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News from the Chief



“That Officer Waved to Me.”

Those were the excited words of a young man as he entered his school one morning last week. He went on to tell about how he cautiously left his Cayce Homes apartment and headed toward the bus stop to catch his ride to school. The recent violence in this area had made him apprehensive about being out of the safety of his home as he made his way to the school bus. But, midway, he and a police officer spotted each other--and the police officer waved to him. The young man not only suddenly felt safe but he also felt compelled to share his experience as soon as he arrived at school. That was a story related to me one morning last week.

Later in the week, in another area of town, I heard a community leader talk about her experiences with the police as she grew up in Edgehill. Again, it was a story about a wave. She said that one day a police officer waved at her as she walked down the sidewalk. That simple gesture convinced her that she could feel comfortable talking to the police. Then, talking with police officers convinced her that she could work together with them to make her neighborhood a safer place. That relationship continues to grow. Today, Ms. Brenda Morrow, a founding member of Organized Neighbors of Edgehill, is a community leader and one of our strongest community partners who has been a guiding hand to hundreds of her neighbors. It started with that one police officer reaching out with a simple greeting—a wave of the hand.

I think that each of you know far better than I that if you reach out to people the vast majority will be very receptive. That is how relationships are formed. That is what you do every day. This has been very ably demonstrated over that last few days in Cayce Homes. Earlier this month, in two separate incidents of violence, two of our officers suffered serious injuries while attempting to protect citizens that were being attacked. Officer Joshua Hausman suffered a serious cut to his hand requiring surgery. Officer Matthew Cammarn sustained a concussion.

As is most times the case, these incidents of violence were the acts of persons not residing in the homes. Residents are often the victims of such violence.

As you know, we increased our presence in the Cayce Homes. Earlier this week, in order to take stock of where we are, we asked East Precinct Commander David Imhof and his team to informally survey the area to gauge the reaction of the residents. They made personal contact with more than 40 households. The response was overwhelmingly positive. One family today said they were able to celebrate their child's birthday outdoors for the first time because of the quiet and safe environment you have helped create. Other comments by the residents include:

- "Wish you could be over here more."
- "Now the kids can play outside."
- "We feel safe."

(In the interest of full disclosure, one resident did express her displeasure that a spotlight shone on her front porch).

Yesterday, Deputy Chief Brian Johnson and I walked through the area. We received the same response. The most repeated comment we heard from the residents was that "now the kids can come out and play." Kids practiced their songs for us. We were asked to be the audience as 10 year olds formulated a majorette dance. Some young men shooting hoops invited me to take a few shots (It appears that the height of the goal has been raised since I last played). One mother brought her ninth grader out of her house to show us his report card (an all A and B student). Each time we stopped to talk with the kids, parents came out of their houses to talk with us.

One gentleman did tell us that he heard a gunshot night before last. I asked if there were usually more gunshots. He said, "Oh yeah, a lot more."

And then there is a report from Captain Michelle Richter, who was at the Martha O'Bryan Center in Cayce Homes to attend a meeting this morning. Commander Richter was humbled and quite surprised at the "hug ambush" she received from Cayce children as she walked outside to the daycare playground.

When we increased our presence in Cayce Homes in response to these violent events our naysayers were predicting mass arrests, oppressive tactics and citizen dissatisfaction. Thank you for proving them wrong. Thank you for being the type of police department that every neighborhood wants to see more of. In Cayce Homes, and all over Nashville, you are making a difference in the lives of people who do not have the means, on their own, to increase the quality of life for their families.

Members of the clergy have visited Cayce Homes at our request to help calm tensions and dissuade violence. I am grateful for the partnership we share with ministers who are seemingly always on stand-by to assist.

You should also know that Officer Cammarn has returned to full duty and seems even more excited about making a difference in the lives of those we protect. Officer Hausman is undergoing physical therapy after surgery on his hand. He is very anxious to return to light duty and even more anxious to return to full duty.

