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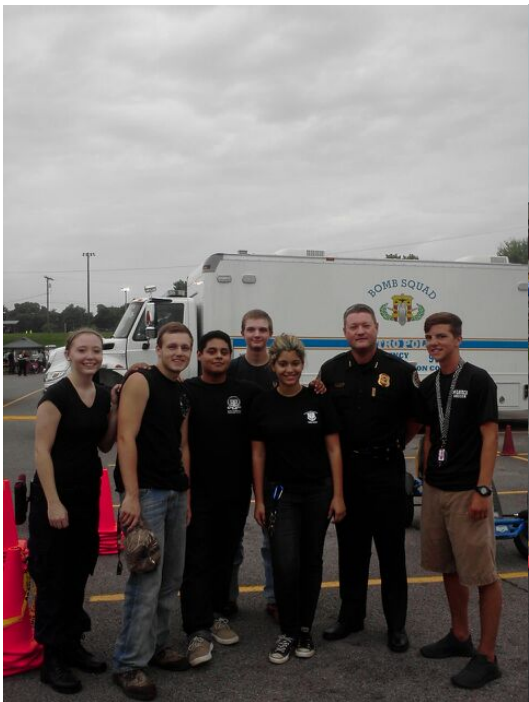
August 9, 2013

Happenings

National Night Out Against Crime

Communities across Nashville participated in the National Night Out Against Crime.









K9 Memorial Cemetery Restoration

Tactical Operations Section Lieutenant Ken Spencer

The K9 “Ingo” Memorial Cemetery is a place for the police dogs of our past to be memorialized and remembered. It is a place of Honor and Respect for the canines who patrolled the streets of Nashville and protected its citizens. Over the years, the elements have taken a toll on the cemetery. In that condition, the cemetery was not befitting the heroes it is meant to honor.

For this reason, on Saturday, July 27th, Cub Scout Pack 21, Boy Scout Troop 243, and Canine handlers/supervisors volunteered their time to restore the K9 “Ingo” Memorial Cemetery.

Five Cub Scouts, thirteen Boy Scouts, and over twenty K9 handlers (Active handlers, ex-handlers, and retired handlers) worked side by side to pull **93** headstones out, pressure wash each one, and return them to the cemetery. Prior to the headstones going back into the ground, each hole was filled with gravel to prevent them from sinking into the ground again. The Scouts and Handlers broke bread (pizza) together during the clean-up, sponsored by the Nashville Police Dog Handlers Association.

Each Cub Scout and Boy Scout will receive community service project hours that go towards their next rank advancement and a summer service project patch within the Scouting Program.



Metro Nashville Police Department
K-9 Handlers



Boy Scout Troop 243
Cub Pack 21



Canine Class 57

Canine Sergeant Danny Hale

Over the past 20 weeks I have trained Canine Class 57 that consisted of Officer Stephen “Sparky” Coleman and Police Dog Storm, Officer John “Hutch” Hutcheson and Police Dog Ringo, Officer Nate Lester and Police Dog Mikey, and Officer Stephen Holland and Police Dog Kaos. The certification was on August 7th and went very well. Handlers and their canine

partners scored from 641 to 655 out of a possible 700. I am very proud of each team. They all did an excellent job and the Nashville Police Department has four new certified police dogs on the street thanks to their efforts. I want to thank retired Sergeant Gary Duncan for coming out on his own time to assist in the certification process. It would be hard without volunteers like Gary. We appreciate his help very much. These officers worked very hard so if you get a chance to tell them “good job” please take a minute to do so.

Representative Harold Love Jr. Visits Compstat

Nashville State Representative Harold Love, Jr., was a guest at this morning’s Compstat meeting. Representative Love expressed his support for the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department and said that he stopped by to learn more about efforts to enhance the safety of neighborhoods.



Criminal Investigations Division Interview Training

The Criminal Investigations Division in conjunction with the District Attorney’s Office held a class for more than 100 MNPD officers interested in learning interview and investigation techniques.

