



MNPD NEWSLINE

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News from the Chief



Over the past month, one dozen new Ford police cars have been deployed among the precincts as replacements for those taken out of service for various issues. Eighteen additional cars will be released by our fleet staff in the near future. The new cars bear decals identifying our police officers as *Nashville's Guardians*. The decals serve to reinforce to this city's families and visitors the ultimate mission of the MNPD: that is to be guardians of this community.

In the aftermath of high profile incidents involving police officers across the country, particularly since the Ferguson, Missouri shooting, some have chosen to brand police officers as warriors, pointing to, in part, the military equipment acquired by various agencies. When I hear the warrior reference, I immediately question with whom do these people think police officers are at war, their own people? Nashville's citizens and our visitors need to know that we deeply value the partnerships we share in neighborhoods covered by all eight precincts, and that we view ourselves as guardians of peace and safety.

I recently returned from a meeting of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, made up of police executives from the 63 largest cities in the United States (Nashville is now #25) and the seven largest cities in Canada. After listening to issues confronting many other police departments in America, it is clear to me after every Major Cities meeting that Nashville is a very special place. Because of your professionalism and dedication, and your commitment to working with citizens at the neighborhood level, problems other large cities are having are not nearly as prevalent here. Reminding young and old alike through the new police car decals that we see ourselves as guardians is in the tradition of true community service. Thank you for all of your hard work in making this a safer place for all.

Last Thursday, I met with Mr. Tom Rose and Mr. Eldon Griggs, both vice presidents of Galls, and Mr. Tom Sanders, owner of Greene Military & Police Supply. As you know, Greene's is the current vendor for our uniforms and other related equipment. Galls is a supplier

of public safety equipment and apparel with several retail outlets across the nation. Tom and Galls have come to an agreement for Greene's to be purchased and operated by Galls.

Mr. Rose and Mr. Griggs have assured us that the transition will be seamless with no interruption in service. They intend to maintain the Greene's tradition of maintaining a large inventory and providing friendly, accommodating customer service. Several times during the meeting it was stated that, "We want to continue, and build on, the same quality of service that Tom and Mary have given their customers over the years." Tom has agreed to remain with Galls for the next nine months to ensure that there is a seamless transition and that all customers are accommodated.

Tom and Mary have indeed provided us with a quality of service that goes well beyond their contractual obligations. They are truly nice people who have treated us like family. I wish them the very best for the future. Meanwhile, it is business as usual. Tom and Mary are there, on site, to help you with whatever you need. Please wish them the best as you see them.

Happenings

Employees of the Year for 2015

Chief Steve Anderson recognized the outstanding work and service of six men and women who have been named the Metropolitan Police Department's Employees of the Year for 2015.

"With 1,900 dedicated police department employees, it is often difficult to choose award winners," Chief Anderson said. "The six persons we honored today are representative of the commitment shared by the men and women of the MNPd to maintain and enhance Nashville's safety. I am very proud of their work."

The 2015 MNPd Employees of the Year are:

Officer Jonathan Frith, Patrol Officer of the Year

Officer Frith was among the first officers to enter the Hickory 8 movie theater last August in response to an active aggressor call. Knowing the potential danger associated with the incident, there was no hesitation in his actions. Officer Frith assumed the role of a team leader by orchestrating the officers' response and their tactics. Officer Frith entered the theater containing the suspect and suddenly heard three pops from his blind side, which sounded as if they came from a small caliber weapon. He fired at the suspect with his patrol rifle and backed out of the theater door. He and other officers kept the suspect contained until SWAT officers arrived.



Officer Matthew Cammarn, Police Officer of the Year

Officer Cammarn's quick medical response to a 17-year-old gunshot victim on N. 8th Street is credited with saving the young man's life. Officer Cammarn was on walking patrol near the shooting and was first on the scene. The teen had been shot in his upper thigh and a major artery had been struck. Officer Cammarn immediately applied a tourniquet from his MNPD medical kit that controlled the bleeding until medical personnel arrived.



Detective Mike Roland, Investigative Services Bureau Investigator of the Year

Detective Roland led the investigation into September's brutal beating deaths of two persons inside a Greenwood Avenue apartment in East Nashville. The victims were ultimately found wrapped in bedspreads in a closet. Various items had been placed on top of the bedspreads to conceal the bodies. The investigation led to the arrests of Brandon Griswold and Whitney Gray a few days later on Trousdale Drive near Harding Place. During interviews, both suspects gave detailed confessions. An element of the dispute between the victims and suspects concerned heroin use.



