



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



The past couple of weeks have been tough for our department. As we await the findings of the District Attorney's investigation into the July 26<sup>th</sup> officer-involved shooting, in which the TBI is assisting, I want all of you to remember this: citizens across Nashville support you and the work that this police department is doing. I am hearing this through messages left at my office and from persons I encounter on the street. I expect that many of you are hearing the same. Do not let the criticism from anyone

dissuade you from continuing to work smartly and closely with your neighborhoods and communities. As a Vanderbilt poll reminded us, 84% of Nashvillians approve of the work this police department does. Thank you for your commitment to public service in this great city. I and the vast majority of the public deeply appreciate your dedication and sacrifices.

From David Kennington, MA, LPC, MHSP  
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It has been more than two years since five police officers were murdered in Dallas. Following that tragedy, our police family shared feelings of shock, sadness, anger and anxiety. In July of 2016, BHS/PASS offered a series of family support groups to the spouses/partners/parents of all MNPD employees. We offered multiple groups at multiple times at multiple locations.

In response to the events of the last 48 hours here in Nashville, we would like to offer more support groups to all MNPD employees, including both sworn, civilian, and their families. Please know that we are coordinating, planning and organizing the groups today, in hopes of offering them next week and beyond. We will put out more information as we progress in our planning.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I would also welcome feedback on desired times, locations. I know 2 years ago, we had morning, afternoon and evening groups. We met at Hermitage, South and in midtown at the BHS/PASS office. We will do our best to accommodate your unique needs.

Due to the sensitivity of the expected content in these groups, it is recommended that all groups be for adults only. We are also working on group issues, such as size of group and participants (i.e. spouses/partners only vs. family only vs. sworn vs civilian vs. mixed groups). We need to assess the needs and plan accordingly.

The goal is to provide a place where you/your family can share/process any thoughts and emotions. The goal is to give AND receive support from others in your police family. The goal is to identify healthy coping skills and build more external support systems. Everything will of course be free of charge and completely confidential.

## **Happenings**

Neighborhoods across Nashville on August 7<sup>th</sup> participated in Night Out Against Crime events.





## Metro Officers Come to the Aid of Nashvillians

Chief Anderson expressed his appreciation to South Precinct Officer Madison Meiss, who saved the life of a 5-day-old boy. His parents were rushing their newborn son, who had stopped breathing, to the hospital when they pulled over along a busy road and sought Officer Meiss' help. Officer Meiss was finishing up a call in her patrol car. When she couldn't find a pulse, Officer Meiss immediately began CPR on the baby who then began breathing again. The child is back at home with his parents thanks to Officer Meiss' lifesaving actions.



**Chief Anderson recognizes Officer Meiss during the department's weekly Compstat meeting.**

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church on Monroe Street hosted a summer camp that drew 100 youngsters. Sergeant Alfredo Arevalo reached out to the pastor after learning that they needed assistance in providing food for the children. The Hispanic and Black Police Officers Association joined together in donating 300 hotdogs, buns and bottled water, along with a monetary donation to assist with the camps efforts.



Madison Precinct Officer Sam Kersten on a very hot July day helping push a stranded motorist on Myatt Drive.



Officer Cecilia Gomez became aware that a woman had unexpected car repairs that left her unable to buy food and diapers. Officer Gomez and the Fraternal Order of Police provided her with a gift card for groceries and a new clothes washer/dryer since hers had recently broken down.



## **Police Officer Graduation**

The Nashville Police Department welcomed 33 new police officers on June 21<sup>st</sup> as the recruit class known as Session 84 formally completed 5½ months of rigorous physical and classroom training.



