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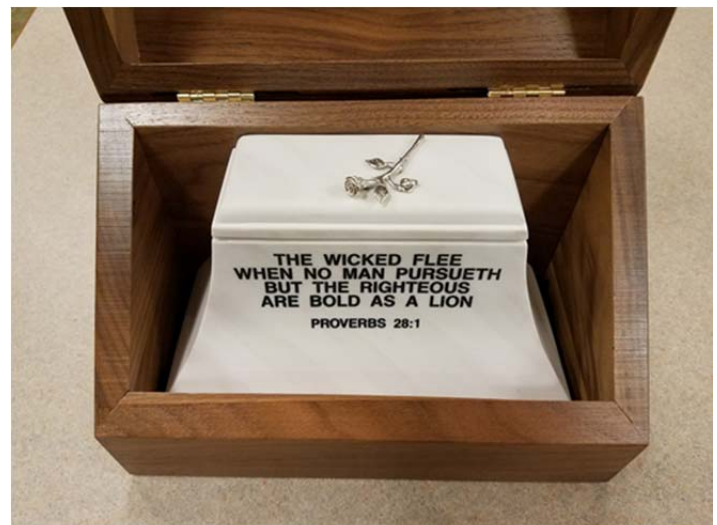
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News from the Chief



It was a privilege to attend the Madison Chamber of Commerce's annual breakfast Thursday morning as members honored the life and memory of Officer Eric Mumaw, in addition to the determination of Nashville Fire Department divers who refused to give up until they recovered Eric from the freezing waters of the Cumberland River on the morning of February 2.

Madison's community leaders have been so supportive of our police officers from the day we initiated the precinct in their area on January 1, 2012. In February 2017, they grieved beside us. Thursday morning, Lieutenant Jeff Sanders, Madison's overnight shift lieutenant, humbly and emotionally accepted the annual Officer Paul Scurry Award on behalf of Officer Eric Mumaw. Madison's C-shift, the team with which Eric worked, was also in attendance. Also on display at the Chamber meeting was a memorial award sent by the International Association of Chiefs of Police honoring Officer Mumaw's service.





Lt. Sanders accepts annual Paul Scurry Award on behalf of Officer Mumaw.



Madison C-shift with Madison Chamber President Ron Smith.

After more than a year of research and preparation, the department has begun issuing Officer Response Kits during in-service. The first 100 are now in the field. The others will be issued during in-service throughout the year. The kits contain emergency medical supplies to supplement those already being carried, such as tourniquets and chest seals. They also contain equipment that could be necessary in an active shooter response, including a shoulder strap to clearly identify fellow officers, chem lights, door wedges, flex cuffs, and a space for your APR mask. Officers Justin Coker and Bart Rader saw a real need for these kits and were instrumental in their development. My thanks to both of them.



Officer Justin Coker wears the new Officer Response Kit.



The Metropolitan Government is in the process of negotiating the acquisition of the former Kmart store at 2491 Antioch Pike in Antioch for a new police precinct. That news comes as the police department expects to hold at least three police officer trainee classes in fiscal 2017-18. An attrition class of 58 trainees is now in the academy. We will begin another class on October 16 as we work to grow the department to our new authorized strength of 1,510

officers. A third class will start in January. The budget proposed by Mayor Barry and approved by the Metro Council provides for 70 additional officer positions.



Kmart property

Legislation proposed by Mayor Barry and passed by the Metro Council this week will provide funding for various equipment purchases across the government and will allow the police department to begin purchasing and replacing in-car computers. The new computers will contain enhanced technology to mesh with our upcoming dash cam/body camera program. They will have 4G connections vs the current 3G and will be able to upload video at the 15 Wi-Fi upload hotspots that we intend to establish across Davidson County. The current computers we have are seven-years-old and have reached the point where replacement, for technology reasons alone, is a priority.

As we move through the hottest time of the year, please take care of yourselves and stay hydrated. Thank you for watching out for vulnerable citizens, including the homeless, to help them avoid being overcome by the extreme heat. As I said to the Madison Chamber Thursday, there is a little bit of Eric Mumaw in all members of the police department. We care about the Nashville community and we want to help people. Please keep that in mind as you work through the tough weather. I sincerely appreciate all that you do to make this city a better place. Nashville's families appreciate it too.

