

CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**To:** Mayor Lewis, City Council  
**From:** Lisa Sherman, Chief of Police  
**Re:** Speeding Issue-Sheldon Street/Shaw Street  
**Date:** January 04, 2017

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At the November 14, 2016 City Council meeting, Mr. Byron Coy spoke at public comment about the perceived speeding violations occurring on Sheldon Street between Seminary Street and Shepherd Street. Previous to this, I had been in contact with Mr. Coy in regards to this very same issue. We have been conducting traffic enforcement specifically in the area of Mr. Coy's home (538 S. Sheldon) since February 2016. Enforcement is conducted as time and call load allows. From February through April, seven speeding violations were issued. Only two crashes have been reported in the entire stretch from Seminary Street to Shaw Street this year, with only one being speed related last January (snowy conditions). Mr. Coy did respond with a thank you for our efforts and reported that traffic was traveling at acceptable speeds. As spring comes, so does our increase in call load, so enforcement can take a back seat if no problems are brought to our attention.

After the summer and upon the return of students to school, the traffic in Mr. Coy's area apparently picked up and gave cause for Mr. Coy to come speak at City Council. After that meeting I contacted Mr. Coy and advised I would be conducting a traffic and speed survey in the area to better target the day, time and speeds in that area. The study was completed on December 6, 2016. I then informed Mr. Coy of the results and that we would attempt to target the peak times as call load and manpower allow. I asked Mr. Coy to call if he could identify for us any particular car or time that he felt was a reoccurring issue. To date, we have had no complaints and no violations have been located by officers.

This area of Sheldon was heavily traveled throughout the time of the study. 9609 vehicles were tracked during the study. Average speed was 26-28 mph, with the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed being 32-34 mph. The 15<sup>th</sup> percentile showed 19-23 mph and 57 to 70 percent of the vehicles traveling in pace (25-35mph). A small percentage were at the 40-45 mph range and those are the ones we will try and target for enforcement.