

## April 11, 2014

# News from the Chief



The city's budget development process for the fiscal year that begins July 1 is well underway. During the police department's budget hearing with Mayor Dean last week, I outlined our request for a total net increase of \$9.4 million. The largest line item, \$5.3 million, is related to this summer's opening of the Midtown Hills Precinct, which will require an additional 58 police officers, bringing our city's sworn strength to 1,431.

Other elements of our request include:

- \$1.2 million to fully fund the salaries of scientists and provide for necessary chemicals, supplies and maintenance at the crime lab;
- \$171,500 to hire six part-time recently retired MNPD officers/investigators to assist Domestic Violence detectives with case management, coordinating counseling services for victims, arranging safety plans and securing orders of protection;
- \$1 million to train an additional 18 new police officers, so that, over an 11 month period, we can graduate a total of 116 men and women from our academy. The money would cover salaries, benefits and overtime for the 18 individuals through their training and first 5 months on the streets as police officers;
- \$640,000 to cover our expanding special events initiative, so that extra-duty officers on overtime can staff these events (CMA Fest, New Year's Eve Bash, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, etc.) with very minimal impact on regular duty personnel;
- \$238,000 for additional school crossing guards;
- \$41,500 to provide veterinary care and supplies for 10 active and 4 retired MNPD horses;
- And increases to cover the higher costs of aviation fuel for our helicopters, ammunition, software licensing, and new phones for Midtown Hills. Mayor Dean, who was very complimentary of the police department's work and our

relationship with the community, has consistently kept our police department and public safety among his top priorities. The Mayor will present his budget proposal to the Metro Council in the coming days. Our budget hearing before the Council's Budget & Finance Committee is scheduled for May 22 at 6 p.m.



Chief Anderson presents the police department's budget proposal to Mayor Dean.

Congratulations to the more than 40 persons who were honored on Tuesday during the police department's 2014 Annual Awards Ceremony held at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel. This event is a long standing tradition that recognizes citizen involvement/assistance as well as significant accomplishments over and above that which is expected of MNPD officers and staff. I encourage all employees to be mindful of exceptional public safety actions performed during the year and to nominate persons using MNPD Form 247 (available on PDWEB). All nominations are considered by the Awards Committee.



Sergeant James Smith and Officer Jean McCormack were among several officers honored for saving lives of citizens in various circumstances.



Detective Chad Gish, Sergeant Mike Shreeve and Detective Jason Mayo received Exemplary Service Awards for their tireless work investigating the rape of a Vanderbilt University student in a campus dormitory.



Timothy Dodson & Ronnie Thompson received Citizen Commendation Awards for subduing a shooting suspect.



Retiring District Attorney General Torry Johnson received a Community Service Award for his 27 years of service as Davidson County's top prosecutor.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run & Walk benefiting the Nashville Police Support Fund, is scheduled for Saturday morning, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at LP Field. <u>Please consider</u> <u>participating and urge family members and friends to join you for a great morning of</u> <u>fellowship and activities.</u> Through the generosity of Shoney's CEO David Davoudpour, who matches entry fees dollar for dollar, more than \$108,000 has been raised for the Nashville Police Support Fund since the event began in 2009. The fund is designed to help defray costs for officers working to complete higher education degrees. Sixteen officers received grants from the fund last fall, the first year disbursements from the fund were made. An announcement will be made later this year on the acceptance of new grant applications. The entry fee for the 5K is \$25 through the end of this month.



With the improved weather of spring now here, and with the heat of summer not far away, we need to stay on top of emerging crime issues and trends so that they can be addressed quickly. Thank you all for everything you do to make Nashville the great place that it is. Thank you, too, for all that you do to enhance the safety of our city's families and visitors.

# Happenings

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson on April  $2^{nd}$  welcomed a new class of 22 police officer trainees who have officially begun the rigorous 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  month training process.

The mayor and chief both thanked class members for choosing the Nashville Police Department as the place they want to work. Graduation is set for August.

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> police officer trainee class to begin since Mayor Dean took office in 2007. He and Chief Anderson are strongly committed to seeing that the police department keeps pace with normal attrition and remains fully staffed.





# Metro School Crossing Guard Badge Ceremony

Fourteen new school crossing guards received their badges on March 13<sup>th</sup> after completing their training with officers and experienced guards in the field.