Happenings

Forty-three new police officers graduated from 5½ months of training on June 15th and received their badges during a ceremony at Madison Church of Christ.

Mayor Megan Barry and Chief Steve Anderson presided over the ceremony.

The graduates will spend the next six months rotating among the precincts and riding with Field Training Officers before policing on their own.

Session 81 Class Awards

Top Cop Award

John Chambers

Top Gun Award

Darren White

Physical Fitness Award (Tie)

Jake Carr and David Williford

Law Award

John Chambers

Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award

Andrew McCarron

Officer Michael Petrina Leadership Award

Jason Hees

Academic Excellence Award

John Chambers

On Saturday, June 10th the Behavioral Health Services Division hosted Family Day orientation prior to Session 81 graduation. Seventy-three attendees had the opportunity to tour the MNPD Training Academy and ask questions about what to expect as police families.



Family orientation day.

Session 82

Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson just welcomed 65 police officer trainees on their first day at academy. Graduation set for December 19th.



Session 82 MNPD trainees and new NFD recruits on a joint run at the MNPD Training Academy.



Battle of the Badges

MNPD police officer trainees and Chief Anderson were among hundreds of blood donors who participated in the Battle of the Badges event on July 17th at Nissan Stadium.



Youth Citizen Police Academy

Forty-four teenage young men graduated July 14th from the first-ever MNPD Youth Citizen Police Academy.

The police department partnered with 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee and Mayor Barry's Opportunity Now program to put on the four-session academy, which started on June 9th. During the past three meetings, the young men had a frank discussion about police work with Chief Anderson and other officers, participated in a vehicle stop practicum at the MNPD Training Academy, saw demonstrations by the Aviation, Canine, Mounted Patrol & SWAT Units, and received an overview of the crime-solving sciences housed at the department's Crime Laboratory.

Mayor Barry, Chief Anderson, and 100 Black Men Board Member Lee Molette attended the graduation ceremony.





Chief Anderson meets with attendees of the Youth Citizen Police Academy to discuss issues and answer questions.

Members of the inaugural Youth Citizen Police Academy on July 7th attend a mock crime scene demo outside the MNPD Crime Lab and visited the Training Academy, trading places with police officers during mock vehicle stops.





Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp

Girls attending the Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp were thrilled to meet Mayor Barry during her July 13th visit.



Chief Anderson on July 20th visited with 49 young men attending the FOP's Youth Camp on Old Hickory Lake.





Lots of interest in helicopters. Future MNPD pilots?

Ice Cream Delivery

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for partnering with the MNPD and underwriting the cost of the ice cream and delivery truck that on July 11th traveled from Joelton to North Nashville bringing lots of treats and smiles!



Law Enforcement United Memorial Bike Ride

MNPD officers and support personnel May 10-12 participated in the Law Enforcement United “Road to Hope” memorial bike rides. The 210 mile Pennsylvania Route began in Reading, Pennsylvania and ended in Washington D.C. The ride raised money, awareness, and support for officers killed in the line of duty each year and their families. The trip culminated with the team’s attendance at the Candlelight Vigil in the National Mall. The name of each officer killed in the line of duty in 2016 was read. Collectively, LEU raised \$450,000 for Concerns of Police Survivors, \$100,000 for the Officer Down Memorial Page, and \$50,000 for the Spirit of Blue Foundation. MNPD officers also participated in The Ruff Ride honoring fallen canines. The Ruff Ride is an off-road mountain bike ride in Virginia.

Participants survived the trails of Virginia and the hills of Pennsylvania even though day two of the ride was wet, cold, and miserable. Many thanks to all the businesses and individuals that made contributions and to all who have purchased team merchandise. Without this support, none of this would be possible. MNPD personnel on the Pennsylvania route received the highest team fundraising award, raising 186% of their team fundraising obligation.

Registration for new members for the 2018 ride opens on August 1st, 2017 and always fills quickly. Only sworn law enforcement officers or survivors can ride. However, civilians sponsored by a sworn officer can participate as support personnel. Sworn personnel who don’t wish to ride can also participate as support personnel. Motor officers are also welcome to participate in a support role (with your motor). If you are interested in going next year or have any questions, please contact Josh Black (joshua.black@nashville.gov) at your earliest convenience.

