



BEHIND THE BADGE

Case Flash

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The following case has been recognized by the Watch Commanders and Command Staff as an example of outstanding effort and initiative by all personnel involved:

DD Officer's Keen Eye Brings Down Multi-Jurisdictional Robbery Suspects

On May 15, Southeast District officers and Wake County deputies responded to Bitternut Lane and Lydford Road in regards to an armed robbery from person. Upon further investigation, the location of the crime scene was determined to be in the county, and WCSO took over the investigation. The suspects in this case struck the victim in the head with a pistol and stole his personal belongings. The suspects were last seen fleeing the scene in what the victim described as a burgundy Ford Crown Victoria. A BOLO containing a description of the suspect vehicle was broadcast to all RPD and county units.

Approximately one hour later, Master Officer M.F. Walton of the Downtown District spotted a burgundy Mercury Grand Marquis traveling on Peace Street near Capital Boulevard. The vehicle was occupied by five subjects, and a felony stop was eventually conducted on MLK Boulevard near the Dawson Street extension bridge. The suspects were removed from the vehicle and detained. When the vehicle was finally cleared, a 7.62 assault rifle was observed in plain view under the driver's seat. The vehicle was then searched, and three additional loaded handguns were recovered.

It was later learned that this same vehicle was also used during a home invasion that occurred in the county at 5839 Fayetteville Road just prior to the Bitternut Lane robbery. The five suspects were transported to the Public Safety Building and interviewed by WCSO detectives, and charged with multiple counts of burglary, assault, kidnapping, and weapons violations.

Captain K.S. Craghead and Lieutenant B.L. Kennon



Four firearms, including a 7.62 assault rifle (top) were found during the investigation of a robbery suspect vehicle on Saturday.