



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



Saturday, June 21, is an important day in the life of our police department. The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run, Walk & Festival, specifically designed to benefit the Metropolitan Police Department, will begin at 8 a.m. from LP Field's Lot T. I am strongly encouraging all police department employees, your families and friends to join us next Saturday.

For the sixth consecutive year, Shoney's owner & CEO David Davoudpour has organized this event, which is the major annual fundraiser for the Nashville Police Support Fund.

David personally matches every dollar collected from 5K entry fees. Over the past five years, more than \$108,000 has been raised for the Nashville Police Support Fund. Sixteen of our officers received a combined \$22,000 in college tuition assistance from the fund in 2013. As was announced in the last employee newsletter, applications are now being accepted from officers during this month for 2014 tuition grants.

Why should you join us on Saturday morning? Importantly, you will be showing your support and appreciation for citizens and families who are supporting us. You will have fun walking or running the 5K route, or cheering on the participants (members of Session 75 will be running in formation). You will enjoy a full Shoney's breakfast that will be served in LP Field's Lot T after the run/walk. You will have the opportunity to show your families a large display of police equipment, including one of our helicopters, a SWAT vehicle and equipment, bomb robot, police car, police motorcycles, horses and much more. This will involve just a couple of hours of your time.

Tennessee Titans running back Bishop Sankey today confirmed his attendance as the honorary starter at next Saturday's Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run & Walk benefiting the Metro Police Department. Sankey will also be greeting families and signing autographs.

Sankey was the Titans' 2<sup>nd</sup> Round pick in this year's NFL draft. He finished the academic quarter at the University of Washington this week and joined the Titans yesterday for

practice. Sankey is expected to see action quickly as veteran running back Chris Johnson was waived by the Titans earlier in the offseason.



Again, the run & walk begins at 8 a.m. NEXT SATURDAY. Please make plans to attend. Please spread the word to your families, friends and community groups. I look forward to seeing you next Saturday.

To register for the 5K run/walk, log onto [www.Shoneys5Krun.com](http://www.Shoneys5Krun.com).



**Chief Anderson joined Hope Hines, Shoney's CEO David Davoudpour and professional wrestler Scott Steiner Tuesday Night on "Sportsline" (NewsChannel 5+) to promote the Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run & Walk benefiting the MNP.**

The graduation of 21 new officers from Session 74 last Tuesday night was truly a celebration worthy of comparison to any event you will see anywhere. The Drill and Ceremony Team, as always, gave a flawless performance. Officer Clifton Knight's rendition of our National Anthem should have the folks on Music Row sitting up and taking notice. I am a huge Aaron Neville fan. If you like Aaron Neville's voice, you will love Officer Knight's. Thanks to the preparation and outstanding work of the Training Academy staff in collaboration with the members of Session 74, graduation was a superbly orchestrated presentation. It was impressive.



Invariably, and Tuesday night was no exception, family members and friends of the graduates will approach me to talk about how impressive the ceremony is and how proud they are for their family member or friend to be a member of this organization. We owe it to the graduates to demonstrate that this is an organization worthy of their dedication and commitment as well as the pride their family members and friends have for them. The graduation ceremony is an event that lives up to that obligation.

If you have not attended one of our graduation ceremonies, I urge you to do so. Even persons with no connection to the MNPd find the ceremony impressive and inspiring.



**The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department's officer ranks grew by 21 on June 10<sup>th</sup> as the trainees in Recruit Session 74 graduated from 5½ months of rigorous physical and classroom work at the MNPD Academy. Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson were on hand and personally congratulated each graduate. This was the 20<sup>th</sup> class of police officer trainees to graduate since Mayor Dean took office in 2007.**

### **Class Awards**

#### **Academic Excellence Award**

Officer Raymond Heymann

#### **Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award**

Officer Allen Taylor

#### **Physical Fitness Award**

Officer Caleb Jernigan

#### **Leadership Award**

Officer Brandon Hicks

**Law Award**  
Officer Raymond Heymann

**Firearms Award**  
Officer Caleb Jernigan

**Top Cop Award**  
Officer Raymond Heymann

Class President: Officer Brandon Hicks

This edition's memorable quote:

**“With public sentiment, nothing can fail. Without it, nothing can succeed.”**—President Abraham Lincoln

## **Happenings**

MNPD horses Boo & Storm met puppet horse “Joey” from the play War Horse at TPAC.



