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News from the Chief



During my nearly 38-years with this police department, I have responded to the scenes of a number of police-involved shootings. These cases, particularly in the very early stages, are never easy for anyone. They become even more difficult when a member of this department is wounded. Such was the case on Monday when East Flex Officer Faye Denson was shot in an alley off Stockell Street by an 18-year-old fleeing gunman. Officer Carroll Fondaw returned fire and wounded the suspect.

While a number of you joined me in heading to Vanderbilt Medical Center to check on Officer Denson, still others went to the shooting scene as part of the professional investigation. Many also made sure Officer Fondaw was ok. I share Commander Imhof's sentiments expressed in his email to department captains on Tuesday afternoon:

"I just wanted to express my thanks for all the support from all of the precincts and different divisions that came out and supported East Precinct yesterday when Officer Denson was injured in the line of duty. I was on the phone with Lt. Blair and Lt. Vinson numerous times during the day as I was driving back from Washington D.C. and they stated how much help they were getting from the entire department. Please extend the thanks of the East Precinct to all persons under your command for their support and assistance."

Thankfully, the gunshot wound to Officer Denson's leg was not critical in nature. She is in very good spirits as she recuperates at home. I know that Faye is extremely grateful, as am I, for the outpouring of support from persons throughout the police department. As you may know, various components have arranged to bring meals to Faye throughout the rest of November and into the first half of next month.

Despite having more than 1,900 employees, this department continues to show that it cares for its members in need. Thank you for that, and thank you for all that you do to improve

the safety and quality of life for all Nashvillians. I hope that each of you has a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Message from Rita Roberts-Turner, Metro Director of Human Resources

Today Mayor Karl Dean will file legislation with the Metro Council authorizing a retirement incentive program for eligible Metro Government employees. As designed, the program is similar to one adopted in 2004 and would provide eligible employees a retirement incentive equal to \$700 for each year of credited service with the Metropolitan Government. In announcing this program, Mayor Dean acknowledged the pivotal role played by Metro's outstanding and dedicated workforce in the providing of services to our citizens. He believes that at this historic point in Metro's history—as we celebrate the 50th anniversary—a retirement incentive at this time will provide a unique opportunity for departments to restructure and be in a better position to serve our constituents in the years to come.

Our goal in Metro Human Resources is to help you understand the provisions of the plan so that you can make an informed decision that is best for you. We will be hosting informational meetings on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. both in the Sonny West Conference Center at the Fulton Campus. These meetings are designed to explain the various eligibility requirements, the pension application process, important deadlines, return to work restrictions, and to provide answers to other benefit related questions. Interested employees who are currently eligible to retire should contact their departmental HR representative to confirm your attendance at one of the scheduled informational meetings. If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, you will also be able to find information on the Human Resources homepage at www.nashville.gov/HR_Benefits as well as on Metro3 (Channel 3) or call 862-6700 to speak with a benefits specialist.

Below are FAQs that should also answer many of your preliminary questions.

We look forward to working with you as you plan for the next chapter of your life.

Retirement Incentive Plan – FAQ

1.) How much is the incentive?

Those applying for a NORMAL or EARLY pension will receive \$700 for each year of credited service with Metro. Any service that normally counts toward a Metro pension, with the exception of unused sick leave, counts toward this incentive payment.

2.) Who is eligible?

If you are eligible to retire from Metro, going directly from active employment to a service pension, and you do so within the applicable retirement provisions, you are eligible to participate.

Members of Division A Pension Plan - Normal Retirement

General Government (Normal) – Age 65

Police and Fire (Normal) – Age 55 / 20 years of service

Members of Division A Pension Plan - Early Retirement

General Government (Early) – Age 55 with 20 years of service

Police and Fire (Early) – Age 50 / 20 years of service

Members of Division B Pension Plan – Normal Retirement

General Government (Normal) – Age 60 / 25 years of service

Police and Fire (Normal) – Age 53 / 22 years of service

Members of Division B Pension Plan – Early Retirement

General Government (Early) – Age 50 / 10 years of service

Police and Fire (Early) – Age 45 / 10 years of service

2.) Where do I go for more information?

