



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



The next month will be one of transition for those presently working in police headquarters. As you have likely heard, all MNPD and Sheriff's Office components are vacating the Metropolitan Justice Center, which, after a complete renovation, will be totally dedicated to the Sheriff's jail operations. Because the new MNPD headquarters building at 600 Murfreesboro Pike will not be ready for an estimated two years, headquarters staff will soon be moving to temporary

quarters.

The present schedule we have been given calls for the Youth Services & Criminal Investigations Divisions to move to temporary office space at 749 Massman Drive on Monday, August 22. Our Information Technology staff is scheduled to move to Massman Drive on Monday, August 29. Technical support for in-car MDCs will be done at that facility.

Other headquarters components, including my office, those of the deputy chiefs, Public Affairs, Fiscal Affairs, Human Resources, the Strategic Development and Custom Services Divisions, the Surveillance & Investigative Support Unit, Inspections, and Case Preparation will be moving to temporary office space at 3055 Lebanon Pike. Work is underway to prepare that building to accommodate the police department. A firm move date has not been set, although it may be during the first or second week of September.

Moving to temporary office space for the next two years is not ideal. Nevertheless, I know all of those affected will settle in and continue to provide the very best service for Nashville's families and visitors. Thank you all for everything you do to make our city a safer place.

A special ceremony will be held on Tuesday morning in memory of Officer Andrew Nash, who died unexpectedly on April 14, 2014. As you will read in the below invitation, a portion of Old Hickory Boulevard in South Nashville will be named in his honor. Please join us at the ceremony if your schedule/assignment permits.



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**SEN. STEVE DICKERSON**

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**Officer Andrew Nash Memorial Highway Ceremony  
Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
11:00 AM  
5771 Nolensville Pike (Hickory Plaza Kroger)  
Nashville, TN 37211**

Nashville Chief of Police Steve Anderson in coordination with Mayor Megan Barry, Senator Steve Dickerson, Representative Jason Powell, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, and the Andrew Jackson Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police will hold a memorial ceremony to officially unveil the Officer Andrew David Nash Memorial Highway on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

Officer Nash of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and veteran of the US Marine Corps was only 30 years old when he passed away in April 2014. This year the 109<sup>th</sup> General Assembly named the stretch of State Route 254/Old Hickory Boulevard from Nolensville Pike to Edmondson Pike in his honor. The Andrew Jackson Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police provided the funding for the signage.

The memorial ceremony and sign unveiling will take place at 5771 Nolensville Pike in the parking lot of the Hickory Plaza Kroger. Chief Anderson, Mayor Barry, Senator Dickerson, Representative Powell, and the Nash family invite you and any other guests to attend the memorial in remembrance of Officer Nash.

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# Happenings

## National Night Out Against Crime



Mayor Megan Barry participated in a Traffic Unit demonstration in West Nashville.











## Mayor Barry Welcomes Officer Trainees

Mayor Megan Barry and Chief Steve Anderson on July 5<sup>th</sup> welcomed 82 police officer trainees to their first day at the academy. This is the second largest class of trainees to begin the MNPD Academy in decades. Graduation is set for December 15<sup>th</sup>.



Chief Anderson on July 8<sup>th</sup> spoke to MNPD officer trainees to reassure them in light of events in Dallas.



Mayor Megan Barry and Chief Anderson visited South Precinct on July 8<sup>th</sup> to thank officers for their work.





Officer Patrick Ragan, Sergeant Derek Smith, and Lieutenant Robert Durbin represented the MNPD at the funerals of slain Dallas police officers Brent Thompson, Patrick Zamarripa, Michael Krol, Lorne Ahrens, and Michael Smith.



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Ragan, Sgt. Smith, and Lt. Durbin

### **Mayor Barry Visits Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp**

Hundreds of children, who are identified by police officers during the year, attend one of several week-long summer camps on Old Hickory Lake. In activities supervised by volunteer officers who serve as counselors, the youngsters learn the importance of citizenship, teamwork and sportsmanship.





### **Officer Bennett Attends Youth Event**

North Precinct School Resource Officer Mark Bennett participated in an event “Being Part of the Problem or Solution---Respecting Authority” sponsored by Families in Need of Direction (F.I.N.D.) Officer Bennett shared his childhood stories and gave the young people in attendance a personal perspective of what it means to be a police officer.





