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News from the Chief



The past nine days have been a whirlwind for Deputy Chief Kelton. The U.S. Senate approved her nomination to be Middle Tennessee's United States Marshal on January 1st. She has been directed to report to Washington next week to begin the next phase of her law enforcement career, meaning that her last day with our department will be Friday. Chief Kelton's leadership of the Field Operations Bureau, Investigative Services Bureau and the North Precinct has been extraordinary. We have seen time and again that she cares deeply for Nashville, its citizens and the men and women of this police department. Personally, Chief Kelton has been my greatest supporter and my greatest critic. I will miss both. A reception in Chief Kelton's honor will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the community room of the North Precinct. Please stop by as your schedules permit and congratulate Chief Kelton on an outstanding 32-year career with this police department, and as our new U.S. Marshal.

Chief Kelton's retirement obviously necessitates new appointments, promotions and assignments. Today I informed Commander Brian Johnson that he will succeed Chief Kelton as head of the Field Operations Bureau. Commander Johnson has proven himself to be a very effective leader who, I strongly believe, is the right person to build on the successes of the Field Operations Bureau and face the challenges of 2013.

Succeeding Commander Johnson at the Madison Precinct will be Captain Sebastian Gourdin of Youth Services. Captain Gourdin has done very well as an overnight field supervisor and in his direction of the Youth Services Division. He has been accepted into the upcoming session of the FBI National Academy that begins this month in Quantico, Virginia. Lieutenant Curtis Watkins, who is currently assigned to Madison, and Deputy Chief Johnson will oversee day to day management of the precinct during Commander Gourdin's absence.

As a part of this process, I am pleased to promote two lieutenants to the rank of captain. Gordon Howey, a 26-year veteran of this department, will take over the Youth Services Division. Keith Stephens, an 11-year Nashville police veteran, will become the Field

Operations Bureau's executive officer, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Captain Gary Goodwin, who, incidentally, was sworn-in Tuesday night as Goodlettsville's new police chief.

I am keenly aware of existing lieutenant and sergeant vacancies. I anticipate announcing promotions to the ranks of sergeant and lieutenant in the very near future. The high number of extremely dedicated, talented and qualified men and women in this department makes appointment, promotion and assignment decisions very difficult, but that is a good thing and speaks well of our ranks as a whole.

Thank you all for joining with me in building on the accomplishments of 2012 and meeting the challenges of 2013. Thank you, as well, for everything you do on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors.



Gary Goodwin is sworn in as Goodlettsville's new police chief.

Happenings

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson on January 3rd welcomed the largest class of police officer trainees ever to begin at the MNPD Academy. While 75% of the 104 class members are from Tennessee, 17 other states and even the nation of Brazil are represented, proving that the Nashville Police Department is an attractive place for persons to begin public service/law enforcement careers.

This class was begun to ensure that the police department keeps pace with normal attrition (retirements, resignations) and remains fully staffed.

“Our commitment to public safety is unwavering,” said Mayor Dean, noting that the class was the 15th he has welcomed during his five years in office. “We are able to maintain a fully staffed police department and provide modern facilities because of the close relationship between officers and the communities in which they serve.”

Chief Anderson reminded the recruits that the next 22 weeks of rigorous training will not be easy, but then neither was getting into the academy to begin with.

“The members of this class are a reflection of our efforts to find the best and brightest persons to serve Nashville’s families and visitors as police officers,” Chief Anderson said. “As a 38-year veteran of this department, I can personally assure these trainees that if they remain determined, the career path they have chosen will be very satisfying and rewarding.”

Graduation for the class is set for June 10th.



Chief Steve Anderson and Mayor Karl Dean welcomed the 104 recruits in the gymnasium of the MNPD Training Academy.



Central Precinct

The Nashville Police Department's Central (downtown) Precinct will receive much needed additional office space by moving into the shadow of the Music City Center at Korean Veterans Boulevard and 6th Avenue South.