### **Session 84 Award Winners**

Academic Excellence Award  
Officer Heather Flowers

Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award  
Officer Maccio Hightower

Physical Fitness Award  
Officer Jason Milyaro-Lucas

Officer Michael Petrina Leadership Award  
Officer Corey Oakley

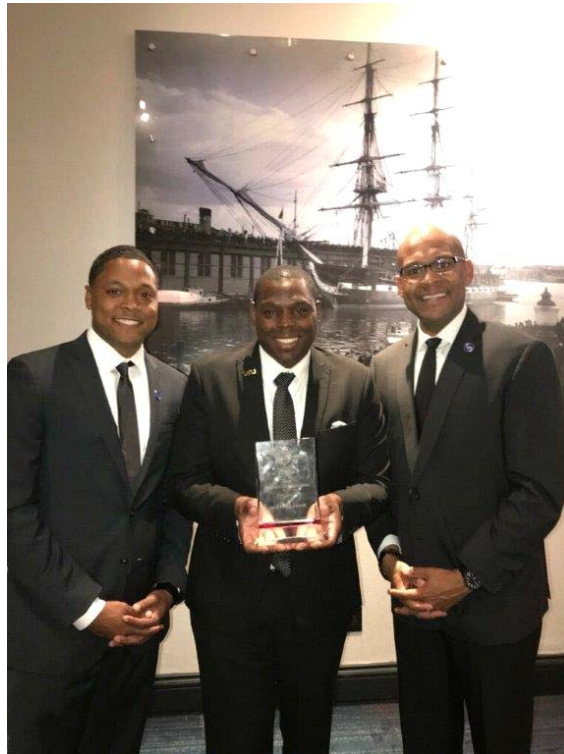
Top Cop, Firearms, and Law Awards  
Officer Chase Harriman

Officer trainees attend class at the Jewish Community Center in Bellevue where they learned about the Jewish faith, its history, and the holocaust.



### **Collegiate Citizen Police Academy**

The MNPD's partnership with Tennessee State University in pioneering a Collegiate Citizen Police Academy was recognized by the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities at a June 22<sup>nd</sup> awards ceremony. TSU won for Best Student Organization.



**Joining TSU Dean of Students Frank Stevenson (center) at HBCU awards ceremony in Baltimore are MNPD Sergeants Rickey Bearden (left) and Raymond Jones (right).**

## Youth Citizen Police Academy

MNPD partnered with 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee for another great Youth Citizen Police Academy. Twenty-eight young men graduated during a July 20<sup>th</sup> ceremony at Lipscomb University.



Congratulations to the 25 young women who on June 29<sup>th</sup> graduated from the Youth Citizen Police Academy. They learned about police work and developed long-lasting relationships.





## Officers Honored

Belmont University honored Officers Nicholas Diamond and Trent Craig at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Heroes Among Us ceremony. Officers Diamond and Craig were recognized for their efforts to save Officer Eric Mumaw, who was attempting to rescue a suicidal woman when he drowned in the Cumberland River.



## Detective Chad Gish Named Police Officer of the Year

Nashvillians came to know of Detective Chad Gish's outstanding work through his courtroom testimony in the series of Vanderbilt rape trials. The Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP) named Gish Police Officer of the Year for 2018. Gish received the award on the final night of the TACP's annual conference, held this year in Knoxville.

"Detective Gish is a humble man who possesses an extraordinary knowledge of electronics, a vital need for modern day law enforcement," Chief Steve Anderson said. "His work analyzing computers, tablets and cell phones has helped to bring many egregious criminals to justice for offenses including murder, rape, robbery, and the manufacture and trafficking of child pornography. His work is known to state and federal prosecutors in Nashville, as well as law enforcement agencies across the country."

Detective Gish is a 20-year veteran of the MNPd who is presently assigned to the Surveillance & Investigative Support Unit (SISU) based at police headquarters. He has been in SISU for 13 years after serving stints in an Armed Robbery Unit and patrol.

Detective Gish's meticulous work on the Vanderbilt case, in both Nashville and California, where one of the defendant football players was from, involved very technical

analysis of cell phones and laptop computers. He was able to recover extremely incriminating evidence, which the defendants thought they had deleted. He worked closely with the victim in this case. At the conclusion of one of the trials, Detective Gish said of the victim, “She is a true pillar of strength and my hero. I hope my daughter grows up as strong as she is.”



**Pictured (l-r) are Chief Steve Anderson, Detective Gish, and TACP President and Smyrna Police Chief Kevin Arnold.**

Hundreds of youngsters were treated to a week-long summer camp sponsored by Nashville’s Fraternal Order of Police at Old Hickory Lake.