In a side note, Officer Hausman was scheduled to move his family into a new house this last weekend. In true MNPD tradition, more than a dozen volunteer officers pitched in and made short work of the move.

Thank you for your professionalism, careful attention to duty, and compassion as we collectively continue to make Nashville as safe as it can be for all.



Happenings

Nearly 90 citizens and MNPD staff members were honored Wednesday during the department's 2016 Annual Awards Ceremony held at the Music City Center. Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson personally congratulated each recipient as they were called to the front of the Davidson Ballroom to receive their award. The winners were recognized for heroism, bravery and outstanding acts performed during 2015. This ceremony is one of the important events in the life of the MNPD each year. Here are a few photos of Wednesday's event.







Nashville Inner City Ministry

Chief Anderson on March 31st attended the annual Nashville Inner City Ministry dinner that raises money to send at-risk youth to camp, provide interns to mentor and support them, and fund other summer activities.



Chief Anderson Assists in Passover Celebration

In keeping with a 22-year annual tradition, Chief Steve Anderson is once again assisting Rabbi Joshua Kullock and the congregation of West End Synagogue in their celebration of the Passover holiday.

Chief Anderson on April 22nd purchased leavened products, known as “chametz,” from the West End Synagogue congregation. Jews are prohibited from owning items such as bread, cereals, and even beer, during the holiday. A rabbi is given power of attorney to sell all of the products to a non-Jew until Passover has ended. After the holiday ends, Rabbi Kullock will buy back the leavened products from Chief Anderson. The West End Synagogue has turned to Nashville’s police chief to assist in this Passover custom for the past 22 years.

In appreciation for this annual tradition, the West End Synagogue will make a donation to the Nashville Police Support Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.



The parents of a little girl attending her first concert told officers their daughter was a big fan of the police. She was thrilled to have her picture taken with Metro officers at the intersection of 1st Avenue and Korean Veterans Boulevard near Ascend Amphitheatre.



Pictured (l-r) are Officers Phouthasone Phantakou, Terry Miller, Steve Turner (kneeling) and Jason Picanzo.

Southeast Nashville Egg Hunt and Festival

The 13th annual Southeast Nashville Egg Hunt and Festival on March 26th drew a large crowd of families and children at the Southeast Library on Hickory Hollow Parkway.





El Protector Program

Hundreds attended the March 19th El Protector Baby Shower at the Global Mall. Health information and free screenings were provided along with many give-a-ways for expectant mothers.



Sergeant Alfredo Arevalo on March 29th appeared with Assistant District Attorney Lody Limbird, District Attorney Victim Witness Coordinator Grace Guerra, and Domestic Violence Division crisis counselor Janisca Williams on the La Luz Radio Station to discuss domestic violence prevention and victim assistance.



El Protector Officer Gilbert Ramirez, Domestic Violence Detective Luis Lopez, and Domestic Violence Division crisis counselor Janisca Williams attended Bellshire Design Center School career day on March 31st.



Edgehill Community Mural

Belmont University students on April 19th unveiled a mural they created celebrating the Edgehill community and Midtown Hills Precinct.



Belmont University artists pictured with the mural.

Bike Officer Certification

Eighteen officers were certified during The International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) class March 21st-25th.



MNPD Personnel Visit Creswell School

Technical Investigations Officer George Bouton and Warrants Section Officer Debbie Phillips spoke to students at Creswell Middle Prep School of the Arts.



Precinct News

East

Chief Anderson and Mayor Barry on April 4th attended an appreciation dinner at East Precinct thanking community leaders for supporting MNPD officers.



Convicted felons Earnest Fred “Fast Freddy” Brown, 34, and Billy Cox, 35, are charged with the March 30th carjacking at 1113 Lillian Street involving a pizza delivery driver’s vehicle which was later set on fire.

