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Subject: “Impromptu” Waynesville PD Crime Presentation to the Waynesville Aldermen, 7/26/2022.

During the Public Comment period at the last Aldermen meeting, Peggy Hannah dressed down Aldermen for never attending a second Waynesville Police Department Community Crime report, initially that was held at 6:00 PM at 112 Virginia Ave., Waynesville, NC on 6/2/2022. The minutes of the meeting, to be approved next Tuesday says this about Peggy Hannah’s Public Comment.

“Peggy Hannah, 268 Hemlock Street, expressed concerns about the lack of crime enforcement in the Town.”

Right!

You can now listen to the audio of that meeting at

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Copy and paste this link into your browser, or, on www.haywoodtp.net go to:

[.wav Audio Recording of Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen Meeting, 7/26/2022. 8/3/2022...](#)

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You can now follow along with this piece by listening to the actual audio recording of the meeting, and in particular, Peggy Hannah’s Public Comment.

At the end of Peggy Hannah’s public comment, Mayor **Gary Caldwell** basically called Peggy Hannah a liar.

Apparently, the Mayor, Aldermen, and the Waynesville Police Department were wary of this little bear trap, and had Brandon Gilmore prepare (at least a week in advance, re: audio recording of meeting) a new updated presentation, that magically happened to be loaded on to the City’s projection system for that meeting (i.e. it was a set-up). This “impromptu” presentation was not on the agenda for that meeting.

The following is lifted from the draft minutes of the 7/26/2022 meeting, to be approved at next Tuesday’s Aldermen Meeting. This is the official summary of the presentation.

C. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Caldwell asked that Assistant Police Chief Brandon Gilmore speak to the Board and audience concerning crime statistics for the Town of Waynesville.

Chief David Adams explained how the Record Management System compiles the statistics. He said that there have been improvements in the time he has been in Waynesville, especially in the Frog Level area, and he realizes there is still more work to be done.

Assistant Chief Gilmore presented a power point of offenses compiled from the January – June period and is a comparison to the previous year 2021. He explained that the “coding system” with the software program utilized in the Police Department often lumps numerous types of offenses into one category. He said he hoped that statistics from the more common offenses that often arise, and are quoted in meetings, will give more insight to the crime in Waynesville.

Top 5 Offense Decreases:

Shoplifting: Down 42.94 %

All Other Offenses (Misdemeanor Possession of Stolen Property, Misdemeanor B&E of Motor Vehicle, Misdemeanor Assault on LEO, some traffic related Offenses not including DWI): Down 14.29 %

Trespass or Real Property: Down 52.27%

Damage/Vandalism of Property: Down 33.72%

Simple Assault: 21.13%

Top 5 Offense Increases:

OFA (Order for Arrest/Warrant Service): Up 74.4%

Stolen Property Offenses: Up 275.0%

Weapon Law Violations: Up 87.5%

Driving Under the Influence: Up 50%

Arson: Up 400.0%

Individual Statics Related to Certain Offenses:

Crimes Related to Children: 50 Offenses Up 22%

Aggravated Assault: 14 Offenses

Simple Assault: 49 Offenses

Breaking & Entering's: 20 Offenses

Shopliftings: 93 Offenses (Majority from Walmart)

Thefts from a motor vehicle, building or motor vehicle parts: 72 Offenses

Motor Vehicle Thefts: 7 Offenses

Damage/Vandalism of Property: 47 Offenses

Trespass: 41 Offenses

Assistant Chief Gilmore explained that the rise in offenses is an increase in pro-active work enforcement for the Police Department, and not an increase in crime. He reminded everyone that these statistics change daily.