There will be two informational meetings held for interested eligible employees at the Fulton Campus – Sonny West Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. on:

- Monday, December 10, 2012
- Wednesday, January 9, 2013

More information regarding the retirement incentive will also be available online on the Human Resources and Benefits homepage at: http://www.nashville.gov/hr_benefits/

3.) How does this affect my pension?

It does not affect your pension benefit. Your pension benefit is exactly the same with or without this incentive. This one time retirement incentive offers an incentive payment, not a change to a pension plan.

4.) How do I get a pension estimate?

You may review your annual pension benefit statement you receive each year or consult the online Retirement Guide and the online “Estimate My Pension” calculator which is available at: http://www.nashville.gov/hr_benefits

5.) When can I apply?

November 26, 2012 – January 18, 2013

West Precinct Detectives Arrest Man for Maxon Avenue Triple Homicide

Convicted felon Lorenzo Kelvin Jenkins this afternoon is being charged with three counts of criminal homicide for the October 22nd stabbing deaths of three members of the Sullivan family at their 5500 Maxon Avenue property.

Jenkins, 39, who received two six-year suspended sentences just this past June for aggravated burglary and felony theft in separate incidents, was taken into custody today at the Sumner County Jail.

“West Precinct detectives have worked tirelessly for nearly three weeks pursuing leads in their efforts to determine who was responsible for this tremendously violent crime,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “This was a very difficult crime scene to see and work, and I am grateful to officers from several components and the staff of our Identification Division for all that they did to move this investigation forward.”

Detectives recently identified Jenkins as among those who needed to be interviewed as part of the continuing investigation. The focus on Jenkins intensified significantly on Tuesday as the result of days of meticulous on-scene evidence processing by Metro Police experts. Certain items of collected evidence were submitted to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation crime laboratory for scientific testing. Analysis of that evidence led to Jenkins being considered a strong suspect. On Tuesday evening, West Precinct detectives took Jenkins into custody as he left his mother’s home on 22nd Avenue North to serve a search warrant that mandated he give a DNA sample. A search warrant was also executed at his 1037 Centerpoint Road home in Hendersonville. While Jenkins refused to answer questions about the triple homicide case Tuesday night, Hendersonville Police located evidence in Jenkins’ residence linking him to a residential burglary that occurred on November 5th. He was charged in Sumner County with aggravated burglary and felony theft. Jenkins’ bond on the Sumner County charges was set at \$225,000.

West Precinct detectives submitted the DNA sample obtained by search warrant to the TBI crime laboratory Wednesday morning. The murder warrants were issued as a result of that analysis.

Patrick Sullivan, 56, his wife, Deborah Sullivan, 48, and their daughter, Wendy Sullivan, 26, are believed to have been attacked in the late morning hours of October 22nd. The Sullivan’s 28-year-old daughter found her mother and sister dead inside the house early that afternoon. Responding officers found Patrick Sullivan dead inside a detached building behind the house.

The motive for the murders is believed to be drug related. The investigation revealed that the Sullivans sold pills and marijuana from the Maxon Avenue residence.

In addition to his 2012 convictions, Jenkins was also convicted of robbery in January 2004 for grabbing a purse from a woman’s arm at 10th Avenue North & Charlotte Avenue as

she walked from her workplace to her car. Jenkins confessed, saying that he took the purse because he needed money for drugs. He received a five-year suspended sentence in that case.

The investigation into this triple homicide case is continuing. Unanswered questions regarding the circumstances remain. Anyone in the community with information about this case, or about Lorenzo Jenkins, his affiliations, or his activities on October 22nd, is urged to contact West Precinct Investigations at 862-7385 or Crime Stoppers at 74-CRIME.

Happenings

Detectives Johnny Crumby and Andrew Injaychock Thursday were named Officers of the Year by the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce.

Crumby, 37, a 16-year police department veteran, and Injaychock, 37, a 15-year police department veteran, are assigned to investigate crimes of violence, including homicides, committed within the Hermitage Precinct. The two were instrumental in the formulation of this year's Operation May Day, an undercover effort to take eleven indicted murder or attempted murder suspects off of Nashville's streets. The eleven suspects were each charged in one of three separate and unrelated homicide cases, two from 2011 and one from this year, or a violent home invasion robbery from October 2011. Investigations by Crumby and Injaychock were largely responsible for the ultimate identification and indictment of the suspects.

