



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## *News from the Chief*



On Tuesday of this week, I received a message from a citizen who works downtown in regard to the “perceived unhelpfulness” of “officers” in the downtown area regarding traffic issues. He related that because of construction and roadway choke points, motorists find themselves asking the “officers” how to get here or there. The complaint this citizen had heard from his friends is that the “officers” seemed to be indifferent or were perceived as rude.

The citizen was surprised to learn of the information in my response:

On almost every complaint of this type that we are able to successfully investigate, the person involved is not a current or even former MNPD employee. By estimate of one MNPD supervisor who frequently investigates these complaints, only 15 to 20 percent of the persons on these traffic posts are current MNPD officers. Another 15 to 20 percent are retirees, and the remainder are persons from other jurisdictions performing law enforcement duties inside Davidson County, at least some of them not legitimately. I explained to the citizen that state law allows for officers from other jurisdictions to perform law enforcement duties inside Davidson County, that these persons are employed by private companies, are not accountable to the MNPD and have no vested interest in performing their duties in a manner consistent with the expectations of this police department or the citizens of Nashville. We very often find that these persons are not really employed as police officers in other places, but are volunteer, auxiliary or part-time employees.

On a recent complaint we investigated on Harding Place, the “officer” in question had a Texas driver license and a commission card from a police department in a small Ohio town that has no paid employees. That situation was reported to the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance. In another situation near the downtown core, an “officer” at the scene of a construction-related road closure, wore a hat, vest and other clothing with police insignias while

doing a poor job with traffic flow. When asked for his identity, this person produced a small Fayette County reserve officer badge. He obviously had no authority to act in a law enforcement role in Nashville. The Public Works Department ordered the roadway reopened until the construction contractor retained an authorized officer to direct traffic.

An additional complication in all of this is that many of these “officers” dress themselves in a manner to closely resemble the MNPB uniform, likely leading the average citizen to assume that they are MNPB employees.

Please assure anyone who may present similar scenarios to you at community meetings or elsewhere that we take these matters seriously. If a complaint concerns one of our employees, we will address it in an appropriate manner. If the issue concerns a non-MNPB employee, our ability to address it is somewhat limited (the Department of Commerce & Insurance, to my understanding, does not have the staffing to thoroughly investigate infractions). In either situation, we will follow up with the complainant to explain the circumstances.

I had the pleasure of seeing retired Chief Joe Casey at last week’s 100 Club Board of Trust meeting. At age 89, Chief Casey continues to care deeply about this police department, its officers and the Nashville community. Chief Casey reminded me that he intended on seeing me again on Christmas Eve morning for deliveries of Christmas food baskets and toys to needy Nashville families.

It was Chief Casey who began the Christmas Basket Program 54 years ago, when two families were served. More than 200 families with hundreds of kids will be recipients this year. **WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH DELIVERIES.**

We will finish stocking the baskets by 5:30 a.m. (roll call time) on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, inside the cafeteria of the old Tennessee State Prison located just off Centennial Boulevard in West Nashville. Delivery of the food baskets and toys will begin shortly thereafter by all police department employees who care to take part. Retired Commander Michele Donegan, now ECC Director, is once again the volunteer coordinator and “Chief Elf” of the Christmas Basket Program. I thank her and the Christmas Basket leadership team for making this program such a success. I look forward to seeing you at the old prison next Thursday morning. Lastly, I ask that you please join me in welcoming the 55 new police officers of Session 78, who graduated last night. We all look forward to their service.

As 2015 draws to a close, I thank all police department employees for your work in meeting this year’s challenges and your professional dedication toward implementing strategies in 2016 to keep Nashville safe. I am very proud of your efforts on behalf of Nashville’s families and visitors. May each of you and your families have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

# Happenings

## Session 78 Graduation







### **Class Awards**

Michael Petrina Leadership Award  
Officer Ralph Smith IV

Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award  
Officer Ralph Smith IV

Top Cop  
Jonathan Hadley

Top Gun  
Jordan Vrbas

Law Award  
Jonathan Hadley

Academic Excellence Award  
Jonathan Hadley with a score of 99.4

Physical Fitness Award  
Stephen Waterman

Class President  
Officer Ralph Smith IV

## Season to Remember

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Season to Remember memorial service for families who lost loved ones to homicide was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park.

The memorial service, sponsored by the police department's Victim Intervention Program, the District Attorney's Office, You Have the Power, Tennessee Voices for Victims and the United States Attorney's Office, helps families ensure that homicide victims are not forgotten during the rush of the holiday season.

