



MNPD NEWSLINE

THE OFFICIAL EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER OF THE MNPD

November 4, 2016

News from the Chief



Replacing all in-car MDCs (laptops), which are now past their life cycle, at a cost of more than \$8 million will be the MNPD's top priority in equipment requests for next fiscal year. New equipment on the market is smaller in size, much faster, and will be customized by manufacturers specifically for MNPD requirements. The priority of new MDCs will be reflected in our capital funding request for next fiscal year. Our IT staff has been evaluating the latest technology and will be meeting with a representative group of officers who will be asked to examine equipment models and give their input as we develop exact specifications. You will be hearing much more about this in the coming months, but I wanted you to know of our intention to acquire the latest technology to help you do your jobs.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who went through the stressful move of offices from the Metropolitan Justice Center to temporary quarters at 749 Massman Drive or 3055 Lebanon Pike. It was not my preference for us to have to move twice within a span of two years, but demolition of the Metropolitan Justice Center to make room for a new jail facility was a priority. If you have not been downtown recently, demolition at 200 James Robertson Parkway is well underway.

On October 27, Mayor Barry, community leaders and I led a groundbreaking ceremony for the new MNPD headquarters building at 600 Murfreesboro Pike that will serve this department for decades to come. Construction on the new building is expected to be completed in the spring of 2018. At that time, our components at Massman Drive, to include Information Technology, the Criminal Investigations Division, and the Youth Services Division, will rejoin us at Murfreesboro Pike. So, too, will the Domestic Violence Division, which is currently located in offices on 2nd Avenue South. Below are renderings of the new headquarters building, which will be located next to the city's first-ever family Justice Center.

I am very grateful for the hard work of the men and women of this police department on behalf of Nashville's families. A Gallup poll released last month shows that Americans'

respect for police is at a near-record high. Gallup reports that 76% of Americans have “a great deal of respect” for police in their area, up 12 percentage points from last year. Earlier today, I spoke to the downtown Kiwanis Club. The sentiments of the persons there underscored the poll’s findings. Your collective efforts have earned the appreciation of this community. Thank you for working throughout Nashville to maintain the trust of our citizens.



METRO NASHVILLE POLICE HEADQUARTERS + FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER



Photo of Groundbreaking, left to right: Bobby Joslin, owner of Joslin and Son Signs; Councilmember Karen Y. Johnson (District 29); Nancy Whittemore, Director of General Services; Chief Steve Anderson, MNPD; Mayor Megan Barry; Councilmember Freddie O’Connell (District 19); Diane Lance, Department Head of Metro Office of Family Safety; Barrington Moore, President of the Tony Sudekum Apartment Resident Association; June Turner, CEO of the Nashville Children’s Alliance, District Attorney General Glenn Funk.

Happenings

Bubba Boswell and Harley Owners Group members on November 4th presented a \$26,000 check to help fund the MNPD's Christmas Basket Program for needy families.



Harley Owners Group is also supporting the Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp & Shop with a Cop Programs with a \$22,000 donation.



Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award

Chief Steve Anderson and the local chapter of the Theodore Roosevelt Association on November 2nd announced that Officer John Downs, who was seriously wounded in the line of duty and was told that he might never walk again, is the 2016 recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt Police Award for Nashville & Middle Tennessee.

The Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award is given to a police officer who has rendered outstanding and praiseworthy service to the department and the community despite a serious handicap, illness, or injury.

On the night of December 14, 2014, Officer Downs, a member of the police department's Special Response Team, was on his way home after working a Tennessee Titans game when he was called to respond to the scene of a barricaded robbery suspect at a condominium on Long Hunter Court. Downs was among the officers who attempted to negotiate with the armed suspect, but was unsuccessful. He was outside near the front door of the condo with other Special Response Team members when the gunman emerged. The suspected robber fired his .40 caliber pistol in the direction of Downs and other officers. Downs was seriously wounded in the hip/groin area and was rushed by his colleagues, who did not wait for an ambulance, to Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He was initially told that he might never walk again. However, after several surgeries, a hip replacement and months of rehabilitation, Downs did walk again and ultimately returned to full duty in the Metro police department, where he is now assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division.

