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Steele Street is a predominantly longtime owner occupied residential street. We have always maintained our homes and looked out for one another. We have become an area caught in the cross-hairs of the growth of HPU and downtown, bordering English-Montliue and Main to Centennial. Which has now become a literal war zone where we fear for our safety and the safety of our family's and homes on a daily basis. Since Early September, 2018 I personally have been robbed three times, and an attempted fourth. Three of my neighbors as well were robbed during the same time period. Steele street had two shootings in a five week period as well as shootings on Forrest and Denny streets. And Federal Marshall Apprehensions.

The past few years have become more challenging with the city's growth ramping up and moving forward. The city seems to have become more focused on the new growth and renovation and less concerned with the existing infrastructure. I understand all municipalities' run on budgets, but the first priority should always be the safety and well-being of the residents and visitors. I know High point has secured a loan to grow downtown yet it appears that none of that budget was dedicated to improving the surrounding area, specifically pertaining to the police department and code enforcement. It's clear that the city's policy's and priorities are outdated and ineffective. Having a qualified team enforcers both (police and Code) who have their hands tied and are unable to properly effect change is counterproductive.

Steele Street and the adjacent neighborhood is a trifecta it is less than half a mile from furniture market, HPU, the new ballpark and designated location for the children's museum. I have witnessed drug deals and prostitution on a daily basis from my own property, I have also been solicited for drugs and prostitution in what should be the safety of my own backyard.

Steele Street is a thriving part of market for both guest parking and showrooms. In October the 200 Steele building that just underwent an addition that was somewhere in the ballpark of 13 million dollars and had windows shot out. We have reached an all-time high for crime on our street, and the adjacent neighborhood. I fear the visitors this market will be subject to vandalism theft, or worse.

Two examples of residential addresses that have been completely abandoned and unmaintained for going on ten years. 501 Oakland Place has been abandoned and uninhabitable prior to 2008. It has sat and deteriorated for a decade and become a haven for criminals homeless, drugs, and prostitution and is adjacent to my backyard.

408 Steele Street has a similar history. I have personally called the city as well as the police regarding both for going on a decade and the results are nothing. All that happens are the owners are sent a notice and a fine is added to their tax bill which has resulted in no change in a decade. (completely ineffective)

I share in Mr Erwin's assessments, Concerns and solutions 100%. and would like to add that if the city does not take a zero tolerance proactive approach to gang violence, crime and lack luster property owners, the city will wind up with an empty ballpark, and excessive debt.

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Teen Shot in High Point Drive-By Shooting; 14-Year-Old, 18-Year-Old Charged: Police

High Point Police found a 16-year-old had been shot in the leg on the 500 block of Steele Street around 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

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HIGH POINT, NC (WFMY) - A 14-year-old was one of two from High Point arrested Saturday for their suspected roles in a drive-by shooting where a 16-year-old was shot in the leg.

High Point Police found a 16-year-old had been shot in the leg on the 500 block of Steele Street around 3:15 p.m. Saturday. The teen was standing at the end of a driveway talking to two others when a green Mercedes drove by and fired five shots at them. The driver shot the 16-year-old in the left leg and the home behind them according to police. No other injuries were reported.

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Around 6:25 p.m., an officer found the Mercedes involved in the shooting and started a traffic stop. The 14-year-old driver kept going before eventually crashing into a street sign at the intersection of Greer Avenue and Cloverdale Street. Both the 14-year-old and passenger Daniel L. Gelzer, 18, ran away before being arrested. Gelzer was tracked down by a K-9 team and the 14-year-old was arrested on scene.

The 14-year-old wasn't identified. He was charged with Felony Flee to Elude Arrest, three (3) counts of Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon with the Intent to Kill, Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury, Discharging a Firearm in City Limits and Discharging a Firearm Into an Occupied Dwelling. He was taken to the Juvenile Detention Center in Greensboro.

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Gelzer was charged with Resist, Delay and Obstruct a Police Officer after running from police.

Fourth Shooting Reported In High Point Thursday

Police reported four shootings in High Point early Thursday morning within hours of each other.

