



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



On Friday of this week Mayor-Elect Megan Barry will be sworn in as Metropolitan Nashville's seventh mayor. There is always much excitement as administrations change, and I very much look forward to working with Mayor Barry, Vice Mayor Briley and the men and women of the Metropolitan Council.

Sometimes the excitement that accompanies new city leadership can fuel the thought process that a new mayor can suddenly make major improvements that were not possible before. Such are the thought processes being circulated concerning the staffing of the MNPD.

Over the last months, as the election was proceeding, I have been asked numerous times by personnel within the department as to whether I would approach the new mayor and request that additional officers be hired. No doubt, taking into account the staffing levels of other cities our size, we are a lean department. In fact, I am amazed, every day, by what you are able to accomplish with the resources we have. We are keeping crime in check and Nashville's citizens are very pleased with the work you do.

This has also been a frequent question in community forums I have attended. I attribute this to the good work that you are doing and your excellent relationship with the community. Our citizens recognize your accomplishments and want to see more of you on the streets and in their neighborhoods.

The answer to the questions I have received concerning staffing is yes. Increased staffing will be a continuing conversation with the new administration. As Nashville's population continues to grow the staffing level of the MNPD needs to increase proportionally. I have repeatedly stated that over the years. However, we must also recognize that in any budgeting process, whether it is your personal budget, or the annual budget of the Metropolitan Government, there are limitations on what can be accomplished with the available funds in the

operating accounts. Likewise, there are priorities as to where the available dollars should be expended.

In order to ensure that we do not entertain any false expectations that additional resources can suddenly be made available, it is helpful to examine the dollar amounts required to add additional officers to our department. Please examine the following data, as context, in understanding the funds that must be expended to create any appreciable increase in staffing.

Obviously, we would all like to see an increase in staffing for each patrol detail. Likewise, there are many other components across the department that would benefit with an increase in staffing, Sex Abuse, Domestic Violence, Fraud, Youth Services, Precinct Investigative Units, just to name a few. On average, the cost for the annual salary and fringe benefits (health insurance, pension, etc.) of a Police Officer II is approximately \$75,000. Multiples of that number can be used to calculate the expenditures required for additional staffing.

- \$75,000 to add 1 officer
- \$750,000 to add 10 officers
- \$3,750,000 to add 50 officers
- \$7,500,000 to add 100 additional officers

Note that the above covers salary and benefits alone. It does not address the cost of equipment (cars, radios, etc.) necessary to equip each additional officer.

Another example: factoring in vacation time, days off, sick leave and IOD leave, if we were to add 2 additional officers for each day of the week for each of the 24 patrol details, 96 additional officers would be required at an annual recurring expenditure of \$7.2 million.

Obviously, increasing the staffing for other components across the MNPD would require additional funding in a proportional amount.

Keep in mind, also, that the long term consequences of any increase in staffing must be taken into account with any decision to add additional officers. The funds must be available to pay the salaries and benefits for first year and then every year thereafter.

These are considerations that the new administration will have to take into account in determining budget allocations for the future. As for now, the operating budget is set for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. Unless a large amount of money were to suddenly become available, or the Metropolitan Council were to decide to redistribute funds previously allocated to other departments to the MNPD (both of which are highly unlikely), we cannot expect to see any increase in staffing in the immediate future.

Although we can start a conversation for the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2016, we should keep in mind that there must be an increase in the funding sources. The two primary sources of revenue for the Metropolitan Government are sales and property taxes. Revenues from sales taxes are increasing, but not at a rate that would be necessary to support the wholesale/appreciable hiring of new personnel. Any increase in property taxes would require a reassessment or an increase in the rate each property owner pays. Obviously, there is always opposition to any increase in property taxes that would have to be addressed.

We also have to be mindful that every department in the Metropolitan Government could make good use of additional monies in their budget. Public Works could pave more roads. General Services could buy more cars. The Mayor and the Council have to balance the needs of all parts of the government in deciding how the available funds should be allocated.

Pay raises for employees also factor into these decisions. A one percent raise for all MNPD employees requires approximately 1.4 million dollars in additional funding. A three percent raise would require approximately 4.2 million dollars in additional funding. A six percent raise would require approximately 8.4 million dollars in additional funding. Again, the same long term consequences must be considered. Those monies must be available for the first year, the next year and every year thereafter.

