



MNPD NEWSLINE

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News from the Chief



On Thursday of last week, our police department hosted police chiefs and sheriffs from across our region to build relationships and discuss common issues. We talked about body cameras and how we should watch and learn from other law enforcement agencies as they go through the trial and error process with this emerging technology; we talked about heroin and how it continues to change the drug culture in Middle Tennessee and across the nation; the FBI discussed concerns about the Middle East terrorist group ISIS; and we touched on the need to be aware of each other's training protocols, particularly in regard to active shooter scenarios. For the first time at one of these regional meetings, I invited our partners in the clergy to attend and the turnout was strong. I wanted our law enforcement counterparts to understand the very special relationship that we have with the ministers, which I believe is a model in the United States. The audience listened attentively as Reverend Michael Joyner explained both our Volunteer Chaplain and Youth Chaplain programs, the mutual trust that the ministers and police have in each other, and the tremendous benefit of our relationship to Nashville's citizens. Since the meeting last week, other chiefs have reached out to us for guidance in forming meaningful clergy relationships in their cities and towns. Nashville is a very special place for many, many reasons. Among them is the bond between the exceptional men and women of this police department and the likewise exceptional men and women of the clergy as well as others in leadership positions in this community.

Thank you all for everything you do, often working with others, on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors.





Happenings

The Nashville Police Department on August 26th welcomed 18 new police officers as the recruit class known as Session 75 formally completed 5½ months of rigorous physical and classroom training.

The graduation ceremony was held at Schrader Lane Church of Christ, 1234 Schrader Lane. Mayor Dean and Chief Anderson presided and delivered congratulatory remarks.



Prior to graduation, Behavioral Health Services participated in Family Day on August 23rd at the Training Academy.



Chief Anderson with the children of Session 75 graduate Officer Darryl Williams.

Session 75 Class Awards

Academic Excellence Award

Tyler Conrads

Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award

Officer James Smith

Physical Fitness Award

Audrean Manquero

Leadership Award

Dale Dameron

Law Award

Tyler Conrads

Firearms Award

Matthew Johnson

Top Cop Award

Tyler Conrads

Class President

Officer Dale Dameron

Renault Robinson Award

MNPD Black Police Officer Association Chapter President Reggie Miller was awarded the Renault Robinson Award at the National Black Police Officer Association convention in Los Angeles for his dedicated service, responsiveness to the community and leadership qualities.

This award recognizes the significant achievements of former Chicago Police Officer Renault Robinson who overcame great adversity in gaining equal employment opportunities for minority police officers nationwide.



Officer Reggie Miller

Inner City Ministry Luncheon

Chief Anderson along with several Precinct commanders, captains and officers on August 27th attended the annual Inner City Ministry luncheon which benefited the teen outreach program.

The ministry, founded by Lytle Thomas, provides support to Nashville's inner city youth.



Pictured (l-r) are Lytle Thomas, Chief Anderson and Officer Harold Wells.



10th Annual Law Enforcement Challenge

The MNPD placed first in the Governor's Highway Safety Office law enforcement challenge in two categories, municipal (with more than 1,001 sworn officers) and distracted driving education. A special thanks to Officer Erika Bowden for her dedicated work with the traffic safety and education programs.

