

Joey's timeline of crime

March 18, 2023 - Dunn police are called due to damage of a wooden fence. The caller alleged Joey was the suspect, but the victim declined prosecution.

June 19, 2023 - Joey is accused of forcibly breaking into a home where several items were stolen. Probable cause was established, and a juvenile petition was secured to charge him with possessing stolen property.

July 22, 2023 - At approximately 10:40 p.m., Joey is alleged to have stolen a 2009 Nissan Altima. Probable cause was established and a juvenile petition was secured, charging him with stealing a motor vehicle.

July 30, 2023 - Dunn police are called to a breaking and entering of a motor vehicle. Joey was charged by another juvenile petition for possessing stolen goods.

Aug. 12, 2023 - Dunn police respond to a car break-in that resulted in the theft of a handgun, ear buds and a wallet. Officers also take a report on an attempted larceny of a motor vehicle and hear that Joey is chasing other juveniles with a gun. Police report finding the missing gun in a trash can in the hotel room Joey shared with his mother, but victims of the gun chase refused to cooperate.

Aug. 14, 2023 - Another car is broken into with an intent to steal it in the hours before the Harnett County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team brings Joey into custody. While serving the secure custody order, officers find a stolen firearm in a trash can inside of Joey's hotel room.

Jan. 9, 2024 - Dunn police are notified that Joey has escaped the group home where he was staying in Winston-Salem. Before they get the news of his escape, officers find a stolen car. The Winston-Salem Police Department had reported it stolen.

Feb. 7, 2024 - Dunn police respond to a larceny of a motor vehicle at 9:16 a.m. The victim was visiting Dunn for his work. While staying at a local hotel, his vehicle was stolen. Police say Joey later provided the location of the stolen vehicle. This was the same area where other stolen cars had been stored. Joey's mother reportedly threw away the key to the stolen car when she found it in their motel room.

Feb. 10, 2024 - At 9:05 p.m., officers responded to an armed robbery at an ATM. The victim and her son reported being robbed at gunpoint by three individuals. Officers briefly located the suspects nearby but were unable to apprehend them. The victim's wallet was recovered in the area where the suspects were last seen. Officers were able to connect the armed robbery to a report of a juvenile running around with a firearm based on similar clothing descriptions. Investigators were able to establish probable cause for a secure custody order for the three involved parties, one of whom was Joey.

Feb. 23, 2023 - Dunn police respond to Betsy Johnson Hospital regarding a 13-year-old boy the Record is calling "Joey," who is suffering from a gunshot wound. The case was closed "due to a lack of cooperation" from Joey and his family.

April 6, 2023 - Joey is alleged to have broken several windows on a victim's vehicle. The victim declined prosecution.

July 15, 2023 - Dunn police investigators are able to secure another petition on Joey for possessing a firearm as a minor based upon a social media post which showed him with a loaded handgun.

July 25, 2023 - At approximately 4:52 p.m., Dunn police respond to a reported break-in at a home. During the crime, a .22 caliber handgun was stolen along with \$400 cash. Investigators were able to obtain juvenile petitions on Joey and note in their report that Joey is the suspect in four other incidents.

Aug. 11, 2023 - Dunn police respond to a car that was broken into and robbed. A bank deposit, designer purse and a laptop were missing. Dunn police investigated two more car break-ins that day. Legal documents and \$115 were missing from one of the cars. Stolen property from the other car was found in the 911 caller's yard. More juvenile petitions were issued charging Joey with possessing stolen goods and breaking and entering.

Aug. 13, 2023 - At 3:35 p.m., officers respond to a report of a recently stolen motor vehicle. The 911 caller told police that multiple male subjects were driving the stolen car and waving a firearm in the direction of the victim's home. Joey was identified by another suspect who did not run when the police located the vehicle. The victim told police this wasn't the first threat from Joey. Police secured a juvenile petition for Joey charging him with pointing a firearm at the victim of the stolen motor vehicle and the victim's child. A secure custody order was also obtained.

Nov. 23, 2023 - At 10:52 a.m., Joey and another teen, home for the Thanksgiving holiday, are accused of stealing a car idling in the parking lot of Crossroads Ford and fleeing to Erwin where they crashed. Joey was petitioned for breaking into the car, stealing the car, committing an assault with the car (when the owner stepped in front of it) and conspiring to steal the car. Joey was placed back into custody.

Feb. 5, 2024 - A victim reports waking up to find a car missing from the drive. A witness told police Joey was in the car, but refused to testify in court about it. Hours later, police take two more reports of car break-ins. One reported an attempted larceny. The other reported a theft of items from the car. Police take out more juvenile petitions on Joey.

Feb. 9, 2024 - At 3:23 p.m., Dunn police locate Joey after he ran from officers investigating a report of a possible breaking and entering. The boy was hiding under a house in the company of another 8-year-old juvenile. Later, around 5:40 p.m., police investigate an assault and threats. The victim told police Joey pointed a firearm at her children. The caller was uncooperative, stating frustration that law enforcement was never able to arrest the boy. The group home in Winston-Salem refused to take Joey back. Police were told to send him back to his parent.