## **Domestic Violence Outreach Symposium**

Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson on July 6<sup>th</sup> provided opening remarks to the Strangulation Outreach Symposium (S.O.S.) which provided participants with a better understanding of how strangulation is different than all other types of intimate partner assault. First responders and prosecutors learned how to recognize this often missed and misunderstood crime by discussing overlooked physical injuries and identifying non-visible signs and symptoms of strangulation.

The symposium was organized through a partnership with the District Attorney's Office and the Office of Family Safety.



## **Police Motorcycle Training & Competition**

Motor Officers Michael Schlegel, Brandon O'Guin, Paul Joyner, and Phillip Murphy participated in the annual Hendersonville Police Department's Police Motorcycle Training & Competition.

This event is both mentally and physically demanding. All four officers performed very well with Officer Joyner awarded first place and Officer Murphy third place.



**Pictured (l-r) are Officer Joyner and Officer Murphy.**

## **Morningstar Sanctuary Golf Tournament**

The annual golf tournament on July 21<sup>st</sup> benefiting Morning Star Sanctuary's domestic violence shelter was once again a major success. Members of the MNPD are among those who regularly support Morningstar's important work for the community.



**Pictured (l-r) back row are Sheriff Daron Hall, Hermitage Golf Course owner and Morningstar board member Mike Eller, District Attorney Glenn Funk, MNPD Deputy Chief Todd Henry, Domestic Violence Division Lt. Tommy Widener, and Morningstar Executive Director John Pugh. Holding the \$80,000 donation check are (l-r) Morningstar Board Chair Linda Johnston and Central Precinct Commander & Morningstar board member John Drake.**



## Conference of Police Chaplains

MNPD Chaplain James Duke attended the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training Seminar in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.



Chaplain Duke pictured with ICPC President Mark Clements (l) and Albuquerque Police Chief Gordon Eden Jr. (r)

## Retired MNPD Chief Joe Casey Surprise 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Friends and family gathered on July 24<sup>th</sup> in the West Precinct Community room to celebrate retired Chief Joe Casey's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Chief Casey was completely surprised when he entered the room and deeply appreciated the gesture.





**Retired Chief Casey shares a moment with retired MNPD Chief Emmett Turner and Chief Anderson.**



## Advocates for Women's And Kids Equality (AWAKE)

Girls Inc. at YWCA Summer Camp 2016

Domestic Violence Division Captain Michelle Richter participated in Girls Inc. Summer Camp which engaged 30 girls ages 9-13 who explored interesting career options in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.



“A child is both a hope and a promise for mankind”--- Maria Montessori

### Precinct News

#### East

Outstanding, coordinated police work led to the arrest of four men suspected of robbing a man and woman outside East End United Methodist Church, 1212 Holly Street, where the couple was sitting on the church steps playing Pokeman Go, a mobile app game.

The two victims reported that the men approached them just before midnight on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and demanded their cell phones and keys at gunpoint. They complied and the suspects fled on foot. East Precinct Officer Ian Herlein coordinated efforts with the victims to locate their stolen phones through GPS coordinates. North Precinct and Canine officers then

located a van parked at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Pearl Street occupied by four men, **Deangelo Fisher**, 20, **Emanuel Taylor III**, 19, **Anthony Gray**, 19, and **Jontrez London Jr.**, 20. All four men were taken into custody. The victims' phones and a handgun were recovered from inside the van.

All four suspects are each charged with two counts of aggravated robbery. Additionally, Fisher, of 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, is charged with being a fugitive from justice on a theft charge in Jefferson County, Alabama. He is being held in lieu of \$250,000 bond.

Taylor and Gray, both of Pearl Street, and London, of Jo Johnston Avenue, are being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond each.

The MNPB urges citizens to remain aware of their surroundings and avoid distractions while engaged in activities.

Convicted felon Van Hammonds III, 22, was arrested July 19<sup>th</sup> on outstanding warrants for his role in the May 6<sup>th</sup> armed robbery of four construction workers at 3800 Brush Hill Road, during which one of the victims was shot in the leg.

Hammonds allegedly approached two of the victims in the back of the property and demanded their wallets at gunpoint. One of the men complied. But the second worker did not, throwing an ax at the suspect who then fired a shot, striking the victim in the leg. The second suspect robbed the two victims who were working in the front. Both suspects fled in a nearby vehicle.

