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News from the Chief



As you can see from the below pictures taken this morning, the Midtown Hills Precinct at 12th Avenue South & Wade Avenue is quickly taking shape and is scheduled for completion this summer. In preparation for Midtown Hills coming on line, we will conduct the rebid process in May to be effective when Midtown Hills opens. Assignments resulting from the May rebid will be for the remainder of this year and all of 2015.



Midtown Hills is the fourth new major police facility to be constructed during Mayor Dean's administration and is a clear indication to all of our city's very strong support for this police department and public safety. That support was particularly evident on Tuesday of this week as community and business leaders joined Mayor Dean and members of the Metro Council for the grand opening celebration of the new Central Precinct facility at 601 Korean

Veterans Boulevard. This three-story building was designed specifically for police operations and significantly increases Central's office space. There was no room for expansion in the former quarters in the front of Bridgestone Arena. As I told the officers at last Saturday morning's first roll call in the new building, it is good for the police department to be part of the redevelopment of the SoBro area and to now be located directly across the street from the Music City Center.



Mayor Karl Dean cuts the ribbon for the new Central Precinct. Pictured with the Mayor (l-r) are Councilman Ronnie Steine, Commander Jason Reinbold, Chief Anderson, Councilman Walter Hunt and Councilwoman Karen Bennett. (Photo by Sgt. Mark Byrne)

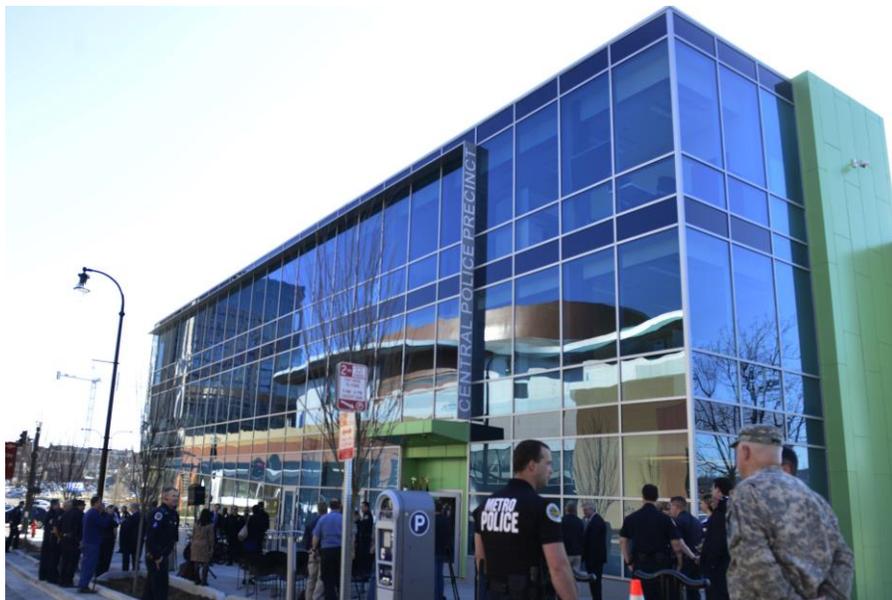


Photo by Metro Photographer Dipti Vaidya

Chief Anderson addresses Central Precinct officers during the first roll call at the new facility.



None of the infrastructure improvements in this police department would have been possible without your tremendous work to reduce crime and improve quality of life in important partnership with Nashville's neighborhoods. Citizens and our elected leaders believe in you. I sincerely thank you for your dedication and all that you do on behalf of our city's families and visitors.

This edition's memorable quote:

"If we believe exactly what we believed 10 years ago, we are a decade older but no wiser."

Happenings

Session 73 Graduation

Thirty-one dedicated men and women were rewarded with Metro police badges on March 6th as their perseverance in the department's rigorous 5 ½ month training program led to them being sworn in as Nashville officers during a ceremony at Faith is the Victory Church on Walton Lane.

Mayor Dean and Chief Anderson presided over the ceremony. This was the 19th class of new officers to graduate since Mayor Dean took office in 2007 and is indicative of the commitment of the city to keep pace with attrition and maintain a fully staffed police force.



Class Awards

**Academic Excellence Award
Officer Steven Hewitt**

**Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award
Officer Steven Hewitt**

**Physical Fitness Award
Officer Melvin Foster**

**Leadership Award
Officer Clyde Stambaugh**

**Law Award
Officer Steven Hewitt**

**Firearms Award
Officer Zachary White**

**Top Cop Award
Officer Steven Hewitt**

**Class President
Officer Clyde Stambaugh**

The Precinct News

South

A Brentwood man who admits to using a shotgun during a robbery of the CVS Pharmacy at 4709 Nolensville Pike has also confessed to burglarizing the Walgreens store at 6815 Nolensville Pike hours earlier.

