cape Fear C.C. for new hire, Aaron Farmer.

Investigations and Incidents

The Shallotte Police Department’s Investigative Division managed 23 cases in December, with 74% (17 cases) related to larceny—a trend often seen during the holiday season. The division filed charges in seven cases, which included five misdemeanors and ten felonies, and obtained three search warrants.

Their efforts led to the recovery of \$3,715 in stolen merchandise from local businesses. Detectives focused heavily on four high-priority cases, achieving a 100% solvability rate. Details of these key cases are provided below.

1. Recovery of two missing juveniles:

On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, officers and investigators from the Shallotte Police Department successfully located two juveniles who had been missing for 24 hours.

2. Felony Statutory Rape of a Juvenile less = 15 y/o:



On December 3, 2024, investigators from the Shallotte Police Department received a report of an alleged sexual assault involving a 15-year-old student at Coast Academy. The report was made to school administrator, Dean of Students for Brunswick County Schools, who then contacted law enforcement. Investigators interviewed the student and her grandmother. The findings prompted a search warrant for the friend's residence. During the search, investigators collected sufficient evidence to issue an arrest warrant for the alleged offender for Felony Statutory Rape of a Child. No illegal drugs or additional contributing factors were found at the residence. To address community concerns, neighbors were informed about the outcome of the police activity in their neighborhood.

3. Felony Larceny of Merchandise:

On September 8 and October 19, 2024, an unidentified white male entered a Home Depot store and took merchandise off the shelves, pretending to return the items in exchange for cash. This individual was known to regularly commit thefts in the Myrtle Beach area before moving north to Brunswick County.

Shallotte Detectives collaborated with Home Depot's Asset Protection Officer and the Myrtle Beach Police Department to identify the suspect. A warrant was subsequently issued for the suspect's arrest on two felony counts of Obtaining Property by False Pretense.

4. Felony Larceny of Merchandise:

On Sunday, December 8, 2024, Shallotte Police officers responded to reports of a disturbance at Walmart on Main Street. Dispatch informed them that several individuals were attempting to steal merchandise and creating a scene.

A search of the suspects' vehicle revealed several stolen items, a handgun under the driver's seat, and a stolen coat. During questioning, one suspect admitted to additional thefts from other stores, including Beall's and Ulta Beauty. Detectives arrived on the scene to collect evidence, including the recovered merchandise and weapons. The

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suspects were transported to the Brunswick County Detention Center and charged with felony larceny. Authorities believe the individuals may be part of a criminal gang targeting multiple stores across the southeastern United States. The investigation is ongoing, and additional charges are expected as new evidence emerges.