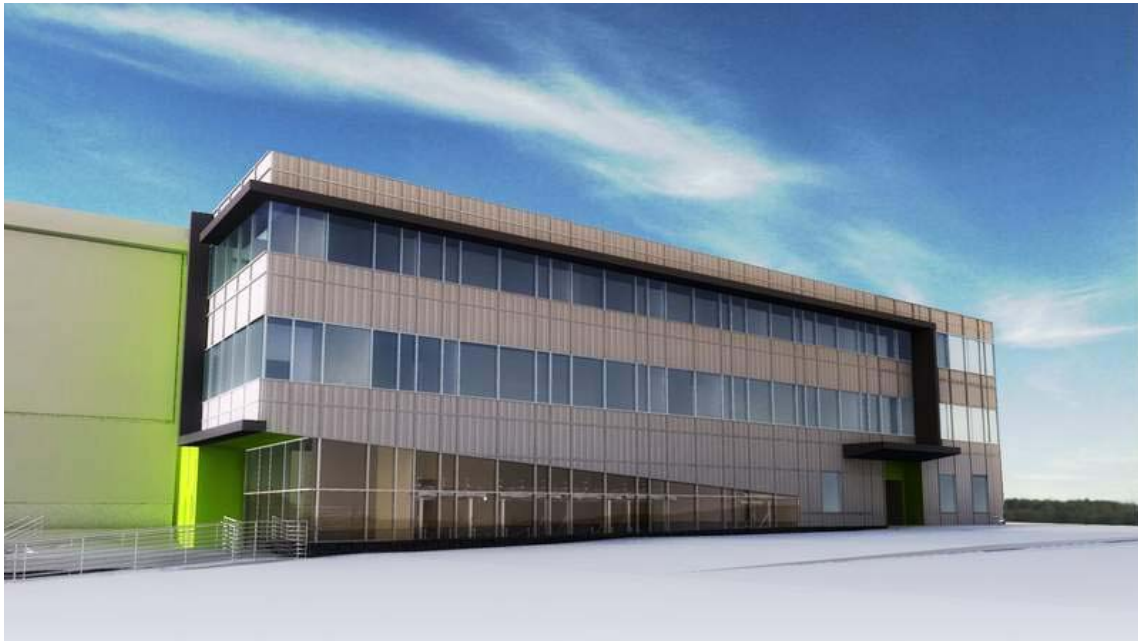
The Central Precinct has occupied 5,300 square feet in the front of Bridgestone Arena, where there is no room for expansion, since October 2005. Mayor Dean's Capital Spending Plan provides for approximately 10,000 square feet of police space in a new building to be constructed directly across the street from Nashville's dynamic new convention center complex.

"This proposal is a win for the 120 officers and detectives assigned to the Central Precinct, the downtown community and Nashville's visitors," said Precinct Commander Jason Reinbold. "Not only will a new building relieve cramped office space and improve working conditions, it will allow the police department to uniquely complement the Music City Center in a place specifically designed for police precinct operations."

Metro Councilmember Erica Gilmore, who represents the downtown area, said the proposed new Central Precinct building shows that public safety remains a priority as the city works on important major civic projects.

"An expanded modern work place for the men and women of the Central Precinct means more efficient police services for families in the 19th council district," Gilmore said. "I am very pleased this project is included in today's Capital Spending Plan filing."

Components operating out of the Central Precinct include patrol officers, flex officers, detectives, undercover drug/vice investigators, motorcycle officers, bicycle officers and the MNPDP's Mounted Unit (which is based at Ellington Agriculture Center).



Christmas Basket Program

Men, women and children comprising more than 230 needy Nashville families received gifts of food and toys from Metro police officers Christmas Eve morning as the police department's annual Christmas Basket Program celebrates its 51st anniversary.

In its inception, the program served two families. Over the years, requests for assistance and those actually helped by the program have steadily grown. Families are chosen at the recommendation of police officers who come into contact with them during the year.

Contributions from police department personnel, both sworn and civilian, and the Nashville community fund the program. The Music City and Rivergate Chapters of the Harley Owners Group are significant contributors to the police department's Christmas Basket efforts.

"Former Chief Joe Casey, who began this program in 1961, knew that the police department's mission was to make a positive difference in the lives of Nashville's families, especially the disadvantaged," Chief Steve Anderson said. "That sentiment has not changed, and I am very proud of our employees for their commitment to this tradition of caring."

Hermitage Precinct Commander Michele Donegan is the police department's volunteer coordinator and "Chief Elf" of the Christmas Basket Program.





Shop With a Cop

More than 50 children were able to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and family members through the Andrew Jackson Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police Shop with a Cop program.

The Children were treated to a morning of shopping at the Wal-Mart on Nolensville Pike. The children and the police “elves” then wrapped presents during a luncheon at the FOP Lodge.

