



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



We anticipate the second largest class of police officer trainees since our present academy opened more than 40 years ago will begin their 5 ½ months of training next Tuesday. Eighty-six men and women are expected to begin Session 80. Mayor Barry and I will welcome them on Tuesday and encourage the class members to stick with us even when the training regimen gets tough. We are working hard to hire the best and brightest individuals from a solid applicant pool to be Metropolitan Nashville police officers. Session 80 will start with its own individual uniqueness. We anticipate that women will make up one-fourth of the class. Fifty-one of the trainees expected on Tuesday are from Tennessee. The others represent a number of different states, including New York, Connecticut, Illinois, Wyoming, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, and Rhode Island. Three members are originally from other countries, Armenia, Sweden, and Turkey.

A class this size signifies that Mayor Barry and her team are committed to maintaining a fully staffed police department, and growing our numbers in the years ahead. You and I work in a department that has the strong support of the Mayor, Metropolitan Council, and citizens throughout the city. You need only glance at news headlines from across the country to realize that this is not the case everywhere. Your professionalism and dedicated hard work are the primary reasons for the confidence we see in Nashville and are exemplified in this email sent to me by a citizen:

*I don't know this officers name, but I hope you know who he is from the attached pictures. This officer went above and beyond to connect with these children at Newks Eatery this evening. He showed them pictures of his family, let them touch his vest, showed them his Jesus medallion he keeps in his vest, but most importantly showed them kindness. The children's father posted the photos on Facebook.*

*This is exactly the type of community interaction we need with our police department, our community, and our youth. We so often hear bad things about our officers, because that is what makes the news, but this is what I wish people could see. I commend this officer for what may seem like such a small thing but is something that may make a huge impact on these children. Please acknowledge this officer and let him know that he is appreciated and we want more just like him!*



**Sergeant Mark Byrne visits with children during his meal break.**

A number of you will be working in the downtown area Monday as part of our city's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. A crowd exceeding a quarter million people is quite possible. Recent events in the United States and abroad have us all on a heightened state of alert. We are encouraging citizens to seek out a uniformed police officer if they see something suspicious or out of the ordinary while attending the festivities Monday. Coolers and backpacks are being prohibited by the event organizers. Citizens will look to us as a reassurance of their enhanced safety. Thank you, in advance, for your professionalism, vigilance and community outreach on Monday.

I am sincerely grateful for all that you do on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors. I hope you have a safe, enjoyable and smart 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

## **Happenings**

Mayor Megan Barry and Chief Anderson delivered congratulatory remarks to Nashville's newest police officers during a June 14<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The 40 new officers completed 22 weeks of training and will spend the next 5 to 6 months patrolling with Field Training Officers before policing on their own.



**Mayor Barry administers the oath to Nashville's 40 new police officers.**

### **Class Awards**

#### **Academic Excellence Award**

Officer Anthony Rizo

#### **Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award**

Officer Juan Gonzalez

#### **Physical Fitness Award**

Officer Geoffrey Sansone

## **Officer Michael Petrina Leadership Award**

Officer Daniel Wadham

## **Law Award**

Officer Geoffrey Sansone

## **Top Gun Award**

Officer Hunter Fikes

## **Top Cop Award**

Officer Anthony Rizo

## **Class President**

Officer Edward Holden

## **Session 79 Family Day**

Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson met with families of Session 79 to thank them for their support of Nashville's newest officers.

The program is sponsored by the MNPD's Police Advocacy Support Services (PASS) and provides information and assistance to families of new officers.



Mayor Barry on June 13<sup>th</sup> welcomed 41 Nashvillians to Session 34 of the MNPd's popular Citizen Police Academy.



Several persons interested in becoming police officers attended a community orientation/hiring event on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Galilee Baptist Church, 2021 Herman Street. MNPd personnel explained the hiring process and answered questions from participants.



**Pictured (l-r) are Background & Recruitment's Dwayne Taylor, Deputy Chief Damian Huggins, Pastor William Harris, Sergeant Michelle Jones, Officer Whitney Arnold, and Lieutenant Grant Carroll.**

Sergeant Michelle Hammond, who served in the United States Army as an E4 Specialist, and Sergeant Suzanne Stephens attended a job fair at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. They spoke to several persons interested in becoming MNPD police officers.



