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News from the Chief



In just a few days, heavy equipment will begin demolition work at 600 Murfreesboro Pike, the old Capital Chevrolet/Carl Black Chevrolet site, to make way for construction of Nashville's first-ever Family Justice Center. Mayor Dean, Deputy Governor Jim Henry, Nashville community leaders and I took part Monday in a groundbreaking ceremony for this upcoming new facility, which will house the police department's Youth Services and Domestic Violence Divisions, the Sex Crimes Unit, the Nashville Children's Alliance and staff members from the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Members of the Murfreesboro Road Merchants Association joined us on Monday, extended warm welcomes and expressed great excitement at having MNPD components and our partners as neighbors.

For decades, the Metropolitan Police Department has worked to set the example when it comes to services for victims of child abuse, domestic, and sexual assault. Our Youth Services Division was among the first units of its kind in the United States when it came into existence 45 years ago. The men and women assigned there, past and present, have done incredible work on behalf of our city's youngest and most vulnerable citizens.

Likewise, our Domestic Violence Division, created 21 years ago, has been a key place of real help and support for victims of family violence. The men and women in DV have committed themselves to ending the cycle of family abuse through innovative law enforcement strategies and partnerships with entities such as the YWCA.

Then there is the Nashville Children's Alliance, on whose Board of Directors I am privileged to serve. This non-profit works very closely with our officers to provide comfort and services to victims of child physical and sexual abuse. Their clear message is, "It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child."

Each of these entities, Youth Services, the Domestic Violence Division, and the Nashville Children's Alliance, performs outstanding services despite the fact that they are

located in different buildings miles from each other. Just think how much more effective we could be by co-locating all of these offices together in one place, along with the police department's Sex Crimes Unit and members of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services.

Many of you have observed that the 600 Murfreesboro Pike property, now owned by the Metropolitan Government, has ample room for potential other development. Other uses will be evaluated in the coming months.

Thank you all for your outstanding work on behalf of Nashvillians and our visitors.





Happenings

Fugitive Safe Surrender

Chief Anderson is joined by leaders from the clergy and Nashville's justice system to announce Fugitive Safe Surrender which will take place on September 18 & 19 at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 2021 Herman Street.



Reed Trickett Honored

MNPD honored Reed Trickett for his decades of helping families of officers killed in the line of duty through the 100 Club. The ceremony took place at the Madison Precinct housed in the Officer Paul Scurry building. Scurry was fatally wounded while attempting to arrest a fugitive on May 17, 1996. Scurry's daughter and granddaughter are pictured to the left of Mr. Trickett.



Motorcycle Competition

Officers Wes Henderson, Brandon Hazzard, Mike Douglas, and Erik Wagner participated in the Hendersonville Police Department's motorcycle skills and training competition.



Precinct News

East

Two Vietnam Veterans and Medal of Honor recipients visited Stratford High School during their visit to Nashville.



Pictured (l-r) Medal of Honor winner James A. Taylor, *First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Troop B, Community Coordinator* Sgt. Mike Fisher, and Charles Hagemeister, *Specialist Fourth Class, U.S. Army Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion.*

Madison

A citizen's tip coupled with quick police response led to the arrest of two men who are accused of burglarizing a home in the 1000 block of Pewter Court in Madison.

Convicted robber Zamar Redmond, 22, and Michael Tate, 24, allegedly entered the home by breaking out a window. When police arrived they refused to come outside. After repeated commands for the pair to surrender, SWAT officers entered the residence and took Redmond, of 43rd Avenue North, and Tate, of 26th Avenue South, into custody without further incident.

At the time of his arrest, Redmond was free on \$75,000 bond related to his arrest in March when he refused to stop after an officer detected him traveling 87 mph in a 50 mph zone. He wrecked on 45th Avenue North and was found hiding under a house on Illinois Avenue. Charges against him included cocaine possession and evading arrest.