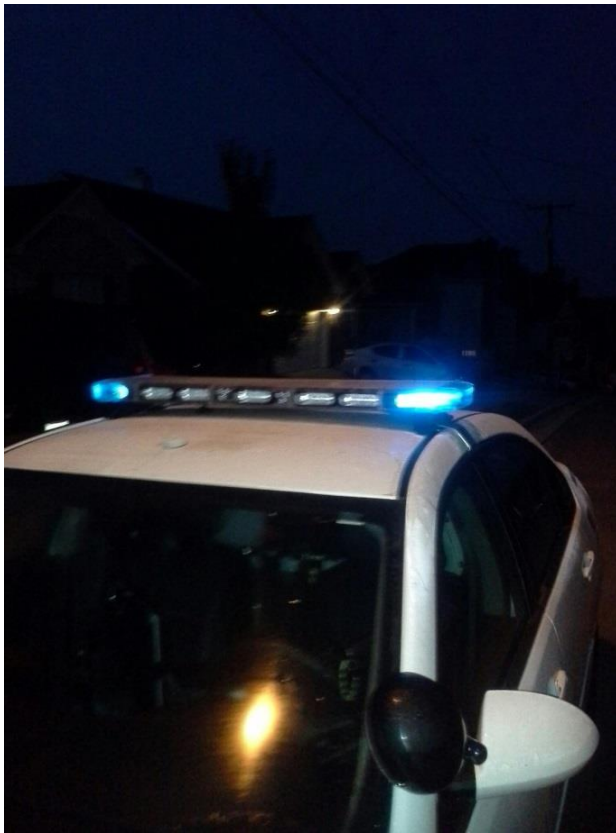


Patrol Cars Add New Light Bar Equipment

Police officers patrolling Nashville's neighborhoods are about to become more visible. Chief Steve Anderson announced that new marked police cars are being equipped with light bars capable of displaying lower intensity non-flashing blue lights in a constant "on" position. These lights, which are most noticeable during the evening and nighttime hours, can be activated separately from full emergency flashing blue lights.

"The Neighborhood Patrol Lights are designed to help citizens be aware when officers are proactively patrolling neighborhoods as well as serve as a deterrent to crime by also letting would-be lawbreakers know that we are in the area," Chief Anderson said.

Twenty new marked police cars assigned to the recently opened Midtown Hills Precinct are now equipped with Neighborhood Patrol Lights. Replacement police cars received by all precincts in the future will be equipped with the system.



New Crisis Negotiators

Congratulations to the newest members of the MNPD Crisis Negotiations Team. Officer Rachel Black, Sergeant Ronald Kumrow, Detective Jeffrey Gibson, Detective Forrest Drake and Detective Daryl Howard were pinned by Lieutenant Floyd Hyde and Sergeant Jason Pierpoint. Each new member was certified during the monthly negotiation training on August 12th. The team is very proud of these new members and appreciates their willingness to serve Nashvillians during a crisis or critical incident.



Precinct News

East

A citizen's tip about illegal drug activity on Joseph Avenue led to the arrest of convicted felon Derrick Simpson, 34, of Charles E. Davis Boulevard.

Undercover detectives approached a group of men standing in a parking lot on Joseph Avenue when Simpson ran, tossing a gun and ammunition magazine to the ground. He was taken into custody and the weapon was recovered.

Simpson was in possession of .7 grams of cocaine and three grams of marijuana. He is charged with a crooks with guns law violation, drug possession, evading arrest, and felon in possession of a weapon. Simpson has previous convictions for aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, and cocaine possession.

A citizen's tip also led to the arrest of career criminal Jimmy Bryant, 36, who is now charged with five separate locker room thefts since April, including taking money from the football players' locker room at East Magnet High School on August 22nd.

Thefts with which Bryant is also charged occurred:

- July 14 at Vanderbilt Student Recreation Center, 2201 West End Avenue
- June 30 at the YMCA, 2624 Gallatin Pike
- May 19 at the YMCA, 2624 Gallatin Pike
- April 15 at East Park Center, 600 Woodland Street

In each case, Bryant, of 16th Avenue North, is accused of taking victims' belongings from their lockers. He is charged with nine counts of theft, two counts of burglary, two counts of fraudulent use of a credit card, two counts of identity theft, and two counts of vandalism. Bryant, who has multiple previous convictions for theft, fraudulent use of a credit card, burglary, domestic assault and criminal impersonation, is being held in lieu of \$187,000 bond.

Coordinated police work led to the arrest of two teens accused of committing two separate armed carjackings just minutes apart.

In the first case just before 2 p.m., two gunmen took the victim's silver Honda Accord at the Stone Ridge Apartments, 1019 Patricia Drive. The suspects then drove the Honda to the Nob Hill Villa Apartments, 180 Wallace Road, where they carjacked a second man, taking his blue Nissan Versa. East Precinct officers, with the assistance of Canine and Aviation Units, responded to a Lemont Drive apartment complex where they located the stolen Nissan. Takyris Simms, 17, of Moorewood Drive, was taken into custody at 2:30 p.m.

A second suspect, Shaquay Dodd, 17, of Neese Drive, ran into a wooded area. He was later taken into custody in the 500 block of Ben Allen Road where the Honda Accord was also

recovered. Officers retrieved a handgun from inside the Accord. Both teens were positively identified. They are each charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery.

West

Officers arrested serial burglary suspect Joshua King during a shoplifting attempt at the Belle Meade Kroger. King was served with outstanding warrants charging him with three separate break-ins at Universal Laundry, 5339 Charlotte Avenue. King, who is homeless, is a suspect in other area burglaries.

Madison

Coordinated police work led to the capture of a 17-year-old Woodland Hills escapee.