Chief Anderson spoke to a large group of community leaders at the Cane Ridge annual meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Eighty Nashville youngsters between the ages of 8 & 13 graduated on June 6<sup>th</sup> from the South Precinct's Multi-Cultural Youth Academy.

The annual Multi-Cultural Youth Academy is part of the police department's outreach to the diverse communities of the city at the beginning of students' summer break. Over the past week, participants attended presentations on what to do if they witness domestic violence, resistance to gangs and peer pressure, and Internet safety. They also accompanied officers on field trips to the police department's aviation and canine facilities, as well as an outing to Wave Country swimming pool.



**South Precinct Commander Paul Trickey presents graduation certificates to graduates during ceremony held in the precinct's community room.**

## **The Precinct News**

### **Hermitage**

A citizen's tip coupled with coordinated police work between Nashville and Mt. Juliet police officers led to the arrest of rape suspect German Ricardo Giron Gonzalez, 20.

A woman reported that she spent the night at a friend's house where Gonzalez was also staying. She woke up to find Gonzalez on top of her, sexually assaulting her. She screamed and he fled in a yellow Mitsubishi Lancer. Gonzalez was driving on Rehnea Drive when he saw a marked police car. He stopped on Rehnea Drive and fled on foot near the Wilson-Davidson County line around 11:30 a.m.

A short time later, a citizen reported to Mt. Juliet police that they saw a man matching the suspect description enter a wooded area. Metro Canine Officer Robert Collins was about to begin a search when Gonzalez walked out of the woods and surrendered himself.

Gonzalez is charged with rape. He is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

### **South**

A fugitive wanted for the September 8, 2013 fatal shooting of Shivon Abdullatif, 21, outside Club Cielo will be returned to Nashville in early June.

Sergio Baeza, 19, was arrested in Dumas, Texas for marijuana possession. He has waived extradition. Two other men, brothers Erick Tenaz, 21, and Isaac Tenaz, 24, were charged with murder just days after the shooting.

No further arrests are anticipated.

South Precinct detectives arrested Nashville high school student Rayvon Walker for the March 18<sup>th</sup> murder of Moises Zarate during an apparent robbery attempt outside Zarate's Oakwood Forest Drive home.

Walker, 17, of Ben Allen Road, was taken into custody at school without incident following the issuance of a Juvenile Court petition and arrest order. Additional arrests are anticipated as the investigation continues.

Two masked, armed gunmen were reported to have approached Zarate and his cousin as they were unloading items from their vehicle on the night of March 18<sup>th</sup>. One of the gunmen grabbed Zarate from behind while the second threatened to shoot his cousin. As the cousin ran for help, he heard a gunshot and saw the suspects flee on foot. Zarate was struck and died at the scene.

A citizen's tip led to the arrest of a 16-year-old who admitted to twice breaking into the victim's Wimpole Drive residence on Sunday and Monday.

The teen told detectives he entered through a window. Cash and a \$500 gift card were taken during the burglaries. A neighbor identified the teen from video surveillance photos. He is charged with two counts of aggravated burglary.

Detectives arrested convicted burglar Terry Clay Tarrents, 58, after he allegedly broke into Alva's Automotive & Tire, 530 Thompson Lane and Shell convenience store, 5016 Nolensville Pike.

Detectives developed a description of Tarrents and his vehicle, a gold GMC pickup truck. Officers stopped him in the 3000 block of Nolensville Pike just hours after the break-ins. During a consent search of the truck, officers recovered burglary tools and a wallet taken from Alva's Automotive.