During the service, relatives and friends of the victims placed Christmas ornaments on a tree in the Children's Garden in remembrance of their loved ones. There was also a lighting of the Menorah to commemorate Hanukkah, and the Kinara to commemorate Kwanzaa.



**At the Season to Remember service in Centennial Park, Chief Anderson placed an ornament in honor of police officers killed in service to Nashville's citizens. Former first lady and founder of You Have the Power Andrea Conte placed an ornament in honor of homicide victims whose families were unable to attend this year's Season to Remember ceremony.**



**During Tennessee's Season to Remember ceremony Chief Anderson placed an ornament in honor of Nashville's fallen officers.**

### **Christmas Basket Program**

Harley Owners Group members from the Nashville, Upper Cumberland, Ring of Fire & Music City Chapters, in conjunction with Boswell's Harley-Davidson, presented a \$21,000 check to the MNPd's Christmas Basket Program for underprivileged families. The money helps ensure that hundreds of needy adults and children will receive gifts of food and toys delivered by police officers on Christmas Eve morning.



**Pictured (l-r) are Officer Cindy Huffines, ECC Director Michele Donegan (program coordinator & Chief Elf), Chief Anderson and Harley Owners Group member Mark Thomas.**

Officers Brent Hoadley and Lloyd Sharp stand with presents Mounted Patrol collected at the Zoo for the Christmas Basket Program.



### Holiday Patrols

Sergeant Kurt Knapp displays special vision equipment that allows police pilots to better see parking areas.



Commander Preston Brandimore briefs media on the MNPD's plan to keep an eye on shopping areas from ground and air during the holiday season.



Officers patrolling Opry Mills Mall on Thanksgiving met this princess who was celebrating her birthday.

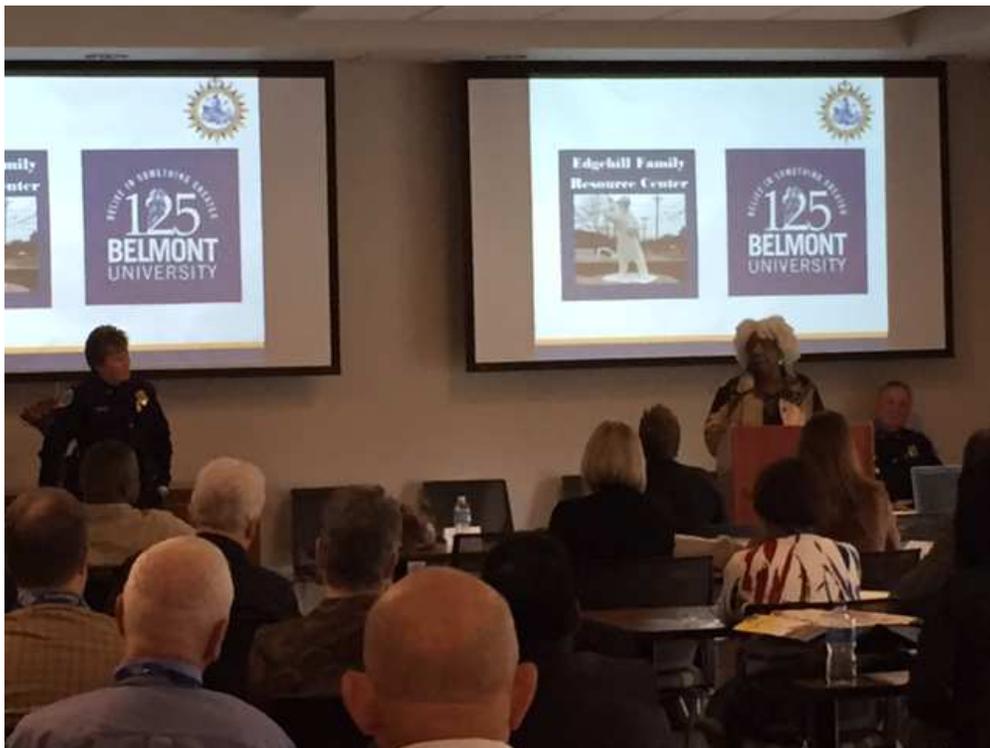


## National League of Cities Nashville Meeting

Chief Anderson and Reverend Michael Joyner talk with National League of Cities members about police-community partnerships.



Brenda Morrow and Midtown Hills Precinct Commander Kay Lokey discuss the importance of community involvement for maintaining safe neighborhoods.



## Southeastern Leadership Academy

Lieutenant Matt Pylkas and Sergeant Michelle Hammond graduated from the Southeastern Leadership Academy (S.E.L.A.), a five-week law enforcement leadership and management program.