**Youth Services Sergeant Michelle Hammond (far right) visiting with potential MNPD applicants.**

MNPD officers and civilian personnel participated in the June 25<sup>th</sup> Pride Walk & Festival.



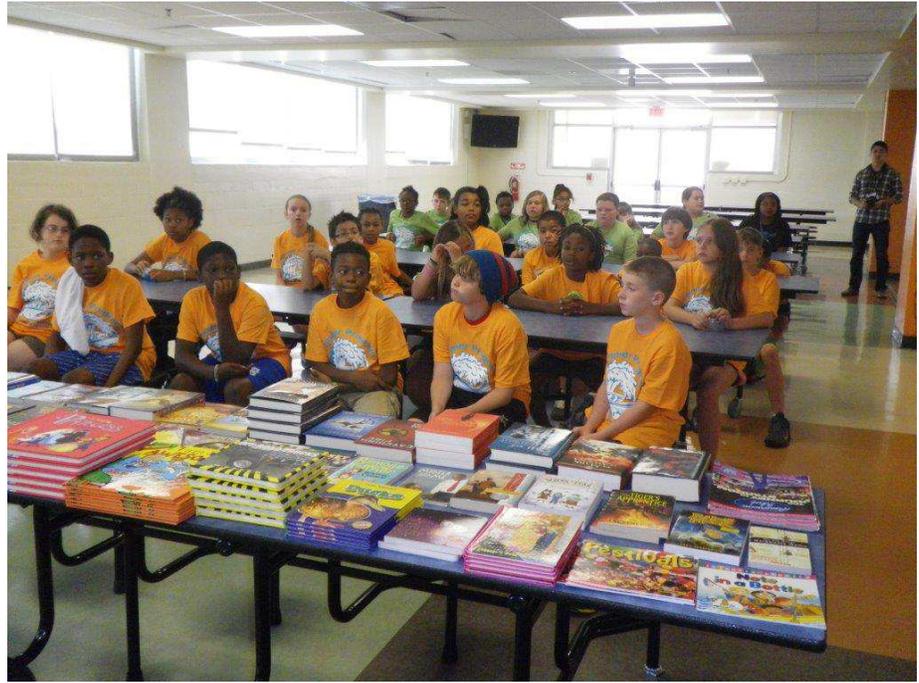
## Gang Resistance Education Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Camp

Mayor Megan Barry on June 10<sup>th</sup> congratulated 100 youngsters during G.R.E.A.T. Camp graduation festivities at John Early Middle School.



A total of six camps are being conducted this summer by specially trained Metro officers who entertain and educate hundreds of children through the G.R.E.A.T. Program.





Chief Anderson on June 14<sup>th</sup> sponsored the admission of Lieutenant Daniel Newbern, Sergeant Doug Thibodeaux, and Officer Nick Kulp to the bar by making a motion before the Tennessee Supreme Court.



**Pictured (l-r) are Detective Nick Kulp, Chief Anderson, Sergeant Doug Thibodeaux, and Lieutenant Daniel Newbern.**

## **Deputy Chief W. Todd Henry Receives Leadership Award**

The Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP) on June 7<sup>th</sup> awarded Deputy Chief Todd Henry with a Certificate of Leadership for his contributions to law enforcement and his community.

Deputy Chief Henry is the 45<sup>th</sup> law enforcement executive to receive the prestigious Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership Certificate Award. The association works to shape public safety policy and provide executive level training to agencies statewide.



**Deputy Chief Henry & Knoxville Chief David Rausch, TACP President.**

South Precinct Commander Paul Trickey accepted the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriotic Employer Award. He was nominated by Lieutenant Lee Kendall who is a captain with the Tennessee Army National Guard and is the company commander for the 251st Military Police Company.



Pictured (l-r) are Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Tennessee State Chair Carl Lambert, Commander Paul Trickey, Lieutenant Lee Kendall, and ESGR volunteer Merletta Lambert.

## Precinct News

### East

Months of investigation by East Precinct detectives, with assistance from their colleagues at the North Precinct and scientists from the MNPD Crime Laboratory, has led to the indictment of **Isaiah A. Berkley** on a charge of first-degree premeditated murder for the August 31, 2015 shooting death of Dalen Risby, 18, on Oakwood Avenue.