Robert Howard Garrett, 41, of Wheatley Forest, who was apprehended by Metro Police dog Echo and his partner, Officer J.D. Young, is jailed on charges of aggravated robbery, burglary, felony drug possession, felony theft and vandalism. Thousands of prescriptions pills taken this morning were recovered.

South Precinct officers responded to a robbery in progress at CVS just after 7:30 a.m. As units arrived, the robber ran to a black getaway vehicle and sped away. Officers followed him to McMurray Drive where he temporarily dropped out of sight. Police flooded the area and were alerted by citizens that the getaway Mazda Protégé was parked behind a home on Parishwood Court. Echo and Officer Young apprehended Garrett in the back yard. A loaded shotgun was recovered from the Mazda, as were numerous bottles of pills.

During an interview with Detectives Dennis Shepherd and Derry Baltimore, Garrett admitted to the robbery of CVS 30 minutes prior to his arrest, as well as the 4:35 a.m. burglary of Walgreens. Garrett also admitted to a pharmacy burglary in Franklin.

Quick police response to an attempted armed robbery call from the Walgreens store at 1081 Murfreesboro Pike has landed convicted felon Phillip Pomeroy back behind bars.

Patrol Officers John Patton and James Pierceall were working an Operation Safer Streets enforcement assignment on Friday, February 28th and were near the Walgreens when they learned a man had tried to rob the front clerk of cigarettes at knifepoint. After watching the store's surveillance recordings, the officers began checking the immediate area for the suspect. They spotted Pomeroy, 57, and noticed that he matched the physical description of the would-be robber, but his pants were different. The officers soon discovered that the pants Pomeroy changed out of were behind some bushes outside a neighboring building.

Pomeroy is charged with attempted aggravated robbery and parole violation. Armed robbery is what sent him to the state penitentiary in the past.

South Precinct detectives have identified two teenagers as the masked individuals who used a shotgun to rob Los Amigos Market at 2801 Foster Avenue on the night of March 7th.

Antonio M. Finney, 19, and Logan A. Hathaway, 15, both of Joyner Avenue, are both now incarcerated on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Finney is alleged to have held a shotgun on the clerk while Hathaway took money from the cash register and a pistol from behind the counter. Hathaway told detectives that Finney threatened to kill him if he did not aid in the robbery, although Hathaway also acknowledged disposing of the clothing he wore that night to help prevent his identification.

A Crime Stoppers tip regarding alleged illegal drug activity at 756 Haystack Lane led to the arrest of four persons, the seizure of marijuana packaged for resale, and five guns.

South Precinct undercover detectives executed a search warrant at the apartment and recovered 133 grams of marijuana, three handguns (two had been stolen), a shotgun and a sawed off shotgun.

Kayla Evans, 19, the resident of the apartment; Cianan Napier, 18, of Chandler Cove Way; Mary Baugh, 19, of Tusculum Road; and Corey Watkins, 18, of Cedar Pointe Parkway, are each charged with a crooks with guns law violation, felony marijuana possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, and alteration of identification numbers on the weapons.

East

East Precinct detectives charged Andre Dewayne Lewis with criminal homicide for last month's murder of Ronald Sanders in the 500 block of Sylvan Street.

Lewis, 20, knowing that he was wanted for questioning, came to the East Precinct. During an interview, Lewis admitted to shooting Sanders and is the second suspect implicated. Previously arrested and charged with criminal homicide was Christian Brown, 27. Witnesses reported that Brown and a second man, now identified as Lewis, approached Sanders, 26, and demanded his belongings. When Sanders refused, a heated argument ensued between the three and Sanders was shot.

Madison

Madison Precinct detectives have charged two 18-year-olds with causing an estimated \$3,000 in damage during a burglary and vandalism of Madison's Little League facility on Forest Park Road last month.

Cousins Abimael and Yoerlandy Novo, both of Williams Road, are each charged with burglary and felony vandalism.

Little League volunteers arrived at the ball park clubhouse on the morning of February 22nd and discovered the break-in. A trophy cabinet, doors and even a surveillance camera system were destroyed or significantly damaged. Baseballs and business equipment were stolen.

Investigation by Detective Christopher Cote, which included analysis of surveillance video before the system was destroyed, led to the identification of the suspects.

Madison Precinct detectives charged Tre Desean Bell with criminal homicide for the shooting death last August of a man on Moorewood Drive.

