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**VICTIMS AND SUSPECTS**  
**IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

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## INTRODUCTION

Since 1996, the Delaware Criminal Justice Council has worked with the Wilmington Police Department on analyzing the shooting incidents in the city. This report continues the effort of the Delaware Criminal Justice Council to collect and present data on the shooting victims and suspects in the City of Wilmington.<sup>1</sup> The 2007 report continues to review the nature of shootings in Wilmington by looking at various demographics of victims and known suspects including criminal history, age, race and sex. This report includes a multi-year shooting chart (Appendix A). It is anticipated that future reports on shootings in Wilmington will include additional multi-year comparison charts along with statistical analysis, trends, and projections.

Although this report focuses on the shootings that occurred in 2007, data will be presented from previous year's shooting reports when appropriate. The reader is referred to previous reports for more detail on shooting victims in Wilmington in previous years. All tables and data discussion is related to 2007 shootings unless otherwise noted.

The following information was collected for completion of this report:

1. Case status
2. Victim / suspect sex
3. Victim / suspect race
4. Victim / suspect age
5. Victim / suspect criminal history
6. Incident Classification
7. Neighborhood
8. Date and time of incident
9. Area(s) of body shot
10. Firearm type used
11. Motive for shooting
12. Drug(s) involved
13. Victim cooperation

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<sup>1</sup> Garrison, A. (2004). **Wilmington Shootings 2002: A Comprehensive Study of Victims and Offenders in Wilmington, Delaware**. Delaware Criminal Justice Council: Wilmington, Delaware. See also, Garrison, A. (2002). **Wilmington Shootings 2001: A Comprehensive Study of Victims and Offenders in Wilmington, Delaware**. Delaware Criminal Justice Council: Wilmington, Delaware.

## METHODOLOGY

The data used for this report was obtained from the Wilmington Police Department and Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS) criminal history searches on victims and suspects.

The analysis in this study, as with prior reports, is the result of taking information gathered from the crime reports for all of the 2007 complaints that reported a person being shot and placing them in a database. Criminal history and incident information was obtained through DELJIS searches. The nature of the data for this report requires some limitations on the analysis of and conclusions about the nature of shootings in Wilmington. Of the 84 shooting incidents, 60.7% of those did not have an identifiable suspect. Analysis of criminal history is grouped into the following categories: misdemeanor, felony, drug, and weapons arrests. Drug arrests include both felony and misdemeanor arrests for Title 16 offenses. Felony and misdemeanor arrests do not include drug arrests.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2007, there were 84 shootings incidents in the City of Wilmington resulting in 92 shooting victims and 57 known suspects. In 2004, juveniles accounted for 7.9% of the known suspects. In 2007, 22.8% of known shooting suspects were juveniles. The nine-year average (excluding 2005 and 2007) for known suspects that were juveniles at the time of the shooting incident is 10.5%.

### **Analysis of the shooting victims revealed the following:**

- 10.9%, or 10, of the shooting victims (N=92) died as a result of their injuries.
- Males accounted for 94.5% of the shooting victims.
- Black males accounted for 88.0% of the shooting victims.
- The plurality of victims (26.0%) were between the ages of 26 and 30 years old.

### **Analysis of the shooting suspects revealed the following**

- In the fifty shooting incidents where at least one suspect was identified by race and sex, there were a total of 79 suspects.
  - 97.4% of those identified by race and sex were minority males
  - 95.6% of those identified by race and sex were black males.
- Of the 50 suspects identified by age:
  - 20.0% were juveniles between 14 and 17 years old.
  - 40.0% were adults between 18 and 21 years old.
  - 28.0% were adults between 22 and 25 years old.
  - In total, 88.0% of the suspects were less than 26 years old.

*In 2007, for the fifth year in a row, there were no known shooting suspects less than 14 years old.*

### **Analysis of the shooting incidents revealed the following:**

- Five out of a total of ten homicides occurred in the last three months (October, November and December) of 2007.
- The day of the week with the most shooting victims was Monday.
- 9:00pm – 10:00pm was the hour of the day with the most victims.
- The two most common motives for shootings, non-drug related robbery and non-drug related argument, together accounted for over one third (27.1%) of known motives for shooting victims.
- Of the 74 shooting non-fatal victims, 31.1% were found to be non-cooperative in the shooting investigation.

