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News from the Chief



To give officers and supervisors ample time to plan for their 2013 work schedules, the annual rebid process is anticipated to begin at the end of this month. Lieutenants will bid first, then sergeants and officers. Please take into account the following points, which were relayed a few days ago in an email to employees from Deputy Chief Kelton, as you consider your bid:

- Newly promoted sworn employees who have not yet served one year in their new positions will be restricted from bidding to any precinct where they served in their previous rank during calendar year 2012;
- It would be helpful to review General Order 06-04, particularly the terms “close relationship,” “relative,” “immediate family” and “extended family” prior to casting a bid selection;
- Current Police Officer Ones who expect to attain Police Officer Two status by the end of January 2013 will be permitted to participate in the bid process. In that these employees will effectively be bidding only against each other, it is not anticipated that current Police Officer Twos or Threes will be affected. In the unlikely event that this does occur, adjustments will be made to negate such impact.
- Because the bid process will begin some 60 days prior to January 1, it may be necessary to “true up” precinct allocations because of vacancies created by promotions, transfers, resignations, etc. Should this become necessary, some Police Officer Ones may be reassigned to a specific precinct or shift. Any such reassignments will be made on the basis of seniority.

Any employee requesting that a “hardship” be considered (as provided for in General Order 06-04) should make that request to the appropriate Bureau Chief no later than 8 a.m., Friday, October 19, 2012. Reasonable requests for an extension beyond this deadline will be

considered; however, extension requests must also be submitted in writing by 8 a.m. on Friday, October 19.

In the Field Operations Bureau, personnel assigned to: Motorcycles, Traffic, Bicycles, Flex, CSU, Investigations, El Protector, Community Coordinators, CAP, PACLs, etc., are precluded from bidding for Precinct and will bid for shift (if applicable) at their presently assigned precinct. Personnel in the aforementioned categories who wish to be released from that assignment and participate in the patrol rebid should submit a written request to their precinct commander on or before 8 a.m. on Friday, October 19.

In the officer category, Field Training Officers will bid first. After completion of the FTO bid, the number of slots available for each detail at each precinct will be adjusted prior to the bid by Police Officer Twos & Threes. The following slots will be available to FTOs for the 2013 rebid (to be conducted by seniority):

Central Precinct

A Detail, 2 slots available

B Detail, 4 slots available

C Detail, 2 slots available

All Other Precincts Combined

A Details, 25 slots available

B Details, Unlimited Slots

C Details, Unlimited Slots

Note that with the above specifically enumerated slots, it is not necessary that each be filled.

Sworn personnel currently assigned to the Administrative or Investigative Bureaus who wish to participate in the patrol rebid should also notify their chain of command by 8 a.m. on Friday, October 19 so that their seniority status can be determined.

Regardless of whether you remain in your current assignment or move elsewhere at the start of 2013, I know that the outstanding work you continue to exhibit in 2012 will continue. Thank you to all for everything you do to help Nashville's families and visitors and enhance their safety.

Happenings

The Metro Council on October 2nd presented retired Metro Police Chief Joe Casey with a framed special copy of the recently passed ordinance that calls for the new West Precinct building at 5500 Charlotte Pike to be officially known as the Chief Joe D. Casey Building. Signage at the West Precinct will be installed in the near future.

Chief Casey joined the Nashville police force in 1951. He served as chief from 1973 until his retirement in 1989.



Retired Chief Joe Casey told Metro Council members that naming the West Precinct building for him is the highest honor he had ever received.



Joining retired Chief Casey at the Metro Council meeting were Chief Steve Anderson and West Precinct Commander Marlene Pardue.

Yea Baby's Nightclub Closed for Good

Yea Baby's nightclub at 1204 Murfreesboro Pike, padlocked as a public nuisance last Friday, is closed for good.

During a hearing before Criminal Court Judge Mark Fishburn this afternoon, attorneys representing the operator of the business, Paul Eichel, and the owner of the property, Nancy Cook, agreed to terminate the lease effective immediately.

"This is very good news for the businesses and residents around that part of the Murfreesboro Pike corridor," Chief Steve Anderson said. "This club had negatively impacted the safety of its neighboring community for far too long and was a drain on the resources of the Hermitage Precinct."

The District Attorney's Office filed the public nuisance lawsuit and padlocking order last Friday after an investigation by Hermitage Precinct officers and detectives showed a pattern of persistent fighting, assaults, drug crimes other law violations and breaches of the peace.



