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News from the Chief



As 2018 draws to a close and we prepare to successfully meet the challenges of 2019, I want to thank each of you for your work on behalf of Nashville's families. I know very well that tremendous work is being done at all hours of the day and night every day of the year by the men and women of the MNPD. This work is not unnoticed by the victims who call upon us for help, and by the citizens who understand your strong dedication and commitment to the safety of Nashville.

I am pleased to report that construction on our new headquarters building at 600 Murfreesboro Pike is practically complete, with the exception of a few touchups and final additions. Most components will move into the new building during the first two weeks of January. My office, the Public Affairs Office, and SISU detectives will be moving into the new building today and next week.

On Monday morning, Christmas Eve, this police department, for the 58th consecutive year, will deliver food baskets and toys to men, women and children comprising more than 200 needy families. Most of the families were recommended for our Christmas Basket Program by officers who came into contact with them during the year. I cordially invite all MNPD employees, no matter how long you have been with us, to join your colleagues Monday morning at 6404 Centennial Boulevard, the old Tennessee State Prison. Your families are invited too. Family members and friends are permitted to ride with you in police vehicles to make deliveries. Roll Call is at 5:30 a.m., and deliveries will begin immediately thereafter.

This program would not be possible without your caring spirit and donation of time. It would also not be possible without the Harley Owners Group, Tennessee Titans and other sponsors in the community who donate toys, food and money to ensure that our Christmas Basket Program continues to help disadvantaged families in our community. I am grateful to Captain Harmon Hunsicker, who has taken on the role of Christmas Basket "Chief Elf," as well as all of the other MNPD staff members and volunteers who have been meticulously planning for the deliveries. I really hope to see you Christmas Eve morning. In the meantime, my wife,

Margaret, and I wish for each of you a joyous and meaningful holiday with family and/or friends. Thank you, again, for all that you have done and will do to better the lives of Nashville's citizens.



Bubba Boswell on behalf of Boswell's Harley Davidson and Harley Owners Group presents a \$25,000 check to "Chief Elf" Captain Harmon Hunsicker for the Christmas Basket Program.

The Tennessee Titans donated these toys to the Christmas Basket Program. Players Dion Lewis and Adoree' Jackson presented the toys to Chief Anderson and officers.



Thank you to all who took part in the weekend toy drive for the Christmas Basket Program at the Nashville Zoo hosted by the Mounted Unit. A total of 1,940 toys and bikes were donated!



Happenings

Shop with a Cop today at Wal-Mart, 4040 Nolensville Pike, was a huge success. The FOP arranged for 80 kids to spend \$225 each on gifts for family members and themselves.







Season to Remember

The MNPD Family Intervention and Victim Intervention Programs joined with Tennessee Voices for Victims on December 11th to assist families who lost a loved one to homicide in making ornaments that were hung on a tree during the Season to Remember Ceremony at Centennial Park.



During the Season to Remember service on December 13th Chief Anderson hung an ornament in memory of officers killed in the line of duty. James Shaw Jr. also hung an ornament in memory of the Waffle House mass shooting victims.



Promotional Ceremony



Chief Steve Anderson and Mayor David Briley congratulated personnel promoted in 2018.

Citizen Police Academy

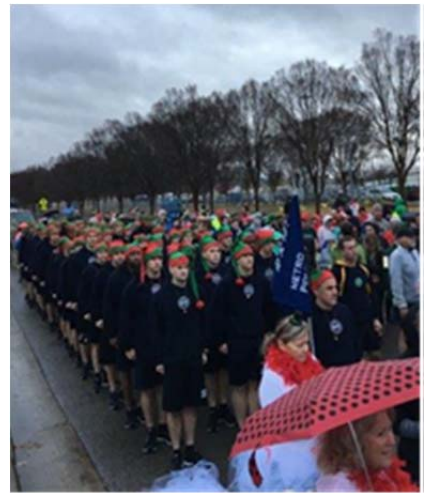
On December 10th Mayor Briley joined Chief Anderson at the Madison Precinct for the graduation ceremony of 35 men and women who completed the MNPDP's Citizen Police

Academy. The graduation brings the number of persons who have completed the program to 1,746 since 1995.



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Police recruits in training on December 1st participated in the Rudolph Red Nose 5k Run before the Christmas Parade.





This young man's family wrote to thank the training class for cheering him on!

Theodore Roosevelt Police Award

Congratulations to 25-year MNPD veteran Jeff Tharpe who received the Theodore Roosevelt Police Award for returning to work after undergoing successful surgery for a brain tumor in 2017. Jeff took regular retirement this summer.