Detective Lindsay Smith, Precinct Investigator of the Year

Meticulous investigation by Detective Smith resulted in the arrest of Mallory Porter for the murder of Gilbert Fowler. Fowler was found deceased inside his car in the driveway of an unoccupied home in the 3900 block of Lunn Drive. Detective Smith began her investigation with very little to go on. Decisions she made proved to be the turning point, as she linked Porter to the area of the homicide via phone and IP address records, as well as forensic evidence. Detective Smith's courtroom testimony was praised by both the District Attorney's Office and the victim's family.



Officer Josh Black, Special Operations Officer of the Year

While at a North Nashville home in search of two accused violent fugitives, Special Response Team Officer Black developed a rapport with a resident who agreed to help police in the apprehensions. Officer Black received telephone calls from the cooperating individual at all hours of the following evening and morning. It was ultimately determined that the two suspects would be at a tattoo shop on Dickerson Pike for an extended period. Both men, one of them on federal probation for stealing weapons from law enforcement vehicles, were taken into custody. Officer Black's diligent work on this case, both on and off the clock, took two dangerous individuals off of Nashville's streets.



Ms. Jackie Hoffman, Professional Support Employee of the Year

Ms. Hoffman, recently retired Assistant Director of MNPD Human Resources, began her work with the police department 43 years ago. Over the past four decades, if anyone had a question about a personnel-related issue, from hiring to pay to policy, Ms. Hoffman has been the go-to person. Her institutional knowledge of the MNPD is invaluable. Her kind and helpful response to anyone who asks for assistance is second to none. Ms. Hoffman has truly defined what it means to work together to achieve the best outcome for all. Although Ms. Hoffman officially retired on February 1, she has agreed to stay on part-time and continues to be an asset to all police department employees.



Citizen Police Academy Reunion

Mayor Megan Barry thanked Citizen Police Academy graduates Monday night. More than 1,400 persons have graduated from the CPA over the past 22 years.



Chief Anderson welcomed graduates at the Citizen Police Academy reunion meeting at Madison Precinct.



Mayor Barry's Youth Violence Summit

MNPD participated in the first Youth Violence Summit at Rockettown where Nashville high school students met to seek solutions.



Captain Gordon Howey and Judge Shelia Calloway spoke to students and community leaders at the second Mayor's Youth Violence Summit at Maplewood High School.



Mayor Barry Visits Compstat



Mayor Barry addressed leadership at the department's January 29th Compstat meeting.

Inner City Ministry Headquarters Grand Opening



Nashville Predators Foundation and the NHL transform a vacant warehouse into prime space for inner city kids.



Nashville Inner City Ministry President Lytle Thomas celebrated the grand opening of the new headquarters.



Chief Anderson welcomes NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman to Nashville for NHL All Star Weekend 2016.



Newly appointed members of the MNPD Crisis Negotiations Team



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Cedric Connolly, Detective Nathaniel Ellsworth, Detective Benjamin Miller, and Detective Michael Hotz.

Clergy Breakfast

Chief Anderson hosted area law enforcement leaders and clergy members for a discussion on topical issues.



Safety and Security for Places of Worship

The Behavioral Health Services Division hosted instructors from Training Force USA for a day-long seminar on safety and security for places of worship.

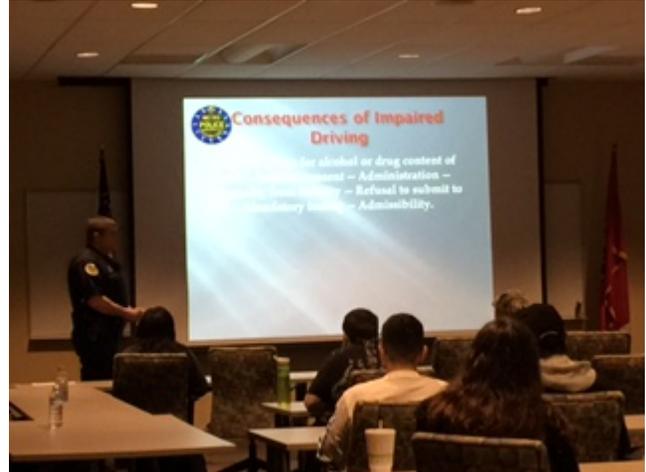
The seminar was attended by more than 50 participants, including MNPD and other agency volunteer chaplains, church leaders of various faiths from across the Nashville community, Precinct Community Coordinator sergeants, and persons who provide security for a number of churches in the area.