"John Downs' grit and absolute determination to fully recover from the gunshot wound were amazing and an inspiration to many," Chief Steve Anderson said. "I remember visiting John in his home, where he was confined to a hospital bed in the living room. It was as clear then as it is now that his dedication to this police department and the citizens of Nashville never wavered."

The Theodore Roosevelt Association established the police awards program in honor of Roosevelt's distinguished service as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City from 1895 to 1897, and in recognition of his lifelong admiration for the police.

Nashville is one of several cities in the United States to present the Roosevelt Award. Others include New York City, Metropolitan Washington, D.C., San Diego, Dallas, and Suffolk & Nassau Counties in New York.

Through the generosity of this year's award sponsor, Rock Solid Roofing Company, a Division of McEwen Home Improvements (RockSolidRoofingTN.com), and the Theodore Roosevelt Association, Officer Downs received a \$1,000 cash award, a medal, and a bust of Theodore Roosevelt.

Past Metro Police recipients of the Theodore Roosevelt Award were Sgt. Phillip Sage (1998), Detective Clifford Mann (1999), Detective Frank Pierce (2000), Sergeant James (Jimbo) Allen (2001), Officer William Richardson (2002), Detective Joe Cooper (2003), Officer Horace Temple (2004), Officer Foster Hite (2005), Detective Jeff Ball (2006), Officer Dan Alford (2007), Sergeant Brenda Steinbrecher (2008), Officer James Duke (2009), Officer Faye Okert (2010), Lieutenant Joe McEwen (2011), Officer Cindy Huffines (2012), Officer Dennis Hamm (2013), and Officer Bridget Griepentrog (2014).



Officer Downs expressed his gratitude to friends, family, and the community for their unwavering support during his recovery.



Pictured (l-r) are Rock Solid Roofing Company Owner/Operator Joe McEwen III, Officer John Downs, and Chief Anderson.

Collegiate Citizen Police Academy

Mayor Barry on October 18th joined Chief Anderson in welcoming 22 TSU students to the MNPD's 2nd session of the Collegiate Citizen Police Academy.



Law Enforcement Talent Showcase

The 10th annual Law Enforcement Talent Showcase on October 11th at The Nashville Palace was a tremendous success, raising \$25,000 for the Nashville Children's Alliance, which provides counseling and support to physically and sexually abused children.

This event is made possible by organizer and talent wrangler West Precinct Commander Marlene Pardue, who, along with the talented men and women of the MNPD, and award winning guests Alison Krauss, Phil Vassar, and Lauren Alaina, shined bright on stage!

A big thank you to our emcees Tennessee Titans game day host Lance Smith and Nashville's own Harry Chapman.







Unsung Hero Award

Madison Precinct Officer Cecilia Gomez received the Unsung Hero Award from Conexión Americas for her commitment to the community.



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Gomez and Madison Precinct Commander Sebastian Gourdin.

Humanitarian Award

Officer Allen Hall, seen here with wife Kandy, on October 6th received the Humanitarian Award from National Alliance of Mental Illness.



Criminal Justice Day at Stratford High School

Crime Scene Technicians Danielle Connor, Kayla Fulton, and Jasmine James were presented with a community service award for their participation in the October 14th Criminal Justice Day at Stratford High School.



Pictured (l-r) are Crime Scene Technicians Danielle Connor, Kayla Fulton, and Jasmine James.

Sharing MNPB Expertise

MNPB Chaplain Officer James Duke on November 1st provided training to volunteer chaplains for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, including in-line-of-duty death protocol.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Chief Anderson, Mayor Barry, Metro Office of Family Safety Director Diane Lance, and YWCA CEO Pat Shea met with officers at the West Precinct on October 7th to talk about the new Lethality Assessment Protocol designed to save lives of domestic violence victims.

Full utilization of the LAP throughout the MNPB is anticipated by December 1, 2016.



Domestic Violence Division Captain Michelle Richter briefed officers on the new program and stressed its importance to public safety.