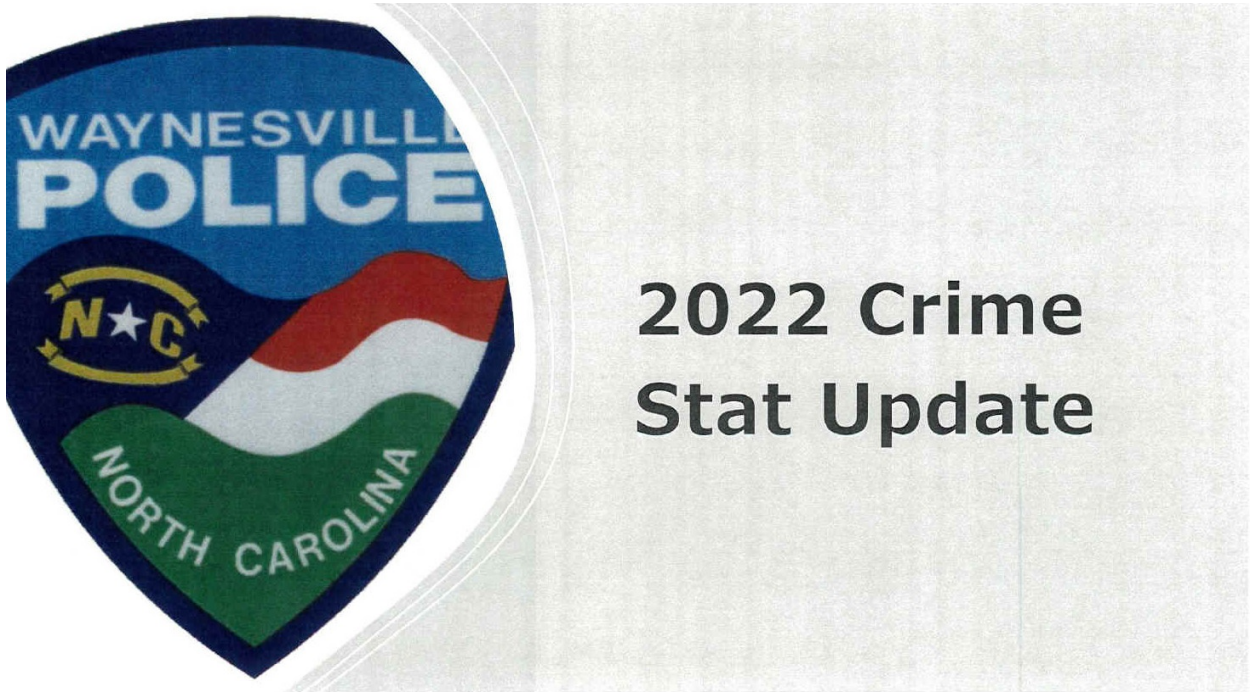
He said that primarily due to COVID, there has been an increase in crimes related to children. We account for this by long periods of time, where children have been allowed unlimited amounts usage with these platforms and other inappropriate internet sites. Our plans are to host some educational forums with the community, as we move forward to better educate parents in what to look for and hopefully, how to avoid children becoming victims.

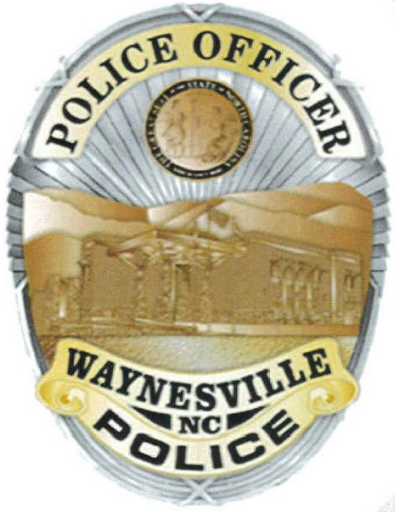
The pre-trial release program is a program that says if a person is arrested, and meets a certain set of standards, they can get a bond. If the standards are not met, sometimes the arrestee can be arrested multiple times. Recently the program has changed, and more people are starting to get bonds. So hopefully the trend of being arrested multiple times will be broken soon.

Assistant Chief Gilmore explained what steps the Police Department is currently taking to decrease the homeless, and crimes in the Town. He added that the Board has approved an app for phones that give

data from the Police Department pertaining to crimes. He said it will help give citizens the information they have been asking for.

The following are the slides that appeared on the monitor at the meeting. As you can see, the size of the font for a lot of the material was impossibly tiny for anyone to read. Consequently, I requested a copy of the slides of the presentation, which was like pulling teeth. Still don't have a complete set of slides from the original Waynesville Police Department Community Meeting, that was held at 6:00 PM at 112 Virginia Ave., Waynesville, NC on 6/2/2022. Some slides have been censored. Waiting for the full set...





TOP 5 OFFENSE INCREASE	PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE	
OFA Order For Arrest/Warrant Service	45.37%	↗
90D Driving Under the Influence	50.00%	↗
280 Stolen Property Offenses	275.00%	↗
520 Weapon Law Violations	137.50%	↗
9910 Calls for Service	9.09%	↗

WPD COURT REPORT



MICHAEL MASCARENAS

GUILTY
8-19 MONTHS




JOHN KIRK

GUILTY
27-51 MONTHS





WAYNESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT Field Contact							
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:							
CONTACTING OFFICER:							

Now that you have access to the audio recording of the last Aldermen meeting, you can review a whole bunch of other stuff that happened at the meeting. I suggest starting off with and reviewing:

[Shoot-Out at the O.K. Corral, a.k.a. Public Comments at Waynesville Aldermen Meeting, 7/26/2022. 7/27/2022...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220727PublicCommentPressonMorgan.pdf>

Then, review:

[Email Dialog with Dumb-as-a-Brick reporter for the Mountaineer, Becky Johnson - "News the Public Will Never Know"! 7/26/2022. 7/29/2022...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220729EmailDialogBeckyJohnson.pdf>

From that, the following is reprinted here...