This is the first in a series of classes, the next one this fall will focus on crime scene investigations.



Court Ordered Drug Destruction

Officers, property room staff members, and a representative from the District Attorney's Office were present recently for the destruction of 5,560 pounds of drugs at an EPA approved facility.

The majority of the property destroyed came from Davidson County drug drop box collections over the past year.



The Precinct News

Hermitage

Hermitage Precinct detectives arrested a Tipton County educator on a charge of attempted murder for the July 17th stabbing of a Franklin woman inside her car in a parking lot of Opry Mills Mall.

Earl Scott Kelley, 42, was taken into custody with the assistance of the Tipton County Sheriff's Office at the Board of Education's Alternative Learning Center in Covington. Kelley works there as a GED instructor.

Kelley is accused of stabbing Charlotte Drake, 39, after she parked her car in an Opry Mills parking lot at 2 p.m. on July 17th. Drake reported that a man entered her vehicle through the front passenger door, told her not to scream or panic, and then used a knife to stab her in the side and inflict lacerations to both arms. She said the assailant never made a robbery demand. Drake exited the car screaming. The suspect was then seen calmly walking to his vehicle and driving away.

Information from an alert witness was instrumental in the development of Kelley as a possible suspect. Investigation over the past two weeks revealed that Kelley was a guest at the Opryland Hotel on July 17th and was in town to attend an education conference. Detectives traveled to Tipton County late last week to interview Kelley. He denied any knowledge or involvement in the assault on Drake and denied ever being in the parking lot where the attack took place. Nevertheless, forensic evidence collected by Detective Erid Harrison in Tipton County last week was analyzed by police experts in the Identification Division and directly links Kelley to the case.

Kelley refused to be interviewed. The motive for the assault on Drake remains under investigation. Detectives have not yet determined why she was approached in the busy parking lot in the middle of a Wednesday afternoon.

Kelley was returned to Nashville where he is being held in the Metro Jail.

South

Outstanding coordinated police work led to Thursday night's arrest of three men believed to be involved in several South Nashville carjackings and robberies.

Chansarak "Eric" Keo, 18, admitted that he and an accomplice approached a 16-year-old victim outside 330 Bridgeway Circle and demanded the teen's belongings. Keo, who admitted kicking the victim in the head during the armed robbery, fled in the victim's 2008 Nissan Altima Coupe following behind an accomplice who was driving a gray Chevrolet Impala.

As South Precinct Detectives Charles McEachron and Joseph Haislip responded to the robbery scene, they notified officers to be on the lookout not only for the stolen Nissan but also a gray Chevrolet Impala since the description of the suspects matched other robberies in which

an Impala (taken during a carjacking last Saturday at an apartment complex on Hickory Club Drive) was used as the getaway car. Additionally, Detectives McEachron and Haislip gave a location on Whitsett Road where previously stolen vehicles had been recovered.

Acting on this information, Officer John Patton drove to Whitsett Road and found the victim's stolen Nissan Altima parked outside an apartment complex. During the recovery of the Nissan, Officer John Vandenberg spotted a gray Impala driving into the parking lot. When the driver of the Impala saw Officer Vandenberg, the driver and his passenger, Eric Keo, fled on foot into a nearby wooded area. Keo soon emerged from behind a house and was taken into custody. His accomplice has not yet been located. A handgun was recovered from the Impala.

While searching for the second suspect, Detective Daniel Polk saw a stolen white Chrysler 200 drive by which had been taken Tuesday during a carjacking on Thompson Lane. Officer Polk attempted to stop the vehicle but the driver fled at a high rate of speed before running off the roadway into a creek bed near Glenrose Avenue and Mashburn Road. Two suspects, Eduardo Muroz-Lara and Nicolas Orozco, both 18, ran from the car. Muroz-Lara was taken into custody by canine officers and a police helicopter pilot assisted in Orozco's apprehension by relaying his whereabouts to officers on the ground. A sawed off shotgun was recovered from the Chrysler 200.

