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## News from the Chief



Of all Nashville's many accomplishments in the modern era, none rise to the level of the historic 1962 vote of citizens to consolidate the separate City of Nashville and Davidson County governments. On April 1, 1963, Metropolitan Government came into being, and our city has been on the move ever since.

In association with the various planned celebrations, and in commemoration of the outstanding work being performed daily by the men and women of this police department, I have authorized the creation of a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary badge to be worn beginning April 1, 2013, through April 1, 2014.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary badge represents the entire county as the government, rising from the center of the state, and prominently features the Cumberland River, which has been so instrumental in Nashville's founding and throughout the city's history. Also represented are the police precinct boundaries with stars representing the locations of each police precinct and the Metropolitan Justice Center.

Officers will be authorized to use their clothing allowance to acquire the badge. A lapel pin bearing the same design will be made available to members of our professional support staff.

Below is the impressive design of the commemorative badge. It will complement all who wear it and will be a keepsake after the badge is retired in 2014. More information on the badges and the ordering process will be announced soon. I am grateful to Strategic Development Division Captain Mike Hagar for working through the logistics.



Tuesday's closing and padlocking of eleven Nashville area markets for the alleged sale of synthetic marijuana was a huge step forward in removing these dangerous substances from the streets. The public support in the aftermath of this operation has been entirely positive.

This operation would not have been possible without the support of District Attorney General Torry Johnson, Assistant District Attorney John Zimmermann and the entire staff of the Office of the District Attorney. The TBI, DEA, IRS and the United State Attorney also provided vital assistance.

Wednesday morning I attended a meeting where approximately 30 state and federal law enforcement agencies and prosecutors were represented. Everyone there was extremely complimentary of the operation.

The reason we are able to successfully conduct operations such as this, day in and day out, is one, the expertise and dedication of everyone in this agency, and two, the willingness of other state and federal law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to assist and partner with us in investigative and enforcement activities. This cooperation and assistance would not occur if they did not have faith and confidence in the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department.

Finally, we would not have been able to take these drugs off the street without the recently enacted legislation. The Tennessee General Assembly listened to us and had the confidence to go forward in declaring these drugs to be illegal. Speaker of the House of Representatives Beth Harwell was instrumental in making this legislation a reality. She was with us on Tuesday to show her continued support.

You are the reason this operation was successful and you are the reason this is a successful law enforcement agency. Whatever your assignment across the Department, the Patrol Division, a specialized unit or an administrative support unit, whether you are in a sworn or civilian capacity, you are equally responsible for these successes.

Your position would not exist unless it was necessary and vital to the overall operation. It is the collective teamwork of all that make us successful. No one person (especially me) or one unit can take credit. It is the collective work of all of us.

I hope that you are as proud of yourself as I am proud of you. Thank you all for everything that you do on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors.



**Chief Steve Anderson announces that eleven Nashville convenience markets, including Yes We Can Discount Tobacco & Beer on Gallatin Pike, are being padlocked as public nuisances under a new state law that gets tough on the sale of synthetic marijuana and similar substances. Joining Chief Anderson at the announcement were (l-r) Tennessee House of Representatives Speaker Beth Harwell, TBI Director Mark Gwyn, District Attorney General Torry Johnson and Middle Tennessee U.S. Attorney Jerry Martin.**





Synthetic marijuana is often sold in colorful packets such as these.

## Happenings

### Recruit Session 69 Welcome

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson on July 3<sup>rd</sup> welcomed the 47 men and women who have begun the 22 week training process to become Nashville police officers.

“Nashville is one of the most vibrant cities in the country. We’re on the move, and our commitment to public safety is one of the major factors that makes Nashville so attractive to both newcomers and long-time residents,” Dean said, noting that this is the 14<sup>th</sup> class of police recruits to begin the academy during his nearly five years as mayor.

“The strong support of our elected officials and the Nashville community at large is allowing our department to keep pace with attrition and remain fully staffed,” Anderson told the recruits. “The career path each of you has chosen won’t be easy, but will be rewarding personally and professionally if you stick with it. You will be trained by the best academy instructors in the nation over the next several months.”

Graduation for this class, formally known as Recruit Session 69, is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>.