The Domestic Violence Division on October 19th participated in the 14th Annual National Domestic Violence Family Apprehension Warrant Sweep.

The sweep is a day-long event in which agencies across the country attempt to serve outstanding family violence warrants.

Metro police precinct personnel participated along with Warrants, Special Response Team officers, Sheriff's Office personnel, the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole, and Metro Nashville Emergency Communications.

This partnership resulted in officers attempting to serve multiple outstanding warrants with 14 offenders arrested on 16 misdemeanors and eleven felonies, and the service of 27 warrants.

Family and friends gathered on October 1st on the John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge for the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence Meet us at the Bridge ceremony to remember victims and to honor those dedicated to preventing domestic violence.



Detective Jared Ester honored with Outstanding Domestic Violence Detective Award



Congrats to MNP Domestic Violence Division counselors who received award for Outstanding Long Term Service Provider. Pictured (l-r) are Heidi Bennett, Janisca Williams, Domestic Violence Division Captain Michelle Richter, Kim Page, and Lani Ramos.



Lieutenant Tommy Widener accepted the Christy Dedman Award for Outstanding Patrol Officer on behalf of East Precinct Officer Joshua Lefler. He is pictured with Officer Dedman's mother, Vera.



Domestic Violence Division Counselor Heidi Bennett (pictured on the left) was honored as Outstanding Advocate.



Domestic Violence Division detectives in attendance at Meet Us at the Bridge ceremony.

Domestic Violence Division members visited several neighborhoods and businesses to increase awareness of domestic violence. They spoke to residents and handed out informational brochures.



Detective Luis Lopez at Walmart, 3035 Hamilton Church Road.

Domestic Violence Detective Brittany McElwee graduated from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation leadership academy.



Precinct News

East

Coordinated police work led to the October 27th arrest of accused East Nashville serial commercial burglary suspect Clarence Wright Jr., 21.

East Precinct Detective Paul Harris developed suspect information in the case which he shared with officers. Sergeant Ricky Huddleston and Officers Erik Nash and Randall Smith stopped Wright for a traffic violation. He matched the suspect description. A small safe was located inside the car. Wright admitted that he had just taken the safe from Rudie's Seafood restaurant at 1402 McGavock Pike. In addition to Rudie's, Wright admitted to the following business break-ins:

- Rumors East, 1112 Woodland Street, on October 24th;
- Mini Market, 839 Cleveland Street, on October 20th;
- East Nashville BBQ Co., 829 Lischey Avenue, on October 20th;
- Burger Up, 970 Woodland Street, on October 13th;
- Atomic Nashville (attempted), 1603 Riverside Drive, on October 11th;
- Pied Piper Eatery, 1601 Riverside Drive, on October 11th;
- Far East, 1008 Fatherland Street, on October 6th;
- Pizza Real, 203 North 11th Street, on October 2nd.

Wright, of Myrtle Street in East Nashville, is charged with eight counts of burglary and one attempted burglary.

One of several suspects involved in robbing a group of people who on October 24th were gathered outside a home in the 900 block of McFerrin Avenue is in custody.

Eleven persons, men and women, were gathered for a bible study when at least four suspects, described as young black men, entered the back yard and ordered everyone to the ground at gunpoint. They took personal belongings, including purses, wallets, and cell phones. They may have fled in two vehicles, possibly an older beige SUV and a small 2-door white pickup truck.

Quint Williams Jr., 18, of North 8th Street, was identified after he was seen on surveillance video using one of the victim's stolen credit cards. Williams has been jailed since his October 26th arrest for an unrelated vehicle theft.

The investigation continues.

Criminal Justice Day at Stratford High School on October 14th was well attended by various MNPD components.



East Precinct officers participated in the Walk to School Day on October 19th arriving at Dan Mills Elementary School.



Madison

The stop of a 2003 Nissan Altima for weaving out of its traffic lane led to the discovery that accused murderer Troyvonte Watkins was behind the wheel.