Pictured back row (l-r) are: Officer Kevin Cooley, Terika Roland, Sgt. Mark Denton, Sylvia Lewis, Lt. Mike Gilliland, Danielle Frank, Larry McKinnie, and Raychelle Lewis. Pictured front row (l-r) are: Courtney Myers, Myrtist Moore, Joann Finch, Huley Hughes, Steven Shirey, and Trena Troutt. (Graduates Paul Fleisher, Annie Blackman, and Dee Papke and are not pictured)

# Crime Victims' Rights Week

Mounted Patrol officers participated in last Sunday's Victims' Rights ceremony at Centennial Park. The ceremony concluded with a balloon release in honor of all victims of crime.



On Monday, Police Chaplain James Duke led a prayer during a tree planting ceremony in honor of crime victims at Bicentennial Mall State Park.





Chief Anderson stopped by Nashville's Drug Court facility in Bordeaux Tuesday evening to present Criminal Court Judge Seth Norman with a plaque in recognition of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, as well as his tireless work in helping drug defendants become rehabilitated.



Chief Anderson on Tuesday evening joined former Metro Councilman Leo Waters for a look at "Waters Hall," one of the residential buildings at Nashville's drug court facility. Both men dropped by to wish Criminal Court Judge Seth Norman a happy 80th birthday.

Titans Head Coach Ken Whisenhunt took time from his active schedule to stop by a Metro Police command meeting this morning to express his appreciation and thanks for Nashville's police officers.



Citizen's Police Academy graduate Ron Leonard visited the Criminal Justice Center this week with his trained therapy dog, Molly. Ron, who is retired from the Army, and Molly visit hospitals, rehabilitation centers and veterans care facilities where they provide comfort and a calming presence to people experiencing a variety of issues.



# **15K Run in Support of Special Kids**

Several members of the MNPD family participated in a 15K run to benefit Special Kids, a Christian nonprofit providing rehabilitation and nursing services to children with special needs. The Murfreesboro-based organization started with one child in 1998 and has grown to serve more than 2,600 children across middle Tennessee.



Pictured (l-r) are Brandon Bradford and Officers Ryan Matson, Michael Passaro, and Clifton Huffmaster.

# The Precinct News

### <u>South</u>

The cocaine-related shooting death of a man more than five years ago in the parking lot of Tusculum Hills Baptist Church off Nolensville Pike has landed 28-year-old Raul Palomo back in the Metro Jail on a first-degree murder indictment.

Sean Lamont Holmes, 36, of Baptist World Center Drive, was shot to death on the afternoon of Saturday, October 25, 2008, while seated in a van during what investigators found to be a significant cocaine transaction. Several bricks of cocaine were recovered from the scene, along with a large amount of cash.

Investigation by the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force, the Homicide/Cold Case Unit and South Precinct detectives led to the arrest of Palomo in September 2011 on felony cocaine counts related to the church parking lot deal. Before that case could advance, the federal

government took custody of Palomo in regard to an immigration matter. The sealed murder indictment was returned while Palomo was in federal custody.

Palomo was formally booked on the murder case following his return to the Metro Jail. He will be arraigned in Criminal Court in the near future.

Citizen tips led to the arrest of two convicted felons, Jonathan Corke, 25, and Darius Cox, 26, who are suspected in the following residential burglaries:

- The 600 block of Applejack Court (South Nashville)
- The 800 block of Wilson Boulevard (West Nashville)
- The 3900 block of Woodlawn Boulevard (West Nashville)

Just before noon, a citizen reported seeing an old silver Chevrolet Malibu driving in the Appleseed Court cul-de-sac. The car originally had two occupants but returned with only one. At about the same time, a second citizen called to report a suspicious man walking onto a neighbor's back porch on Applejack Court.

South Precinct officers responded and discovered that the back door of the Applejack Court home had been forced open. Property from the residence had been placed by the back door. Corke ran from police but was taken into custody after a brief foot pursuit. Cox, who was driving the Malibu, was also taken into custody. Items taken from the West Nashville burglaries were recovered from inside the car.

At the time of his latest arrest, Cox was free on \$21,000 bond for an arrest last month for drug possession in a drug-free school zone and felony weapon possession. Corke was also out on bond prior to this arrest. He was free on \$10,000 bond for an alleged burglary last October.

