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News from the Chief



On Thursday evening, I had the pleasure of congratulating each of the 50 graduates from Session 26 of the Citizen Police Academy. This was a gracious group of men and women who were extremely impressed with their classes taught by police department personnel one night a week for eleven weeks. Many of the graduates also participated in ride alongs with patrol officers. They were extremely complimentary of the entire experience and will be sharing what they learned with co-workers and friends. Thanks to Michelle Crowder, who has coordinated each of our Citizen Police Academy sessions since 1995, and to everyone who takes time to lead the classes. This is one of the police department's important outreach programs.



The graduates of CPA Session 26 posed for a photograph following their graduation Thursday night at the Hermitage Precinct.

On Christmas Eve 51 years ago, Nashville policeman Joe Casey and a few of his fellow officers decided to pool their money and provide food to a needy family. That was the beginning of a rich tradition in this department of caring for the less fortunate during the holiday season. This Christmas Eve, I cordially invite each of you to join many of your colleagues, and probably even Chief Casey (at age 86), in this year's Christmas Basket effort that will provide gifts of food and toys to men, women and children comprising more than 230 local families in need. We will finish stocking the baskets at 5:30 a.m. (roll call time) on Monday, December 24th, inside the cafeteria of the old Tennessee State Prison located just off Centennial Boulevard in West Nashville. Delivery of the food baskets and toys will begin at 6 a.m. by all police department employees who care to take part. Commander Michele Donegan is once again the police department's volunteer coordinator and "Chief Elf" of the Christmas Basket Program. I thank her and the Christmas Basket leadership team for making this program such a success. I look forward to seeing you at the old prison a week from Monday morning.

As 2012 draws to a close, I want to thank all police department employees for your incredible work, professionalism and dedication. I am very proud of your efforts on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors. I, along with you, look forward to the opportunities and challenges that await us in 2013. May each of you and your families have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. Thank you, again, for all that you do.

Happenings

The Nashville police department's officer ranks grew by 34 on December 3rd with the graduation of the latest class of trainees. The new officers received their badges from Chief Anderson and took the oath of office from Mayor Dean during a ceremony at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 7594 Old Hickory Boulevard.

The 34 members of the graduating class began training on July 2nd. The new officers will spend the next five to six months with precinct field training officers before patrolling the streets by themselves.



Session 69 Class Awards

Academic Excellence Award

Officer Joshua Carter

Christy Dedman Spirit Award

Officer Ashley Arnold

Physical Fitness Award

Sergio Espinosa

Leadership Award

Andrew Kooshian

Law Award

Austin Kendrick

Firearms Award

Austin Kendrick

Top Cop Award

Austin Kendrick

Nashville Christmas Parade









Season to Remember

Families of homicide victims gathered at the Children's Garden in Centennial Park on Thursday night for the 18th annual Season to Remember ceremony sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Department, District Attorney's Office and U.S. Attorney's Office. After receiving words of reassurance and comfort, family members placed specially made ornaments in honor of their loved ones on a Christmas tree.



Chief Anderson told families that the men and women of the police department understand their grief and stand united with them as officers work to bring criminals to justice.



Vera Dedman places an ornament in remembrance of her daughter, Officer Christy Dedman, who died after being struck on I-40 while assisting a stranded motorist. Metro Police Officer and Chaplain James Duke placed an ornament in remembrance of all Nashville police officers killed in the line of duty.

Officer Faye Denson Visits Compstat

East Precinct Officer Faye Denson continues to recover from a gunshot wound to her right leg that she suffered while assisting another officer on November 5th.

Officer Denson attended Compstat Friday where she expressed her sincere thanks to her colleagues for their heartfelt encouragement and support.



Crime Lab Supervisors Graduate from MMI Class

Crime Lab Supervisors Tabitha Bandy and Phil Smith graduated from the Metropolitan Management Institute, a partnership between Metro Human Resources and Middle Tennessee State University to provide supervisors with valuable tools and knowledge necessary to become better leaders in the workplace.

MMI certification is open to all Metro managers and supervisors and is provided at no cost to the employee. The program consists of 40 hours of instruction taken over a 12 month period. Classes include coaching and counseling, diversity awareness, performance evaluation, and customer service.



Pictured (l-r) are DNA Supervisor Tabitha Bandy, Deputy Chief Damian Huggins & Drug Identification Supervisor Phil Smith.

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Concentrated work by Hermitage Precinct detectives and officers in and around the J.C. Napier Public Housing Development has led to the identification of a 17-year-old as the gunman in three separate shooting incidents this month. The 17-year-old is in custody at juvenile detention and is facing a variety of charges, including attempted murder, two counts of aggravated assault, criminal trespassing, gun theft, unlawful handgun possession and marijuana possession.

In one of the aggravated assault cases, the teenager is accused of wounding Lamonderius Goodner, 18, on the evening of December 1st at Wharf Avenue and University Court. Goodner reported that he was playing basketball when he got into an argument with another individual. That individual, subsequently identified as the 17-year-old, left, came back with a gun and shot Goodner in his shoulder and hip.

