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Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Government Official

Wendell- On Saturday, August 15, 2015 at approximately 5:03pm, Wendell Police Sergeant S. G. Hall and Officer Lenward Hanks went to 745 Lions Club Road in an effort to locate Dustin Lee Brown after receiving information from a citizen that Brown was at that location and had outstanding warrants for failure to appear. As they approached the residence, Sgt. Hall observed Brown in the yard and Brown disappeared to the rear of the residence. Hall and Hanks pulled into the yard and spoke with an additional party who was at the residence. After the officers and the occupant had talked outside the residence for several minutes, a large dog came from the area of the front door of the residence around to the side yard in what was believed by the officers to be a threatening manner. Feeling threatened by the dog, Officer Hanks and Sergeant Hall both drew their service weapons and Hanks fired a single shot. The dog was deceased at the scene.

Brown was ultimately located alone in the residence and was taken into custody. Upon presentation of the facts as determined at that time, a Wake County Magistrate issued a warrant charging Brown with one count of Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Government Official. The warrant states that he assaulted Hanks with a "Black and Tan Rottweiler, approximately 130 lbs in weight" by "releasing said dog for the purpose of biting, attacking, etc. the above listed officer." Brown was also charged with one count of delay, resist and obstruct of an officer and was served the three outstanding failure to appear warrants. He was placed in the Wake County Jail under a \$23,000.00 bond.

The incident involving the release of the dog from the residence and the subsequent shooting of the dog remain under investigation by the Wendell Police Department.