Pictured (l-r) are Joe McEwen III, Tharpe, and Chief Anderson.



Pictured (l-r) are Tharpe's mother, Earline, Jeff Tharpe, his wife, Barbara, and Chief Anderson.

Precinct News

East

Sex Crimes detectives charged 17-year-old Kequan Waller with aggravated robbery and attempted aggravated rape for his stranger assault on a 24-year-old woman in the elevator breezeway of her Walden Village Lane apartment building in South Nashville just after midnight on December 5th.

Waller is being held at juvenile detention.

Waller was taken into custody by East Precinct officers near Cayce public housing in relation to a stolen delivery van that was recovered on South 5th Street. He had already been identified as a suspect in the aggravated robbery/attempted rape case as well as other crimes.

In the Walden Village Lane incident, Waller is accused of pulling a knife on the victim just after she arrived at her apartment complex. She said he threatened to kill her if she did not surrender her purse and phone. She said he removed part of her clothing during the encounter, but stopped before actually sexually assaulting her. Waller fled in a Chevrolet Impala that was stolen last Sunday from a downtown hotel.

At the time of his arrest, Waller was carrying property of the apartment complex victim as well as a knife fitting the description of the one given by her.

Waller remains under investigation for other recent crimes. Additional charges against him are expected.

West

The three men arrested on December 19th by West Precinct officers at a White Bridge Pike carwash are suspected of more than a dozen robberies of primarily Hispanic workers at home construction sites over the past several weeks.

Jaquantarius Glenn, 23, of Crestview Drive, John Spence, 27, of Hickory Street, and Travis Seats, 38, of Eden Street, are jailed on three counts of aggravated robbery for this morning's armed holdup of three workers at a construction site in the 6000 block of Louisiana Avenue. Multiple additional aggravated robbery charges are anticipated against them.

West Precinct officers responded to Louisiana Avenue just after 9 a.m. after workers there reported that two men armed with guns came onto the site and robbed them of their wallets and cellphones. A description of their getaway car, a black Nissan Altima being driven by a third person, was quickly broadcast to MNPD officers. It was the same vehicle description from similar robberies. A short time later, Officer Paul Junkman was traveling on White Bridge Pike when he spotted a black Nissan Altima pull out from Burgess Avenue and enter the Suds Up Carwash at 306 White Bridge Pike. Officer Junkman ran the tag on the car, which came back to a rental company. He decided to park and watch the vehicle. Moments later, an officer at the Louisiana Avenue robbery scene radioed that one of the victims just received notification that his stolen credit card had just been used at the carwash. Officer Junkman requested backup, and police officers set up at the carwash. The three men were taken into custody as the Altima emerged from the carwash bay.

Surveillance video from the carwash showed that just before the Altima entered the bay, the three men got out. Two of them walked to a nearby landscaped area and tossed items to the ground before getting back in the car. Officers discovered a pistol and several identification cards in the landscaped area. A second pistol was recovered from the floorboard of the Altima.

Glenn, Spence and Seats are under investigation by detectives from several precincts.

Madison

Outstanding police work by Madison Precinct Officer Ashley Coon led to the December 12th arrest of armed parolee Tony O. Hughes, 34, in the 1500 block of Neely's Bend Road.

Officer Coon quickly responded to reports that Hughes had physically assaulted his girlfriend during an argument and was armed. Officer Coon located Hughes a short time later walking on Neely's Bend Road. Hughes attempted to flee on foot by pushing Officer Coon. During an ensuing struggle, a loaded handgun fell to the ground. Officer Coon managed to toss the pistol out of reach while gaining control of Hughes' arms. Other officers arrived and assisted in taking Hughes into custody without further incident. Recovered from Hughes' person were 1.5 grams of heroin, two grams of cocaine, and 134 prescription pills, all separately packaged, and \$505 cash.

Hughes, of Neely's Bend Road, is charged with domestic assault, felon in possession of a handgun, weapon possession in the commission of a felony, and felony drug

possession. Hughes, who has prior cocaine and Schedule V1 drug possession convictions, is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond.



Seized gun and drugs.

Hermitage

Hermitage Precinct detectives charged Timothy Frazier, Jr., 16, with criminal homicide for the October 14th fatal shooting of Brandon Adams, 18, in the parking lot of McGavock High School. Frazier is also charged at juvenile court with attempted criminal homicide and two counts of especially aggravated robbery.

