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News from the Chief



Twenty-nine years ago, on March 1, 1983, our police department formally instituted a Crime Stoppers Program. Overseen by an independent board of citizens who make reward decisions and raise money to pay those rewards, Crime Stoppers has proven over and over again that it plays an essential role in Nashville's safety by helping us bring dangerous criminals into custody.

I was reminded of the importance of Crime Stoppers this week with the arrests of three persons for the July 24th robbery of Pinnacle Bank's Hermitage branch. The male white robber wore dark face makeup in an effort to disguise his appearance. He had no reluctance in firing his .45 caliber pistol.

Detective Chris Locke, the police department's Crime Stoppers coordinator, reports that within a week of the robbery, Crime Stoppers received eleven anonymous contacts from citizens who provided information they believed would be helpful in the investigation. In fact, it was those citizen tips that ultimately focused attention on the suspects arrested two nights ago. The man accused of committing the actual bank holdup has two robbery convictions from Wilson County. There is no indication his violent criminal behavior would have stopped.

Over the years, tips to Crime Stoppers have led to the solution of 208 homicides, 71 rapes, 728 robberies and 308 burglaries. More than 4,700 fugitives have been apprehended because of citizens' confidence in the Crime Stoppers program and its guaranteed provision of anonymity. That success is also due to the commitment of the Crime Stoppers board to ensure the continued viability of the program and, importantly, community confidence gained through the hundreds of partnerships between neighborhood groups and the police department.

Thank you all for your dedication, professionalism and everything you do to enhance the safety of Nashville's families and visitors.

Happenings

Nissan USA Donates New Titan Pickup Truck to Nashville Crime Stoppers

Nissan USA on July 27th formally presented Nashville Crime Stoppers with a brand new Titan pickup truck to help promote the Crime Stoppers message at community events, parades and the scenes of violent crime.



Chief Steve Anderson and Nissan USA Vice President Dave Mazur speak at a news conference announcing the donation of a new Titan pickup truck to Nashville Crime Stoppers.



Pictured with Crime Stoppers' new Nissan Titan pickup truck are (l-r) Crime Stoppers Board Member William Coleman, Nissan USA Vice President Dave Mazur, Chief Steve Anderson and Crime Stoppers Board Member Dwayne Duhon.

Session 68 Graduation

The Nashville police department's officer ranks grew by 22 Tuesday night with the graduation of the latest class of trainees. The new officers took the oath of office from Mayor Dean and received their badges from Chief Anderson during a ceremony at Faith is the Victory Church, 3344 Walton Lane.

The 22 graduates began training on March 1. They will spend the next five to six months with precinct field training officers before patrolling the streets by themselves.



Session 68 receives the oath of office from Mayor Dean.

Session 68 Class Awards

Academic Excellence & Firearms Awards

Taylor Jeansonne

Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award

Jonathan Jones

Physical Fitness & Leadership Awards

Wisarut Sinchai

Law & Top Cop Awards

James Luke Tucker

Class President

Wisarut Sinchai

Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police

The Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police is holding its annual conference this week in Murfreesboro.

Chief Anderson hosted his colleagues Thursday night for dinner at Titans stadium. Governor Haslam and Mayor Dean both attended and expressed their gratitude to the men and women serving in law enforcement, both in Nashville and statewide.

Titans Executive Vice President Don McLachlan generously provided a tour of LP Field that included the players' locker room and a viewing of the new state-of-the-art video screens located in the north and south ends of the stadium.

At the end of the evening, the TACP presented Mayor Dean and Chief Anderson with its "City Award," in recognition of Nashville's support for the organization and its members.



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson, TACP President Chief Joe Garner (retired) and Mayor Dean.



Governor Haslam expresses his support for law enforcement.

Titans Make Surprise Visit to South Precinct

As a show of appreciation for the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department, Tennessee Titans linebackers Colin McCarthy and Akeem Ayers made a surprise interruption at a South Precinct meeting on July 25th to personally deliver 2012 game tickets to ten police department season ticket holders.