Police crisis counselors from V.I.P. (Victim Intervention Program) pictured (l-r) Lani Ramos and Amy Griffith-Taylor provided information and resources at the seminar.

Young Driver Awareness Class

Nashville State Community College on February 10th hosted a two-hour free class for students about the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. Traffic Unit Sergeant Kevin Lovell and Officer Russell Ward developed and presented the course which also covered the consequences of distracted and impaired driving.



Police Explorers

The MNPD Police Explorers, who are young persons interested in learning more about a career in law enforcement, recently participated in the 2016 Winterfest law enforcement competition in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

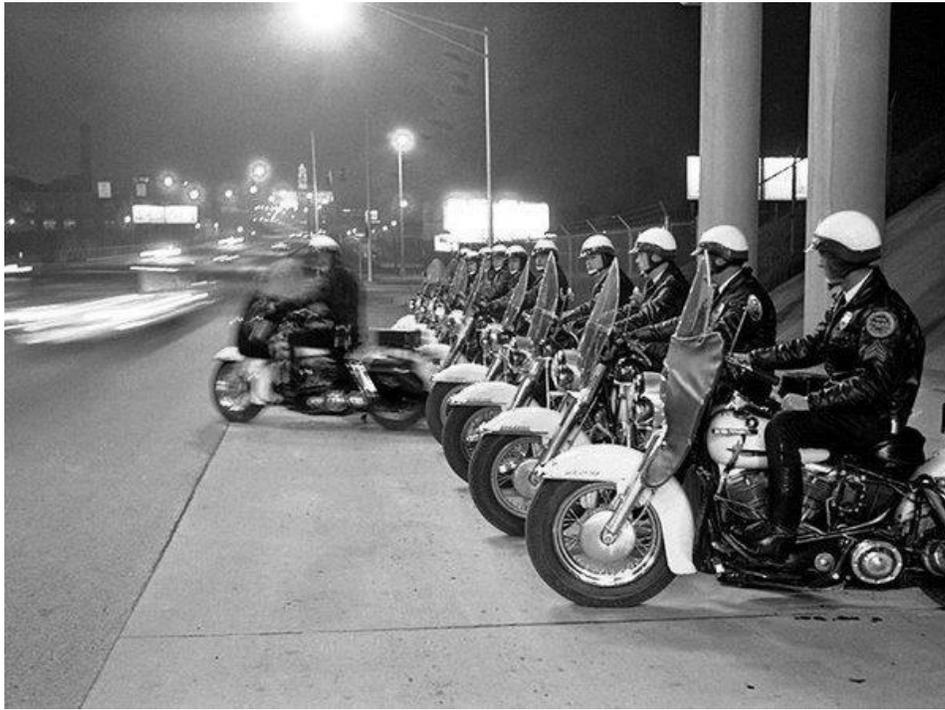
The co-ed competition involved more than 70 Police Explorer teams from across the Southern United States.

The MNPD Explorers did exceptionally well, placing first in Emergency Vehicle Operations, third in Unknown Trouble, fourth in Crime Scene Investigation, and fifth in Drug Identification and Officer Survival.



Fifty Year Anniversary of MNPD Motorcycles

Central Precinct Motorcycles Sergeant Mark Byrne commemorated the 50th anniversary of the unit with a 2015 recreation of a photo taken in 1965.



Motorcycle officers 1965



Motorcycle officers 2015

Drill and Ceremony Team

The Drill and Ceremony Team presented colors prior to the National Anthem at the Predators hockey game on Law Enforcement Appreciation Night.



Precinct News

East

A two-year investigation into a Nashville drug distribution organization believed responsible for dealing in large amounts of heroin culminated in the arrest of a federal cocaine felon.

David Fletcher, 46, who operates ADKO Express at 1313 Dickerson Pike, a local trucking company, is jailed along with three other Nashvillians on charges that they engaged in a heroin distribution conspiracy. Seized during the execution of 5 search warrants today were 5.65 pounds of heroin, 16.6 pounds of marijuana, ½ ounce of cocaine, more than \$41,000 cash, 1 gun and 2 cars.

This investigation, which is being led by Crime Suppression Unit detectives from the East and North Precincts, began in April 2014 after detectives received information that Fletcher, of 118-B Hardaway Drive, was suspected of dealing in large amounts of heroin and marijuana. It is alleged that Fletcher and his brother, Dontae Myles (also known as Charlie Diggs Jr.), 45, would receive kilogram quantities of heroin and then distribute it in much smaller amounts to customers in the Nashville and Middle Tennessee area. Fletcher is alleged to have used several runners to distribute the heroin.