Tarrents is charged with two counts of burglary, possession of burglary tools and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. Tarrents has convictions for six previous business burglaries, auto burglary, theft and cocaine possession.

## **East**

Outstanding police response to a burglary in progress led to the arrest of convicted felon Richard Robertson, 37, a short time after he allegedly broke into a woman's house in the 1600 block of Berrywood Road.

The victim called police after hearing a loud banging on her door at 1 a.m. She then heard the suspect in her home and called police. Upon arrival, Officer Chad Brown observed an older model minivan leaving the area. The suspect vehicle, driven by Robertson, was stopped in the 2800 block of Gallatin Pike. Items taken during the break-in, including a television, were recovered from inside the minivan.

Robertson is charged with aggravated burglary and theft. He has previous convictions for aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft.

## **North**

North Precinct detectives charged a convicted cocaine felon with murder for the May 24<sup>th</sup> drug-related fatal shooting of Michael Weaver Jr. near the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Underwood Street.

Bruce Dewayne Moore, 29, of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, surrendered at the North Precinct after learning that detectives were searching for him. Arrest warrants accuse Moore of criminal homicide, attempted aggravated robbery, and unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon.

The investigation being led by Detective Tim Codling shows that Weaver, 36, of Wesley Avenue, asked a friend to drive him to a drug transaction. After arriving at 14<sup>th</sup> & Underwood, a gunman, believed to have been Moore, got into the back seat of the car. He is alleged to have demanded cash from Weaver, who was seated in the front passenger seat. Weaver was shot



during the robbery. The suspect fled, while Weaver's friend drove him to Skyline Medical Center where he died.

Meticulous work by the police department's Identification Division staff led to the development of fingerprint evidence implicating Moore.

Moore received a four-year probated sentence in 2008 after being convicted of possessing cocaine for resale.

A citizen's tip led to the arrest of three teen burglary suspects who are charged with breaking into a home in the 2700 block of Old Matthews Road.

North Precinct Flex and Patrol officers quickly responded to the area and located a 14-year-old suspect in a nearby residence. The other two suspects, Jerry Woodland and Orlando Hall, both 18, were located in a separate Old Matthews Road residence.

All three suspects were positively identified as the burglars. Electronics taken during the break-in and three loaded semi-automatic handguns were recovered.

Woodland and Hall are both charged with aggravated burglary. The 14-year-old is charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated burglary.

## **Madison**

Undercover detectives responding to a complaint about illegal drug activity at a Ryan Allen Circle residence seized cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, counterfeit cash and cash.

Jacob Mosley, 32, who was also wanted on an outstanding parole violation warrant, is charged with felony drug possession, evidence tampering and criminal simulation.

Mosley is a convicted cocaine dealer.



**Seized cash**

## West

A 19-year-old wanted for murdering a man in the Edgehill public housing community last December is now in the Metro Jail after North Precinct Flex officers received information that he was staying inside a residence on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