McCarthy and Ayers signed autographs and visited with each recipient before moving on to other season ticket delivery stops.



FOP Camp Receives \$8,000 Donation

Recognizing the tremendous impact a summer camp can have on young lives, the Music City Chapter of the Harley Owners Group and Boswell's Harley Davidson presented Nashville's Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp with an \$8,000 donation.

For six weeks each summer, volunteer police officers host a total of 300 primarily inner-city youth in week-long camp sessions at a facility on Old Hickory Lake. Through sporting activities and enrichment sessions, the boys and girls learn the importance of teamwork, citizenship and making the right decisions.

"It is through the continued support of Harley owners and others in the community that these at-risk children have the opportunity in a safe environment to learn life skills that will benefit them for many years to come," said MNPD Sergeant Robert Weaver, President of the Andrew Jackson Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.

"The Harley Owners Group is a strong supporter of our community outreach programs, including the FOP Youth Camp and our annual Christmas basket deliveries to the needy," Chief Steve Anderson said. "Nashville is a better place because of the Harley Owners' involvement in charities that make a real difference in our city."

The FOP Youth Camp has been helping mold young lives for more than 50 years. Citizens can contribute to the camp by logging onto <http://www.nashvillefop.org>.



Members of the Harley Owners Group present the FOP Youth Camp with an \$8,000 check. Pictured (l-r) are FOP President & MNPD Sergeant Robert Weaver, Harley Owners Group member Rob Flippen, Chief Steve Anderson, Harley Owners Group member Travis Doughtary, and Retired MNPD Canine Officer & FOP First Vice President Allen Herald.

Hispanic Teen Academy

Forty-six teenagers graduated on July 27 from the Metropolitan Police Department's 4th Annual Hispanic Teen Academy, an outreach program designed to strengthen relationships between police officers and residents of the city's Latino community.





2012 Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

The Battle of the Badges Blood Drive was a tremendous success with 356 pints of blood collected.

The Nashville Police Department led the way with 163 units, followed by the Sheriff's Department and Fire Department.



Chief Anderson donates blood during the 2012 Battle of the Badges.

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Hermitage Precinct detectives have determined that robbery was the motive behind the March 15th murder of 28-year-old Victor Parham inside his 935 Allen Road home in Donelson.

Investigation by Detectives Andrew Injaychock and Johnny Crumby has now led to the indictment of three men on murder and robbery charges in this case. One of them, **Rodney Jones**, 40, of Winwood Place, is Parham's former roommate. SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team took Jones into custody on Percy Priest Drive. He is now jailed in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

Jones is alleged to have recruited **Alberto Conde-Valentino**, 19, of 25th Avenue North, and **Xavier Tull-Morales**, 22, to take part in the home invasion that resulted in Parham's death. SWAT officers took Conde-Valentino into custody at his residence. Tull-Morales remains at large and is believed to have fled to Florida.

South

On Saturday, July 28th Community Coordinator Sergeant Taylor Schmitz attended an informational meeting regarding the establishment of a new neighborhood watch group in the Johnson Ridge community.

Sergeant Schmitz then participated in the Bell Trace Homeowners Association celebration. He answered several neighborhood related questions and provided crime prevention and safety tips.



Sgt. Schmitz and Council Member Duane Dominy attend neighborhood watch start-up meeting.



Bell Trace Homeowners Association celebration.

Southern Hills Hospital employees, including nurses and security personnel, participated in a crime prevention seminar. They were provided with important personal safety tips.



Members from the National Youth Church of Christ Conference attended the South Precinct B- Detail roll call to deliver thank you notes to officers. The teens were also given a tour of the precinct.



North

Rae Shean Buggs was charged with criminal homicide in the June 12th fatal shooting of Jason Earl Thomas, 32, outside Harper's Market at 2610 Jefferson Street.

Thomas was standing with six to ten persons across the street prior to the shooting. He walked to his car and, while seated behind the wheel, the gunman walked from behind the market and fired multiple shots at Thomas through the passenger side window before fleeing on foot at 11:30 p.m.