Redmond and Tate are both charged with aggravated burglary and vandalism.

A 15-year-old was charged in Juvenile Court for his alleged involvement in a vehicle theft and burglary which ultimately resulted in an officer's police car being rammed during the teen's attempted getaway.

Events began to unfold when Madison Precinct Officer David Boone arrived at 333 Rio Vista Drive on a report that a stolen Dodge Charger was in the parking lot. The Charger which was stolen after it was left running earlier on the same day at Zack's Market, 3508 Clarksville Pike, was located. As Officer Boone arrived, he noticed two young men in white shirts and black pants leave the lot in a GMC Envoy. About 30 minutes later, a report of a burglary on Ryan Allen Circle matched their description, two young men driving a GMC Envoy. The pair then drove back to 333 Rio Vista Drive in the Envoy. When they spotted Officer Boone, they rammed his police car. He was not hurt.

The suspects then drove the Envoy between two apartment buildings before bailing from the vehicle. The 15-year-old passenger was apprehended. The driver fled on foot and eluded capture. It would later be learned that the Envoy had been stolen the night before from the same Zack's Market on Clarksville Pike. Items taken during the burglary were recovered inside the stolen SUV.

In both auto thefts, the victims left their vehicles running with the keys inside. The Envoy and Charger were stolen seconds after the victims walked away.

The police department's continuing PARK SMART campaign strongly urges citizens to lock their automobile doors, secure any valuables and REMOVE THE KEYS.

Hermitage

SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team arrested fugitive murder suspect Aweis Haji-Mohamed after finding him hiding inside the trunk of a vehicle at The Lexington Apartments, 512 Old Hickory Boulevard.

Officers have been working to locate Haji-Mohamed, 27, for the past six months after he was identified as the alleged gunman in the February 9th murder of Isaiah Starks, 21, in a public housing parking lot outside 915 1st Avenue South. Haji-Mohamed was also charged during the night with unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon after he admitted that a loaded semi-automatic pistol inside an apartment dresser drawer belonged to him.

Haji-Mohamed was convicted of aggravated assault in 2009 for firing a gun into a car containing three men. He received a four-year sentence. Haji-Mohamed was convicted in a carjacking case in 2012 for which he also received a four-year sentence.

North

Commander Terrence Graves, Sergeant Mitch Kornberg, and Officer Robert Kerpka attended a Night Out Against Crime community gathering at Andrew Jackson Court, one of several events held in the North Precinct.



Members of the department's Victim Intervention Program attended a Night Out Against Crime event at the McGruder Family Resource Center.



Midtown Hills

Good Samaritans sprang to action when serial robbery suspect Ezell Graham, 31, allegedly stole a woman's purse from her vehicle parked outside the TigerMart at 3400 West End Avenue.

After taking the purse Graham attempted to run back to his car, a silver Acura with a temporary tag, but several citizens intervened and held Graham until police arrived. During subsequent investigation, Graham was identified as the suspect in the following four August 17th robberies:

- 8 p.m. at 3815 Nolensville Pike, Citgo parking lot: man robbed of his cell phone;
- 8:12 p.m. at 440 Harding Place, Mapco parking lot: woman's purse snatched;
- 8:20 p.m. on Longdale Drive, residence: two women were inside the residence when Graham allegedly entered and made robbery demands before leaving with an iPad;
- 8:34 p.m. at 735 Harding Place, CVS Pharmacy parking lot: woman's wallet taken during a struggle with the suspect over her purse.

In all four robberies, Graham fled in a silver Acura. Items taken during the crime spree were recovered inside Graham's car, a silver Acura. He was positively identified as the robber by all victims involved.

Graham faces multiple charges including three counts of robbery, two counts of attempted robbery, aggravated burglary, evading arrest, and theft. He has previous convictions for felony theft, domestic assault, assault, and drug possession.

