



Public Statement: Graffiti Incident at Davidson Gateway

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DAVIDSON, NC -- The Davidson Police Department (DPD) is investigating two heinous acts of vandalism of commercial property in our town. The crimes took place earlier this month, as the community and the Nation held their annual Juneteenth celebrations. The hateful language was removed from the building shortly after it was reported to the police. The owners arrived personally to ensure the removal.

These atrocious behaviors are not reflective of our town. Davidson is a community which embraces diversity, equality, and inclusion. The racial epithets are divisive, hurtful, and particularly impact the Black community raising a strong emotional response.

Chief Kim Davidson states, “The police department is part of the community, and the officers understand the impact this language has on the residents of Davidson, but specifically the Black residents. As the police chief it is my job to ensure you live in a safe and secure community and are respected.”

The Davidson Police Department continues to attempt to identify the individual or individuals responsible for this act. The Davidson Police Department seeks the community’s assistance with their investigation. If a community member saw anything out of the ordinary in the late evening or early morning hours of Saturday June 17 or Monday June 19 in the vicinity of Davidson Gateway Drive and Gateway Crossing Court please contact the lead investigator Detective Corporal AJ Heitmann by dialing 911 or calling 704-892-5131.

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