Also, these decisions have to take into account all of the employees of the Metropolitan Government. A one percent raise for all Metro employees requires approximately 11 million dollars in additional funding. A three percent raise would require 33 million dollars in additional funding and a 6 percent raise would require an additional 66 million.

I am hopeful that these considerations will be helpful in keeping our thoughts in perspective. Everett Dirksen, a long time senator from Illinois (and father-in-law to our own Senator Howard Baker) made the following comment concerning the propensity of the federal government to spend money. "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you are talking about real money."

Senator Dirksen made that comment in a facetious manner, but to illustrate a point. On the federal level a billion dollars is not, relatively speaking, a lot of money. But, after a while, those billions add up.

Likewise, in our personal budgets, those "small" amounts we spend may seem insignificant. But, if we are not careful those "small" amounts may add up to more than we can afford. The budgeting process for the Metropolitan Government, while certainly not at the federal or state level, is no different. To paraphrase Senator Dirksen, "A million here, a million there, and pretty soon you are talking about real money."

Every Mayor and every member of the Metropolitan Council I have talked with over the past years wants to increase the size of the Police Department and to give employees, especially the police employees, every pay raise possible. I expect that our new Mayor and our new Metro Council members will be no different. However, as with past administrations, informed and balanced decisions will have to be made as to how the available funds will be allocated.

Mayor Barry, Vice Mayor Briley and the Metropolitan Council will be sworn into office at 2 p.m. this Friday in Public Square Park in front of the Historic Courthouse. All who can attend are cordially invited. Mayor Dean's last official visit with members of the police department will be Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the North Precinct. He will be congratulating more than 40 of our colleagues who have been promoted into new supervisory assignments over the past several months.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of Nashville's citizens and visitors. This is absolutely an exciting time for our city as the Barry administration comes into office. I have no doubt that Nashville's best days are still ahead.

## Happenings

Fugitive Safe Surrender 2015, held at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, proved to be an overwhelming success as a total of 86 wanted persons voluntarily came in over the two days (35 Friday, 51 Saturday) to begin resolving their outstanding criminal charges. Those 86 persons were named in a total of 133 outstanding warrants.

A total of 123 persons actually came in during the two days to be checked for outstanding warrants or ask questions related to the justice system.

Approximately 100 community volunteers assisted in transforming the church into a mini courthouse complete with three courtrooms and offices for District Attorney and Public Defender. Of the 86 persons who surrendered, only five had to be detained (three for outstanding warrants in other counties, one on a felony drug conspiracy indictment, and 1 for felony domestic assault).





**Mayor-Elect Megan Barry with community volunteers.**

“Safe Surrender would not have been possible without the mutual support and trust between the police department and Nashville’s clergy,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “In fact, it was Reverends Michael Joyner and William Harris who asked us to pull this program together after an eight year absence. I am gratified that the community recognized this was a special opportunity for wanted persons to clear up outstanding warrants and stop looking over their shoulders for the benefit of themselves and their families.”

Government components supporting Fugitive Safe Surrender included:

- Metropolitan Police Department
- Davidson County Sheriff’s Office
- Davidson County Criminal Court
- Davidson County General Sessions Court
- Davidson County Criminal Court Clerk
- Metro Government Information & Technology Services
- Davidson County Juvenile Court
- Tennessee Probation & Parole

Also, citizens turned in a total of 61 firearms as part of the latest Gift Cards for Guns initiative held on the grounds of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. Persons received \$50 MAPCO gift cards in exchange for unwanted and/or unsafe real firearms. The MNPD is sincerely grateful to MAPCO, its parent company Delek, and Crime Stoppers for their continuing support.



**Mayor-Elect Megan Barry examines one of the firearms turned in during the Gift Cards for Guns initiative. Explaining the gun is Sergeant Jack Klotzback.**



## Session 31 Citizen Police Academy Graduation

Chief Anderson Monday night congratulated the 25 latest graduates of the MNPD's Citizen Police Academy. Beginning in July, they met on Monday evening's for 12 weeks to learn the inner workings of the police department. Since the program began in 1995, more than 1,400 citizens have graduated from the Citizen Police Academy.