Team Nashville 2017 Pennsylvania route-riders were Sergeant Anthony Brooks, Officer Josh Baney, Officer Natalie Robinson, Officer Gerry Hutcheson, Officer Allen Bates, Officer Josh Black. Support personnel were Officer Burl Johnson, Vera Dedman, Meredith Brooks, Theresa Cooley-Hutcheson, and Rachael Black. Team Nashville 2017 Ruff Ride-Riders were Officer Laura Wall, Officer Kim Brown, Police Advocacy & Support Services civilian employee Matt Ford. Support personnel were Sergeant Corey Wall and Bill Laflamme.





Precinct News

East

Gang Unit detectives on June 8th arrested Keanthony Jones, 18, on a 1st degree murder charge for the May 1st shooting death of Adam Anderson, 30, in a rear parking lot of East Nashville's Lincoln College of Technology (formerly known as Nashville Auto-Diesel College).

Investigation by Detective Jack Stanley led to the identification of Jones, of Thompson Lane, as the alleged gunman.

At the time of the murder, Jones was free on a \$20,000 bond in regard to an aggravated robbery charge. He is accused of robbing an 18-year-old acquaintance at gunpoint on the night of April 22nd on S. 8th Street.

Special Response Team officers on June 13th arrested suspected double murderer Tramell R. Sparkman in Spring Hill a short time after he was indicted by the Davidson County Grand Jury for the May 23rd shooting deaths of Brandon Jordan, 22, and Eric Allen, 38, at 526 S. 8th Street in the James Cayce public housing development.

Investigation by Detective Paul Harris led to the indictment of Sparkman, 28, of Evelyn Street in Columbia, Tennessee. Robbery appears to be a motive.

Officers responding to a shots fired call at 12:50 a.m. on May 23rd found Jordan lying on the ground near the apartment's front porch with a gunshot wound to his upper body. Allen was found just inside the doorway with multiple gunshot wounds to his upper chest.

Sparkman is also under indictment for gunfire while trying to break into an Electric Avenue home in the early morning hours of May 23rd, and for shooting a man on Cleveland Street in the early morning hours of May 24th.

Two women are also in custody as co-defendants in the double murder .

Taylor Roberts, 19, of Parkway Avenue in Columbia, Tennessee, was arrested in Maury County on June 13th on a grand jury indictment charging her with two counts of felony murder and two robbery counts.

Shakiria Webster, 20, of E. Valley Drive in Columbia, is in custody in Sumner County on an unrelated matter and is also under indictment on counts of felony murder and robbery.

A vehicle stop on July 3rd in the 800 block of Boscobel Street for a driver not wearing his seatbelt resulted in the seizure of more than 28 pounds of marijuana, six guns (one reported stolen), and \$23,230 cash.

Convicted felon Dhargham Ateia, 26, was driving a 2017 Nissan Altima rental car when he was stopped by East Precinct Officer Chris Alsup for not wearing his seatbelt. A strong odor of marijuana was detected inside the Altima. Seized during a subsequent search of the car were two handguns, a small bag of marijuana, and \$1,150 cash. Ateia was also in possession of a key fob to a white Mercedes Benz that was seen traveling in front of the rental car. Further investigation by Officer Alsup, Sergeant Marty Reed, and Officer Robert Goodwin led to the identification of Carla Flores, 25, who had exited the Mercedes and entered a nearby residence. She agreed to a consent search of the Mercedes. Seized from the Mercedes were four more guns, a duffle bag containing large clear plastic bags that contained approximately 27 pounds of marijuana, and \$22,080 cash.

Ateia and Flores told officers they recently rented an Airbnb in the 800 block of Boscobel Street and were planning to live there. They are both charged with felony marijuana possession, gun possession during the commission of a drug offense, and theft.



Seized guns, marijuana, and cash.

West

Two 14-year-old armed robbers who made off with a sack of guns and money from Cash America Pawn on Charlotte Pike on July 1st were not fugitives for long thanks to the quick response of West Precinct officers and a team from the Canine Unit.