Watkins, 22, of Archwood Place, is now jailed on a first-degree murder indictment for the August 6, 2015, fatal shooting of Reginald Ford, 36, outside his residence at 1824 Hermosa Street. Watkins is the fourth defendant to be charged in the case.

Madison Precinct Officer Craig Amabile saw the Altima weaving as it traveled in the northbound lanes of Ellington Parkway. Watkins was slow to stop. Once he did, it was apparent that he was under the influence of something. Watkins then admitted to smoking marijuana prior to getting behind the wheel. Watkins was placed under arrest for DUI and his name run through the police department's computer system. It was then that Officer Amabile learned that he was wanted for murder.

Recovered from the car was a loaded pistol. Upon Watkins' arrival at the jail, deputies discovered 45 Xanax bars concealed in his groin area. In addition to murder, Watkins is also charged with DUI, possession of drugs without a prescription, a crooks with guns violation, driving on a revoked license, and bringing contraband into a penal institution. His bond is set at \$1,009,000.

Investigation by North Precinct Detective Jason Frank showed that Reginald Ford was shot during a robbery just after midnight on August 6, 2015. Rolandus Denzmore, 20, Davonta Sherrill, 23, and Demontez Watkin, 21, were arrested previously in this murder case.

Madison Precinct officers with Mayor Barry participated in the October 19th Walk To School Day arriving at Amqui Elementary School.



Hermitage

A man suspected in a series of South Nashville business burglaries is in custody accused of break-ins in the Trimble Street/Parris Avenue area.

Devontia Davis, 48, was arrested on October 14th on an outstanding probation violation warrant by Hermitage Precinct Officer Justin Chisolm. Officer Chisolm contacted South Precinct detectives to notify them that Davis matched the description of the burglary suspect. Davis was in possession of a belt sander.

During an interview with South Precinct Detective Rick Heiman, Davis admitted he had just broken into VH Place at 175 Lafayette Street, and to past break-ins on October 1st and September 29th at Nashville Quality Granite on Trimble Street. Additionally, Davis told detectives he had broken into six or seven businesses since August 1st but could not remember any details.

North

A few hundred kids stopped by for the officer sponsored Trunk-or-Treat celebration on October 27th at the North Precinct.



Officers Mark Bennett and Angela Booker on October 22nd participated in the Mt. Carmel Fall Festival block party, handing out snacks and beverages, G.R.E.A.T. t-shirts, and goodie bags.



Central

Chief Anderson, Commander John Drake, and Mayor Barry on October 21st conducted a news conference regarding the arrests of three persons involved in the murder of Teddy Grasset.



Mayor Barry on October 13th attended Central Precinct's weekly planning meeting prior to a particularly busy weekend in downtown Nashville.



Central and Midtown Hills Precinct officers on October 12th participated in the Downtown Partnership Employee Appreciation Week festivities at Hall of Fame Park, placing second in the tug of war tournament.



Midtown Hills

Outstanding, coordinated police work led to the arrest of three teens who robbed a man at gunpoint outside his apartment.

The victim, who had just moved to Nashville, was unloading his belongings in his apartment complex parking lot when he was robbed of his vehicle at gunpoint.

Midtown Hills Precinct officers received information that the suspects were in the area of the Edgehill Homes and quickly flooded the area.

Officer John Riddle spotted the stolen vehicle pull into a parking lot on Hillside Avenue where the suspects were taken into custody. A handgun and marijuana were recovered from the vehicle. One of the suspects was in possession of property taken during the hold-up.

All three are charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery, juvenile in possession of a handgun, vehicle theft, and marijuana possession.

Preds players Roman Josi and Yannick Weber handed out ice cream on October 12th in the Edgehill community.



Officers participated in Open Streets Nashville on October 30th when 2.3 miles of 12th Avenue South was temporarily closed to cars to inspire interest in physical activity and public spaces.



Officers participated in the activities with Nashville Pound Pro.

South

Preds players James Neal and Calle Jarnkrok on October 12th visited South Precinct's roll call and provided kind words of support.



The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for July, August, & September 2016.