Gang Unit detectives arrested murder suspect Mohamed Almahmmody after he fled a South Nashville motel and broadsided a garbage truck on Antioch Pike at Perimeter Hill Drive.

The Gang Unit had developed information that Almahmmody was at the M-Star motel on Metroplex Drive. They saw Almahmmody in the parking lot, but before they could stop him, he got into a vehicle and sped away after seeing the officers. Almahmmody drove across Harding Place and onto S. Perimeter Park Drive before turning onto Perimeter Hill Drive. When he reached the Antioch Pike intersection, he crashed into the garbage truck. Gang Unit detectives arrived as Almahmmody was trying to escape through the window of his damaged vehicle. He was taken into custody at that point and was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center to be treated for non-critical injuries related to the crash.

Almahmmody, 23, is accused of murdering Kenny Hatcher, 18, by firing shots from a black Infiniti sedan as Hatcher stood outside 2118 Vine Hill Road with friends. The car is alleged to have been driven by Almahmmody's girlfriend, Tristen Jade Bowen, 18. She is also charged with criminal homicide.

South

A convicted robber allegedly shot himself in the leg with a stolen AK-47 leading to the arrest of a second man who was wanted on outstanding robbery and kidnapping warrants.

Devan Madison, 25, was transported to Southern Hills Medical Center in his personal vehicle, a Volkswagen Passat, by two other persons, Joshua McKinley, 23, and Alexander James, 26. The shooting occurred in the 2900 block of Old Franklin Road.

Upon further investigation, it was learned that McKinley had four outstanding warrants for a violent robbery on August 18th at the LaQuinta Hotel, 2345 Atrium Way, during which he and two unidentified accomplices are accused of tying up and beating two victims, who were both acquaintances, inside a room before taking their cell phones and a credit card.

During the execution of a search warrant on Madison's car, officers recovered an A-K 47 (reported stolen in Lebanon, Tennessee) four handguns, pepper spray, six sets of zip ties, a black mask, several pairs of gloves, and three cell phones.

Madison, a convicted robber, is prohibited from owning firearms as a convicted felon. He remains hospitalized. McKinley is charged with two counts each of aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping. He is being held in lieu of \$410,000 dollars.

A photo of Madison is being withheld pending lineups. Additional charges are pending in this case. The investigation continues.

Chief Anderson presented Texas de Brazil dinner certificates to Officer Jonathan Frith and Sergeant Mike Swoner. These were two of the first officers on the scene at the movie theater active attacker incident. Officer Frith was the first officer to engage the suspect and kept him contained in one theater auditorium until SWAT officers arrived.



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson, Sgt. Swoner, and Officer Frith.

Central

Officer Michael Schlegel, Central Motors, participated in a Mother's Day Out "show and tell" program.



Specialized Investigations Division

The continuing work of MNPD undercover narcotics detectives to curtail the distribution of heroin in this area led to the arrests of two Nashvillians and a Mexican national who are alleged to have facilitated multiple sales.

Leah E. Wallace, 38, and Edward F. McBride, 43, both of Old Hickory Boulevard in Hermitage, are charged with multiple counts of possessing heroin for resale. They are accused of making sales to undercover detectives in public places such as the parking lots of fast food restaurants and convenience markets. The investigation led to the identification of Jose Manuel, 27, as the heroin conduit for the Mexican distribution ring with which he is affiliated. Detectives learned that Wallace and McBride would meet Manuel at his Murfreesboro Pike motel to pick up heroin and then make deliveries to persons who had called a 615 area code cell phone that rang to a dispatcher based in Mexico. Manuel is charged with three counts of felony heroin crimes.

The execution of search warrants at Manuel's motel room and the apartment shared by Wallace and McBride led to the recovery of more than seven ounces of heroin, \$5,000 cash, digital scales and packaging balloons.

Narcotics detectives seized 3.5 pounds of heroin, valued at \$250,000, and destined for the streets of Nashville.