At 10:40 a.m., Daylan White, of 26th Avenue North, and Lacories Howse, of Briarwick Drive, are alleged to have entered the business. White, armed with a loaded 9 millimeter semi-automatic pistol, and Howse are alleged to have ordered everyone inside to the ground before directing a clerk to get up and open the cash drawer. The clerk was also directed to take eight pistols from the store's inventory and place them in a backpack. The teens then fled the store toward a greenway-creek area. West Precinct officers quickly established a perimeter. Canine Officer Jaime Scruggs and his partner Turbo began tracking the robbers. At 11 a.m., Turbo apprehended Howse, who was carrying the backpack of guns and cash. A pistol that he dropped was recovered. Officers located White in a drainage tunnel. He surrendered without incident at 11:16 a.m. Turbo then went into the tunnel and found the loaded 9 millimeter pistol used in the robbery.

White and Howse were booked into juvenile detention on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Madison

The Madison Church of Christ on July 2nd presented a plaque to Commander Sebastian Gourdin thanking police officers for their service.



Pictured (l-r) are Sergeant Ian Herlein, Commander Sebastian Gourdin, retired Fire Chief Buck Dozier, Sergeant Mark Bradshaw, and Officer Spencer Pittman.

In another wonderful act of kindness, 14-year-old Megan O'Grady of Blue Line Bears constructed special MNPD bears for the family of Eric Mumaw.

Blue Line Bears help children and families of fallen Law Enforcement officers cope with their devastating loss.



A lasting tribute to fallen Officer Eric Mumaw was presented on July 5th to Mission BBQ at Opry Mills. All who dine here will know of his sacrifice.



North

Outstanding, coordinated police work on June 20th led to the arrest of three teens now charged with vehicle theft and evading arrest.

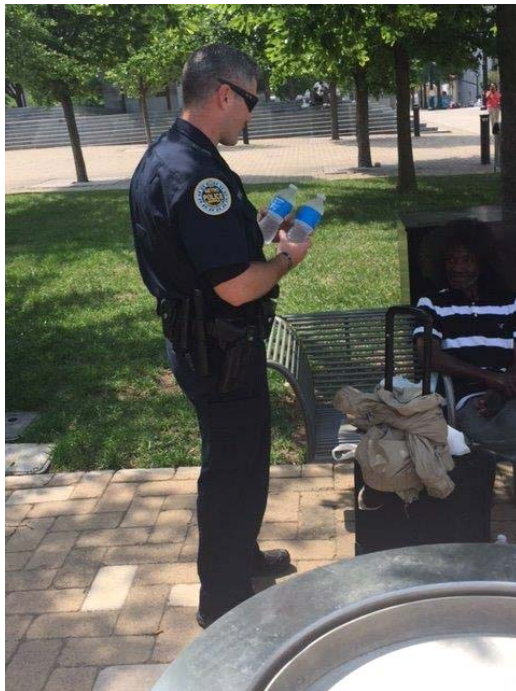
North Precinct Officer Garren Hoskins spotted the young trio in a stolen 2013 Hyundai Elantra on Buchanan Street near 12th Avenue North at 10:30 a.m. The car was taken the day before from a delivery driver on Gallatin Pike at Seymour Avenue in East Nashville.

Officer Hoskins was in a marked patrol car and began to follow the vehicle at a distance while radioing for back up. The driver traveled across Rosa Parks Boulevard into the Germantown/Salemtown neighborhoods. When the driver spotted another marked patrol car at 7th Avenue North and Taylor Street, they bailed from the stolen vehicle which then rolled into the police car, causing minor damage. Two of the teens were immediately apprehended. The third suspect was found 30 minutes later by a canine team hiding between two houses in the 1300 block of 6th Avenue North.

The driver was charged with vehicle theft, evading arrest, driving without a license, and leaving the scene of an accident. The other two teens are charged with vehicle theft and evading arrest.

Central

On the hottest day of the year so far, Central Precinct officers offered cold water to persons downtown.



Mounted Patrol officers visit children attending Nashville First Baptist Church vocational study.



Mounted Patrol officers on June 19th participated in the “Read to Be Ready” summer camp at Cole Elementary School in Antioch.