July

Police

Hermitage Precinct Officer Tyler Conrads

Patrol

South Precinct Officer Chase Burnett

Investigator

West Precinct Detective Joshua Mauzy

Special Operations

Canine Officers Spencer Harris & Thomas Smith

August

Police

East Precinct Officers Eric Hayes & Robert Goodwin

Patrol

North Precinct Officer David Moser

Investigator

East Precinct Detectives Forrest Drake & Robert Young

Special Operations

Hazardous Devices Unit Officer Gerry Gann

September

Police

East Precinct Officer Wesley McClelland

Patrol

Hermitage Precinct Officer Michael Apsey

Investigator

North Precinct Detective Kyle Williams

Special Operations

Special Response Team Officer Timothy Brewer & Marcell Chalou

The following officers have been chosen Criminal Investigations Division Investigator of the month for July, August, & September 2016.

July

Sex Crimes Detective Corey Wall

August

Major Case Task Force Detectives Jaime Rice, James King, & Sergio Espinosa

September

Sex Crimes Detective Charles Fleming

The following civilians have been chosen professional support employee of the month for July, August, & September

July

East Precinct Administrative Assistant Jeanette Reed

August

Case Preparation Section Administrative Assistant Ella Chambers

September

Major Crimes Task Force Police Operations Coordinator Marlene Petty

Specialized Investigations Division

An investigation by Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives into marijuana sales from a home on Aladdin Drive in South Nashville led to the October 12th seizure of 23 pounds of high grade marijuana and \$76,000 cash.

Three persons alleged to been working together in the marijuana trade have been arrested. Terry Kenneth Pegram Jr., 24, of 1010 Aladdin Drive, is charged with possession of marijuana for resale and a crooks with guns violation for having a rifle and pistols inside the residence. Phillip Dale Tidwell, 50, of Dyersburg, and Evan Newbaker, 24, of Murfreesboro, are charged with possessing marijuana for resale.

Undercover detectives had Pegram under surveillance as part of their continuing investigation. They watched as Pegram met with Tidwell and Newbaker in the parking lot of the Cracker Barrel restaurant on Percy Priest Drive in Hermitage. Pegram retrieved a backpack from his pickup truck and brought it to Tidwell's pickup truck, in which Newbaker was sitting. After several minutes of conversation, Pegram left Tidwell and Newbaker.

Tidwell's pickup truck was stopped for running a stop sign at the intersection of Blackwood Drive and Fitzpatrick Road. A search of the truck, based on a police dog's indication of drug odor, revealed a vacuum sealed bag containing a small amount of marijuana

and more than \$70,000 cash in a plastic grocery bag concealed in the backpack that Pegram had given them.

Pegram left the restaurant and returned to Aladdin Drive. After a few minutes he came out of the house with two large black duffle bags. He was followed onto I-24 where he was stopped for speeding. A search of his pickup truck, based on a police dog's indication of drug odor, resulted in the discovery of 16 pounds of marijuana. A subsequent search of Pegram's residence led to the seizure of seven more pounds of marijuana and the firearms.



An alleged plan by brothers Dalen and Derek Henderson to transport 18 pounds of high grade marijuana away from Nashville in a rented vehicle was stopped by MNPD narcotics detectives this afternoon before they could get out of the parking lot.

Specialized Investigations Division detectives received information that the brothers had a sizeable load of marijuana and firearms. They caught up with them at a Donelson Pike rental car facility where police dog "Cain" indicated a drug odor was coming from the brothers' van. A search revealed the vacuum packaged marijuana, an AR-15 rifle, a 9 millimeter pistol, and a 12-gauge shotgun.

Dalen Henderson, 37, of Mary Evelyn Court, and Derek Henderson, 36, of Lewisburg, are charged with felony marijuana possession and gun violations.