Hammonds is charged with three counts of aggravated robbery and one count of attempted aggravated robbery. He was also charged with aggravated burglary and theft of property for an April 13<sup>th</sup> residential break-in on Huffine Street. He is being held in lieu of \$417,500 bond.

Hammonds has previous convictions for aggravated burglary, assault, and theft. His photo is being withheld pending photo lineups in other cases.

Convicted felon William Marquez Wright's possession of a pistol and a variety of narcotics while traveling through East Nashville led to his arrest on multiple criminal counts.

East Precinct Officers Jonathan Jones and William Dean stopped the car Wright was riding in on Russell Street near S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street just before midnight on July 21<sup>st</sup> for a traffic violation. As they approached, they immediately detected an odor of marijuana. Wright, 31, the passenger, was observed trying to hide a bag of marijuana under the front seat. The officers detained him as he repeatedly attempted to struggle and pull away. It was then that the officers felt a gun, which turned out to be a loaded .380 pistol, in Wright's pocket. Also recovered from Wright's person or near his seating area were quantities of cocaine, Tramadol (a narcotic painkiller), marijuana, and digital scales. Wright refused to identify himself. His name was confirmed through his fingerprints during the booking process.

Wright is being held in lieu of \$105,000 bond on charges of drug possession for resale, violating the crooks with guns law, gun possession by a convicted felon, and resisting arrest. Wright has previous felony convictions for possessing marijuana for resale, burglary and robbery.



Things did not go well for convicted drug felon and parolee Lorenzo Shelton when Department of Correction officials and East Precinct officers stopped by his Tillman Lane residence to ensure that he was complying with the terms of his release.

Found during a search of the residence were 168 grams of heroin, a loaded 12 gauge shotgun, a second loaded and sawed off 12 gauge shotgun, digital scales, and more than \$11,000 cash suspected of being drug sale proceeds.

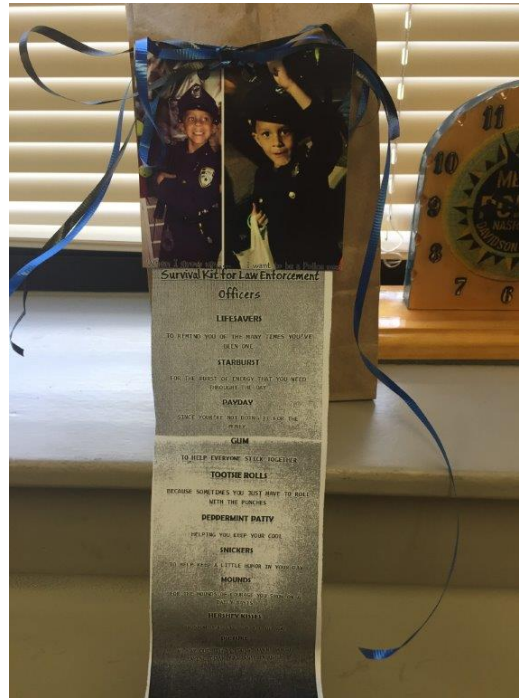
During an interview with East Precinct detectives and an agent from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, Shelton, 34, attempted to distance himself from the Tillman Lane home, saying that he had moved to Chesapeake Drive. A check of that location led to the seizure of a semi-automatic pistol, 91 additional grams of heroin, digital scales, an electronic money counter, and more than \$51,000 cash. More than one half pound of heroin was recovered from both locations combined.

East Precinct officers charged Shelton with possession of heroin for resale, violation of the crooks with guns law, unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The state also obtained an emergency parole violation warrant. Shelton is being held in the Metro Jail without bond. The case is being reviewed for possible federal prosecution.

Community Coordinator Sergeant Mike Fisher visited with children attending summer camp at the Salvation Army Magness Potter Community Center.



Sergeant William Hudson was putting gas into his Patrol car at a Gallatin Pike station when a little boy walked up to him and gave him a goody bag. He told Sergeant Hudson that he wants to be a police officer one day. The young man's mother pulls over when they see a police officer and the boy hands out the treats.



Sergeant Mikell Wiggs spent personal time on a hot July day voluntarily cleaning the memorial plaques in front of East Precinct. He was unaware that his efforts were noticed and appreciated.





## West

Fugitive Joseph Ware is on his way to the Metro Jail following his apprehension by Special Response Team officers and West Precinct undercover detectives.