**Pictured (l-r) are Captain Keith Stephens, Sgt. Michelle Hammond, Lt. Matt Pylkas, and Captain Gordon Howey.**

## National Forensic Academy

Sergeant Kurt Reddick graduated from the National Forensic Academy's ten-week program. He participated in 400 hours of training; 170 hours of in-class instruction and 230 hours of field practicum. Various forensic and crime scene processing topics were covered, including bloodstain pattern analysis, crime scene management, and shooting incident reconstruction.

Sergeant Reddick this fall also passed the International Association of Identification (I.A.I.) competency test and is now a certified Crime Scene Investigator.



**Pictured (l-r) are Captain Harmon Hunsicker, Sergeant Kurt Reddick, and Lieutenant Frank Ragains.**

### **Behavioral Health Services**

Approximately 25 first responders from middle Tennessee, including MNPB crisis counselors, peer supporters, and volunteer chaplains, attended a three-day training program on critical incident stress management at Metro Southeast.

The workshop was provided free-of-charge by Centerstone Community Mental Health Centers instructors Lisa Eggebeen and Jennifer Smith.

Attendees were certified in critical incident defusing and debriefing techniques and qualified to assist the Behavioral Health Services Division in responding to critical incidents as they occur.



**First-responders attend critical incident response training at Metro Southeast.**

## Drill & Ceremony Team

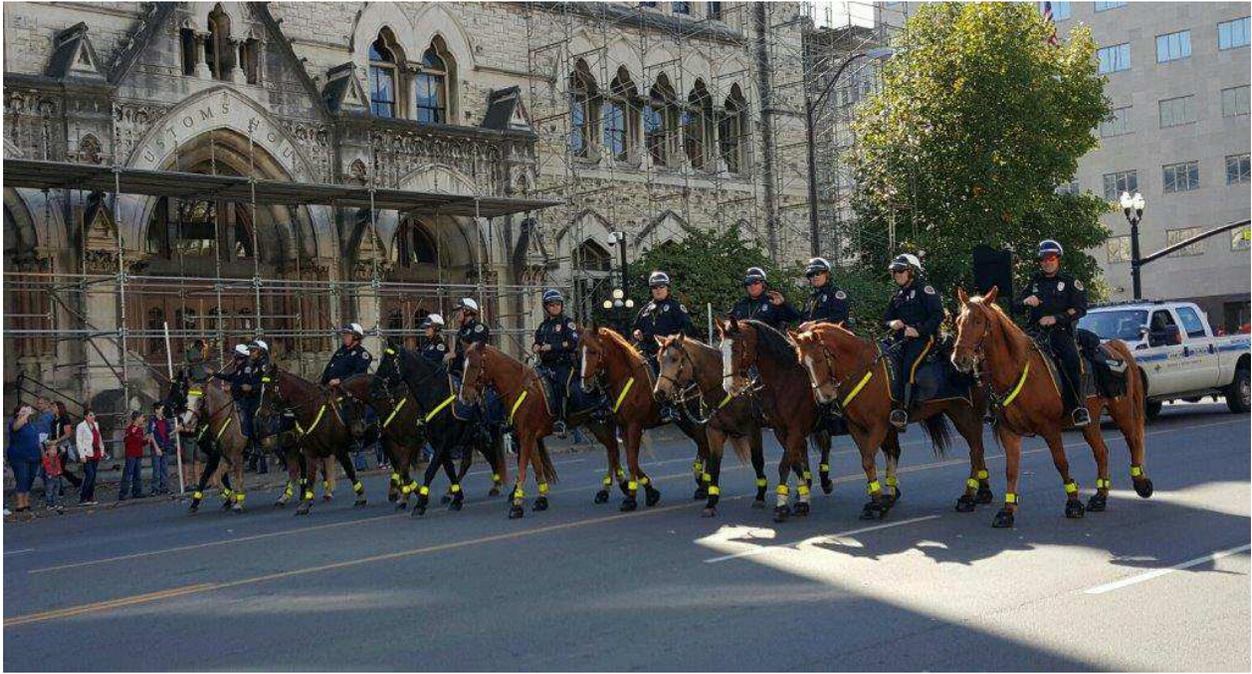
The MNPD Honor Guard presented the colors before kickoff at the Tennessee Titans versus Jacksonville Jaguars football game at Nissan Stadium as the Fisk Jubilee Singers performed the National Anthem.