**Canine Officer Spencer Harris & Ringo, and Sergeant/helicopter pilot Kurt Knapp stopped by to visit camp during the sixth and final session.**

## McDonalds Provides “Positive Tickets”

Local McDonald’s owners Chad Gray and Mike Waldram are supplying “positive tickets” good for free cones that officers will be giving to deserving kids in our community over the summer. We appreciate the partnership!



Pictured (l-r) are Chad Gray, South Precinct Commander Paul Trickey, and Mike Waldram.

## Strong Families Initiative

Metro officers, including Mounted Patrol, participated in MDHA’s Strong Families Initiative events on July 5<sup>th</sup> which included food, music and activities.



## Police Motorcycle Rodeo and Skills Training Event

Eight MNPD motorcycle officers participated in the 2018 Hendersonville Police Department's Rodeo and Skills Training event.

Officers are put through several complicated and challenging courses. These courses require the operator to quickly evaluate their own skills, ability, and maneuverability of the motorcycle in a simulated stressful environment. At the end of the week, instructors critique and score the best operators.



Officers Michael Douglas (l) and Brandon O'Guin (r) both placed in the Novice category.



## Precinct News

### East

East Precinct officers arrested two teens, ages 16 and 19, for an armed carjacking that occurred just before midnight on Lischey Avenue and Cleveland Street.

The owner was standing by his Mazda 6 sedan when he was approached by two suspects who demanded his car keys at gunpoint. They entered the vehicle and drove off. Officer Amanda Hane later located the victim's car, which had crashed and was unoccupied, on Jones Avenue near Edwin Street. Officer Michael Wolterbeek then spotted the suspects walking together between residences near Jones and Wesley Avenues where they were taken into custody.

During interviews, Tremarcus Martin, 19, and Amir Baylor, 16, both admitted their involvement in the carjacking. A .380 caliber handgun was recovered from the victim's car.

Martin, of Joseph Avenue, is charged with aggravated robbery. Baylor, of Pennington Avenue, is charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery.

Rifle toting carjacker and suspected car burglar Robert L. Johnson, 18, was arrested after East Precinct officers, the Juvenile Crime Task Force, an MNPd helicopter crew and the SWAT team worked together to bring him into custody.

One June 22<sup>nd</sup> the Juvenile Crime Task Force and the helicopter crew began heading toward the James Cayce public housing development after receiving word that an East Precinct officer had spotted a Hyundai Genesis sedan that had been stolen earlier in the day from Cana Circle in West Nashville (the keys had been left inside).

As officers neared the area, the car began to move with Johnson behind the wheel. He ignored officers' attempts to stop him, jumped the curb and sped away. While being monitored from the air, Johnson entered Ellington Parkway for a brief time before getting off and crashing into a utility pole on Briarville Road. With rifle in hand, Johnson walked to a nearby service station and carjacked a 22-year-old man of a 2013 Ford Fusion. The helicopter crew then monitored the Fusion as it traveled to Charter Village Apartments at 333 Rio Vista Drive in Madison. As ground officers arrived, the Emergency Communications Center received a report of a home invasion at one of the apartments by a man matching Robert Johnson's description. The residents of the apartment safely fled when Johnson entered. MNPd SWAT officers responded to the apartment and gave Johnson repeated commands to surrender before he finally complied.

The officers' work led to the recovery of two stolen vehicles, an AK-47 rifle, and the arrest of Robert Johnson. He was charged with robbery/carjacking, felony evading arrest, two counts of auto burglary, aggravated criminal trespassing and four counts of violating his probation that stemmed from arrests in March and April of this year.

Johnson was later charged federally by the U.S. Attorney with carjacking and using a gun in the commission of a violent crime.

## West

Two teens, ages 15 and 17, are charged after they attempted to carjack two women's vehicles in separate incidents on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The teens approached the first victim at 6:20 p.m. She was sitting inside her car in the Hill Center parking garage in the 4000 block of Hillsboro Pike. The suspects ran up to her vehicle, one on each side, and opened doors on the driver and passenger side. They yelled for her to get out of her vehicle. As they attempted to pull her from the vehicle, she screamed and held down her car horn. The teens fled on foot. The victim sustained minor injuries but refused treatment.

