



Locust Police Department
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MARCH/APRIL 2018 NEWS AND PRESS RELEASES

MARCH AND APRIL 2018 FELONY, DOMESTIC, AND DWI ARRESTS

- 03/02/18 – Zachary Tyler Thompson of New London, NC – Driving while impaired
- 03/06/18 – Paul Jeffery Mauldin of Concord, NC – Assault on a female
- 03/09/18 – Brandon Chase Hill of Locust, NC – Assault on a female
- 03/21/18 – Sheila Kay Lane of Stanfield, NC – Driving while impaired
- 03/24/18 – Kenneth McDaniel II of Concord, NC – Driving while impaired, misdemeanor larceny
- 03/25/18 – Charles Horace Furr of Mt. Pleasant, NC – Obtain property by false pretense
- 04/09/18 – Natalie Dawn Lanier of Albemarle, NC – Obtain property by false pretense
- 04/09/18 – Arlene Louise Neddo of Norwood, NC – Obtain property by false pretense
- 04/10/18 – Amber Dale Wolfe of Oakboro, NC – Possession of firearm by felon, possession drug paraphernalia
- 04/15/18 – Tommee Arline Petty of Sylva, NC – Attempt to obtain property by false pretense, 2 counts misdemeanor larceny
- 04/15/18 – Fernando Vazquez-Aviles of Stanfield, NC – Obtain property by false pretense, attempt to obtain property by false pretense, felony larceny by defeating anti-theft device, misdemeanor larceny
- 04/22/18 – Brayon Markuise Gist of Oakboro, NC – Felony larceny by employee
- 04/23/18 – Sylvester Corey Maske of Albemarle, NC – Felony larceny

04/29/18 – Joseph Anthony Troccolla of Oakboro, NC – Driving while impaired

04/30/18 – Robert Andrew Marks of Charlotte, NC – Driving while impaired

CONVICTION NEWS

In October and December of 2017, the Locust Police Department investigated the reports of multiple incidents of identity theft and fraud involving a Locust resident. After investigation it was determined that in all incidents Mr. Nathaniel Lindsay Payne of Locust, was the offender utilizing a family member's identifying and bank information to obtain merchandise as well as attempt to open credit and bank accounts that he could utilize. Mr. Payne was initially apprehended for the October incidents before posting bond and committing additional acts in December before fleeing the area. Mr. Payne was apprehended on February 25th for the December offenses. On April 11th, 2018 Mr. Payne pled guilty to one count of obtaining property by false pretense and was also convicted of being a habitual felon. He was sentenced to 67 – 93 months and is currently serving his sentence in the North Carolina prison system.

In December 2016, the Locust Police Department apprehended Mr. Qwontavis LaFredric Dockery of Albemarle after he along with an accomplice committed a larceny at the Locust Wal-Mart. Due to Dockery's previous criminal record, this offense qualified him to be charged as a habitual larceny offender. Mr. Dockery accepted a plea of attempted felony larceny which also qualified him as a habitual felon. Mr. Dockery was convicted with a habitual felon status and he was sentenced to 33 – 52 months. He is currently serving the sentence in the North Carolina prison system.

Department Training News

In 2017, Locust officers combined for more than 1,000 hours of training and the department has not let up thus far in 2018. As an agency, we strive to have the most well-trained officers in Stanly County and multiple officers completed various types of training and certifications already in the current year.

In April, Officer Kevin O'Connor completed a three-day "Sexual Assault: From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom" investigation class. Officer O'Connor also traveled to the NC Justice Academy in May where he was certified as a Taser instructor. Officer O'Connor will now lead the Locust Police Department's annual Taser certification and re-certification in-service training classes. Also in May, Officer Hannah Claiborne completed a five-day Intox operator certification class. This certification will enable Officer Claiborne to utilize the breath sample collecting Intox instrument with suspected impaired drivers. Every Locust patrol officer is now currently Intox certified. Continued great training work by Officers O'Connor and Claiborne!

LOCUST OFFICER HONORED

Locust Police Department Patrol Officer Hannah Claiborne was named as a finalist nominee this year for Stanly County Officer of the Year by the Officer Jeff Shelton Memorial Foundation. Officer Claiborne was nominated after her investigative actions in February

resulted in the apprehension of a suspect alleged to have committed armed robberies in up to 20 different jurisdictions in both North and South Carolina. North Carolina State Highway Patrol Trooper Whit Efirm ended up winning the award. We congratulate Trooper Efirm and are so proud of Officer Claiborne's police work and nomination. Great job this year Hannah!



Locust Officer Hannah Claiborne (center)
joined by Locust Officers Dwayne Dietz and Trent Middlebrook
at this year's Jeff Shelton Foundation awards banquet

Locust Police Department Website Reminder

A reminder to visit <https://locustnc.com/#> to access the Locust Police Department website. There you can find department news and press releases, monthly and annual statistics, department newsletters, neighborhood watch information, and helpful crime prevention resources.