"Johnny and Andy have distinguished themselves as outstanding investigators who are committed to the safety of the Hermitage Precinct's 110 square mile area," said Chief Steve Anderson. "Both are most deserving of this honor, and I am grateful to the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the award program each year."



Detective Johnny Crumby Detective Andy Injaychock

Olympic Champion Visits Cameron Middle School

Olympic gold medalist Claressa Shields, 17, visited Cameron Middle School on October 24th and gave a motivational speech to the children.

School Resource Officer and G.R.E.A.T. instructor D'mitri Cannon helped facilitate the visit. Shields received a standing ovation after her remarks. She won the Olympic middleweight title by defeating Russian boxer Nadezda Torloпова.



Olympic champion Claressa Shields proudly displays her gold medal with Officer Cannon.

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Convicted felon Antonio Crockett, whose record reflects 66 convictions for offenses dating between 1997 and 2011, is one of two men now under indictment for the June 30th murder of Derrick Lyons in the J.C. Napier Public Housing development.

Crockett, 34, of Fain Street, and Timothy L. Wilson, 23, of Lakewalk Drive, are jailed on charges of first-degree murder, robbery-carjacking and unlawful weapon possession for killing Lyons in what detectives believe was part of a drug-related robbery plot.

Witnesses reported that Lyons, 43, of Dempsey Drive, was sitting in his parked green Mercedes SUV on the afternoon of June 30th when a black sedan pulled up and blocked Lyons

in. During an ensuing altercation, Lyons was killed. His Mercedes was also taken. It was recovered a short time later on Donelson Street.

Crockett and Wilson are being held in lieu of \$750,000 bond each.

Hermitage Precinct detectives Andrew Injaychock and Johnny Crumby led this investigation.

South

A citizen's complaint about suspected drug activity at 4912 Shasta Drive has now led to three persons being arrested on charges related to a mobile meth lab.

As South Precinct officers arrived to investigate the call at 9:40 p.m., they encountered and detained Corey Banks, 24, of Mt. Juliet, and Peter York, 35, of Nashville. A woman with them, Jessica Mayberry, 28, of Nashville, managed to flee.

When officers inquired about the drug complaint, Banks removed two bags from a vehicle that was registered to his mother. Inside the bags were a one pot cooking vessel with residual liquid that field tested positive for methamphetamine, two packages of pseudoephedrine, other chemicals, tubing, plastic baggies, digital scales, plastic bottles and other drug paraphernalia. Banks and York maintained that the material belonged to Mayberry.

Warrants were issued charging all three with initiation of the manufacture of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a childcare facility and possession of drug paraphernalia for manufacture. Banks and York were booked during the night. Officers found Mayberry at 8:15 a.m. today passed out on the steps inside a building at Candlewood Apartments on Whispering Oaks Place. She, too, has now been booked on the meth warrants.

Mayberry is jailed in lieu of \$37,500 bond. Bail for Banks and York is set at \$40,000 each.

East

East Precinct Crime Suppression Unit officers arrested convicted felon Cordell McKinley, 25, who was wanted for the October 6th armed robbery of a man on Brick Church Pike.

The victim reported he was walking in the 1300 block of Brick Church Pike at 1 a.m. when the driver of a white SUV pulled up next to him. A man got out of the passenger seat and robbed him at gunpoint.

Investigation by North Precinct detectives led to the identification of McKinley as the alleged robber. A warrant for his arrest was issued on October 30th.

Officers located McKinley at a residence in the 2700 block of Oakwood Avenue.

McKinley has a previous aggravated robbery conviction.

North

A vehicle stop on Mexico Drive led to the arrest of a convicted drug dealer and the seizure of 45 grams of cocaine and \$5,500 cash.

North flex officers stopped Marcus Stanton, 32, after he ran a stop sign near his home in the 3200 block of Mexico Drive. Stanton pulled into his driveway where officers detected a strong odor of marijuana on Stanton. During a vehicle search, officers found baggies containing marijuana and cocaine residue. Stanton had \$5,500 cash on his person.