As part of the continuing investigation into the murder of Delano Blair, detectives on Monday went to Bell's home at 5161 Rice Road to execute a search warrant. Upon entering, a large bag of marijuana was discovered on the kitchen table. Five smaller bags of marijuana

were found in a kitchen drawer. Tre Bell, 21, and his brother, Greg, 22, were arrested for felony marijuana possession. During a subsequent interview with lead Detective David Kautzman and Lieutenant William Mackall, Tre Bell admitted to shooting Blair as the two argued.

Blair, 30, of Austin Lane, was fatally wounded at 10 a.m. last August 2nd in the 3300 block of Moorewood Drive. At the time of the shooting, Blair, a convicted felon, was carrying a loaded pistol in his pocket and marijuana packaged for resale in his backpack.

West

Serial vehicle burglar Aaron Tidwell, 22, was arrested Tuesday and charged with three vehicle break-ins in the 200 block of Hillwood Boulevard, the 800 block of Overton Court, and in the 600 block of Farrell Parkway at the Traveler's Rest.

At the time of his most recent arrest, Tidwell was out on bond for two vehicle burglaries just last month.

Specialized Investigations Division

The continuing prostitution investigation involving Golden Massage on Abbott Martin Road in Green Hills led to the arrest of the business's owner, Peng He, on charges of money laundering, trafficking for commercial sex and promoting prostitution.

He, 41, was taken into custody by Specialized Investigations Division detectives during the execution of a search warrant at one of his residences, 109 Valor Court in Franklin. Among evidence seized from the home was cash totaling approximately \$25,000.

He is alleged to have operated a prostitution enterprise at Golden Massage, where detectives determined that sex acts were being performed for money. A search warrant was executed at the establishment on February 10. He was not present, but four women of Chinese descent were. One of them, who is alleged to have been the manager, was charged with the felonies of promoting prostitution and trafficking for commercial sex. She remains in jail. The three other women were each charged with prostitution. They were released from jail on bond and were found living in the lower level of He's Valor Court home.

Based on evidence and records recovered during the February 10th search warrant, detectives have seized more than \$300,000 from banking institutions that is alleged to represent the proceeds from the prostitution business.

Peng He late this afternoon was ordered held in lieu of \$500,000 bond. The investigation is continuing.

Congratulations:

Captain Mike Alexander presented Lieutenant William Mackall with a plaque in appreciation for his years of outstanding work as a supervisor of the Specialized Investigations Division Narcotics Unit. Lieutenant Mackall is now assigned to Madison Precinct Investigations.



Pictured (l-r) are Lt. Tommy Widener, Lt. Mitch Fuhrer, Captain Mike Alexander, Lt. Mackall and Lt. Stephen Duncan

Captain Dhana Jones celebrated the adoption of her son David Kyle Jones with friends and family.



Pictured standing (l-r) are Kerwin Strong, Chief Anderson, Officer Clifford Douglas, Alexis Frazier, Greater Original Christ Temple Pastor Gregory Johnson, Ben Swope, Freddy Swope, Bloyce Swope, and Captain Dhana Jones. Seated are Chancellor C.K. Smith and David Jones.

Officer Timothy Mead, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Brynleigh Grace Mead, born on March 5th.

Officer Kendall Coon, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their daughter, Savannah Michelle, into the world on March 7th.

Detective Patrick Oakley, Central Precinct, and his wife, Brandy, welcomed their son Thomas Finn Oakley, on March 11th.



Condolences:

The mother of Lieutenant James Cardwell, East Precinct, and wife of retired Sergeant James Cardwell Sr., passed away on March 9th.

The father of Officer Patrick Cuthbertson, West Precinct, passed away.

Boyd Yearwood, the grandfather of Sharon Tilley, Identification Division, passed away.

Recently retired property guard James Cathey passed away.

Roy McReynolds, the father of Garry McReynolds, passed away.

Letha Hazzard, the grandmother of Officer David Hazzard, Central Precinct, passed away.

Ruby Wheatley, the grandmother of Officer Steven Jones, West Precinct, passed away on March 9th.

Earl Mayo, the grandfather of Nathan Mayo, North Precinct, passed away on March 11th.

FYI:

Charity Hockey Games

The Nashville police and fire hockey teams are facing off for charity in two upcoming matches.

The first game on Saturday, March 22nd will benefit the family of fallen Nashville Firefighter Mikey Malone, who recently passed away from a rare form of cancer.

Members of the Malone family will drop the puck at 6:45 p.m. at A Game, 215 Gothic Court, in Franklin. Donations will be taken at the door.

The second match on Tuesday, March 25th will take place after the Nashville Predators vs Colorado Avalanche game at Bridgestone Arena which gets underway at 7 p.m. Several current and former Preds players will also participate. A portion of all ticket sales will be donated to the 100 Club which provides aid to the families of Nashville's police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty, as well as officers and firefighters who receive serious, traumatic and disabling injuries while working to protect our community.