Frazier was taken into custody shortly after arriving at Maplewood High School where he was to have taken an exam.

The murder investigation, which is being led by Detective Jason Cregan, shows that Adams and a relative rode to McGavock High School at 9 p.m. on Sunday, October 14th, in a Honda Civic to meet other individuals. Adams and his relative arrived first. The other vehicle pulled beside theirs. An occupant of the other vehicle got into the backseat of the Honda Adams was driving. A second occupant of the other vehicle got out and threatened Adams and his relative with a pistol. As Adams sped off, the gunman, who is alleged to have been Frazier, began shooting. Adams was hit several times and crashed near McGavock Pike. He was transported to Skyline Medical Center where he died. His relative was treated for a graze wound. The person in the backseat fled from the car just prior to or after the crash. The investigation is continuing as detectives work to identify that individual and anyone else who may have been involved.

A four month investigation by Hermitage Precinct undercover detectives resulted in the arrest of convicted drug felons Jaylen Holmes and Jalen Cooke, both 21, on a number of drug, firearm and theft charges. Seized during the execution of a search warrant at Holmes' 1609 Baptist World Center Drive residence were 41 grams of cocaine, 12 grams of heroin, 340 grams of marijuana, 151 oxycodone pills, a stolen pistol, one rifle, and \$6,146 cash.

Three other persons in the home, Sean Holmes, 19, Zakkiyyah Morrow-Holmes, 39, and convicted felon Miles Anderson, 25, are also charged with felony drug and weapons offenses. At the time of his arrest, Anderson was free on \$12,500 bond for his October arrest on gun and drug charges.



19-year-old Jacob Eakes is charged with aggravated robbery for the December 12th armed hold-up of the Mapco at 1425 Robinson Road.

Eakes entered the business at 8:45 p.m. and took money and cash at gunpoint. Officers quickly arrived and a few minutes later, spotted Eakes walking on the railroad tracks between Martindale Drive and Fowler Street. He was taken into custody and positively identified as the gunman. The cigarettes and cash were recovered.

North

It didn't take long for two teenage car thieves to find themselves back in police custody.

The 15 and 13-year-olds were in a Honda CRV that was stolen from Vantage Way when they were spotted at 40th Avenue North and Charlotte Pike. North Precinct officers followed the stolen Honda and attempted to stop it on I-65 near Madison. A brief pursuit ensued before it was called off due to excessive speeds and heavy traffic.

Madison Precinct officers got behind the Honda a short time later and attempted to stop it. The CRV fled east on State Route 45, attempted to make a U-turn at Larkin Springs Road, and crashed into another vehicle. Officers apprehended the 15-year-old driver and his 13-year-old passenger, both of whom had been arrested less than two weeks ago for stealing vehicles.

The 15-year-old was arrested on December 5th for driving a stolen Lexus at 26th Avenue North and Albion Street. He put the car in reverse and rammed an MNPD patrol car before bailing and running. He was later caught in an alley near Meharry Boulevard. The 15-year-old was charged on December 5th with vehicle theft, assaulting an officer (for ramming the patrol car), evading arrest and driving without a license.

The 13-year-old was arrested by a THP trooper just after 10 p.m. on December 5th after traveling in excess of 115 mph on Highway 41 in a stolen Mazda CX9 SUV. He was charged that night with auto theft.

Flex officers visited Cumberland Elementary School on December 14th and adopted several children for the Angel Tree Program.



Midtown Hills

Quick police response led to the December 10th arrest of convicted thief and burglar parolee Kevin Stodghill for burglarizing two residences in the 2000 block of Beech Avenue.

One of the victims arrived home to find Stodghill inside his home. Stodghill, holding a large glass, threatened to kill the victim before he fled on foot. The victim called police. A short time later, Midtown Hills Precinct Officer Tim Edwards spotted Stodghill and took him into custody after a foot chase. The victim positively identified Stodghill as the man who had threatened him inside his residence.

Stodghill left mail and other items taken from a neighboring house inside the victim's residence.

Stodghill, 49, is charged with two counts of aggravated burglary and aggravated assault. Stodghill, of Kellow Street, has multiple aggravated burglary convictions in Knox County along with convictions for robbery and felon in possession of a weapon.

Stodghill registered in February 2018 as an ex-con for burglary in Davidson County.

South

South Precinct detectives arrested JaSean McKissack, 20, on a felony murder charge for his role in setting up the intended drug rip-off in the parking lot of Preakness Apartments, 630 Bell Road, that resulted in the death of his friend and another man on December 15th.