In addition to Fletcher and Myles, also charged are Maurice Jenkins, 50, of Hutson Avenue, and Rebecca Koonce, 36, of Lincoya Bay Drive.

Search warrants were executed at:

- 1313 Dickerson Pike (ADCO Express)
- 118-B Hardaway Drive (Fletcher's residence)
- 308 Lincoya Bay Drive (Myles' apartment)
- 4005 Hutson Avenue (alleged stash house)
- 3116 Greggwood Drive (alleged stash house)

Fletcher was convicted of a federal cocaine charge in 2010 and, at the time of his arrest, was on supervised released until 2018.



Seized heroin, marijuana, cash, and gun

Madison

Maurice Maxwell, one of the four young men allegedly involved in the January 28th robbery of the MetroPCS store at 3039 Brick Church Pike, is in custody.

Maxwell, 20, was identified by his father through media accounts as the person who was photographed entering a neighboring convenience store minutes before the hold up. Maxwell's father reported that the getaway vehicle, a black Hummer H3, belonged to him. Maxwell agreed to come to the Madison Precinct. During an interview with lead Detective Garrett Kidd, Maxwell identified himself in the surveillance photos and admitted to driving the Hummer.

At the time of his arrest, Maxwell was free on \$24,000 bond for his involvement in a November 2014 armed robbery at Dollar General, 3852 Dickerson Pike. Maxwell, of Apple Valley Circle, was arrested on January 6th for the 2014 hold-up. During an interview with Madison Precinct detectives regarding that case, Maxwell admitted he was the getaway driver.

Maxwell is again charged with aggravated robbery. He is being held in lieu of \$80,000 bond.

Community Coordinator Sergeant James Vivrette attends the Neely's Bend Neighborhood Watch meeting at Neely's Bend Baptist Church.



Hermitage

Michael Calloway, also known as Oso, 21, of Nashville, is headed to federal prison for 15 years after previously pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of ammunition, conspiracy to tamper with a witness, and attempting to obstruct justice, announced David Rivera, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee.

“This case concerns violence in the J.C. Napier public housing development last spring,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “I greatly appreciate the partnership our department shares with the U.S. Attorney’s Office to prosecute those felons who continue to pose a danger to this community.”

According to the statement of facts, on the morning of April 12, 2015, Calloway and Laquanda Boyce were assaulting a woman at the J.C. Napier housing development when another person intervened and tried to protect the woman being assaulted. Later in the afternoon, Calloway and Boyce returned with Calloway carrying a firearm. Upon seeing the witness again, Calloway fired eight or nine shots at him, striking him once in the leg. The gunshot victim was treated at Vanderbilt Hospital and subsequently identified Calloway as the shooter.

Calloway was arrested the following day and learned that he would likely face federal firearms charges. He and Boyce then devised a scheme to pay the witness \$1,200 in exchange for his refusal to testify or for testifying that he had mistakenly identified Calloway as the person who had shot him.

Calloway and Boyce were subsequently indicted on witness tampering and obstruction charges.

In a sentencing hearing, United States District Judge Todd Campbell remarked that the offenses were serious, “goes to the heart of the criminal justice system,” and that the 15-year sentence was warranted by the egregious nature of the crime.

Boyce, 33, also of Nashville, pleaded guilty on September 4, 2015, to conspiracy to tamper with a witness.

This case was investigated by the Metro Nashville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sunny A.M. Koshy.

North

Marquis Neal’s time on the run has come to an end.

Members of the U.S. Marshal’s Fugitive Task Force arrested Neal in the 1300 block of 12th Avenue South in connection with multiple armed robberies of businesses in the Nashville area during 2015.

Neal, 31, is jailed on five counts of aggravated robbery in connection with these hold-ups:

- Piggly Wiggly, 1439 Robinson Road, which also involved the robberies of two customers, on June 26, 2015;
- H.G. Hill Grocery, 600 S. Main Street, Goodlettsville, on June 26, 2015; and
- Game Stop, 786 Rivergate Parkway, on October 3, 2015.

Months of investigation by detectives from the Madison, Hermitage, East and North Precincts, along with Goodlettsville Police, led to the identification of Neal and two accomplices, all three of them convicted felons with lengthy arrest histories. The accomplices, Alonzo D. King, 23, and Verdell Williams, 32, were arrested last October and remain in jail. King is also facing a homicide charge for the January 2015 murder of a man in Goodlettsville.

