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DWI Vehicle Seizures November 1, 2002 – October 31, 2003

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has administered a statewide contract for the towing, storage, and sale of vehicles seized under North Carolina's DWI seizure law since June 1, 1999. This effectively removed local school systems from the administration of the DWI vehicle seizure laws. Tarheel Specialties Inc. of Linden, NC is the current statewide contractor for towing, storage, and sale of DWI seized vehicles.

The following data were compiled for the period November 1, 2002 through October 31, 2003, from reports prepared by the Division of Motor Vehicles and Tarheel Specialties.

- A total of 4,753 vehicles were impounded, averaging over 85 vehicles per week.
- A total of 981 vehicles were released to innocent owners or lienholders upon payment of towing and storage fees. (\$9,810 going to the General Fund of North Carolina)
- 3,216 vehicles have been sold at public auction for a total of \$2,135,585 or an average of \$664 per vehicle. Tarheel Specialties received \$238,118 for paying out initial towing and storage fees to local towing companies. Tarheel Specialties received \$334,795 for towing and selling fees, and \$1,362,433 for storage fees. (\$32,160 going to the General Fund of North Carolina)
- 85% of DWI seized vehicles are auctioned under the expedited sales provision of the DWI seizure law.
- Local school systems have received \$151,098 for vehicles forfeited to local School Boards. Tarheel Specialties also sent \$65,270 to the Clerk of Court for vehicles not yet forfeited. For vehicles auctioned by Tarheel Specialties under the expedited sales provisions that are eventually forfeited, local schools systems **may** receive up to an additional \$150,438.
- Tarheel Specialties has approximately 1,975 vehicles that remain impounded.
- During the reporting period, 366 vehicles were reported forfeited by the Courts. The average time it takes for a vehicle to go through the court process and be forfeited is 261 days.
- Six forfeited vehicles have been retained by School Boards for their own use.

The attached document indicates breakdown by county of the numbers stated above.



Picture at left shows storage facility at Tarheel Specialties in Linden, NC.

