



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



Today's snow storm has been a challenge throughout the county. The call volume has been steady and significant. A number of detectives from the Investigative Services Bureau and officers from the Administrative Services Bureau are assisting the precincts in responding to calls. Thank you all very much for your work during this winter storm.



I am pleased to inform you that officers (including personnel filling an officer role) working extra-duty hours through the office of Secondary Employment will notice a rate increase of \$2.50 per hour on all hours worked (from \$34 dollars to \$36.50) retroactive to January 1, 2016. This rate increase has been made possible by the careful management of department resources by staff assigned to the Secondary Employment Unit but, most of all, by the careful attention you have given to your duties. Your dedication and service has created great customer satisfaction and demand by those entities contracting with the MNPd for police services. The volume of hours worked pursuant to these contracts is now such that funds are available to make this rate increase. YOU are the reason we have the support of Nashville's citizens and business owners.

I frequently receive messages from citizens about the conscientious and compassionate work of Nashville's police officers. I want to share this edited message with you:

*I wanted to send you a quick email about a situation that happened to my niece on Sunday January 10, 2016. Two of your officers from the Hermitage Precinct showed up at my niece's home to arrest her for failing to appear in court. When they arrived she was home with her 4 sons, ages 6, 5, 20 months & 3 months. She started crying, so her children starting crying "don't take our mom to jail." Here's what your officers did: They allowed my niece to call us so they wouldn't have to call DCS. They interacted with the kids until my sister and other relatives arrived. It took about 45 minutes for the family to arrive to get the children. Both officers waited patiently and they never handcuffed the mother in front of her sons. They waited until all the kids were gone to handcuff her and take her to jail. For me this was a big deal because we so often see all the negative stuff with officers. These officers chose not to have my young nephews see their mother in handcuffs. So, I would like to say thank you to the officers for a job well done and showing my niece respect in front of her children. We appreciate the job that these officers did on that Sunday. Now my nephews aren't afraid of the police.*

The relationship between this police department and our community is very strong. Certainly we all know of examples in other jurisdictions where that is not the case. I sincerely appreciate all that you do for Nashville's families and visitors. Many of them send notes of thanks on a regular basis. Please be safe and drive carefully as we emerge from today's snow storm.