Tyler Bradley, 21, of Smyrna, and Tori Murphy, 18, of Swiss Avenue, were fatally wounded when they shot each other.

The investigation shows that McKissack and Murphy arranged for Bradley to come to the apartment complex to sell them marijuana. McKissack told detectives that he and Murphy were planning on robbing Bradley of the marijuana rather than pay him. It is believed that McKissack walked with Bradley toward an apartment as Murphy approached them from behind with gun drawn. Bradley turned, saw Murphy with the gun, and drew his own pistol. The two men exchanged shots, fatally wounding each other.

Juvenile Crime Task Force

An 18-year-old suspected gunman believed to have committed a series of masked armed robberies of cell phone stores and convenience markets in Davidson and Williamson Counties since November 8th is now in the Metro Jail after a coordinated effort during the night between MNPD officers from various components, Franklin police and federal ATF agents.

Azreal Scribner of University Court is presently charged with four counts of aggravated robbery involving the following businesses:

- Discount Tobacco, 2501 Lebanon Pike, on November 14th (Hermitage Precinct);
- Absolute Wireless, 4681 Trousdale Drive, on November 17th (Midtown Hills Precinct);
- Metro PCS, 715 Main Street, on November 19th (East Precinct); and
- Absolute Wireless, 2262 Lebanon Pike, on November 24th (Hermitage Precinct).

During the night, a red Dodge Avenger believed to be connected to the robbery suspects was located in public housing on University Court. Juvenile Crime Task Force officers arrived to watch the vehicle just as it pulled away and ran a stop sign. As an officer tried to pull the car over, the driver ran over a curb, drove through a ditch and onto Lafayette Street. Officers did not pursue the car, but continued to look for it.

Later during the night, the Dodge was located at an apartment complex on Porter Road in East Nashville. After learning the apartment number the suspects were likely in, officers knocked on the door. When it was answered, a strong odor of marijuana was emanating from inside. Four persons present, Scribner, a 17-year-old, a 15-year-old, and Ronald Adkins, 19, were there. All were interviewed by detectives and ATF agents. Scribner and the 17-year-old admitted to their involvement in a number of robbery cases. The 17-year-old was taken into custody by Franklin police for the November 25th attempted robbery of Verizon Wireless on Mallory Lane. He remains in custody in Williamson County. Additional robbery-related charges against him and Scribner will be forthcoming in both Davidson and Williamson Counties. They are under investigation in regard to nearly 20 business robberies in the area since November 8th.

During a search of the Porter Road apartment, officers and agents found three semi-automatic pistols, two of them with extended magazines. A search of Ronald Adkins' apartment on University Court led to the recovery of a nine millimeter rifle, ammunition, ten

firearm magazines, including a 100 round drum magazine, more than \$9,000 cash and numerous iPhones.

In addition to the aggravated robbery counts, Scribner is also charged with felony evading arrest, three counts of unlawful gun possession, felony theft for stealing iPhones, misdemeanor theft, and misdemeanor marijuana possession. Scribner's bond is set at \$165,000.

Ronald Adkins is charged with felony evading arrest, unlawful gun possession, two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and driving on a suspended license. His bond is set at \$10,000.

The 15-year-old was charged at Juvenile Court with unlawful gun possession, second offense.

Coordinated work between Midtown Hills Precinct detectives and Juvenile Crime Task Force officers led to the December 5th arrest of 14-year-old Brian Thompson for an armed robbery of a 32-year-old woman in a Thompson Lane parking lot.

The victim was walking in the parking lot at 6 p.m. when a young man and a young woman approached her. The young man, now identified as Thompson, pulled a pistol and demanded her belongings. A teenage girl with Thompson then struck the victim in the face and grabbed her purse.

The investigation led Detective Ricki Armstrong and Juvenile Crime Task Force Officer Brandon Tennant to Knollcrest Apartments on Creekwood Drive. While there, they located Thompson who was in possession of the victim's cell phone. Thompson later admitted to the robbery during an interview. His female accomplice has been identified as a 16-year-old who is presently in custody in an adjoining county. A robbery charge against her is forthcoming. The two also remain under investigation in other recent robbery cases.

Six teenagers, including one who had escaped from Department of Children's Services custody, are in detention in regard to the December 13th armed carjacking of a man at his apartment complex in the 6500 block of Premier Drive in West Nashville.

The victim was confronted by at least three individuals, one of whom he said had a gun. He reported the others had machetes. The victim complied with the demand that he surrender his keys. The robbers fled in his 2016 Toyota Camry.