During the execution of a search warrant at Stanton's residence, officers recovered 45 grams of cocaine and two digital scales.

Stanton was transported to General Hospital after he told officers he had ingested marijuana. He will be charged upon his release.

Stanton, who was sentenced to six years in 2010 for felony marijuana possession, also has two previous cocaine possession convictions.

Madison

Officer Garrett Kidd read for to Mrs. Jones' first grade class at Neely's Bend Elementary School.



West

A convicted bank robber on federal probation is in the Metro Jail in connection with a series of robberies and attempted robberies of Nashville convenience markets.

Romonte K. Phillips, 38, of Jones View Drive, is presently charged with trying to rob the Shell convenience market at 6012 Charlotte Pike at 2 a.m. and the actual robbery of the MAPCO store at 1507 21st Avenue South at 2:15 a.m. He is also a strong suspect in the robberies of:

- the Shell convenience store at 1700 West End Avenue at 9:14 p.m.;
- the MAPCO store at 1090 Murfreesboro Pike at 11:22 p.m.; and
- the MAPCO store at 550 Donelson Pike at 11:34 p.m.

In each case, the suspect demanded money and intimated that he had a weapon, although none was displayed.

Following the 2:15 a.m. robbery, West Precinct Officer Joseph Cadden spotted Phillips' Jeep Compass getaway vehicle at Blakemore and 25th Avenues. Officer Cadden got behind the Jeep and activated his blue lights. Phillips pulled over in the Wendy's parking lot at 2603 West End Avenue. He was taken into custody without incident. Clerks from both the Charlotte Pike and 21st Avenue South stores positively identified Phillips as the suspect.

Phillips registered with the police department as an ex-convict in June of this year.

Central

Central Precinct detectives charged Nicholas T. Griffin with criminal homicide for the fatal shooting of Yellow Cab driver Henry Moore.

Griffin, 20, of Derrick Court, was developed as a possible suspect early in the investigation. During an interview, Griffin admitted to his involvement in the murder, which he said occurred during a robbery.

Moore, 69, was shot in the 1500 block of 10th Avenue North before 3 a.m. Friday after being dispatched to pick up a fare at 10th Avenue North and Garfield Street. After being shot, Moore accelerated the cab and crashed at the intersection of 10th and Garfield.

A Decatur, Georgia man remains jailed in lieu of \$426,500 bond following his arrest Sunday for selling counterfeit Titans-Bears football tickets.

Tony McKibben, 46, had six counterfeit tickets and two apparently counterfeit \$100 bills when an undercover officer approached him in the area of 2nd Avenue South and Broadway. McKibben tried to run away when he realized he was speaking with a police officer, but was quickly apprehended. He initially identified himself as Giovanni Crawford before acknowledging he was Tony McKibben. A record check revealed that McKibben is wanted for 3rd degree larceny in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

McKibben is charged with being a fugitive from justice, theft (for selling a football fan three counterfeit tickets for a total of \$300), two counts of felony criminal simulation (one count for fake tickets, the other for the apparently fake \$100 bills), identity theft and resisting police.

Ft. Lauderdale authorities have said they will extradite McKibben back to Florida when the charges here are resolved.

20th Judicial District Drug Task Force

A former General Sessions Court drug treatment manager, a volunteer basketball coach at Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet School and a Nashville realtor are just three of 29 persons cumulatively charged with 156 offenses in a Davidson County Grand Jury indictment alleging a multi-state conspiracy to traffic hundreds of pounds of very high grade marijuana into the Nashville area.

“This investigation is noteworthy in that, while 21 of the defendants are from the Nashville area, 3 are from Nevada, 2 are from California, 2 are from New Mexico and 1 is from Arizona,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “The message being sent is that drug trafficking involving Nashville is very much on the radar of our detectives, regardless of where the defendants live. Serious conduct will be met with serious charges, including engaging in a marijuana conspiracy, money laundering and the requested judicial forfeiture of property.”

