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## ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST – FOURTH QUARTER 2023

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The attached issues/programs were presented on WGNT within the following newscasts:

**News 3 at 7 am, Monday - Friday 7:00 am – 8:00 am**  
**News 3 at 7 pm, Monday - Friday 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm**  
**News 3 at 10 pm, Monday – Friday 10:00 pm – 10:30 pm**

The information included herewith pertains to WGNT's commitment to address the issues identified by this station's viewing audience. Those issues addressed include, but are not limited to:

**Crime/Drugs**  
**Economy**  
**Health**  
**Politics**  
**Transportation**

This will further certify that the above information is based on my review of WGNT's program logs and other materials supplied by the staff.

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**The following summarizes a representative sample of programming that provided the most significant treatment of community issues during the past quarter. Programming frequently deals with more than one issue.**

## **CRIME:**

**News 3 at 7:00 am, October 20, 2023, Length 1:30** Police came to elm street after a flock gunshot detection was received. Once they got here, officers found one person who had been shot. Now according to police, the suspect, who was still at the scene and armed was given orders by the officers. However, police say the suspect did not listen, leading officers to fire several shots. We know the suspect remains in critical condition this morning, and when it comes to the first victim, they are expected to survive.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, October 24, 2023, Length :55** Virginia Beach police say its increasing patrols around Pembroke square after two violent incidents over the weekend. On Friday -- Virginia Beach police say they were called out to the kohl's on Virginia Beach boulevard after a man identified as 24-year-old Tyler Davis was shoplifting from the store. When police attempted to stop Davis in a police cruiser, Davis allegedly fired a gun hitting the car. The officer was not injured, and police were able to arrest Davis.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, October 26, 2023, Length 1:15** Multiple Maine communities are still on lockdown this morning, as the search continues for Robert card -- the suspect in Wednesday's mass shootings. Eighteen people were killed and 13 injured in the attacks on a Lewiston bowling alley and a restaurant.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, October 30, 2023, Length :25** Later today, a Virginia Beach man charged with child pornography will be in court asking to get out of jail. Last week, police arrested 50-year-old Shannon Robbins, this, after carrying out a search warrant on Creekwood court, in the Glenwood section of the city. Robbins faces ten felony counts of distribution and solicitation of child pornography.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, November 14, 2023, Length 2:45** For the second time in less than a month, a town council member in Smithfield is charged with a crime. Last month a councilwoman was charged with receiving stolen campaign signs. This time a councilman is giving up his seat. He is now charged with sexual assault. John Hood shows us court documents explaining the accusations and tells us what town leaders are doing to fill his seat.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, November 15, 2023, Length :55** A Norfolk jury is hearing the case of a man accused of a mass shooting. Five women were shot, three of them died. It shook the young terrace community, two years ago, when Nicole Lovewine, Detra brown, and Sarah Costine were killed. Two others survived the attack. Prosecutors say in November 20-21 then 19-year-old Ziontay Palmer shot the women in the young terrace neighborhood before he took off.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, November 16, 2023, Length :30** Portsmouth police have made an arrest for one of the suspects involved in a deadly shooting over the weekend. This was on Virginia avenue at London Oaks early Sunday morning. Police found a 32-year-old man shot and killed at the scene. Investigators tell us that he was just an innocent bystander. Ja-Marion Williams, 17-year-old, is charged with second-degree murder in this case. Williams is also facing charges for two other shootings.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, November 21, 2023, Length :45** North Carolina police say a Virginia Beach man is facing charges after abducting Virginia Beach woman and leading police on a high-speed chase. Police say 36-year-old Joshua Stokes kidnapped a Virginia Beach woman. He then led police on a chase that reached speeds of up to 146-miles per hour before crashing. Officers also tell us the victim had a protective order against Stokes and there was an Ashanti alert issued for her after the kidnapping.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, December 13, 2023, Length :25** in Norfolk, a person is in custody, and another was taken to the hospital following a stabbing on DeBree Avenue. It is the same block that Maury High School sits on.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, December 15, 2023, Length :50** Later today, Deja Taylor, the mother of the six-year-old boy who shot his elementary school teacher inside her classroom earlier this year is scheduled to be sentenced on a felony child neglect charge. Taylor pled guilty in August. Police say her son took her handgun to Richneck elementary school in January and shot his first-grade teacher, Abby Zwerner, who was seriously injured.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, December 27, 2023, Length :35** We have new information about a Christmas eve triple shooting. Virginia Beach police say they have identified the victim who died in the shooting as 43-year-old Antonio Wolfe. Two other victims were hospitalized. One has been released, and one is still critical. Police say this happened off Riverbend road which is near the green run section of the city.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, December 28, 2023, Length :50** This week, two of the three people charged in connection to the death of an 84-year-old Norfolk owner store owner. Tamika Credle, and Dennis Hisle appeared in court virtually, as they were read their charges in connection to the death of 84-year-old James Carter. Carter was shot and killed last week while working at the triple c convenience store. Police tell us an argument was happening outside of the store. Court documents say Carter was hit by a stray bullet and died. Owner faced a judge. They heard their charges for the first time.