1. The impromptu Police Community Update Report on Crime in Waynesville, after Peggy Hannah calling them out. Brandon Gilmore had been pulling records all week [re: audio recording to be posted on www.haywoodtp.net] and his power point presentation was already loaded on the projection system, when Gary Caldwell asked him to come in and speak. It was not on the agenda.
2. This idiot Tina Okenfuss, new Director of Waynesville Housing Authority, got up and spoke and said there was no drug or needle problem in Waynesville,
3. Aldermen slammed Travis Smith request for a zoning change for his lot, and denied the change,
4. The whole Chapter 160D fiasco, and how there is not going to be a good ending for Martha Sharpe Bradley and Elizabeth Teague,
5. Martha Sharpe Bradley shutting down public comment at future hearings,
6. Martha Sharpe Bradley to hold a closed session on why she was right and what to do about the Janet Presson appeal,
7. Etc., etc., etc.

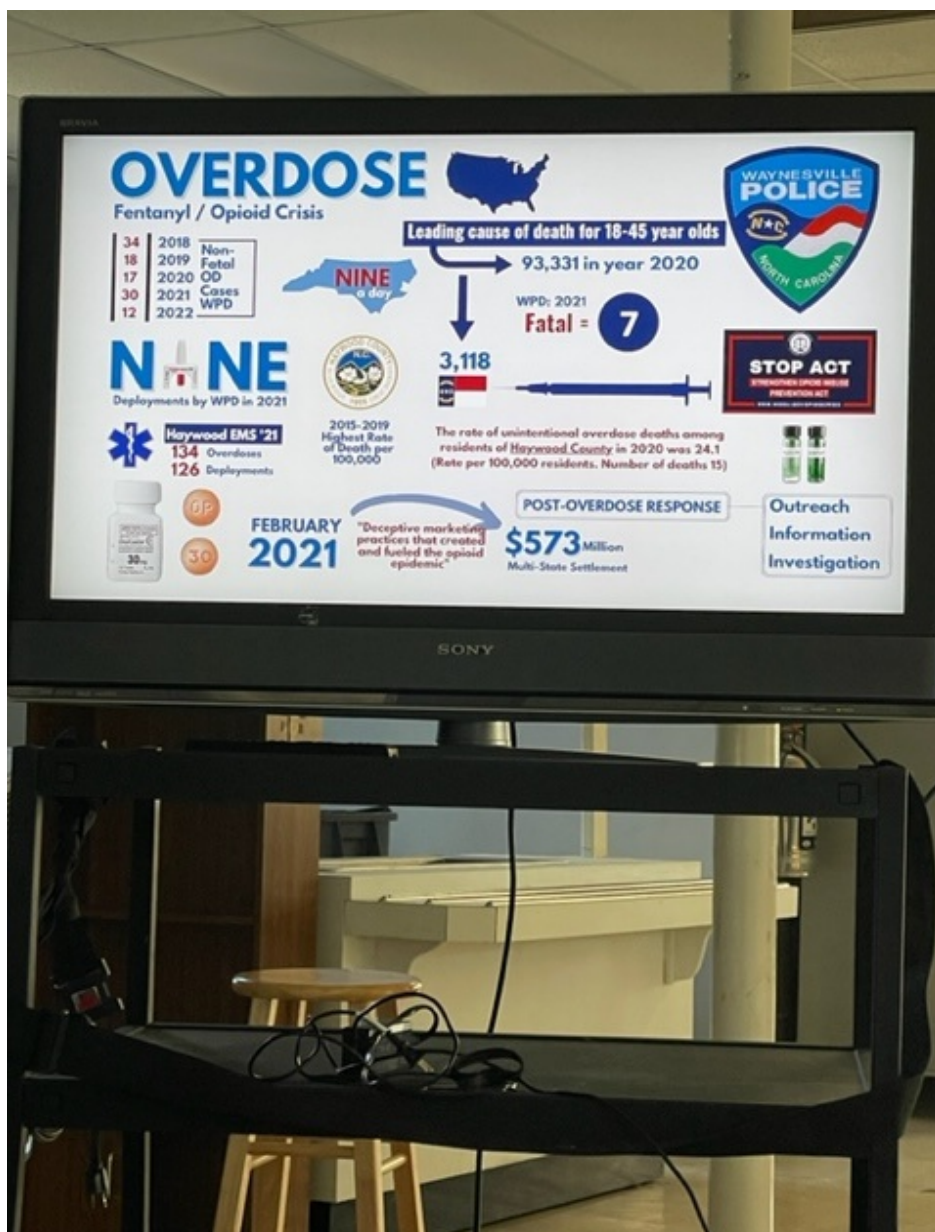
There is now a general perception, to me, that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Police Department are intentionally hiding and withholding crime information from the community.

