



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



I am deeply appreciative of the continuous exceptional work being done by police department employees throughout the city. I think it is very important that we pause at least once a quarter to honor the men and women whose dedication to service resulted in them being named officers, investigators or professional support employees of the month. The recognition ceremony in January is always special in that, in addition to celebrating accomplishments during the fourth quarter of 2012, we celebrate our Employees of the Year. Our department is

extremely well represented by our coworkers who received those awards this morning:

- Officer Faye Denson, who was shot last November while pursuing a gunman in East Nashville, is the Police Officer of the Year.
- Officer Nicholas Kulp, who apprehended an armed murder suspect last March after chasing him for several blocks and over a barbed wire fence, is the Patrol Officer of the Year.
- Detectives Johnny Crumby and Andrew Injaychock, who were primarily responsible for the identification and indictment of eleven murder or attempted murder suspects apprehended in a special operation last May, are the Field Operations Bureau's Investigators of the Year.
- Detective Mark Anderson, whose outstanding investigation of the Kurdish Pride Gang resulted in the first gang injunction ever in Tennessee, is the Investigative Services Bureau's Investigator of the Year.
- Officer Dale Becraft (Canine Unit), who found three hiding jewelry store robbery suspects after they fled into Nashville from Williamson County, is the Special Operations Division Officer of the Year.
- Mr. Phillip Smith, a former Detroit police officer who does an excellent job handling medical billing for IOD issues and annual police physicals in the Administrative Services Bureau's Safety Office, is the Professional Support Employee of the Year.

I am proud of these seven individuals. Please congratulate them as you have the opportunity.

I should note that the consistently outstanding work throughout our four bureaus makes for difficult decisions in the selection of employees of the month and year. That, however, is a good problem to have.

Thank you all for your efforts and commitment to the safety of Nashville's families and visitors.



**Police officer of the Year Faye Denson**



**Patrol Officer of the Year Nicholas Kulp**



**Field Operations Investigators of the Year  
Johnny Crumby and Andrew Injaychock**



**Special Operations Officer of the Year  
Dale BeCraft**



**Professional Support Employee of the Year  
Phillip Smith**

- *Detective Mark Anderson, the Investigative Services Bureau's Investigator of the Year for 2012, is not pictured due to his undercover work.*

## Happenings

FBI Supervisory Special Agent Matt Dunn today presented Director's Certificates to Officer Chris Tuberville and Sergeant Scott Billingsby for their work in the apprehension of a bank robber last September. East Precinct Officer Tuberville was heading home from an off-duty traffic control job when he came upon a Buick sedan that matched the description of the getaway car. Officer Tuberville stopped the vehicle with backup from North Precinct Sergeant Billingsby and his team. The suspect turned out to be a serial robber.



**Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. Billingsby, Chief Anderson, Officer Tuberville, and FBI Special Agent Matt Dunn**

Identification Division Captain Karl Roller presented members of Technical Investigations with Chief's coins for their tireless efforts in processing a very difficult crime scene following a triple-homicide in West Nashville.



**Pictured back row (l-r) are Larry Farnow, Lt. Frank Ragains, Chief Anderson, Captain Karl Roller, Charles Linville and Lorita Marsh. Pictured front row (l-r) are Felicia Evans, Lisa Addelman and Sgt. Danny Orr.**

## **Former Deputy Chief Louise Kelton Recognized for Her 32 Years of Service**

On January 11<sup>th</sup> former Deputy Chief Louise Kelton, a 32-year Nashville police department veteran, was honored during a ceremony in the community room at the North Precinct's Bodenhamer building on her retirement from the MNPD as the result of her appointment by President Obama to be Middle Tennessee's United States Marshal.



**Mayor Karl Dean presents former Deputy Chief Kelton with a framed proclamation honoring her career.**



**Chief Anderson expresses his appreciation for former Deputy Chief Kelton's service and friendship.**



**Former Police Chief Emmett Turner recognized former Deputy Chief Louise Kelton for her contributions to law enforcement.**



**100 Club President Reed Trickett congratulates former Deputy Chief Kelton on her appointment as Middle Tennessee's United States Marshal.**

## **The Precinct News**

### **South**

Commander Paul Trickey presented Captain Mike Alexander with a commemorative plaque and an American flag that had flown outside the South Precinct in appreciation of Captain Alexander's outstanding leadership during his five-year tenure as Commander of the South Precinct.



**Pictured (l-r) are Commander Paul Trickey and Captain Mike Alexander.**

Commander Trickey introduced himself to the many community groups and organizations that comprise the South Precinct.



### **Central, Hermitage & North**

Coordinated police work led to the arrest of convicted felon Marcus Kirkland, 46, aka "Kool-Aid" less than one hour after he allegedly stabbed and robbed a 44-year-old acquaintance in the 2400 block of Burch Street.

The victim told detectives a man he knew as "Kool-Aid" stabbed him just after 5 p.m., took his wallet, and fled in a blue Ford pick-up truck with faded paint. Less than one hour later, undercover officers stopped the suspect vehicle on South 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Shelby Avenue after Kirkland sold cocaine to a police operative. During the stop, officers learned Kirkland, who is homeless, was a person of interest in the earlier incident.

During an interview with North Precinct detectives, Kirkland admitted to smoking drugs with the victim prior to the stabbing. Hermitage and Central Precinct undercover officers recovered cocaine, drug paraphernalia and a large knife from the pick-up. Kirkland is charged with attempted criminal homicide, aggravated robbery and felony cocaine possession in a drug-free school zone. Kirkland, who has previous cocaine possession convictions, is being held in lieu of \$237,000 bond.

## West

Close cooperation between security staff at the Mall of Green Hills and West Precinct Flex officers resulted in the arrest of three persons who are accused of shoplifting thousands of dollars in merchandise from several stores, including Victoria's Secret, Burberry, Kate Spade and J. Crew.

