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News from the Chief



I am pleased to report that Officer John Downs is continuing to improve from the gunshot wound he suffered on December 14th. He is now attending physical therapy three days a week and is able to get around with the use of crutches. Officer Downs has a tremendous attitude and is looking forward to a full recovery, although he still has a ways to go. Officer Downs wrote this open letter to his police department colleagues to express his personal thanks for all of the support:

Our personal thanks:

I not only speak for myself, but my family as well, when I say how deeply grateful and appreciative to everyone for your prayers, tremendous support, and helping us through this difficult time.

There are so many I wish to thank for being available, ready to help me and my family, with your caring and outpouring of aid, whether it was bringing meals, running errands, or being on call. I want to thank you for your visits, phone calls, and overwhelming messages on social media. I am grateful for the presence of this outstanding group of officers and cannot express enough, what it means to my family.

Thank you to those who were on hand, volunteering their time, energy and effort, and the outpouring of help, no matter what the need. I hope you know what it means to us, as you were taking time away from your own family to assist us. We will always be truly grateful.

During my stay at Vanderbilt, the level of your caring and commitment to others was shown by your presence, your assistance and treatment of my wife, my kids, my mom and dad, will always be remembered.

I appreciate everyone respecting the Vanderbilt rules. Vanderbilt was caring and compassionate, as well as respectful of my wife and children during this time. Their expertise in their medical decisions, as well as their protection of a police officer, is remarkable.

As I approach the next level of my recovery and healing process, I anticipate a positive outcome and plan to be back soon, and ready to return to my comrades.

Again, I thank you all, for your assistance and the outpouring of help to me and my family, and especially the multitude of prayers.

Respectfully & With Great Appreciation,

Officer John Downs and Family

Community appreciation for the men and women of this police department is very strong and is expressed in a variety of ways, from e-mails to telephone calls to personal interactions. In late December, Robert Swope and a group of friends who regularly get together to watch football games began talking amongst themselves on how best to show support for the men and women of the MNPD. The folks pooled their money and took part in delivering meals to officers, approximately 180 pizzas, to each of the eight precincts during the second half of December. This morning, precinct commanders and I had the opportunity to pass the sincere thanks of the MNPD to two representatives of the group, Linda Webber and Joe Donnelly.



The kindness of this group is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of each of you. Thank you for everything you continue to do to make Nashville a safer place for all.

Happenings

Christmas Basket Program

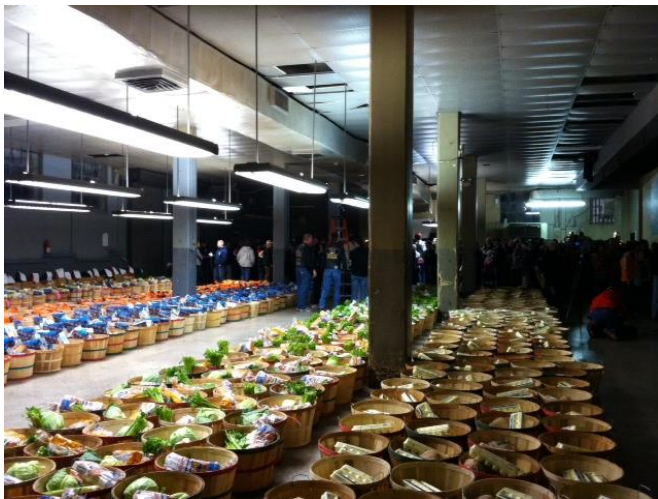
More than 180 needy Nashville families including 577 children and 60 elderly persons received gifts of food and toys from Metro police officers Christmas Eve morning as the police department's annual Christmas Basket Program celebrated its 53rd anniversary.

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

Contributions from police department personnel, both sworn and civilian, and the Nashville community fund the program. The Music City and Rivergate Chapters of the Harley Owners Group have partnered with the program for a number of years and are significant contributors of their time and resources.