## **Morning Star Sanctuary Golf Tournament**

The police department on Thursday once again partnered with the Morning Star Sanctuary domestic violence shelter in its annual golf tournament fundraiser at Hermitage Golf Course. Chief Anderson and Sheriff Daron Hall served as the honorary chairpersons. Approximately 140 persons, including several police department employees, participated in this year's event. Kudos to Domestic Violence Division Captain Kay Lokey for her work in helping coordinate the tournament.



**In between Thursday's rain showers, Chief Steve Anderson welcomed and thanked the golfers for supporting Morning Star Sanctuary.**



**This year's tournament raised \$53,000 for Morning Star. Pictured (l-r) are Mike Eller of Hermitage Golf Course, Sheriff Hall, tournament co-chair Linda Hefflin Johnston, Chief Anderson and Morning Star Executive Director John Pugh.**

Congratulations to Team MNPD, Matt Morley, Lt. Dana Lyon, Officer Matt King and Richy Vaughn, who won the Morning Star 18-hole tournament on a challenging course in tough weather conditions with an outstanding score of 16- under- par 56.



**Pictured (l-r) are Matt Morley, Lt. Dana Lyon, Officer Matt King and Richy Vaughn.**

## Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp

Nearly 50 girls participated in one of six week-long camps, three for boys and three for girls, at the FOP facility on the shores of Old Hickory Lake where volunteer police officers serve as mentors and coaches in a variety of fun events.



## MNPD Interns



**Pictured (l-r) are Denarius Lawson (Emergency Contingency Section), Amy Sengbouttarath (Archives), Kalilah Buchanan (West Precinct), Jerica Smith (Records) and Chief Anderson.**

## The Precinct News

### Hermitage

Hermitage Precinct detectives Friday morning charged 37-year-old Henry James Baxter with criminal homicide for the murder of 48-year-old Erman Thompson, whose decapitated body was discovered Thursday afternoon in a field at 169 Old Hermitage Avenue.

Investigation by Detectives Johnny Crumby and Andrew Injaychock led to the identification of Baxter as a suspect in Thompson's murder. During an interview, Baxter admitted to shooting Thompson in the head and killing him. Baxter said he used a shovel to separate Thompson's head from the body. The head was discovered in a trash can in an alley outside 116 Claiborne Street. Both men lived at that address with Thompson's wife and her three children.

Detectives believe Thompson was killed last Sunday. Baxter is alleged to have decapitated the body on Monday. The body was apparently dumped in the field late Tuesday night/early Wednesday.

Baxter is being held in lieu of \$750,000 bond.

A citizen's tip coupled with alert police work led to the arrest of burglary suspect Derius Hambrick, 21, of Kingview Drive.

Officers responded to a burglary in progress on Quail Court East. The citizen reported that four men had entered the residence. Hermitage Precinct Officer Jeb Johnston quickly arrived and saw Hambrick exiting the home carrying a flat screen T.V. Hambrick dropped the

T.V. when he saw Officer Johnston and fled on foot. Hambrick was apprehended after he entered a residence through an unlocked door in the 3200 block of Trails End Drive.

Hambrick is charged with two counts of aggravated burglary and evading arrest. He is being held in lieu of \$80,000 bond.

## **South**

Excellent work by South Precinct Officer Sean Pulizzano and his colleagues led to the July 11<sup>th</sup> apprehension of two 16-year-olds a short time after they were seen burglarizing a Sterry Court home. The neighbor who called police saw the teens enter and exit through a window and then ride away on bicycles. Officer Pulizzano located the two and detained them. The witness positively identified the 16-year-olds as the burglars. After declining to be interviewed, both were charged at Juvenile Court with aggravated burglary.

South Precinct officers partnered with Brentwood police in providing crime prevention tips to residents of the Cloverland Acres subdivision and assisted them in creating a neighborhood watch program.



**Community Coordinator Sgt. Taylor Schmitz shares safety information with residents.**

Officers attended the Paragon Mills Summer Camp outdoor session which focused on math and reading. Safety tips were also discussed with the students and their parents.



**Paragon Mills summer camp.**

## **East**

Alert police work led to the arrest of a 16-year-old carjacking suspect a short time after he and an accomplice took the victim's vehicle at gunpoint.

Aviation located the stolen PT Cruiser outside a Treutland Avenue residence where patrol and flex officers took the suspect into custody. The 58-year-old victim positively identified the teen as one of the robbers.

