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News from the Chief



Last week's arrest of Sergeant Landon Dunaway on felony theft charges left persons throughout the department angered and saddened. I am among you. Evidence developed last Wednesday is compelling and shows that Dunaway stole cash that he thought was part of a drug investigation. This police department will be asking that he be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. You and I should expect no less. There are two positives out of this. First, the initial information about Dunaway came from a member of this police department

who became suspicious about his behavior during the execution of a search warrant in September and spoke with a superior. I am proud of this individual. Second, I am also proud that this person knows that we are a department which polices itself, and that he could come forward knowing that his concerns would be fully investigated.

Next week, members of The Policing Project, based at New York University's Law School, will be holding inaugural meetings with the deputy chiefs, commanders, and our crime analysis team. Mayor Barry has asked that The Policing Project, directed by Professor Barry Friedman, look at the way the MNPD operates, including how it works closely with neighborhood and community groups to enhance public safety and improve quality of life. The parameters of our work with The Policing Project will be determined based on their first-hand survey of how we do things. Please be open and responsive with representatives of the group.

Earlier this month, a proposed ordinance was introduced in the Metropolitan Council that seeks to establish a "Citizen Oversight Board" for the MNPD. The sponsor had no communication with the department about the proposal. It is my position that the proposed ordinance seeks to put forth a remedy to a situation that does not factually exist. It has always been my position that anyone in the public can look at closed OPA investigations/files and make their own determinations about this department's ability to hold individuals accountable.

The proposed ordinance will be on the council's agenda in January. I will continue to make the department's position known.

Last Saturday, Deputy Chief Huggins, Lieutenant Grant Carroll and Sergeant Tiffany Gibson joined me in Jacksonville, Florida, as we requested reaccreditation of our training academy by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) during its fall meeting. Simply put, the commissioners recognized our commitment to excellence throughout the department as well as in the very important area of training. I deeply appreciated the comment of Commissioner Marcus Brown, Pennsylvania's Homeland Security Director, who made it a point to tell me, "Your department is outstanding as always." I also welcomed the comments of Commissioner Kenton Buckner, the Chief in Little Rock, Arkansas, who spoke of the commitment to law enforcement excellence being contagious in the Nashville area. He made that statement after hearing reaccreditation requests from the Tennessee Department of Safety, Brentwood Police, the Emergency Communications Center and our own training academy. Commissioner Buckner grew up not far from here in Kentucky and is familiar with our area. Please know that your outstanding work is noticed both near and far.



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson, Sgt. Tiffany Gibson, Lt. Grant Carroll, and Deputy Chief Huggins.



Applications are now being accepted until December 15 for college tuition reimbursement from the Nashville Police Support Fund, overseen by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. To be eligible, sworn personnel must be actively contributing to the department's mission and have been reenrolled in an accredited college or university during the fall semester of 2016 or the spring/summer semesters of 2017. Applicants must have obtained a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The on-line application is available at this link: <https://www.cfmt.org/grants-scholarships/scholarships/special-requirement-scholarships/metropolitan-nashville-police-support-scholarship/>. Decisions on distributions from the fund will be made solely by The Community Foundation.

On this Thanksgiving, I am thankful for the dedicated men and women of this police department, good health, and the wonderful city in which we work and live. I hope you have a meaningful time Thursday with those close to you. Thank you for all that you do on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors, and your commitment to ensuring our neighborhoods remain safe during the holiday season and always.

Happenings

East Precinct Officer Doug Smith, United States Marine Corps Sergeant Major (retired), was the Co-Grand Marshal of Nashville's Veterans Day Parade.





MNPD motorcycles leading the parade



MNPD Drill & Ceremony Team

MNPD Officers Partner with Nashville Predator Players

MNPD officers joined Predator players Filip Forsberg and Kevin Fiala for delivery of Thanksgiving meals in the Edgehill community.



The Blueline Buddies Program is going strong as P.K. Subban continues to host a Metro officer and guest along with a mentor and an underprivileged youth before every home hockey game. Subban takes care of the game tickets, dinner, and meets with the group prior to and after the game.



Assistant Football Coach Terry Liggin, Hillsboro High student Chance Williams from AMEND program, P.K. Subban and MNPD Sergeant Mitch Kornberg at the November 15th hockey game.