Chief Steve Anderson said the peace and safety of the neighborhood necessitated the padlocking action.



Officers changed the sign outside Yea Baby's to make it clear to all that the business is shut down.

National Walk to School Day

Chief Steve Anderson joined Mayor Karl Dean in the National Walk to School parade event held at Cole Elementary School on October 3rd. Hundreds of students, parents, faculty and community leaders participated in the walk from Pitts Park along Tusculum Road to Cole Elementary School.

Everyone joined in a celebration outside the school to promote health and safety.



Meet Us at the Bridge

The Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence honored three Metro officers for their leadership in domestic violence investigations and outreach during the organization's annual Meet Us at the Bridge event Saturday morning, October 6th, on the Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge.

Receiving the Officer Christy Dedman Outstanding Patrol Officer of the Year Award were Officers Jeffrey Cason, Central Precinct, and Michael Buchanan, Hermitage Precinct. This award is named in honor of Officer Christy Dedman, who was stuck by a tractor trailer and killed while assisting a stranded motorist on I-40 in 2004.

Detective Clifton Knight was named the Outstanding Domestic Violence Detective of the Year.



Officers Michael Buchanan, Hermitage Precinct, and Jeffrey Cason, Central Precinct, accept the Officer Christy Dedman Outstanding Patrol Officer of the Year Award.



Domestic Violence Division Captain Kay Lokey

Nashville Chapter of the National Black Police Officers Association Honored for Community Outreach

The Nashville chapter of the National Black Police Officers Association (NBPOA) has been named Outstanding Community Organization for 2012 by the Lay Organization of Lee Chapel AME Church.

The award recognizes the organization's outstanding and consistent community service to the citizens of Nashville including the Thanksgiving basket and Christmas toy programs and annual Dancing for Diabetes and Skating for Sickle Cell fundraisers.

2012 Nashville Heart Walk

Members of the Nashville Police Department, family and friends raised \$8,884 to benefit the American Heart Association during Saturday's Heart Walk.

More than 13,000 participants showed their support by walking and raised over \$1.7 million!



Training Academy Staff and Session 69





Team Madison



Team Hermitage



Team East

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Hermitage Precinct Flex officers were in the right place at the right time to apprehend three accused felons and recover guns and drugs.

Officers were looking for a suspect in an unrelated case in the 600 block of Lewis Street when the driver of a Chevrolet Malibu was seen attempting to leave the area.

As officers converged on the car to see if the wanted person was fleeing, the driver, Jovonte Fitzgerald, 19, quickly put the car in reverse and then accelerated forward, hitting several curbs and blowing all four tires narrowly missing three officers before striking a marked patrol car. The driver and front seat passenger, Raymond Wilson III, 22, bailed from the Malibu but were both soon taken into custody. A third passenger, William Oden, exited the car and surrendered.

Recovered from the Malibu were two handguns, 60 grams of crack cocaine, 25 grams of marijuana and \$2,668 cash.

Fitzgerald, of Claiborne Street, is charged with four counts of aggravated assault against a police officer, cocaine and marijuana possession in a drug-free school zone, felon in possession of a handgun, evading arrest, resisting arrest, leaving the scene of a property damage accident and driving on a suspended license. He has two previous felony drug possession convictions and is being held in lieu of \$213,000 bond.

Wilson, of Buenaview Boulevard, is charged with a crooks with guns law violation, marijuana and cocaine possession in a drug-free school zone, and evading and resisting arrest. He is being held in lieu of \$97,000 bond.

Oden, 23, of Cephas Street, is charged with marijuana and cocaine possession in a drug-free school zone and felon in possession of a handgun. Oden, who has previous convictions for cocaine possession and evading arrest, is being held in lieu of \$90,000 bond.

Orlando Ramon Head was arrested for selling marijuana from the Old Hickory McDonald's restaurant where he worked as a manager.

Investigation by undercover officers assigned to the Hermitage Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit led to the arrest of Head, 38, of Madison, who is charged with selling two ounces of marijuana for \$220 to a police operative. Head is alleged to have accepted the cash at the front counter of the Robinson Road restaurant before directing the operative to an SUV in the parking lot from where the marijuana was retrieved.

Head was sentenced to ten years in 2004 for selling cocaine. He also has convictions for reckless endangerment and aggravated assault in the 1990s.

South

South Precinct detectives have arrested two teenagers for shooting an Antioch man on Apollo Drive Wednesday afternoon while trying to rob him and two of his friends.