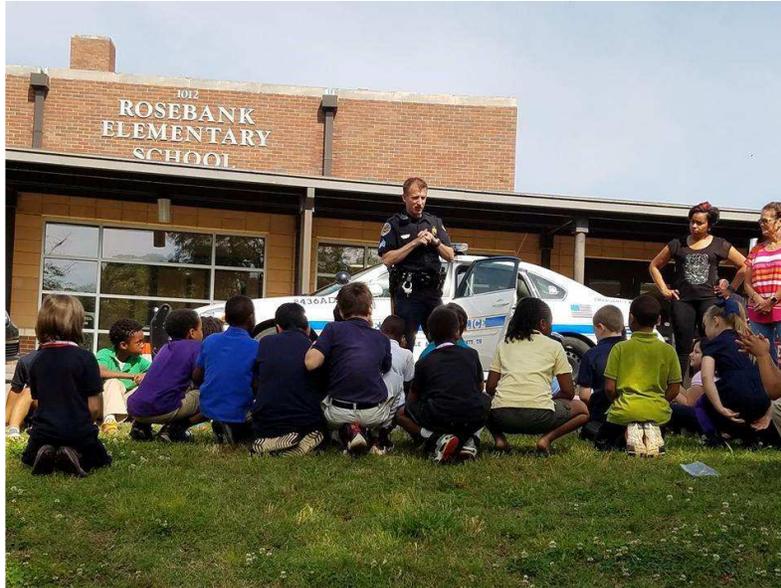
**Berkley**, 19, has been in jail since last December on a number of other charges, including two counts of aggravated burglary, reckless endangerment, coercion of a witness and retaliation. Those crimes occurred during the same month as Risby's murder.

The investigation to this point alleges that **Berkley** and **Trenton Raybon**, 31, were involved in the August 5, 2015 burglary of a home in the 2000 block of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Work by North Precinct Detective Andrew Davis led to the arrest of **Raybon** on August 8, 2015. At 11:40 p.m. on August 30, 2015, **Berkley** is alleged to have fired shots into the burglarized home from a green Ford Explorer. Detectives believe that action was an attempt to intimidate witnesses who lived there. **Berkley** was indicted in the burglary/shooting/coercion/retaliation case and arrested on December 29.

Investigation by East Precinct Detective William Bolan alleges that **Berkley**, in the hours following the gunfire into the home on 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, traveled to the campus of Tennessee State University, where Dalen Risby was visiting a friend in a dormitory. **Berkley** and Risby ran into each other on the TSU campus. **Berkley** is alleged to have driven Risby from TSU in the green Ford Explorer to the 2700 block of Oakwood Avenue, where Risby was fatally wounded. The motive for Risby's murder appears to be connected to a misguided dispute over a girl.

Evidence analysis by scientists at the MNPD Crime Laboratory assisted significantly in moving this investigation to the grand jury phase. East Precinct detectives are grateful to the family of Dalen Risby for their strong support over the past 10 months.

Sergeant Mike Fisher spoke to students at Rosebank Elementary School for Career Day prior to school letting out for the summer.



## West

Commander Marlene Pardue talks with media about the importance of the “Park Smart” campaign which urges citizens to lock their vehicles and secure valuables. West Precinct created a specially designed vehicle window decal to remind motorists to not leave personal belongings unattended or in plain view.



## Madison

Timothy Endsley, 27, is charged for his involvement in the June 1<sup>st</sup> robbery of the Wal-Mart store located at 2232 N. Gallatin Pike.

Investigation led by Madison Precinct Detective Garrett Kidd led to the identification of Endsley as the man who got out of a black SUV and walked into the store. He tried to pull a gun, dropped it on the floor, picked it up and approached the store counter where he demanded money. After the clerk complied, the man ran back to the SUV and fled.

Endsley's accomplice, Demontrey Logsdon, 18, admitted during an interview with Detective Kidd that he acted as the lookout and getaway driver. He is also charged with aggravated robbery.

## Hermitage

Detectives charged a local couple with impersonating law enforcement to commit robberies and suspect them of being involved in several other similar cases.

**April L. Woodard**, 31, of Vantrease Road, and **Thomas A. Green**, 31, of Alsdale Road in Mt. Juliet, are presently accused of robbing a man at his 860 Murfreesboro Pike apartment after coming to his door, announcing "Police" and displaying a badge. The victim did not know either defendant. They are also charged with robbing a man at his Days Inn motel room at 821 Murfreesboro Pike after announcing themselves as police officers and demanding that the victim open his door.