A six month investigation headed by Metro police officers assigned to the 20th Judicial District Drug Task Force revealed that hundreds of pounds of marijuana were being shipped via the U.S. Postal Service from Fontana, California; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Phoenix, Arizona, to two primary Nashville distributors: **James E. Roberts Jr.**, 55, of Hawkins Street, and **William Gupton III**, 28, of Riverchase Boulevard. Roberts is also a volunteer assistant basketball coach at Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet High School, although there is no evidence that Roberts distributed marijuana at the school. Roberts and Gupton are alleged to have distributed the marijuana to primarily street dealers. It is estimated that they are responsible for the distribution of one ton of marijuana in the Nashville area since 2008.

The marijuana involved in this case is unique in terms of quality. Because it is such high grade, it sells for \$4,000-\$5,000 a pound. Ordinary grade marijuana sells in Nashville for \$700-\$800 a pound.

The marijuana was shipped to various addresses in the Nashville area before it wound up with the distributors. For example, Nashville realtor **Alexis Mayes**, 60, of General George Patton Road, is alleged to have coordinated shipments to homes that were listed for sale. Detectives believe Mayes, using pass keys, would wait inside the homes on shipment days and receive the marijuana. The homeowners had no idea of what was taking place.

This investigation even snared a senior level employee of Nashville’s General Sessions Court. **William Scott Ross**, 44, of S. Trace Boulevard in Old Hickory, was arrested a short time ago and is charged with engaging in a marijuana conspiracy and official misconduct for allegedly tipping off a co-defendant that the covert investigation was in progress. Ross’ actions caused investigative complications in the short term. Ross, after recently being confronted by

law enforcement in regard to this case, resigned his position as program director of General Sessions' Treatment Court.

Other persons charged in this case are:

- **Tifphany Wilson**, 39, Roberts's girlfriend, of Candlewood Drive, Nashville. She is accused maintaining a stash house.
- **Shelly Roberts**, 48, Roberts' wife, of Hawkins Street, Nashville. She is accused of taking part in the marijuana conspiracy.
- **Vanessa Roberts-Fuqua**, 48, Roberts' sister, of Meharry Boulevard, Nashville. She is alleged to have accepted marijuana parcels on behalf of Roberts.
- **Markia Gupton**, 36, Gupton's wife, of Riverchase Boulevard, Madison. She is accused of engaging in the marijuana conspiracy, attempting to take part in a money laundering conspiracy and attempted forgery.
- **Matthew Hoffman**, 37, of Strada Mia Court, Las Vegas, Nevada. He is alleged to be one of the Nevada suppliers of marijuana that was shipped to Nashville.
- **Crystal Zornes**, 27, Hoffman's fiancée, of Strada Mia Court, Las Vegas, Nevada. She is accused of assisting Hoffman in supplying marijuana to Nashville from Las Vegas.
- **Enrique Gomez "Pig" Ahumada**, 39, of Fillmore Street, Phoenix, Arizona. He is alleged to be an Arizona supplier of marijuana that was shipped to Nashville.
- **Anthony Guajardo**, 28, of Waterlilly View Street, Henderson, Nevada. He is alleged to be a Nevada supplier of marijuana that was shipped to Nashville.
- **Richard (Rick) Valmonte**, 35, of Medinah Street, Fontana, California. He is alleged to be a California supplier of marijuana that was shipped to Nashville.
- **Michael Hummer**, 29, of Lyndie Lane, Temecula, California. He was arrested with Valmonte after a parcel of marijuana was sent to Gupton.
- **David Davis**, 30, of Packard Drive, Antioch. He is alleged to be a local distributor of marijuana received from Gupton.
- **Carl Dunn**, 40, of Saunders Avenue, Nashville. He is alleged to have received marijuana parcels on behalf of Gupton.
- **Mark Gerald**, 45, of West Yorkshire Court, Old Hickory. He is alleged to have bought large amounts of marijuana from Roberts.
- **Antonio Swinger**, 32, of Blackstone Avenue, Madison. He is accused of buying large quantities of marijuana from Roberts.
- **Mamie Brinkley**, 59, of Kirkwood Avenue, Nashville. She is charged with accepting marijuana parcels on behalf of Roberts.
- **Mable Anita Sowell**, 55, of N. 2nd Street, Nashville. She is alleged to have accepted marijuana parcels on behalf of the organization.
- **Joseph Travierso**, 48, of Green Harbor Court, Old Hickory. He is accused of buying marijuana from Roberts and investing in the organization.
- **Rudolph Woodberry**, 55, of Chateau Valley Drive, Nashville. He is charged with buying large amounts of marijuana from Roberts.