## GENERAL SHOOTING STATISTICS

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
1996	107
1997	107
1998	73
1999	56
2000	60
2001	61
2002	87
2003	60
2004	95
2005	82
2006	101
2007	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>981</b>

In 2007, there were 19 less shooting victims than in 2006, representing a 9% decrease in the total number of shooting victims. In the ten-year period prior to 2007 there were 889 shooting victims, for a yearly average of 88.9 victims. This makes the number of victims in 2007 3% higher than the average of the ten years.

**Table Two - Case Status for Shooting Victims: 1997-2007 (Percentage)**

<b>Case Status</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Arrest</b>	29.9	32.9	39.3	26.7	52.5	33.3	35.0			36.6	29.7	28.7
<b>Open</b>	59.8	63.0	57.1	61.7	8.2	12.6	1.7			0.0	0.0	24.0
<b>Pending</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	3.3	1.1	0.0			8.9	28.5	3.9
<b>Suspended</b>	0.0	0.0	3.6	1.7	32.8	47.1	48.3			49.5	40.4	20.3
<b>Warrant</b>	5.6	4.1	0.0	8.3	1.6	2.3	3.3			3.0	0.0	2.5
<b>Closed</b>	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	3.4	0.0			2.0	0.0	1.0
<b>Missing</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.7			0.0	1.4	1.2
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			100.0	100.0	100.0

Table Two is a summary of the case status for shooting victims. It should be noted that there is no data available for 2004 and 2005. The percentage of cases that were cleared by arrest of at least one suspect has remained relatively constant at approximately one-third of all shooting victims. We are not able to make valid multi-year comparisons for the Open, Pending, and Suspended categories as there was a change in definitions and counting practices between 2000 and 2001.

<b>Table Three - Clearance Rates for Shooting Victims: 1997-2007 (Percentage)</b>											
<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>34.6</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>35.0</b>			<b>38.6</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>37.3</b>

The clearance rate for 2007 of 37.3% is not significantly different than the average for prior years for which there is available data.

## VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>Table Four - Shooting Victims by Sex: 2007</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>92.3</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table One shows that 92.3% of the shooting victims in 2007 were males and the remaining 7.7% were females.

<b>Table Five - Shooting Victims by Race and Sex: 2007</b>		
<b>Victim's Race</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Black Male</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>88.0</b>
<b>Black Female</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>White Male</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>White Female</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Hispanic Male</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Hispanic Female</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

In 2007, 95.5% of shooting victims were either Black or Hispanic.

<b>Table Six - Shooting Victims by Age: 2007</b>		
<b>Victim's Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Under 14 years old</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>14 – 17 years old</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>18 – 21 years old</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21.7</b>
<b>22 – 25 years old</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16.3</b>
<b>26 – 30 years old</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26.4</b>
<b>31 – 35 years old</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<b>36 – 40 years old</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>41 – 45 years old</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>46 – 50 years old</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Over 50 years old</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

64.1% of all shooting victims were between the ages of eighteen and thirty.

<b>Table Seven - Shooting Victims with Criminal History: 2007</b>		
<b>Criminal History</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

75% of the shooting victims in 2007 had previously been arrested for criminal charges.<sup>2</sup>

<b>Table Eight - Shooting Victims by # of Misdemeanor Arrests: 2007</b>		
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25.0</b>
<b>One – Two</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>Three or more</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Just over two-thirds of shooting victims (66.3%) had three or more misdemeanor arrests, excluding those that involved weapons or drugs, at the time of the shooting incident.

<b>Table Nine - Shooting Victims by # of Felony Arrests: 2007</b>		
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35.8</b>
<b>One – Two</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21.8</b>
<b>Three or more</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Over sixty percent of victims had at least one prior felony arrest at the time of the shooting incident. Over one-third of the shooting victims (42.4%) had three or more felony arrests, excluding those that involved weapons or drugs.

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<sup>2</sup> Criminal charges include offenses enumerated in Titles 11 and 16 and local ordinances that substantially mirror those parts of the Delaware Code.

