
Re: PRESS RELEASE - APD Charges 5 Individuals in 8/9 Protest

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Can I have more information about the nature of events that led to these charges, specifically the ones that include traffic infractions? I've seen public footage of at least one incident that appeared to be a person dispersing before being blocked by officers-on-bike and pulled from her vehicle. Were they using their vehicles as a part of protest action? If not, I assume that they were in cars leaving.

I need more info, please.

On Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 9:56 AM Christina Hallingse <challengse@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:



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Asheville Police Department Charges Five Individuals in August 9 Protest

Asheville, NC (August 10, 2020): On August 9 a protest occurred in downtown Asheville. Prior to the beginning of the protest, representatives from the Asheville Police Department (APD) met with organizers to have a conversation and share the goal for a safe and peaceful gathering. During this conversation APD asked organizers to follow traffic laws, not block or obstruct streets, and remain on the sidewalks. Organizers were notified that individuals violating these laws would be arrested.

Once the group began walking through downtown they traveled in the streets, and used both bicycles and vehicles to obstruct traffic and block intersections. As a result, the Asheville Police Department arrested five individuals.

Melissa Ann Coit (37), Asheville

- Failure to Disperse on Command
- Traffic Infraction

Kaitlin Blue Williams (32), Swannanoa

- Failure to Disperse on Command

Lisa Louise Horigan (29), Asheville

- Failure to Disperse on Command
- Traffic Infraction

Charlotte Wilson (28), Old Fort

- Failure to Disperse on Command
- Traffic Infraction

Laura Elizabeth Nelms (32), Canton

- Failure to Disperse on Command
- Traffic Infraction

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Attachments:

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