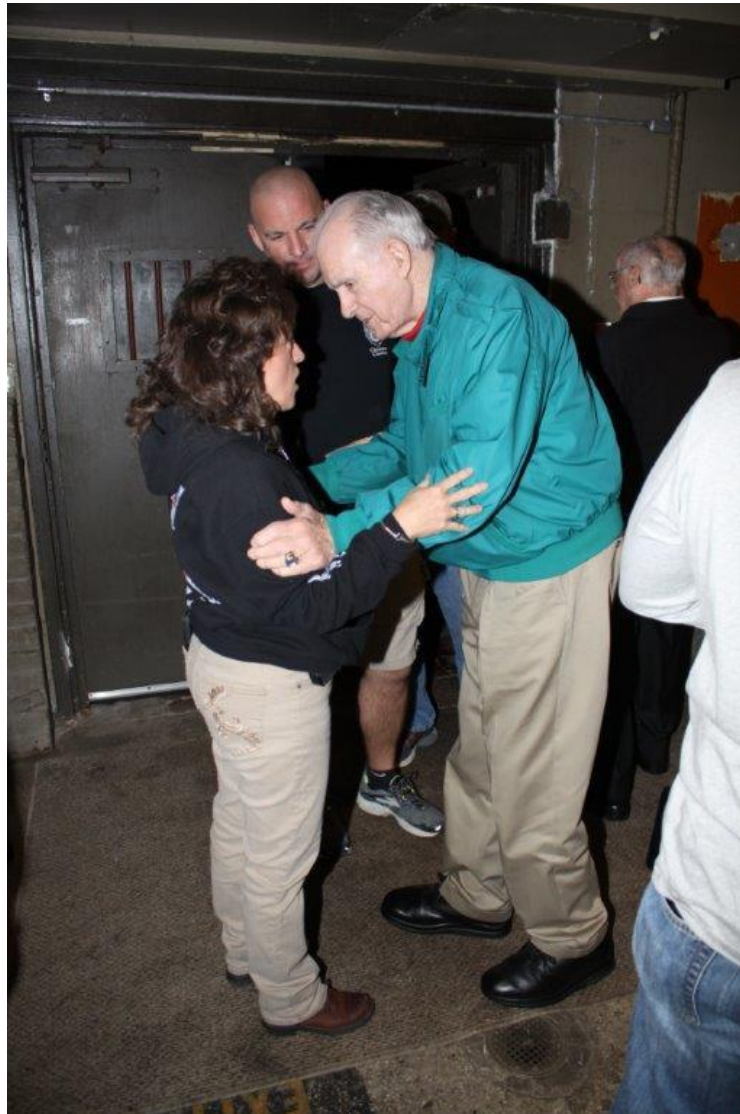
## **Happenings**

A record 613 needy Nashville children received gifts of toys from MNPd officers on Christmas Eve morning as the police department celebrates the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Christmas Basket Program for disadvantaged families.

The 613 children were from 178 families who live throughout Nashville. In addition to toys for the kids, each family received four bushel baskets of food, topped off this year by 10-14 pound turkeys donated by Piedmont Natural Gas. Additionally, officers delivered food baskets to 50 needy elderly citizens.

Contributions from police department personnel and the Nashville community fund the Christmas Basket Program. Members of Boswell Harley Owners Group (HOG) chapters significantly contribute of their time through raising money and assisting with deliveries each Christmas Eve.

Retired Hermitage Precinct Commander Michele Donegan, now Director of Nashville's Emergency Communications Center, continued in her role as "Chief Elf" of the Christmas Basket Program.



**"Chief Elf" Michele Donegan with former Chief Joe Casey, who began the Christmas Basket Program in 1961.**





**Hillwood High School students got up early to deliver baskets on Christmas Eve morning in support of School Resource Officer Lynette Frazier.**





**Members of the Police Explorers program with Sergeant Brad Nave.**

## Shop with a Cop

Metro police officers on December 21<sup>st</sup> treated 76 disadvantaged youngsters between the ages of 7 and 12 to a special shopping trip to purchase holiday gifts for their loved ones as well as something for themselves. The event was held at Wal-Mart, 4040 Nolensville Pike.

Each child had \$200 to spend on gifts thanks to the generosity of area Boswell Harley Owners' Group (HOG) chapters. After shopping, the kids were taken to the Fraternal Order of Police lodge for a pizza lunch and wrapping party sponsored by Hunt Brothers Pizza. This Shop with a Cop program is an annual outreach initiative of the FOP.







## **Food Donation**

MNPD personnel from Midtown Hills Precinct, Central Precinct, and the Special Operations Division on December 18<sup>th</sup> assisted the Ladies of Charity prepare more than 300 boxes of food for the needy.



## **Relocation of Police Headquarters**

Mayor Megan Barry, Chief Anderson and Council Members Freddie O'Connell and Colby Sledge, held a community meeting regarding the relocation of police headquarters to Murfreesboro Pike.



## Officers Receive Education Grants from the Nashville Police Support Fund



Congratulations to these officers who are sharing in education grants totaling \$19,500 from the Nashville Police Support Fund, a part of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. Applications from officers working toward completion of higher education degrees were accepted last October. A committee formed by the Community Foundation reviewed the applications and made the award decisions. An announcement on the acceptance of 2016 applications will be made in the second half of this year. Pictured in the front row center is Amy Fair, the Community Foundation's Director of Donor Services.

### Precinct News

#### East

A Grand Jury indictment charging 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder has been issued against convicted felon James Lloyd Sims Jr., 29, for the February 12, 2015 fatal shooting of Dominique Rutledge. Investigation by East Precinct detectives shows that Rutledge, 21, of Goodlettsville, was shot during an argument inside a Jones Avenue residence.

Sims is currently jailed in Kentucky on an unrelated federal gun charge. He will be returned to Nashville in due course.

Sims has previous convictions for robbery, burglary, evading arrest, and theft.

## **West**

Detectives charged 16-year-old Nesean Thompson with the armed robberies of two West Nashville businesses, including the Baskin-Robbins ice cream store on Hillwood Boulevard during which a female juvenile employee was struck in the head after she was unable to open the safe.

Thompson is being held in juvenile detention on two counts of aggravated robbery, one count of unlawful handgun possession, one count of car theft, and one count of evading arrest. Thompson was taken into custody after fleeing into a wood line near Panorama Drive & Snell Boulevard.

## **Hermitage**

Murder suspect John Eddings' time as a fugitive has come to an end.