Edwin D. Thompson, 16, of Meadow Court, and **Otis Mitchell** 19, of Sycamore Court, are both incarcerated on three counts of especially aggravated robbery (**Thompson** in juvenile detention, **Mitchell** in the Metro Jail).

At 4:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dominique Ismael, 25, and two friends were walking on Apollo Drive near Jason Drive when they were approached by three strangers who asked where they could buy marijuana. When the victims replied they didn't know, one of the strangers, subsequently identified as **Thompson**, pulled a pistol and demanded the victims' property. When the victims said they didn't have any money, **Thompson** is alleged to have opened fire on Ismael. He was hit three times, once in the arm and twice in the legs. The suspects then ran to a silver Honda car with a temp tag and fled. The driver of the car was later determined to be **Mitchell**.

During the investigation Wednesday evening, Detectives Lori Gross and Jeff Polk spotted the Honda and called for a marked patrol car to assist in stopping it. **Mitchell** pulled over on Hickory Hollow Parkway. **Thompson** was also in the car. Both were taken into custody and are under investigation in connection with other South Nashville robberies. Neither would answer detectives' questions.

South Precinct Sergeant Taylor Schmitz and Mounted Patrol officers on October 6th attended the Children's Safety Fair at the Home Depot in Antioch where youngsters and their parents learned safety tips.

Metro Council Members Jacobia Dowell, Duane Dominy and Robert Duvall also attended the event.



East

Outstanding police work led to the arrest of two teens, ages 14 and 16, who are charged with aggravated robbery after two separate street hold-ups near the James Cayce public housing development.

In the first robbery, the victim was walking in the 1000 block of Lenore Street just before 8 p.m. when four suspects robbed her of her wallet and cell phone at gunpoint. The victim immediately notified police from her nearby residence.

Approximately ten minutes later, two men walking in the 500 block of South 13th Street were approached by three suspects who asked them for a cigarette before robbing them at gunpoint of cash, a wallet and cell phone.

East Precinct Officer Laura LaFlamme was in the area looking for the suspects in the first robbery when the two victims from the second hold-up flagged her down and pointed out the fleeing robbers. Officer LaFlamme took two of the suspects, Prentiss Wilkerson, 16, and Fajion Hill, 14, into custody after a brief pursuit. Two handguns were recovered from the teens who were both positively identified as the robbers.

Wilkerson, of South 6th Street, and Hill, of Putnam Drive, are both charged in Juvenile Court with three counts of aggravated robbery each. Efforts continue to identify the remaining suspect(s). Photos of Wilkerson and Hill are being withheld pending lineups in similar cases.

North

An anonymous citizen's tip regarding illegal drug sales at a residence on 14th Avenue North led to the arrest of three men and the seizure of 5.57 ounces of marijuana and a loaded .40 caliber pistol.

Two of the men are charged with marijuana possession in a drug-free school zone and a crooks with guns law violation. The third man was cited for misdemeanor drug possession.

Quick response by North Precinct Flex officers led to the arrest of three teens who are charged with robbing a man in an alley near Bud's Market at 1737 22nd Avenue North.

The 58-year-old victim reported that just before 4 p.m. the three suspects followed him from the store and kicked his cane, causing him to fall to the ground. They then demanded his wallet at gunpoint. The victim complied and the suspects fled on foot.

Officers spotted the teens a short time later and took them into custody. Jhonquis Compton, 15, Dontae Howard, 14, and Rondarius Miller, 15, were positively identified as the robbers. They are each charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery.

Photos of the teens are being withheld pending investigation into similar crimes.

Madison

An alleged teenage weekend crime spree involving the offenses of aggravated rape, aggravated robbery, unlawful gun possession and vehicle theft has been put to an end with Monday night's arrest of the third and last of the suspects, all of whom are Nashville high school students.

Taken into custody at 8:35 p.m. Monday at a residence in the 800 block of Fonnice Drive was **Andrew Jashon Lewis**, 16, who is now incarcerated at juvenile detention on two counts of aggravated rape, two counts of robbery-carjacking, aggravated robbery, kidnapping and other offenses.

Arrested Sunday morning at the intersection of Chesapeake and Moorewood Drives was **William Frazier**, 15, who is incarcerated at juvenile detention on one count of aggravated robbery and other offenses.

Arrested Saturday morning at the intersection of N. Dupont Avenue and Archwood Drive was a 15-year-old who is incarcerated at juvenile detention for auto theft.