- **Michael Phillips**, 54, of Setter Court, Nashville. He is accused of picking up marijuana parcels on behalf of Roberts.
- **Jubal Boyce**, 34, of Wright Avenue, Alamogordo, New Mexico. He is charged with driving marijuana to shipment points on behalf of Roberts.
- **Jennifer Boyce**, 26, Jubal Boyce's wife, of Wright Avenue, Alamogordo, New Mexico. She is accused of accompanying her husband in the transportation of marijuana to shipment points.
- **James Keith Kephart**, 53, of Old Horton Highway, Nolensville. He is accused of buying large amounts of marijuana from Roberts.
- **Corey Clemons**, 36, of Apple Valley Road, Madison. He is charged with buying large amounts of marijuana from Gupton.
- **John Scott Orr**, 52, of Illinois Avenue, Nashville. He is charged with taking part in the marijuana conspiracy.
- **Donald Halbert Lauderdale**, 65, of Sam Davis Boulevard, Smyrna. He is accused of taking part in the marijuana conspiracy.

All 29 defendants are named in an encompassing superseding and sealed indictment returned Friday by the Davidson County Grand Jury.

In addition to the officers assigned to the 20th Judicial District Drug Task Force, officers and agents from the Narcotics Unit of the police department's Specialized Investigations Division, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration participated in this investigation. The Nashville District Attorney's Office also played an integral role in coordinating this multi-state case.

Human Resources

Lawanna Coleman, Angie Orsbon, Laura Fosbinder and Human Resources Manager Sue Bibb recently completed a 40- hour course at the Lipscomb University Center for Conflict Management.

The training focused on mediation. They are all now Rule 31 Civil Mediation certified with the Supreme Court of Tennessee.



Pictured standing (l-r) are Lawanna Coleman, Angie Orsbon and Laura Fosbinder. Human Resources Manager Sue Bibb is seated.

Retirement Celebration

Detective Tim Sneed celebrated 24 years of dedicated service



Officer Karen Krause celebrated 27 years of dedicated service



Officer Roth Putney Celebrated 24 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Todd Henry, Officer Putney and South Precinct Commander Mike Alexander.

From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A Nashville man already serving a 15-year prison sentence for a 2006 attempted second-degree murder conviction has been convicted of first degree murder in a 14-year-old cold case.

A Davidson County jury found James Murray Washington guilty of killing 35-year-old Joyce Goodner in 1995. The victim had been found dead by firefighters inside a house on Ashland City Highway. She has been stabbed, beaten to death, rolled in a rug and set on fire.

In 2009, while in prison on the murder attempt conviction, Washington was transported to the hospital after having seizures. While in the hospital, he gave a statement that he had killed a person by beating her to death, along with other details of the incident. Washington recovered from the illness, and was eventually indicted for Goodner's murder. Testimony during the trial linked Washington to Goodner the morning of her murder.

The first degree murder conviction carries an automatic life sentence of at least 51 years in prison.

Condolences:

Bob Fosbinder, the brother of Laura Fosbinder, Background and Recruitment Division, passed away on November 5th.

Gary Curtis, the father of Officer Greg Curtis, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on October 29th.

Jose Alvarado, the step father of Domestic Violence Division Counselor Janisca Williams, passed away on November 5th.

Marie Janet Underwood, the mother of Officer Jamie Snyder, West Precinct, and mother-in-law of Lieutenant Eric Snyder, North Precinct, passed away.

Henry Clinton Fyke, the grandfather of Officer Mike Agee, East Precinct, passed away on November 1st.

Kenneth Knight, the father-in-law of Officer Clint Gilleland, Training Division, passed away on November 6th.

Donald Carman, the father of Don Carman, Identification Division, passed away.