North Precinct Commander Terrence Graves, his son, his “little brother” from the Big Brothers Program, and the young man’s mom join P.K. Subban for the November 11th hockey game.

Promotion Ceremony

Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson on October 27th congratulated these MNPD men and women who have been promoted into new supervisory positions this year.



Area Harley Owners Donate Thousands to MNPD Charities

Harley Owners Group and Boswell's Harley Davidson on October 27th donated \$34,000 to the MNPD's Christmas Basket Program for needy families and \$10,000 to the Fraternal Order of Police annual Shop with a Cop program for disadvantaged kids.





Gift Cards for Guns

A record 198 guns were turned in on November 4th during the Gift Cards for Guns event at Greater Revelations Baptist Church on 12th Avenue North.



Sergeant Jim Reed, Chief Anderson, Mayor Barry and Pastor Adric Lane examine a Tec-9 semi-automatic.



Church Safety Presentation

More than 200 representatives from area churches attended the November 2nd MNPD Active Shooter presentation at First Baptist Church in downtown Nashville.



Theodore Roosevelt Association Award

Chief Steve Anderson and the local chapter of the Theodore Roosevelt Association on October 26th presented Officer Terrance McBride, who was seriously wounded by a shotgun blast fired by a New York ex-convict, with the Theodore Roosevelt Police Award for Nashville & Middle Tennessee.

McBride, a four-year MNPD veteran, was honored during a noon ceremony in the community room of the Hermitage Precinct.

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

Just before sunrise on December 13, 2016, Officers McBride and Ky Luu responded to the Cumberland Inn on W. Trinity Lane after a citizen reported that a man in room 104 was potentially wanted on outstanding warrants and had spoken of committing a robbery. When the officers knocked on the door, it was answered by a woman who had track marks on her arms and admitted to being a heroin user. Drug paraphernalia was plainly visible through the open door. When the officers twice asked whether anyone else was present, the woman responded no, although her mannerisms appeared strange. Officer McBride walked toward the bathroom, spotted parolee Paul Hardesty, and yelled for him to show his hands. A shotgun blast then rang out from inside the bathroom. Officer McBride was hit in the shoulder. Both officers returned fire. Officer Luu worked to provide cover so that they could both exit the motel room.

Officer McBride was rushed to Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Over the ensuing months, he endured four surgeries to repair damage from the shotgun wound, all the while looking forward to his return to serving Nashville's families as a member of the police department. He returned to light duty in March 2017, and to full duty in April 2017. In August, McBride transferred to the Domestic Violence Division where he is now a detective working to help women and children impacted by violence in the home.

"Terrance McBride is a special kind of police officer," Chief Steve Anderson said. "He calmly and purposefully handled the situation he was presented with in December 2016. Then, he did not allow the trauma of being shot to stand in the way of his commitment to serving this community. It is only fitting that he was selected to be a detective in the Domestic Violence Division where he can use his skill and training to help reduce the impact of family violence on victims who come to us for help."

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. Other cities that present the award include New York City, Metropolitan Washington, D.C., San Diego, Dallas, and Suffolk & Nassau Counties in New York.

Through the generosity of the continuing award sponsor, Rock Solid Roofing Company, a Division of McEwen Home Improvements (RockSolidRoofingTN.com), and the Theodore Roosevelt Association, Detective McBride will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a medal, and a bust of Theodore Roosevelt. A bronze plaque, which bears a likeness of Roosevelt for display at the MNPd, will now include the inscription of McBride's name.

Past MNPd recipients of the Theodore Roosevelt Police 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), Officer Bridget Griepentrog (2014), and Officer John Downs (2016).



Officer Terrance McBride and Chief Anderson with Officer McBride's wife, Candace, and their daughter.



Officer McBride is presented with a \$1,000 award check by Joe McEwen III, President of McEwen Home Improvements & Rock Solid Roofing, the sponsor of the Theodore Roosevelt Award for Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

Law Enforcement Talent Showcase

The annual Law Enforcement Talent Showcase on October 24th was a huge success, raising \$20,000 for the Nashville Children's Alliance!



Showcase organizer West Precinct Commander Marlene Pardue performs at the showcase benefiting abused children.



Special guest Phil Vassar is an annual performer at the Law Enforcement Talent Showcase.