<b>Table Ten - Shooting Victims by # of Drug Arrests: 2007</b>		
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38.0</b>
<b>One</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14.2</b>
<b>Two or more</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Almost half of shooting victims (47.8%) had been arrested on two or more occasions for either misdemeanor or felony drug-related charges.

<b>Table Eleven - Shooting Victims by # of Weapons Arrests: 2007</b>		
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56.5</b>
<b>One</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17.4</b>
<b>Two or more</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

43.4% of shooting victims had previously been arrested for felony weapons-related charges.

<b>Table Twelve - Shooting Victims by Career Criminal Candidate (CCC) Designation: 2007</b>		
<b>CCC</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17.4</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>82.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

17.4% of the victims in 2007 qualified for designation as Career Criminal Candidates as of the date of the shooting incident. In order to achieve this status, an individual must have a minimum of two convictions for Class A or B felonies as enumerated in Title 11, Sec. 4214(b) or a minimum of three convictions for any class of felony. Each conviction must be incurred as a result of a separate criminal act.

<b>Table Thirteen - Shooting Victims by Drug Dealer Designation: 2007</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Suspected</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48.9</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

62% of shooting victims were previously charged with drug-dealing offenses or were identified in the crime report narrative of the shooting incident as being involved in the drug trade.

## SUSPECT DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>Table Fourteen - Shooting Suspects by Sex: 2007</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>97.4</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table Fourteen shows that 79 individuals were identified as suspects in shooting incidents. 97.4% of these suspects were identified as being male.

<b>Table Fifteen - Shooting Suspects by Race and Sex: 2007</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Black Male</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>97.4</b>
<b>Black Female</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>White Male</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>White Female</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Hispanic Male</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>Hispanic Female</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0</b>

In 2007, 96.2% of shooting victims were identified as being black or Hispanic males.

<b>Table Sixteen - Shooting Suspects by Age: 2007</b>		
<b>Suspect's Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Under 14 years old</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>14 – 17 years old</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20.0</b>
<b>18 – 21 years old</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40.0</b>
<b>22 – 25 years old</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28.0</b>
<b>26 – 30 years old</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>31 – 35 years old</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<b>36 – 40 years old</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>41 – 45 years old</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>46 – 50 years old</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Over 50 years old</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>

All but one (90%) of the identified shooting suspects were thirty years of age or younger. In 2007, for the fifth year in a row, there were no known shooting suspects less than 14 years old.

<b>Table Seventeen - Shooting Suspects with Criminal History: 2007</b>		
<b>Criminal History</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60.0</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Thirty out of fifty suspects had a prior criminal history.

<b>Table Eighteen - Shooting Suspects by # of Misdemeanor Arrests: 2007</b>		
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>One – Two</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Three or more</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>58.0</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>Table Nineteen - Shooting Suspects by # of Felony Arrests: 2007</b>		
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>One – Two</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>Three or more</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>42.0</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>

56.0% of suspects have at least one prior felony arrest and over one-third have been arrested three or more times for felony charges.

<b>Table Twenty - Shooting Suspects by # of Drug Arrests: 2007</b>		
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10.</b>
<b>One</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Two or more</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54.0</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Over half of shooting suspects were arrested on two or more occasions for drug charges prior to the 2007 shooting incident.

<b>Table Twenty-One - Shooting Suspects by # of Weapons Arrests: 2007</b>		
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30.0</b>
<b>One</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Two or more</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>36.0</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>

36.0% had prior arrests for weapons.

<b>Table Twenty-Two - Shooting Suspects by Career Criminal Candidate (CCC) Designation: 2007</b>		
<b>CCC</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>70.0</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>Table Twenty-Three - Shooting Suspects by Drug Dealer Designation: 2007</b>		
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Suspected</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>56.0</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100.0</b>

60.0% of shooting suspects were previously charged with drug-dealing offenses or were identified in the crime report narrative of the shooting incident as being involved in the drug trade.

## ANALYSIS OF SHOOTINGS

<b>Table Twenty-Four - Victims by Quarter: 2007</b>		
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>1 (January – March)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.8</b>
<b>2 (April – June)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28.2</b>
<b>3 (July – September)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26.1</b>
<b>4 (October – December)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35.9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Two-thirds of the shooting victims (62.0%) were shot in the second-half of 2007. There were more shooting victims in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2007 (33) than in any other quarter.