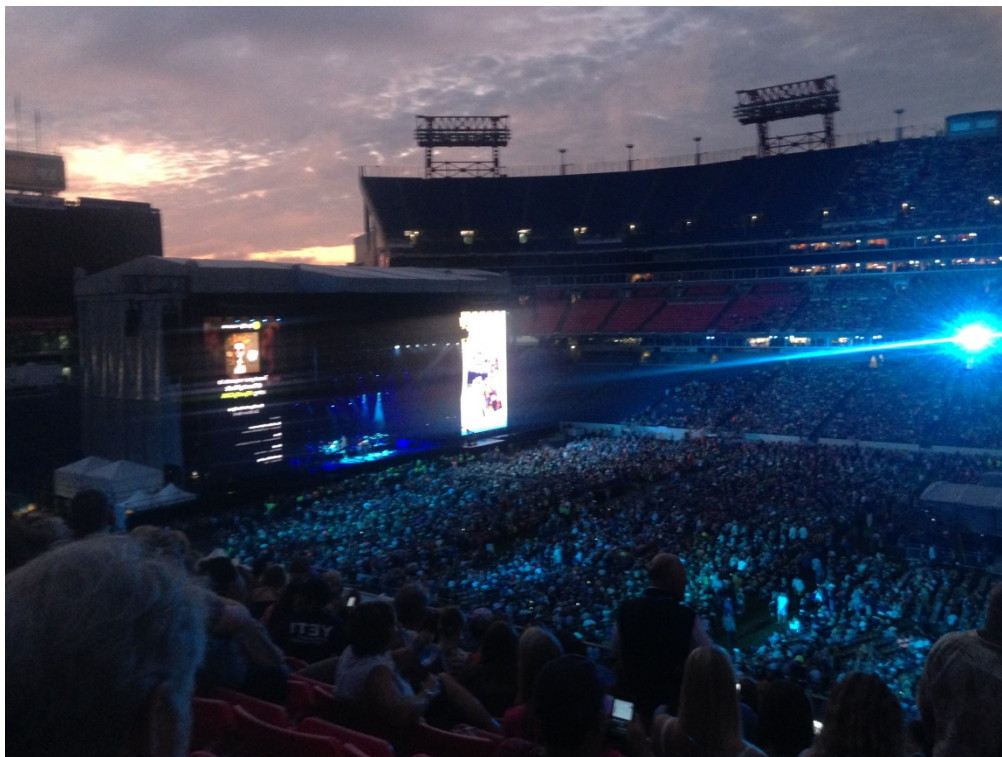
Deion L. Woodruff is accused in the December 17<sup>th</sup> shooting death of 28-year-old Isaac Morris. The investigation showed that Morris let a man, alleged to have been Woodruff, into his apartment for the purpose of selling him electronic equipment. A short time later, gunshots were heard and the suspect fled carrying a black bag believed to have been taken from Morris' room. Evidence linking Woodruff to the murder was subsequently recovered from his Straightway Avenue residence.

Officers went to 1900 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to look for Woodruff. As the resident allowed them in, the sound of a bedroom door closing and locking was heard. Woodruff was in the bedroom and eventually surrendered without incident. He is being held in lieu of \$1.022 million bond.

## Central

Thousands of visitors enjoyed multiple concerts and events in downtown Nashville during the CMA Music Festival June 5-8.

Downtown business leaders and event organizers complimented the fine work and dedication that officers and civilian personnel displayed during the festival.



## **Homicide/Cold Case Unit**

The gambling-related shooting death of a man more than four years ago in the 1800 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North has landed 21-year-old Keandre Finney behind bars on first degree murder and aggravated robbery charges.

Terrance Jordan, 34, of Indiana Avenue, was shot to death on the night of April 29<sup>th</sup> after he reportedly won a large sum of money during a dice game.

Investigation by Homicide/Cold Case Detective Chuck Robinson led to the indictment being returned against Finney. He was arrested Monday afternoon during a vehicle stop on Heiman Street near 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North. Finney was driving a GMC Jimmy that passed a vehicle in a no passing zone. North Precinct Officer Joseph Maeser took Finney into custody for the outstanding warrants.

## **Traffic Unit**

Fatal crash investigators arrested the driver of a Toyota Camry that on February 27<sup>th</sup> jumped a Church Street curb downtown and fatally injured a man who was seated on a sidewalk bench.

Mina Wahba, 23, of Millwood Drive, has been indicted by the Davidson County Grand Jury on charges of vehicular homicide, reckless endangerment and driving without proof of insurance. The victim was Philip Radican, 56, a homeless individual who was known to frequent the area of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North & Church Street.

The 2000 model Camry, with Wahba behind the wheel, was traveling west on Church Street at 1:15 p.m. when witnesses reported that it ran the red light at the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection and collided with another car that was turning left onto Church Street from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The impact resulted in the Camry jumping the curb and colliding with the bench on which Radican was sitting. He died at the scene.

