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News from the Chief



For more than three decades, Gary Goodwin has dedicated his professional life to this police department and the citizens of Nashville. Today is Gary's last day with us as he transitions to the city of Goodlettsville as its chief of police. He was chosen from a field of 81 applicants, a testament to his strong management abilities and policing skills.

For the past 18 months, Gary has served as the Executive Officer (Captain) in the Field Operations Bureau. He has been of great assistance to Deputy Chief Kelton and me. He has also worked very well with precinct commanders to ensure the cohesive and smooth operation of the police department's largest bureau. Gary's vast experience in a number of police department components and his 24 years as a supervisor (he was promoted to sergeant in 1988) led to his success and, no doubt, to his appointment as Goodlettsville's police chief. Gary's many colleagues and friends filled the East Precinct's community room for a retirement reception on Wednesday. We wish Gary all the best in Goodlettsville and look forward to continuing to work with him to further enhance the safety of that portion of Davidson County.

I will be meeting with the deputy chiefs soon to discuss a successor to Gary in the Field Operations Bureau.



Construction on the building that will house the Madison Precinct and DNA crime laboratory continues to progress. The latest report from the contractor is that precinct and laboratory operations will begin in the new building during the third quarter of 2013.

This year has seen excellent police work both at the precinct level and within our specialized units. Thank you all for your dedication, and please continue your strong efforts in the final month of 2012 to enhance the safety of Nashville's families and visitors.

Happenings

Three members of the MNPD Crime Laboratory's senior management team met with NewsChannel 5 reporter Mark Bellinger outside the construction site on Thursday to explain how science conducted in the building will help Nashville officers solve crime and lead to more timely prosecutions.



Pictured (l-r) are Larry Turner (Toxicology Supervisor), Ray DePriest (Lab Director) and Tabitha Bandy (DNA Supervisor).

Citing her love for Nashville and her continuing strong desire to help people, East Precinct Officer Faye Denson told media representatives on November 20th that she looks forward to returning to full police duties once she is medically cleared.

Officer Denson, a seven-year MNPD veteran, suffered a gunshot wound to her right leg on November 5th while assisting another officer during a foot chase of an 18-year-old armed with a pistol. The man who opened fire on Denson, Eric D. Perkins, was wounded by another officer. Perkins is now jailed on charges of attempted murder, evading arrest and felony unlawful gun possession.

Officer Denson, who returned to the East Precinct for the first time since being shot to speak with the media, expressed her sincere thanks to her colleagues and the citizens of

Nashville for their kind support. Members of the police department have signed up to provide meals to Officer Denson at her home through December.



Officer Faye Denson told media representatives that her gunshot wound is on the mend and she looks forward to resuming her police duties once she's medically cleared. Joining Officer Denson at today's meeting with the media was East Precinct Commander David Imhof.

Gift Cards for Guns Event

South Nashville's first-ever Gift Cards for Guns event was a strong success November 17th as citizens exchanged a total of 91 firearms (76 pistols, 1 sawed-off shotgun and 14 long guns) for \$25 Dollar General gift cards.

The gun turn-in program was held for four hours, 8 a.m.-12 noon, in the parking lot of Tusculum Hills Baptist Church, 4930 Nolensville Pike. Sponsored by Metro Police, Dollar General, Tusculum Hills Pastor Wesley Baldwin, other Nashville clergy and Crime Stoppers, the Gift Cards for Guns program is designed to take unsafe and unwanted firearms out of Nashville's neighborhoods.

“As a result of the third Gift Cards for Guns initiative since last December, a total of 337 firearms are now off the streets and will not find their way back into neighborhoods where they might have fallen into the hands of a criminal or even a child,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “Nashville is safer because of our partnership with outstanding businesses like Dollar General, ministers throughout the community and Crime Stoppers.”

Citizens turned in 156 guns in June in exchange for MAPCO gift cards. Ninety firearms were surrendered last December in exchange for Kroger gift cards.