<b>Table Twenty-Five - Incident Classification: 2007</b>		
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Murder I</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<b>Attempted Murder I</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Assault I</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>72.8</b>
<b>Assault II</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Accident</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Aggravated Menacing</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>False Report</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The leading crime involved in the majority of shooting incidents (72.8%) was Assault I. There were fatalities in ten of the shooting incidents and therefore they were classified as Murder I.<sup>3</sup>

<b>Table Twenty-Six - Incidents by Neighborhood: 2007</b>		
<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>West Side</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21.5</b>
<b>East Side</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Prices Run</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<b>Boulevard</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20.2</b>
<b>Riverside / 11<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Browntown / Hedgeville</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>West Center City</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Midtown Brandywine</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>South Wilmington</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Cherry Island</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Delaware Avenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Bancroft Parkway</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table Twenty-Five shows the shooting incidents by neighborhood.

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<b>Table Twenty-Seven - Victims by Day of Week and Hour of Day Shot: 2007</b>								
	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Total</b>
0000-0100	1	1	2			1		5
0100-0200	1	1		1			3	6
0200-0300	1			1			1	3
0300-0400	1		1			1	1	4
0400-0500	1				1		1	3
0500-0600								0
0600-0700				1			1	1
0700-0800							1	1
0800-0900						1		1
0900-1000								0
1000-1100							1	1
1100-1200					1			1
1200-1300	1		1					2
1300-1400				1	1		1	3
1400-1500			1			1		2
1500-1600		1	1			1		3
1600-1700		1	1					2
1700-1800		1		1			1	3
1800-1900	1	3		3		1	1	9
1900-2000	2	5		2				9
2000-2100						2		2
2100-2200	2	3	1		2	3		11
2200-2300						2	1	3
2300-0000		1		2		3	1	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	

The day of the week with the most shooting victims was Monday. 9:00pm- 10:00pm was the hour of the day with the most victims. The day of the week with the fewest shooting victims was Tuesday and Thursday. The one-hour period in a week with the most shooting victims was Monday Evening from 7:00pm. until 8:00 pm.

<b>Table Twenty-Eight - Victims by Area of Body Shot: - 2007</b>		
<b>Area of Body Shot</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Head, neck &amp; face</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15.5</b>
<b>Chest</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<b>Abdominal area</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Hips, legs, groin &amp; feet</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44.0</b>
<b>Shoulders, arms &amp; hands</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17.8</b>
<b>Back</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100</b>

The plurality of victims (58.4%) sustained gunshot wounds to their hips, legs, groin, or feet. The explanation for the total percentage exceeding the standard 100% total is accounted for in the fact that some victims sustained wounds in more than one area of the body.

<b>Table Twenty-Nine - Weapons Used in Shootings: 2007</b>		
<b>Type of Weapon</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>.22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>.25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>.32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>9mm</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>45.0</b>
<b>.357</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>.380</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>.38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>.40</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>.44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>.45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Shotgun</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Assault Rifle</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100.0</b>

There were twelve categories of weapons identified as being used in shootings. The 9mm accounted for 45% the 40 weapons identified by calibre or other type as being used in 2007 shootings.

<b>Table Thirty - Known Motives for Shooting Victims: 2007</b>		
<b>Motive</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Robbery not drug related</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40.0</b>
<b>Argument not drug related</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26.0</b>
<b>Money not drug related</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Fight not drug related</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Burglary not drug related</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Revenge not drug related</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Bystander not drug related</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13.5</b>
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Gang related</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Accident</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Drug related robbery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Drug related innocent bystander</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Drug related argument</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Shot during drug sale</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Protection of drug territory</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Thirty of the shooting victims in 2007 for whose case a motive was identified. The two most common motives, non-drug related robbery and non-drug related argument, together accounted for over one-half (66.6%) of known motives for shooting victims.

<b>Table Thirty-One- Victim Cooperation: 2007</b>		
<b>Cooperative?</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>68.9</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Of the 74 shooting non-fatal victims, 31.1% were found to be non-cooperative in the shooting investigation.