Remarkably, Orozco and Muroz-Lara are not believed to have any connection to Keo and his accomplice. Keo, of Peachtree Street, is charged with two counts of aggravated robbery for last night's hold-up on Bridgeway Circle, and the July 31st carjacking/robbery of a woman in the parking lot of a Neese Drive apartment complex. He remains jailed in lieu of \$75,000 bond.

Orozco, of Slayton Court, is charged with felony possession of a prohibited weapon (sawed off shotgun) and accessory after the fact. Muroz-Lara, of Wickson Avenue, is charged with vehicle theft and felony possession of a prohibited weapon (sawed off shotgun).

The investigation continues into both cases and additional charges are likely. All three suspect photographs are being withheld pending lineups in similar crimes.

South Precinct detectives are working to locate Keo's accomplice. Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 74-CRIME.

An alert citizen's tip led to the arrest of convicted burglar Michael J. Thompson, 19, and Jordan Deaderick, 21, during a break-in at a Wessex Drive residence in South Nashville.

A neighbor reported seeing the men kick in the door and make entry into the house around 12:15 p.m. Officers quickly arrived and took Deaderick, who was sitting in Thompson's white SUV outside the home, into custody. Thompson jumped out a back window but was arrested after he was spotted walking on Tusculum Road at Old Tusculum Road.

Both men are charged with aggravated burglary. Thompson, who was convicted of two burglaries in February and received a three year probated sentence, was also charged with another break-in that occurred at a residence on Woburn Way. Thompson, of Wallace Road, admitted to both burglaries.

Deaderick, who has a previous marijuana possession conviction, also admitted to the first burglary.

On Saturday, August 3rd Community Coordinator Sergeant Taylor Schmitz spent the morning with Councilman Fabian Bedne for his District 31 monthly gathering at a local coffee shop in Lenox Village. The meeting was well attended and several topics were discussed, including neighborhood traffic and safety concerns.



On August 5th the South Precinct conducted their first “Coffee with a Cop” event at McDonalds on Harding Place. Citizens stopped by for a cup of coffee and had a chance to meet Commander Paul Trickey, precinct detectives and A-Detail officers. Citizens from the Wedgewood/Houston area, the Holt Road area, the Fairlane Park neighborhood, and Metro Councilman Chris Harmon stopped by. “Coffee with a Cop” will be held in the South Precinct on the first Monday of each month at different neighborhood locations.



Commander Trickey visits with community members participating in “Coffee with a Cop”.

East

Quick action by an alert East Nashville resident led to the arrest of Robertson County fugitive and convicted robber Joshua Harvell.

The citizen, who saw Harvell featured on a television newscast as the suspect in a Springfield home burglary in which a child was present, thought she saw him in the area of Allenwood Drive. She contacted East Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant Mike Fisher and provided the description of the Nissan automobile in which the suspect was riding. Fisher immediately asked the precinct's Flex Team to check the neighborhood. Flex Officer Cole Womack spotted the car and stopped it. Harvell, 21, was taken into custody without incident and transferred to Robertson County where he is charged with aggravated burglary, aggravated assault and theft.

Harvell was convicted of robbery in Nashville last August. He received a six-year probated sentence.

Officer Oscar Pacheco stopped the driver of a car, Antonio Nelson, 25, for a seatbelt violation. A handgun was recovered under the front passenger seat. Nelson, a convicted felon, and two of his passengers, convicted felon Jermaine Wade, 22, and Jessie McDonald III, 27, were each charged with unlawful weapon possession.

North

Quick police response to a break-in at a residence on Dr. D.B. Todd Boulevard resulted in the arrest of a man who entered through a bathroom window and took an iPhone.

Patrick Marlowe, 24, pointed a weapon at the victim as he fled on a bicycle. Officers located Marlowe on Herman Street and took him into custody. A black Airsoft handgun was recovered from his person. The stolen iPhone was recovered a few feet away.