As part of my Request for Public Information about the audio recording and slide presentations to Eddie Ward -

[Request for Public Information - Email dialog with Eddie Ward, Clerk, Town of Waynesville. Requesting an audio recording of an Aldermen Meeting, and some simple lousy Slide Presentations from the Waynesville Police Department. Ought to be a no brainer? Think again. 8/3/2022...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220803EmailDialogEddieWard.pdf>

I included a photo that was taken at the first Waynesville Police Department Community Crime report, initially that was held at 6:00 PM at 112 Virginia Ave., Waynesville, NC on 6/2/2022. There was a problem with the projection system at that meeting, so alternative presentation media was hurried in as a replacement, a flat screen video monitor on a movable card. Here is the photo.



Did I get this slide with my request? [Expletive Deleted] NO!

WTF.

This is what I got.

HAZELWOOD : JUNE 2, 2022

HOMELESS

Sheltered & Unsheltered...

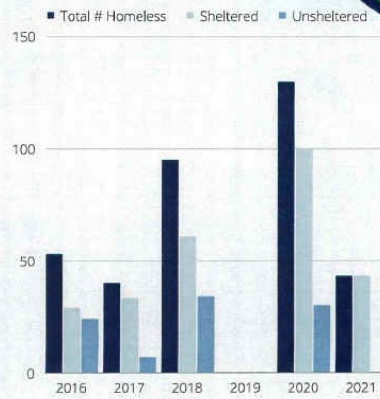


Homelessness has decreased by 24% since 2010
nccoh.org



Point in Time Count - Haywood County - 2016-2021

	TOTAL	🏠	✖️
2016	53	29	24
2017	40	33	7
2018	95	61	34
2019	53	53	*
2020	130	100	30
2021	43	43	*



HOMELESS

Police Encounters...



October of 2020

47 People =
73 Encounters
22 - Felons
12 - Probation
2 - Sex Offenders

28 had pending charges

November of 2020

49 People
89 Encounters
23 - Felons
8 - Probation

35 had pending charges

March of 2022

26 People
51 Encounters
8 - Felons
19=Sub. Abuse

11 had pending charges

Encampments:

Active & Abandoned



HOMELESS

Sheltered & Unsheltered...

Police Encounters...

"Service Resistant Population"




Areas being addressed:

Behind Walmart
Fisher Field and adjoining property
Bridges
Creek banks along the Richland

Subjects frequently being dealt with:

John Kirk (Currently Incarcerated)
Travis Paul
Paul Fooks
Michael Mascarenas (Currently Incarcerated)
Kelly Coe

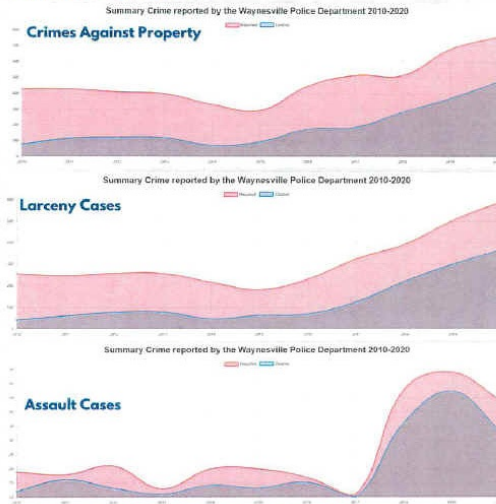
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CRIME and disorder...

Pre-Trial Release



Decriminalization



Arrest Totals
2016
2032

Arrest Totals
2020
2448

Shoplifting:

2016	101
2017	191
2018	238
2019	297
2020	400
2021	381

Additionally, photos of bad guys were presented, but left out of what I received.

Someone has balls to redact a slide that there is photo evidence was taken at that first meeting. Why was this done, and who is responsible? I can think of a couple of people -

- **Jesse Fowler**
- Police Chief David Adams
- Waynesville City lawyer **Martha Sharpe Bradley**
- The entire set of Aldermen + Mayor

Let's see what happens and if I will get the full set of slides.

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