Witnesses positively identified Buggs, 25, as the shooter. The motive for the murder remains under investigation. Robbery appears to be an unlikely motive as drugs and cash were recovered from Thomas at the scene.

Buggs, of Scovel Street, has previous convictions for drug possession and resisting arrest.

Quick action by North Precinct Flex officers led to the arrest of two teenage brothers for the robbery of a 74-year-old Nashville man outside the victim's Haynes Street home.

Kemontanez Armstrong, 18, is in the Metro Jail on charges of aggravated robbery and aggravated assault. His brother, Romeo Armstrong, 15, is being held in juvenile detention for the same crimes.

The robbery victim reported that he was outside his house just after 9:30 a.m. when he was approached by the teens, who he later identified as the Armstrong brothers. One of them initially asked him for a light before demanding that he throw his wallet on the ground. The elderly man said that both teens were armed with pistols. The robbers took the man's wallet and left.

Minutes later, the teens showed up in another yard on Haynes Street. The 46-year-old resident ordered them to leave. He then saw a gun as one of the suspects remarked, "You don't want any of this." That resident walked away and the teens moved on.

North Flex and patrol officers moved into the area and set up a perimeter. A police canine team ran a track and led officers to the 2000 block of Baptist World Center Drive. A door to door canvas led to the discovery of the Armstrong brothers in one of the homes. They were taken into custody and a search of the brothers' bedroom led to the recovery of the robbery victim's wallet and two pistols concealed in a bed.

Madison

Motorcycle Officers Billy Estes (Madison Precinct) and Ernie Wilson (North Precinct) have been named the Paul Scurry Madison-Rivergate Chamber of Commerce Officers of the Year for their heroic response to a March 21st house fire at 1611 Saunders Avenue.

Despite thick smoke and flames, Officers Estes and Wilson ran onto the front porch and found an elderly man struggling to exit the residence. They pulled him to safety. Officer Estes then heard dogs barking inside. He forced a garage door open and freed three family pets.

Officers Estes and Wilson were honored Thursday during a ceremony at the Amqui Station Train Depot at 301 Madison Street.

Officer Estes is a 25-year veteran of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. Officer Wilson has been a member of the department for eight years.

The award is named for Officer Paul Scurry, who was a 21-year department veteran when he was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1996. Officer Scurry was backing up two detectives who were serving an aggravated assault warrant when he was mortally wounded. The suspect was shot and killed by responding officers.

Additionally, Madison Precinct Commander Brian Johnson was presented with a plaque that will recognize the Madison Precinct Patrol Officer and Investigator of the Month during 2012.



Pictured (l-r) are North Precinct Officer Ernie Wilson, Madison Precinct Commander Brian Johnson and Madison Precinct Officer Billy Estes.

West

The man suspected the attempted robbery of Bank of America's 1634 Church Street branch and the subsequent robbery ten minutes later of Bank of America's 2121 Blakemore Avenue branch, is in custody after Brentwood Police officers arrested him a short time after he attempted to rob the Hampton Inn at 5630 Franklin Pike Circle.

During an interview with West Precinct, FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, Goodlettsville, and White House detectives, Jamal Bekhtyar, 25, admitted his involvement in both Bank of America cases and in the following five hotel robberies or attempted robberies:

- **Hampton Inn (attempted), 5630 Franklin Pike Circle, July 15, 4 p.m.**

- **Comfort Suites, 621 Rivergate Parkway, Goodlettsville, July 15, 1:10 p.m.**
- **Holiday Inn Express (attempted), 452 Moss Trail, Goodlettsville, July 15, 1:05 p.m.**
- **Comfort Inn (attempted), 340 Hester Circle, White House, July 15, 12:30 p.m.**
- **Hampton Inn, 7815 Coley Davis Road, July 14, 2:30 p.m.**

In each hold-up, Bekhtyar presented a robbery demand note and implied he had a weapon before fleeing in a black Volkswagen Jetta.