## VICTIM / SUSPECT RELATIONSHIPS

<b>Table Thirty-Three - Known Suspect / Victim: Race and Sex Correlation: 2007</b>			
<b>Suspect</b>	<b>Victim</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
<b>Black Male</b>	<b>Black Male</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>89.7</b>
<b>Black Male</b>	<b>Black Female</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Black Male</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Black Male</b>	<b>Hispanic Male</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Hispanic Male</b>	<b>Black Male</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Hispanic Male</b>	<b>Black Female</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Total Known</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>100.0</b>

In 2007, there were 88 instances of an individual being identified by race and sex as a suspect shooting a victim that was also identified by race and sex. In 79, or 93.1%, of those instances, it involved a black male shooting either another black male or a black female.

<b>Table Thirty-Four – Known Suspect / Victim: Age Correlation: 2007</b>				
<b>Suspect Age Group</b>	<b>Victim Age Group</b>	<b>Number in Victim Age Group by Suspect Age Group</b>	<b>Total Number / Percentage of Victims by Suspect Age Group</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
14 – 17	14-17	2	7 / 18.4	28.6
14 – 17	18 – 21	1		14.3
14 – 17	22 – 25	0		0.0
14 – 17	26 – 30	1		14.3
14 – 17	41 – 45	2		28.6
14 – 17	46 – 50	1		14.1
18 – 21	14 – 17	2	16 / 42.1	12.6
18 – 21	18 – 21	3		18.7
18 – 21	22 – 25	4		25.0
18 – 21	26 – 30	4		25.0
18 – 21	41 – 45	3		18.7
22 – 25	14 – 17	0	10 / 26.3	0.0
22 – 25	18 – 21	2		20.0
22 – 25	22 – 25	2		20.0
22 – 25	26 – 30	2		20.0
22 – 25	31 – 35	2		20.0
22 – 25	36 – 40	0		0.0
26 – 30	41 – 45	2	20.0	
26 – 30	18 – 21	0	1 / 2.7	0.0
26 – 30	22 – 25	0		0.0
26 – 30	26 – 30	1		100.0
31 - 35	22 - 25	2	3 / 7.8	75.0
31 – 35	41 -45	1		25.0
36 – 40	> 50	1	1 / 2.7	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38 / 100.0</b>		
			<b>63 / 100.0</b>	

In 2007, there were 38 instances of an individual being identified by age as a suspect shooting a victim that was also identified by age. 42.1% of those instances involved a 18-21 year old suspect shooting victim between the ages of 14-45 years.

**APPENDIX A**  
ELEVEN-YEAR CHART OF SHOOTINGS IN WILMINGTON

Number of shooting victims in the City of Wilmington between calendar years 1996 – 2007																	
Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter				2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter				3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter				4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter				Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Apr	May	June	Total	July	Aug	Sept	Total	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
1996	6	7	5	18	13	7	5	25	21	6	12	39	4	11	10	25	107
1997	10	6	2	18	9	13	17	39	14	6	5	25	9	8	8	25	107
1998	9	3	6	18	3	9	3	15	3	14	3	20	11	7	2	20	73
1999	4	7	2	13	1	1	6	8	3	4	7	14	9	4	8	21	56
2000	4	3	1	8	7	4	4	15	7	9	6	22	3	5	7	15	60
2001	5	3	5	13	5	4	4	13	9	11	1	21	2	6	6	14	61
2002	2	16	5	23	7	9	4	20	6*	2	4	12	15	10	7	32	87
2003	7	2**	5**	14	6	6	4	16	7	6	**3*	16	5	7	2	14	60***
2004	7	5*	8	20	9	12	6	27	4	8	10	22	8	12	6	26	95
2005	6	11	8	25	3	8	5	16	5	6	12	23	4	8	6	18	82
2007	6	4	5	15	8	4	7	19	11	5	9	25	17	11	14	42	101

Area in gray shows shootings since the implementation of Operation Safe Streets in June 1997.

Data Source: WPD Crime Analysis Dept. 1/17/07

\* Does not include an incident in which a police officer discharged his weapon.

\*\*Does not include self-inflicted shooting victims.

\*\*\*Disregard reporting of 2003 / 2004 shootings (prior July 12, 2004 memo). Data shown in this report shows corrections.