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News from the Chief



I want to begin this newsletter by sincerely thanking each of you for your incredible work on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors. The downtown area, which hosted record attendance at the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament at the end of last week and last weekend, was a very safe place thanks to the Central Precinct team and those who worked as part of the Special Events plan.

Last Saturday's takeover of Broadway by dozens of ATVs, dirt bikes and some motorcycles, was sudden and occurred without notice. I am grateful that Sergeant John Bourque, who was dragged by one of the ATVs, was able to return to work on light duty yesterday. This department will implement a plan to deal with any similar illegal takeover of roadways, which involved at least some persons not from Nashville, in the future.

We are just more than a month away from Nashville hosting the 2019 NFL Draft, which is expected to be the largest public special event ever to take place in our city. The annual Rock 'n' Roll Marathon is the same weekend as the draft, and the Predators could well host playoff games during this time. The large influx of persons into Nashville beginning the week of April 22nd will necessitate a large response from this police department to keep everyone safe. Almost all of you will be tasked with contributing to our public safety mission in some way. I realize that this will make for a long week and time away from families. Thank you, in advance, for your dedication, for helping our visitors feel welcome, and letting Nashvillians know that we are here for them.

The MNPD's Annual Awards Ceremony, at which we will honor officers and citizens for outstanding acts during 2018, will be held at the Music City Center on Wednesday, April 24, at 1 p.m. Letters to award recipients will be going out in the next few days. This is always a special day in the life of our police department and I look forward to congratulating the award winners.

The police department's budget hearing before Mayor Briley is next Wednesday morning, March 27. At this juncture, I can tell you that we are requesting 77 additional personnel, including 24 new sergeant positions to help manage the body camera program across our eight precincts, and 12 civilian staff positions to ensure that the equipment infrastructure functions properly at all hours as well as to process copies. We are also requesting to begin the three year process of hiring for a 9th precinct. Next week's budget hearings are just the beginning of the public process, which will continue into June.

I deeply appreciate all that you do for our city, its citizens and visitors.

Happenings

Thanks to all of the community leaders who attended the February 28th dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the MNPD's new headquarters building at 600 Murfreesboro Pike. It is the work home to 246 dedicated police department employees.



First Day for Session 87

A new class of police officer trainees on March 18th began six months of rigorous physical and classroom training required to be a Metro police officer. Graduation is set for August 27th.



Mobile Diversity Seminar

Chief Steve Anderson on March 6th joined officer trainees in Session 86 at the Salahadeen Center of Nashville on the first stop of the day long Mobile Diversity Seminar. The seminar, which also included visits to Casa Azafran, Play Dance Bar, and Fisk University, was created in 2016 to give officers in training an opportunity to meet and get to know various communities in Nashville. The seminar is in partnership with the Metro Human Relations Commission.





Collegiate Citizen Police Academy

Chief Anderson on March 19th welcomed 20 Tennessee State University students to the 4th session of the national award winning Collegiate Citizen Police Academy. We are so pleased to have these young men and women with us for the next five weeks.



Polar Bear Plunge

The “copsicles” raised \$8,114 dollars to benefit Special Olympics Tennessee during Saturday’s Polar Bear Plunge. Former Chief Joe Casey and Tennessee Titans Head Coach Mike Vrable were both on hand to cheer on Team MNPD!





Blueline Buddies

Tennessee Special Olympics athlete Connor and his dad had a great time with Midtown Hills Precinct Pete Dusche at the Preds vs Minnesota game. Thanks to P.K. Subban circled in the photo below!



A great night for Chloe Smith, a Tennessee Special Olympics athlete. She and Deputy Chief John Drake enjoyed the Preds vs Toronto game thanks P.K.!



MNPD Explorers

The MNPD Explorers on March 1st were recognized during the weekly Compstat meeting at North Precinct for their outstanding performances during the Winterfest competition last month in Gatlinburg. They are joined by Chief Steve Anderson, Officer Brad Nave, Training Captain Keith Stephens and former Explorers Commander Gordon Howey, Captain Mike Alexander, Captain Randy Hickerson, and Lieutenant Joe Towers.