**Woodard** and **Green** are also charged with aggravated burglary, fraudulent use of a credit card and theft in connection to an apartment break-in at 1000 Thompson Place on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Surveillance video shows the couple using the victim's credit card at an ATM machine after the burglary.

East Precinct Flex officers arrested **Woodard** and **Green** on June 14<sup>th</sup> after spotting their Nissan Altima at a Dickerson Pike motel. The officers waited for them to emerge from their room and took them into custody. Seized during the arrest were a security guard type badge, a fake gun, multiple cell phones suspected of being stolen, a crowbar and flashlights. Accompanying the couple and also arrested was **Jeremy D. Felts**, 31, of Plus Park Boulevard. He is also charged with taking part in robbing the victim at 860 Murfreesboro Pike.

Detectives from the Hermitage, South and Madison Precincts are conducting this investigation.

## North

Accused double murderer James Lee Simpson surrendered himself on June 25<sup>th</sup> at police headquarters.

Simpson, 29, of Katie Avenue, is charged in the June 7<sup>th</sup> fatal shootings of Keon Hawkins, 32, and his stepson, Kemontanez Armstrong, 22, during an apparent exchange of gunfire outside a house at 1300 Bessie Avenue in North Nashville.

Coordinated police work led to the arrest of a gunman accused of robbing three persons during the early morning hours of June 8<sup>th</sup> in two separate hold-ups.

Manolito Jemison, 20, is accused of robbing a man and woman at 1:15 a.m. after they left work at the Rock Bottom Brewery, 111 Broadway. They were walking across the Shelby Street pedestrian bridge when Jemison allegedly approached them and demanded their belongings at gunpoint. The woman gave him her cell phone which he threw off the bridge into the river. The male victim handed him his cash. Jemison fled on a purple bicycle.

The second victim reported that he was walking home from work at 2 a.m. when he was approached by Jemison on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North near Jefferson Street. Jemison allegedly demanded the victim's belongings at gunpoint. The victim fled on foot to a nearby gas station on Jefferson Street and called police.

Officers responded and began searching for the suspect. The victim from the second robbery, who was being driven home by a police officer, then spotted the suspect on Rosa L. Parks Boulevard. Jemison was taken into custody. A handgun and cash were recovered from Jemison's pockets. He was positively identified by all three victims.

At the time of his arrest, Jemison was free on \$6,000 bond after his May 31<sup>st</sup> arrest for theft and evading arrest. He is now charged with three counts of aggravated robbery and unlawful possession of a handgun due to a 2015 domestic violence conviction. Jemison, of Jennings Street, is being held in lieu of \$310,000 bond.

Sergeant Mitch Kornberg attended a Metro Schools event at Watkins Park that celebrated male role models.



## Central

Central Precinct Commander John Drake greets visitors & officers at the CMA Music Festival.



## Midtown Hills

On a recent hot day, Midtown Hills Precinct officers (Chief Anderson included) served ice cream to the Edgemoor community.



## **South**

Members of the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force arrested a second suspect in the February 11<sup>th</sup> fatal shooting of Corvel Conley, 21, inside a car at the intersection of Rural Hill Road and Bridgecrest Drive.

Jary Martinez, 20, was taken into custody without incident in Murfreesboro on a grand jury indictment charging him with first-degree murder and especially aggravated robbery.

Chad Edwards, 21, was arrested earlier at a Hickory Highlands Drive apartment on a grand jury indictment charging him with two counts of first-degree murder and especially aggravated robbery.

The investigation was led by South Precinct Detective Lori Gross. No additional arrests are expected in this case.

### **The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for April 2016.**

#### **Police**

East Precinct Officer Matthew Cammarn

#### **Patrol**

East Precinct Officer Joshua Hausman  
Central Precinct Officer Justin Fox

#### **Investigator**

Central Precinct Detective Brent Fisher

#### **Special Operations**

Canine Officer Tommy Smith

### **Specialized Investigations Division**

An intense two-year joint investigation by the MNPD's Major Case Task Force (Specialized Investigations Division), TBI, DEA, U.S. Homeland Security and the Nashville District Attorney's Office has led to the June 15<sup>th</sup> dismantling of a high-grade marijuana grow and distribution network operated locally by Cuban nationals.