The Shop with a Cop program is an extension of Lodge 5’s Youth Camp Service Project that reaches out to boys and girls who officers see through their work. The program is funded through tax deductible donations made by citizens and businesses throughout Nashville.







The Precinct News

Hermitage

Investigation by Hermitage Precinct Detectives Ricky Stewart and Greg Jennings led to this morning's arrest of Rajesh Stone, 36, after he allegedly robbed the Delta Express at 5756 Old Hickory Boulevard.

Stone is accused of entering the business at 12:50 a.m. and demanding money. The clerk complied.

Detectives Stewart and Jennings, who had developed Stone as a possible suspect in similar hold-ups, learned he matched the description of the robber. They went to Stone's Burning Tree Drive apartment where they received permission to search the residence. Clothing matching that worn during the robbery was recovered inside.

Stone is charged with robbery and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. A glass pipe commonly used to smoke crack cocaine was located on a bedroom window sill. He is being held in lieu of \$76,000 bond.

Stone has previous convictions for felony cocaine possession, theft, assault, vehicle theft and unlawful weapon possession.

Hermitage Precinct detectives charged Demichael Anderson with robbing the Kroger store at 2284 Murfreesboro Pike.

Anderson, 21, of South Carolina, was taken into custody at the Doubletree Lane home of his aunt, with whom he was staying while in Nashville.

Investigation by Detectives Kimberlin Rothwell and Andrew Injaychock led to the identification of Anderson as the man alleged to have passed a robbery demand note to a clerk at Kroger's customer service counter at 3:45 p.m. The note said that the robber was armed with a gun, although no weapon was seen.

Anderson admitted to the robbery during an interview with detectives. He was preparing to return to South Carolina when he was arrested.

South

A tip to South Precinct detectives regarding the possible manufacture of methamphetamine at 132 Karen Ray Court led to the arrest of three persons and the seizure of items commonly used to make meth.

During surveillance at the home, officers saw a vehicle leave the premises that was suspected of being connected to persons involved with meth. The vehicle was subsequently stopped for speeding on I-24 at Old Hickory Boulevard. The driver, Steven Fisher, consented to a search. Recovered were approximately one gram of meth, aluminum foil, coffee filters, two plastic bottles containing an acid and an organic solvent. Fisher told officers that the items were to be used in the manufacture of meth. Fisher was arrested on charges of promotion of meth manufacture, possession of meth and driving on a revoked license.

Following the traffic stop, officers returned to 132 Karen Ray Court to talk to the occupants. Frankie Jordan and his girlfriend, Sharon Self, gave detectives permission to check the interior of the home. Recovered there were a one pot cooking vessel with associated residue, instant cold packs (ammonium nitrate), Drano (lye), solvents, plastic tubing and spent battery casings. Jordan was arrested on charges of initiating the process to manufacture meth. Self is charged with initiating the process to manufacture meth, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Quarantine signs were placed on the outside of the home.

Detectives from the Hermitage Precinct and the Specialized Investigations Division assisted in this investigation, as did representatives from the Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force.

East

Homicide suspect Donald Floyd, 17, surrendered himself after making arrangements to meet officers in a parking lot on Dickerson Pike near Briley Parkway.

A Juvenile Court petition charging homicide and an arrest order naming Floyd had been issued after East Precinct detectives identified Floyd as the suspected gunman in the December 9th shooting death of Ambrose James, Jr. (also known as James Ambrose) outside James' Lenore Street apartment.

Officers responding to a shots fired call at 7:20 p.m. found James on the ground near his door fatally wounded in the head. He was known to sit outside his apartment and reportedly loaned money to persons in the community. Floyd and James are believed to have been involved in an altercation that led to gunfire.

North

A citizen's report of a suspicious car coupled with alert police work led to the arrest of convicted felon Michael Warren, 30, who admitted to burglarizing a Union Hill Road home.

North Precinct Officer Alfredo Arevalo stopped the suspect vehicle, a gray Saturn sedan, and inside the car located a laptop computer that had been taken from the residence. During an interview, Warren, of Greenwood Avenue, admitted breaking out a window, entering the home, and taking the computer.

Warren, who has multiple felony theft convictions, is now charged with aggravated burglary.

Further investigation by Madison and North Precinct detectives led to three additional aggravated burglary charges against Warren.

Convicted burglar Ontario Davis, 36, is back behind bars after a citizen reported seeing him inside an apartment in the 1600 block of 17th Avenue North.