“Former Chief Joe Casey, who began this program in 1961, knew that the police department's mission was to make a positive difference in the lives of Nashville's families, especially the disadvantaged,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “That sentiment continues, and I am very proud of our employees and community partners for their commitment to this tradition of caring.”

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





Pictured (l-r) are Commander Michele Donegan, Former Chief Joe Casey, and Chief Steve Anderson.



The “Chief Elf” Michele Donegan and her “helper elves”.

Shop with a Cop

More than 60 children were able to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and family members through the Andrew Jackson Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police Shop with a Cop program.

The Children were treated to a morning of shopping at the Wal-Mart on Nolensville Pike. The children and the police “elves” then wrapped presents during a luncheon at the FOP Lodge. The Shop with a Cop program is an extension of Lodge 5’s Youth Camp Service Project that reaches out to boys and girls who officers see through their work. The program is funded through tax deductible donations made by citizens and businesses throughout Nashville.





Session 76 Graduation

Nashville's 41 newest police officers graduated from 5 ½ months of training on December 18th at Granny White Church of Christ.

After graduation, the new officers will spend the next 5 to 6 months patrolling with Field Training Officers before policing on their own.



Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson presided over the graduation ceremony.

Officer Austin Bass presented the first Michael Petrina Leadership Award to Officer Marcus Mitchell. The Michael Petrina Leadership Award is given to the graduating officer who best exemplifies the qualities Officer Petrina possessed as a police officer, leader, classmate, and friend.

Officers Bass and Petrina were classmates in Session 71. Both were recognized for special achievement during their graduation ceremony on September 26th, 2013. Officer Petrina received the Christy Dedman Spirit Award. Officer Bass received the Leadership Award, now named in honor of Officer Petrina who was killed in the line of duty on May 10th after being struck on I-65 while assisting with traffic.



Pictured (l-r) are Officers Mitchell and Bass.

Class Awards

Academic Excellence Award.... Officer John Daugherty

Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award...Officer Josh Baney

Physical Fitness Award...Officer Bradley McIntyre

Michael Petrina Leadership Award...Officer Marcus Mitchell

Law Award...Officer John Daugherty

Firearms Award...Officer Nicholas Henning

Top Cop Award...Officer John Daughtery

Class President...Officer Marcus Mitchell

Session 76 Family Day





Chief Steve Anderson, joined by Mayor Karl Dean, on January 13th welcomed the 67 men and women who make up the police department's newest class of police officer trainees.

The recruits, who have passed a detailed background check, will spend the next 5½ months in rigorous physical and classroom training. Graduation is set for June 9th.

This is the 22nd class of trainees to begin at the police academy since Mayor Dean took office seven years ago.



Mayor Dean welcomes new recruits



Chief takes questions



Lieutenant Ben Rodgers Honored for Drill & Ceremony Team Leadership

Lieutenant Ben Rodgers was recognized for his decade of service as the commander of the Drill & Ceremony Team. Lieutenant Grant Carroll is the new team commander.



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson and Lt. Rodgers

Precinct News

West

SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team arrested armed fugitive and accused murderer Hassan Al Mutory in the driveway of a home in the 400 block of Ewing Drive.

Al Mutory, 19, had been a fugitive since last September 1st, when West Precinct detectives swore out an arrest warrant charging him with the fatal shooting of Carlos Gomez, 20, in the front yard of 477 Summit Oaks Drive in Bellevue. The August 31st shooting took place in the midst of an altercation that had erupted during a party at the residence.

Members of the Special Response Team, following up on information developed by West Precinct detectives, located Al Mutory in the driveway of 469 Ewing Drive. He rammed an unmarked police vehicle with his Dodge Magnum in an attempt to escape, but quickly surrendered when he discovered that he would not be able to get away. Al Mutory was armed with two pistols and possessed quantities of marijuana, cocaine, Oxycodone pills and nearly \$2,500 cash.

Madison

Community Coordinator Sergeant James Vivrette joined Rotary Club members Danna Fuqua and Dr. Jeff Lancaster in presenting new bicycles to outstanding students at Gateway Elementary School.



The men and women of the Madison Precinct are featured in the month of April on the 2015 Town Planner calendar.