Grand Ole Opry star Ricky Skaggs on the Nashville Palace stage.



Officer Calvin Graham was one of eight MNPD officers who performed at the showcase.

El Protector Fall Camp

The El Protector Program hosted a fall camp with 75 children, ages 7-12, attending. Campers enjoyed a full slate of activities including visits to the Ford Ice Center and Camp Widjiwagen.



Bike Class

Midtown Hills Precinct hosted a law enforcement bike class for 35 participants from several jurisdictions including the Dickson Police Department, Goodlettsville Police Department, State Parks, and Belmont University Security.



Community Shred Day

Community Shred Day on October 28th generated \$4,472 for the Crime Stoppers' reward fund. Thanks to everyone who came out!



Precinct News

East

East Precinct detectives made an arrest for the October 8th fatal shooting of 16-year-old Deberianah Begley in the 700 block of South 8th Street in the James Cayce public housing development. Seventeen-year-old Antonio Gordon-Jenkins of South 8th Court is charged at Juvenile Court with criminal homicide and is being held in detention.

Gordon-Jenkins is alleged to have been in a group of young men when he fired toward another group in a public housing courtyard. Begley, who was sitting on a porch, was fatally hit when she attempted to run for cover.

Investigation by Detective Matt Griffin and his colleagues led to the identification of Gordon-Jenkins as a suspect. The criminal homicide charge was placed after an interview with Gordon-Jenkins this afternoon.

“Firearms in the hands of juveniles all too often lead to heartbreaking tragedy,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “I ask that all parents, guardians and other influential adults work with us to help keep guns out of the hands of minors on the streets. Parents or guardians who have an unwanted firearm in the home can call 615-862-8600 and make arrangements to surrender the weapon to a police officer.”

East Precinct Flex officers arrested three teenagers, two 14-year-olds and one 15-year-old, for an armed carjacking in South Inglewood Park.

The 27-year-old vehicle owner and two friends, ages 24 and 21, were playing football in the park when they were approached by three teens who asked to join the game. They agreed and played football with the teens for 15 to 20 minutes before the two groups went their separate ways. When the three adults returned to the 27-year-old’s 2006 Toyota SUV, the young football players approached with a couple of other teens. One of the teens asked the victims for a cigarette and money for a drink. Suddenly a pistol was pulled and the three adults were ordered out of the SUV. The teens piled in and drove away.

Today, East Precinct officers saw the Toyota traveling in the James Cayce public housing development. The three teens inside it were seen going into an apartment. They were then taken into custody by Flex officers. The victims identified all three from photo lineups as being involved.



Officers on November 2nd enjoyed a friendly game of basketball with Cayce Place youth.

Commander David Imhof on November 2nd met with Cayce Place residents to discuss crime concerns.



Madison

Officer Caesar Harris visited youngsters at the Casa Azafran School's Extended Learning Program on October 26th and discussed Halloween safety.



Hermitage

Congratulations to Detective Jeff Jobe who was honored on November 9th by the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce for his work in solving last December's murder of Krispy Kreme delivery driver Al Baker.



Quick response to a burglary alarm at Affordable Dentures, 932 Allen Road, led to the early morning arrest of convicted felons Jimmy Galindo Jr., 31, and Marco Torres, 26, who are now both charged with aggravated burglary and vandalism.

They are accused of entering the business and attempting to open the safe. When police arrived, they located Torres and Galindo hiding in the ceiling. Torres surrendered himself. Officer Chase Hale and his canine partner Doc apprehended Galindo. Damage to the business exceeded \$1,000.

Torres, of Kirby Avenue, has multiple prior convictions for aggravated burglary and theft. Galindo, of Hewlett Court, has previous convictions for vehicle theft, aggravated assault, and theft.

North

Murder suspect and parolee Danny Haskins, wanted for the October 6th murder of a man outside the Marathon gas station on John A. Merritt Boulevard, is in custody.

Haskins, 57, was taken into custody this evening by a Dyersburg police department task force. He will be brought to Nashville in the near future.