Midtown Hills

Midtown Hills Precinct detectives charged Sandrez Johnson, 19, and Arbra Sims III, 18, of Edgell Avenue, with the June 12th armed robbery of a man and two women as they walked toward their Villa Place residence.

Johnson and Sims allegedly approached the three victims at 1:15 p.m. and demanded their belongings. They fled on foot with the women’s purses. A short time later, Officer Willie Reaves spotted Johnson walking in the Edgell Homes. Johnson, who is banned from the public housing development, was arrested for trespassing. Further investigation led to Johnson

being identified as one of the gunmen. The victims' belongings were later recovered during the execution of a search warrant at Sims' residence.

Detective Anthony Chandler and Sergeant Michelle Jones on June 14th visited the students at University School of Nashville. The youngsters learned about detective work and even helped Detective Chandler and Sergeant Jones uncover clues to solve a mystery.



Remember learning to ride a bike? Officer Allyson Reis saw a young lady who needed a helping hand and provided assistance.



South

Narcotics detectives on June 20th arrested two men who recently moved from California to East Nashville after they received a package sent from California suspected of containing a significant quantity of marijuana.

Nicholas McGoldrick, 36, and Jamar Seay, 35, of 1416 Sumner Avenue, are charged with possession of marijuana for resale and possession of drug paraphernalia. McGoldrick is also charged with felony gun possession.

Seized during a search of the home were 13 pounds of marijuana, two pistols, \$1,491 cash, and assorted foods, including brownies and rice krispies suspected of containing marijuana/THC.

Warrants Division

Lead Academy High school student Michel Warren enjoyed his summer internship with the Warrants Division, part of the Mayor's Opportunity NOW program. Michel tackled administrative duties and participated in police-oriented activities with other interns.



Specialized Operations Division

Three canine teams participated June 6-8 in the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) certification competition in Hendersonville. Each team successfully completed certification. Congratulations to Officer Jerry Denton and Cletus, Officer Spencer Harris and Ringo, and Officer Corey Haggard and Mojo.



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Jerry Denton and Cletus, Officer Cory Haggard and Mojo, Officer Spencer Harris and Ringo, and Head Trainer Officer Mark Sydenstricker

Domestic Violence Division

A Spanish-speaking class was held recently which addressed the trauma of victimization. Participants learned overall coping skills. Valuable information about the criminal justice system and community resources was also provided.



Specialized Investigations Division

Specialized Investigations Division undercover detectives on July 20th raided three Nashville businesses that have been serving as fronts for prostitution for at least several months. Search warrants were executed at:

- Shine Nails, 2828 Elm Hill Pike, Suite 107;
- Blue Sapphire, 211 Donelson Pike; and
- Healing Arts Massage, 4820 Old Hickory Boulevard, Suite B.

An investigation begun in April after the receipt of citizen complaints centered on the potential crimes of prostitution, the promotion of prostitution, money laundering, and human trafficking. During undercover operations, prostitution activities by Asian women were documented at the businesses on three separate occasions each.

Surveillance shows that the businesses are all related and are operated by four individuals, Loi Lam, 57, Jie Allen, 46, Ying Jiang, 27, and Ying Zhang, 33. The four were surveilled driving young Asian women dressed in provocative clothing, most of the time in a minivan, from a home at 1124 Seven Points Pass and a Central Pike apartment to the three businesses. They would also transport the women in between the businesses during the day.

While observing the operations of Shine Nails on July 3rd, detectives saw ten men enter the salon between 9:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. They stayed for durations of between 52 and 78 minutes.

In addition to raiding the businesses, detectives also searched the home at 1124 Seven Points Pass. That residence, valued at more than \$400,000, is in Jie Allen's name, as are the utilities. Seized from the house were more than \$61,000 cash, records and a new leather sectional with the tags still attached. The police department, in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office, is placing a lien on the property.

Lam, Allen, Jiang, and Zhang are charged with promoting prostitution, a felony. Some of the eight women, all from the Peoples Republic of China, who were working in the businesses today received misdemeanor citations for prostitution. Contacts have been made with advocacy groups who assist sex trade victims to help provide interim assistance to the women.