## Veteran's Day Parade







## **UnMask Domestic Violence Run-Walk**

The first annual UnMask Domestic Violence run-walk took place on Halloween as participants gathered at Warner Park to benefit The Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence and raise awareness.



## **Precinct News**

### **East**

Quick police response to an armed robbery at Sonic, 3910 Gallatin Pike, led to the arrest of two teenage suspects, Bobby McGuire, 15, and Orlando Givans, 17.

A Sonic employee was in the parking lot at 10:30 p.m. when McGuire allegedly grabbed her from behind and forced her back inside the restaurant, followed by Givans. The suspects then demanded cash at gunpoint. The employees complied.

East Precinct Officer Cressie Prill arrived a short time later. She spotted a young man walking quickly through a parking lot across the street before he hurriedly got into a car. Officer Prill initiated an investigative vehicle stop. Givans, of Sylvan Street, and McGuire, of South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, were taken into custody. They were both positively identified as the robbers. Items taken during the robbery were recovered from inside the car.

McGuire and Givans are charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery.

### **West**

Coordinated response by West Precinct officers to the shoplifting of 22 North Face jackets from Dick's Sporting Goods in the Nashville West shopping center led to the arrest of three persons on felony theft charges and the recovery of the stolen jackets that have a retail value of several thousand dollars.

Relatives Antonio Eddings, 18, Mykeisha Eddings, 19, and Marcellus Eddings, 18, were taken into custody on the property of Richland Hills Apartments on Maudina Avenue.

Officers were called to the store at 10:50 a.m. after three persons were reported to have run out with arm loads of North Face jackets. Witnesses described the getaway car as a red Chevrolet Impala and provided the license plate number. Officer Michael Brickman ran the tag and discovered that a person driving it had recently received a citation near Richland Hills Apartments, although the car itself was registered to an address in East Nashville. Officer Brickman went to the apartment complex, discovered the Impala there and watched it from a distance. When Mykeisha Eddings came to the car, Officers Brickman and Stephen Fouche approached her. She tried to run from the officers, but was unsuccessful. Although she didn't live at the apartment complex, Mykeisha Eddings was carrying a key to one of the units. Moments later, Antonio Eddings walked from the area of the apartment and the parked Impala. He also did not live at the apartment complex, was detained for trespassing, and was found to be carrying seven Xanax bars. Marcellus Eddings was taken into custody after he jumped from the second story window of the apartment just after tossing security tags from the jackets out of the same window. A search warrant was obtained for the apartment, leading to the recovery of the 22 jackets.

Mykeisha Eddings, of Woodward Drive, is charged with felony theft and resisting police. Marcellus Eddings, of Dove Place, is charged with felony theft, tampering with evidence and criminal trespassing. Antonio Eddings, of Barbara Lynn Way, is charged with felony theft, criminal trespassing and misdemeanor drug possession.

## Madison

Community residents prepared a police appreciation breakfast for Madison Precinct officers and support staff.



## **Hermitage**

A vehicle stop on Castlegate Drive in Hermitage for a seatbelt violation led to the arrest of two men and seizure of one pound of crystal meth, 1.5 gallons of GHB, and \$6,465 cash.

The driver, James Berzoza, 37, had an outstanding warrant for violating an order of protection. Recovered from the car were 6.3 grams of crystal meth, drug paraphernalia, and \$760 cash.

Information developed during the vehicle stop led to the execution of a search warrant at the residence of Joshua L. Shannon, 38, of 2066 Nashboro Village. Seized from Shannon's town home were the GHB, more than a pound of meth, and \$5,705 cash.

Berzoza, of N Dupont Avenue, is charged with felony drug possession in a school zone and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held in lieu of \$20,000 bond. He has a prior drug possession conviction.

Shannon is charged with possessing meth and GHB with intent to sell, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and drug possession. He is being held in lieu of \$180,000 bond. Shannon received an eight year sentence in 2010 for a meth possession conviction.

Willie Robertson Jr., 19, is facing a myriad of charges relating to break-ins on Edgemont Drive, Blue Hills Drive, and Laurel Hill Drive. He is also suspected in at least three burglaries on Woodberry Drive.

Robertson, of Massman Drive, was arrested during a felony traffic stop on Donelson Pike near I-40 and the Nashville airport. He was convicted of marijuana possession with intent to sell in November and received a two-year mostly probated sentence. He also has a previous vehicle theft conviction.

## **North**

SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team arrested two men for the September 20<sup>th</sup> fatal shooting of Eric Jackson near Hadley Park and the African Street Festival.