Neal was convicted of car burglary in 2012 for which he received a two-year sentence, felony cocaine possession in 2012 for which he received a 12-year sentence, felony cocaine possession in 2008 for which he received a 3-year sentence, and robbery in 2005 for which he received a 6-year sentence.

South

Zackari Tennant, 16, one of the suspects in a violent carjacking last November that left a 32-year-old Nashville woman with gunshot wounds, is in custody after police air and ground units coordinated their efforts to apprehend him.

Auto Theft Unit detectives used GPS coordinates to locate a Dodge Durango stolen from Americas Best Value Inn at 97 Wallace Road. A police helicopter pilot relayed the direction of flight to ground units who kept their distance when it was verified that Tennant, who has a history of evading police, was behind the wheel.

Tennant bailed from the stolen vehicle on Blue Hole Road and fled into a wooded area. Officers quickly formed a perimeter and took Tennant into custody without further incident.

Tennant, who refused to speak with detectives, is charged in Juvenile Court with especially aggravated robbery. He is accused of shooting Tiffany Hindman outside her Apache Trail apartment on the evening of Friday, November 20th. Hindman told detectives that she was confronted in the breezeway of her apartment building by two armed individuals who demanded her car keys. As the robbers ran with the keys, they opened fire on Hindman, leaving her seriously wounded. The two fled in Hindman's Nissan Sentra, which was recovered in South Nashville last month.

A citizen's tip coupled with alert police work led to the arrest of two 15-year-old burglary suspects who are also alleged to have stolen a car that had been left running to warm up outside a Hickory Hollow Place apartment.

A citizen called police at 9 a.m. to report that two young men were breaking into an apartment at 3001 Hamilton Church Road. The pair fled in the stolen car, a 2016 black Kia Forte. South Precinct Officer Brian Lamb later spotted the suspect vehicle on Hickory Hollow Terrace. The suspects refused to stop. The driver later lost control in a curve in the 5000 block of Hickory Hollow Parkway and left the roadway.

Three handguns stolen during the burglary were recovered. The teens, both reported runaways, were booked at Juvenile detention.

Specialized Investigations Division

Six persons are jailed on felony drug charges as the result of a four-month investigation into the distribution of cocaine in Nashville and the Middle Tennessee area.

Narcotics detectives assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division determined that kilogram amounts of cocaine were being trafficked into this region by both car and bus. During the execution of search warrants, detectives seized 2.35 pounds of cocaine, \$23,000 cash, 3 pistols and 5 vehicles. The investigation showed that cocaine was being distributed from a residence on 51st Avenue North and was stashed at a South Nashville apartment.

Charged are:

- Jeu Vasquez, 31, of 51st Avenue North;
 - Christian Ramirez-Garcia, 23, of Lincoln Drive in Hermitage;
 - Ulyllis Ballejo-Ramirez, 20, of Whispering Hills Drive;
 - Yuri Garcia-Ramirez, 26, of Whispering Hills Drive;
 - Ivan Garcia-Ramirez, 22, of Whispering Hills Drive; and
 - Omar Ramirez-Maldando, 22, of Whispering Hills Drive
- The Drug Enforcement Administration and TBI assisted in this investigation.

Retirement Celebrations

Jackie Hoffman celebrated 43 years of service



Chief Anderson presents Jackie Hoffman with a personalized silver plate commemorating her 43 years of service.

Detective Jeff Weaver celebrated 32 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Det. Weaver and Deputy Chief Todd Henry

Officer Cesar Castillo celebrated 25 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Detective Castillo and West Precinct Commander Marlene Pardue.

Detective Steve Ray celebrated 27 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Detective Ray and Central Precinct Commander John Drake.

Congratulations:

Officer Devery Moses, Canine Unit, and his wife, Kimberly, welcomed their son, Sladeyn Tyler Moses, on January 26th.

Officer Joseph Snyder, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Jackie, welcomed their twins, Elizabeth May and Cyrus Henry on February 9th.



Condolences:

Louise Yentes, the grandmother of Lieutenant Mickey Yentes, Special Operations Division, passed away.

Elaine Batty, the mother of Lieutenant John Batty, South Precinct, passed away on January 24th.

Charles Geis, the grandfather of Detective Eric Funk, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Annie Margaret Black, the mother of retired Sergeant Stanley Black, and mother-in-law of retired Commander Anthony Carter, passed away on January 26th.

Bobby McCollum, the father of Adrienne McCollum, Forensic Services, passed away.

Retired Officer Lennie Ross Covington, who served on the department from 1972-2000, passed away after an extended illness.

Nancy Thomas, the sister of Teresa Callis, School Crossing Guard section, passed away.