Marlowe, of 33rd Avenue North, is charged with aggravated assault, aggravated burglary and theft. He has previous convictions for unlawful possession of a handgun, drug possession and resisting arrest.

Madison

A 16-year-old shoplifting suspect who used a stun device to escape from two Rivergate Target store employees July 28th is now in juvenile detention awaiting a hearing on the state's request to transfer her to adult court.

The 16-year-old, who resides in Madison, is charged with two counts of aggravated assault and one count of theft. The teen was observed shoplifting by security staff and was detained after passing all points of sale. She was brought to an office where she removed the shoplifted items from her large pink purse. She then retrieved a pink stun gun and lunged

toward a security staff member and another worker. They were unable to detain her as she fled from the store.

The 16-year-old was taken into custody Monday after her mother called police and provided information about her. Madison Precinct Officer Richard Gilbert spotted the car the teen was driving on Neelys Bend Road. She headed up a long driveway as Gilbert and Officer Joe Pennington attempted to block her. Officer Gilbert got out of his patrol car and stood in front of the suspect's vehicle. She drove at him and he had to move quickly out of the way to avoid being hit. She then stopped and was taken into custody without further incident. Recovered from the car was a pink stun device of the same appearance as the one used in the Target matter.

A woman with multiple felony theft and forgery convictions is back behind bars charged with taking wallets from women's purses while they shopped.

Patricia Lee Hancock, 48, surrendered herself after seeing televised surveillance photos implicating her in the thefts. At this time, Hancock is charged in three of the thefts but is a suspect in at least 14 cases that occurred in recent weeks primarily while the victims were shopping at Kroger, 200 S. Gallatin Pike and two WalMart locations, 3458 Dickerson Pike & 2232 N. Gallatin Pike.

In most of the cases, the women did not realize their wallets had been taken until they attempted to check out. In four of the thefts, the suspect distracted the victims by asking for assistance or talking to them about certain products.

Prior to her arrest, Hancock was free on \$1,500 bond for allegedly taking a wallet from a woman's purse as the victim shopped at Kroger, 3410 Gallatin Pike last October. Hancock, of Elmhurst Avenue, is currently jailed in lieu of \$30,000 bond.

West

Heads up police work by overnight West Precinct Officer Michael Rogers resulted in the apprehension of a man and woman believed responsible for breaking into at least two homes and one vehicle in the Belle Meade area.

Officer Rogers saw a Volvo traveling without headlights on Brookfield Avenue shortly after a home burglary occurred nearby in the 200 block of Heady Avenue. A pistol, iPad, wallet and purse were taken. Officer Rogers noticed that the driver of the car, Betty Small-Vandolen, 27, and the passenger, Billy Ray Perry, 21, matched the description of suspects in a Taggart Drive home burglary earlier in the night.

Officer Rogers had both Small-Vandolen and Perry exit the vehicle. A pat down of Small-Vandolen revealed that she was carrying the loaded stolen .38 caliber pistol on her ankle. Recovered from the car were the other items stolen from Heady Drive home along with another purse that contained a checkbook with a Brookfield Avenue address. Officers checked with the residents on Brookfield Avenue who reported that the purse was stolen from their vehicle. Also found in the suspects' car were latex gloves and a window punch.

Small-Vandolen is charged with two counts of home burglary, one count of auto burglary, unlawful gun possession and possession of burglary tools. At the time of her arrest, Small-Vandolen was free on a \$4,500 bond in connection with a January home burglary arrest.

Perry is charged with two counts of home burglary, one count of auto burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Central

Quick response by Central Precinct officers to a reported burglary in progress on Ireland Street led to the arrest of two men who dove into the bushes when they saw police arriving.

Investigation revealed that Dashawn Patrick Slone, 21, and Markeal Moore, 18, tried to enter a home in the 900 block of Ireland Street at 3:55 a.m., but the door was locked. A witness heard the noises they were making and watched as they attempted to enter another nearby residence. They managed to raise the window just as officers arrived, but took to the shrubs for concealment.