Dollar General Vice President Steve Brophy (left) and Mayor Karl Dean (center) watch as Chief Steve Anderson examines a sawed-off shotgun turned in during today's Gift Cards for Guns event.



This pistol, concealed in the pages of a 1986 Nashville telephone book, is one of 74 handguns received during today's four-hour program.

Sergeant (Coach) John Patton's Youth Football Team Brings Home Championship Trophy

Success should be judged not by those who fail, but by those who achieve.

That's the motto of veteran Nashville detective sergeant John Patton, who for 27 years has dedicated his off time to enriching the lives of young men and women through baseball and football programs sponsored by UNA Recreation in South Nashville.

Coach Patton, as he is affectionately known by the thousands of kids he has mentored, has once again brought a championship trophy home to Nashville. The UNA Pee-Wee Bears, a football team of five and six-year-olds for which Patton serves as the head coach, played last weekend in the 14th Annual Choo-Choo Bowl in Chattanooga, a tournament for teams from Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. Patton's Bears finished as the top team after beating the Brainerd Bills in the championship game, 26-0.

"John Patton knows first-hand that positive role models make a real difference in keeping young people on the track to success," Chief Steve Anderson said. "John has continued to be involved in the UNA program long after his own children became adults. He really does set an example of meaningful volunteerism. His colleagues and I are proud of him and the 2012 UNA Bears team."

Patton, a 35-year veteran of the Nashville Police Department, is assigned to the Hermitage Precinct's Investigations Unit.



Head Coach John Patton (back row, 3rd from left) and his 2012 Champion UNA Bears football team.

MNPD Provides Training for Iraqi Police Officers

The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department was selected by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) as one of 24 American law enforcement agencies to

provide leadership, tactical, and field training to Iraqi Police Officials. While in Nashville earlier this month, the visiting officers, from the Kurdistan Region, observed field training officers and techniques, rode with patrol supervisors and specialized units, and met with command staff.

The program is supported by a grant from the Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics & Law Enforcement (INL). INL is administering the transition of the education and training mission from the US military to the State Department which will focus on capacity building and the Rule of Law. The goal of the program will be to enhance the participants' professional development and introduce them to American policing techniques.

The IACP and INL plan to train as many as 120 selected Iraqi officers over three years.

The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department was chosen for its excellence in training its officers, working with diverse communities throughout Nashville's 533 square miles, and for its ability to assist with the integration of the Iraqi police officials to the democratic, community oriented, and evidence-based culture of American policing. According to the Department of State, this effort "will also seek to establish solid, long-term relationships as Iraqis work alongside U.S. police officers for a unique on-the-job experience."

The International Association of Chiefs of Police is the world's oldest and largest association of law enforcement executives. Founded in 1893, the IACP has more than 20,000 members in over 100 countries.



MNPD Deputy Chief Todd Henry, joined by visiting Kurdish police officers and several uniformed members from the Hermitage Precinct, displays a plaque presented by the overseas guests in appreciation for the hospitality afforded them while in Nashville.

Strengthening Families Program Graduation

The Youth Services Division on November 13th celebrated the eleventh graduation of family members who participated in the Strengthening Families Program.

The program began nearly one year ago under the guidance of former Youth Services Captain and current West Precinct Commander Marlene Pardue.

Now under the direction of Captain Sabastian Gourdin, the internationally recognized program focuses on assisting high-risk families by providing them with training to reduce problem behaviors including preventing delinquency and improving school performance.



Pictured (l-r) are Youth Services Captain Sabastian Gourdin, Deputy Chief Damian Huggins, Chief Steve Anderson and Deputy Chief Todd Henry.

Third Annual Police vs. Fire Hockey Benefit Game

The third annual Police vs. Fire hockey game at Bridgestone Arena was a huge success raising \$2,725 for the 100 Club of Nashville.

Special thanks to the Nashville Predators whose strong support made the night possible. Predators head coach Barry Trotz gave both teams pre-game pep talks along with the broadcasting team of Terry Crisp and Pete Weber. Former Predators Stu Grimson and J.P. Dumont both suited up, Grimson for the police department and DuMont for Fire.