Eddings, 23, was taken into custody after he ran from a detective in the J.C. Napier public housing development. Eddings had been a fugitive since last fall when he was indicted on a charge of first-degree murder for the November 18, 2012 shooting death of Calvin Beaudion. Detectives believe Beaudion was killed during a robbery as he sat in his car outside a friend's apartment near the intersection of Claiborne & Cannon streets.

Eddings happened upon Hermitage Precinct Detective Robert Shelton early today as Shelton, in an unmarked police vehicle, was keeping an eye on a parked stolen vehicle. Shelton watched as Eddings, wearing all black, walked into a nearby parking lot and began checking vehicle door handles while looking into windows. Eddings noticed Shelton and ran toward him while reaching at his waistband. When Eddings got to within touching distance of Shelton's car, Shelton drew his gun and ordered him to back away. Eddings took off running. He was apprehended by other officers after a brief chase. It was then that Shelton and his colleagues identified the man as Eddings, the fugitive.

A Nashville man charged with stealing thousands of dollars in music equipment during two burglaries of the same Hermitage church late last year remains under investigation in connection with similar church burglaries across the area.

Ashanti D. Law, 37, of Harpers Mill Road is accused of breaking into the Una Esperanza Viva Church at 631 Shute Lane and taking a total of six guitars, drums, keyboards, and even an ornamental sword. The collective value of the stolen items is well in excess of \$10,000.

The first break in the case came in the early morning hours of November 21<sup>st</sup>, when Officer Matt Harris came into contact with Law and noticed a number of musical instruments inside his Chevrolet Tahoe. Based on the continuing investigation, police placed a court-ordered tracking device on the SUV. A review of GPS coordinates after a December 12<sup>th</sup> burglary showed that the Tahoe was parked less than 100 yards from the church between 1:27 a.m. and 1:59 a.m. on that date. A search warrant was executed at Law's apartment on December 31<sup>st</sup>, resulting in the recovery of numerous musical instruments and sound system components.

## **North**

SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team arrested Eric Anthony Freeman on a first-degree murder indictment charging him with the shooting death of Anthony Barbee, 29, at Village on the Green Apartments on Ed Temple Boulevard.

Gunfire erupted in the parking lot of the apartment complex at 12:40 p.m. on January 26, 2015. Barbee fled behind the buildings and collapsed on the side of one of them fatally wounded.

Investigation by Detective Waylon Proffitt and his colleagues at the North Precinct led to the indictment of Freeman, 25, who was taken into custody on Apple Court in South Nashville.

## **Midtown Hills**

Convicted felon Khamphon Xayyasith, 29, is accused of robbing two women of their purses outside the Sutler at 2600 Franklin Pike.

The women reported that as they exited the Sutler, Xayyasith approached them and demanded their purses at gunpoint. When they hesitated, he allegedly grabbed the handbags and fired two shots into the air before fleeing in a silver Nissan Xterra.

One of the victims electronically tracked her belongings to a Maxon Avenue house where officers located the suspect SUV parked in the driveway. Xayyasith was inside the residence. Both purses were recovered. Xayyasith was positively identified as the robber.

Xayyasith, who has previous convictions for felon in possession of a weapon, assault, burglary, and drug possession, is now charged with two counts of aggravated robbery and two counts of aggravated assault.

## **South**

An investigation into heroin sales by the South Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit led to the arrest of convicted felon Michael Leroy Campbell, 61, of Lutie Street.

During the execution of search warrants at two separate apartments at 328 Lutie Street, officers seized 16.1 grams of heroin, 13.5 grams of cocaine, 35 Xanax bars, one gram of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, a .380 caliber pistol, one vehicle, and \$5,090 cash. The gun was reported stolen last June during a home burglary in Madison.

Campbell is charged with felony drug possession, weapon possession during the commission of a felony, unlawful gun possession during the commission of a felony drug offense, and theft.

At the time of his arrest, Campbell was wearing a GPS monitoring device on his ankle as a probated convicted sex offender. Additionally, a warrant has been issued against Campbell for violating the sex offender registry for not disclosing his vehicle information.

Commander Paul Trickey Saturday attended the annual MLK breakfast where Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Richard Sibert received the Jerry Anderson Humanitarian Award.



Pictured (l-r) are Commander Trickey and Pastor Sibert.