Tyjuan Wallace, 20, and William "Kevin" Lawrence, 19, were indicted by the Davidson County Grand Jury on a charge of first-degree murder. Wallace was taken into custody on Formosa Street. Lawrence was arrested on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Investigation by Detective Andrew Davis and his colleagues at the North Precinct led to the identification of Wallace and Lawrence as the two gun-toting men who approached Jackson, 21, and his girlfriend as they sat in Jackson's Ford Mustang that was parked in the alley behind the public library on 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. The gunman on Jackson's side of the car ordered him to open his door. Jackson quickly attempted to drive away, but the vehicle got caught on a utility pole guy wire. Jackson was shot in the head and was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he died. The gunmen fled on foot toward I-40.

A Nashville father's decision to leave his 19-month-old daughter unattended in a car with the key in the ignition while he went into a Clarksville Pike market led to 30 anxious minutes for the father and responding police officers.

Emanuel Batey, 46, parked his Kia sedan at the 2600 Clarksville Pike market to purchase cigarettes at 7:50 p.m. When he came back, the car and his daughter were gone. Batey called police and North Precinct officers quickly began searching for the car. Sergeant Adam Parker learned that a cell phone had been left inside the vehicle, placed a call to it, and made contact with the thief, Frederick Rutherford, 41. Rutherford admitted that he was drunk, didn't know what to do with the child, and kept driving. Rutherford ultimately stopped at the intersection of Heiman Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. He was taken into custody there at 8:20 p.m. The child was rescued from the car without serious injury, despite Rutherford acknowledging that he slapped her several times because she was crying.

Rutherford is jailed in lieu of \$96,500 bond on a number of charges, including kidnapping, DUI, driving on a suspended license, aggravated child endangerment, and assault.

Given the circumstances, Batey was also arrested on charges of aggravated child neglect (for leaving his daughter unattended) and driving on a revoked license. He was released from jail after posting a \$5,500 bond.

## **Central**

Investigation by Central Precinct detectives led to the arrest of the suspected gunman who shot a woman in a downtown parking lot at 134 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South as she drove away from him.

Convicted felon Terence Whitson, 26, was taken into custody at his Dellway Villa Road residence without incident. He will be charged with especially aggravated attempted robbery. The investigation shows that Whitson approached the 29-year-old victim on foot around 10 p.m. and attempted to rob her. As she drove off, the gunman fired one shot which struck her in the arm. She was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center for treatment and released.

Whitson has previous convictions for aggravated assault, felon in possession of a handgun, and theft.

## Midtown Hills

Coca Cola Consolidated Bottling Company donated more than 150 stuffed animals to the Midtown Hills Precinct and to the Nashville Fire Department.



Fourteen minutes after allegedly robbing a West End Avenue bank and jumping into a Checker Cab, Nashvillian Tyronne Mobley found himself in police custody just shy of the liquor store the taxi was heading to.

Mobley, 53, is charged federally with robbing SunTrust Bank's 2814 West End Avenue branch. Mobley is accused of passing a money demand note to a teller while threatening that he was armed. No gun was seen, however.

Following the robbery, Mobley was seen getting into a Checker Cab minivan at a convenience market near the bank. Working with the taxi company, Midtown Hills Precinct officers pinpointed the minivan's location and stopped it on Fairfield Avenue. Mobley was taken into custody without incident. Cash taken during the robbery was recovered.

The cab driver told officers that Mobley had asked to be taken to a Lafayette Street liquor store.

Midtown Hills teamed up with the Edgehill Bike Club for their first ever Bike Rodeo at the Midtown Hills Precinct on September 26<sup>th</sup>. With over 250 people in attendance, Midtown and Edgehill were able to give away 40 bicycles and helmets to the community.



A marijuana grow operation was located by Davidson County Sheriff's Office deputies during an eviction of parolee Timothy Carlton and his girlfriend Joey Guilds, both 39, from a residence at 1904 Streamfield Court.

Midtown Hills Precinct detectives were contacted and recovered four marijuana plants, five mason jars containing one ounce each of processed marijuana, more than 20 marijuana cigarettes, a few small baggies of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. A total of more than four pounds of marijuana was recovered. Also seized was \$299 cash. The couple admitted to growing marijuana in their bedroom.

Carlton and Guilds are both charged with manufacturing marijuana, possession of marijuana for resale, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor marijuana possession. They are being held in lieu of \$30,000 bond each.

Carlton was on parole for a 2012 cocaine possession conviction in Williamson County. He also has previous convictions for domestic violence, felon in possession of a weapon, and statutory rape.

Guilds is a supply unit employee with Tennessee Probation and Parole.