In the attempted murder case, the 17-year-old is accused of shooting Marquinta Johnson, 21, outside a market at 71 Lewis Street on the evening of December 7th. Witnesses reported that Johnson walked out of the store and encountered the teenager, who pushed her and then shot her in the abdomen. Surveillance video from the market aided in identifying the teen. Johnson remains in critical condition at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

In the other aggravated assault case, the 17-year-old is accused of shooting Andrea Brown, 19, in the 700 block of Lewis Street on the afternoon of December 9th. Brown reported

that he had been visiting family in the area and was walking to a bus stop when a gunman approached and opened fire on him for absolutely no reason.

Hermitage Precinct Investigations Lieutenant John Drake and his staff saw similarities in the three shooting cases and thought them to be related. Detectives and Flex officers saturated the J.C. Napier area on Monday. Flex Officers Andrew Grega and Joshua Spurlock located the 17-year-old and another teen inside an apartment on Charles E. Davis Boulevard. The teenagers did not live there. The actual resident was located and said that she didn't know the teenagers. She allowed officers to search the apartment, during which a nine millimeter pistol was found. The gun was reported stolen from a Hermitage apartment in October. The resident said the gun was not hers and that she did not allow firearms in the apartment. Following the 17-year-old's apprehension, photo lineups were prepared by Detective Andrew Injaychock. The attempted murder and aggravated assault charges resulted from identification of the teenager by witnesses and/or victims.

The 17-year-old lives on Old Matthews Road, not in J.C. Napier public housing.

Coordinated police work coupled with citizen cooperation led to the arrest of Brad Kendall, 32, a short time after he burglarized Variety Jewelry at 5205 Old Hickory Boulevard.

Hermitage Precinct Detective Ricky Stewart was responding to the scene when he spotted the suspect car, a green Jaguar driven by Kendall, on Old Hickory Boulevard. Information developed by Officer Angelo Iezzi and witness accounts led to the excellent suspect description.

Kendall was stopped on Frist Boulevard. He admitted to twice breaking into the jewelry store on Tuesday at 7 a.m. and Wednesday at 12:30 a.m. The crow bar used to gain entry in both jewelry store burglaries was located in the front seat of the Jaguar. Kendall was also wearing two watches he said he took from the jewelry store.

Kendall also admitted to another break-in a day earlier at the Radio Shack at 4660 Lebanon Pike. In this case, he broke out a window at 8:30 a.m. and took electronics. Witnesses watched him get into the Jaguar and strike another car before he drove off.

Kendall, of Saundersville Road, is charged with four counts of burglary, three counts of theft, three counts of vandalism, possession of burglary tools, driving on a suspended license and leaving the scene of a property damage accident. He is being held in lieu of \$44,000 bond.

Betsy James, 46, is charged in two separate convenience store robberies.

James was identified as the woman who on December 13th entered the Shell at 822 Murfreesboro Pike at 3:50 a.m. She allegedly took several packs of cigarettes and \$150 cash before fleeing on foot. Canine Officer Randy Jones and his partner Zeek tracked the suspect to a nearby apartment building at 331 Plus Park Boulevard. Officers described the suspect to area residents who identified James. Officers knocked on her door and she answered. James matched the suspect description and officers saw several packs of unopened cigarettes in plain view. James resisted arrest and grabbed for her waistband but was taken into custody. A handgun was retrieved from her waistband. A glass pipe was located in her pants pocket.

During an interview, James admitted to this morning's Shell robbery and also to the December 6th hold-up of the Mapco at 1500 Lebanon Pike.

James is charged with two counts of aggravated robbery, resisting arrest, unlawful weapon possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. She is being held in lieu of \$85,000 bond.



Hermitage Precinct holiday luncheon

South

Convicted burglar Arthur Vaughan, 56, is back behind bars after his arrest for allegedly breaking into Dollar General at 1461 Bell Road.

Responding officers discovered a large hole had been cut into the side of the building. After approximately 20 minutes, Vaughan walked out the back door of the business and was taken into custody.

Vaughan, of Shasta Drive, is charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools and drug paraphernalia, and vandalism. He is being held in lieu of \$22,000 bond.

Sergeant Taylor Schmitz last month attended career day at Glengarry Elementary School. Kindergarten through 4th grade students learned about law enforcement and how to get help if it is needed.

The students had great questions and were able to learn about resources the police department has to keep citizens safe.



North



North Precinct holiday luncheon

Madison

Madison Precinct detectives arrested ex-con Robert Earl Dodson on a charge of attempted murder for stabbing an acquaintance in Peeler Park.

Investigation by Detective Russ Thompson led to the identification of Dodson, 26, as the man suspected of wounding Scottie Selvage, 34. An earlier dispute between the two is believed to have led to the attack on Selvage, who went to the park in a vehicle with Dodson and three other persons he knew. Selvage is recovering in stable condition at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Dodson was arrested on a multi-count sex crimes indictment in February 2006. He was convicted of two counts of attempted aggravated sexual battery against a child and received a total sentence of eight years. He registered as an ex-convict with the Nashville Police Department in January 2012.