Approximately one hour later, a woman parked her car in the Kroger parking lot, 2201 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, and as she walked toward the store, one of the teens grabbed the keys out of her hand. Both got inside the victim's vehicle. After a few seconds, they exited the car and fled on foot, apparently unable to drive a manual transmission.

A short time later, officers spotted both teens in the area and took them into custody. They were positively identified as the young men involved in both incidents. The teens are each charged in Juvenile Court with attempted robbery/carjacking, theft of property, and attempted theft of a vehicle.

## Madison

Three teens and a 33-year-old convicted felon are charged with aggravated robbery for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> armed hold-up outside the Twice Daily at 3863 Dickerson Pike.

The victim got the attention of Madison Precinct Detective Daniel Kordie who pulled into the Twice Daily. The victim pointed out the suspect vehicle, a black Chevrolet Impala, as it pulled out of the parking lot. Detective Kordie immediately aired a description of the car. Officers in the area attempted to stop the Impala but the driver fled, later stopping on Douglas Avenue near Ellington Parkway. The driver and front seat passenger bailed from the vehicle. The rear passengers, convicted felon Terrance Talley Sr., 33, and Arondae Garrett, 16, stayed in the car. After a foot chase, officers apprehended Tyshawn Garrett, 19, and Darrell Hodge Jr., 16. A nine-millimeter handgun was recovered on railroad tracks along the suspects' path of flight.

All four suspects admitted their involvement in the robbery. Talley, who has previous convictions for aggravated assault, aggravated burglary, theft, and domestic assault, is charged with aggravated robbery and evading arrest. Talley is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond. Tyshawn Garrett is charged with aggravated robbery and two counts of evading arrest. He is being held on \$102,500 bond.

Hodge and Arondae Garrett are charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery.

All four suspects are of South 5<sup>th</sup> Street in East Nashville.

Madison Precinct officers donated backpacks to Amqui Elementary School for needy fourth graders.



**Pictured (l-r) are Amqui Vice-Principal Joi Mitchell, Officer Jessica Ware, Guidance Counselor Latonya Winfrey, Lt. William Mackall, Amqui Principal Latoya Cobb, Sgt. Henry Particelli, and Commander Sebastian Gourdin.**

## **Hermitage**

After years of responding to thousands of calls at the Lafayette Street Z-Mart and a neighboring temporary staffing business, the MNPd on July 11<sup>th</sup> declared that enough is enough and the drain on the resources of the Hermitage Precinct has to stop.

Both Z-Mart and Staff Zone, at 24 Lafayette Street and 20 Lafayette Street respectively, have been declared public nuisances in temporary injunctions and padlocking orders issued by Criminal Court Judge Steve Dozier.

The investigation that led to the padlockings was conducted by the Hermitage Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit with assistance from the MNPd Fraud Unit.

Over a seven year period, MNPd units responded to more than 3,000 calls for service at Z-Mart, twice as many as the next busiest market within a one-mile radius.



15-year-old David Earl Mays, has been charged with two counts of aggravated robbery in connection with two Nashville carjackings.

Mays has been identified as one of two teens who approached a resident on Vanderhorst Drive on July 5<sup>th</sup> and, at gunpoint, robbed him of his cash, debit card, and a 2006 silver Honda Accord. Mays has also been identified as the gun-toting teen who approached a 26-year-old man at a gas station on Music Valley Drive on Sunday and robbed him of his belongings and a 2016 Nissan Maxima.

A several month investigation into last October's death of Terra Lynn Rich inside an apartment on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street in Old Hickory has led to the indictment of her boyfriend, Chavis F. Rodgers, 34, on a charge of first-degree murder.

Hermitage Precinct officers responded to the apartment last October 23<sup>rd</sup> to check on the welfare of the residents after Rodgers' family became concerned about him. Rodgers was home when officers arrived. Rich, 36, was found dead on the bedroom floor. Her cause of death was not readily apparent and a full autopsy was conducted. Earlier this year, the Medical Examiner concluded that Rich died from blunt force trauma to her head and neck and that the manner of death was homicide.

Hermitage Precinct Detective Gregg Jennings recently presented the results of the investigation to the Davidson County Grand Jury, which returned the indictment against Rodgers.