The police investigation began Friday evening when a 36-year-old woman walked to the South Precinct to report that she had been robbed and raped by an armed teenager who confronted her late Friday afternoon as she sat at a picnic table in Seven Oaks Park. The victim said that the suspect, who she subsequently identified as **Lewis**, initially sat next to her playing with his phone. She said he then pulled out a gun, robbed her of her belongings, including the keys to her Isuzu Trooper. She reported that the teen forced her into the vehicle and raped her before he drove off leaving her at the park.

On Saturday morning, Madison Precinct Officer John Pryor responded to the 900 block of N. Dupont Avenue after a citizen reported that three teens tried to steal a gas can. It turns out the rape victim's Isuzu Trooper had run out of gas. The 15-year-old, who was identified as the driver of the vehicle, was taken into custody. The two teens with him fled.

A few hours later, a 55-year-old woman was confronted by an armed teenager at the rear of her Roosevelt Avenue home. The teen demanded her purse and car keys. He and an accomplice, both of whom officers believe had fled from the Isuzu, drove off in the victim's Toyota Camry. The suspects subsequently discovered the keys to the victim's Chevrolet TrailBlazer. They returned on Saturday night and stole it.

On Sunday, Officers Pryor and Joe Pennington developed information that the suspects were likely staying in the Chesapeake Drive/Dickerson Pike/Old Hickory Boulevard area and began canvassing those neighborhoods. Officer Pryor came across both the Camry and TrailBlazer parked in front of a home at Moorewood Drive and Village Trail. **Frazier** was in the TrailBlazer and was taken into custody. A person in the Camry, believed to have been **Lewis**, sped away. Minutes later, the Camry was found abandoned on Rainwood Drive.

Monday night, coordinated police work by Officers John Jayne, Brandon Bilbrey and Ted Woosley led to the likely location of **Lewis**. He was taken into custody without incident at the home on Fonnice Drive.

This successful investigation was the result of collaboration between Madison Precinct officers and Sex Crimes Detectives Vickie Dills and Diana McCoy.

West

A successful initiative to combat shoplifting at Nashville West Shopping center has resulted in a substantial decrease in thefts.

One particularly hard hit store reported a 60% reduction in losses in their mid-year inventory report.

Session 69 Gun Range Training





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

Patrol Officer of the Month

Madison Precinct Officer Joseph Snyder

Police Officer of the Month

Hermitage Precinct Craig Bega

Investigator of the Month

Madison Precinct Detective Robert Hanson

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

Patrol Officer of the Month

East Precinct Officer John Tuberville

Police Officer of the Month

Hermitage Precinct Officer Andrew Grega

Investigator of the Month

West Precinct Detectives Michael Moss, William Turbeville and Timothy Weaver

Special Operations Officer of the Month

Special Response Team Officer Robert Doak

From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A Davidson County jury convicted Timothy Bozza of killing his 39-year old estranged wife Veronica. The jury deliberated a little over an hour before reaching the verdict around 5:30pm. Bozza was convicted as charged, of first-degree premeditated murder. The conviction carries a life sentence of at least 51 years in prison.

Veronica Bozza was killed in her Hermitage home on August 29, 2010, after she dropped her son off to her estranged husband for visitation. Shortly after she returned home, Timothy Bozza's friend and co-defendant, Coy Cotham, entered her home and after a struggle with Veronica, shot her multiple times, killing her. Proof during the trial showed that Timothy Bozza agreed to pay Cotham \$10-thousand for him to kill Veronica. The two had talked about what they called a "crisscross" plan, where Cotham would kill Veronica, and Bozza would kill the ex-husband of one of Cotham's girlfriends.

Cotham was convicted in February of first degree murder and especially aggravated robbery, and received a sentence of life plus 25 years in prison.

The friends and family of Veronica Bozza released the following statement in reaction to the October 4th verdict:

Veronica is dearly missed by so many people. Her eternal love for her son was beyond compare. That love was also extended to her family and dear friends in and around the Nashville community. While there are no winners in a horrific and senseless crime such as this, we the family of our beloved Veronica are pleased that the two men responsible for her murder have officially been brought to justice. Now we can all begin to move forward and be a reflection of the love and light that she extended to us during her beautiful life.

This day would not be possible without the tireless efforts of the men and women of the Nashville Metro Police Department, especially lead Detectives Johnny Crumby and Andrew Injaychock. We would also like to thank the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Marshals Service who assisted in the investigation.