When the Papa John’s driver got out of his 2002 Ford Escort to deliver the pizza at 8:30 p.m., two men approached him and demanded his car. One of the suspects said he was armed and would shoot the victim. The delivery driver fled on foot and called police. The two men drove off in the Escort. The Lillian Street house was apparently unoccupied at the time of the hold-up.

Minutes later, East Precinct Detective Jack Stanley spotted Brown and Cox walking on Shelby Avenue at South 15th Street. Detective Stanley smelled smoke and saw the Ford Escort on fire at South 15th and Boscobel Street. Brown and Cox were taken into custody nearby.

Both suspects, who live in separate residences in the 1100 block of Boscobel Street, are charged with carjacking and setting fire to personal property. Additionally, Cox is charged with a probation violation. Cox, who has previous convictions for drug possession and DUI, is being held in lieu of \$121,000 bond. Brown has previous convictions for aggravated assault, auto burglary, burglary, and felony theft.

Members of the Inglewood Mom’s Club have been bringing their children on tours of the East Precinct for several years. The kids have a great time looking inside a patrol car and speaking on the public address system. They experience a “roll call” and see a demonstration of the laser equipment used to detect speeding motorists---which promptly slows traffic on Trinity Lane in front of the precinct building to about 25 M.P.H.!



Community Coordinator Sergeant Mike Fisher on April 15th visited students at Kipp Kirkpatrick Elementary School which serves children in the James Cayce Homes community.



West

Two brazen shoplifters are facing multiple criminal counts after attempting to run over a police officer during their getaway and then recklessly traveling into oncoming traffic, putting the community at risk.

Stardreaka Eddings, 25, of Woodward Drive, is charged with attempted vehicular homicide, felony theft, criminal trespassing, vandalism, evading arrest, leaving the scene of an injury crash, failure to render aid, reckless driving, and driving on a suspended license.

Tawonda Parrish, 26, of University Court, is charged with felony theft, criminal trespassing and evading arrest.

Parrish was convicted of shoplifting from the Green Hills Macy's last summer and had been directed not to return to the store. Parrish has also been convicted of shoplifting on at least five other occasions since 2013 involving stores in various parts of Nashville.

Madison

Madison Precinct sponsored Amqui Elementary for the Madison/Rivergate Chamber of Commerce Education Appreciation Luncheon.



Pictured (l-r) are Chamber President David McMurry, Commander Sebastian Gourdin, Teacher of the Year Lesley Baxter, Student of the Year Mary Stange, Lt. Shane Shetler, and Sgt. James Vivrette.

Hermitage

A citizen's tip to El Protector Officer Gilbert Ramirez coupled with investigation by Hermitage Precinct detectives led to the arrest of Aristoteles Aleman for the March 26th fatal stabbing of Marvin Campos.

According to witnesses the men argued inside a bar at 1088 Murfreesboro Pike prior to the stabbing. Aleman, 26, was positively identified as the man who stabbed Campos outside the bar. Campos, 33, was found critically injured, lying on Murfreesboro Pike near Thompson Lane.

Aleman, who implicated himself in the murder, was reportedly planning to flee to Mexico prior to his arrest.

Aleman, who has a previous theft conviction, is charged with criminal homicide.

Hermitage Precinct officers helped fill thousands of plastic eggs at St. Luke's Primitive Baptist Church prior to the March 26th J.C. Napier/Tony Sudekum neighborhood Easter egg hunt.



A production company on March 17th was filming a 1963 Rolls Royce on I-40 when it broke down. The Rolls, once owned by Elvis Presley, was part of a documentary project. Officers Noah Melton and Bryan Byrnes stopped to assist. The director called the MNPD to compliment both officers, saying they were very helpful and courteous.



North

Coordinated police response to shots fired in the 4400 block of Grays Point Road in Joelton led to the arrest of two robbery suspects and the identification of a third.