The potential money laundering and human trafficking aspects of this case remain under investigation.



Investigation by Specialized Investigations Narcotics detectives and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents led to the arrest of Zemez Seraj, 47, who is charged with possession of Khat for resale.

Seraj accepted a package of Khat weighing approximately 60 pounds at her 1416 Running Brook Road residence. During the subsequent execution of a search warrant at the home, detectives and agents seized an additional 130 pounds of Khat and \$9,150 cash.

Khat, a Schedule I drug, is a stimulant derived from a shrub that is native to East Africa and southern Arabia. Khat leaves are typically chewed to release stimulant chemicals.

Seraj is charged with felony Khat possession and tampering with evidence.



An ongoing investigation into the large scale distribution of cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine in the Nashville area resulted in the arrest of three men on felony cocaine possession charges and the seizure of approximately eight pounds of cocaine and a stolen handgun.

The investigation by the Specialized Investigations Division Major Case Task Force, Drug Enforcement Administration agents, and TBI agents alleges that Erwin Rayo, 31, and Blas Garcia, 28, of McMurray Drive, were attempting to sell cocaine in the South Nashville area when they were taken into custody. At the time of their arrest, Garcia was driving a vehicle with Rayo in the front passenger seat. Garcia's 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son were both seated in the back during the attempted drug transaction.

Detectives then conducted a knock and talk at Rayo's Nolensville Pike apartment. Jesus Calderon, 31, answered. During a search of the residence, cocaine, drug paraphernalia and a handgun recently stolen from a LaVergne, Tennessee gun store was recovered from a hamper that contained Calderon's clothes.

Calderon is charged with theft, felon in possession of a weapon, and felony drug possession. At the time of his arrest, he was free on bond from a January arrest for felony drug possession. He is currently jailed in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Rayo is charged with two counts of cocaine possession with intent to distribute. He is being held in lieu of \$300,000 bond.

Garcia is charged with cocaine possession with intent to distribute and two counts of child neglect. He is being held in lieu of \$270,000 bond.

Retirement Celebration

Officer Danny Johnson celebrated 18 years of service



West Precinct Commander Marlene Pardue presents a commemorative plaque to Officer Johnson.

Sergeant Jere “Buddy” Clark celebrated 16 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Madison Precinct Commander Sebastian Gourdin, Sgt. Clark, and Deputy Chief Brian Johnson.

Officer Devery Moses celebrated 30 years of Service



Chief Anderson presents Officer Moses with a commemorative plaque.

Congratulations:

Officer Nicholas Berens, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their son, Andrew Scott Berens, on May 31st.

Detective Trevor VonDohlen, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife, Rachael, welcomed their son, Elliot VonDohlen, on June 8th.

Officer Matt Bajt, North Precinct, and his wife, Kelly, welcomed their son, Ronan Bajt, on June 2nd.

Officer Michael Russell, South Precinct, and his wife, Brittany, welcomed their daughter, Malayah, on June 16th.

Officer Eric Hayes, East Precinct, and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed their daughter, Hayden Grace Hayes, on June 22nd.

Officer William Dean, East Precinct, and his wife, Colleen, welcomed their daughter, Charlotte Mae Dean, on June 30th.

Officer Steven Popp, Warrants Division, and his wife welcomed their son, Kevin Neal Popp, on July 3rd.



Condolences:

Michieal Ramsey, the father of Detective Michieal Ramsey, Youth Services Division, passed away on May 31st.

Julian Wayne Moore Sr., the father of Sergeant Julian Moore, West Precinct, passed away on June 7th.

Debra Crowe, the mother-in-law of Officer Christopher Littles, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Retired Officer Kevin Cooley passed away on June 19th.

Lieutenant Rufus Slay, who retired in 2005 after 40 years of service, passed away on March 16th.

Elizabeth Walker, the grandmother of Officer Michael Russell, South Precinct, passed away on June 29th.

Albert Thompson, the husband of retired civilian employee Pam Thompson, passed away on June 25th.

Bogie Williams, the father of Officer Roderic Williams, South Precinct, passed away.

Joseph Dabbs, the father of Officer Erik Dabbs, South Precinct, passed away on July 5th.