The 100 Club was founded by the late Bill Trickett and the late John T. Johnson nearly 30 years ago to aid the families of Nashville's police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty, as well as officers and firefighters who receive serious, traumatic and disabling injuries while working to protect our community.



Helicopter Demonstration

Helicopter Pilot Officer Wayne Helm provided a demonstration for 7th and 8th grade students earlier this month at McMurray Middle School.



The Precinct News

Hermitage

Parolee Nicholas Mackey, 26, is charged with burglarizing a vehicle outside a Rural Hill Court residence early Tuesday morning and is suspected in other similar crimes in the area.

The victim saw Mackey rummaging around inside the car at 4:15 a.m. and flee in a Nissan Sentra parked nearby. The victim followed Mackey to a residence in the 2500 block of Edge-O-Lake Drive where he called police. Officers recovered the stolen items from a back pack inside the house. They were returned to the victim.

Mackey, who has theft and drug possession convictions in Davidson County, was on parole for a 2009 aggravated burglary conviction in Wilson County.

South

Convicted robber, rapist and burglar Skipper Kephart, who received a four-year robbery sentence just last year, is now jailed for Sunday evening's pry bar attack on a Murfreesboro Pike convenience store clerk.

Kephart, 47, is charged with especially aggravated robbery and auto theft. He was convicted of robbery in Nashville in February 2011, rape in Wilson County in 1983, auto burglary in Nashville in 1983, and felony theft in Rutherford County in 2009.

At 5:30 p.m. Sunday, a robber, subsequently identified as Kephart, entered the MAPCO store at 533 Murfreesboro Pike armed with a pry bar. The suspect raised the weapon over his head and demanded money from the 62-year-old clerk. A struggle ensued and the clerk was struck on the head with the pry bar, lost consciousness and fell to the floor. The robber tried unsuccessfully to forcibly open the cash register. He then dragged the clerk to the register and demanded that it be opened. The clerk was still dazed from his head wound, prompting the suspect to steal the entire cash register. The robber fled to the McDonald's restaurant across the street and got into a red Ford Ranger pickup truck being driven by another man.

At midnight, South Precinct Officer Will Amundson stopped a red Ford Ranger pickup truck in the 3000 block of Nolensville Pike for traveling without its headlights on. A check showed the vehicle had been reported stolen. The three persons inside the truck were ordered out. Officers at the scene alertly noticed that Kephart matched the description of the MAPCO robber from several hours earlier. Also in plain view inside the truck was a pry bar.

Kephart refused to be interviewed by detectives. Tony M. Bass, 43, admitted to driving Skipper away from the McDonald's. He, too, is charged with especially aggravated robbery and auto theft. The third person in the truck, Angelique Carr, 19, is charged with auto theft.

Kephart is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bond. Bass, who has convictions for aggravated burglary and multiple forgery counts out of Rutherford County, is being held in lieu of \$65,000 bond.

A vehicle stop Wednesday led to the arrest of Amanda and Michael McCarrell who allegedly drove from their residence in Crossville, Tennessee, to Glasgow, Kentucky to pick up a 17-year-old girl they met online and with whom they planned to have sex.

Events began to unfold late yesterday afternoon when South Precinct Crime Suppression Detective Brandon Tennant stopped the driver of a Ford Crown Victoria, Michael McCarrell, 46, for failing to use his turn signal on Murfreesboro Pike at Parris Avenue. The 17-year-old victim was sitting in the front seat between Michael and Amanda McCarrell, 27. The McCarrells could not tell the officer the teenager's name. When asked how they met the girl, they first responded "on Facebook" and but later admitted they contacted her through a dating website. Officer Tennant received permission to search Michael McCarrell's cell phone and discovered text messages of a sexual nature he sent to the victim. Amanda McCarrell admitted she knew the victim was 17 and intended to have sex with her.

Amanda and Michael McCarrell remain in custody in the Metro Nashville jail on charges of sexual exploitation of a minor and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The victim's father drove to Nashville last night and took his daughter home.