Slone was carrying burglary tools, 16 grams of marijuana and a gun magazine. A search of the shrub area where he was hiding revealed a .45 caliber pistol, which Slone later admitted to carrying. Moore was carrying a backpack full of DVDs and other items that he claimed came from an unlocked vehicle in the immediate area. Officers searched for the vehicle, but were unable to locate it.

Slone is charged with two counts of aggravated burglary, possession of burglary tools, unlawful weapon possession, possession of a firearm in the commission of a dangerous felony and marijuana possession.

Moore is charged with two counts of aggravated burglary, possession of burglary tools and felony theft.

Specialized Investigations Division

Gang Unit detectives from the Specialized Investigations Division on August 6th charged 52-year-old Jerry Pewitt with selling an undercover officer a stolen pistol, ammunition and pills from his apartment on Rio Vista Drive. During an execution of a search warrant at the apartment, detectives recovered 7 pistols, 2 rifles, 1 shotgun, 154 pills and \$1,470 cash. Pewitt is facing felony drug and firearms charges.

Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives have interdicted yet another heroin distribution group in South Nashville with Wednesday's arrest of ten persons and the seizure of 38 grams of heroin, three vehicles and \$11,705 cash.

During the investigation that began last month, undercover officers watched suspect **Douglas Phillip Logan** meet with various persons, subsequently determined to be heroin customers, in the parking lots of various South Nashville businesses. Officers watched Logan collect money from those individuals. He would then travel to another location, meet with

heroin-possessing distributors, then return to the parking lots and deliver heroin to the individual customers.

On Wednesday, detectives watched as Logan, accompanied by **James Callis and Nathan Foutch**, arrived at a parking lot and collected money from heroin customers. Logan, Callis and Foutch then headed to a Brentwood parking lot and met with **Rodriguez Rafael Lopez and Antwan Gomez-Flores**. After visiting with them, Logan, Callis and Foutch went to a parking lot at Nolensville Pike and Old Hickory Boulevard where they and the customers were taken into custody. Seized at that location were 16 balloons filled with black tar heroin, syringes, spoons and other drug paraphernalia used to inject heroin. The customers were issued state misdemeanor citations charging them with attempting to possess a controlled substance.

Lopez and Gomez-Flores were followed from Brentwood to the I-440 West End Avenue exit. They were stopped there and taken into custody. Both are suspected of being tied to a larger heroin organization with roots in Mexico.

The Crime Suppression Units from the South and West Precincts assisted in this case. The investigation into heroin trafficking in the Nashville area is continuing.

Logan, 30, and Callis, 32, both of Ashland City, as well as Foutch, 34, of Lavergne, are each charged with two counts of possessing heroin for resale.

Lopez, 32, and Gomez-Flores, 26, both of Belmont Boulevard, are each charged with engaging in a heroin distribution conspiracy.

Sex Crimes Unit

Six weeks of intense, non-stop investigation into the June 23rd sexual assault of a 21-year-old Vanderbilt University co-ed inside a campus dormitory has resulted in Friday's indictment of four former Commodore football players on multiple criminal counts.

Those charged are:

- Brandon Vandenburg, 20, of Indio, California;
- Corey Batey, 19, of Nashville;
- Brandon Banks, 19, of Brandywine, Maryland; and
- Jaborian McKenzie, 19, of Woodville, Mississippi.

All four defendants are each charged with five counts of aggravated rape and two counts of aggravated sexual battery. Vandenburg is additionally charged with one count of tampering with evidence and one count of unlawful photography.

“Today's indictment is the result of tedious and painstaking work by lead Detective Jason Mayo and Sergeant Mike Shreeve from the Sex Crimes Unit, and Detective Chad Gish, a talented police department electronics expert,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “Their investigation has uncovered compelling, unsettling evidence that was presented to the Davidson County Grand Jury earlier today.”

“The Nashville community should know that our team of investigators, who along the way received strong support from the Vanderbilt University Police Department and the TBI Crime Laboratory, has been focused on diligently working on behalf of the victim since June 26th, when this matter was first reported to us by Vanderbilt Police,” Chief Anderson said.