Davis fled on foot and the citizen quickly called police and provided an excellent suspect description. Officers spotted Davis on 17th Avenue North and Wheless Street and took him into custody.

Davis, of 21st Avenue North, is charged with aggravated burglary. He has previous convictions for aggravated burglary, theft, vehicle theft and domestic assault.

Three teens were arrested for allegedly burglarizing a home in the 1400 block of 23rd Avenue North.

Concerned citizens reported seeing the trio kick in the door and enter the house while the resident was still inside. The teens, two 14-year-olds and one 16-year-old, fled on foot.

Investigation by North Precinct officers led to the location of all three suspects who live in the area. They also recovered items taken from the home including a laptop computer. The teens were positively identified as the persons who broke into the house.

Madison

An alert citizen's description of several home invasion robbery suspects and their getaway car, combined with the intuition of Madison Precinct Flex Officer Jonathan Shepherd, led to the apprehension of all four individuals less than an hour after the crime.

Charged with aggravated robbery are:

- Shannon Birdsong, 18, of Ocoee Trail;
- Lorenzo Vaughn, 20, of Packard Drive;
- Michael Kelly, 17, of Lauren Evelyn Way; and
- DeAngelo Spears, 15, of Lauren Evelyn Way.

Birdsong, Vaughn and Kelly are alleged to have knocked on the door of a home in the 5100 block of Ryan Allen Circle (Spears remained outside) at 10 a.m. When a 10-year-old boy answered the knock, the three robbers, two of whom were masked, forced their way in. One of them pulled a pistol on the child, put a hand over his mouth and forced him into a closet. At the time, the boy's mother and his four younger siblings were upstairs. The bathtub was running and his mother did not hear the commotion. The suspects, who later admitted to detectives that

they hit the wrong house, took an iPod and tried to take a television before quickly fleeing. When the 10-year-old heard them leave, he left the closet and told his mother what had happened.

As the robbers fled, an alert neighbor saw them, noted that one was armed with a gun, and reported their descriptions and that of their vehicle, a white Nissan. Officer Shepherd, believing that they might head to the Parkwood area, headed in that direction and was traveling on Creekwood Drive in an unmarked car when he spotted the suspects at 10:30 a.m. Shepherd and Sergeant Jim Reed stopped the car at the intersection of Creekwood and Moorewood Drives. All four persons were taken into custody without incident.

Recovered from inside the car were a nine millimeter semi-automatic pistol with an extended magazine loaded with 16 rounds, gloves, a stocking mask, bandanas and the iPod taken from the home.

Outstanding police work by off-duty Madison Precinct Officer Ray Flaherty led to the apprehension of accused shotgun-toting robber Jeffery Halstead, who is charged with engaging in a crime spree.

Officer Flaherty was on his way home in his personal vehicle just after 11 p.m. Monday when he spotted a Maxwell Roofing Company pickup truck parked at a convenience store at 101 N. Gallatin Pike. Flaherty recalled that a Maxwell vehicle was reported stolen during his shift and called in the license plate number to a dispatcher, who confirmed he had found the stolen truck. Flaherty called on-duty Madison Precinct officers to assist him in taking the driver, Jeffery Halstead, into custody. A shotgun was recovered from the truck's front seat.

Halstead was taken to the Hermitage Precinct and interviewed by Detectives Andrew Injaychock, Jeff Ball and Waylon Proffitt. He admitted to the December 16th robbery of Donelson Pike Tobacco and Ale at 519 Donelson Pike and the robbery of Chip's Quik Stop at 7250 Whites Creek Pike. In both robberies, the weapon used was a shotgun. In addition to the robberies and truck theft, Halstead is charged with aggravated burglary, theft and vandalism in relation to a home break-in on Timberway Drive in Donelson on November 29th, and felony possession of Hydrocodone and cocaine.

West

West Precinct detectives believe the man arrested for kidnapping a man at a Regions Bank ATM at 5100 Charlotte Avenue is responsible for at least two other recent ATM hold-ups, one at the same branch and the other at Fifth Third Bank on White Bridge Road.

Joshua Cartelli, 26, allegedly approached the victim, who was standing outside the ATM checking his account balance, and attempted to rob him at gunpoint. When Cartelli learned the victim's account was overdrawn, he forced him back into the victim's vehicle and made the victim drive to other ATMs where the victim was able to withdraw cash.