Cox, of Delmas Avenue, has previous convictions for aggravated burglary, unlawful drug and weapon possession, and burglary.

Corke's arrest history reflects convictions for theft and evading arrest.

Parolee Timothy McManama, 31, is back behind bars facing multiple charges after South Precinct officers responded to reports of an armed man slumped over in the front seat of an SUV at Kangaroo Express, 198 Haywood Lane.

Officers observed McManama, who appeared to be extremely intoxicated, inside a Mitsubishi Montero with a semi-automatic pistol in his right hand. They disarmed McManama and took him into custody.

A warrant charging McManama with domestic assault, for an altercation with his girlfriend, was issued earlier.

Additionally, several items taken during a burglary in the 5900 block of East Ridge Drive were recovered from his SUV including a laptop, iPad and prescription medication.

McManama, who has previous convictions for aggravated burglary, burglary of a motor vehicle and drug possession, was charged with felon in possession of a handgun, aggravated burglary, felony theft, drug possession, domestic assault and assault.

The investigation continues into McManama's possible involvement in other burglaries.

#### **Hermitage**

Outstanding police work led to the arrest of 19-year-old Dallas Parker minutes after he robbed a man and woman in a parking lot at Opry Mills mall.

The victims were walking to their car around 8:45 p.m. when Parker approached them and demanded their belongings at gunpoint. One of the victims ran inside and notified off-duty Metro Police Officers Leonard Cato and Sean Pulizzano. Officers Cato and Pulizzano, who were both working an extra-duty detail at Opry Mills, quickly responded and took Parker into custody after a brief foot pursuit. Parker dropped the victim's purse. A handgun that did not belong to her was recovered inside.

Parker, who has previous unlawful gun and drug possession convictions, is charged with two counts of aggravated robbery and a crooks with guns law violation. He is being held in lieu of \$285,000 bond.

#### <u>East</u>

Alert police work led to Wednesday's arrest of convicted robber and parolee Justin Conyers, 22, a short time after he allegedly held-up the Rite Aid at 700 Gallatin Avenue.

Conyers, of North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, entered the pharmacy at 10:40 a.m. and acted as if he was going to make a purchase. He then walked behind the counter and placed a knife against the clerk's throat before taking cash from the register.

East Precinct Officer Martin Gonzalez later spotted Conyers on Douglas Avenue near Trevecca Avenue where he was taken into custody. Conyers was positively identified as the robber.

Conyers is charged with aggravated robbery and is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond. Conyers was convicted in 2011 of robbing two East Nashville businesses (Sweet 16<sup>th</sup> Bakery & Worm's Way) and sentenced to eight years.

Two persons are in custody for the June 2013 fatal shooting of Tyrone Reece in the 700 block of South 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the James Cayce public housing development.

Delvin Samuels, 25, is charged with first degree murder. His girlfriend Dianna Hatfield, 26, is charged with accessory after the fact.

Investigation by East Precinct detectives shows that Samuels shot Reece, 30, in retaliation for a separate incident.

Alert police work led to the arrest of two ex-cons accused of robbing three persons in the 3300 block of Moonlight Drive in Madison.

The victims reported that parolee Kanetha Miller, 25, James Cox III, 30, and a third suspect approached their parked vehicle with guns drawn at 12:30 a.m. The victim driver fled on foot and her two passengers were robbed of their personal belongings, including cell phones.

The three suspects fled in a white Dodge Charger. A short time later East Precinct Officer Chad Brown spotted the suspect vehicle on Scott Avenue near Creighton Avenue. Miller and Cox were taken into custody. The third suspect fled on foot. Items taken during the hold-up were recovered from inside the Dodge, including the victim driver's car keys. Miller and Cox were positively identified as the robbers.

Miller, of Underwood Street, and Cox, of Delta Avenue, are both charged with three counts of aggravated robbery and are each being held on \$250,000 bond.

At the time of her latest arrest, Miller was free on \$5,000 bond for theft in a robberyrelated case that occurred just last month. She has previous cocaine possession, forgery and evading arrest convictions.

Cox has previous aggravated assault and felon in possession of a handgun convictions.

SWAT members assigned to the Special Response Team arrested Derrick Darnell Moore for his involvement in the September 2013 shooting death of Spencer Beasley, 22, during a dice game in the 1600 block of Chase Street.