## South

Alert police work by South Precinct officers led to the arrest of armed robbery suspect Pardrae Gooch, 29, of Glastonbury Road.

Officers spotted a 2008 Toyota Camry that had been reported stolen turn into an apartment complex at 5212 Hickory Hollow Parkway. The driver and passenger bailed from the car and fled into a wooded area. Gooch and Quintana Green, 25, were both apprehended.

Gooch is now charged with aggravated robbery for the Halloween hold-up of St. George Market at 2739 Murfreesboro Pike. A warrant was issued for his arrest the following day. Gooch has previous convictions for assault, forgery, and resisting arrest.

Green, of Porter Road, is charged with vehicle theft and evading arrest. Green has previous convictions for theft and evading arrest.

Citizen assistance led to the arrest of serial auto burglary suspect Ernesto Duenez, 25, after officers responded to several reported break-ins in South Nashville.

While taking a report on Black Oak Court, the victim told officers his work phone and iPad had been taken. A neighbor also reported that he had seen the suspect drive off in a green Chevrolet Tahoe. Working with this information, officers located Duenez at a Maxwell Place residence. Duenez was carrying the victim's cell phone. The stolen iPad was recovered from a green Tahoe Duenez admitted driving. Also found in the Tahoe were several car stereos, GPS devices, and a laptop computer. Recovered from a barn behind the house were numerous power and hand tools. Additional victims Thursday identified property that had been taken from them during auto burglaries on Chestnut Oak Drive, Sunnyvale Court, and Singing Hills Drive.

So far, Duenez is charged with the following auto burglaries:

- 5100 block of Singing Hills Drive
- 1500 block of Chestnut Oak Drive
- 700 block of Sunnyvale Court
- 300 block of Black Oak Court

The investigation continues. Additional auto burglary and theft charges against Duenez are anticipated.

Outstanding police work by South Precinct officers led to the arrest of two teens for their alleged involvement in at least four separate hold-ups that all occurred in less than one hour.

Ronald Hayes, 19, and Taylor Ewin, 15, are accused of approaching victims outside residences on Barclay Square Drive, Long Branch Drive, Waikiki Boulevard, and Pebble Creek Drive, and robbing them at gunpoint. The hold-ups took place in quick succession between 6:40 p.m. and 7:20 p.m.

According to witnesses, the suspects were driving a silver Monte Carlo that had front end damage with a headlight out. Officers spotted the suspect vehicle on Antioch Pike near Haywood Lane at 7:30 p.m. Hayes and Ewin were taken into custody. Victims positively

identified them as the robbers. Two realistic looking airsoft guns, a handgun and a rifle, were found on the side of the road near the Monte Carlo.

Hayes, of Goodlettsville, is charged with three counts of aggravated robbery and one count of attempted aggravated robbery.

Ewin, of Alameda Street, is charged with aggravated robbery in Juvenile Court.

### **Fraud Unit**

A three-month investigation into Village Market's alleged dealings with stolen merchandise resulted in a police department raid on the business and the seizure of nearly its entire stock of non-perishable goods.

Fraud Unit detectives investigated the market, located at 4400 Tennessee Avenue, between September 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>. The market's owner operator, Parviz Moghaddam, 63, is alleged to have purchased items including cigarettes, detergent, energy drinks, cold medicine, baby formula, and coffee on six separate occasions from a police operative who clearly represented the items as being stolen. Moghaddam paid the operative about a third of what the merchandise was actually worth.

Charges are anticipated against Moghaddam who has a prior reckless driving conviction.

The non-perishable stock of the store was seized under the premise that it was purchased with the proceeds from the sale of stolen merchandise.

### **Specialized Investigations Division**

Members of the Specialized Investigations Division's Gang Unit, in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office, took action earlier this month to shut down a home located across the street from a Nashville elementary school that is being used to peddle illegal drugs.

The residence at 66 Robertson Street, located across from J.C. Napier Elementary School, has been declared a public nuisance in a temporary injunction and padlocking order signed by Criminal Court Judge Steve Dozier.

The residents, Katie Sharber, 75, and Milton Anthony, 56, are alleged to have knowledge of, and participated/assisted in, the illegal drug trade.

The home owned by Katie Sharber has been the subject of MNPD narcotic investigations for the past several years. During the most recent investigation being conducted by Gang Unit detectives, the elementary school was in session while drug deals took place at 66 Robertson Street, the location of 66 police department responses since December 2007.

The police department and District Attorney's Office took the unusual action of padlocking a home due to the real risk of danger posed to the neighborhood.