Hermitage

Convicted burglar Shawn Tate, 26, is back behind bars charged with one home burglary and suspected in at least eight others in Hermitage.

A woman called police to report that a man was burglarizing her Highland View Court residence. Prior to breaking a window to make entry, Tate allegedly cut power to the house by turning the exterior breaker off. There have been similar break-ins reported in nearby neighborhoods.

Tate, of Hickory Hills Lane, was released from prison in December 2014 after serving eight years for two Hermitage home break-ins.

An investigation into the delivery of a package to an East Nashville residence resulted in the arrest of Lacey Saborido, 30, and the seizure of more than three pounds of marijuana and a handgun.

Hermitage Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit executed a search warrant at Saborido's residence at 1218B Stockell Street after she took the package inside. Detectives opened the

package and recovered 3.2 pounds of marijuana. An additional three ounces of marijuana, a revolver, and digital scales were found inside the residence.

Saborido admitted that she had the marijuana shipped to her residence. She is charged with marijuana possession in a drug-free school zone and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Saborido is being held in lieu of \$130,000 bond.

North

Kendrius Smith, 18, was arrested a short time after he allegedly robbed a woman while she was walking with a friend on 5th Avenue North at Taylor Street.

The victim reported that the suspect approached her just before 10 p.m., indicated that he had a weapon, and took her purse. He pushed her down before fleeing on foot. About 30 minutes later, officers spotted Smith, who matched the suspect description, walking on 4th Avenue North near Buchanan Street. They took him into custody. The victim positively identified Smith as the person who robbed her.

Smith, of Hume Street, is charged with aggravated robbery and assault. He is being held in lieu of \$75,000 bond.

Central

Investigation following a vehicle stop led to the arrest of a man and woman who are charged with manufacturing methamphetamine after the makings of a mobile meth lab were found inside the car.

Central Precinct Officer Matthew Bajt stopped a car on Demonbreun Street after the driver, Mark J. Robertson, 45, ran a red light at the intersection of 6th Avenue South and Demonbreun Street at 4 a.m. Robertson did not have any identification. He and his passenger, Vanity Mistich, 23, appeared nervous. When Robertson stepped out of the car, Officer Bajt saw a bag of needles in plain view on the door handle. During a subsequent consent search of the vehicle, Officer Bajt discovered a backpack that contained what appeared to be items commonly used to manufacture meth, glass jars that contained a white rocky residue, a digital scale, and additional needles.

Robertson, of Carthage, Tennessee, and Mistich, of Nashville, are both charged with manufacturing methamphetamine.

Proactive police work led to the arrest of murder suspect Aaron Dale Dodson, 22, who was wanted for the September 21st fatal shooting of Ricky Burgett Jr. during a robbery inside Burgett's Welshwood Drive apartment.

Central Precinct Officer Jason King stopped the driver of a vehicle with an expired tag on South 1st Street near Woodland Street. During further investigation, the front seat passenger was identified as Dodson, who initially gave Officer King a false name.

Dodson, of Oak Court, is now charged with criminal homicide and is being held in lieu of \$540,000 bond.

At the time of Burgett's murder, Dodson was free on bond on charges of aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary stemming from a January arrest. In that case, Dodson is alleged to have confronted a woman at gunpoint on the front porch of her Oak Court home before ordering her inside, robbing her and burglarizing the residence.

Dodson's co-defendant, Oral Patterson, 19, was arrested in October.

Midtown Hills

A tip to Nashville Crime Stoppers led to the arrest of murder suspect Tadarius Clift at a Clarksville Pike drugstore.

Clift, 18, is under indictment for the shooting death last September 23rd of Nathaniel Moore on Edgehill Avenue.

South

South Precinct detectives arrested a 24-year-old convicted robber for last July's murder of 18-year-old Deshaun Sawyers at the Exxon Tiger Market at 340 Harding Place.