East

Outstanding investigative work by Detective Paul Harris led to the arrest of convicted burglar David Deforge for the November 3rd break-in at a Dickerson Pike antique store.

Deforge is suspected in a rash of Dickerson Pike burglaries and auto break-ins.

Alert police work by Officer Laura LaFlamme led to the arrest of convicted felon John Chandler a short time after he allegedly burglarized a Russell Street residence.

The homeowner heard suspicious noises and spotted Chandler outside tampering with her air conditioning unit. He fled on foot. The victim provided an excellent suspect description. Officer LaFlamme located Chandler walking on Neill Avenue. He is now charged with aggravated burglary.

Chandler's arrest history reflects multiple theft and aggravated burglary convictions.

North

Convicted felon Lawton Williams, 19, who received a suspended prison sentence just last year, is now charged with the November 20th murder of Laron Owens and the attempted murders of two other men in the 3200 block of Curtis Street during an apparent robbery attempt.

Owens, 18, was the rear passenger in a 2004 Pontiac Grand Am parked near his home when the gunman made robbery demands of Owens, the front seat passenger, Derryen Doss, 22, and the driver, Leontay Harris, 19. The suspect then opened fire striking Owens and Doss. Both were transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Doss, who was struck in the shoulder, was treated and released.

Williams was arrested this afternoon without incident at his Woodridge Drive residence. Investigation by North Precinct detectives indicates that Williams had been a passenger in the Pontiac Grand Am prior to the shooting.

Williams received two three-year concurrent suspended sentences for aggravated burglary and felony theft in September 2011.

This investigation was led by Detective Larry Brown.

Madison

Accused armed robber Richard Pottinger's getaway plan from the Target Pharmacy at 2050 N. Gallatin Pike in Madison didn't take Officer Jeff Burnette into account.

Shortly after a gunman robbed the pharmacy, Burnette stopped the blue Buick Century getaway car near the intersection of Dickerson Pike and Old Hickory Boulevard and took Pottinger into custody. A gun and oxycodone pills were recovered from the vehicle. A Target staffer subsequently positively identified Pottinger as the robber.

Pottinger's wife was behind the wheel of the Buick. She told detectives she was not aware that her husband had robbed the pharmacy. She is not being charged.

Pottinger, of Hendersonville, has prior theft and drug possession convictions.

Undercover officers were in the right place at the right time and arrested a convicted felon now accused of defrauding a woman of thousands of dollars in cash and jewelry through a so-called pigeon drop scam in the WalMart parking lot at 105 N. Gallatin Pike.

A pigeon drop scam is one in which a criminal claims to have miraculously found a large sum of cash and offers to share it with an unsuspecting victim for a fee.

Officers were conducting surveillance in the area when they noticed Darnykka Daniel, 39, interacting with the victim and suspected something was amiss.

Further investigation revealed that Daniel told the victim that she and an unidentified female accomplice had found a box containing \$100,000 cash. They opened the box in front of the victim. It appeared to have money inside. Daniel and the other woman told the 42-year-old victim that they would split the cash with her provided that she give them money to pay their fees. The victim went home and returned to the parking lot with \$3,600 cash and jewelry valued at more than \$15,000. As officers approached during the transaction, the unidentified suspect fled on foot with the victim's money and jewelry. Daniel was taken into custody and charged with felony theft. Daniel, who is last known to have lived in the 3000 block of River Drive, is free on \$10,000 bond.

Prior to her arrest, Daniel was free on \$20,000 bond for allegedly pointing a gun at another woman in March after an apparent argument. Daniel has previous aggravated assault convictions including in 2008 when she fired shots at another woman in a car after an altercation. Her arrest history also reflects convictions for drug possession, assault and vandalism.

West

West Precinct Flex officers charged convicted felon Shane Chaloux with promoting the manufacture of methamphetamine after stopping his Dodge Durango SUV in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart store at 7044 Charlotte Pike.