Haskins is alleged to have been the shooter in the murder of Nashvillian Quinton Thornton, 35, who was beside his Dodge Challenger near the gas pumps when he appeared to have words with two men outside an older model gray Lincoln Continental. When Thornton walked over to the Lincoln, he was shot in the back. The shooter then jumped into the

passenger seat of the Lincoln while the second man drove away. Thornton was rushed to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he died.

The alleged getaway driver, Terry Martin, 20, was arrested in Dyersburg on October 9th.

A home check of probationer Antonio Walker by State Probation and Parole staff along with North Precinct undercover detectives has landed Walker, a convicted cocaine felon, back in jail.

Found during a search of his 429 Roger Williams Avenue residence on October 23rd were more than two pounds of heroin, four loaded handguns (one reported stolen), and \$19,538 cash. Walker, 37, admitted to purchasing and selling heroin.

Walker is charged with felony drug possession, felon in possession of a handgun, and theft of property.



Seized guns, heroin, and cash.

A fun time was enjoyed by all at the North Precinct on October 26th as officers hosted area kids for a pre-Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event.



Central

Quick response by Central Precinct officers led to the arrest of Collie Jackson Jr., 58, who allegedly threw pieces of wood and metal from the CSX 8th Avenue South overpass onto the roadway below, striking several vehicles.

Responding officers located Jackson walking away on the railroad tracks. He was carrying a large piece of wood on his shoulder. He ignored officers who ordered him to stop, and started jogging away. Jackson was apprehended a short time later.

Drivers whose vehicles were struck did not report any damage or injury to the police department.

Jackson, who is homeless, is charged with felony reckless endangerment, evading arrest, and criminal trespass. He has previous convictions for assault, theft, attempted burglary, criminal trespass, and indecent exposure.

Thanks to Glengarry Elementary School for inviting MNPD officers to their recent career day.



Midtown Hills

The October 9th robbery at West End Avenue's Rite Aid Pharmacy that resulted in the shooting of an unarmed security guard appears to have been, in part, an inside job.

Midtown Hills Precinct detectives arrested Rite Aid employee Carlos Valcarcel-Arocho, 21, after the investigation determined that he had a role in planning the robbery. Valcarcel-Arocho admitted his involvement in an interview.

Valcarcel-Arocho was working in the store at 4 a.m. on October 9th when alleged gunman Dionte Breedlove, 23, shot security guard Garion Bogard, 22, while robbing the business. Detectives believe Valcarcel-Arocho and Breedlove know each other.

Officer Willie Reaves attended Fall Hamilton Church Elementary's after school program. Officer Reaves educated youngsters on the importance of traffic safety, especially when crossing the street.



Domestic Violence Division

The Domestic Violence Division on October 19th participated in the 15th 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 nine offenders arrested on eight misdemeanors and three felonies, and the service of eleven warrants.



Family Intervention Program/VIP participating on October 28th in the 2017 El Dia de los Muertos at Cheekwood.

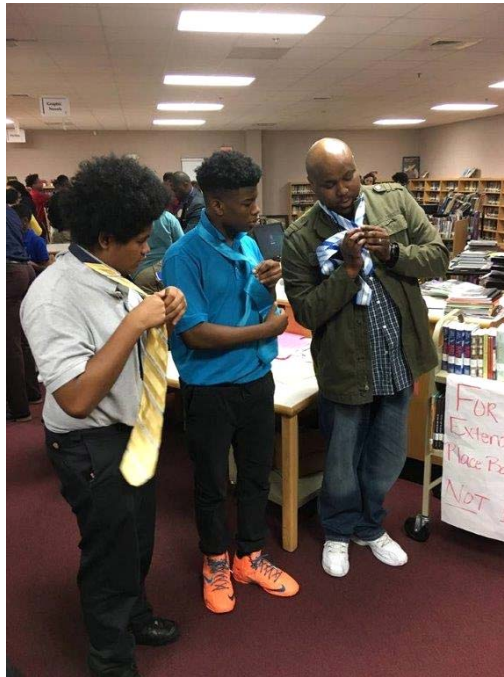


Youth Services Division

Youth Services Division personnel participated in the annual Juvenile Court trunk-or-treat spooktacular hosted by Judge Sheila Calloway. The event drew 125 youngsters.



Members of the Youth Services Division collected more than 100 ties for the Men of Valor Program. MNPD officers then volunteered to assist middle-schoolers in teaching them how to tie a tie.