Moore, 31, is charged with criminal homicide and aggravated robbery. He was taken into custody without incident during a vehicle stop on 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

The investigation into the September 27, 2013 shooting shows that Beasley was allegedly shot in retaliation for a previous incident. His money and cell phone were taken.

Moore, of College Avenue, has previous convictions for theft, assault, and gambling. He is being held in lieu of \$250,000 bond.

The investigation continues.

### <u>North</u>

Commander Terrence Graves on March 13<sup>th</sup> read to a class at Cumberland Elementary School.



Officer Bradley Nave from the DUI Enforcement Unit assisted North Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant Mitch Kornberg during Fisk University's "Safety Day" that focused on DUI awareness.



Sergeant Harold Burke and Officer Zack Waters from the Traffic Division and North Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant Mitch Kornberg participated in a Tennessee State University event to assist expectant mothers. Officers Burke and Waters provided instruction on the proper installation of child safety seats.



## **Madison**

An investigation by Madison Precinct undercover detectives led to the arrest of convicted drug dealer Calvin "Pops" Cook who is suspected of peddling pills and heroin from his Ocoee Trail home and in area parking lots.

Undercover detectives on April 3<sup>rd</sup> observed Cook, 58, make a hand to hand drug transaction from his vehicle in the parking lot of Walgreens, 3880 Dickerson Pike. Officers stopped Cook on Old Hickory Boulevard and Gibson Drive. He was in possession of 3.5 grams of heroin.

Late last month, Cook allegedly sold a police operative .5 grams of heroin at his 1540 Ocoee Trail residence.

Cook is charged with heroin possession in a drug-free school zone, felony possession of heroin and methadone, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held in lieu of \$90,000 bond.

Cook was convicted just last month of selling methadone from his residence in 2013. He received a three-year probated sentence.

Warrants Division officers, with the assistance of SWAT members assigned to the Special Response Team, arrested accused killer Darius Montez Tate, who has been wanted since February for the shooting death of Jamahl Saunders in the 1200 block of Berwick Trail in Madison.

Tate, 22, is under indictment on charges of reckless homicide and two counts of attempted first-degree murder. He was taken into custody without incident at a home on N.  $2^{nd}$  Street.

The investigation into the February 10<sup>th</sup> shooting of Saunders shows that he was unintentionally shot by his good friend, Tate, as the two criminally opened fire on persons seated in a car parked on Berwick Trail. At the time of Saunders' death, Tate was serving a four-year probated sentence received just last July for two felony cocaine convictions.

Officers and their families participated in the Madison Bike race on March 30<sup>th</sup> and the Madison Clean-Up Day on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Mike Reid, Sgt. Mark Bradshaw, Officer Willie Reaves, Officer Jean McCormack, and Sgt. James P. Vivrette



Madison volunteer Clean-Up Day participants included Deputy Chief Brian Johnson, Madison Precinct Commander Sebastian Gourdin, Lt. Robert Durban, Lt. Josh Baisdell, Sgt. Mark Bradshaw, Sgt. James Vivrette, Officer Eric Mumaw, Officer Harris Smith, Council Member Bill Pridemore and many family members including Sgt. Bradshaw's five children.

### West

Keen awareness by a West Nashville citizen and quick action by West Precinct officers led to the arrest of Raymond Charles Shyloski before he had a chance to flee the Illinois Avenue home he was burglarizing.

A citizen who lives on Michigan Avenue called police at 1:10 p.m. to report that a suspicious stranger wearing a hat, gloves and carrying a backpack had just entered a home behind his. Officers Jason Baber and Brian Allen arrived on the scene within minutes, just as Shyloski was coming out of the home. When he realized the police were there, Shyloski went back inside and locked the door. The officers yelled commands for Shyloski to surrender. He complied. Inside Shyloski's backpack was a crowbar. He admitted to going through the homeowner's prescription medication.

Shyloski, 33, of Robertson Avenue, is charged with aggravated burglary and possession of burglary tools.

# **Central**

The operators of Throwdown Liquid and Ultra Violet nightclubs at 128 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North on April 4<sup>th</sup> conceded that the bars were being operated as public nuisances and agreed to make changes.