Ware, 34, was wanted in connection to the July 23<sup>rd</sup> fatal shooting of Billy Ray Plunk, 29, in the parking lot of Plunk's Bellevue apartment complex.

Ware was a passenger in a vehicle when he was arrested without incident in the parking lot of the Grand Slam Market at 500 E Old Hickory Boulevard in Madison. He is being booked for 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder.

The second suspect, Jamal Bekhtyar, 29, was charged with first degree murder on Friday and remains jailed in lieu of \$750,000 bond.

Suspected serial bank robber Floyd Calvin Clanton, Jr. has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges that he robbed six Middle Tennessee banks, including three in Nashville, and tried to rob a seventh.

According to the indictment, on April 22, 2016, Clanton robbed the SunTrust Bank, located at 1715 West End Avenue in Nashville. The indictment also alleges that Clanton robbed the Regions Bank at 1140 Nashville Pike in Gallatin, Tennessee on April 25, 2016; the U. S. Bank at 4670 Lebanon Pike, Hermitage, Tennessee, on May 19, 2016; the Wells Fargo Bank at 4740 Lebanon Pike, Hermitage, Tennessee, on May 24, 2016; the Old Hickory Federal Credit Union, 1401 West Main Street, Lebanon, Tennessee, on June 3, 2016, and again on June 10, 2016.

The indictment also alleges that on June 10, 2016, Clanton attempted to rob the SunTrust Bank, 240 West Main Street, Lebanon, Tennessee, minutes before again robbing the Old Hickory Federal Credit Union at 1401 West Main Street in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Shortly after the attempted robbery and robbery on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Clanton was located at a motel in Lebanon, Tennessee. He was subsequently arrested by FBI agents and Lebanon police officers pursuant to a warrant that had been issued on June 1, 2016, charging him with the robbery of the Regions bank in Gallatin, Tennessee, on April 25<sup>th</sup>. At the time of this robbery, Clanton was on federal supervised release, after serving a 70-month sentence for committing a bank robbery in Gallatin, Tennessee, in 2009.

If convicted, Clanton faces a maximum of 20 years in prison on each count.

An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

This case was investigated by the FBI, the MNP, and the Lebanon Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Deneke.

Ex-con Mendell Roland Nichols Jr., 54, is back in custody accused of robbing the Mapco at 7600 Highway 70 South.

The suspect entered the store at 11:45 p.m. and demanded money. He told the clerks he had a gun, although none was seen. The suspect fled on foot with cash.

West Precinct Officer Robert Buckman later spotted Nichols walking nearby and took him into custody. He was positively identified as the robber.

Nichols, of Todd Pries Drive, registered as an ex-con for robbery in November 2015. He is also a convicted sex offender. Nichols has previous convictions for aggravated robbery, robbery, rape, aggravated burglary, and DUI second offense.

## **Madison**

Madison Precinct detectives charged Tyler Atkins, 17, with criminal homicide for the shooting death of John Stowers, 56, at Stowers' 119 Queen Anne Drive mobile home.

Atkins, of 111 Queen Anne Drive, was taken into custody on Brunswick Drive. He is being held in juvenile detention.

The investigation, being led by Detective Jamie Bledsoe, suggests that a dispute between Atkins and Stowers led to the gunfire. Stowers was found dead by a friend on the front porch of the mobile home just before 2:30 a.m. Persons in the area reported hearing what sounded like gunfire at approximately 11:30 p.m. Sunday.

Mayor Barry on August 9<sup>th</sup> visited Madison Precinct's afternoon shift roll call to say "thank you".



## **Hermitage**

Outstanding police work by Officer Tyler Conrads led to the arrest of Ben Austin Bolton, 22, of Memphis, who is charged with criminal homicide and evidence tampering in connection with the July 5<sup>th</sup> stabbing death of a woman inside his room at the Lotus Inn on Percy Priest Drive.

While driving through the motel parking lot on routine patrol, Officer Conrads noticed a blue Crown Victoria that had been left running near a staircase. He then saw Bolton walking in the direction of the car from a second floor walkway. Conrads initiated a conversation with Bolton, who appeared agitated. During the conversation, Bolton said that a woman had been



stabbed inside his room. Officer Conrads went to the room and discovered a deceased woman wrapped in a blanket who appeared to have suffered a stab wound to her throat.