West Precinct Officer Chris Taylor participated in the Men of Valor program at John Early Paideia Middle Magnet School.

Youth Services and Domestic Violence detectives participated in the Nashville Noticias media Turkey Giveaway event.



Special Operations Division

Canine Unit Sergeant Chris Warner on October 25th visited Christ the King School where 200 children gathered to hear all about police dog Gunner.

On October 26th the duo met with around 40 children at Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital.



Specialized Investigations Division

Emmanuel Thirkill, also known as Hot Boy, 36, of Painter Drive, will soon be headed to federal prison following his guilty plea in U.S District Court to drug trafficking and firearms violations related to crimes in Sudekum public housing.

“As the facts of this case indicate, this defendant seriously miscalculated law enforcement’s interest in his illegal activities,” said Middle Tennessee U.S. Attorney Donald Cochran. “This office and our law enforcement partners will continue our efforts to safeguard our citizens in these public housing areas by removing the bad actors who are so detrimental to their quality of life. A sentence of more than 21 years will put an end to the defendant’s constant criminal activity, for which he has been in and out of state prison on a regular basis. There is no parole in the federal system.”

According to court documents, beginning in May 2016, after being released from prison, Thirkill began selling cocaine in the Tony Sudekem Public Housing Development on a daily basis. Thirkill became the subject of a criminal investigation by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives as part of a concerted effort to reduce crime in the city’s public housing areas.

The investigation determined that Thirkill was receiving a supply of cocaine on a weekly basis, which he stored in his Antioch home located near Thomas Edison Elementary School. On December 6, 2016, MNPD officers attempted to stop Thirkill as he was leaving his

home, but Thirkill fled and temporarily eluded capture. A search warrant was subsequently obtained and executed at Thirkill's home and officers found five ounces of cocaine, \$15,000 cash and a loaded Glock 9 millimeter pistol, which was determined to have been stolen during a home burglary in Sumner County in 2013.

MNPD officers located and arrested Thirkill the following day at a motel in West Nashville. Court documents reflect that Thirkill admitted ownership of the firearm and cocaine and stated that he believed that federal authorities were only focusing on "gang bangers and murderers" and believed he could continue selling drugs in the area without consequence.

Thirkill has four prior felony convictions in state court, since 2001, for trafficking cocaine; two prior felony convictions for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm; and a conviction for attempted reckless aggravated assault.

This investigation was conducted by the MNPD's Gang Unit and the ATF. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sunny A.M. Koshy prosecuted the case.

Over the past two years, a number of individuals have been identified and charged with federal offenses related to public housing areas as part of the continuing violent crime reduction partnership between the MNPD, U.S. Attorney's Office and the ATF.

SID Interdiction Unit officers treated elementary students at Harding Academy to a canine demonstration.



Training Division

Session 83 trainees on November 21st visited the Gordon Jewish Community Center in Bellevue where they attended a Holocaust seminar and toured the center's Holocaust Memorial.



Retirement Celebration

Sergeant John Henry celebrated 29 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson and Sergeant Henry.

Detective Mary Taylor celebrated 30 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson and Detective Taylor.

Congratulations:



Officer Trenton Searcy, Midtown Hills Precinct, welcomed his son, Hudson Murphy Searcy, on October 22nd.

Sergeant Zach Huber, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife, Melissa, welcomed their daughter, Emma Ruth Huber, on November 9th.

Officer Nathan Smith, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife, Janey, welcomed their daughter, Addison Smith, on November 15th.



Condolences:

Garush Sukiasyan, the grandfather of Officer Feliks Abrahamyan, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on October 19th.

Joanie Derrick Conrad, the mother of April Weatherly, Chief of Police, passed away on October 24th.

Taron Tally Jr., the brother of Bernice Stevenson, School Crossing Section, passed away on October 13th.

Norberietta Lewis, the sister of Racine Felton, School Crossing Section, passed away.

Ella Patton, the sister of Annie Blackman, School Crossing Section, passed away.

Rebecca Haggard, the grandmother of Officer Cory Haggard, Canine Unit, passed away.

Retired Officer James Gentry, who served from 1976-1993, passed away on November 9th.

Retired Officer Edward Merryman, who served from 1976-2008, passed away on November 10th.