



Saturday, May 30, 2026

Statement issued from Shelby Police Chief, Brad Fraser

Officer involved incident on Friday, May 29, 2026

“As a follow-up to our press release issued yesterday, the Shelby Police Department's Office of Professional Standards has completed its administrative investigation and presented its findings to my office. Effective at 8:30 a.m. this morning, the officer involved in this incident has been terminated from employment with the Shelby Police Department.

In addition, the findings of our administrative investigation have been turned over to the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation for an independent review of any criminal violations. This step is being taken to ensure transparency, accountability, and public confidence in our actions as a law enforcement agency.

As I stated yesterday, community trust is the foundation of effective policing. The officers, telecommunicators, and leadership of the Shelby Police Department remain committed to maintaining and strengthening that trust every day. Our agency is guided by the core values of honesty, teamwork, integrity, professionalism, and respect, and we hold ourselves accountable to those standards.

As a lifelong resident of this community, I care deeply about the residents we serve and the reputation of this department. While this incident does not reflect the

values of the Shelby Police Department, it does reinforce the importance of holding ourselves to the highest standards of conduct.

As we move forward, our commitment to the City of Shelby remains unchanged: to protect our community with courage and serve our community with compassion.

At this time, I would like to introduce our City Manager, Justin Merritt, for some additional comments.”