Hermitage Precinct Motor Officers Thomas Odom and Joshua Hausman met with more than 100 children at Camp Skillz in Old Hickory.



## **North**

North Precinct detectives on July 21<sup>st</sup> charged a 15-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl with carjacking a man of his 2017 Ford F-150 pickup truck from the Shell gas station at 5470 Brick Church Pike.



Deontaye Gooch-Blacksmith and the 13-year-old are charged at juvenile detention with aggravated robbery, aggravated assault and evading arrest. The two were apprehended by members of the Juvenile Crime Task Force after a brief foot chase in the area of Revels Drive and Highland Trace Drive.

At 6:40 p.m., the 37-year-old owner of the pickup truck and his 14-year-old daughter stopped at the gas station and went inside (the keys to the truck were left in the ignition). The 14-year-old happened to look outside and saw a strange girl getting into the pickup truck. She then saw a teenage boy get out of a nearby white SUV and head toward the F-150. Both father and daughter went outside and confronted the boy (who was subsequently identified as Gooch-Blacksmith) with “What do you think you’re doing?” Gooch-Blacksmith reached for his waistband and reportedly replied, “I’m gonna bust you.” Both victims believed he had a gun so they backed away in fear of being shot. Gooch-Blacksmith got into the pickup truck and took off.

North Precinct officers arrived at the gas station quickly and broadcast the description of the truck. Detective Josh Combs located it abandoned on Paige Circle near Revels Drive. Juvenile Crime Task Force officers responded to the area and spotted Gooch-Blacksmith and the 13-year-old girl walking on Revels Drive. They matched the exact description of the carjacking suspects. Officers tried to stop the two and both took off running. They were caught after a brief chase. The teens were shown to the victims and both were positively identified as the carjackers. The key to the F-150 was found in the girl’s pocket. Gooch-Blacksmith and the 13-year-old were brought to the North Precinct, where they refused to answer detectives’ questions before being transported to detention.

Erick Archibald, 21, was arrested on a grand jury indictment charging him with the December 2, 2016 shooting death of Moniteon Smith, 19, in a parking lot of Swett’s Restaurant at 2725 Clifton Avenue.

Smith had driven into the lot and waited approximately ten minutes before another vehicle parked next to him at 5:30 p.m. Smith got into the passenger side of that car where an apparent struggle ensued. The passenger door opened and Smith fell to the ground.

Archibald, of South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, is charged with first-degree murder and especially aggravated robbery.

A 15-year-old who hopped in and stole a Volkswagen Jetta that had been left running outside a Dr. D.B. Todd Boulevard convenience market did not ride around for long.

North Precinct undercover detectives and an MNPd helicopter on July 3<sup>rd</sup> used a GPS tracking program to follow the Jetta until it parked behind a residence on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. The 15-year-old was taken into custody and disarmed of the stolen semi-automatic pistol he was carrying. He was booked into juvenile detention.

Four persons are in custody and five handguns, four of which were reportedly taken during an armed robbery at Music City Pawn, 2638 Nolensville Pike, were recovered after a vehicle stop Wednesday.

North Precinct Officer Anthony Cavis stopped the driver of a BMW sedan for an improper left turn at 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Rosa Parks Boulevard. Officer Cavis detected a strong odor of marijuana as he approached the car. The driver, James Horton Jr., 24, told Officer Cavis that he had just smoked marijuana. Seized during a subsequent search of the car were five stolen handguns, four of which had been reported stolen from Music City Pawn. The fifth handgun was reported stolen during a vehicle burglary. A wallet taken during a March 17<sup>th</sup> robbery on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North was also recovered.

Horton and his passengers, Pacresha Cosby, 25, and convicted felons Hakeem Mannie, 29, and Herbert Marsh, 28, are charged with theft and unlawful gun and drug possession. Additionally, Mannie and Marsh are charged with felons in possession of a handgun.

## **South**

Two teens, Jannette Esquivel, 19, and Aaron Trejo, 17, are charged with five separate armed hold-ups that occurred on July 7<sup>th</sup> in South Nashville, including a shooting in the 3200 block of Cloudfalls Trace that critically injured a male victim.