West Precinct officers quickly broadcast a description of the carjacked Toyota. Juvenile Crime Task Force officers spotted it in south Nashville near I-24 and Old Hickory Boulevard. Officers briefly engaged in a pursuit of the vehicle, but stopped when an MNPD helicopter flew into the area and began monitoring the car's travel from the air. The Toyota eventually came to a stop in the 3900 block of Alameda Street where six persons bailed out of it. By that time, Juvenile Crime Task Force officers, assisted by officers from the West and North Precincts, had saturated the area. Four of the six were quickly taken into custody.

Keonnta Parker, 18, is charged with carjacking and evading arrest. He is being held in lieu of \$12,000 bond. Edgar Benitez, 17, is charged with aggravated robbery. Miguel Cordero-Mata Jr., 17, is charged with aggravated robbery and evading arrest. A 16-year-old from the car

is charged with vehicle theft and escaping on December 1st from Department of Children's Services custody.

After they were transported away from the scene, Juvenile Crime Task Force officers turned to where the Toyota was abandoned to canvas the area for the pistol. In the process, they heard movement coming from nearby pine trees and located the other two persons from the car. One of them, a 17-year-old, is charged with vehicle theft and evading arrest. The other, Ester Gutierrez, 18, is charged with joyriding and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The gun believed to have been used in the carjacking, a loaded 9 millimeter semi-automatic pistol, was recovered from a creek that ran along the suspects' path of flight.

Specialized Investigations Division

Narcotics detectives assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division on November 30th seized ten guns and a variety of drugs as the result of a search warrant at the 3668 Georgia Court residence of convicted drug felon David E. Boone, 46.

Inside the house were one rifle, nine handguns (one had been stolen from a gun store in Fort Campbell), 40 grams of heroin, 20 grams of marijuana, and \$545 cash. Boone is charged with several drug and gun offenses.



Special Operations Division

These eight MNPD officers were recognized on December 4th by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their dedication to getting impaired drivers off our roads. These officers collectively arrested 758 DUI suspects in 2017.

Officer Paul Stein, who arrested 188 DUI suspects, was recognized as the Tennessee officer with the most DUI arrests in 2017.



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Rudy Basaldua, Sergeant Craig Amabile, Sergeant James Williams, Officer David Abbott, Officer Bradley Nave, Sergeant John Melia, Officer Paul Stein, and Officer Ryan Henehan.

Domestic Violence Division



Pictured are recent graduates from the Family Intervention Program's course to prevent victimization, facilitated by Leidy Carvajal and Corina Ward.

Behavioral Health Services

Assistant Behavioral Health Services Manager David Kennington was invited to represent Police Advocacy Support Services at the November 29th Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) meeting of the National Officer Safety and Wellness (OSW) working group in Washington, D.C. The group discussed emerging issues in officer safety and wellness and how the Department of Justice and law enforcement can work together.



Pictured (l-r) are Director of the US Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance Jon Adler and Assistant MNPD Behavioral Health Services Manager David Kennington.

Central Records

Central Records adopted a family of six, a mom and dad and four children, ages 10, 7, 4 and 3. Their only request was for winter coats for the children, but Records personnel generously provided the entire family with jackets and a \$120 gift card to Walmart.



Retirement Celebration

Sergeant Mikell Wiggs celebrated 26 years of service.



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson and Sgt. Wiggs.

Congratulations:



Detective Jason Door, Domestic Violence Division, and his wife, Katie, welcomed their daughter, Madelyn Ann Door, born on November 11th.

Officer Garren Hoskins, North Precinct, and his wife, Robin, welcomed their son, Oliver Scott Hoskins, born on December 9th.

Officer Chase Harriman, East Precinct, and his wife, Hannah, welcomed their son, Bentley Robert Harriman, born on December 11th.



Condolences:

Thomas Klenke, the grandfather of Officer Ryan Henehan, East Precinct, passed away on December 6th.

Donald Hipp, the brother of Officer Arthur "Buddy" Hipp, Madison Precinct, passed away on December 10th.

Jack Lett, the grandfather of Officer Anthony Cavis, North Precinct, passed away on December 11th.

Retired Sergeant Marcus Ballard Sr. passed away on December 17th. Sergeant Ballard retired in 1996 after 31 years of service.

Retired Police Security Guard Michael Dunlap passed away on December 18th.

Melvin Cooper, the grandfather of Christy Sawyers, Human Resources Division, passed away on December 18th.