Central Precinct detectives padlocked both bars pursuant to an order from Criminal Court Judge Mark Fishburn after an investigation showed that repeated and recurring criminal and disorderly activities had been occurring, to include fighting, drunkenness, breaches of the peace, and beer law violations.

Judge Fishburn signed a permanent injunction that directs the operators of Throwdown, Barnum Ray Demonbreun and Jeffery Beck, and the operators of Ultra Violet, Jeffery Hargis and Joseph Allan Mulica, Ultra Violet Nightclub, LLC to:

- Employ security guards licensed by the state at a rate of one guard per every 40 patrons. There shall also be a licensed security guard in each male and female restroom;
- Prohibit any firearms on the premises by patrons and employees except the licensed security guards the business employs;
- Prohibit "happy hours" or any other discounting of beer between 11 p.m. and closing;
- Set a closing time of 1 a.m. for a minimum period of 30 days after the bars reopen. The operators can petition the court to modify the hours once the court determines the businesses are in compliance with the terms of the court order;
- Prohibit patrons or guests under the age of 21. The operators are also barred from admitting any patron who does not possess a lawfully issued government ID card;
- Scan or otherwise record the identification of each patron and provide such records to law enforcement during business hours.

"The acknowledgement by the operators of Throwdown and Ultra Violet nightclubs that changes are needed is good for downtown residents and visitors," Chief Steve Anderson said. "Unfortunately, in some cases, it takes a public nuisance padlocking order to get the required attention of establishment owners and operators."

Assistant District Attorneys John Zimmermann and Janice Norman filed the nuisance action at the request of Central Precinct Commander Jason Reinbold and his officers.



Chief Steve Anderson said that the padlocking action should be a notice that this type of activity will not be tolerated.



Central Precinct Commander Jason Reinbold discussed the problems associated with the bars. Pictured in the background (l-r) are Chief Steve Anderson and Metro Council Member Erica Gilmore. Outstanding coordinated police work led to the arrest of two convicted robbers suspected of multiple hold-ups in the Germantown neighborhood of North Nashville and the Hermitage area.

Parolee Marvin Whitson, 50, and probation absconder Walter Hooks, 29, were taken into custody April  $2^{nd}$  after Central Precinct detectives responded to a robbery in the 1100 block of  $5^{th}$  Avenue North at 8 p.m. The victim reported that he had been pistol whipped during the hold-up and the suspect's gun had fired during the beating. His keys and wallet were taken.

About 30 minutes later, Hermitage Precinct officers responded to a robbery in the 300 block of Fesslers Lane. In this case, two men wearing pantyhose to cover their faces ordered four men to the ground at gunpoint and took their belongings. They fled in a white Ford Explorer. Central Precinct detectives recognized that this description also matched a robbery in Germantown Sunday night when a jogger was robbed at gunpoint and the two suspects fled in a white Ford Explorer.

The description of the getaway Ford Explorer was broadcast. Hermitage Precinct officers stopped the SUV as the driver pulled into InTown Suites at 2823 Murfreesboro Pike. Whitson and Hooks were taken into custody. Both were positively identified as the robbers in the Hermitage case.

Whitson and Hooks are charged with multiple counts of aggravated robbery. Both have previous convictions for aggravated robbery and assault.

A citizen's tip regarding alleged illegal drug activity at 2550 Highland Trace Drive led to the arrest of convicted felon Charles Fanning, 30, and the seizure of more than one pound of marijuana, prescription medication and three guns.

Central Precinct undercover detectives executed a search warrant at Fanning's residence and recovered more than one pound of marijuana (plus bags used for packaging marijuana, a metal marijuana grinder, and two sets of scales), 13 Xanax pills, two handguns and an automatic rifle.

Fanning is charged with a crooks with guns law violation, felony marijuana possession in a drug-free school zone, unlawful possession of prescription medication, and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. He has previous convictions for drug possession with intent to sell, felon in possession of a weapon, and aggravated child abuse. Fanning is being held in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

## **Specialized Investigations Division**

The operators of two convenience markets padlocked March 17<sup>th</sup> by the police department now admit their stores were indeed being run as a public nuisance by repeatedly peddling liquid "relaxation shots" containing a chemical specifically banned by Tennessee law because of its opiate characteristics.