Milton Anthony, 56, and Katie Sharber, 75, are both charged with selling cocaine and dispensing drugs illegally.



**Specialized Investigations Division Captain Mike Alexander briefs the media regarding the padlocking order outside 66 Robertson Street. Pictured behind Captain Alexander (l-r) are Reverend Frank Stevenson, Hermitage Precinct Commander Preston Brandimore, Assistant D.A. Ed Ryan, and Lieutenant Chuck Carter.**



**66 Robertson Street**

Specialized Investigations Division (SID) Narcotic Unit and Major Case Task Force (MCTF) detectives were recognized for their outstanding work in 2014 during the annual Tennessee Narcotic Officers Association fall conference in Chattanooga.

- MCTF Detectives Adam Read and Gbewa Mustapha were awarded with the largest heroin seizure in the state.
- The SID Narcotic Unit was awarded the largest marijuana seizure in the state, in an undercover operation conducted with the 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> judicial drug task forces.
- The SID Narcotic Unit was awarded the Narcotic Unit of the Year, for the State of Tennessee.
- MCTF Sergeant Troy Gene Donegan was re-elected as the president of the association.
- Interdiction Officer Joe Simonik was re-elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president.

Four ounces of methamphetamine were seized after Interstate Interdiction Unit Officer William Taylor stopped the driver of a Dodge Caravan Monday afternoon for following too closely on I-40 East near Bellevue.

The driver, Ronald D. Walker, 26, of Port Huron, Michigan, was detained after police dog Stryker alerted to the presence of narcotic odor in the rental vehicle. During a subsequent search of the van, four one ounce bags of meth were recovered from a compartment under the dashboard.

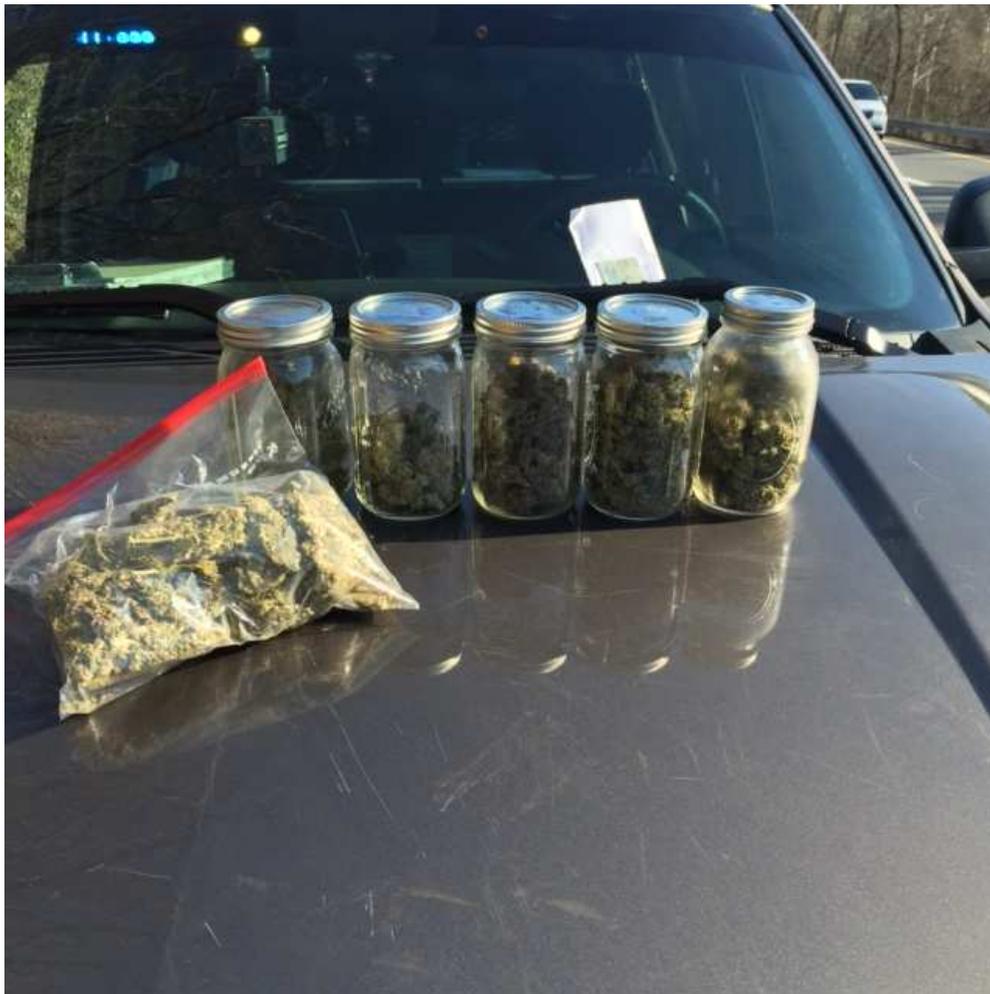
Walker and his 17-year-old male passenger are both charged with possessing meth for resale. The teen, who is from Louisville, was charged in Juvenile Court. Walker is free on \$50,000 bond.