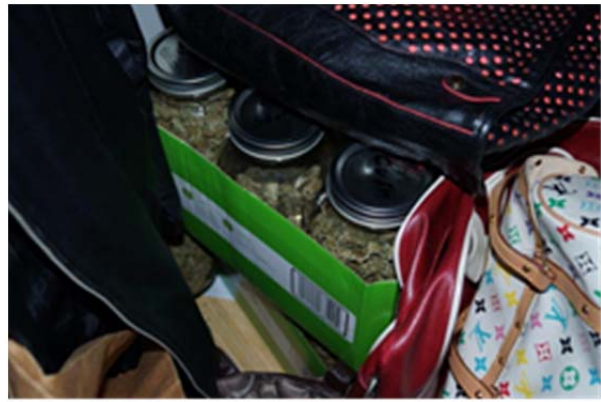


The stop of a Cadillac CTS on Briley Parkway for having an inoperative brake light led to the seizure of six bags of crystal methamphetamine that weighed just more than 13 pounds.

Interdiction Officer Thomas Spence stopped Amber Gooden, 36, who was not receptive to Officer Spence's questions, prompting a check of the car by Spence's canine partner, Caine. Caine alerted to the presence of drug odor coming from the car. A subsequent search revealed the six bags of methamphetamine, weighing 2.2 pounds each, inside a gym bag on the rear floorboard.

Detectives from the Major Case Task Force of the Specialized Investigations Division followed up and worked with representatives from the Murfreesboro Police Department, TBI and DEA to execute a search warrant at Gooden's Murfreesboro home. Seized from there were six pounds of marijuana and a pistol that had been reported stolen.

Gooden is charged with possessing methamphetamine for resale.



The Interdiction Unit conducted a canine demonstration for a group of kindergarteners at the Tulip Grove First Baptist Church.



Special Operations Division

Outstanding police work by Officer Chris Augustin, combined with a tip to Crime Stoppers, led to Thursday's arrest of David M. Bentley, 40, for an October 17th hit & run collision on McGavock Pike near the Lebanon Pike intersection that critically injured a legally blind pedestrian.

David A. Lloyd, 55, was crossing McGavock Pike from west to east when he was struck. The vehicle quickly fled the scene. Lloyd was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he continues to be treated.

Officer Augustin, a member of the police department's Crash Investigations Team, used a driver's side mirror and a headlight lens found at the scene to determine that the vehicle involved was either a 2001 to 2004 Honda Passport or Isuzu Rodeo. Based on a tip to Crime Stoppers that provided a possible last name of the driver, Officer Augustin learned that David Bentley owned a 2004 Isuzu Rodeo and lived three tenths of a mile from the crash scene. A search warrant was obtained today for Bentley's McGavock Pike residence. He was home when Officer Augustin arrived and admitted that he was responsible for hitting Lloyd.

Bentley, who has several DUI convictions in his history, is charged with leaving the scene of an injury crash, failure to render aid, failure to give notice of a crash, driving on a revoked license, and tampering with evidence. He is being held in lieu of \$60,000 bond.

Habitual motor vehicle offender Ricky Escue, 52, is back behind bars charged with hitting a bicyclist on October 7 on 28th Avenue North and leaving the scene.

Jenn McCombs, 33, was riding her bike on 28th Avenue North near Poston Avenue when she was struck from behind by the driver of a gold Cadillac Escalade traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver did not stop. McCombs was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where she was treated for her injuries. She has been released.

Investigation by Hit and Run Unit Officer Joseph Jakes led to the identification of Escue as the driver. Escue had been staying at the Cumberland Inn on Trinity Lane where he was taken into custody. He was in possession of cocaine.

Escue, who has four previous DUI convictions, is charged with leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, driving on a revoked license, cocaine possession, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fraud Unit

Fraud detectives on November 2nd charged a New York man with felony criminal simulation and misdemeanor theft for peddling counterfeit tickets to the Country Music Association Awards show.

Andrew Frank Arvia, 22, of Brewster, New York, is alleged to have advertised the tickets on Craigslist. One victim met Arvia at a West End Avenue coffee shop and paid him a total of

\$600 for two tickets. The victim became suspicious and took the tickets to the Bridgestone Arena box office where he learned they were fakes. The seat numbers listed on the tickets do not even exist.