Chaloux, 39, was being sought for a South Nashville domestic assault that occurred earlier in the day when officers spotted his vehicle in the parking lot. Found during a search of the Durango were a semi-automatic pistol and a dismantled meth lab consisting of items including sulfuric acid, Coleman fuel, ground pseudoephedrine, coffee filters, rubber tubing and baggies. Specially trained detectives from the Specialized Investigation responded to the scene and neutralized the components.

Chaloux, who was convicted of aggravated assault in Henry County in 2008, is jailed in lieu of \$82,000 bond on charges of promoting meth manufacture, unlawful firearm possession by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm in the commission of a dangerous crime, domestic assault and driving on a suspended license. Chaloux lists his address as Big Sandy River Road in Camden, Tennessee.

The man arrested for the November 16th robbery of the Walgreens at 5600 Charlotte Pike is under investigation for similar hold-ups.

Convicted felon William Warrick, 32, was identified as the man who entered the Walgreens, indicated that he had a weapon, and demanded pain medication. The victim complied.

Warrick was taken into custody without incident at his Pebble Brook residence. During an execution of a search warrant at the home, officers recovered a loaded pistol hidden under a couch cushion.

Warrick is currently charged with aggravated robbery and felon in possession of a weapon. He has previous convictions for multiple thefts, assault, DUI, evading arrest, and vehicle theft.

Central

From Sergeant Daniel Walz: *I just wanted to update everyone on Officer Carlos Angulo. As you know Officer Angulo suffered a serious leg injury two weeks ago after apprehending a felony suspect that fled on foot. Officer Angulo had surgery on his leg Thursday due to the severity.*

Officer Angulo was injured on November 17th after responding to an early morning burglary in progress. Just before 1 a.m., two men were seen breaking into vehicles in an alley behind Union Street. Both suspects fled on foot. Officers apprehended the first suspect near 1 Public Square while Officers Angulo and Michael Willis took the second man into custody in an alley in the 200 block of 2nd Avenue North. During the foot pursuit, Officer Angulo suffered a serious leg injury while Officer Willis sustained cuts and scrapes to his arms and knees.

Officers located a purse and radio stolen from one of the vehicles and returned them to the victim. Both suspects are charged with two counts of burglary of a motor vehicle, two counts of theft of property and evading arrest.

Specialized Investigations Division (SID)

SID narcotics officers and Metro Police officers assigned to the 20th Judicial Drug Task force (20th JDTF) earlier this month attended the Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

During the banquet, officers from across the state are selected by a committee for recognition of their achievements throughout the year. The following officers were recognized:

SID Detective Michael Galluzzi was given an Award of Acknowledgment for his work on two Hispanic organizations distributing heroin in the Nashville area. Detective Galluzzi seized over three kilograms of heroin and \$70,000 US currency. Additionally, the **SID narcotic unit and**

DEA Group 2 were given an Award of Acknowledgment for an investigation into a Hispanic organization that resulted in the seizure of 70 kilograms of cocaine and over \$915,000 US currency.

SID Detective Scott Cothran and West Precinct Crime Suppression Unit Detective Mike Rowland were given an Award of Acknowledgement for their investigation surrounding a pill distributor in Davidson and Rutherford Counties. The officers seized over 7,000 pills, nine ounces of cocaine and over \$68,000 US currency.

20th JDTF Detectives Kevin Guyton and Joel Rowney were recognized for their investigation of a cocaine organization that led to the seizure of seven kilograms of cocaine, 13 weapons, eight vehicles, \$750,000 US Currency and the indictments of 27 people.

20th JDTF Detective Joe Simonik and Airport Officer Jesse Pilote, who is assigned to the DEA task force, were recognized for their work that resulted in 33 search warrants executed in five counties, seizing four kilograms of cocaine, 180 pounds of marijuana, 31 guns, 24 vehicles, two houses and over \$500,000 US Currency.

20th JDTF Detective Justin Fox and 20th JDTF Agent Tim Morgan were given the award for largest marijuana seizure in the State of Tennessee. They seized 754 pounds of marijuana from an organization distributing drugs throughout the Middle Tennessee area.