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HIGH POINT, NC (WFMY) -- A fourth shooting was reported in High Point Thursday morning less than two hours after a woman was shot and killed on Franklin Ave. and around the same time, a teenage girl was shot in the foot nearby.

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There were no injuries in the fourth shooting, which happened when a home on Bridges Drive was fired into around 5 a.m. Lt. Cheeks with High Point police said the home was also shot into on July 17.

WOW.

Incredible the number of bullet holes at this house on Bridges Drive in [#HighPoint @WFMY](#)

Third shooting reported in High Point just today. pic.twitter.com/XkxS1BLU2T

— Janson Silvers (@JansonSilvers) [August 9, 2018](#)

The fourth shooting happened at roughly the same time officers found a 15-year-old girl on Fairview Street with a gunshot to her foot. Police found approximately 35 shell casings in the road in front of the girl's home.

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Around 3:30 a.m., A woman was found in the road from a gunshot wound on Franklin Ave. She later died at the hospital. Investigators haven't determined a motive or suspect information. The woman's identity hasn't yet been released.

The first shooting of the four took place at 603 Denny Street at 1:44 am. According to High Point police, the house was fired at leaving three vehicles outside the home hit by bullets. No one was injured.

Woman Killed In High Point Shooting: Police

Officers learned the woman had died at the hospital around 4 a.m.

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HIGH POINT, NC (WFMY) - Police are investigating after a shooting in High Point.

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Police found a woman in the street suffering from a gunshot wound to the head when they arrived to Franklin Ave. around 3:30 a.m. She later died at the hospital. There's no indication that the Franklin Ave. shooting and Monday's deadly shooting of pregnant teen Anastasia Ray are related at this time.

@HighPointPolice are investigating a homicide. It happened overnight on the corner of Franklin Avenue and Hines Street. Neighbors tell @WFMY they woke up to loud gunshots and saw a woman lying in the street. Little information is known at this time. Stick with @WFMY for updates. pic.twitter.com/t5m9Mo31GD

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@HighPointPolice on scene of Homicide investigation in the 1400 block of of Franklin. 1 person dead. Very limited information at this time. Press release will be issued as soon as reasonable. #HPPD pic.twitter.com/tmnTSJkuwf

— HighPoint(NC)Police (@HighPointPolice) August 9, 2018

At this point, investigators haven't determined a motive or suspect information. The victim's identity hasn't yet been released.

While investigating the deadly shooting, they heard around 30 to 40 shots in succession nearby around 5 a.m. They later found a 15-year-old girl at a home on the 700 block of Fairview St. had been shot in the foot.

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The teen girl was taken to the hospital for her injury, which wasn't considered life-threatening. No one else inside the home was injured.

The woman is the 13th person killed in High Point this year according to police.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact Detective Buben at 336-887-7867 or Crimestoppers at 336-889-4000

Arrest Made After Shooting That Left One Dead At High Point Bar & Grill

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the High Point Police Department at (336) 883-3224.

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HIGH POINT, NC (WFMY) -- Two people were shot leaving one dead early Saturday morning around 2:20 a.m. in High Point.

According to the City of High Point, officers responded to 309 W. Fairfield Rd. in response to shots being fired at Sidelines Bar & Grill.

Officers located two people shot when they arrived on the scene.

There was also a large crowd when police arrived.

As officers attempted to access the victims, the hostile crowd interfered and additional units were needed to control the crowd.

To administer aid, Derrick Byers, 34, had to be removed from the scene of the hostile crowd and driven across the street to a Walmart parking lot where he succumbed to his injuries.

The other victim, Quentin Brown, 31, was taken to Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro with multiple gunshot wounds.

Through early investigating, officers learned that a car involved in the shooting had been taken to a home on Gavin Drive in High Point.

After locating the car at the home, officers obtain an arrest warrant for Bobby L Wall Jr, 32, for 1st Degree Murder and Assault With A Deadly Weapon With The Intent To Kill Inflicting Serious Injury.

On Sunday, October 20, Wall was located and arrested by the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force at a home in the 500 block of Richardson Avenue.

Wall is currently being held at the Guilford County Jail with no bond.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at (336) 889-4000.

Derrick Byers is the 17th person killed in High Point in 2018.