Central

A Nashville man with 53 convictions on his record over the past nine years is behind bars on a robbery charge after he allegedly fought a Michigan man outside a downtown bar at 1:30 a.m. and took the victim's cellphone.

The 26-year-old victim reported that as he left the Beer Sellar on Church Street, Martin Harvey, 42, followed, asked him for money and then attacked him. The victim said he was repeatedly punched before Harvey fled with his cellphone. Central Precinct Officers Matthew Evans and Jeff Cason stopped Harvey at 3rd Avenue South and Demonbreun Street. He still had the phone. The victim and Harvey were both treated for minor injuries resulting from the fight.

Harvey is jailed in lieu of \$40,000 bond. His convictions over the years were for such offenses as theft, resisting police, drug possession, prostitution, drug paraphernalia possession, criminal trespassing, motor vehicle burglary and assault.

Convicted home burglar Corey L. Crockett, who received a four-year probated sentence in April of this year, is back behind bars, again for home burglary.

Quick response by Central Precinct Officer Brian Theriac and his colleagues to a Middleton Street resident's distress call just after midnight led to the apprehension of Crockett, 25, who was found in the home hiding under a garage workbench. Crockett is alleged to have broken a window to enter. Officer Theriac saw Crockett through the window and ordered him to surrender. He, instead, ran to the garage.

Crockett is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

Crockett received a two-year sentence for motor vehicle burglary last November 9th, and a 15-month sentence for another motor vehicle burglary conviction last November 17th.

Fugitive Task Force

Convicted felon and dangerous fugitive Corey Johnson's last ditch attempt to elude law enforcement by running into RiverGate Mall proved futile and he is now jailed on a charge of attempted murder.

Johnson, 23, had been on the run since June 6th when detectives identified him and Antonio Bass, also 23, as the men alleged to be responsible for opening fire on and wounding a man as he arrived home at Terrace Park Apartments on Elm Hill Pike earlier that day.

Metro Detective Mark Mittermeier, who is assigned to the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force and who has been working over the past several weeks to locate Johnson, spotted him in

the area of Cedar Hill Park. Johnson refused to stop for Mittermeier and sped off in a blue Dodge Magnum. A brief pursuit ensued before a police helicopter moved in and monitored Johnson's actions from the air. Johnson drove to the mall lot and ran inside. By that time, mall security and Goodlettsville Police had been put on notice. He was taken into custody soon after he entered. In addition to the attempted murder charge, Johnson was also booked on outstanding warrants charging him with three counts of selling cocaine and domestic assault.

During the pursuit, an off-duty Metro Fireman saw Johnson toss a metal object onto the road. That object turned out to be a pistol. He collected the gun and turned it over to police.

Johnson and Bass are believed to have been waiting for Racardo Spencer, 26, as he arrived home with his wife at 1:15 a.m. on June 6th (Johnson had a prior relationship with Spencer's wife). The defendants are alleged to have opened fire just as Spencer got out of the car. He collapsed in the street and the two suspects fled. Spencer was rushed to Vanderbilt University for treatment of critical gunshot wounds. He has since been released.

Mounted Patrol

Officer Brent Hoadley met with WTVF reporter Mark Bellinger on July 16th to discuss his continuing recovery from the critical injuries he received after being struck by a car while working an unrelated crash on January 7th. Officer Hoadley is now on light duty with the Mounted Patrol Unit. He looks forward to returning to full duty soon.



Mounted Patrol officers cut and bail hay at Ellington Agriculture Center



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Trainees prepare for inspection.



Physical training

Retirement Celebration

Sergeant Ricky Williams celebrated 36 years of dedicated service.



Pictured (l-r) are Commander Anthony Carter, Chief Anderson and retired Sgt. Ricky Williams.

Officer Thomas Jackson celebrated 36 years of dedicated service.



Chief Anderson presents Officer Jackson with a commemorative plaque.

