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News from the Chief



During my conversations with precinct commanders, supervisors, officers and the community during 2011, I stressed the proven correlation between lawful vehicle stops and crime interdiction. I watched with interest the vehicle stop numbers throughout the year, and I want to thank you for realizing the importance of this law enforcement tool. Through December 31, officers of this police department made 388,702 vehicle stops throughout Davidson County, a 25% increase from 2010. As a result of these stops, there were 28,184 arrests for various law violations. We arrested nearly 3,000 more persons in 2011 as the result of vehicle stops than we did in the previous year. Many of you have heard me say that I am keenly interested in vehicle stops, NOT the number of tickets being

written. During calendar year 2011, 80% of the motorists stopped received warnings. A number of citizens over the past several months have expressed to me their appreciation for the professional and courteous interaction from officers during vehicle stops. I am counting on your continued reliance on lawful and professional vehicle stops during 2012 as we work to enhance the safety of Nashville's streets and neighborhoods.

As you may have heard, the crime of murder in Nashville decreased in 2011 to its lowest level in 45 years. There were 51 UCR (Uniform Crime Report) murders in 2011, compared to 60 in 2010. I firmly believe that your partnership with the more than 500 neighborhood watch groups in our city, and our work with the clergy through the volunteer chaplain program, is a major factor in making Nashville safer.

This police department's support from the community was clearly evident at 6:30 a.m. last Sunday, New Year's Day, when a number of citizens and elected officials joined us for the first-ever roll call at the new Madison Precinct on Myatt Drive. The temporary quarters for the Madison Precinct are twice the size of the old West Precinct building. General Services did a very good job in making the temporary office space ready while work continues next door on the permanent home for the precinct and crime laboratory.

Our seven precinct commanders will be working on refining various crime fighting strategies to keep crime down and improve neighborhood quality of life in 2012. I thank all of

you, sworn officers and members of our professional support staff, for your many accomplishments during 2011 and your dedication to making 2012 even better.



Chief Steve Anderson welcomes members of the Madison community to the first-ever roll call at the Madison Precinct.



Madison Precinct Commander Brian Johnson told community members that he and his team look forward to closely working with them to address crime and quality of life issues.

Happenings

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson Wednesday welcomed the 50 police officer trainees who make up Recruit Session 67. Session 67 began training on Tuesday. Graduation is set for June 4th.

The 50 trainees represent 16 states and one foreign country (The Congo in Central Africa).



“You all will find Nashville and its citizens very welcoming and their support of our police department to be very strong,” Mayor Dean told the trainees. “The training process you have undertaken will not be easy. But, if you remain determined and persevere, the career path you have chosen will be very rewarding, both personally and professionally.



“You are joining the police department at a very exciting time,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “Thanks to Mayor Dean’s support, our aggressive hiring program is continuing and each of you will receive the expert training and tools you need to be most effective in serving Nashville’s families.”



Session 67

After welcoming Session 67, Mayor Dean and Chief Anderson congratulated Training Academy staff for their role in earning the coveted Tri-Arc Award from the Commission on Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). Nashville is just one of eight cities recognized for

having concurrent CALEA accreditation for their law enforcement, public safety communications and public safety training agencies.



Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Anderson hold the Tri-Arc Award with MNP Training staff pictured (l-r) Officer Clint Gilleland, Officer Greg Lee, Joe Daniel, Lt. Bill Sneed, Captain Harmon Hunsicker, Officer Marshall Willis, Chief Anderson, Mayor Dean, Officer Tiffany Rhea, Sgt. John Boese, Officer Jim Hickman, Officer Mike Fisher, Lt. Jason Starling and Sgt. Marjorie Haworth.

Second Harvest Food Drive

More than 62,000 pounds of food, enough for 48,800 meals for Davidson County families, **an increase of eleven percent over last year**, was collected for the Second Harvest Food Bank during the Metro Government food drive led by Mayor Karl Dean.

During a news conference on December 20th, Dean recognized the MNP for winning the Mayor's Cup in a contest between the Fire Department and Police Department over who would contribute the most food. Police employees averaged 3.24 pounds of food donated per person for a total of 6,072 pounds of food.

The Police Department was also recognized for a **79 percent increase** in the weight of food products donated compared to last year.



Deputy Chief Damian Huggins accepts the Mayor's Cup on behalf of the MNPD.



For the second year, Mayor Dean challenged Governor Haslam to a friendly “food fight” to encourage metro and state employees to donate to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Christmas Basket Delivery







The Precinct News

Hermitage

Accused robber and kidnapper Steven Chadwick Miller is jailed in lieu of \$200,000 bond.

Miller, 27, of Valley Grove Drive in Hermitage, was arrested in Mt. Juliet and is accused of robbing two men after helping them change a car battery outside the Lebanon Road Wal-Mart.

