Arrests made in Challenge Ct. Homicide

Rocky Mount, N.C. – On February 4, 2021, at approximately 2:06 p.m., the Rocky Mount Police Department responded to a shooting with injury in the 100 block of Challenge Ct. When officers arrived, they located the victim, Sherman Whitaker, a 45-year-old black male with an apparent gunshot wound.

Officers began life-saving measures until Emergency Medical Services arrived. Whitaker was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Three arrests have been made in the incident. Romell Dee'Ange Parker (black male, 24), Ronnell Jaquan Battle (black male, 25) and Dysheka Laquann Parker (black female, 25) have each been charged with First Degree Murder. All three are being held at the Edgecombe County Detention Center under no bond.

Anyone with information about this incident, please contact the Rocky Mount Police Department at 252-972-1411, Twin County Crime Stoppers at 252-977-1111, or Text-A-Tip (Text RMPOL) and your message to CRIMES (274637). Your text is entirely anonymous.

About Rocky Mount: The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community towards a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly-owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit www.rockymountnc.gov for news and updates.

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