During a March 24<sup>th</sup> appearance before Criminal Court Judge Steve Dozier, Mina Yousef, listed owner of Market Discount Tobacco & Beer, 862 Robinson Road, and Hanna Anki, listed owner of Litton's Corner Market, 2830 Gallatin Pike, agreed to the forfeiture of all money

seized and destruction of the illegal "relaxation shots" seized from the stores. The markets will remain padlocked for 30 days. Judge Dozier issued a permanent injunction prohibiting Yousef and Anki from maintaining a public nuisance anywhere in Davidson County. They have also agreed to pay court costs and the expenses of the police operation.

"Markets throughout the city should be on notice that the police department and District Attorney's Office are very serious about taking action against those who elect to sell these dangerous chemical concoctions," Chief Steve Anderson said. "Market owners who choose to deal in these inherently dangerous products risk being shut down," Anderson said.

In a related padlocking, Mohammad Amer, the owner of Rum Wholesale admitted that his business was being run as a public nuisance by supplying the markets with these illegal controlled substances. During his April 1<sup>st</sup> appearance before Judge Dozier, Amer agreed to the forfeiture of all money seized and the destruction of the synthetic liquids. Rum Wholesale will remain padlocked for 30 days.

Amer was arrested in January for delivery/distribution of counterfeit controlled substances and criminal simulation. During the execution of a search warrant at Rum Wholesale in January, detectives discovered 129 small bottles of the substance. Also found on the property were approximately 15,000 pieces of counterfeit merchandise with various NFL team logos.



Chief Steve Anderson, joined by District Attorney Torry Johnson and State Senator Mae Beavers, said the synthetic opiate liquid sold by the markets poses a danger to the health and safety of the community.



These bottles represent a sample of what undercover detectives bought during their investigation of the markets.



Additional boxes of bottles believed to contain the synthetic opiate chemical were seized March 17<sup>th</sup> from Rum Wholesale on Dickerson Pike.



Specialized Investigations Division Captain Mike Alexander meets with reporters on March 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the padlocking of Rum Wholesale.

Interdiction Unit Officer Robert McIsaac alert action in stopping a Jeep on Dickerson Pike for an improperly displayed tag led to the arrest of a suspected home burglar.

Officer McIsaac learned that the driver, David Burton, 57, had an outstanding felony warrant for larceny in Franklin, Tennessee. When Burton was asked to exit the vehicle, a glass pipe fell from his pants. Seized during a subsequent search of the Jeep were several bottles of prescription medication. Suspecting that the drugs had been stolen, Officer McIsaac requested a North Precinct officer check on the Bagwell Road residence listed on the medication bottles. The resident was contacted and confirmed that indeed his home had been burglarized.

Items believed to have been taken during other burglaries were recovered from the Jeep. The investigation continues.

Burton, who is believed to be homeless, is charged with aggravated burglary. Burton has previous convictions for aggravated burglary, armed robbery, theft, evading arrest and cocaine possession.

Four West Tennesseans who traveled to a Nashville drug store for the alleged purpose of buying cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine to make meth face felony drug counts after officers found an active "shake and bake" soda bottle lab in their pickup truck.

Kenneth Lee Moore, 29, of Union City, Amanda Olhausen, 30, of Ridgely, Bennie R. Smith, 47, and Brandy Smith, 40, both of Dyersburg, are charged with manufacturing meth and remain jailed in lieu of \$40,000 bond each.

Specialized Investigations Division detectives and TBI agents were doing work around the Walgreens store at 5600 Charlotte Pike when the four defendants arrived. Officers and agents learned that the two women entered the store, with Brandy Smith purchasing medication containing pseudoephedrine. West Precinct Flex officers stopped the truck for a seatbelt violation at Midland Avenue & Charlotte Pike. Upon approach, officers detected a strong chemical smell coming from the truck. Between the front seat and center console was a soda bottle lab containing lithium strips. Also present were meth-making ingredients, including drain opener, iodized salt, a lithium battery, aluminum foil and boxes of pseudoephedrine medication.

Given the toxicity of meth, the four defendants went through a decontamination process before being taken to jail.

An investigation by narcotics detectives into the trafficking of marijuana in the South Nashville area resulted in the arrests of a father, his two sons and a fourth individual on charges they engaged in a marijuana distribution conspiracy.