Community Engagement

CNN's "Beyond the Call of Duty" featuring Officer Calvin Graham's recent positive interaction with a young Nashvillian aired in March. CNN reporter Dianne Gallagher spent the day with Officer Graham who talked about the area he patrols, his family, and military service.



Several MNPD components including Mounted Patrol, Motors, and East Precinct officers volunteered to participate in a cook out hosted by the managing company of the Riverchase Apartments on Joseph Avenue. The gathering connected residents with emergency services personnel. Firefighters also participated in the fun.





Nearly 100 children participated in the El Protector Program's Spring Teen Academy. School Resource officers assisted in all the fun activities at Apollo Middle School, including a visit to the Nashville Zoo.



School Resource Sergeant David Windus on February 26th met with students at McGavock Elementary School. The students were very interested in his police car and all the special equipment.



Apollo Middle School Officer Dante Wade on March 6th read to Smith Springs Elementary students.



East Precinct Community Engagement officers never pass up an opportunity to make a friend!



Officers pictured (l-r) are Rob Croteau, Ky Luu, and Eddie Clemmons.

Midtown Hills Precinct Community Engagement Officers Ronald Raynore and Ryan Storm welcomed a group of Boy Scouts to Midtown Hills Precinct where the children learned about police work and received safety tips.





Madison Precinct Community Sergeant Henry Particelli and Officer Jessica Ware on March 8th spoke with more than 200 5th and 6th grade students at Madison Middle School. The focus was on preventing bullying, being kind, and the importance of looking after one another.



North Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant Gary Smith, Community Engagement Sergeant Warren Thomas, and Community Engagement Officer Philip Black bought ice cream to share with children at Cheatham Place.



National Forensic Academy

Congratulations to Crime Scene Investigation Officer Ryan Matson who on March 15th graduated from Session 48 of the National Forensic Academy in Knoxville. Officer Matson was honored to receive the Class Leader Award from Dr. William Bass, Professor Emeritus Anthropology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville.



Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Bass and Officer Matson.

MNPD Spotlight: Shining Light on Innovative Programs, Policies & People

Rachel Baird is the Refugee and Immigrant Specialist from MNPD's Family Intervention Program. She provides victim advocacy and vital resources for refugees and non-Hispanic immigrants. Rachel also partners with ethnic community leaders to coordinate outreach events within their community. The outreach events assist in educating New Americans about police in the US, laws most pertinent to their safety, types of crime, and resources for crime victims. Many refugees and immigrants come from countries where law enforcement was corrupt and more harmful than helpful. Rachel seeks to restore the integrity of law enforcement as an introductory liaison.

In efforts to work more closely with MNPD officers, Rachel met with Midtown Hills Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant Michelle Coker and Community Engagement Sergeant Bill Hudson to explore how they could partner. They invited Rachel to provide cultural orientation for the Community Engagement Team (CET). Officers gained cultural insights, shared stories from their personal experiences, and discussed partnering for future outreach events. Rachel shared her outreach presentation addressing police, law, and crime, and officers provided feedback on content, including which parts would be best represented by officers. The presentation concludes with the CET opening the floor to listen to the community's needs, questions, and concerns. This valuable information will enable the CET to plan future engagement opportunities and establish ongoing relationships with refugee and immigrant communities. Rachel also shared her interactive Velcro board for outreach via booth or tables. Language access is never guaranteed at outreach events, so the photo-based display will assist refugees and immigrants in communicating their experiences.

The more positive interactions MNPD is able to facilitate with vulnerable communities, the more trust will be gained for when emergencies arise. By partnering with sworn personnel, Rachel believes trust can be restored between refugees/ immigrants and law enforcement, which will lead to better awareness and utilization of victim services. At the end of the day the goal is to ensure safety and service to all communities in Nashville. Rachel's position was created in June 2018 and is Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funded through June 2020.



Rachel Baird meets with Midtown Hills Precinct Community Engagement officers.

Precinct News

East

Great turnout for the March 20th East Precinct Community Appreciation Dinner. Commander Imhof welcomed neighborhood leadership, Chief Steve Anderson, and U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee Don Cochran. Thanks to all who attended!



Precinct-based undercover detectives conducted a Knock and Talk in response to citizen complaints of drug activity at an apartment at 276 White Bridge Pike.

Seized during a subsequent search of the residence were more than two pounds of marijuana, eleven pills, and \$5,824 cash.