The following officers in the Field Operation Bureau were chosen Investigator, Patrol, Police and Special Operations Officer of the Month for June 2012

Patrol Officer of the Month

Madison Precinct Officer Garrett Kidd

Police Officer of the Month

East Precinct Officer Coleman Womack

Investigator of the Month

South Precinct Detectives William Stewart, Brandon Dozier & Charles McEachron

Special Operations Officer of the Month

SRT Officer Melvin Brown

The following civilians were chosen Employees of the Month for April, May and June 2012

April

Warrants Division Clerk Ashley O'Neal

May

Background & Recruitment Administrative Specialist Laura Fosbinder

June

Human Resources Administrative Specialist Lawanna Coleman

From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A jury convicted Brian McGrowder of the indicted charges of statutory rape by an authority figure and aggravated statutory rape. The victim was a 17-year-old high school student.

McGrowder, 37, was her trainer at work. He will be sentenced in late August.

A Nashville teen pled guilty to the 2010 murder of Vincent Lewis, 14, who was fatally shot during a robbery attempt.

Donquise Alexander, who was 14 at the time of the homicide, will serve 30 years in prison at 100%. Lewis, Alexander, and two other friends were outside an apartment building on

6th Avenue North near Jefferson Street talking and smoking marijuana when Alexander left the group. He returned with a rifle and demanded money and marijuana from the victim. Lewis was shot several times during a struggle over the gun.

Alexander was transferred from juvenile court to face the charges as an adult.

A Davidson County jury found a Nashville man guilty of robbing and shooting a Tennessee Department of Corrections prison guard.

Michael McKissack was convicted of especially aggravated robbery, aggravated robbery and facilitation of attempted carjacking for the January 2010 attack.

McKissack was one of five co-defendants in this case, all of whom were teenagers at the time of the robbery. The victim, who was off-duty, had just pulled into his Lincoya Bay apartment complex when he was confronted by two of the teens. They robbed him of his wallet, and then he was shot in the buttocks. All five teens were apprehended that morning as they tried to flee the apartment complex.

McKissack will be sentenced on September 9. Two other co-defendants have already entered guilty pleas. Keith Potter received two consecutive nine-year sentences, and his brother Cortez, who was a juvenile at the time of the robbery, received an eight-year sentence. Twin brothers Keith and Kevin Boone still have pending charges.

A Criminal Court jury took just 30 minutes to deliberate before finding two Nashville men guilty of tax evasion and theft. Mashaal Arradi and Nassr Arradi of the Sam's and Son Market were both convicted as charged; Mashaal of three counts sales tax evasion and one count theft of property and Nassr of six counts of sales tax evasion and one count theft of property. Sentencing will be September 5.

Congratulations:

Officer Casey Tomes, East Precinct, and his wife, Mackenzie, are the proud parents of Meredith Colette Tomes, born July 14.

Officer Joe Cadden, West Precinct, and his wife are the proud parents of Ernest Noelton Cadden, born July 15.

Officer Trainee Jeremy Smith, Session 68, and his wife are the proud parents of Carlynn Miranda Smith, born July 18.

Officer Colin Feeney, South Precinct, and his wife are the proud parents of Owen Quinn Feeney, born July 22.

Detective Brent Bauer, South Precinct, and his wife are the proud parents of Michael Stuart Bauer, born July 24.

Officer Robert Davenport, North Precinct, and his wife, Sherrie, are the proud grandparents of Allyson Marie Davenport, born July 26.

Officer Erik Nash, North Precinct, and his wife, Holly, are the proud parents of Grayson Alexander Nash, born July 30.

Officer Devin Mabry, South Precinct, and his wife, Sarah, are the proud parents of Brantley Abel Mabry, born August 1.



Condolences:

Phillip Wilson, the father of Officer Mike Wilson, Traffic Section, passed away on July 13.

Chris H. Barr, the grandfather of Detective Donnell Barr, East Investigations, passed away on July 14.

Martha Mask, the grandmother of Officer Todd Mask, Special Operations Division, passed away on July 17.

Patricia Holls, the grandmother of Officer Trainee William Holls, Session 69, passed away on July 17.

Janice Brann, grandmother of Officer Brandon Frith, Training Division, passed away on July 27.