Members of the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force arrested Kam Za Cin on a Davidson County Grand Jury indictment charging him with one count of vehicular homicide, one count of reckless endangerment with a motor vehicle and five counts of aggravated assault.

Cin, 31, who lists an address on Edmondson Pike, was taken into custody at his place of employment in Shelbyville.

The Algerian native is accused of causing a three-vehicle crash in South Nashville on the morning of December 20<sup>th</sup> that killed his passenger Thang Ching, 31, of Edmondson Pike, and injured five other persons.

Cin was driving a 2004 Nissan Sentra south on Edmondson Pike when, the investigation showed, he failed to yield as he initiated a left turn toward Whispering Hills Drive. The Sentra collided in the intersection with a 2000 Toyota minivan that was traveling north on Edmondson

Pike. The Sentra then collided with a 2011 Volkswagen that was stopped on Whispering Hills Drive.

Cin and his three passengers were transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where Ching died from his injuries. The driver of the minivan and her two passengers were also injured and transported to St. Thomas Midtown Hospital. The driver of the Volkswagen was not injured.

Cin is jailed in lieu of \$100,000 bond. He will be arraigned in Criminal Court in the near future.

## Motors

Five Nashville Police officers attended the fourth annual Music City Police Motorcycle Competition and Training held April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Opry Mills.

The event is sponsored by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Cookeville Police Department and several civilian organizations.

The competition was well attended by public who watched police motor officers from as far away as Canada demonstrate their skills during high degree of difficulty exercises.

The skills and training acquired during the event will be taught to others during recertification.

Congratulations to Central Precinct Officer Wesley Henderson and Hermitage Precinct Officer T.J. O'Brien who both performed exceptionally well and were both awarded plaques during closing ceremonies.

Officer Henderson placed eighth overall and third in the expert category. Officer O'Brien placed fifth in the novice category.



**Pictured (l-r) are Officers O'Brien and Henderson**

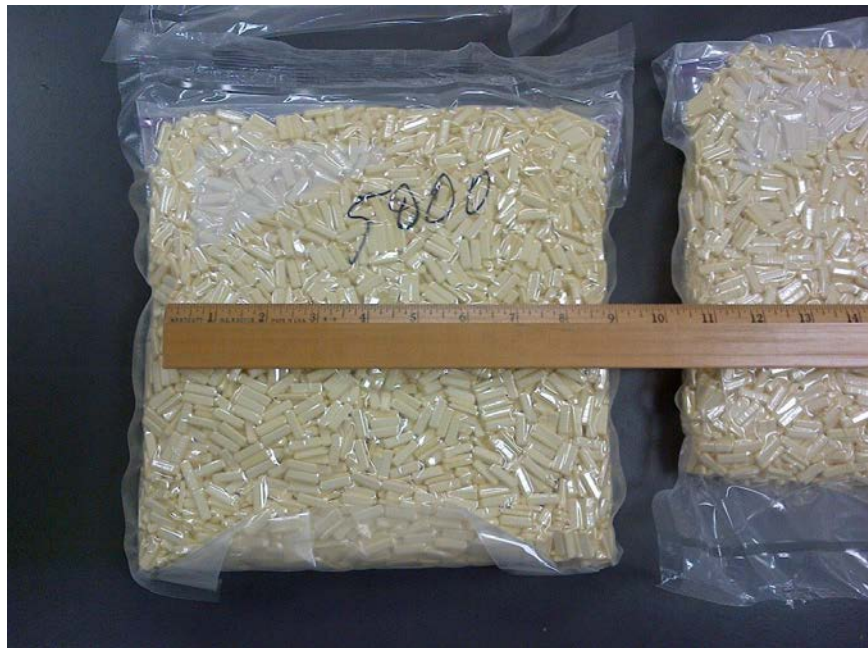
## **Specialized Investigations Division**

An investigation into the shipment of highly addictive Xanax pills from California to Nashville has resulted in the arrest of three local persons and the seizure of thousands of doses of the depressant.