## **North**

North Precinct Officer Christopher Seufer was in the right place at the right time when he pulled up in his marked patrol car on what appeared to be a property damage accident on Rosa Parks Boulevard at Vantage Way but was instead a robbery in progress.

The victim reported she was on her way to make a deposit from her place of employment at 9:45 a.m. when her car was struck from behind by the driver of a black Dodge Charger. The passenger in the Dodge approached her vehicle and initially asked her if she was alright, but then opened her driver side door and grabbed the bank deposit bags. Simultaneously, Officer Seufer arrived on the scene and the suspected robber, Dereck Myles, fled on foot while his accomplice drove off.

Myles, 36, was apprehended a short time later and the victim positively identified him as the man who took the money. He is charged with robbery and evading arrest. Myles is free on \$35,000 bond.

Myles, of Drakes Branch Road, has previous convictions for aggravated robbery, second degree murder, robbery and theft.

## **Madison**

Madison Precinct detectives charged 20-year-old Rico A. Boyce with criminal homicide for the fatal shooting of 25-year-old William Stokes near the intersection of Patton Hill Road and Village Trail.

Investigation by Detective David Kautzman and his colleagues led to the identification of Boyce as the man alleged to have opened fire during an argument with Stokes and others. During an interview, Boyce admitted to shooting several rounds from a pistol.

Heads-up police work by Madison Precinct Officer Vince Archuleta led to the apprehension of two teenage girls who escaped from Department of Children's Services custody at the Clover Bottom facility on Stewarts Ferry Pike.

Archuleta was patrolling on Gallatin Pike near Madison Square at 8 a.m. when he saw Andrea Benford, 17, and Brittany Mostella, 15, walking. The girls looked out of place and Archuleta, along with backup Officer Marshall Stanton, stopped to talk with them. At about the same time, the third escapee, Porsha Phillips, 18, who had split from the other two but was still nearby, called the Emergency Communications Center saying she wanted to surrender. Officer Elizabeth Mills took her into custody.

The girls overpowered and assaulted a staff member just after 1 a.m. They took the staff member's facility and car keys. They fled the Clover Bottom property in a 2012 Ford Fusion. The car was recovered off Hermitage Avenue near railroad tracks. The girls apparently walked the tracks to the Madison area.

Phillips is now confined to the Metro Jail on charges of assault, vehicle theft, escape and contributing to the delinquency of minors. Benford and Mostella are confined at Metro juvenile detention.

## **West**

Sergeant Mike Thomas and his bike certified officers teach bicycle safety at the Gardner School.



**Lined up....**



**Ready to go!**

## **Central**

Two 18-year-olds are charged in separate fireworks incidents downtown over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday celebration.

In the first incident, Juwane Williams was walking on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue near Commerce Street at 11 p.m. when he fired a Roman candle firework at undercover police officers in the area. When the officers identified themselves, Williams attempted to flee but was quickly taken into custody.

Williams, of Stockell Street, is charged with three counts of aggravated assault against a police officer, two counts of aggravated assault, reckless endangerment and resisting arrest.

In the second case, officers observed Michael Beasley, who is homeless, shoot bottle rocket fireworks into traffic on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North and Broadway.

Beasley was jailed for the fireworks violation and disorderly conduct.

A New York man witnessed first-hand the risk and peril of placing an on-line personal ad when he was attacked and robbed in his downtown Nashville hotel room.

Edward Bruno, 46, placed an ad on Craigslist in which he expressed an interest in massaging and licking a woman's feet. Vivian Ferello answered the ad and made arrangements with Bruno to come to his room. Unbeknownst to Bruno, Ferello allegedly conspired with three other persons to rob him of his money and belongings.

Ferello knocked on Bruno's door just after midnight. When he opened it, two men with her tackled him as Ferello left. During the ensuing struggle, a knife was used to slash Bruno on his right arm. The two suspects took Bruno's money, laptop, iPad and chargers before fleeing.

Hotel staff saw Ferello, Dakota Arthur Davis and another man running from the building. Security caught up with and detained Davis. Ferello got into a maroon Toyota Camry being driven by Brittany Huff and fled the property. Central Precinct Officer Carlos Angulo, after

hearing a BOLO on the car, alertly spotted and stopped it at Demonbreun Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South where Ferello and Huff were taken into custody.

During subsequent questioning by Central Precinct Detective Deniz Ismailovic, Ferello, Davis and Huff admitted to being part of the robbery planning.