The four defendants are charged with raping the unconscious victim inside Vandenburg's room at Gillette House dormitory in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 23rd. The matter first came to light the next week when University officials checking the dorm's hallway surveillance recordings regarding an unrelated situation observed concerning behavior by the defendants. Notification was made to the Vanderbilt University Police Department on the night of June 25th. VUPD contacted the MNPD's Sex Crimes Unit on the morning of June 26th.

"Attorneys with our office have been conferring with investigators from the police department since the initial stages of this investigation," District Attorney General Torry Johnson said. "Although four people are being charged at this time, the investigation is still ongoing into the actions of other individuals and the role(s) they may have played in this incident."

"As with any pending criminal case, specific information about the charges and the proof will be released at the appropriate time as the case progresses in Criminal Court," Johnson said.

While much of the MNPD's investigation was done locally, Detectives Mayo and Gish traveled to Palm Desert, California, for several days at the end of July. Assistance provided by the Riverside County, California, Sheriff's Office was instrumental in the collection of certain evidence.

Metro officers a short time ago arrested Batey at his Sennadale Lane residence in Nashville. He was taken to General Hospital for the mandatory blood testing required of persons charged with rape before being transported to the Metro Jail. Efforts are underway to bring Vandenburg, Banks and McKenzie into custody.

**The following officers in the Criminal Investigations Division were chosen
Investigator of the Month for April, May & June 2013**

April

Detectives Chad Gish & Mike Adkins

May

Detectives Teresa Pulliam & John Timm

June

Detective Danny Satterfield

**The following officers in the Field Operations Bureau have been chosen Police,
Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operations officers of the month for July 2013**

Patrol

West Precinct Officers Michael Rogers & Danny Haley

Police
Hermitage Precinct Officer Christopher Key

Investigator
South Precinct Detectives Corey Wall & Derry Baltimore

Special Operations
Canine Officer Ronald Black

From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A 25-year old man will serve the next 40 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges stemming from a south Nashville crime spree during the fall of 2011. Rony Sorto pled guilty to multiple counts of especially aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery and aggravated rape. His 40-year sentence will be served at 100%. He was scheduled to go on trial later this month.

Sorto and his co-defendant, Olbin Euceda, were charged in a series of robberies, home invasions, and sexual assaults. Euceda went to trial in March and was convicted of rape of a child, especially aggravated kidnapping and aggravated robbery. He was sentenced to serve 75 years at 100% for his role in that crime. He still has pending charges from other cases for which a trial date has not yet been set.

After serving his full prison term Sorto, who is El Salvadoran, will be turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



Congratulations to Detective Joseph Leurs, West Precinct, and Monica Sylvester, Behavioral Health Services, on the birth of their daughter, Haley Rebel Leurs, on July 29th.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Pete Dusche, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Nichole, on the birth of their daughter, Cora Juliet Dusche, on August 4th.

Congratulations to Sergeant Jonathan Boese, SID, and his wife, Luanne, on the birth of their daughter, Corrie Annalise Boese, on August 7th.

Condolences:

Edwin Taylor, the father of Captain Chris Taylor, passed away on July 27th. He served 33 years in the U.S. Army, being one of the first to achieve the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5. He served in both the Vietnam conflict and Desert Storm, earning a Distinguished Flying Cross and Bronze Star in battle.

FYI:

2013 Law Enforcement Talent showcase

The 2013 Law Enforcement Talent Showcase, featuring songs and dance by a number of Nashville police officers, will be at B.B. King's Blues Club on 2nd Avenue downtown on Tuesday August 27th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the show starting at 6 p. m.

Special performances will include **a surprise Grammy Award winning artist and Cowboy Troy.**

Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained at the door or at the West Precinct, 862-7747.

The proceeds to this event will be donated to the Nashville Children's Alliance, a non-profit organization that provides services to children who have been victimized by sexual or severe physical abuse.