Narcotics detectives, with the assistance of the Hermitage Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit and U.S. postal inspectors, executed a search warrant at 411 Brooksmill Circle, the residence of Markuite Matthews, 20. With her at the time were Demarcus Blue, 22, and Adrevious Rayner, 18, both of Andrew Jackson Way. A parcel of 5,000 Xanax pills was delivered a short time earlier. Law enforcement had previously intercepted 16,000 additional pills.

All three denied ownership of the 5,000-pill Xanax parcel, although Matthews was seen opening the package while standing on the balcony of the residence. All three are charged with possession of Xanax for resale.

A person in California alleged to have been responsible sending the Xanax was also taken into custody.



**Seized Xanax**

Specialized Investigations Division detectives charged a Yakima, Washington man with transporting nearly 61 pounds of high grade marijuana to Nashville.

Daniel Lee Barton, 57, was stopped on I-24 near Joelton by Interstate Interdiction Officer Thomas Spence for following too closely. Officer Spence's police dog, Caine, sniffed Barton's vehicle and alerted to the presence of drug odor. The marijuana, valued at more than \$180,000, was found in the trunk of Barton's rental Nissan Altima.



**Seized marijuana**

A month-long investigation into the cultivation and distribution of marijuana in Davidson and Williamson Counties led to the arrest of two men and the seizure of 58 marijuana plants from a mobile home in West Nashville.

William Leader, 52, of 7260 Lake Road in Fairview, and David M. Hall, 28, of 1100 Acklen Avenue in Nashville, are both charged with manufacturing marijuana, possession of marijuana for resale and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Leader was stopped by a Fairview police officer the day before for a traffic violation. Inside the trunk of his vehicle was a quantity of marijuana. Leader was brought to Nashville and interviewed by narcotics detectives, resulting in a police search of property at 7669-A Sullivan Hollow Road off of Old Charlotte Pike. There, detectives recovered 58 marijuana plants in various stages of growth, two pounds of processed marijuana and equipment used for cultivation. As officers were about to leave, Hall arrived. Inside his vehicle were items believed to be used to maintain the grow operation as well as three mason jars of high-grade marijuana.



A meth-related flash explosion and fire inside a home at 245 Clovernook Drive sent two persons to the hospital with burns and two others to the Metro Jail.

Roger Dale Ferrell, 41, and his wife, Mary Vera, 42, were burned when the meth cooking process using red phosphorous and a hotplate resulted in the 3:35 a.m. flash explosion inside a bedroom of the home. Ferrell and Vera were later discharged from Vanderbilt University Medical Center and charged with manufacturing meth.

Vera's two sons, Christopher Chet McCormick, 21, and David Henry Horwedel, 24, were inside the house at the time but were not in the immediate vicinity of the explosion. They were decontaminated at the scene due to the inherent danger of the chemicals involved and were charged with manufacturing meth.

Specially trained narcotics detectives and personnel from the Nashville Fire Department spent several hours at the home in protective suits collecting evidence and ensuring that there was no danger to the surrounding neighborhood. The house itself will be quarantined until the owner hires an environmental company for decontamination purposes.

A search of a safe inside the residence revealed a dozen pistols and long guns, all of which are being seized.



## **From the Youth Services Division**

Case Manager Sandra Laird-Phillips

Summer is hot and the MNPD Strengthening Families Program is sizzling with success! Group 17 graduated on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Youth Services Division welcomes newcomers, Angie Orsbon and Ann Johnson, to the Strengthening Families staff. The MNPD Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is a family skills training program designed to increase resilience and reduce risk factors for behavioral, emotional, academic, and social problems in children and adolescents. The program offers three life skill courses delivered in seven weekly, two- hour class sessions, along with two weeks for a college and a jail tour.