During an interview with detectives, Bolton claimed that an unidentified man was responsible for the stabbing. However, motel surveillance video did not corroborate that assertion. Additionally, Bolton admitted to manipulating multiple pieces of evidence, including placing the woman in a bathtub and wrapping her in bedsheets and blankets.

Investigation by Hermitage Precinct undercover detectives led to the discovery of a marijuana grow operation at 1508 Debow Street in Old Hickory.

Officers executed a search warrant at the residence of Roger Sexton, 63. Detectives located the grow operation in the basement. Seized were 17 marijuana plants, four ounces of processed marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and several loaded firearms.

Sexton is charged with manufacturing marijuana, weapon possession during the commission of a felony, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He is free on \$6,000 bond.



## **North**

North Precinct undercover officers working in the Germantown area arrested a 17-year-old gunman who confronted two citizens in separate incidents.

At 9:30 p.m., a man walking his dog on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North near Van Buren Street saw the teenager wearing a sweatshirt with the hood up despite the warm and muggy weather. The teen approached the man and pointed a gun at him. The citizen asked the teen not to shoot him and took off running.

At 9:45 p.m., a woman who had just gotten into her car at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Taylor Street looked up to see a young man wearing a sweatshirt with the hood up knocking on her passenger door window. He was pointing a gun at her. She immediately sped away, believing that she was about to be harmed.

A short time later, Officers Isaac Wood and Andrew Davis, working an undercover crime reduction assignment, spotted the teen walking on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North near Monroe Street. They stopped him. He immediately said that he knew what it was about and acknowledged that he was carrying a pellet gun in his waistband.

The teenager was booked at Juvenile Court with two counts of aggravated assault and an outstanding failure to appear in court charge. He was not charged with aggravated robbery because neither victim heard him make any robbery demands.

North Precinct officers teamed with MNPD helicopter pilots to apprehend carjacking suspects in separate cases from Thursday and Friday nights. Both cases involve teenage defendants.

In Thursday's case, officers responded to the 700 block Vanderhorst Drive at 6:30 p.m. after a 43-year-old woman reported that her 2008 silver Toyota Camry had been taken from her at gunpoint (the gunman was subsequently identified as 16-year-old **Jevon Wilson**). A short time later, North Precinct officers spotted the vehicle and attempted to stop it. The driver sped away. A police helicopter came into the area and stayed over the car as it traveled on Whites Creek Pike near the county line. The car was abandoned on Whites Creek Pike. While with the abandoned Camry, detectives learned that a citizen had been flagged down by three teenagers who asked for a ride from that location to an area of Buena Vista Pike. Detectives traveled there and spotted the teens in a yard in the 5300 block of Buena Vista Pike. They ran when they saw the officers. All three 16-year-olds were apprehended, one in a yard and two in a shed behind a house. A citizen who saw the two run into the shed pointed it out to officers.

In an interview with detectives, **Wilson** admitted to robbing the victim of her car at gunpoint. He said he then drove to Haynes Garden Apartments and picked up the two other teens. **Wilson**, of Berkley Drive, is being held in juvenile detention on charges of aggravated robbery and unlawful gun possession.

In Friday night's case, officers responded to the 2000 block of Heiman Street at 8:15 after a 23-year-old woman reported that two young men robbed her of her purse and 2002 Buick Park Avenue at gunpoint. A short time later, North Precinct officers spotted the car near Rosa L. Parks Boulevard and attempted to stop it. The driver refused to pull over. A police helicopter came into the area and watched the Buick until it stopped near the intersection of Cleveland and N. 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. The air crew kept an eye on the two carjacking suspects as they went into a nearby apartment complex and relayed their location to officers on the ground. Eighteen-year-old **Eric Thompson** ran from police, but was captured after a brief chase. His 16-year-old alleged accomplice, **Sudarius Johnson**, was also arrested.

**Thompson**, of 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, is being held in lieu of \$75,000 bond on charges of aggravated robbery, unlawful gun possession, evading arrest and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

**Johnson**, of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, is being held at juvenile detention on charges of aggravated robbery, unlawful gun possession, evading arrest and driving without a license.



## Central



A towing company volunteered to transport a police car from New York to Dallas where it was driven in a procession honoring the five fallen officers. The drivers stopped at police departments along the way to thank officers for all they do.



## **Midtown Hills**

A short time after allegedly robbing a West End bank and riding away on a bicycle, convicted bank robber William Green, 61, found himself in police custody.