## **G.R.E.A.T. Families Program Graduation**

Six families graduated recently from the Gang Resistance Education and Training Families Program at the Peace Ambassadors Community Center in South Nashville.



**Sergeant Bonita Blue and Officers Harold Wells, Jeff Thomas, Larry Williams, Ronda Atwater, and Angela Booker participated in the G.R.E.A.T. Families Program.**

## **Heart Walk 2015**

The American Heart Association's Greater Heart Walk fundraiser is Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Vanderbilt University Sport Field. Activities begin at 8 a.m. with the walk getting underway at 10 a.m.



**Greater Nashville Heart Walk Director Sarah Urmeneta pictured with Deputy Chief Todd Henry during her visit to Compstat to discuss MNPD's annual participation in the Heart Walk fundraiser.**



## **Detective Kinney Wins Welterweight Division Boxing Championship**

Youth Services Detective Brett Kinney last month won the Masters Welterweight Division during the largest amateur boxing tournament in the country in Kansas City, Missouri. Officer Kinney also works with a non-profit called Creating Angles that he and his wife, Andrea, founded to provide mentoring for at-risk and under-served children in the Nashville community.



**Detective Brett Kinney holds the welterweight championship belt.**

## **MNPD Coin**

In addition to her housekeeping duties at the Criminal Justice Center, Maricela Garica has translated for Spanish speakers seeking services at headquarters. In appreciation for her assistance, she received a 2015 MNPD Coin.



**Pictured (l-r) are Nathan Miller, Maricela Garica, and Lawrence Haywood.**

## **Precinct News**

### **Madison**

Acting on a tip to Crime Stoppers, Madison Precinct officers arrested alleged home invader and fugitive Robert Kajuan Corder, 17, in the 1500 block of Meadow Bend Drive.

Corder is named in a Juvenile Court arrest order involving multiple counts of aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping, as well as unlawful handgun possession, stemming from a September 3<sup>rd</sup> home invasion in the 5300 block of Trousdale Drive in Crieve Hall. Arrested previously in the same case was Oscar Burnett-Patton, 19, who remains in the Metro Jail in lieu of \$240,000 bond on multiple counts of aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping. He is also charged with aggravated burglary and a crooks with guns law violation.

The victims in this case are the 51-year-old homeowner, her 72-year-old mother, the homeowner's 26-year-old daughter, and her 26-year-old boyfriend. At 10:15 p.m. on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, three robbers appeared inside the home just after the 72-year-old resident returned from the grocery store. Two of three robbers held guns on the four victims while the house was ransacked. After taking jewelry, phones and other small items, the robbers kidnapped the victims and forced them to go to two bank ATMs to withdraw money.

The victims were ordered into their personal vehicles, two victims per vehicle. One gunman per vehicle joined them, while the third drove the robbers' car. All three vehicles went to the Regions Bank branch at Nippers Corner, where money was withdrawn. The three vehicles then headed to the Bank of America branch on Franklin Pike in Brentwood where more money was withdrawn. From there, the three vehicles went to the Target parking lot on Old Hickory Boulevard, where the two gunmen got out of the victims' cars, joined their accomplice and fled. The victims borrowed a phone from a citizen in the parking lot and called police.

Midtown Hills Precinct detectives are continuing in their efforts to identify the third robber/kidnapper in this case.

Multiple citizen tips to Crime Stoppers led to the identification of the man who on August 21<sup>st</sup> allegedly took a laptop from a homeless man at McDonalds, 1006 S Gallatin Pike.

An arrest warrant charging convicted felon John A. Raymond, 34, with theft was issued on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Raymond, of Due West Avenue, surrendered himself after he was contacted by Detective Garrett Kidd. The stolen laptop was recovered and returned to the victim.

Raymond has previous theft and drug possession convictions.

### **Hermitage**

Separate investigations by Hermitage Precinct undercover detectives dismantled two residential marijuana grow operations.