Flex officers had been pursuing leads when a citizen reported that he saw the teen driving a gray Impala. Officers alertly spotted the suspect vehicle on Cheyenne Boulevard. The teen sped off at a high rate of speed, ground units backed off and Aviation responded. A police helicopter pilot located the abandoned Impala on Pueblo Drive. After a search of the area, the teen was taken into custody on Meadow Bend Drive. He was taken to Juvenile Court where he was charged with escape, vehicle theft and evading arrest.

The Impala had been reported stolen in Murfreesboro.

Deputy Chief Brian Johnson presented Debbie Massey with a letter of appreciation from Mayor Karl Dean's office for her ten years of dedicated service to the Madison Chamber of Commerce and community.



Congratulations Debbie!

Hermitage

Quick response by Hermitage Precinct Officer Greg Curtis to a citizen's call of a burglary in progress, combined with diligent tracking work by MNPD Canine Officer Spencer Harris and his partner Mikey, resulted in the apprehension of two men who broke into a home on Bismark Drive.

A 35-year-old man who lives in the 500 block of Bismark Drive was home by himself at 1:35 p.m. when he heard the rear door of the residence being kicked in. He immediately called police. Officer Curtis just finished working a vehicle crash nearby and headed to the scene. As he pulled up to the house, the three burglars were heading to a silver Lincoln Town Car that had been backed down the driveway (the trunk lid was up; inside was a flat screen television along with video game components that had just been taken from the house).

Upon seeing Officer Curtis, the three fled behind the home and into a wooded area. Officer Harris and Mikey tracked down two of them, cousins Terreze Summers, 21, and Darius Summers, 22. Both will be charged with aggravated burglary. Their accomplice remains at large.

North

Commander Terrence Graves meets with clergy at Jefferson Street Baptist Church to discuss community issues.



Pictured (l-r) are Pastor JJ Green, Reverend Curtis Bryant, Commander Graves, Reverend Michael Joyner, Pastor William R. Harris, Reverend James Thomas and Pastor Benjamin Swett.

Central

Outstanding investigative work led to the identification and arrest of two 17-year-olds charged with aggravated robbery.

They are accused of approaching two cab drivers who were standing outside their vehicles on 5th Avenue South in downtown Nashville and robbing them at gunpoint.

Credit cards taken during the robbery were later used by the suspects. Both teens admitted their involvement.

Midtown Hills

Community Sergeants Raymond Jones and Gerald Hyder, and Officers Sean Pulizzano and Jason Dudley, visited Shayne Elementary School where they spoke to 170 kindergartners about safe behavior, including “stranger danger”, what to do if you find a gun, and the role of a police officer. The children enjoyed sitting in the police cars and free ice cream courtesy of Purity Dairies.



South

Acting on a forwarded tip from Nashville Crime Stoppers, members of the U.S. Marshal's Gulf Coast Fugitive Task Force apprehended accused Nashville murderer Javon Spivey in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Spivey, 24, is named in arrest warrants charging first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder and especially aggravated robbery in connection with the August 30th home invasion and shooting death on Ascot Drive in Antioch that claimed the life of Charles Peterson, IV, 48. Wounded was Peterson's mother, Ann, 70. Spivey is also facing charges of aggravated robbery and especially aggravated kidnapping for pistol-whipping and robbing an employee of the Mapco store at 2301 Murfreesboro Pike on August 28th.

Officers throughout the city had been on the lookout for Spivey. Due to the extreme violence of the criminal acts, he was added on September 8th to the TBI's Top Ten Most Wanted list.

Three teenage home burglary suspects are behind bars thanks to a victim's attention to detail, alert police work by South Precinct Sergeant Scott Carter and surveillance from above by MNPD helicopter crew members Lieutenant Ken Spencer and Officer Donald Kahn.

At 9:50 a.m., a 34-year-old man called 911 to report that three young persons had kicked in the back door of his home in the 200 block of Cedarmon Circle. The victim remained in a locked bedroom and watched as the burglars left the residence and fled the area in a silver Dodge Intrepid. The victim also noted that one of the suspects was wearing a distinctive white fishing hat.

A short time later, Sergeant Carter was traveling on Bell Road when he saw the silver Intrepid. One of the car's occupants was wearing a white fishing hat. The suspects pulled into the Summerwind Apartment Complex and bailed from the car as Sergeant Carter approached. Officer Julius Gallon soon spotted the teens in a tree line between Anderson Road and Murfreesboro Pike. The helicopter crew kept an eye on them as ground officers moved in.