The resident, Tyler Adkisson, 27, was charged with felony marijuana possession.



Hermitage

Hermitage Precinct undercover detectives, with the assistance of U.S. Postal inspectors, developed information which led to the seizure of 3.6 pounds of heroin.

Henry Enriquez, 23, was arrested after he stopped to retrieve a package delivered to 744 Griggs Place. The investigation shows that the house was used as a drop place/stash house for heroin shipments,

Enriquez, of Fresno, California, is charged with heroin possession with intent to sell.



North

Convicted felon Marcus Pullens, who was shot in the legs by a Walgreens security guard after slashing the security guard's arm with a razor blade, was booked on aggravated assault and theft warrants after his discharge from the hospital.

Pullens, 49, was seen shoplifting in the Clarksville Pike Walgreens store at 4 a.m. and was confronted by security guard Qwardell Stewart as he was about to leave. At Stewart's insistence that Pullens return the merchandise he was stealing, Pullens retrieved several bottles of Febreze air freshener from his pants. Pullens quickly realized that Stewart intended to prosecute him for stealing. A fight ensued between the two men. Stewart attempted to control Pullens with a baton, but it had no effect. Pullens then used a razor blade to cut Stewart's left arm several times. Stewart then drew his pistol and shot Pullens in the legs.

Stewart was taken to a local hospital where he received stitches for the cuts.

Pullens pleaded guilty in February in Criminal Court to a felony aggravated assault charge for using a box cutter to slash a Truck Stops of America security guard after shoplifting merchandise from there on December 15, 2018. Pullens, who has been arrested more than 115 times since 1988, was given a four-year probated sentence.

Central

Sixteen-year-old David Mays, accused of shooting an Uber driver at the Shelby Avenue Exxon, is confined to Nashville's secure juvenile detention facility following his March 20th arrest by the MNPDP's Juvenile Crime Task Force.

Mays is charged with attempted especially aggravated robbery in the shooting case. He is also charged with not returning to state custody after the Department of Children's Services gave him a weekend pass in February. He was in state custody as the result of his arrest in two armed robbery cases in July 2018.

Late Tuesday night, the Juvenile Crime Task Force, with the assistance of an undetected MNPDP helicopter, was able to track a car in which Mays was believed to be traveling to Cedars at Elm Hill Apartments on Elm Hill Pike. Mays tried to hide in one of the units, but surrendered after officers surrounded the apartment building.

Bike Officer Dion White stopped to assist a visually impaired man who had lost his way while attempting to get to the downtown library. Officer White safely guided the grateful man to his destination.



Midtown Hills

A Church Street nightclub that has caused a drain on police resources as the result of repeat violence, to include fights and a murder, as well as to drug and gang activity was on February 27th raided and shut down.

1805 Ultra Lounge (which has also been known as Medusa Hookah Bar & Lounge and Indian Queen Lounge & Bar), 1805 Church Street, has been declared a public nuisance in a temporary injunction and padlocking order issued by Criminal Court Judge Steve Dozier.

Midtown Hills Precinct undercover detectives began an investigation of 1805 Ultra Lounge last May due to numerous police responses and complaints from other area businesses. There have been 84 documented police and/or fire department responses to the

nightclub since January 2015, one of the latest being in the early morning hours of February 20th when a man exited the business after an argument, went to his car, retrieved an assault-type rifle and began firing multiple rounds into the air. That individual, Marion Blue, 20, of Memphis, was arrested. The responses to the club were for a variety of issues including shootings, fights, drug issues, thefts, noise complaints and alarm calls.



Midtown Hills Precinct undercover detectives on March 4th arrested a third man in connection to multiple robberies linked to dating apps that occurred in the Hillside Avenue area beginning last November .

Marcus K. Brown, 20, is charged with one count of aggravated robbery for the January 26th hold-up of a man in a parking lot. The victim responded to the location thinking that he was meeting a date. At the time of his arrest, Brown was free on \$21,000 bond for the June 2017 robbery of Resha's Bi-Rite market on 25th Avenue North where he was the admitted getaway driver.