In one case, detectives executed a search warrant at 702 Bonnalake Drive after following up on a tip that persons there were growing marijuana. An aerial check using one of the MNPD's helicopters confirmed that marijuana was being grown in in the back yard. During the search, detectives discovered a marijuana grow operation housed in two detached buildings as

well as in the yard. Seized were 120 marijuana plants and 51 grams of processed marijuana. Also seized were \$48,785 cash and one vehicle. Danny Dennison, 61, and his wife, Nora Dennison, 52, were charged with manufacturing marijuana, possession of marijuana for resale and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. Their bonds were set at \$102,500 each.

In the second investigation, detectives executed a search warrant at an apartment at 3901 Andrew Jackson Way after following up on a drug complaint from a citizen. Inside were 16 marijuana plants, 221 grams of processed marijuana and multiple items of drug paraphernalia. The two residents, Christopher Hutchinson, 22, and his girlfriend, Angela Simmons, 24, were charged with manufacturing marijuana, possession of marijuana for resale and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. Their bonds were set at \$52,500 each.



**Seized Bonnalake marijuana**



**Seized Andrew Jackson Way marijuana**

Two teenagers arrested on September 4<sup>th</sup> after fleeing from officers on Mt. View Circle are charged with murder.

Analysis of evidence by scientists at the MNPD crime lab links Shirin Khwaga, 18, and Markeil Williams (Khwaga's boyfriend), 19, to the shooting death of Kevin Ibarra. Ibarra, 16, was found dead in the kitchen of his Isabelle Lane residence by a friend.

Evidence connecting the teens to the September 3<sup>rd</sup> murder of Cianan Napier, 20, on Patricia Drive, will be presented to the Davidson County Grand Jury in the near future for indictment consideration.

Markeil Williams' 15-year-old brother remains under investigation in regard to the homicides.

Khwaga and the Williams brothers were taken into custody after Khwaga fled from officers and crashed her Honda Civic into a utility pole. Khwaga and Markeil Williams remained in the car and were taken into custody at the crash scene. Two guns were recovered

from the rear floorboard of the vehicle. The 15-year-old, armed with two pistols and carrying a plastic tub of marijuana, fled into a field where he was arrested.

The 15-year-old was charged at Juvenile Court with evading arrest, possession of marijuana for resale, and two counts of unlawful gun possession.

Neighbors watching out for each other are not something criminals like to see, particularly if the neighbor happens to be armed.

When a resident of Netherlands Drive in the Hermitage Precinct noticed a strange pickup truck back into his neighbor's driveway and start to steal a utility trailer, he quickly drove his own pickup truck to the scene and blocked the thieves' escape path. The neighbor detained one of the suspects at gunpoint while two others, a man and a woman fled. When the guy who fled turned around and started to come back with his hands around his waist, the neighbor fired a warning shot in the air, causing that man to turn around and resume running.

Hermitage Precinct officers arrived within minutes to find Marty Ray Harris, 40, of Fairview, being held at gunpoint by the neighbor. Harris admitted to detectives that he and his accomplices intended on stealing and selling the utility trailer to support a heroin habit.

Officer Timothy Mead visited the New Hope Baptist Church Parent's Day Out program on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.



## **North**

Convicted murderer and robber Samuel D. Copeland, 43, will be charged with the brutal stabbing death of his girlfriend, Porscha Clark, inside her apartment in the Trinity Hills Village complex on E. Nocturne Drive.

Copeland was convicted of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder in June 1993 and received a 25-year prison sentence. He was also convicted of robbery in August 1993 and received a 6-year sentence. Records reflect that MNPD officers arrested him in January 2007 for a parole violation. He registered with the police department as an ex-convict in August 2012. Copeland was arrested in October 2013 for misdemeanor domestic assault against his 36-year-old girlfriend at the time. That case was retired in General Sessions Court in November 2013.

Murder suspect Brian T. Williams was apprehended on September 9<sup>th</sup> hiding behind Greater First Street Missionary Baptist Church in the 1200 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

North Precinct officers flooded the 9<sup>th</sup> & Scovel Street area, as well as a part of nearby Jefferson Street, after citizens reported seeing a suspicious person resembling Williams.

