

GUILFORD COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE – APRIL 2024

For the month of April, the sheriff’s office responded to a total of **118** calls for service in Oak Ridge Town limits, resulting in **9** formal case reports.

Of note:

- We took three reports of car break-ins at Oak Ridge Town Park at both parking lots on Linville Road (4/15) (4/28) and Lisa Drive (4/23) and at the Cascade Preserves trail parking lot on Goodwill Church Road just outside of town limits on (4/19). This is in addition to two we took at town park in March on 3/2 and 3/14. All of these cases have involved subjects smashing car windows and stealing purses. We have had multiple cases at other parks in the northwest part of the county and in some of the cases, they have been confirmed to involve Felony Lane Gang activity – as stolen IDs have been used to impersonate victims in bank drive through teller lines an effort to cash checks stolen from other motor vehicles. A crew from Florida was arrested in High Point earlier this week impersonating the victim of a Sunday car break-in from US 220 and those subjects are being looked at for ties to other open cases.

It is imperative that we ask that residents to not leave their purses and wallets behind in their vehicles when visiting our area parks. Carry them with you, or bring only the essentials, or make sure to secure your wallet or purse in your trunk prior to arriving at town park. Additionally, please call us immediately if you see suspicious activity occurring. We had a witness to one of the town park break-ins who saw the subjects backing in, thought they might be getting ready to break into a car and only called us after they did so.

We are increasing our patrols and investigative efforts at all of our area parks and addressing these cases has been made a priority for our detectives. However, it is impossible for us to be everywhere at once and we need help to curve this rash of crimes. This is nothing unique to our area, as these cases have been increasing across the nation and our neighboring jurisdictions are dealing with the same problem.

Calls by type:

- *This is type of call upon initial dispatch, call nature often was changed after further investigation upon deputy arrival.*
- *Numbers denoted on the map indicate multiple calls for service at the same location.*