Year to date, 129 families have completed the program. Word of the program's success is spreading. The Youth Services Division is receiving referrals throughout the community from proactive parents and agencies that want to enhance parenting skills and build on family communication skills, as well as improve the social and problem solving skills of the family.

If you or someone you know is interested in the SFP program, please contact the Youth Services Division at 862-7464.



**Chief Anderson attended the Strengthening Families Program graduation ceremony.**

### **From the District Attorney's Office**

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A Murfreesboro man who admitted to stealing more than \$100-thousand from the Tennessee Disabled American Veterans charity over a period of years was sentenced to serve ten years in prison.

Thomas Keller pled guilty in April to one count of theft over \$60,000. Keller served as treasurer for the Tennessee DAV, which is a volunteer position, from 2007 through 2010. In that role, he had full access to the DAV's checking account, which required Keller's signature, as well as a signature stamp from the organization's commander.

DAV leaders discovered Keller had been writing checks to himself and to other payees for his personal bills. The case was investigated by the Secret Service and Metro Nashville Police Department Fraud Unit. Testimony in the sentencing hearing indicated that during his time with the agency, Keller wrote 127 checks to himself from the DAV account totaling more than \$131,000.

In addition, thousands more dollars were drawn from the account to pay phone, cable and credit card bills in Keller's name. In his role as treasurer, Keller also failed to pay \$82-



thousand in employees' withholding taxes to the federal government, for which the organization was fined \$20-thousand.

A Nashville teen will spend the next twenty-two years in prison for the May 2012 aggravated rape of a 23-year old woman.

Gregory Hodge was 17 when he entered the victim's Booker Street home just after 11 a.m. He raped the woman at gunpoint and took cash and other items from her residence. After attacking the woman, whom he did not know, he ran away on foot to a getaway car nearby. Hodge turned himself in later that night at the Juvenile Justice Center. Since he was a juvenile at the time of the attack, he was later transferred to adult court.

Hodge pled guilty to aggravated rape, aggravated burglary, aggravated robbery, and employing a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony and had a sentencing hearing last month. Davidson County Criminal Court Judge Steve Dozier sentenced Hodge to an effective sentence of twenty-two years in prison. He will have to serve one hundred percent of that time.

### **Retirement Celebration**

Officer Richard Bain celebrated 24 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Officer Bain and Hermitage Precinct Commander Michele Donegan.**

## **Congratulations:**

Officer Ben Fisher, Central Precinct, and his wife, Emily, welcomed Henry (Hank) Keogh Fisher, born on June 12<sup>th</sup>.



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Madison Precinct and the School Resource Officer Unit would like to congratulate Officer Gary Walsh on earning his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Nashville School of Law.

## **Condolences:**

Issac C.L. Wood, the father of Officer Issac Wood, North Precinct, passed away.

Jeane Cook, the grandmother of Officer Bradley Nave, Traffic Unit, passed away on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

William Coleman, the father of Officer Stephen Coleman, Canine Section, passed away on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

James Baird, the brother of Ms. Jackie Hoffman, Human Resources, passed away on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

William Ragan, the grandfather of Detective Patrick Ragan, West Precinct, passed away on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

James Wesley Steele Jr., the brother of retired Officer Ronnie Steele (deceased) and the uncle of Sergeant Chris Steele, Madison Precinct, passed away.

The mother-in-law of Sergeant Raymond Jones, Madison Precinct, died in a car crash near Memphis on May 31<sup>st</sup>. His wife, Lashayn, was critically injured in the collision. She is recovering.

Roger Vaughn, the father of Officer Michael Vaughn, North Precinct, passed away on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

William C. Burns, the father-in-law of Sergeant Charles Harrison, East Precinct, passed away.

Audrey May Clark, the mother of Detective Tony Heil, Specialized Investigations Division, passed away on June 10<sup>th</sup>.