Once obtaining the money, Cartelli had the victim drop him off at 4190 Nolensville Pike where he ran to a gray GMC Yukon and fled the area. The victim immediately flagged down officers in the area who quickly located the suspect SUV on Wallace Road. The two persons

inside the Yukon reported that Cartelli had called them for a ride home and that they had no knowledge of his illegal activities.

Cartelli is charged with aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Cartelli, who has previous drug possession convictions, is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

The sound of a 3:40 a.m. burglar alarm coming from Pet Resorts of America at 7200 Charlotte Pike quickly caught the attention of West Precinct Detective Matthew Valiquette, who just happened to be in the area. That wasn't good news for Bellevue resident Robert Center, 30, who Valiquette found standing near the front door. As Valiquette approached, Center dropped two pieces of gray ceramic tile. On the door were fresh strike marks, and surveillance video confirmed Center used the tile in an apparent attempt to break the door glass.

Center, of General George Patton Road, was taken into custody on charges of attempted burglary and possession of burglary tools.

On January 7th Sergeant Taylor Schmitz attended a local hospice for a safety seminar attended by more than 40 employees.



Central

Fraud detectives continue to talk to alleged victims of Steven Goldmann, 24, who posed as a wealthy businessman when he arrived in Nashville in November and as of today, is now charged with felony theft of property and services in addition to being a fugitive from Montana.

Goldmann was arrested Friday after management at the downtown Hilton became suspicious and called to report his activities, which included asking to land a helicopter on the hotel's property. Officers learned Goldmann was wanted in Montana for writing bad checks and took him into custody.

Fraud Unit detectives today charged Goldmann with felony theft of property for purchasing more than \$15,000 worth of clothing and other merchandise last month from Manuel American Design at 1922 Broadway using checks from an account he recently opened and knew did not have the available funds.

Goldmann today was also charged with theft of services for chartering 29 limousine rides between November 16th and December 10th from Metro Livery at 1311 Vultee Boulevard. The total estimated cost of the limo services provided was \$12,300. Goldmann told the company that his business, Stepping Stone Holdings, would reimburse them for the bill.

Detectives are also investigating the alleged defrauding of a Nashville helicopter company. Goldmann reportedly took trips to Bethpage for dinner and Franklin, Tennessee. Goldmann has remained in the Metro Nashville jail since Friday.

Retirement Celebration

Lieutenant Tim Durham celebrated 43 years of dedicated service.



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

Patrol Officer of the Month
East Precinct Officer Carroll Fondaw

Police Officer of the Month
East Precinct Officer Faye Denson

Investigator of the Month
Madison Precinct Detective Russ Thompson

Special Operations Officer of the Month
Special Response Team Officer Brian Gregory

From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A Nashville jury convicted Ugenio Ruby Ruiz of a total of 20 counts in a child rape case including nine counts of rape of a child, five counts of aggravated sexual battery and two counts of rape by an authority figure.

Kudos to Officers Michelle Jones, Jeff Wisner, Jason Mayo and Jeff Gibson for their work on this case. Sentencing is next month.

Congratulations:

Hermitage Precinct Officer Timothy Mead and his wife, Amanda, welcomed daughter Kensley Jo Mead on December 18th.

Officer Joel Rogers, North Precinct, and his wife, Patricia, welcomed a baby girl born on December 26th.



Condolences:

Lillian England, the mother-in-law of Chief Steve Anderson, passed away on December 16th.

Francis Green, the mother of Officer Faye Okert, East Precinct, passed away.

Lorene Lovell, the grandmother of Sergeant Kevin Lovell, Madison Precinct, passed away on December 17th.

C.H. Kitchens, the father-in-law of Lieutenant Bill Sneed, Training Division, passed away on December 13th.

Marilyn Reed, the mother-in-law of Officer James Pierceall, West Precinct, passed away on December 13th.

Adolph "Jerry" Grimaldi, the grandfather of Detective Andrew Injaychock, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on December 21st.

Anna Mai Rotier, age 100, the grandmother of Madison Precinct Commander Brian Johnson, passed away on January 1st.

Mary Cook, the mother of Officer Billy Estes, Madison Precinct, and mother-in-law of Officer Patricia Estes, North Precinct, passed away on January 1st.

E.A. Elvie Childress, the father-in-law of Officer Philip Shuler, Traffic Division, passed away.

Arrilla Cockrill, the grandmother of Jackie Cockrill, Identification Section, passed away on January 2nd.