Miller is a suspect in other Hermitage area personal robberies.

Jonathan Boyd is jailed on a charge of attempted murder for last Friday afternoon's drug-related shooting in the parking lot of the Mapco convenience market at the intersection of Old Hickory Boulevard and Dodson Chapel Road in the Hermitage Precinct.

Boyd, 27, is accused of shooting Bradley Bowie, 19, as the result of a marijuana deal that went awry.

The investigation by Detective Mitch Burgess shows that Bowie and a friend, Wesley Stocks, 19, traveled to the Hermitage area to buy marijuana from Boyd. The parties met near the Mapco. Stocks and Bowie drove away with approximately two ounces of marijuana without paying. Shortly thereafter, Stocks drove into the Mapco parking lot. Boyd and an unknown individual pulled in seconds later and Boyd is alleged to have fired into Stocks' vehicle, wounding Bowie. Bowie was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center for treatment.

Boyd is being held in lieu of \$350,000 bond.

Stocks was charged this week with possession of marijuana for resale in this case. He was released after posting \$2,500 bail.

South

The admitted gunman in the December 26th robbery of the Shell Convenience Market at 1110 Bell Road surrendered at police headquarters Sunday and has been booked on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Kevon Lamar Wilson, 21, of Kirkwood Avenue, told South Precinct detectives where to find the pistol. It was recovered.

Wilson's co-defendant, Derontae Teasley, 18, surrendered to detectives two days after the robbery. Teasley was identified by the Shell clerk as the man who punched him in the head during the robbery while Wilson held the gun.

An alert neighbor's call to police is directly responsible for the arrest of two men who were found hiding in a closet of the Southcrest Drive home they were burglarizing.

The citizen first saw the burglars outside her neighbor's house at 9:30 a.m., knew they didn't belong there, and called 911. When officers arrived, they found a white SUV parked in the driveway and forced entry to the home. A search of the residence by Detective Phil Klarer, Officer Jason Spencer and Officer Dennis Shepherd led to the discovery of **Charles Brenden Davis, 19, and Alexander G. Warnatzsch, 20**, hiding in a closet. They brought a shotgun inside the home with them. A rifle was found in their car. In addition to this break-in, the two have been tied to the December 27th burglary of a home in the 100 block of Claybrook Drive. Property stolen in that case was recovered from the SUV.

Davis was convicted of three counts of aggravated burglary in 2010. His three three-year sentences were being served through the Community Corrections program.

Three teenage girls are charged with attempting to break into a Dowdy Drive home after a frightened 13-year-old boy inside called police.

The would-be burglars were unaware someone was home when they used a crow bar in an attempt to pry open a rear window just after 12 p.m. The boy heard a banging noise and soon spotted the three teens outside. He called police and provided an excellent suspect description. The girls, two 16-year-olds and a 17-year-old, fled on foot after failing to gain entry into the home.

Quick response by South Precinct Officer Ken Alexandrow led to the suspects' apprehension nearby. The girls admitted they tried to break into the residence. A crow bar and rubber gloves were recovered.

All three suspects attend Cane Ridge High School but were on break. They are each charged in Juvenile Court with attempted aggravated burglary.

East

Travis Harris, 20, who was free on bond in a series of December 2009 hold-ups, is now charged in the attempted robbery of a man who was shot outside his Sharpe Avenue home.

Harris allegedly approached Vincent Vastagh, 28, as he sat on his porch, and demanded Vastagh's belongings at gunpoint. Vastagh reported that when he attempted to grab the

weapon, the suspect fired. Vastagh was struck in his lower midsection. The suspect fled on foot. Vastagh was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he was treated and released.

About two hours after the robbery attempt, East Precinct Officer Jason Wong spotted Harris in the area of the victim's house. After a brief foot pursuit, Harris was taken into custody. During an interview, Harris admitted his involvement in the attempted robbery.

Harris was also served with an outstanding warrant charging aggravated robbery in the November 20 armed hold-up of a woman inside her Porter Road apartment. Harris, of North 5th Street, is now charged with attempted especially aggravated robbery and aggravated robbery.

Harris, who was on probation for a July assault, was free on \$20,000 bond for three counts of aggravated robbery and one count of weapon possession for a series of December 2009 armed hold-ups in South Nashville apartment complex parking lots.

North

Convicted robber James Coss, 23, and Parolee Dusty Krantz, 25, are now charged for their involvement in two hold-ups, The Great Escape at 111 Gallatin Pike in Madison, during which a clerk was stabbed, and Family Dollar at 7244 Whites Creek Pike in Joelton.

Coss allegedly entered The Great Escape at 7 p.m. and began asking Christopher Hargrow questions about memorabilia before demanding cash at knifepoint. During a struggle with the suspect, Hargrow, 36, was stabbed. When a second employee intervened, Coss fled the store empty handed. Hargrow was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he is in stable condition.