Ferello, 18, of Cherokee Court, Davis, 18, of Windsor Green Boulevard in Goodlettsville, and Huff, 18, of Villages Court in White House, Tennessee, were each jailed on charges of especially aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary.

Persons who use on-line advertising through services such as Craigslist to buy or sell items are urged to conduct any face to face transactions in well lit, very public and populated areas.

The fourth and final suspect, Earl Taylor, 21, was later arrested in Hendersonville.

## **Training** Session 68



**Riot training and crowd control exercises.**



**Room clearing practicals observed by Sgt. Bob Allen and videotaped by David Davenport.**



**Session 68 fitted and tested for gas masks.**



**Emergency vehicle operations training.**

## **Retirement Celebration**

Dr. Lorraine Greene celebrated 16 years of dedicated service.



**Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Greene and Chief Anderson**

## **From the District Attorney's Office**

Director of Communications Susan Niland

Donald Andrews was found guilty of three counts of sexual battery by an authority figure and two counts of rape. Andrews will be sentenced on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

A jury convicted Brian Lambright, 20, of four counts of aggravated child abuse. Testimony during the trial recounted how Lambright had repeatedly bitten a 9-day-old child. Sentencing will be later this summer.

## **Congratulations:**

Detective Gabriel Acevedo, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Kimberly, welcomed their son Ethan Michael Acevedo who was born on June 25<sup>th</sup>

Sgt. John Patton, Hermitage Precinct, welcomed granddaughter Zion Danielle Horton who was born on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Officer Steven Wiser, East Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter Lucy Paige Wiser who was born on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Enisa Ceranic, Teleserve/Data Entry, welcomed her daughter, Amar Malik Farrow, who was born on July 8<sup>th</sup>.



## **Condolences:**

Reverend Robert Powe, Sr., the father-in-law of Lt. Anthony McClain, North Precinct, passed away on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Lilli O. Griggs, the mother-in-law of Officer Thomas A. Jackson, Field Operation Support, passed away on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Robert Tolzmann, the grandfather of Officer Mitchell Tolzmann, West Precinct, passed away.

Louise Jones, the grandmother of Officer Candace Martin, West Precinct, passed away.

Dortha Mae Stewart, the mother-in-law of Sgt. Robert Haught, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on July 10th.

Retired Canine Zac, partner of Officer Stephen Coleman, passed away on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Canine Officer Brent Gibson's partner, Titan, suffered complications from a medical issue and passed away on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Canine Officer Gibson with partner Titan

## **FYI:**

### **Vehicle Services Change:**

**Effective Immediately**, OFM is no longer requiring Metro PD to have schedule "A" services performed at 4,000 mile intervals. A schedule "B" service is to be performed at 7,000 miles and schedule "C" at 48,000 miles. **There will no longer be any schedule "A" services.** Valvoline locations will no longer be used from this point forward. All metro vehicles will have a schedule "B" service performed every 7,000 miles up to 48,000 at which time the next service will be a schedule "C". After the schedule "C" is completed, the vehicle will have schedule "B" services performed up until 96,000 miles. OFM will continue to place a sticker on the driver's windshield indicating the next service. We are still required to call 862-4167 to schedule an appointment as usual. **All services are completed at the garage.** OFM's new guidelines require all vehicles to have a service completed every 7,000 miles or 365 days, whichever comes first. If,

for example, your vehicle is presently due a schedule A, B or C next week, continue with your service at the metro garage as usual and your vehicle will now be adjusted to the 7,000 mile rotation. **Important: No more schedule "A" services & no more Valvoline, make an appointment and continue to watch your sticker for service date or mileage.** If you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail Police Vehicle Operations at 862-7086. Thanks for your cooperation.

## **Talent Showcase**

West Precinct Commander Marlene Pardue

The annual MNPD Talent Showcase and silent auction will be held on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at B.B. Kings Restaurant and Blues Club at 152 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North. Money raised at this event will go to the Nashville Children's Alliance. The NCA provides free services to the victims of child abuse and their families. They also work closely with the police department in providing forensic interviews of children who have been physically and sexually abused.

This event is a great chance to see members of MNPD perform, have a little fun, visit with friends, and bid on some fantastic auction items. Doors open at 6 p.m. There are generally around 90 plus items to bid on, and many of the items go for a very reasonable price. We already have several hotel packages and other items.

I hope you will be able to attend!!!

Marlene