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Sheriff's Office installs permanent medicine drop box

Durham, N.C., April 15, 2014—The Durham County Sheriff's Office has installed a drop box where people may discard unwanted over-the-counter or prescription medications.

The drop box is located in the lobby of the Durham County Courthouse at 510 S Dillard Street. The lobby of the courthouse is open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding certain holidays. Medications deposited in the box will be disposed of in a safe and non-hazardous manner. All drop-offs are anonymous.

The drop box was donated by Durham Together for Resilient Youth (TRY) founder Wanda Boone.

"Prescription drug abuse is on the rise in our community. Surveys show that the majority of people believe prescription drugs are safer than street drugs, but that simply isn't true if those prescription drugs are used inappropriately," Durham County Sheriff Mike Andrews said. "I hope that by providing a safe and anonymous way for people to dispose of unwanted medications, we can help prevent unintentional poisonings and drug abuse, and protect the environment."

The Sheriff's Office plans to install another drop box at its office located at 11821 U.S. 501 North in Rougemont in the near future.

Additional drop boxes in Durham are located at:

- Durham Police Department District 2 Substation, 5285 N Roxboro Rd
- Durham Police Department District 3 Substation, 8 Consultant Pl
- Durham Police Department Headquarters, 505 W Chapel Hill St (available 24 hours a day)

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