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Weekend shootings leave 6 dead in Triad

Spate of violence over 3 days also left 1 person injured

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Six people are dead and one person is wounded following a series of shootings over the weekend in Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

Much of the violence occurred in Win-

ston-Salem over a span of six hours late Friday and early Saturday.

The first reports of shootings came on Friday when police found a 16-year-old dead from gunshot wounds on Berl Street just before 8 p.m.

Roughly an hour after the teen was found, 24-year-old Edwin Graciano was sent to the hospital following a shooting at Sunrise Towers on North Martin Luther King Jr. Graciano was in stable condition,

according to police.

On Saturday around 1:38 a.m., three victims ages 17, 18 and 23 were found shot to death outside of a house on Cameron Avenue, less than a mile from the site of the Sunrise Towers shooting.

A sixth shooting in Winston-Salem was reported early Sunday on North Patterson Avenue. That shooting claimed the life of 20-year-old Deshaun Christian Capers. Police said the shooting appeared to be

an isolated event.

In Greensboro, 34-year-old Orion Matthew Sanzeni died from a gunshot wound after seeking assistance from officers and other first responders handling a traffic accident at the intersection of South Chapman Street and West Gate City Boulevard.

Police had been called to a shooting in the area and found a crashed 2017 Ford Fusion

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TOWN SUES 2 EX-STAFFERS



The Summerfield Town Council is suing two former staffers and has asked a judge to seal the filing.

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Summerfield moves ahead with lawsuit against former manager and finance officer

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The town of Summerfield is moving ahead with a lawsuit against two former high-level town employees but is asking to keep details of the case secret at least for now.

On Wednesday, an attorney for the town filed a motion asking that its civil complaint against former Town Manager Scott Whitaker and former Finance Officer Dee Hall be at least partially sealed, according to online court documents.

The filing comes as the pair face allegations of wrongdoing stemming from their time with the city.

Among other claims, Whitaker has been accused of removing data from a work computer on his last day while Hall is alleged to have overpaid certain employees and to have failed to properly withhold taxes for at least one town worker.

While the town acknowledged in the

filing “that it is highly unusual to order the sealing of a compliant,” they also argued there were grounds for keeping at least some information confidential.

“While the town believes the public has an interest in knowing about the conduct of former town officers, especially considering the allegations that have been made here, the court must balance that against North Carolina’s policy in favor of nondisclosure of information in a personnel file,” according to the filing.

The town is asking to have a judge privately review the lawsuit to determine what information will be public and what will not.



Hall



Whitaker

The legal filings came two days after the council unanimously voted to proceed with legal claims against Whitaker and Hall, according to a video posted by the Summerfield News.

Councilman Heath Clay said the new resolution superseded a previous vote to pursue litigation on July 3.

In an email, Councilman Jonathan Hamilton said the council voted unanimously on July 3 “to engage a law firm to pursue injunctive relief as well as a breach of contract claim against Scott Whitaker.” Hamilton wrote in a July 3 Facebook post that the town was seeking “return of stolen data.”

J. Heydt Philbeck, the attorney for Whitaker and Hall, released a statement Thursday afternoon saying he has not seen the lawsuit brought by the town.

“The town’s attorney failed to provide

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