

Shooting

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dence have led detectives to determine that some of the same individuals were involved in the trio of shootings.

"Detectives believe these events stem from an ongoing dispute between these individuals and a willingness to harm any bystanders present in an effort to harm one another," continued Thompson. "Despite the expenditure of hundreds of investigative man-hours, detectives have found few witnesses or victims willing to cooperate with these investigations."

Thompson said on the night of the incident on Cody Drive, an estimated 300 people were in the vi-

cinity when shots rang out, but only two were willing to talk with investigators. She said, "Witnesses, victims and others have to be willing to come forward and sit down face-to-face with a detective to honestly provide first-hand eyewitness accounts of what occurred for these crimes to be solved successfully."

"The agency I command is willing to dedicate every resource we have to solving these investigations and of equal importance, to try to ensure that these events not continue to occur in Winston-Salem. We will work around the clock and will leave no stone unturned, but we cannot do it alone."

Forsyth County District Attorney Jim O'Neil, Sheriff Bobby Kimbrough,

Jason Walsh with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Pastor Tembila Covington, President of the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, Rev. Alvin Carlisle, President of the Winston-Salem NAACP, and several other representatives from other local organizations urged those with information to come forward.

Sheriff Kimbrough, who was born and raised in Winston-Salem, said he is saddened by the incidents that have transpired in his hometown over the past few weeks. He said in order to solve this problem in our community, we must bring all our resources together to change the atmosphere.

"We have to bring all

our efforts together to change this atmosphere that we have entered into because we are burying young diamonds way too soon and only we can stop that."

Anyone with information on the murders of Jalen Cockerham, Fred Hawkins or any of the investigations detailed above are asked to contact the Winston-Salem Police Department at 336-773-7700 or CrimeStoppers at 336-727-2800. CrimeStoppers may also be contacted via "Crime Stoppers of Winston-Salem" on Facebook. A reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest in the Cody Drive shooting.

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Rally Up holds Families Speak Out Forum

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

On Thursday, May 16, Rally Up Winston-Salem held its second annual Families Speak Out Forum at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center. During the event, families who have

been directly impacted by senseless violence had the opportunity to speak about the nuances of losing loved ones. Forum participants were Natoria Bryant, Crystal Warren, and Lisa Ferguson.

Rally Up Winston-Salem is a local grassroots



Photos by Tevin Stinson

On Thursday, May 16, Rally Up Winston-Salem held its second annual Families Speak Out Forum at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center.

organization that focuses on ending street and gang violence by bringing individuals within the community together to share their thoughts, feelings and solutions to issues plaguing communities across the city. Meetings are held at 6

p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center, 501 Reynolds Blvd.

For more information, visit "Rally Up Winston-Salem" on Facebook or contact Cory McCann at 336-602-9844.



Panelists during the Families Speak Out Forum on Thursday, May 16, at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center.

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