Finally our utmost gratitude to the entire Davidson County District Attorneys Office for their dedication, professionalism and tireless pursuit of justice. Special thanks to Deputy District Attorney Tom Thurman, Assistant District Attorneys Katy Miller and Jan Norman, and Victim Witness Coordinator Susan Tucker Smith.

A Nashville jury convicted a man for his role in a 2009 home invasion in which two women were sexually assaulted. Roderick Crosby was found guilty of four counts of aggravated kidnapping, three counts of aggravated robbery, one count of aggravated burglary, one count of unlawful possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and one count of aggravated assault.

The crime occurred in September 2009 in a Bell Road apartment. Gunmen entered the residence and robbed the people inside at gunpoint. Two of the women were sexually assaulted. Crosby was arrested during a vehicle stop in August 2011. His sentencing hearing is set for November 15. Crosby's co-defendant, Kirk Pointer, has already pled guilty to his role in the home invasion and received a 40-year sentence at 100%.

A jury convicted Leonel Lopez of second degree murder in the 2011 beating death of his ex-girlfriend, Anna Cruz.

Cruz was working at the Guadalajara Bar on Old Hickory Boulevard where Lopez and his friends were playing pool. When Cruz tried to close the bar down early, Lopez attacked her. He punched her in the head, which knocked her down, and then continued to kick her. She died several days later.

A sentencing hearing for Lopez is scheduled for November 28th.

Congratulations:

Hermitage Precinct Officer Roy McElwee and his wife are the proud parents of Atticus Finley McElwee, born on September 29th.

Officer Stephen Holland, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Tiffany, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Harper Elizabeth Holland, born on October 7th.



Condolences:

Nydia Reyes, the mother of Officer Anthony Reyes, North Precinct, passed away on September 27th.

Retired Officer Charles “Buddy” Suttle passed away on September 30th.

Catherine Johnson, grandmother of Tonya Sawyers, Inventory Management, passed away on October 1st.

Leah Kathrine “Katy” Currey, daughter of retired Major George Currey, passed away on October 4th.

Retired Officer Ronnie Steele passed away on October 9th.

Chester Larson, the grandfather of Officer Nathaniel Larson, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on October 5th.

Deanna White, the mother-in-law of Officer Brad Williams, South Precinct, passed away unexpectedly due to a tragic house fire in Van Buren, Arkansas.

FYI:

Shred Day

The second of this year’s biannual Community Shred Days has been set for **THIS Saturday, October 13th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds (500 Wedgewood Avenue.**

Shred Day events are designed to help prevent families and businesses from becoming the victims of identity theft, while, at the same time, helping ensure the viability of Nashville’s Crime Stoppers Program.

Middle Tennesseans are welcome to bring all of their sensitive documents they no longer want or need to the fairgrounds (enter from Nolensville Pike) on October 15th, where the paper will be destroyed on the spot by a mobile high-speed cross shredder provided by Shred-it, a Securit Company, the world’s leading on-site document destruction firm. The only cost is a minimum \$5 tax deductible donation to Crime Stoppers per banker box of records. All proceeds will go to Crime Stoppers’ reward fund, which is used to help solve serious felony crimes in the Nashville community.

Detectives from the police department’s Fraud Unit will be on hand to pass out tips on identify theft prevention and to answer any questions from citizens.

Included on the same site will be Crime Stoppers' Pharma Trash Disposal. Metro police officers will collect prescription medications that are outdated and/or no longer needed and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner. It has been estimated that up to 89% of consumers dispose of their medications improperly by putting them in household trash or flushing them down a toilet.

Auto Theft detectives will also be on hand on October 13th offering VIN etching for a minimum \$10 donation to Crime Stoppers. VIN etching involves the use of acid to etch small vehicle identification numbers into every window of the vehicle and is a deterrent to theft.

For 29 years, Nashville Crime Stoppers has provided an avenue for persons to anonymously report information on crimes and criminal suspects to the police department. Literally thousands of tips have been received, resulting in the clearance of more than 200 murders, 700 armed robberies and 300 burglaries. Those tips have also led to the apprehension of more than 4,000 fugitives. Crime Stoppers' reward payout since 1983 totals more than \$530,000. The funds come from donations made by area businesses and individuals. No tax dollars are ever used to pay Crime Stoppers rewards.

The first of this year's Community Shred Days on April 21st raised a total of \$3,555.