Ronald Malone Jr., 18, was arrested March 1st on a grand jury indictment charging him with three separate hold-ups on December 6th, 5th, and 1st in which the male victims drove to Hillside Avenue after making arrangement to meet persons through a dating app and were robbed at gunpoint.

A third suspect involved in the robberies, Javon Fields, 19, has been jailed since his December 11th arrest for conspiracy to sell counterfeit marijuana. He and Malone were both charged in this case after they thought that they had lured another victim to the area but instead had actually been communicating through a dating app with Midtown Hills Precinct undercover detectives who were working to prevent further robberies.

On December 18th, while still jailed, Fields was charged with the December 2nd hold-up of a man who was robbed at gunpoint on Hillside Avenue after arranging a meeting on a dating app.

MNPD LGBTQ liaison Officer Catie Poole assisted in the investigation.

South

The man arrested Wednesday evening for forcing his way into a Dobbs Avenue home and robbing the female resident was arrested for doing virtually the same thing in 2014.

South Precinct officers responded to the 31-year-old victim's residence just before 5 p.m. Wednesday. She told them that she noticed the robber, subsequently identified as Dominique Van-Noy, walking in the backyard as she was getting her 11-month-old daughter's stroller. Van-Noy approached the woman and demanded her keys. She turned and ran inside her home, but was unable to shut the door before Van-Noy got to it. He overpowered the victim and forced his way inside. He continued to demand her car keys, money and credit cards. The victim surrendered her keys to Van-Noy, who ran to her Volkswagen Passat. He drove it through the neighbor's fence as he fled.

South Precinct detectives worked with Volkswagen in an effort to electronically locate the late model Passat. It was found unoccupied in the 2900 block of Selena Drive at 6:37 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., South Precinct Flex officers spotted Van-Noy near the intersection of Murfreesboro Pike and Glengarry Drive and saw that he closely matched the description of the robber given by the victim. Van-Noy was detained. The victim positively identified him as the man who came into her home.

Van-Noy, 26, refused to be interviewed by detectives. He is presently jailed on charges of robbery, aggravated burglary and two counts of vandalism. A judicial commissioner set his bond at \$54,000.

In April 14, 2014, a 25-year-old woman returned to her Plus Park Boulevard apartment at 8 p.m. to find Van-Noy standing behind the door (he had broken in through the balcony entrance). That victim said Van-Noy grabbed her by the throat and began choking her, causing her to go in and out of consciousness. A neighbor heard the victim's screams and helped her escape. Van-Noy fled and was ultimately apprehended that night on Plus Park Boulevard near Pavilion Boulevard.

Van-Noy was allowed to plead guilty in June 2014 to aggravated assault and aggravated burglary. He received a six-year sentence and was released from custody in February 2017.

Investigation by South Precinct undercover detectives resulted in Monday's arrest of two persons and the seizure of 75 pounds of marijuana, five pounds of hallucinogenic mushrooms, one nine millimeter handgun, and \$9,306 cash during the execution of two search warrants at 848 Oakwood Terrace Drive and a rented storage unit.

The residents Gwendolyn Baker, 31, and Michael Henderson, 37, are both charged with drug possession with intent to sell and handgun possession during the commission of a dangerous felony. Baker is being held in lieu of \$101,500 bond. Henderson rented the storage unit in which 46 of the 75 pounds of marijuana were recovered. He is being held on \$111,500 bond.

Also seized were 30 grams of cocaine, 101 LSD tabs, 77 MDMA pills, 406 vials of THC oil, 153 marijuana gummies, and paraphernalia consistent with packaging and selling narcotics.



Juvenile Crime Task Force

Juvenile Crime Task Force officers on March 12th arrested a 15-year-old as they recovered a 2017 Honda Pilot SUV (key left inside) stolen on March 8th from a Summit Oaks Court residence.

Just before 11 p.m. South Precinct officers spotted the stolen SUV on Donelson Pike near Knapp Boulevard. After briefly following the vehicle, South Precinct officers terminated the pursuit. A few minutes later, Juvenile Crime Task Force officers relocated the Honda traveling on I-24 West. It appeared the driver was unaware that officers were in sight. The driver eventually pulled over in an alley between 12th and 14th Avenues North. Both occupants fled on foot. The teen was taken into custody. The second suspect eluded capture.