Around 8 p.m., a man fitting Coss' description robbed two employees at knifepoint at Family Dollar. According to witnesses, the suspect got into the passenger side of a gray Chevrolet Impala with front end damage.

Just after midnight, North Precinct Officer Eric Mumaw stopped the suspected getaway car in the 100 block of Gallatin Pike. Coss and Krantz, who was driving the Impala, were both taken into custody. Coss was positively identified as the man who robbed The Great Escape.

Coss, of Hermitage, is charged with attempted homicide and aggravated robbery for his suspected involvement in The Great Escape hold-up. He was convicted of aggravated robbery in 2007 and is being held in lieu of \$210,000 bond.

Krantz is charged with two counts of aggravated robbery for his alleged involvement in the Family Dollar incident. He has prior convictions for manufacturing methamphetamine, arson and theft. Krantz remains jailed on \$150,000 bond.

For the second morning in a row, the Thornton's Convenience Market on Myatt Drive was targeted for robbery, and for the second morning in a row, outstanding police work resulted in the apprehension of the suspect.

A gunman robbed the store just before 4:30 a.m. and fled in a silver Honda Accord. The clerk provided good descriptions of the suspect and his getaway car. A short time later, North Precinct Officer Timothy Edwards spotted the Honda near the intersection of State Route 45 and N. Gallatin Pike and initiated a stop. The driver, ex-convict Kevin Keese, had clothing in

the car that matched the robber's. He was subsequently identified by the clerk as the man responsible for the holdup. Keesee, 47, whose record reflects multiple robbery convictions in 1987, 1988 and 1990, is now jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bond on a charge of aggravated robbery.

On Saturday morning, quick response by Officer Joshua Baker led to the apprehension of convicted robber Marvin Avery, 54, for robbing the Thornton's store.

U.S. Marshals arrested Johnny Reeder Thursday in connection with a recent crime spree in which he stands accused of shooting an acquaintance after demanding money from him, burglarizing a Belle Meade home while the owner was asleep and then using the victim's stolen credit cards, and threatening a couple and three children at gunpoint on Christmas day after a run-in with a member of his girlfriend's family.

Reeder is charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, aggravated assault and fraudulent use of a credit card. Reeder, who has previous aggravated assault, theft and drug possession convictions, is being held in lieu of \$240,000 bond.

West

Investigation by West Precinct Detective Shane Stokes led to the arrest of Charles Moreland, 20, on grand jury indictments charging first degree murder and especially aggravated robbery in the July 2nd shooting death of Deadrick Lockridge, 23, outside an apartment building at 1370 Hillside Avenue.

Officers responded to shots fired in the area and found Lockridge, of Acklen Avenue, lying in the parking lot. He died on the scene.

Moreland, who has a prior unlawful handgun possession conviction, was taken into custody without incident at his Edghill Avenue residence. He is being held in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

Central

Quick response and action by officers to a report of a theft at a downtown nightclub led to the recovery of the victim's purse and arrest of Michael Williams, 41.

Video surveillance showed Williams taking the handbag. Further investigation led to his identification. Officers located Williams at a residence where the victim's belongings, including her passport, were recovered and returned to her. The victim, a student, was extremely grateful since she had plans to travel out of the country over the holidays and would have had great difficulty without her passport.

Williams, of Chicago, is charged with felony theft.

Retirement Celebrations

Linda Harper celebrates 23 years of dedicated service.



Captain Mike Hagar presents Linda Harper with a commemorative plaque.

Officer David Read celebrates 34 years of dedicated service.



Commander Michele Donegan presents Officer Read with a commemorative plaque.

Officer Tony Bristol celebrates 25 years of dedicated service.



Deputy Chief Damian Huggins presents Officer Bristol with a commemorative plaque.

Congratulations:

Officer James Jensen and his wife welcomed their second child, James Toren Jensen, on December 16th.



Condolences:

Delbert Bontrager, the grandfather of Officer Joel Bontrager, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on December 15th.

Mary Pearson, the mother of retired Sgt. Louis (Chip) Pearson, passed away on December 17th.

Walter Max Campbell, father of Sergeant John Campbell, North Precinct, passed away on December 21st.

Ruth Turner, the grandmother of Sergeant Brad Turner, West Precinct, passed away on December 29th.

Marjorie Ruth Tomlin, the mother of Dale Tomlin, Central Precinct, passed away on December 28th.

Peggy McCanless, the grandmother of Tricia McCanless, Human Resources, passed away on December 20th.

Robert Hewitt, the father-in-law of Sgt. Christine Hewitt, West Precinct, and father of former Lieutenant Steve Hewitt, currently with Homeland Security, passed away on January 2nd.