Green will be charged federally by the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force with robbing Simmons First National Bank's 1720 West End Avenue branch at 9:30 a.m. He is accused of passing a money demand note to a teller who complied.

Canine Officer Brad Bracey and Midtown Precinct Officer William Wright spotted Green riding his bicycle in the 1300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. After seeing the officers and police dog Mojo, Green surrendered without incident. Cash taken during the robbery was recovered. Green admitted his involvement in today's hold-up.

Green registered as an ex-con for robbery in April 2015. He was on federal probation for a 2012 Nashville bank robbery.

Three robbery suspects were apprehended after they crashed a stolen get-a-way vehicle on W. Hamilton Road near Tucker Drive.

At 1 a.m. on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, two gunmen entered the Exxon at 4113 Hillsboro Pike. They took money from both registers and grabbed several packs of cigarillos. They also robbed the clerk and a customer of their belongings. They fled in a white Chevrolet Cruz driven by a third suspect.

Around 2:45 a.m., Canine Officer Spencer Harris spotted the suspect vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on W. Hamilton Road. He turned onto W. Hamilton from Tucker Road and, a short time later, found the car crashed into a tree. There was no pursuit.

The driver, Dontae Ryans, 22, and his passengers Ketorrence Rollins, 20, Don'Quise Kelton, 18, and Vonzellae Harris, 21, were taken into custody.

The three robbery suspects, Ryans, of Pecan Street, Rollins, of Madison, and Kelton, of Spring Hill, Tennessee, are each charged with two counts of aggravated robbery and vehicle theft. The Cruz was reported stolen during a carjacking Tuesday in Goodlettsville.

The female passenger, Harris, is charged with vehicle theft, unlawful weapon possession, and marijuana possession.

A tip to Crime Stoppers combined with investigation by Midtown Hills Precinct detectives led to the arrest of Jerry Wallace, 52, for the robbery of the Walmart Neighborhood Market, 5531 Edmondson Pike.

Wallace, of Edmondson Circle, is alleged to be the robber who approached the customer service counter with a soft drink and offered a \$5 bill to pay for it. When the clerk opened the cash drawer to give change, the robber passed him a threatening note demanding cash. The robber provided the clerk with a blue cloth bag and directed that money be placed in it. After receiving cash, the robber fled to the parking lot and drove away in a small black four-door sedan.

Evidence related to the robbery was recovered from Wallace's car. He is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond.



## South

Members of the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, with the assistance of Clarksville Police, today apprehended accused murderer Cedarius Jermaine Williams at an apartment complex on Peachers Mill Road in Clarksville.

Williams, 31, is charged with killing Billy Ray Long Jr., 28, on July 30<sup>th</sup> as Long sat behind the wheel of an SUV in the parking lot of Club Reign at 2675 Murfreesboro Pike. Detectives learned that the victims knew Williams and saw him in the club. The motive for the gunfire is unclear, as witnesses reported that there was no altercation inside Club Reign.

In addition to the criminal homicide charge, Williams is facing three counts of attempted murder in this case. At the time of the shooting, he was wanted on warrants charging aggravated assault, reckless endangerment and vandalism for using an SUV to ram his girlfriend's car while she was in it on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Two serial robbery suspects are in custody charged with the May 9<sup>th</sup> hold-up of Arby's at 2350 Murfreesboro Pike.

Felix Matos, 18, and Paige Hammonds, 24, are accused of entering the restaurant at 9:30 p.m. and taking cash from the registers at gunpoint. They also robbed employees.

Additionally, Hammonds, allegedly fired shots on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Regions Bank ATM, 5218 Hickory Hollow Parkway, and minutes later, robbed two men in separate hold-ups in an apartment complex parking lot on Hickory Hollow Place.

Matos, of Artelia Drive, is charged with three counts of aggravated robbery, unlawful possession of a gun during the commission of a felony, theft of property, and drug possession. He is being held in lieu of \$207,500 bond.

Hammonds, of New Towne Road, is charged with five counts of aggravated robbery and vandalism.

Freeland Chevrolet generously provided tubs of snacks to all eight precincts to show their support for Metro police officers.