Officers quickly responded to the robbery/shooting on Cloudfalls Trace just after 9 p.m. The victim was shot after he struggled with two young male suspects armed with handguns. He was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he is in stable condition.

Witnesses reported that the suspects fled in a black Chevrolet Equinox. A short time later, officers attempted to stop the suspect SUV near the intersection of Murfreesboro Pike and Couchville Pike but the driver sped off. Officers with the LaVergne Police Department later stopped the Equinox and took the driver, Esquivel, and her passenger, Trejo, into custody. A third suspect, believed to be a young male Hispanic in his teens, fled on foot. He remains at large. Two handguns were recovered.

During an interview with South Precinct detectives, Esquivel admitted her involvement in the Cloudfalls Trace robbery and the following four hold-ups which all occurred outside residences:

- At 7:45 p.m. two victims sitting on a porch were robbed on Waikiki Boulevard;
- At 8 p.m. one victim sitting in his vehicle was robbed at 500 Piccadilly Row;
- At 8:45 p.m. three victims were robbed at 2714 Murfreesboro Pike;
- At 8:50 p.m. one victim was robbed outside his Terrapin Trail residence.

Esquivel, of Smyrna, Tennessee, is charged with seven counts of aggravated robbery and one count of especially aggravated robbery. Trejo, of Bell Road, is charged in Juvenile Court with three counts of aggravated robbery and one count of especially aggravated robbery.

A federal grand jury sitting in Nashville returned a five-count indictment charging two members of the MS-13 gang with murder in aid of racketeering in relation to the September 24, 2017 shooting deaths of two men outside Maple Crest Apartments on Natchez Court.

Oscar Delgado Flores, also known as Flaco, 24, of El Salvador, and Luis Colindres, also known as Listo, 21, of Honduras, were also charged with conspiracy, witness tampering, using, carrying and discharging a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, and causing death through the use of a firearm.

The indictment alleges that Flores and Colindres shot and killed Hector Eduardo Zuniga-Zelaya, 35, as well as Yeri Hernandez-Gabino, 18, in order to prevent Hernandez-Gabino from communicating with law enforcement about the commission of their crimes, including the murder of Zuniga-Zelaya.

If convicted, the defendants face up to life in prison.

This case is being investigated by South Precinct detectives, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Ahmed Safeullah and Sunny A.M. Koshy of Nashville and Trial Attorney Matthew Hoff of the Justice Department's Criminal Division Organized Crime and Gang Section are prosecuting the case.

### **Juvenile Crime Task Force**

Juvenile Crime Task Force officers on August 8<sup>th</sup> arrested 16-year-old Javonterious Starnes on a charge of criminal homicide for the gunshot death of 55-year-old Beverly Hicks, an innocent woman who died July 10<sup>th</sup> from bullets fired into her Calais Circle home in Antioch a month earlier on the evening of June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Starnes' co-defendant, 17-year-old Deandre Ridley, was picked up at a Maury County juvenile facility and brought to Nashville where he, too, is being charged with criminal homicide.

On the evening of June 11<sup>th</sup>, person(s) in a silver Nissan Maxima opened fire on the Calais Circle home. Bullets went through a window and struck Hicks, who was in bed. She was rushed to Vanderbilt University Medical Center and ultimately died of complications of being shot.

The investigation by South Precinct Detective Desmond Sumerel shows that the gunfire stemmed from a dispute Starnes and Ridley were having with Hicks' nephew, 16-year-old Lazerick Lambert. Starnes and Ridley are alleged to have robbed and shot Lambert June 8<sup>th</sup> on Haynes Park Drive. The bullets that killed Hicks are alleged to have been fired in furtherance of the dispute between the teenagers, in that Lambert also lived at the Calais Circle residence.

Juvenile Crime Task Force officers arrested two teens on outstanding warrants for their involvement in a June 24<sup>th</sup> shootout on Charles E. Davis Boulevard near Cannon Street that injured three persons.

Officers developed information that Kemontae Hill, 18, and a 15-year-old were at 689 Lewis Street. During the execution of a search warrant, officers made entry and found both teens hiding in upstairs bedroom closets.