Follow-up investigation and interviews resulted in the three being charged with the Cedarmon Circle burglary, a previous burglary at a Bridgecrest Drive apartment, and the theft of the Dodge Intrepid, which was taken from the 1700 block of Charlotte Pike on August 28th.

Kenchisa Carter, 18, of N. Dupont Avenue, is being held in lieu of \$128,500 bond. Brian Hampton, 18, of Highland Circle, is being held in lieu of \$115,000 bond. Their 17-year-old alleged accomplice is being held at the Juvenile Detention Center.

SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team arrested robbery suspect Mondrikis Parker, 19, at his Panorama Drive residence.

Parker was identified as the gunman who robbed two Mexican food businesses. The first robbery occurred at 10:15 p.m. The suspect demanded money at gunpoint through the open side door of California Burrito food truck in the parking lot of 2200 Antioch Pike. During the second robbery 30 minutes later, the gunman again demanded cash, this time at Elotes Nayarit Taco Stand, 227 Largo Drive.

Parker is charged with two counts of aggravated robbery.

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

Police

North Precinct Officer Gary Shannon

Patrol

Hermitage Precinct Officers Sarah Hartman, Paul Cairns, Gerald Bixenman, and Caleb Foster

Investigator

North Precinct Detectives Michael Hotz and Waylon Proffitt

Special Operations

Traffic Officer John Melia

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Police

East Precinct Officer Wesley McClelland

Patrol

Hermitage Precinct Officers Evan Hibschman and Angelo Iezzi

Investigator

North Precinct Detective Andrew Davis

Special Operations

SWAT Officers Robert Allen, Joshua Black, Matt Grindstaff and Marcel Chalou

Specialized Investigations Division

Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives charged an Antioch couple with possessing marijuana for resale, a felony, after they took charge of a package containing 15 pounds of marijuana sent to their home from California.

The defendants are Chris Brice, 35, and his wife, Lynn Brice, 36.

Acting on a tip concerning the package, officers set up surveillance outside the Brice residence on Shallowbrook Trail South. Lynn Brice arrived home and took the box inside. Chris Brice arrived about an hour later. Detectives then knocked on the door and Chris Brice agreed to open the package.

Chris Brice, who was also charged with possessing drug paraphernalia after detectives found a marijuana grinder and a set of digital scales in the garage, was released from jail after posting a \$3,000 bond. Lynn Brice posted a \$2,500 bond.

Specialized Investigations Division detectives on August 21st effectively shut down two illegal gambling operations being operated out of café storefronts.

An eight-month investigation led to the execution of search warrants at Café Bar 126, 3745 Annex Avenue, and Chot-Nho Café, 2424-A Nolensville Pike, both of which cater primarily to the area's Vietnamese residents. Seized were a total of 19 electronic gambling machines (13 from Café Bar 126, 6 from Chot-Nho Café).

Café Bar 126 is alleged to be owned and operated by Tommy Hoang, 43, of American Road. Chot-Nho Café is alleged to be owned and operated by Trung Yan Duong, 44, and his wife, Lan Duong, 42, of Paddington Way. A total of \$58,090 cash believed to be connected to illegal gambling was seized from the homes and businesses.

Receiving state misdemeanor citations were:

3745 Annex Avenue

- Tommy Hoang, charged with gambling promotion and possession of a gambling device;
- Tan Huynh, 37, charged with gambling;
- Ngoc Huynh, 24, charged with gambling.

2424-A Nolensville Pike

- Pham Hoang, 42, charged with gambling;
- Mai Pham, 33, charged with gambling promotion and possession of a gambling device.

6204 Paddington Way

- Trung Yan Duong, charged with gambling promotion and possession of a gambling device;
- Lan Duong, charged with gambling promotion
- Cong Troung Pham, 21, charged with felony marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The investigation is continuing. Additional charges and seizures are anticipated.



Seized machines & Cash

A two-month investigation into the distribution of heroin in the South Nashville, Brentwood and Franklin areas culminated in the arrest of four persons, including one buyer who ingested balloons containing 8 grams of heroin as police moved in.

That buyer, Joel Reed, 29, of Columbia Highway in Franklin, was rushed from the location of the drug sale in the Nippers Corner area to Southern Hills Medical Center where staff safely removed the heroin balloons. Reed was charged with possessing heroin for resale and tampering with evidence.