A several month joint investigation with the TBI into heroin distribution led to the execution of a search warrant at a Brick Church Pike motel. Inside were Jamie Sebastian Adams, 31, and a 16-year-old girl, both from Columbus, Ohio. The two are alleged to have trafficked the Mexican heroin from Ohio with the intent of passing it on to street dealers. Adams, who is of Honduran descent, is charged with possession of heroin for resale. The 16-year-old is charged with a felony heroin offense at Juvenile Court.

The MNPDP's Specialized Investigations Division continues to make heroin interdiction a priority due to the significant potential for overdose deaths and other health issues.



Seized heroin

A two month-long investigation by Specialized Investigations Division Narcotics Unit detectives into cocaine distribution in the Nashville area resulted in the arrest of three persons, all convicted felons, and the seizure of three ounces of cocaine, one handgun, and \$2,603 cash.

Detectives stopped a suspect vehicle and took Theodis Mann, 32, Timothy Harlan, 48, and Marcellas Harlan, 41, into custody. During a search of the car detectives seized the cocaine, gun, and cash.

All three suspects are charged with possession of cocaine for resale and a crooks with guns law violation.

Mann, of Scotwood Drive, and Timothy Harlan, of Roberts Avenue, have previous cocaine possession convictions. Marcellas Harlan, of Quail Ridge Drive, has previous convictions for aggravated rape and robbery. Timothy Harlan received a 6-year sentence in 2012 for cocaine possession.

Retirement Celebration

Commander Michele Donegan celebrated 28 years of dedicated service. She will become the new Director of the Emergency Communications Center effective September 16th.



Congratulations:

Detective Joshua Hill, North Precinct, and his wife, Ashton, welcomed their daughter Adelaide Harper Hill on August 7th.

Detective Ryan Pytlewski, Central Precinct, and his wife, Ashley, Homicide Unit, welcomed their son Mason Alexander Pytlewski on August 17th.

Officer Walter Cothran, Mounted Patrol, and his wife, Dana, welcomed their daughter Allie Nicole Cothran, on August 18th.

Officer Brian Manning, North Precinct, and his wife, Susan, welcomed their daughter Amelia Grace Manning on August 21st.



Condolences:

Katie Mae Gardner, the mother of Ruby Bynum, Professional Standards Division, passed away.

Kim Roberts, the sister of retired Sergeant Joyce Morgan, passed away on August 13th.

Rachel Nicole Reece Woodham, the sister of Officer Joshua Reece, East Precinct, passed away on August 21st.

FYI:

The Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Domestic Violence Division of the MNPD are hosting the first annual domestic violence training for faith leaders. The training will offer helpful information specific to faith communities, including how to define and recognize family violence, resources available to victims, and legal remedies. All persons attending the training will receive a certificate. The training is free and a complimentary lunch will follow.

When: Wednesday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Midtown Hills Precinct, 1443 12th Avenue South

Police Explorer Program

Recently, the Training Division has taken over the Police Explorer Program for our department. We are wishing to expand upon the good work that many of our colleagues are already doing with the program. As we move forward with trying to expand this program and reach out to more youth in our community, we would like to receive feedback from members of our department that may have participated in a Police Explorer program. If you were an

Explorer we want your opinion on the direction of this program and ask that you provide feedback to the below questions:

1. Your name and what department your Explorer Post was affiliated?
2. What did you enjoy most about being an Explorer?
3. What did you enjoy least about being an Explorer?
4. How many times a week or month did your Post meet?
5. What exercises or events do you feel imperative to recruiting and maintaining Police Explorers
6. Are you willing to assist with the Explorer program and/or provide specialized instruction? If so, what subject are you willing to assist teach?

Responses can be sent to: MNPDExplorers@nashville.gov

- The age of a Police Explorer is 14-20 so if you have children or know someone that might be interested in joining, please e-mail us at the e-mail address above.

Thank you for your support,

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