More than a dozen search warrants were executed, six in Nashville and others in Putnam, Cannon, Bedford, Macon, Sumner, Lewis and DeKalb Counties. Active indoor marijuana grow operations were located in rural Macon, Lewis, and DeKalb Counties and removed.

Eleven persons were taken into custody and were charged with engaging in a large scale marijuana distribution conspiracy. They are identified as:

- Pedro Martin, 28, arrested at 254 Bohanan Lane, Lafayette, Tennessee;
- Luis Rego Jr., 32, arrested at 950 Longview Road, Shelbyville, Tennessee;
- Hector Ruiz, 28, arrested at 413 Barkley Court, Nashville;
- Luis Lopez, 25, arrested at 413 Barkley Court, Nashville;
- Luis Rego Sr., 54, arrested at 108 Sanitarium Road, Nashville;
- Carlos Landerio, 25, arrested at 100 Star Boulevard, Nashville;
- Holly Furlough, 23, arrested at 119 Cude Lane, Nashville;
- Humberto Perez, 28, arrested at 3120 Firelight Trail, Nashville;
- Nelson Perez, 43, arrested at 3120 Firelight Trail, Nashville;
- Israel Martinez, 58, arrested at 6380 Sulfer Ridge, Baxter, Tennessee;
- Alexis Ravelo, 51, arrested at 602 Larkin Springs Road, Nashville.

Already arrested was Leslye Hernandez, 26, of 119 Cude Lane, Furlough's husband. He is in the custody of federal immigration officials.

This drug venture is alleged to have been headed locally by Pedro Martin and Luis Rego Jr. The investigation shows that the co-conspirators set up indoor marijuana grow operations in unsuspecting parts of rural Middle Tennessee. The harvested marijuana was then distributed in Nashville and the surrounding area. This was an extremely lucrative venture. Investigators believe some of the proceeds were sent to Miami associates of some of the defendants.

Seized during the execution of the search warrant at Barkley Court in Nashville were 15 pounds of processed marijuana, 3.2 pounds of marijuana budder, five guns, \$84,789 cash, two vehicles, and electronics.

Seized during the execution of the search warrant at 224 Bohanon Lane in Macon County were 52 marijuana plants, 2.5 pounds of processed marijuana and \$50,000 cash.

Seized during the execution of the search warrant at 194 Timberline Road in Lewis County were 224 marijuana plants.

Seized during the execution of the search warrant at 1117 Poss Road in DeKalb County were 44 marijuana plants.

Other agencies taking part in this investigation include the Drug Task Forces from the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Districts, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, the Cannon County Sheriff's Office, and the Governor's Task Force on Marijuana Eradication.

The seizure of more than \$20 million from a Miami, Florida home on June 28<sup>th</sup> was an offshoot of the Cuban marijuana trafficking investigation.

The owner of the Miami home, Luis Hernandez-Gonzalez, 44, had been identified as having an apparent role in the Tennessee-based marijuana grow/trafficking operation during the course of the still continuing joint investigation by the MNPd's Major Case Task Force

(Specialized Investigations Division), Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Nashville District Attorney's Office, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Homeland Security. Representatives of the MNPD, TBI, Nashville District Attorney's Office, and Nashville DEA were in Miami recently in furtherance of this case. Hernandez-Gonzalez remains under investigation locally. He is jailed in Miami on money laundering and gun charges.



A two-month drug trafficking investigation led by the Major Case Task Force assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division led to the June 1<sup>st</sup> seizure of 47 kilograms (103.4 pounds) of cocaine valued at more than \$2 million and the arrests of five men who are charged with engaging in a cocaine distribution conspiracy. The cocaine originated in Mexico and was destined for the streets of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

Jailed in lieu of \$500,000 bond are:

- Kevin Hernandez, 39, of Hamilton Church Road, Antioch;
- Mauricio Francisco Valdez, 37, of Cedar Crest Drive, Nashville;
- Gildardo Roque (also known as Ruben Vicente), 37, of Cynthia Court, Mt. Juliet;
- Gerardo Luis Vale-Lopez, 32, of Laurel Cove, Lavergne; and
- Ricardo Jerome Lang, 45, of Vanderhorst Drive in Nashville.

In April, detectives developed information that Hernandez, Valdez, Roque and Vale-Lopez had arranged for and received more than 60 kilograms of cocaine. The investigation ultimately revealed that most of the cocaine was being stored inside a vehicle at the rural Tranham Road property of an unsuspecting relative of one co-conspirator. Also seized Wednesday were \$26,112 cash, 3 rifles and 3 pistols.