Johnny Wayne Tucker, 63, his two sons, Faraji, 32, Jelani, 30, and Bobby Harvell, 30, were taken into custody as they attempted to make a ten pound marijuana delivery at a unit of Hampton Chase Apartments on Borowood Drive. Subsequent investigation led to Faraji Tucker's home at 4960 Algonquin Trail, where detectives discovered an additional 15 pounds of marijuana hidden in a garage freezer. A search warrant was then executed at Johnny Tucker's Clearlake Drive West home, where 52 pounds of marijuana was found in an upstairs bedroom.

In total, 77 pounds of marijuana were seized, along with \$3,366 cash and two vehicles. Additional charges against the four defendants are anticipated.

Investigation by Specialized Investigations Narcotics detectives led to the arrest of Osman Omer, 33, who is charged with felony possession of Khat for resale.

Narcotics detectives executed a search warrant at Omer's storage unit at 2757 Murfreesboro Pike after he was arrested for possessing more than 15 pounds of Khat, some packaged for resale, at his residence, 1504 Hickory Hollow Terrace. Seized from the storage unit were six boxes containing approximately 107 pounds of Khat.

Khat, a Schedule I drug, is a stimulant derived from a shrub that is native to East Africa and southern Arabia. Leaves of the Khat shrub are typically chewed and held in the cheek, like chewing tobacco, to release their stimulant chemicals.

Omer is charged with Khat possession in a drug-free school zone. He is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond.



Seized Khat

#### **Sex Crimes Investigations**

Sex Crimes detectives arrested 24-year-old Nashvillian David Arthur Lee on charges of soliciting a 14-year-old girl for sex and nude pictures.

The investigation of Lee began when the teenager's mother saw messages of a sexual nature on her daughter's cell phone and contacted police. Detectives Mike Adkins and Rob Carrigan took possession of the phone and over the next several days received messages from an individual asking for nude photographs and a personal meeting for the purpose of engaging in sex. Police responded to the messages and arranged for a meeting. Lee, of 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, was taken into custody while waiting on Cass Street near 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. He subsequently admitted carrying on text conversations with a person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl.

Lee was convicted of felony marijuana possession in April of last year and received a four-year probated sentence.

## **Cold Case Unit**

Twenty-one years after the beating death of 70-year-old Annis Szekely in her Woodland Street home, John Steven Hernandez, her estranged son-in-law at the time, is being held without bond in the Metro Jail on a first-degree murder indictment.

The result of modern-era DNA testing is among the evidence that led to the Davidson County Grand Jury's return of a sealed indictment against Hernandez in July 2013. At the time, Hernandez was confined in San Antonio, Texas, on human trafficking charges. With that matter now resolved, Hernandez was extradited to Nashville.

Szekely was found dead by her grandson on the evening of March 7, 1993. She had suffered significant head trauma and was tied to her hospital bed. Hernandez lived with the

victim for a time, along with his wife and her two sons, but had separated from the wife prior to the murder.

Hernandez will be arraigned in Criminal Court in the near future. Homicide/Cold Case Detective James Arendall is the lead investigator.

## The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for February 2014

#### **Police**

Madison Precinct Officers John Jayne & Nathan Carroll

### <u>Patrol</u>

North Precinct Officers Gilbert Mana, Brian Agoston, Nicholas Carter, and James Jarvis

### **Investigator**

Madison Precinct Detective Russ Thompson

# Special Operations

Canine Officer John David Young

## From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A Nashville man on trial for multiple domestic violence-related charges was convicted by a Davidson County Criminal Court jury for a July 2011 incident in which he entered the home of his estranged girlfriend Laquitta Waters and held her and her four children at gunpoint through the night and into the morning. The next day, the victim made up a story that one of her daughters had an appointment and that if she didn't show up, police would be called.

Mark Dobson, who also goes by the name Mark Martin, made the victim and her children get into the car and drive to the location together with Dobson holding a gun on Waters the entire time. When they arrived at the location, the victim took her children into the building and told staff to call police. Dobson fled the scene. Dobson was later located and arrested for the attacks on Waters and her children.

Dobson is scheduled to be sentenced on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

A Nashville man who was scheduled to go on trial for the 2011 murder of a man on Thomas Street instead entered a guilty plea.

29-year old Antwan Cartwright pled guilty to  $2^{nd}$  degree murder in the shooting death of 33-year old Terrance Ross. As part of his plea, Cartwright will serve a sentence of 25 years in prison at 100-percent, consecutive to his parole on a 9-year sentence he is currently serving.