SID Interdiction Unit Officer Thomas Spence was given an award for the largest heroin seizure in the State of Tennessee after stopping a vehicle on I-40 in September 2012. Officer Spence seized 24 pounds of heroin and arrested three suspects.

The MNPD SID Interdiction Unit was given the award for Interdiction Unit of the Year for the State of Tennessee. The unit was responsible for more than 100 felony arrests and the seizures of more than \$250,000 US Currency, 70 pounds of marijuana, 1 ½ pounds of methamphetamine, eleven pounds of hashish and 24 pounds of heroin.

The annual election of officers to serve on the executive board was also held during the conference. SID/Narcotics Sergeant Gene Donegan was re-elected as the president of the association and 20th Judicial Drug Task Force Detective Joe Simonik was re-elected as the treasurer of the association.

Training Division

Session 69 Graduation
Monday, December 3rd, 6 p.m.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 7594 Old Hickory Boulevard



Officer Marshall Willis conducts defensive tactics training.



DUI training and sobriety tasks observations.

Retirement Celebration

Officer Tim Sullivan celebrated 26 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Commander Jason Reinbold presenting Officer Sullivan with a commemorative plaque.

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

Patrol Officer of the Month

Hermitage Precinct Officer Charles Large

Police Officer of the Month

Madison Precinct Officers John Jayne and Brandon Bilbrey

Investigator of the Month

South Precinct Detectives Lori Gross & Daniel Polk

Special Operations Officer of the Month

Canine Officer Dale BeCraft

Congratulations:

Officer Richard Huddleston, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Sara, are the proud parents of Richard Marshall Huddleston, born on November 16th.

Congratulations to Officer Matt Norris, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Heather, who welcomed their first child, Eli Matthew Norris, into the world.



Condolences:

John and Loyce Adkerson, the father and mother of Officer Carey Adkerson, West Precinct, both passed away this month.

Wilma Richardson, the mother-in-law of Officer Joe Ladnier, Inspections, passed away on November 14th.

Donald Mahoney, brother of Officer Ken Mahoney, Warrants Division, passed away on November 27th.

Sheldon Garriott, the grandfather of Officer Christopher Cantrell, Madison Precinct, passed away on November 29th.

FYI:

Metro Food Fight 2012

To: All Metro Employees

I am asking each department to participate in what will be our fourth annual competitive food drive, now known as the Metro Food Fight, to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. The drive began this week and ends Friday, December 14th. The food drive is supported by the volunteerism initiative out of my office, Impact Nashville.

Recent data from Second Harvest's partner agencies, reports that demand for services is up 18% compared to this time last year. With the holiday season upon us, these numbers are

increasingly worrisome. We are once again calling on our departments to help meet this rise in need and to bring greater awareness throughout the city about the issue of hunger.

Similar to last year, there will be a three-category competition among departments: Public Safety (Police Department versus the Fire Department), Public Participation (Parks versus Metro Transit Authority and the Nashville Farmers' Market), and General Government.

Food bins were delivered to all Metro departments earlier this week. In addition to the bins, donations can be made online through the Second Harvest Food Bank's virtual food drive website. Every dollar donated equals 5 pounds of food. The winning departments will be based on the pounds of food raised per person. The "Mayor's Cup" will be given to the three winning departments at the finale ceremony on Dec. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Second Harvest Food Bank. More details can be found at www.nashville.gov/volunteer.

For a third year, my office is challenging the Governor's Office to a "food fight". Governor Bill Haslam and his staff have once again accepted our challenge and we are looking forward to another fun competition.

I ask that each participating department get into the full spirit of Metro's Food Fight by raising **10% more food** this holiday season compared to last year's food fight. The departments who meet the 10% goal will also be recognized at the award ceremony. Last year's Metro Food Fight totals can be found at www.nashville.gov/volunteer.

Please join me in helping to re-stock our food bank shelves and support a critical non-profit partner that provides for our community every day of the year. Together, we are fighting hunger and feeding hope.

Regards,

Karl F. Dean
Mayor