Investigation by Hermitage Precinct detectives showed that Hill and the 15-year-old were in a violent feud with one of the victims, a 16-year-old who was critically injured in an exchange of gunfire. The 16-year-old was sitting inside a parked vehicle at the time of the shooting. A 57-year-old man sitting on a wall nearby was struck in the leg. Another innocent bystander, a 24-year-old woman, suffered a graze wound to her shoulder.

Hill, of Tulip Grove Road, is charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, unlawful handgun possession, vandalism, criminal trespass, evidence tampering, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He is being held in lieu of \$308,500 bond. The 15-year-old is charged in Juvenile Court with attempted murder, aggravated assault, vandalism, juvenile handgun possession (2<sup>nd</sup> offense), and evidence tampering.

Juvenile Crime Task Force officers recovered a stolen car and two pistols, one of which was stolen, while conducting a walking patrol in the area of 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North and Osage Street.

As they walked along the street, the officers noticed a Ford Taurus with a strong smell of marijuana coming from it. A 16-year-old who possessed keys to the Taurus was standing next to the car. The 16-year-old had four outstanding juvenile court charges and was taken into custody. A search of the Taurus revealed a stolen Glock nine millimeter pistol that was taken during a home burglary. Officers then turned their attention to a running but unoccupied Toyota Camry parked across the street. A records check revealed the Camry was stolen from 4040 Hillsboro Pike on May 19<sup>th</sup> after it was left with the keys in the ignition. Inside the Camry was a Glock .40 caliber pistol and a 30 round magazine for an AR-15 rifle.

Canine Unit Officer Braden Gant spotted a stolen Honda CR-V traveling along Buena Vista Pike. The Honda stopped at a convenience market and Officer Gant radioed for backup. Task Force officers responded and assisted in taking the driver, Ladarius Nelson, 22, into custody without incident as he left the store. Inside the Honda was a stolen nine millimeter pistol that was taken from a Murfreesboro gun store, marijuana, cocaine, Xanax pills, and a digital scale. The Honda had been stolen from a Murfreesboro residence.

Nelson, a convicted robber, is charged with auto theft, gun theft, unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon, and several drug offenses.

The Task Force's stop of a Toyota Scion for an inoperable light on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Heiman Street led to the discovery of an attempted murder suspect.

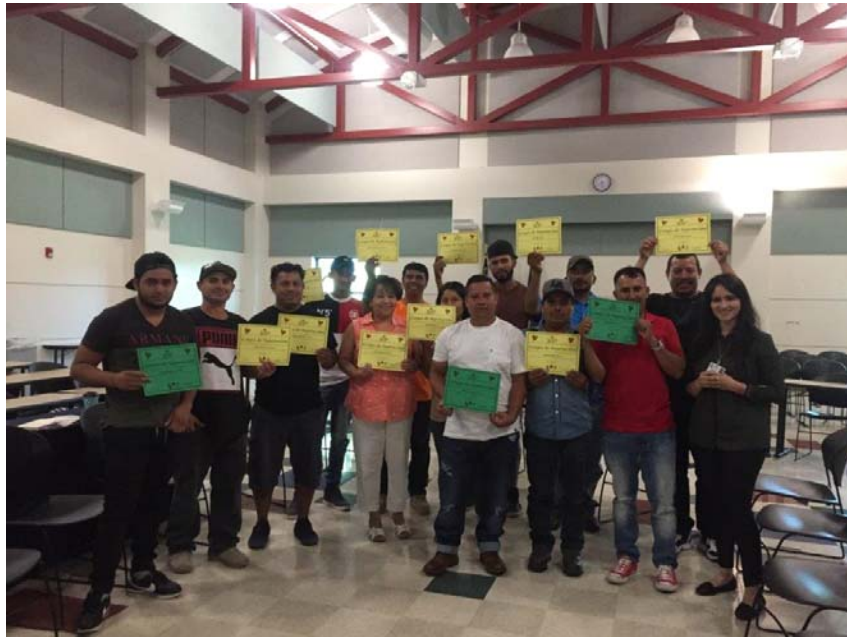
Habey Hussein, 20, was wanted for shooting Justus Vaughn, 20, in the head on the night of June 5<sup>th</sup> near the intersection of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue North & Dowlan Street in the Cumberland View public housing development. Hussein and his brother, Osman Hussein, 17, are believed to have engaged in a shootout with Vaughn, who was critically injured but is still alive. Habey Hussein is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bond. Efforts are continuing to locate Osman Hussein, who is named in a Juvenile Court arrest order charging attempted murder.