Corey Marchbanks was taken into custody at his girlfriend's home on Strouse Avenue by SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team. He is named in a grand jury indictment charging first-degree murder. Marchbanks' co-defendant, Derrick L. Lyons Jr., 22, of Buenaview Court, who is also charged with first-degree murder, was served with the indictment after being returned to Nashville from Murfreesboro where he was in jail on unrelated charges.

On the night of July 14th, Deshaun Sawyers and four friends were heading from Murfreesboro to a party in Brentwood when Sawyers told the driver that he needed to meet someone at the Exxon. Sawyers got out of the car, walked to the side of the building and got into an SUV. Witnesses immediately heard gunshots and the victim ran from the SUV and collapsed in front of the store. He was transported to a local hospital where he died.

Investigation by Detective Danny Warren and his colleagues at the South Precinct led to the identification of Marchbanks and Lyons as the persons involved in this drug-related homicide.

A citizen's tip led to the arrest of three persons involved in five South Nashville home burglaries.

Officers' quick response to a break-in on LuAnn Drive led to the arrest of the alleged getaway driver, Karlton Braden, 20, of Calais Circle. During the continuing investigation, two other suspects were identified, Zakaria Chanaoui, 20, of Islandia E, and a 17-year-old. All three confessed to their involvement in the Luann Drive burglary and to a second break-in at a residence on Calumet Drive.

Additionally, Chanaoui and the 17-year-old admitted to burglarizing a Calais Circle home and two residences on Clearlake Drive E & Wood Bridge Drive.

Chanaoui is charged with five counts of aggravated burglary. He is being held on \$125,000 bond. Braden is charged with two counts of aggravated burglary and is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

The teen is charged in Juvenile Court with five counts of aggravated burglary.

A blood drive at the South Precinct resulted in the donation of 23 units of lifesaving blood.



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

Police

South Precinct Officers Brian Murphy and Joe Hooper

Patrol

North Precinct Officers Rodney Clark and Steven Spillers

Investigator

Hermitage Precinct Detective Richard Huddleston

Special Operations

Canine Officer Spencer Harris

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

Police

East Precinct Officer Christopher Alsup

Patrol

Madison Precinct Officer Ryan Kozlowski

Investigator

Midtown Hills Detective Steven Folliard

Special Operations

SWAT Officer John Downs

Specialized Investigations Division

Two convicted felons serving their sentences on supervised release are back behind bars after narcotics detectives assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division discovered 2.5 pounds of marijuana, some of it bagged for distribution, and 6 firearms inside their 1904 Westchester Drive residence in Madison.

During the execution of a search warrant, detectives seized the marijuana, four pistols located in a suitcase sitting on a bed, and two assault-type rifles.

Diondra S. Holland, 29, who received an eight-year probated sentence last October for 2nd degree murder, and Leviticus Holloway, 27, who received an eight-year community corrections sentence last February for a felony cocaine conviction, are now charged with possessing marijuana for resale, gun possession in the commission of a drug felony and possession of drug paraphernalia. They also face warrants accusing them of violating their supervised release conditions



Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives have made another dent in Nashville's heroin trade with the arrest of two deliverymen who were working for a Mexican-based distribution organization.

Roberto Bogarin-Ramirez, 20, and Edgar Haller-Bogann, 25, are charged with multiple counts of selling heroin, engaging in a heroin conspiracy and possession of heroin for resale. They are jailed in lieu of \$675,000 bond each.

The investigation that led to the arrests and the seizure of more than one pound of heroin began in November. Heroin dispatchers in Mexico with Nashville area telephone numbers took orders from buyers and arranged for deliverymen to meet customers in the restrooms of various businesses, including home improvement stores, grocery stores and large variety stores, primarily in the Hermitage area.

Detectives followed Bogarin-Ramirez and Haller-Bogann, who have sold heroin to undercover officers on numerous occasions, as they entered a grocery store on McGavock Pike and headed to the restroom. Both were taken into custody and later acknowledged the connection of Mexican drug organizations to Nashville's heroin trade.