The victim notified police and, after contacting officers, called Arvia and requested to buy more tickets at the same meeting place. Arvia arrived and was taken into custody. He was carrying six bogus tickets at the time. Arvia is charged with felony theft and felony criminal simulation.

Persons wanting to attend major events in Nashville are urged to be extremely cautious when dealing with a ticket seller they do not know. Shows like the CMA Awards often attract criminals trying to sell counterfeit tickets.

A woman out on bond for scamming an elderly woman earlier this year is again accused of taking advantage of another victim.

Jessica Dawn Burton, 29, and an unknown male accomplice, came to a 91-year-old woman's home on Rosecliff Avenue last month and told her that they were there to collect money for work they had done on the roof. They also told her that her son had approved. The victim then gave them a signed blank check. Burton made the check payable to herself in the amount of \$2,800 and cashed it. No work had been done on the victim's roof.

At the time of her arrest, Burton was free on \$10,000 bond after being arrested for a similar home improvement scheme involving a 78-year-old woman. In this case, Burton cashed a check from the victim in the amount of \$6,500.

An arrest warrant charging Burton with felony theft was issued on October 27. She was taken into custody after officers observed what appeared to be a drug transaction. During a subsequent vehicle stop on Myatt Drive, Burton was found to be in possession of a small amount of heroin.

Retirement Celebration

Officer Tom Bowden celebrated 28 years of service.



Sergeant Billy Smith celebrated 29 years of service



Congratulations:

Officer Brandon Whittaker, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Meghan, welcomed their son, Griffin M. Whittaker, on October 15th.

Torey Gander, Fiscal Affairs, and her husband welcomed their daughter, Alauna Gander, on November 1st.



Condolences:

Louvenia Johnson Polk, the mother of retired Lieutenant Dorise Polk, passed away.

Jerry Wall, the step father of Lisa Reeves, Central Precinct Investigations, passed away.

Juanita Norris Hilton, the mother of Judy Langston with the Emergency Communications Center, passed away on October 6th. She retired from the MNPD in 1997 after 30 years of service.

Sarah Maxi Pepper, the grandmother of Officer Garet Davidson, North Precinct, passed away.

Robert O'Malley, the grandfather of Detective Rex Davenport, Fraud Unit, and David Davenport, Training Academy, passed away.

Allen Lawrence, father-in-law of Lori Lawrence, Records Division, passed away.

John Edward Burns, the father of Officer Brad Burns, Special Operations Division, passed away on October 11th.

Retired MNPD employee Charles D. Layne, the father of Sergeant David Layne, East Precinct, passed away on October 18th. Mr. Layne was the computer operations manager for the MNPD data processing department from 1984 to 2005.

Aubrey Delk, the father-in-law of Officer Brandon Evans, North Precinct, passed away.

Brenda Sweeney, the step-mother of Kathleen Anderson, Criminal Investigations Division, passed away on October 19th.

Carol Ann Hanson-Sharpe, the mother of Lieutenant Jason Sharpe, Office of Professional Accountability, passed away.

Cleveland R. Jones, the grandfather of Officer Candace Martin, West Precinct, passed away on October 20th.

The father-in-law of Officer John Deiterick, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away on October 21st.

Laurencia Dionne, the grandmother of Officer Robert Croteau, East Precinct, passed away on October 21st.

James Eddings Jr., the brother of retired Lieutenant David Eddings and retired Officer Dannie Eddings, passed away on October 18th.

Vera Prince, the grandmother of Officer Devon Morgan, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Cecil Leo Davis, the husband of retired ECC Dispatcher, Patti Davis, brother-in-law of Bonni Skipworth, and brother of retired Officer Terry Davis and retired Captain Shirley Davis, passed away suddenly on October 26th.

Retired Officer J.O. Williamson, the uncle of Officer Tevares Hockett, North Precinct, passed away on October 30th. He retired in 2011 after 30 years of service.

Evelyn Grisham, the grandmother of Sergeant Paul Smith, East Precinct, passed away on October 31st.

Kenneth White, the grandfather of Officer Matt White, West Precinct, passed away.