## Domestic Violence Unit

Detectives and Family Intervention Program personnel attended a community meeting celebrating immigrants.



Bianca Vital and Leidy Carvajal facilitated and presented a course in recovering from being a crime victim.



## Fraud Unit

MNPD Fraud detectives on June 23<sup>rd</sup> charged two men, one Romanian, the other French, with identity theft trafficking, felony theft and criminal simulation for using debit-type cards encoded with the information of innocent persons to steal money from their bank accounts.

Dragos Diaconu, 39, who carried a French passport, is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bond. Daniel Gargarita, 35, who carried a Romanian passport, is being held in lieu of \$75,000 bond.

First Tennessee Bank security provided a description of the suspects' vehicle, a Toyota Camry with a Delaware license plate, after its ATMs were victimized by the scheme. The car was spotted by Detective James Laster late Friday night near a First Tennessee Bank branch on Abbott Martin Road. Laster watched as Diaconu went to the ATM and withdrew money. After Diaconu returned to the car, Detective Laster stopped it and arrested both men. Inside the Toyota were \$5,224 cash and 32 debit-type cards believed to be encoded with the stolen information of innocent persons.

The United States Secret Service and U.S. Homeland Security are assisting in this continuing investigation.

### **Retirement Celebration**

Lieutenant Chuck Carter celebrated 31 years of service



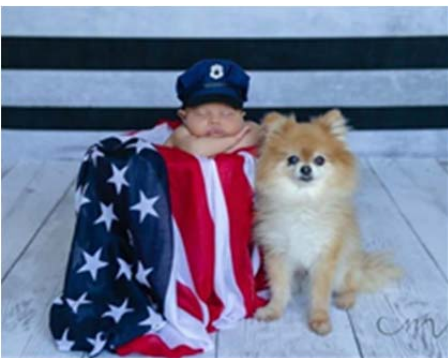
**Pictured (l-r) are Lt. Carter and Chief Anderson.**

Sergeant James Lane celebrated 30 years of service.



Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. Lane and Commander Terrance Graves

## Congratulations:



Officer Justan Vance, and his wife, Emily, welcomed their son, Justan, on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Officer Nicholas Smith, East Precinct, and his wife, Tabitha, welcomed their daughter, Abigail, on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Officer Sam Miller, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Rosalie Blake Miller.

Jonathan McGowen, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife, Rudie, welcomed their son, Jonas, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sergeant Nick Kulp, and his wife, Kristina, welcomed their daughter, Ava Grace Kulp, on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Condolences:**

Howard Bouchie, the father of Courtney Bouchie, Forensic Services, passed away on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Debra Dianne Duncan, the mother of Detective Natalie Robinson, South Precinct, passed away on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Tim Reed, the brother of Sergeant Marty Reed, East Precinct, and brother-in-law of Jeanette Reed, East Precinct, passed away on Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Retired Officer Wayne Hughes, who retired in 2007 after 33 years of service, passed away.

Retired Sergeant Mark Wells, who retired in 2017 after 23 years of service, passed away.

Donald Timm, the grandfather of Sergeant John Timm, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Joyce Holt, the mother of retired employee Jerry Holt, passed away on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Richard Hayes, the brother of Phillip Hayes, IT, uncle of Ashley Pytlewski, South Precinct Investigations, and brother-in-law of retiree Judy Hayes, Payroll, passed away on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Retired Sergeant Ralph Kimbro, who retired in 1988 after 29 years of service, passed away on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Wesley Miller, the father-in-law of Sergeant Michael "Tony" Blackburn, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Arthur Dillon, the grandfather of Beth Ross, Facility Security, passed away on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

JoAnne Progar, the mother of Officer Joe Progar, East Precinct, passed away on July 28<sup>th</sup>.