Williams is charged with the fatal shooting of Henry Arthur Wilson III, 34, who was killed during a physical confrontation in the parking lot of a Hillside Avenue apartment building.

## Central

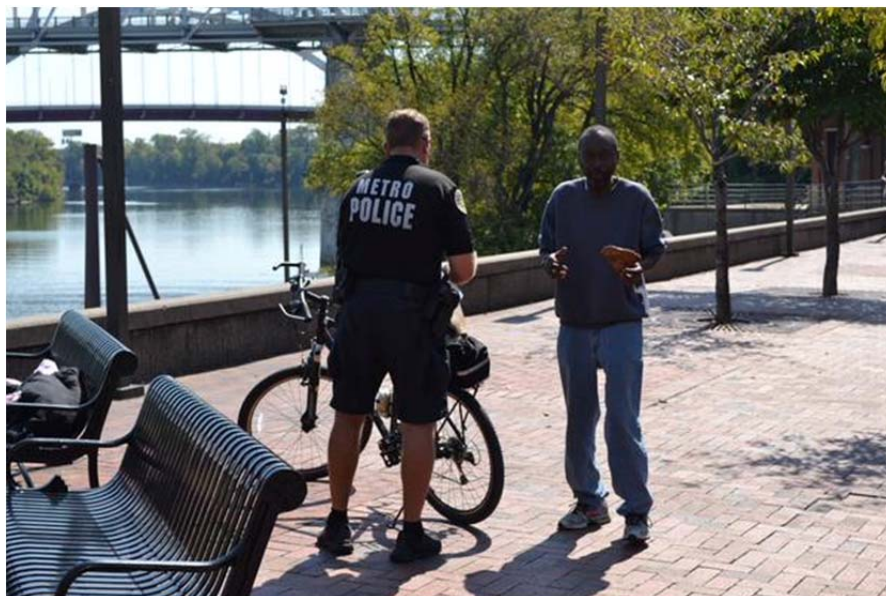
This citizen's Facebook post and photo recognized Officer Mike Evans:

 **Matt Harmon** Sep 19th, 12:09pm

While in Nashville 2 days ago, Dawn and I were walking to Riverwalk when I noticed a Nashville-Metro police officer sitting and talking with what appeared to be a homeless man. We overheard the officer telling the man, "All I have is a piece of chicken, but your welcome to it!". The officer proceed to get into his lunch box and gave the man a chicken breast to eat.

We all the time read where ALL police officers are classified as "bad" and even in one online exchange I had in another post, they were even called "terrorists".

Please share this story to show that not ALL police officers are "bad" and to show appreciation for the caring individuals that put their lives on the line daily to protect us!



## Midtown Hills

May Werthan Shayne Elementary School students enjoyed a visit from Midtown Motor officers who answered the children's questions about motorcycles and police work.



J.T. Moore Middle School recognized Midtown Hills Precinct personnel during a 9-11 anniversary assembly.



Midtown Hills personnel hosted a well-attended “Coffee with a Cop” community gathering at the precinct.



## South

### Hispanic Festival





## Canine Unit

MNPD hosted Police Canine Association certification for Region 13 in Bellevue. Participating teams were evaluated on obedience, agility, evidence/suspect search, and criminal apprehension. All Metro teams passed the certification with the following three teams taking awards:

- Officer Brad Bracey & Mojo placed second in the agility phase of certification.
- Officer Jerry Denton & Cletus placed third in suspect search.
- Officer J D Young & Echo took third place overall in the novice dog category.

Officer Jaime Scruggs & Turbo and Officer Cory Haggard & Merle received PD1 certification.





**Pictured (l-r) are Officer Scruggs & Turbo and Officer Haggard & Merle.**

### **Homicide/Cold Case Unit**

Metro police officers returned Patrick Lamonte Streater from a San Diego, California prison to Nashville, where he will now answer to an indictment charging him with the 1996 stabbing deaths of two 18-year-old women on Church Street.

Streater, 39, is charged with two counts of premeditated first-degree murder for killing Tiffany Campbell and Melissa Dawn Chilton inside Exotic Tan for Men at 1805 Church Street, where the two women worked. They were murdered late morning/early afternoon on February 22, 1996. The manager of the business found the victims after he was unable to reach them by phone. Both women had been stabbed multiple times. It was a crime that gripped the attention of Nashvillians 19 years ago.

