

## Gun Seizures Up in Charlotte



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## CMPD Reports Gun Seizures on the Rise

Violent attacks involving guns are up 10% this year in Charlotte from 2021. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department have reported a major increase in gun seizures – nearly 500 guns seized this year, a 14% increase compared to this time last year.

Our police officers and detectives are working tirelessly to get guns used in crimes out of the hands of dangerous individuals.

**The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department cited a few examples of investigations leading to firearms being seized:**




*On February 1, a school resource officer was advised of students posing with guns on Instagram.*



### **Always store firearms:**

- LOCKED**
- UNLOADED**
- SEPARATE FROM AMMUNITION**
- INACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN**

*The officer discovered several of the guns were BB guns, but that one was real. The officer tracked down the individual with the real gun who is a juvenile at another school. The officer responded to the suspect's resident and got permission to search for a*



weapon. With help from the family, he found the handgun.

On February 15, officers responded to a domestic violence call for service. A suspect had pointed a gun at other people in the residence. Officers successfully de-escalated a barricade situation with the suspect and took him into custody. Two guns were seized including one stolen gun, along with a trafficking amount of heroin.

**Responsible gun-ownership and safety are critical:**

- Properly secure all firearms inaccessible to children
- Be sure the firearm is locked and unloaded.
- Do not leave firearms in motor vehicles, especially if unlocked!

Anyone with information on a gun-related crime should contact Crime Stoppers at <http://charlottecrimestoppers.com/> or 704-334-1600.

Community tips are critical to help solve cases and hold offenders responsible. It takes all of us to create a safe community.

I ask for your support and vote in the primary election on May 17. Early voting begins April 28. [Click here](#) for details. I very much want to continue the work I have started as your At-Large City Councilwoman. [Click here](#) to invest \$22 for our 2022 campaign. *Thank you!*

Sincerely,



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