Interestingly, Lang was convicted in a felony cocaine case in February of this year and was received a probated 10-year sentence. Roque was convicted in a felony cocaine case in 2006 and received a sentence of 13 years, six months. Hernandez was arrested in a 2000 felony marijuana distribution case and received a sentence of 15 years.



Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives on June 8<sup>th</sup> were conducting surveillance in the Publix parking lot located at 2324 Lebanon Pike when they observed Megan Ladd and Ryan Bowden, both 20, conducting drug transactions. Their one-year-old child was in the couple's vehicle.

Bowden admitted that he was in the parking lot to sell heroin. Ladd had marijuana on her person. Seized during a search of the couple's vehicle were 26 grams of methamphetamine,

seven grams of heroin, 14 broken pieces of Xanax, five oxycodone pills, two grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia (scales and needles), and \$1,176 cash.

Bowden and Ladd, of Goodlettsville, are each charged with four counts of felony drug possession, marijuana possession, and child endangerment.



### **Special Operations Division**

Work by the Special Response Team and detectives throughout the city to locate suspected serial gun-toting robber Leon Kilpatrick resulted in Kilpatrick's June 1<sup>st</sup> apprehension at 806 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Court. Kilpatrick, 54, a convicted felon, is believed to have committed at least eight armed robberies and three attempted robberies at a variety of Nashville businesses since mid-May. The robberies took place within multiple precincts. The investigation was coordinated by Midtown Hills Precinct Detective Brittany Shoemith.

During a search of the S. 8<sup>th</sup> Court apartment, detectives recovered wigs and clothing that link Kilpatrick to the robberies.

Twelve robbery arrest warrants have now been issued against Kilpatrick in the following cases:

- May 29, Shell, 601 Fesslers Lane (attempted) (warrant issued);
- May 24, Walmart, 7044 Charlotte Pike, at 5:45 p.m. (warrant issued);
- May 23, Dollar General, 1118 Dickerson Pike, at 9 p.m. (warrant issued);
- May 21, Family Dollar, 1000 Woodland Street, at 6:35 p.m. (warrant issued);
- May 18, Family Dollar, 2935 Nolensville Pike, at 7:10 p.m. (attempted) (warrant issued);
- May 18, Family Dollar, 836 Dickerson Pike, at 4:55 p.m. (warrant issued);
- May 16, Dollar Tree, 1109 Murfreesboro Pike, at 6:25 p.m. (warrant issued);
- May 16, Kroger, 2615 Franklin Road, at 8:45 a.m. (warrant issued);
- May 15, Dollar General, 2101 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, at 8:55 p.m. (warrant issued);

- May 15, Walmart, 2421 Powell Avenue, at 8:35 p.m. (attempted) (warrant issued);
- May 14, Walmart, 4040 Nolensville Pike, at 8:15 p.m. (2 warrants issued).

Kilpatrick, who has 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder and robbery convictions in his past, is jailed in lieu of \$625,000 bond.

Fatal crash investigators on June 2<sup>nd</sup> charged Ference Molner with vehicular homicide by intoxication for the May 31<sup>st</sup> collision on Bell Road that claimed the life of motorcyclist Stanley Wisner, 60.

The investigation showed that Molner, 68, was traveling west on Bell Road in his 1993 GMC pickup truck when he attempted to turn left onto Old Hickory Boulevard. Molner failed to yield the right of way and collided with the eastbound motorcycle. Wisner, of Eulala Circle, was transported to Vanderbilt Medical Center where he died two days later.

Molner, who appeared extremely intoxicated, was unaware that he had been in a crash. He admitted to drinking prior to the collision. Officers located two open bottles of liquor inside Molner's vehicle. After performing poorly on initial field sobriety tasks, Molner refused to continue.

Molner, of Murfreesboro Pike, was initially charged with vehicular assault, driving on a revoked license, open container violation, and not providing evidence of insurance.

Molner has a prior DUI conviction in Sumner County.

Officers on June 3<sup>rd</sup> charged Ricky Lamont Soward with possessing a hoax hazardous device at the United States Post Office branch at 1718 Church Street.