Officers stopped a blue Chevrolet Malibu with a temp tag on Hillsboro Pike near I-440 after seeing the driver, Charmette Pitts, texting while behind the wheel, and after noting that the car matched the description of one reported by mall security to contain alleged shoplifters. A consent search of the Malibu revealed a variety of merchandise with price tags and security sensors still attached, as well as tools used to remove sensors.

Pitts, 41, and passengers Audrieanna Johnson, 22, and Rico Brown, 18, admitted to stealing. They are charged with three counts each of felony theft, one count of misdemeanor theft and possession of theft tools. In addition, Johnson, of University Court, and Brown, of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, are fugitives from Paducah, Kentucky, where they are wanted for shoplifting.

Pitts, of Marshal Street, is currently on probation for felony aggravated assault and theft convictions in Nashville from 2009. Her record also reflects felony theft convictions from Williamson and Sevier Counties. She is being held in lieu of \$55,000 bond. Johnson is jailed in lieu of \$305,000 bond. Brown's bail is set at \$285,000.

The investigation continues and additional charges are anticipated.



**Merchandise recovered from accused shoplifters.**

## Interdiction Unit

A North Carolina man's plan to market 29 pounds of marijuana he purchased a few days ago in California was foiled by his traffic violations on I-40 in Nashville.

Interstate Interdiction Unit Officer Thomas Spence stopped a silver Toyota RAV4 on I-40 east near Bellevue at 3 p.m. for following a tractor-trailer too closely and swerving. The SUV turned out to be a rental vehicle with a Colorado license plate. As he walked up to the vehicle, Officer Spence saw two full black duffle bags in the back floorboard, luggage on the back seat and a used airline boarding pass in the center console. Paperwork for the Toyota showed that it was rented in Sacramento, California, on January 18<sup>th</sup> and was due in Raleigh, North Carolina, on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

The driver of the vehicle, Chad Eric Bugg, 44, of Wendell, North Carolina, initially told Officer Spence that he was traveling across the country doing roofing estimates. When Spence asked Bugg if he could check the duffle bags, Bugg agreed, stepped back and began to shake his head. Inside the two duffle bags on the floorboard and a third with the spare tire were a total of 29 vacuum sealed bags of marijuana weighing about one pound each. Bugg subsequently admitted to flying from North Carolina to California with \$38,000 in his carry-on luggage to purchase marijuana, which he planned to resell for a nice profit back in North Carolina.

Bugg is charged with felony possession of marijuana for resale. He's confined to the Metro Jail in lieu of \$150,000 bond.



**Seized marijuana.**

## Records Division

2012 Central Records Division Employees of the Month



**Pictured front row (l-r) are Sarah Rucker, Suzanne Brown and Sarah Martin. Pictured back row (l-r) are David Brewington, Natoshia Phillips, Mandy Jinnette, Blenda Flatt, Lisa Mays and Tonetta Threadgill. 2012 Records Employees of the Month not pictured are Mike Martin, Mary Brooks and Sharla Beasley**

2012 Central Records Division Employee of the Year  
Mandy Jinnette



**Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson, Captain Michelle Richter, Mandy Jinnette and Deputy Chief Todd Henry**

## Session 70



**Chief Anderson notifies new Sergeants Jim Hickman and Julie Kuchenbecker of their promotions in the classroom with Session 70.**



**The following officers in the Field Operation Bureau were chosen Investigator, Patrol, Police and Special Operations Officer of the Month for December 2012**

**Patrol Officer of the Month**

North Precinct Officer Raymond Flaherty IV

**Police Officer of the Month**

Madison Precinct Officer Michael Sofer

**Investigator of the Month**

Hermitage Precinct Detective Ricky Stewart

**Special Operations Officer of the Month**

Aggressive Driving Unit Officer Burl Johnson

**The following civilians were chosen Employees of the Month for October, November and December 2012**

**October**

Human Resource Division Administrator Nina Adkins

**November**

Criminal Warrants Division Police Operations Coordinator Jamie Thompson

**December**

Safety Division Police Operations Coordinator Phillip Smith

**Congratulations:**

Officer Robert Shelton, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Elaine, are the proud parents of Max Anderson Shelton.

Officer Jared Eaves, Central Precinct, and his wife, Amanda, are the proud parents of Ashley Mae Eaves born on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Officer Charles Wakefield, East Precinct, and his wife, Amy, are the proud parents of William Nolan Wakefield born on January 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Condolences:**

Robert Grady Shotwell, the grandfather of Robert Shotwell, South Precinct, passed away on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The father of Sergeant Charles Harrison, East Precinct, passed away on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lorenzo Dow "L.D." Vincion, the father of Officer Phil Vincion, East Precinct, passed away on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Walker, the grandmother of Trainee Craig Amabile, Session 70, passed away on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Henry McElroy, the father-in-law of Lori McElroy, School Crossing Section, passed away on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Margaret Ward Shult, the grandmother of property guard William Parrish, passed away on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The grandfather of Sergeant Morgan Ford, Central Precinct, passed away on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Helen Bowden, grandmother of Officer Christopher Bowden, West Precinct, passed away.

Estes Vinson, the father of Lieutenant Doug Vinson, passed away on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **FYI:**

United States Army Private First Class Jacob Davenport, the son of East Precinct Detective Rex Davenport, is in training to become a guard at the Tomb of Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Jacob is following in the footsteps of his great-uncle, retired Colonel Talmadge Gilley Jr., who served as a Tomb Sentinel from July 1957 until August 1958.



**Private Jacob Davenport visits the gravesite of his great-uncle, retired Colonel Talmadge Gilley Jr.**