Streater was Campbell's boyfriend. Investigative work and interviews by now retired Homicide/Cold Case Sergeant Pat Postiglione and Detective Danny Satterfield over a number of months, along with scientific evidence, led to the indictment against Streater, which was announced by Chief Steve Anderson and former District Attorney General Torry Johnson on February 21, 2013. At the time of the indictment and until today, Streater was confined to a California prison serving time for robbery. He will appear before a Nashville Criminal Court judge in the near future.

"Gail Chilton and Deborah Edmonds, the mothers of the victims, were informed this week that Streater was being returned," Chief Anderson said. "As I noted in 2013, these strong women never lost hope with this investigation."

## Specialized Investigations Division

Specialized Investigations Division detectives on September 6<sup>th</sup> padlocked a Nashville business that is alleged to have been promoting illegal activities for months, to include lewdness, drug ingestion and unlawful alcohol sales.

The police department was first contacted about City Dreams by the Metropolitan Government's Sexually Oriented Business Licensing Board. That office alleged that City Dreams was circumventing licensing restrictions and operating unlawfully in several ways, to include (1) offering unlicensed and unregulated adult entertainment; (2) not operating as a private club, for which the business is licensed; (3) allowing patrons to ingest drugs; (4) engaging in the unlawful sale of alcohol.



**Specialized Investigations Division Captain Mike Alexander, Central Precinct Commander John Drake and Assistant District Attorney Ed Ryan speak to media representatives outside City Dreams Club.**



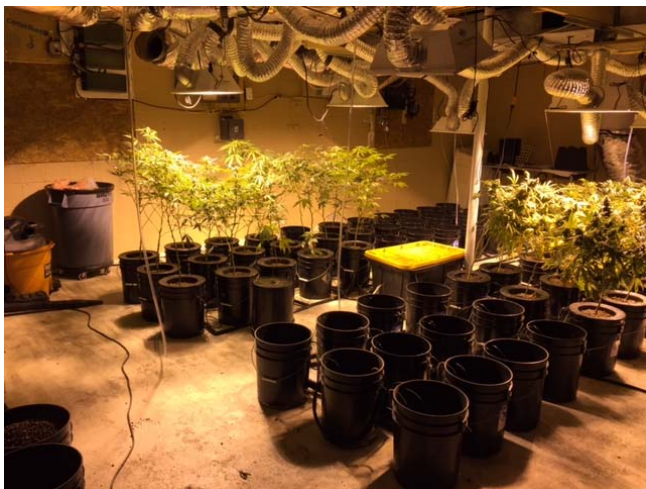
**Seized marijuana and cash**

Acting on an anonymous tip, information developed by Specialized Investigations Major Case Task Force detectives led to the discovery of a marijuana grow operation and the arrest of convicted felon Brian Wooden, 43.

Seized during the execution of a search warrant at 1740 Reynolds Road, with assistance from Narcotics and Interdiction Unit detectives, were approximately 80 marijuana plants in various stages of growth. All of the doors to the house were heavily secured with strong wooden braces screwed into the door frames. Wooden allegedly gained access to the basement through an automatic garage door. The Reynolds Road house was unoccupied.

Officers also executed a search warrant at Wooden's 1552 Pleasant Hill Road residence where they seized 145 Xanax pills, 120 hydrocodone pills, 1.5 ounces of processed marijuana, and a handgun.

Wooden is charged with three counts of felony drug possession in a school zone, felon in possession of a weapon, and felony drug paraphernalia possession. He has a previous aggravated assault conviction and is being held in lieu of \$105,000 bond.



## **Condolences:**

Retired Officer Ricky Bell, who served from 1974 - 1994, passed away on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Billy Wayne Montgomery, the grandfather of Officer Timothy Mead, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

The grandmother of Trainee Steven Henry passed away on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Grace Bontrager, the grandmother of Detective Joel Bontrager, Domestic Violence Division, passed away.

Betty Spann, the sister in-law of Detective James Arendall, Criminal Investigations Division, passed away.