**Pictured (l-r) are Freeland Chevrolet owner Ben Freeland, East Precinct Commander David Imhof, Freeland Chevrolet employees, and South Precinct Commander Paul Trickey.**

**The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for May**

**Police**

Hermitage Precinct Officer Paul Nies

**Patrol**

Hermitage Precinct Officers James Curtis & Michael Dance

**Investigator**

West Precinct Detective Charles Eaton

**Special Operations**

Police Helicopter Pilots Officers Jon McVey and Michael Baujan

**The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for June**

**Police**

East Precinct Officer Randy Heinze

**Patrol**

Central Precinct Officers Travis Baxter & William Thorowgood

**Investigator**

Midtown Precinct Detective Brittany Shoemith

**Special Operations**

Aggressive Driving Unit Officer Jerre Fly



**The following civilians have been names Employee of the Month for April,  
May & June**

**April**

Property & Evidence Supervisor Debra Bowser

**May**

Central Records Supervisor Regina Johnson

**June**

Cold Case Homicide Police Operations Coordinator Ashley Pytlewski

**Investigative Services Bureau Investigator of the Month for  
April, May, & June**

**April**

Sex Crimes Detective Thomas O'Brien

**May**

Gang Unit Detective Brandon Tennant

**June**

Sex Crimes Detective Chuck Fleming  
&  
Computer Forensics Detective Chad Gish

**Specialized Investigations Division**

A crate of marijuana shipped from Phoenix for distribution to street dealers in Nashville was intercepted by narcotics detectives assigned to the MNPD's Specialized Investigations Division.

Detectives received information that the 327 pound wooden crate located at a local freight company could be tied to criminal activity. Police dog Caine checked the crate and indicated to the presence of drug odor. Officers obtained a search warrant for the crate, which was found to contain approximately 140 pounds of marijuana. As undercover detectives watched, the crate was delivered to the scheduled address on Ryan Allen Circle in the Whites Creek area.

**Tusabi Edwards**, 40, of Phoenix, who detectives later learned flew into Nashville Wednesday, met the delivery driver, signed for the crate, and asked that it be placed in the

garage. Edwards and co-defendant **Terrence Reames**, 38, of Ryan Allen Circle, then got into a car to leave the premises and were stopped by officers. Edwards declined to be interviewed. Reames said that Edwards had come to Nashville to oversee the marijuana load. Reames said he was being paid to provide a place to breakdown the marijuana for resale on Nashville's streets.



## Retirement Celebration

Officer Jeb Johnston celebrated 25 years of service



**Chief Anderson congratulates Officer Johnston on his retirement.**



Officer James Grady celebrated 31 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Commander Paul Trickey and Officer Grady.**

Sergeant Kelvin “KO” Jenkins celebrated 25 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson and Sgt. Jenkins.**

Detective Jeff Wiser celebrated 33 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Detective Wiser and Chief Anderson**

Sergeant Dan Ogren celebrated 28 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson and Sgt. Ogren**



Detective James Arendall celebrated 31 years of service



**Chief Anderson presents Detective Arendall with a commemorative plaque.**

Officer Alan Jordan celebrated 31 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. Cary Briley and Officer Jordan.**

Records Supervisor Lynn Sperle celebrated 35 years of service



**Congratulations:**

Officer Christopher Dameron, East Precinct, and his wife, Laurel, welcomed their daughter, Vera, on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Detective Josh Langlois, Specialized Investigations Division, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Caroline Josie, on August 10<sup>th</sup>.



## **Condolences:**

Marie Hatt, the mother of Officer Mark Hatt, West Precinct, passed away on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Retired Lieutenant William Brooks passed away on July 5<sup>th</sup>. He retired in 1992 after 20 years of service.

Two-month old baby Liam Emmett Algood, the step-grandson of Detective David Wayne Michon, Youth Services, passed away on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dorothy Bowman, the grandmother of Lieutenant Mickey Yentes, Tactical Section, passed away.

Larry Connolly, the father of Officer Cedric Connolly, Central Precinct, passed away on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Phillip Prather, the brother-in-law of Detective Anita Prather, Fraud Unit, and brother of Sergeant David Prather, Franklin Police Department, passed away on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alice Boone, the grandmother of Sergeant Chris Upchurch, Madison Precinct, and Michael Upchurch, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

George McGrath, the grandfather of Officer Bradley McGrath, South Precinct, passed away.

Dorothy Murphy, Court Appearance Section, passed away on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Charles Beasley Sr., the father of Lieutenant Charles Beasley, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Harris Morris Smith Jr., the father of Officer Harris Morris Smith III, East Precinct, passed away.