Suspicious behavior by a Michigan woman while driving on I-40 West near McCrory Lane led to her arrest and the seizure of 2.5 pounds of marijuana.

Interstate Interdiction Unit Officer William Taylor saw the driver, Erin Thomas, 34, quickly brake on I-40 after she saw another police officer in the median conducting traffic enforcement. Thomas then proceeded to drive 53 mph in a 70 mph zone causing traffic to back up. Officer Taylor stopped Thomas for impeding traffic.

When he approached the vehicle, Officer Taylor detected a strong odor of marijuana. Thomas admitted that she had been smoking marijuana. During a search of the vehicle, Officer Taylor recovered five one quart jars and a one gallon plastic bag containing marijuana. Thomas said she brought the marijuana from Michigan and was traveling to Memphis.



**Seized marijuana**

## School Crossing Section

**School Crossing Guard of the Year**  
Thomas Rowan



**School Crossing Guard Supervisor of the Year**  
Kay Turner



## **Years of Service Recognition**

Rosetta Puckett was recognized by Mayor Megan Barry for her 35 years of service as a School Crossing Guard. She had planned on being a crossing guard only while her children were in school, but then she fell in love with the job and has been a shining example ever since.



## **Retirement Celebration**

Security Guard Michael Dunlap celebrated 23 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Michael Dunlap and Lieutenant Bill Watkins.**

## Congratulations:

Officer Garrett Blunier, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Whitney, welcomed their son, William Edward Blunier, who was born on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Detective William “Tyler” Hampton, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their daughter, Eloise Rae Hampton, who was born on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Detective David Irwin, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Keri, welcomed their daughter, Caroline Jean Irwin, who was born on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sergeant Robert Russell, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Danielle, welcomed their daughter, Caroline Joyce, who was born on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Officer Corey Stromatt, West Precinct, and his fiancé, Sayrah Connors, welcomed their son, Corey Dewayne Stromatt Jr., who was born on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jonathan Frost, Special Operations Division, and his wife, Megan, welcomed their son, Colton Frost, who was born December 15<sup>th</sup>.



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On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, four members of the MNPd graduated from the Nashville School of Law.

Lieutenant Daniel Newbern, Sergeants Doug Thibodeaux and Robert Weaver, and Detective Nicholas Kulp received their Juris Doctor after completing four years of study. Additionally, Lieutenant Newbern was inducted to Coopers Inn, which recognizes graduates who complete their course of study in the top 10% of the graduating class.

Since its establishment in 1911, The Nashville School of Law has been committed to the mission of providing a high quality legal education to students who are unable to attend classes during the day.

## **Condolences:**

Pam Keeler, the step-mother of Sergeant Derek Keeler, Central Precinct, wife of retired Officer Walter Keeler Jr., daughter-in-law of retired Officer Walter Keeler Sr., and sister-in-law of retired Officer Leonard Keeler, passed away on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Margaret Dalton Rodgers, the grandmother of Lieutenant Ben Rodgers, Central Precinct, passed away.

Charles Copeland, retired MNPD security guard, passed away on November 13<sup>th</sup>. He retired in 2002 after nine years of service.

David T. Love Sr., the father of retired Officer David Love, passed away.

Richard Albert McCool, the brother-in-law of Lieutenant Jason Sharpe, West Precinct, passed away on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Smallwood, the grandfather of Officer James Smallwood, passed away on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Shane Mathena, the brother of Commander Marlene Pardue, West Precinct, passed away on November 25<sup>th</sup> after a long illness.

Retired Officer Larry George King, 76, the father of Officer Jamie King, Specialized Investigations Division, passed away on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Clara Stephens, the grandmother of Detective Garrett Kidd, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Retired civilian employee, Barbara Mayo, who worked at Vehicle Impound for almost 17 years, passed away on December 17.

Bruce Wayne Clark, the father-in-law of Officer Douglas Fowler, Central Precinct, passed away.

Jeff Russell, the son of retired Assistant Chief Bobby Russell, passed away.