## **ECONOMY:**

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## **HEALTH:**

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am October 6, 2023, Length :50** The largest health care strike in U.S. History is on day three as more than 75,000 Kaiser Permanente employees are back on the picket line in California, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington state. They are demanding better pay and benefits as well as more staffing.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am October 19, 2023, Length 1:15** Virginia Beach is getting a hospice house- which some say is desperately needed in Hampton Roads. It is expected to open in the spring. It will have 12 beds and be an option for families to temporarily bring their loved ones who are ill or need end-of-life care.

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**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am October 25, 2023, Length :30** Healthcare workers are facing a mental health crisis. According to a new report by the CDC, workers are experiencing higher levels of harassment, burnout, anxiety, and depression. It found that nearly half of health workers reported feeling burned out in 2022 and reports of harassment at work more than doubled.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am November 8, 2023, Length 2:00** With democrats taking control in the Virginia General Assembly, with a republican governor, what could this mean for reproductive rights in the commonwealth? ODU did a survey in our area, and a professor there tells us more than two-thirds of people polled said the issue of abortion and reproductive rights was going to be very important for their vote this time around.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am November 10, 2023, Length :30** Walmart is starting what is called sensory hours. Every morning from eight to ten, stores across the country will lower the lights, turn off the radio, and change their t-v walls to a static image.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am November 30, 2023, Length :45** Schools will be able to get free antigen tests for covid-19 starting next month. The department of health and human services is set to teach districts how to request them soon. Officials say schools can keep the tests on-site or send them home with kids.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am November 30, 2023, Length 1:00** The nation's top surgeon made a stop at Hampton University. The U.S. Surgeon general was there Wednesday Discussing the importance of mental health for college students and African Americans.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am December 7, 2023, Length 1:00** With cancer, early detection is key. And that is what News 3 anchor Kurt Williams is trying to do. Due to something that was discovered in his recent prostate exam, along with his family history, he had a biopsy. We will keep you updated when the results come back.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm December 12, 2023, Length :55** There's a lot of dangerous stuff in your house. You would not want your kids to play with obvious stuff like detergent pods or scissors. But there are also toys that you would not want your kids to get ahold of. And one local mom learned that the hard way when she bought water beads, and that led to a trip to the hospital.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am December 13, 2023, Length :30** The Virginia Beach Police Department pleased to announce the hiring of Jessica Huffman as its new Police Wellness Coordinator; a position focused on encouraging healthy living and individual approaches to foster stress reduction and personal resilience – crucial skills for the unique and demanding nature of law enforcement professionals.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm December 19, 2023, Length 2:00** They're called "smart" watches for a reason. They track your steps, monitor your heart rate, and even let you make calls. And because we all have different lifestyles, there are a number of models to choose from. So, whether you are buying for medical reasons or just because you like how long the battery lasts, we are helping you find the best product.

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## **TRANSPORTATION:**

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, October 11, 2023, Length 1:31** Newport news international airport conducted a live emergency exercise to include a simulated plane crash with victims and a fire.

**News 3 WGNT AT 7:00 pm, Monday, October 16, 2023, Length :55** Suffolk single vehicle school bus crash.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, October 19, 2023, Length 2:24** The Hampton Roads Regional Transportation Commission was voting to publish a report on rail service in Hampton Roads and Virginia. The report talked about improving travel times and the benefits of creating an additional rail service between Newport News and Richmond. A new station in NN should be operational by April of next year.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 31, 2023, Length 1:56** Suffolk residents were complaining about semi-trucks driving through residential areas where semis are prohibited.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, November 14, 2023, Length 1:46** Follow up of a story we did on a dangerous intersection. In 2021, around 26,000 crashes were reported in Hampton Roads, according to the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRPTO). A survey recently opened for residents to help report unsafe intersections.



**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, Monday, November 20, 2023, Length 2:09** It is one of the busiest travel weeks of the year. There is a good chance you or a loved one will be in an airport. We take a look at a push in Congress for safety improvements after a series of near misses. The FAA reauthorization act may be a vehicle to get some real reform this year.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, November 21, 2023, Length 1:00** This year's Thanksgiving travel season was expected to be the busiest ever, said Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, Thursday November 30, 2023, Length 4:02** NASA Langley Research Center has a whole team dedicated to Air Traffic Control research and making sure planes can safely and efficiently travel the skies. At times, they have also brought in pilots for training. We are going to get an inside look at the equipment and tech they use for research. Good Thanksgiving-time story with so many traveling.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, December 14th, 2023, Length :30** Tesla recalls nearly all vehicles sold in US to fix system that monitors drivers using Autopilot.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, December 14, 2023, Length 4:29** A Chesapeake widower lost his life in a horrific crash in South Carolina several years ago. The driver of the truck that hit and killed her was not charged. He is raising awareness about his wife and starting a scholarship in her honor. We are sharing his story and looking at the investigation into the crash.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, Friday December 15, 2023, Length :35** An estimated 115 million Americans were traveling over this year's holiday season. Fortunately, we were able to share some tips from AAA for a smooth holiday visit.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, December 21st, 2023, Length 3:10** The holidays can be a fun time of year – but you can also wind up locked up behind bars if you drink and drive. Investigative Reporter Margaret Kavanagh talks about those who ran the Virginia Beach jail, the Commonwealth attorney and the people arrested for this crime. A warning – this holiday season.