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County	Number of DWI seized vehicles Nov.1, 2002 thru Oct.31, 2003	Number of vehicles released to innocent owners and lienholders	Number of vehicles sold at auction	Proceeds sent to Clerk of Court pending forfeiture hearing	Proceeds sent to LEA from Nov. 1, 2002 thru Oct. 31, 2003	Proceeds due to LEA (if forfeited) from Nov. 1, 2002 thru Oct. 31, 2003
ALAMANCE	91	28	54	\$ 1,390	\$ -	\$ 4,250
ALEXANDER	33	5	18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ALLEGHANY	2	0	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ANSON	8	1	7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80
ASHE	10	0	10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AVERY	4	2	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BEAUFORT	54	12	32	\$ -	\$ 1,931	\$ 1,130
BERTIE	5	1	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BLADEN	35	7	14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BRUNSWICK	58	14	34	\$ 415	\$ 476	\$ 1,340
BUNCOMBE	76	9	59	\$ 600	\$ 47	\$ 3,235
BURKE	76	7	57	\$ 875	\$ 7,363	\$ 2,285
CABARRUS	152	32	110	\$ 15,005	\$ 10,433	\$ 29,978
CALDWELL	78	11	66	\$ 3,865	\$ 957	\$ 280
CAMDEN	2	1	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CARTERET	93	19	61	\$ 3,600	\$ 16,380	\$ 4,950
CASWELL	12	0	17	\$ 20	\$ 480	\$ -
CATAWBA	96	24	67	\$ 1,620	\$ -	\$ 8,350
CHATHAM	28	6	21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
CHEROKEE	6	1	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CHOWAN	2	0	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CLAY	1	0	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CLEVELAND	49	9	19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COLUMBUS	32	9	13	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 1,145
CRAVEN	50	8	33	\$ -	\$ 4,726	\$ 370
CUMBERLAND	58	19	44	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ 1,895
CURRITUCK	13	2	9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65
DARE	57	16	25	\$ -	\$ 974	\$ -
DAVIDSON	87	17	88	\$ -	\$ 2,150	\$ 3,970
DAVIE	22	4	16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370
DUPLIN	39	5	38	\$ -	\$ 678	\$ 1,025
DURHAM	39	13	33	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 2,290
EDGECOMBE	35	7	16	\$ -	\$ 218	\$ 235
FORSYTH	169	40	127	\$ 1,910	\$ 6,342	\$ 7,835
FRANKLIN	46	4	25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
GASTON	171	29	121	\$ 295	\$ 1,465	\$ 2,095
GATES	10	2	7	\$ -	\$ 2,711	\$ -
GRAHAM	2	0	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GRANVILLE	28	2	13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GREENE	11	1	9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GUILFORD	215	46	163	\$ 265	\$ 4,918	\$ 8,430
HALIFAX	35	4	18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135
HARNETT	47	7	32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,770
HAYWOOD	18	6	17	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,070
HENDERSON	46	9	50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,640
HERTFORD	11	4	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HOKE	41	4	31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240
HYDE	2	0	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IREDELL	110	30	82	\$ 1,475	\$ 3,082	\$ 5,570
JACKSON	11	1	6	\$ -	\$ 2,305	\$ -
JOHNSTON	80	13	57	\$ -	\$ 288	\$ 2,470
JONES	4	1	2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LEE	55	5	44	\$ -	\$ 1,953	\$ 440
LENOIR	35	10	22	\$ 3,095	\$ 946	\$ 490
LINCOLN	14	1	18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 565
MACON	21	1	17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MADISON	19	1	17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MARTIN	15	2	10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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McDOWELL	35	6	24	\$ 450	\$ 1,139	\$ 1,450
MECKLENBURG	121	38	67	\$ 4,300	\$ 6,279	\$ 9,930
MITCHELL	10	1	7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 510
MONTGOMERY	26	5	21	\$ -	\$ 1,377	\$ 365
MOORE	66	10	37	\$ 220	\$ 2,024	\$ 1,850
NASH	93	18	45	\$ -	\$ 2,124	\$ 630
NEW HANOVER	127	38	56	\$ 90	\$ 14,418	\$ 1,580
NORTHAMPTON	10	1	7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ONSLOW	97	28	59	\$ 6,345	\$ 9,912	\$ 55
ORANGE	39	9	24	\$ 255	\$ -	\$ 1,315
PAMLICO	8	2	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PASQUOTANK	29	4	15	\$ -	\$ 1,965	\$ -
PENDER	17	5	11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PERQUIMANS	3	0	2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PERSON	51	8	34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 480
PITT	55	11	32	\$ 305	\$ 3,397	\$ 735
POLK	16	1	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30
RANDOLPH	82	20	61	\$ 1,050	\$ 975	\$ 5,515
RICHMOND	30	11	16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ROBESON	63	14	48	\$ 335	\$ 732	\$ 1,170
ROCKINGHAM	89	15	79	\$ 1,870	\$ 444	\$ 4,020
ROWAN	71	18	47	\$ 885	\$ 2,003	\$ 2,040
RUTHERFORD	63	10	46	\$ -	\$ 1,880	\$ 765
SAMPSON	60	12	34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 820
SCOTLAND	37	9	22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
STANLY	43	10	30	\$ 35	\$ 567	\$ 2,340
STOKES	45	3	25	\$ -	\$ 1,868	\$ -
SURRY	67	8	55	\$ 3,260	\$ 1,911	\$ 345
SWAIN	10	0	8	\$ -	\$ 109	\$ -
TRANSYLVANIA	16	2	19	\$ 1,105	\$ 1,340	\$ 1,075
TYRRELL	8	1	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UNION	59	11	30	\$ 6,270	\$ 1,629	\$ 2,870
VANCE	61	10	28	\$ -	\$ 235	\$ 1,260
WAKE	244	88	137	\$ 1,515	\$ 15,090	\$ 6,350
WARREN	20	2	11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
WASHINGTON	6	0	8	\$ -	\$ 632	\$ -
WATAUGA	26	9	20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145
WAYNE	83	18	55	\$ -	\$ 3,258	\$ 1,185
WILKES	55	7	46	\$ 215	\$ 1,970	\$ 1,030
WILSON	47	5	35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160
YADKIN	39	1	22	\$ -	\$ 1,221	\$ 25
YANCEY	7	0	12		\$ -	\$ -
Totals	4753	981	3216	\$ 65,270	\$ 151,098	\$ 150,438

Forfeited Vehicles Retained by School Boards:

Carteret County	2002 GMC 1500
Carteret County	1999 Ford F250
Franklin County	2003 Toyota Tacoma
Harnett County	1996 Dodge Truck
Stanley County	1999 Ford Crown Vic
Yadkin County	1997 Ford Ranger