A citizen checking his post office box noticed an unattended backpack with wires protruding from it inside the facility. Officers responded and located Soward inside the post office. He is homeless and recently arrived in Nashville. The Hazardous Devices Unit ultimately determined that the backpack did not contain explosives but was fashioned to be a hoax device.

Soward has a 2012 conviction for a similar circumstance in Minnesota.

Five MNPD canine officers on May 26<sup>th</sup> earned certification during evaluations in Clarksville, Tennessee, under the United States Police Canine Association Certification Rules and Regulations.

All five teams were evaluated in Obedience, Agility, Evidence Search, Suspect Search and Criminal Apprehension events.



**Pictured from (l-r) are Canine Officers Jerry Denton, Walter Cothran, Randy Jones, Mike Mendenhall, Stephen Holland, and head-trainer Mark Sydenstricker.**

Traffic Unit Officers Samuel Johnson and Don Davidson on June 18<sup>th</sup> attended the Christ Church YMCA Healthy Living Project at the Stonebrook Apartments where they shared with residents the importance of driver safety, proper installation of child safety seats, and tips if they are ever involved in a crash.



Police helicopter pilots landed at East Park on June 20<sup>th</sup> and gave a presentation to young persons.



### **Domestic Violence Division**

Detectives and counselors participated in the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Lethality Assessment Program in collaboration with the YWCA, Office of Family Safety, and other stakeholders.

The program is an innovative strategy to prevent domestic violence homicides and serious injuries by providing law enforcement and other community professionals with tools to identify high risk victims and provide them with the assistance they need.



Crisis Counselor Kim Page and Detective Atif Williams provided information and resource guides to women at the Nashville Rescue Mission.



The Domestic Violence Unit, in partnership with the District Attorney's Office, has formed DANDO VALOR, which means giving strength/giving value. Members attended the El Protector Health Fair.



**Pictured (l-r) are Team Leader Ana Escobar, Assistant DA Lody Limbird, DA Victim Witness Coordinator Grace Guerra Woolbright, MNP Domestic Violence Counselor Janisca Williams, and MNP Sergeant Alfredo Arevalo.**

## Retirement Celebration

Officer Johnny Wheeler celebrated 35 years of service



**Officer Johnny Wheeler (right) with his son, Sergeant John Wheeler Jr., after receiving a plaque commemorating his MNPD service.**

### Congratulations:

Officer Brad McGrath, South Precinct, and his wife welcomed their son, Lucas Sean McGrath.

Officer Mike Schlegel, Central Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Adelyn Grace Schlegel, on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Officer Charles (Sawyer) Eaton, West Precinct, and his wife, Lindsey, welcomed their son, Sawyer Wyatt Eaton, on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Officer Craig Amabile, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Lindsay, welcomed their son, Jude Carson Amabile, on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Blaine Ray, Strategic Development Division, and his wife, Karen, welcomed their son, Simon Augustus Ray, on June 28<sup>th</sup>.



## **Condolences:**

Edgar Ross, the grandfather of Sergeant Keith McNamara, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away.

Barbara Tenpenny, the mother of Officer Jeff Massey, Inspections Division, passed away on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Luther C. Parker (age 109), the grandfather-in-law of Sergeant Lawrence Brown, East Precinct, passed away on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

WWII Veteran William Bazuin, the grandfather of Detective Jason Door, Domestic Violence Division, passed away on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Retired Detective Kevin Chapman passed away on June 13<sup>th</sup>. He retired in 2007 after 30 years of service.

Richard J. Polehna, the grandfather of Detective Daniel Kordie, Madison Precinct, passed away on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dominic Carini, the stepfather of Officer Thomas Bowden, Evidence & Storage, passed away.

Retired Officer Phil Shuler passed away on June 18<sup>th</sup>. He retired in 2013 after 23 years of service.

William Albert Grisham, the grandfather of Sergeant Paul Smith, East Precinct, passed away on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pam Zeruth, the sister of Officer Christopher Higdon, North Precinct, passed away.

Harmon Steyer, the grandfather of Lieutenant Josh Blaisdell, West Precinct, passed away on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jean Ott, the grandmother of Officer Kevin Ott, Central Precinct, passed away.

Decorated Korean War veteran James L. Wilfred, the father-in-law of Barbara Wilfred, Custom Services, passed away. Mr. Wilfred was preceded in death by Barbara's husband, James Mark Wilfred.