Recovered during a search of the SUV were several sets of keys belonging to other vehicles, wallets, and an empty gun holster. Detectives believe these items were taken during other motor vehicle burglaries.

The 15-year-old is charged with reckless driving, evading arrest, and vehicle theft. In January, he was charged with vehicle theft and evading arrest. In that case, the teen admitted to taking a 2010 Mercedes SUV parked on Sunnymeade Drive. A spare set of keys had apparently been left in the vehicle.

Another case of keys being left in a vehicle resulted in the March 6th arrest of three teens, ages 15, 16, and 17, in a stolen 2013 Ford Edge. Of serious concern, all three were charged with vehicle theft in November after they were arrested in a stolen Mazda sedan (key left inside) on Buena Vista Pike at Tucker Road.

Juvenile Crimes Task Force officers at 10 p.m. spotted the stolen SUV on I-65 near Rosa L. Parks Boulevard. When the 15-year-old driver exited at 28th Avenue North, officers set up

spike strips which caused the vehicle to stop. All three teens were taken into custody without further incident.

A nine-millimeter pistol was recovered from the SUV. The 17-year-old admitted to possessing the gun. The Ford Edge was stolen on February 24th from the 600 block of Hickory Hollings Drive. While the owner reported that all keys were in their possession, the SUV was recovered with a key in the ignition.

The 15-year-old is charged with vehicle theft and driving without a license. Including November's arrest, he has three prior arrests for vehicle theft, including last December and in August 2017. The 2017 case also involved a charge of leaving the scene of an accident. The 16-year-old is charged with joyriding. He was also charged with joyriding in December. The 17-year-old is charged with joyriding and juvenile handgun possession.

Since January 1st, the Juvenile Crimes Task Force has recovered 46 stolen/carjacked vehicles and seized 39 guns.

The Metro Nashville Police Department urges citizens to lock their automobile doors, secure any valuables, including guns, and REMOVE THE KEYS, including valet keys.

Sex Crimes Section

Sex Crimes detectives on February 28th charged Devon T. Gooden, 25, with aggravated rape and vehicle theft for last Thursday night's stranger sexual assault of a 22-year-old woman who was attacked in the parking garage of Note 16 Apartments on Horton Avenue where she lived.

Midtown Hills Precinct officers took Gooden into custody late Wednesday night at his 11th Avenue South residence on an outstanding warrant issued earlier Wednesday charging him with the January 27th attempted robbery of a 23-year-old woman at her 8th Avenue South apartment complex. As the result of interviews with Gooden this morning concerning other crimes of which he was suspected, Gooden implicated himself in the rape of the victim and the theft of her vehicle. Additionally, Gooden is charged with the January 27th robbery of a 21-year-old woman on Elliott Avenue, and the February 10th armed robbery of a 23-year-old woman at her Grand Avenue apartment building.

Gooden was convicted of home burglary in May 2017. He received a three-year probated sentence.

Domestic Violence Division

Domestic Violence Detective Jason Door helped set up a children's play area in preparation for the March 7th grand opening of the Family Safety Center which brings together the Metro Police Department's Domestic Violence Division, Youth Services Division and Sex Crimes Unit in one building alongside an office of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and the Nashville Children's Alliance, with drop-in workspace for other government and nonprofit agencies.



Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett on February 28th was joined by members of the General Assembly, advocates for domestic violence victims, and other stakeholders to announce the introduction of the Tennessee Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program. Tennessee now joins the more than 35 other states offering similar domestic violence safety programs.

Safe at Home launched on March 1st and aims to protect Tennessee victims of domestic violence, rape, human trafficking, stalking and other related crimes from their abusers by keeping their address concealed from public records. According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), 18 of the 84 domestic violence-related murder victims in Tennessee in 2017 were repeat victims or had reported domestic abuse prior to their deaths.



Pictured (l-r) are Secretary Tre Hargett, State Senator Brian Kelsey, Safe at Home Coordinator Stacy Scruggs, MNPD Counsellor Kimery Cockrell, and State Representative Andrew Farmer.

Specialized Investigations Division

A two-year multi-agency investigation led by the MNPD Gang Unit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives into the trafficking of heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine and guns in Middle Tennessee has led to federal indictment of 13 persons.