This joint investigation by detectives from the MNPd's Specialized Investigations Division and the TBI revealed that alleged heroin distributors Efrain Huerta-Lopez, 23, and Roberto Duron, 27, based their operation out of the Extended Stay America Hotel on Church Street E in Brentwood. From there, they, along with Nashvillian Edwin Ignacio Portalatin, 33, would make heroin deliveries to buyers in public places including the parking lots of big box stores in Franklin, Brentwood and South Nashville.

A search of Huerta-Lopez's hotel room, Edwin Portalatin's home on Streamfield Court, and Duron's residence on Westridge Court resulted in the seizure of more than one pound of black tar heroin, \$27,367 cash, 3 guns, 3 vehicles and money transfer receipts. It is believed that the heroin was produced in Mexico and sent stateside.

Heroin abuse is extremely dangerous and has contributed to a significant increase in overdose deaths nationwide. The heroin trade is being fed by pill abusers who have switched to heroin because of its higher potency and cheaper price.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, Brentwood Police and Crime Suppression Units from the Midtown Hills and West Precincts assisted in the arrests and searches.



Seized heroin & cash

Youth Services Division

Youth Services detectives, in collaboration with the Nashville Prevention Partnership, targeted three Trinity Lane convenience stores for repeatedly selling alcohol to underage customers.

The following eight clerks are being charged:

- Jack Wilhoit, Pecos Farmer and Jason Little (clerks at Trinity Lane Liquors, 315 W. Trinity Lane)
- Hemant Jariwala and Ankit Jariwala (clerks at West Trinity Market, 317 W. Trinity Lane)
- Jennifer Sutton, Vickie Covell, and Dixiana Moses (clerks at Citgo Community Market, 336 E. Trinity Lane)

Underage customers entered the stores with their real identification and gave their actual age if asked. The Metro Beer Board and the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission also partnered in the compliance checks.

Retirement Celebration

Lieutenant Shawn Parris celebrated 26 years of outstanding service



Congratulations:

Officer Rachael Black, Hermitage Precinct, and Officer Greg Lindstrom, Midtown Hills Precinct, welcomed their daughter, Elliot Jean Kaylyn Lindstrom, born on August 28th.

Officer Brian Gottschall, Special Operations Division, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Olivia Ginette, on September 2nd.

Officer Jason Sweeney, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Heather, welcomed their son, Dylan Matthew Sweeney, born on August 31st.



We wish Detective Heather Baltz all the best in her new career with Aramark.



OPA Director Katy Morante presented Detective Baltz with a crystal vase commemorating her 14 years of service to the MNPD.

Condolences:

Angela Gomes, the mother of Officer Jerry Gomes, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on August 27th.

Betty Mathis, the mother of Chauncey Elaine Bean, School Crossing Guard, passed away.

Norma Canter, the grandmother of Trainee Bradley McIntyre, passed away on September 1st.

Beverly Picchiottino, the grandmother of Detective Jared Picchiottino, West Precinct, passed away on August 26th.

Dino Ferrari, the father in-law of Amy Ferrari, Chief of Police Office, passed away on August 31st.

The sister of Officer Marty Reed and sister-in-law of Jeanette Reed, East Precinct, passed away on September 6th.

Ron Dooley, the father of Detective Harrison Dooley, West Precinct, passed away.

Vera Slaughter, who retired in 2008 at age 84 after 16 years of service, passed away on September 8th.

Joy Houghton, the mother of retired Officer Kim Laymance, passed away on September 13th.

Steve T. Brooks Sr., the father-in-law of Officer Alan Jordan, North Precinct, passed away.

FYI

Christmas Basket Program

Many thanks to our friends at **Clark the Forklift** and Steve Welch for their generous donation of \$250 to the Christmas Basket Program. The first donation of 2014!

Since 1996, Steve has served as the official “Santa” at the Boswell’s Harley-Davidson , Nashville H.O.G. Chapter, the Music City H.O.G Chapter and Ring of Fire H.O.G. Chapter Toy Parade, where toys are donated for the Christmas Basket Program.



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Last year the Christmas Basket Program provided food and toys to 176 families, including 214 adults and 475 children! Plus, 62 baskets of food for elderly persons.

If you have a neighborhood group, business, or civic group that would like to partner with the Christmas Basket Program, please contact Hermitage Precinct Commander Michele Donegan at 615- 880-1776.

Hispanic Festival

Metro Nashville Police Department and El Protector Program Invite you to the

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Come to enjoy the rhythms of Latin music,
food, games for children, folkloric dances
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