The investigation also led to the execution of a search warrant at an apartment in the Bavaria complex on Packard Drive. Detectives seized more than one pound of heroin (valued in excess of \$50,000), \$2,500 cash, packaging materials and tools. In addition, they found evidence showing how the two would wire the proceeds of drug sales to individuals in Mexico.

Also arrested was Sevron Shelton, 37, of Richards Road, who was seen leaving the grocery store after purchasing heroin from the two sellers. Shelton was stopped and admitted to swallowing one gram of heroin when officers approached him. Shelton was transported to Southern Hills Medical Center for his safety. Staff there retrieved the heroin without complication. Shelton is charged with heroin possession and evidence tampering.

Heroin interdiction remains a priority for the Specialized Investigations Division due to the real potential for serious health issues and even death to those who inject it into their bodies.

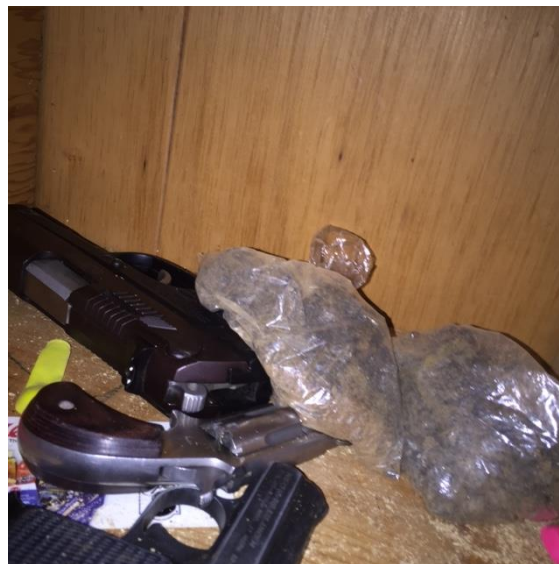


The continuing effort by narcotics detectives to identify and arrest heroin distributors in the Nashville area led to the arrests of two South Nashville men.

Edgar Cisneros-Carmona, 26, of 3817 Faulkner Drive, and Victorio Mendoz-Espinoza, 27, of 4501 Packard Drive, are jailed on charges that they dealt heroin to buyers who would meet them in various South Nashville parking lots. It is believed that customers would telephone a dispatcher, suspected of being in Mexico, who would then relay the order to Cisneros-Carmona and/or Mendoz-Espinoza in Nashville.

At the culmination of this investigation, detectives seized more than a half pound of heroin, 1 rifle, 4 pistols, \$6,639 cash and 4 vehicles.

The two defendants are each jailed on bonds of more than \$400,000.



Seized guns & heroin

Narcotics detectives assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division charged a Los Angeles man with flying into Nashville with more than 900 Oxymorphone pills concealed in a vitamin jar inside his checked luggage.

Marques Edwards, 28, is jailed in lieu of \$360,000 bond on charges of possessing the powerful painkillers for resale and evading arrest.

Nashville International Airport Police and DEA agents were alerted to a suspicious piece of checked luggage. A drug dog sniffed the bag and alerted to the presence of narcotic odor. After Edwards claimed the bag, law enforcement officers approached, identified themselves and asked for permission to search the luggage. Edwards attempted to flee the airport terminal, but was ultimately stopped. A check of the luggage pursuant to a search warrant revealed the pills, which carry a street value of approximately \$75,000.



A Virginia man's maneuver to avoid passing by a Metro police officer on I-40 this morning only drew attention to his Ford Mustang and wound up landing him in the Metro Jail on felony marijuana and weapon charges.

Christopher Cameron, 20, of Bumpass, Virginia, was traveling east on I-40 when he got off the interstate at the McCrory Lane exit and immediately got back on. In doing so, Cameron avoided driving by Interdiction Officer Robert McIsaac who was parked on the shoulder of I-40. McIsaac took note of Cameron's 2004 silver Mustang and stopped it for speeding a few miles away. Cameron appeared nervous, said he was traveling from Texas, but could not say where in Texas. When Cameron declined a request to search the Mustang for narcotics, Officer McIsaac's police dog partner, Paco, checked the car and strongly alerted to the trunk. Inside were 1.5 pounds of high-grade marijuana, marijuana wax, drug paraphernalia, an AR-15 rifle and ammunition.