Officers arrived at 9:30 p.m. and located an abandoned, wrecked Chrysler 300 on the side of the road. The 18-year-old driver of a pickup truck was also on the scene. He reported that he had arranged to sell a 4-wheeler to Ryan Kirby, 20. Kirby allegedly arrived at the victim's Grays point Road residence with James L. Bell III, 27. The three men were inside a garage looking at the 4-wheeler, when a fourth man, identified as Tevan Spears, 21, entered and demanded the 4-wheeler and the victim's belongings at gunpoint. Kirby and Bell fled in the Chrysler 300. Spears rode off on the stolen 4-wheeler. The victim pursued the 4-wheeler in his pickup truck and when he got near the vehicle, Spears allegedly fired shots, striking the pickup. All three suspects abandoned their getaway vehicles and fled on foot.

At 11 p.m., North Precinct Detectives Jason Frank and Richard Ford saw three men matching the suspects' description walking on Clarksville Pike. They again fled on foot. Canine Officer Thomas Smith and his partner Haus apprehended Kirby and Spears hiding behind a building. Bell, of Cedar Circle, remains at large. An arrest warrant charging him with aggravated robbery was issued.

Both Spears, of Fairview Drive, and Kirby, of Cedar Circle, were positively identified as the robbers. Spears is charged with attempted criminal homicide and aggravated robbery.

Central

A Chicago couple accused of robbing two women, and attempting to rob a third, while the victims sat in their parked vehicle in a lot at 215 Church Street remain jailed in Metro on numerous charges.

The women called police at 2:15 a.m. and reported that a man had opened the rear driver's side door and robbed two of them at gunpoint of their wallets and an iPhone. He fled in an older model red van. Central Precinct Officer Ryan Henehan alertly spotted the suspect vehicle on Gay Street near North 1st Street. Marquis Gardner, 19, and Jasha Lewis, 18, both of Chicago, were standing outside the van. Both fled on foot but were apprehended after a foot pursuit.

Gardner admitted he robbed the victims and told officers where he had dropped their belongings. The wallets and iPhone were returned to the women. Lewis admitted she was the getaway driver of a red Dodge Caravan that had been reported stolen in Chicago.

The pair was also involved in a hit and run crash prior to the robbery, backing into a Chevrolet Camaro in a parking lot at 101 Broadway, causing more than \$1,000 damage to the victim's car.

Gardner and Lewis are both charged with two counts of aggravated robbery, one count of attempted aggravated robbery, vehicle theft, and evading arrest.

Midtown Hills

A Nashville man serving a probated six-year felony theft sentence through a Community Corrections program admits to being the person responsible for the March 31st robbery of the downtown H.G. Hill grocery store, the robberies of two local Walgreens stores, and the attempted robbery of a third Walgreens.

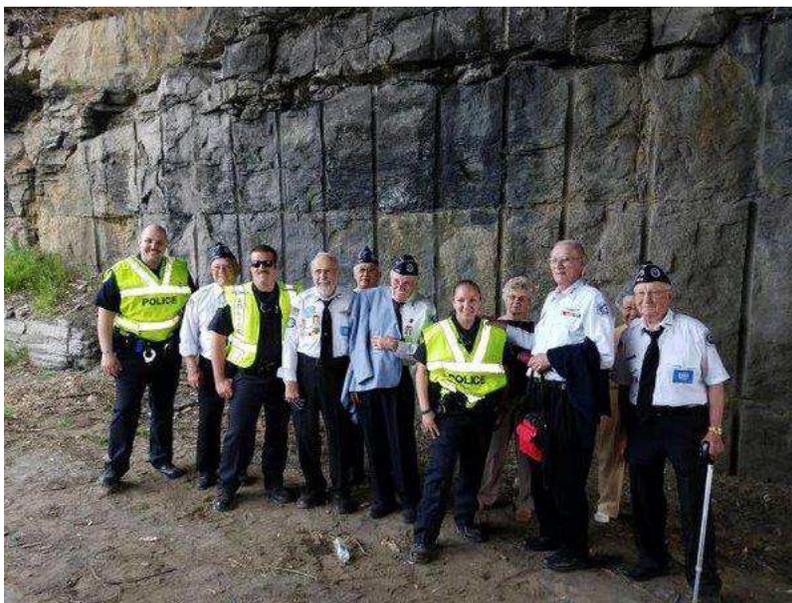
Ronnie D. Thompson, Jr., 31, was spotted sitting on a rock ledge drinking a beer on Murfreesboro Pike at Plus Park Boulevard by Midtown Hills Precinct Detective Brittany Shoemsmith and Sergeant Andrew Injaychock. Thompson was wearing the same “Nirvana” t-shirt with a smiley face that he wore during some of the robberies. During an interview with Shoemsmith and Injaychock, Thompson admitted to:

- The attempted robbery of the Walgreens at 1081 Murfreesboro Pike;
- The robbery of the Walgreens at 5600 Charlotte Pike;
- The robbery of the Walgreens at 4201 Nolensville Pike; and
- The robbery of the H.G. Hill grocery store at 415 Church Street.

In each of the cases, Thompson threatened that he had a gun and demanded cash, although no weapon was seen.

An associate of Thompson who accompanied him inside the Murfreesboro Pike store, Herbert L. Higgins, 58, was spotted by Hermitage Precinct Officers Anthony Russo and Justin Chisholm near the intersection of Lafayette & Lewis Streets. Higgins was seated inside an older model white Malibu that matched the description of the getaway car used in the Walgreens cases. Higgins was taken into custody and has been charged with the attempted robbery of Walgreens.

Midtown Hills Precinct officers helped about 40 Korean War vets whose bus broke down on a Nashville roadway on April 20th.



Community Coordinator Raymond Jones and Officer Charles Cole pictured with a bearcat during a Midtown Hills Precinct Compstat meeting hosted by the Nashville Zoo.



Midtown Hills Precinct personnel stopped by Vanderbilt University Police Department's Coffee with a Cop event at Vanderbilt Medical Center.



Officers visited the Crieve Hall Church of Christ preschool to share important safety information with students including what to do when approached by strangers.





Sergeant Dan Ogren shared this photo of Midtown Motors officers.

South

Nineteen-year-old Nashvillian Shaquay Dodd is in the Metro Jail as the result of his arrest on a grand jury indictment charging him with first-degree murder and aggravated robbery for the August 22, 2014 shooting death of Jorge Garnica outside Garnica's 5242 Edmondson Pike apartment.

Dodd was returned to Nashville from the Bradley County Jail in East Tennessee.

Garnica, 20, was talking to a friend on his cell phone when the friend said he overheard voices in the background. The phone call abruptly ended. Garnica was found on the steps of his apartment building fatally wounded. It is believed that Garnica was shot during a robbery. Investigation by Detective Curtis Hafley led to the identification of Dodd as one of the suspects.

A citizen's tip led to the arrest of Kenneth Jackson, 27, who is charged with robbing two separate Harding Place Shell convenience stores.

Kenneth Jackson, 27, admitted he robbed the Shell at 351 Harding Place the Shell at 312 Harding Place two days apart. He indicated that he had a weapon in both hold-ups and took cash from the registers.

A citizen spotted Jackson walking in the 300 block of Harding Place and called police. South Precinct Officer David Hughes took Jackson into custody after a brief foot pursuit. Jackson was wearing the same clothes he wore during the hold-ups, including black pajama pants with white stars and moons.

During an interview with detectives, Jackson admitted his involvement in both Shell robberies. Jackson, who told officers he was homeless, has previous convictions for theft and aggravated burglary.

The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for January 2016.

Police

North Precinct Officer Kyle Anderson

Patrol

East Precinct Officers Rachel Sacco & Michael Moss

Investigator

North Precinct Detective Nicholas Kulp

Special Operations

Officer Pilot Jon McVey

The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for February 2016.