### **Homicide-Cold Case Unit**

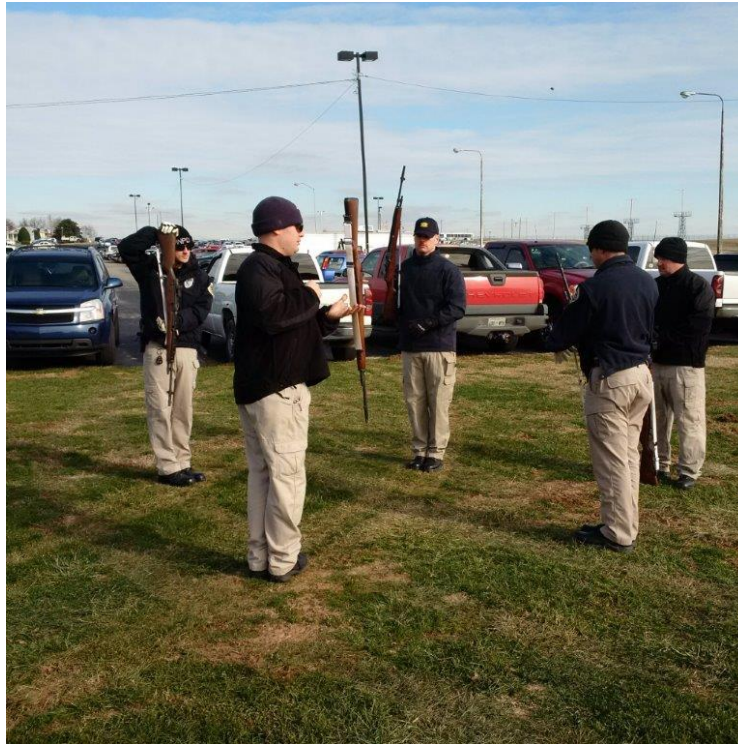
Homicide-Cold Case Unit Detective Sergeant Gary Kemper attended a meeting for families of murder victims hosted by Partners in the Struggle, a group dedicated to ending gun violence. In a thank you note to Sergeant Kemper, Partners in the Struggle founder Earl Jordan wrote: *I truly feel our families got a lot of their feelings out and you answered them one by one on a level that was deeply appreciated. I do feel that ALL murders will be solved and we will do all we can in creating events addressing these unsolved murders in our city.*



Sgt. Kemper meets with families of homicide victims.

## **Special Operations Division**

Despite freezing temperatures, the Drill and Ceremony Team practice rifle drills.



**The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operations officers of the month for October 2015**

### **Police**

West Precinct Officer Shane McCormick

### **Patrol**

East Precinct Officers Douglas Smith, John Tyree, and Kenneth Bray

### **Investigator**

East Precinct Detective Mike Windsor  
Madison Precinct Detective James Davis  
Hermitage Precinct Detective William Mathis

### **Special Operations**

Helicopter Pilot Officer Donald Kahn

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**Police**

West Precinct Officer Michael Brinkman

**Patrol**

Central Precinct Officer Ethan Luffman

**Investigator**

Madison Precinct Detective William Carney White Jr.

**Special Operations**

Canine Officer Devery Moses

**Retirement Celebrations**

Officer Marshall Willis celebrated 19 years of service



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

Sergeant Charles Harrison celebrated 31 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. Harrison and East Precinct Commander David Imhof.**

Detective Tom Rollins celebrated 30 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Detective Rollins and Deputy Chief Todd Henry**



Detective Bill Dillon celebrated 24 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Todd Henry and Detective Dillon.**

Christl Ray celebrated 24 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are DV Captain Michelle Richter and Ray.**

## **Congratulations:**

Officer Jaby Djabbarov, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, welcomed Brian Robert Djabbarov on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Detective Josh Spurlock, the Gang Unit, and his wife, Jessica, welcomed Ali Maddox Spurlock on January 19<sup>th</sup>.



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## **Condolences:**

United States Air Force Veteran Charles Templin, the grandfather of Officer Christopher Templin, West Precinct, passed away.

Thomas L. Stephens, the father of Lieutenant Jim Stephens, grandfather of Captain Keith Stephens, Training Division, and father-in-law of Sergeant Suzanne Stephens, Background & Recruitment, passed away.

Martha Smallwood, the grandmother of Officer James Smallwood, Strategic Development Division, passed away on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lisa Stockman, the daughter of retired employee Vivian Stockman, passed away on January 7<sup>th</sup>, following a brief illness.

Edwin Hoadley, the father of Officer Brent Hoadley, Mounted Patrol, passed away.

Darrell Turner, the grandfather of Sergeant Brad Turner, West Precinct, passed away on January 9<sup>th</sup>.