The Madison Investigative Unit all grew mustaches for “no shave November” to bring awareness to prostate cancer.



Central

Directed Mission One officers assigned to patrol the downtown area were in the right place at the right time early Saturday morning to apprehend two men accused of grabbing a woman’s purse in the 300 block of Broadway and then assaulting two citizens who tried to intervene on the victim’s behalf.

One of the citizens was struck over the head with a lead pipe by convicted felon James Campbell, 37, who is homeless. The second suspect, D'Marcus Williamson, 18, of Murfreesboro Pike assisted in the attack. Campbell then pointed a gun toward the second citizen before both men fled on foot. The victim of the purse snatching flagged down officers who quickly responded and located the suspects in the area of 3rd Avenue North and Commerce Street. Williamson and Campbell fled on foot but officers captured both on 4th Avenue North near Commerce Street. Campbell threw a handgun into some bushes just before his arrest. The .380 semi-automatic pistol was recovered. Four baggies containing marijuana were located in Campbell's pockets.

The citizen who was struck in the head was treated for a laceration and released.

Campbell, a registered ex-con for felony drug convictions, is charged with two counts of aggravated assault, theft, evading arrest, marijuana possession and felon in possession of a weapon. A parole violation warrant had been issued against him in October for a criminal violation. Campbell is being held in lieu of \$87,000 bond.

Williamson is charged with one count of aggravated assault, theft and evading arrest. He is jailed in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

Records Division

The Records Division teamed up with Mental Health America of Middle Tennessee to provide child victims of abuse with Christmas gifts. Records Division personnel generously adopted eight children in support of Mental Health America's "Santa Cause" program.



Pictured (l-r) front row are Mental Health America's Shawndell Miller, Captain Richter, Lynn Sperle, Sanetta Whitelow, Beverlyn Jordan, Madelyn Burford. Pictured (l-r) back row are Jason Lawrence, Derek Butler, and Jonathan Massie.



Security Guard Brandon Wright issues Captain Richter a “speeding citation”.

20th Judicial District Drug Task Force

A Nashville nightclub owner is among 13 persons arrested since the first of December in connection with a conspiracy to distribute large amounts of cocaine that originated in Mexico into Middle Tennessee.

Emmett L. Harvell, 39, of Evanfield Court, an owner of Rozay on E. Thompson Lane (the old Fifth Quarter restaurant), and Charles Ward, III, 32, of Jenkins Court, are alleged to have arranged for the delivery of the cocaine into Nashville. The investigation revealed that Harvell and Ward operated independently of each other, but used the same out of state supplier.

Robert Ezell, 29, of Dewees Avenue, an associate of Ward, is accused of acting on Ward’s behalf to coordinate the arrival of 13 pounds of cocaine. It was brought to a Bellevue apartment complex, where Ward lives, in a Chevrolet Tahoe by Juan Antonio Perez-Baez, 35, of Los Angeles, and Cesar Parra-Baez, 37, of Rosarito, Mexico. Officers intercepted the cocaine at the apartment complex and began making a series of arrests. Among those charged are:

- Jackie Wade, 32, of Spears Road, Ward’s ex-girlfriend and current associate;
- Myron Johnson, 32, of Lauren Evelyn Way, an alleged wholesale customer of Ward;
- Gary Lamar McBride, 32, of 9th Avenue North, an alleged wholesale customer of Ward;
- Charles L. Jenkins, 34, of Lakewood Village Drive, an associate of Ward;
- Ronald Reedy, 38, of Creekside Drive, an associate of Harvell;
- Edilberto Arellano Diaz, 28, an alleged supplier who is in custody in Dallas, Texas;

- David Diaz-Cardenas, 31, an alleged supplier who is also in custody in Dallas; and
- Arnoldo Sierra Pineda, 37, of Alamo Place, Nashville, an alleged supplier.

This investigation, which was headed by Nashville officers assigned to the 20th Judicial District Drug Task Force and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration's Nashville Group Two, involved the execution of 27 search warrants at the defendants' homes and other locations. Seized were a total of 34 pounds of cocaine, 17 vehicles, 16 weapons, two bullet resistant vests and \$352,000 cash.

Assisting in the investigation were detectives and officers from the Specialized Investigations Division, the Aviation Unit and Crime Suppression Units from the South, Hermitage, Madison, Central and North Precincts.



Congratulations:

Officer Eric Bacon, West Precinct, and his wife welcomed their son Carter Brex Bacon on November 21st.

Sergeant Brenda Steinbrecher, School Crossing Guard Section, welcomed her first grandson, Braydon Rose, on December 5th.

Officer Gerry Gann, Special Operations Division, and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their son Owen Joshua Gann on December 10th.

Officer Kevin Crotts, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Christy, welcomed their daughter on December 11th.



Condolences:

Richard Roberts, the father-in-law of Officer William “Al” Walls, Hermitage Precinct, passed away.

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

FYI:

In honor of Deputy Chief Todd Henry’s new mustache, Deputy Chief Louise Kelton provided mustaches to those attending Compstat Friday.