A total of five individuals were ultimately arrested in connection with the robbery/shooting. In addition to Cartwright's plea, Angelo Jetton has already pled guilty to 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder and is serving a sentence of 33 years at 100-percent. Three other defendants, Quinteze Miller, Sara Kuzminski and Richard Hudson, are charged with murder and especially aggravated robbery. They are scheduled to go to trial this summer.

## **Congratulations:**

Officer Brandon Frith, Training Academy, and his wife, Laura, welcomed their son Owen Daniel Frith born on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Officer Evan Hibschman and Detective Chantelle Hibschman, Hermitage Precinct, welcomed their daughter Peyton Grace Hibschman born on April 7<sup>th</sup>.



## **Condolences:**

Peggy McDowell, the grandmother of Officer Tyler Hutton, Central Precinct, passed away.

Mary Schmitz, the mother of Sergeant Taylor Schmitz, South Precinct, passed away on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ernie Chaires, the brother of Victoria Long, Records Division, passed away.

Anna Mai Donnelly, the mother of retired Officer John Donnelly, passed away on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Retired Officer William Benton McCullough, who retired in 1993 after 31 years of service, passed away.

Bascom Marvin Smotherman, the grandfather of Officer Bradley Rumbley, Madison Precinct, passed away on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# FYI:

### Metro ITS Advisement on Heartbleed Bug

A defect, called Heartbleed Bug, has been found in the core security mechanism used by most major websites. This is a widely published issue as of yesterday. <u>See this link for a technical discussion of OpenSSL and the Heartbleed Bug</u>.

#### What is the impact to Metro?

Metro ITS is working to determine what exposure we have for systems that we manage and are aware of being used. The default configuration on Windows does not include OpenSSL and is not vulnerable. <u>At this time</u>, we have not identified a need for resetting your Active Directory account password.

However, application owners within departments should review any applications, especially those that are Linux based or using Apache, to determine if they are using a vulnerable version of OpenSSL. Application owners may need to contact the vendor or support provider. The process for addressing the vulnerability will typically involve:

- Update to a non-vulnerable OpenSSL implementation
- Revoke and renew any certificates used
- Have users reset their passwords

### For Metro Department Application Owners Who Want to Test Their Sites

Beware of any sites purporting to check to see if a given site or system is vulnerable. It can be difficult to know who is running the site, what they are actually testing for and what is done with the information collected. Qualsys is a sold security company that currently has an online check for this vulnerability. If you use it, please remember to check the "Do not show the results on the boards". <u>https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/</u>

**CAUTION:** Metro ITS strongly recommends against downloading any kind of script purporting to be able to check for and correct this vulnerability. Malware writers are already posting malicious code in the guise of a "fix" for this vulnerability.

#### What to Do At Home?

If you use any online sites that require you to log in, you are potentially at risk.

There are several sites that claim to have lists of websites vulnerable to this exploit. Some of the known vulnerable sites include Yahoo, Dropbox, Tubmlr, etc. However, many companies are still in the discovery stages of determining how they are impacted. <u>The safest thing to do is assume that any external site you have to log into with a username and password is suspect.</u>

#### 3 things you can do to protect yourself

- Look for an official announcement from any secure website or service (banks, social media, webmail, etc.) that you normally use regarding a security update. Many sites are already posting information about this concern on their websites. However, be suspicious of any email from these services containing links. Malicious users are using this event as an opportunity to trick users in clicking links and giving up passwords.
- After you've confirmed that the site or service has installed a security update, change your passwords. If you change your password and the site is still vulnerable, then that password might be compromised. Secure your profile or account after the site has implemented the fix.
- For at least the next month, keep an eye on any of your sensitive online accounts (banking, webmail) for suspicious activity.

As a reminder, you should never use the same password for work that you use for any personal accounts.

**CAUTION:** Metro ITS is already seeing instances of phishing attempts using this event. For instance, a user might get an email from a bank stating "We are vulnerable to HeartBleed. Please click the link below and enter username and password to change you credentials". <u>Do</u> <u>not do this!</u> Beware of any links sent in unsolicited emails. Be cautious of any request for username and password.

If you have any questions, please contact the ITS Help Desk at 862-HELP.