Cameron is charged with possessing marijuana for resale, gun possession in the commission of a felony drug crime, and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. His bond is set at \$305,000.



Seized marijuana and weapons

Vice detectives from the Specialized Investigations Division executed search warrants at three Nashville massage spas after undercover operations showed employees at the businesses were engaging in acts of prostitution. The investigations began after community complaints.

The three establishments involved are:

- AAC Massage, 4243 Lebanon Pike, Suite B
- Hickory Day Spa, 5722 Hickory Plaza Drive, Suite A1
- What A Day Spa, 1463 Bell Road

Operatives working on behalf of the police department entered the businesses on several occasions in January. Female employees of AAC Massage are alleged to have engaged in sexual contact with operatives on three occasions. Female employees of Hickory Day Spa are alleged to have engaged in sexual contact with operatives on two occasions, the same for female employees of What A Day Spa.

Eight women who work at the businesses, all natives of China, today were issued misdemeanor prostitution citations. They are identified as:

- Xiaolin Li, 31, from AAC Massage
- Mei Hong Huang, 45, from Hickory Day Spa
- Yanjun Zhu, 28, from Hickory Day Spa
- Xuemei Qin, 43, from Hickory Day Spa
- Dongmei Zhang, 41, from What A Day Spa

- Fang Wu, 22, from What A Day Spa
- Xiolei Wang, 36, from What A Day Spa
- Yan Jin, 35, from What A Day Spa

Retirement Celebrations

Detective Tracy Gatwood celebrated 29 years of service



Officer Melissa Johnson celebrated 30 years of service



Chief Brian Johnson presented Officer Johnson with a commemorative plaque.

Congratulations:

Officer James “Cody” Jarvis and his wife, Lindsey, welcomed their son, Easton Wolf Jarvis, on December 16th.

Detective Raymond Flaherty, North Precinct, and his wife, Devin, welcomed their son Henry Grant Flaherty on December 29th.

Officer Chase Burnett, North Precinct, and his wife, Katie, welcomed their daughter Kinley Kate Burnett on January 6th.



Condolences:

Herman Carter, the father of retired Officer Larry Carter, passed away on November 19th.

David Gamble, the father-in-law of Randy Hale, IT, passed away on December 19th.

Nancy Traughber, the mother of Detective Billy Traughber, South Precinct, passed away on December 19th.

David Gamble, the father-in-law of Randy Hale, IT, passed away on December 19th.

The granddaughter of Officer Danny Massey, Central Precinct, passed away on December 24th.

Mary Margaret Cole, the grandmother of Officer Benjamin Cole, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on December 25th.

Vanna Spain, the wife of Arthur Dale Spain, Domestic Violence Division, step-mother to Tara Burnett, Criminal Investigations Division, and Tiffany Hansen, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away on December 30th.

Clara Read, the mother of retired Officer David Read, and the grandmother of Detective Adam Read, Specialized Investigations Division, passed away on January 5th.

Barbara Hood Potts, the mother-in-law of Warrants Division Captain Randy Hickerson, passed away.

Trena Hayes, the mother-in-law of Detective John Grubbs, Youth Services, passed away.

Retired Sergeant Zinnie Burris, the brother of retired Lieutenant Paul Burris, and brother-in-law of retired Lieutenant Arlene Burris, passed away on January 9th.

Pansy McGregor Walker, the grandmother of Walker Black, Identification Unit, passed away.

Hattie Frances Roan, the mother of Marion Garrett, School Crossing Guard, passed away.

Pasquale Postiglione, the father of Sergeant Daniel Postiglione, Youth Services, and retired Sergeant Pat Postiglione passed away on January 18th.

Andrew Hamaday, the grandfather of Officer Kyle Sanderson, North Precinct, passed away.

Blanch Jared, the mother-in-law of Officer John Roberson, Traffic Unit, passed away on January 20th.