The indictments allege the defendants' criminal activity occurred between June 1, 2017, and February 6, 2019. Thirty-two guns were seized during the investigation, as well as significant quantities of heroin and meth.

Twelve of the 13 defendants are in custody. The person still at large is **Robert Bell**, 41, of Murfreesboro, who is facing federal charges of conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; and unlawful possession with intent to distribute heroin and methamphetamine.

The other defendants and the criminal counts against them are:

Mark McElwee, 50, of Nashville, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; unlawful possession with intent to distribute heroin methamphetamine and cocaine; unlawful distribution of more than 50 grams of methamphetamine; and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime.

Ramell Webster, 34, of Nashville, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; unlawful possession and distribution of heroin and possession with intent to distribute more than 100 grams of heroin; being a convicted felon in possession of firearms; and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime.

Michael Bedwell, 40, of Lewisburg, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine; being a convicted felon in possession of firearms; and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime.

John Hayes, 36, of Nashville, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; possession with intent to distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine.

Jesse Weston, 38, of Nashville, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; unlawful possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Chelsea Brassell, 28, of Nashville, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; possession with intent to distribute heroin and methamphetamine and cocaine.

Laura Hayes, 31, of Nashville, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Caddius House, 42, of Murfreesboro, unlawful possession with intent to distribute Xanax.

Kirk Carroll, 41, of Westmoreland, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; unlawful possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine; being a convicted felon in possession of ammunition.

Jennifer Neal, 38, of Westmoreland, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; unlawful possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Joshua Parsons, 37, of Nashville, conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine; unlawful possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine; being a convicted felon in possession of firearms; and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime.

Matthew Anderson, 31, of Nashville, being a convicted felon in possession of firearms.

If convicted, the following federal penalties apply:

*McElwee and Webster, 10 - 45 years in prison and a \$5,000,000 fine;

*Michael Bedwell, 10 years, up to life in prison and a \$10,000,000 fine;

*John Hayes, Weston, Bell, Brassell, Laura Hayes, House, Carrol, and Neal, up to 20 years in prison and a \$1,000,000 fine;

*Joshua Parsons, 5 - 25 years in prison and a \$1,000,000 fine; and

*Matthew Anderson, up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

In addition to the MNPD Gang Unit and the ATF, this investigation also involved the Smyrna Police Department; the Macon County, Tennessee Sheriff's Office; the Marshall County, Tennessee Sheriff's Office; and the Putnam County, Tennessee Sheriff's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Siji Moore is prosecuting the case.

Investigation by narcotics detectives, in cooperation with the Sheraton Music City Hotel, led to the arrest of a Jackson, Mississippi man who, for several weeks, had been selling marijuana in the Nashville area.

Seized during the execution of a search warrant at Twaski Adams' hotel room were 85 pounds of marijuana. Adams, 37, is charged with felony marijuana possession. He is free on \$15,000 bond.



Narcotics detectives on March 5th arrested Tristan Chiu, 37, of Illinois, after a search of the 400 Spence Lane residence where he was staying yielded 145 marijuana plants, two pounds of processed marijuana, LSD and 23 grams of mushrooms.



Retirement Celebration

Officer John Downs celebrated 22 years of service.



Chief Anderson presented Officer Downs with a plaque commemorating his years of service.

Sergeant Bob Sheffield celebrated 26 years of service.



Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. Sheffield and Chief Anderson.

MNPD Crime Lab Director Ann Talbot celebrated seven years of service.



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Steve Anderson and Ann Talbot.

Congratulations:



Officer Craig Gentry, Custom Services Division, and his wife, Kate, welcomed their daughter, Jolene Elizabeth Gentry, on February 19th.



Condolences:

Marilla Longmire, the mother of Officer Mark Longmire, Facilities Management Division, passed away on February 15th.

Dwayne Taylor, the father of Dwayne Taylor, Background and Recruitment, passed away.

James Wilson Watson, the grandfather to Aisha Spraggins, Investigative Services Bureau, passed away on February 23rd.

Maggie Powers, the grandmother of Officer Cory West, Central Precinct, passed away.

Retired Officer Wanda Uselton, who served from 1963-1977, passed away on March 5th.

Retired Officer Williams “Bill” Holland, who served from 1974-1990, passed away.