Police

West Precinct Officers Robert Morris & Shane McCormick

Patrol

Central Precinct Officers Phil Vincion & Paul Sorace

Investigator

East Precinct Detectives Barry Demonbreun & Robert Young

Special Operations

SWAT Officer Jonathan Frost

The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for March 2016.

Police

South Precinct Officers John Patton & Natalie Robinson

Patrol

West Precinct Officer Robert Buckman

Investigator

Hermitage Precinct Detective Markus Miracle

Special Operations

SRT Negotiator Detective Jason Moyer

The following officers have been chosen Investigative Services Bureau Investigator of the Month.

January

Gang Unit Detective Andrew Grega

February

Gang Unit Detectives James Kelly & Patrick Oakley

March

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Detectives
Rob Carrigan & Mike Adkins

From the Office of the D.A.

Director of Communications Dorinda Carter

A Division III jury found Timothy Crowell guilty of the 2013 aggravated robbery at the Public Storage on Welshwood Drive. An investigation by South Precinct Detective Bill Stewart led to the identification of Crowell as the man who entered the business around noon and demanded cash at gunpoint. Crowell was already a felon who had been convicted in 1989 of second degree murder and armed robbery. He will be sentenced on May 25th.

Maurice Dyer-Rice was found guilty in 2nd Circuit Court of resisting arrest, possession of a weapon, and implied consent. Dyer-Rice was combative when he was stopped by Officer Angelo Iezzi who spotted him swerving across two lanes of traffic on I-40 near Briley Parkway.

Anthony Markes was found guilty of aggravated perjury and fabricating evidence. The charges stem from his 2014 trial for aggravated robbery in which he falsified a document that was entered into evidence.

A Second Circuit jury found Alan Stein guilty of DUI. Stein, who stopped his car in the middle of traffic, smelled of alcohol. His eyes were bloodshot and he had slurred speech. Stein's blood alcohol content measured .141%

A Division II jury found Demarco Taylor guilty of aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, and felony weapon possession. He forced a woman and her three small children into a bedroom closet after robbing her of \$450.

General Nathan McGregor has secured what may be the first conviction in Davidson County under the 2012 statute "Aggravated Assault in Concert," TCA 39-12-302. A Division III jury found Latoya Allen guilty of the B Felony assault on a woman in 2014.

Retirement Celebration

Detective Clifford Douglas celebrated 46 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson, Detective Douglas, and Mayor Barry.

Sergeant Jeff Keeter celebrated 32 years of service



Chief Anderson presented Sgt. Keeter, who was joined by his family, with a commemorative plaque.

Officer William Cleek celebrated 29 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Todd Henry and Officer Cleek

Congratulations:

Detective Harrison Nearn and his wife, Chelsey, welcomed their daughter, Quinn Avery, who was born on April 5th.

Officer Brandon Evans, North Precinct, and his family, welcomed a baby girl, Lakelyn Claire Evans, who was born on April 14th.

Officer Thomas Burns, North Precinct, and his wife, Katie, welcomed their daughter, Hazel Ivy Burns, who was born on April 13th.

Officer Michael Spencer, Case Preparation, and his wife, Katrina, welcomed their daughter, Brinley Lynn, on April 25th.

Officer Daniel Caruth, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, welcomed their son, Jackson Thomas Caruth, who was born on April 23rd.



Condolences:

Artis Williams, the mother-in-law of Security Supervisor Emrick Clark, passed away on March 24th.

Retired Officer Joseph Douglas "Joe" Martin, who retired in 1989 after 26 years of service, passed away on March 23rd.

Donald Cole, the father of Officer Benjamin Cole, North Precinct, passed away.

Retired Officer Robert Vance Milligan passed away on April 16th. He retired in 1998 after 33 years of service.

Nell Brister, the grandmother of Mary Childs, Records Division, passed away.

Retired Major George Currey passed away on April 22nd. He retired in 1989 after 19 years of service.