



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



The 2019 commemorative badges, which depict our new headquarters building and will forever be a part of this department's history, have arrived. They will be available for pickup by those who ordered one at Police Supply in Madison beginning Monday morning. The commemorative badge is an authorized alternate to our standard issue badge.



Just as the commemorative badge is historic, so, too, is the MNPД's 2019 coin which I am privileged to send to officers who are recommended for one by supervisors due to outstanding work. We have recently begun awarding the 2019 coins, which depict the new headquarters building on one side, and, on the other, the MNPД Memorial that stood in front of our former headquarters building at 200 James Robertson Parkway. On that side of the coin are the inscribed lyrics from a Billy Ray Cyrus song, "All Gave Some, Some Gave All." Mr. Cyrus specifically granted us permission to use the words from "Some Gave All." We publicly unveiled the coin with him at CMA Fest last Saturday night. I noted then that Billy Ray Cyrus was with us as we mourned the death of Officer Eric Mumaw in February 2017 and performed "Some Gave All" at Eric's funeral. Our meeting last Saturday was an emotional reunion for him and the MNPД personnel in attendance.



With CMA Fest and the NFL Draft both behind us now, I again want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone for your truly dedicated work and long hours that helped keep Nashville's families and our visitors safe. When I speak with my colleagues from our nation's major cities, I am constantly reminded how special Nashville and this police department are. The MNPd is special because of its people, each of you. Thank you for all that you do.

## Happenings

### **G.R.E.A.T Camp Graduation**

Congrats to the 91 G.R.E.A.T. Camp attendees who graduated on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The children, ages 8-10, enjoyed a week of fun activities and built positive relationships with their peers and officers. Chief Anderson greeted each graduate and reminded them that police officers are always available to help them.



## El Protector Youth Summer Camp

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual El Protector Youth Summer Camp hosted 100 children, ages 6 to 12, at Apollo Middle School. In addition to fun activities, the youngsters also visited the Parthenon, Nashville Zoo, and Wave Country.



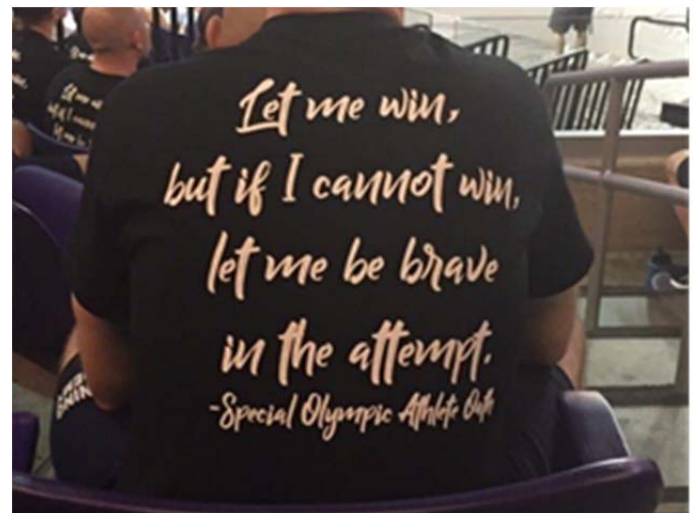
## Skate with a Cop

Midtown Hills Precinct officers on May 22<sup>nd</sup> hosted their first free Skate with a Cop event at the Centennial Sportsplex. Mounted Patrol also joined in the fun!



## Special Olympics

MNPD recruits in Session 87 on May 17<sup>th</sup> participated in the Special Olympics torch run at Lipscomb University.



## MNPD Guardian Bears

MNPD Guardian Bears, the creation of the Criminal Warrants Division, are being handed out to children across Nashville, including during special visits to Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and The Children's Hospital at TriStar Centennial.



**Pictured (l-r) are Officer Woody Ledford, Captain Randy Hickerson, Officer Daniel Alford, and Officer Michael Pollard.**

## Police Cyclist Course

Seventeen MNPD Officers in May received certification after completing the rigorous week-long International Police Mountain Bike Association course. Officers learn skills for safe and effective use of the bicycle in police work.



## Memorial Road to Hope Bike Ride

MNPD officers and civilians completed the Law Enforcement United “Road to Hope” memorial charity bike ride in May for National Police Week. The “Ruff Ride” group traveled more than 200 miles along the C&O canal trail from Cumberland, Maryland to Washington D.C.



## Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command

Congratulations to North Precinct Commander Terrence Graves on his May 31<sup>st</sup> graduation from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, a challenging and rewarding ten week law enforcement management program.



## Citizen Police Academy

Thirty-eight Nashvillians on June 11<sup>th</sup> began our three-month Citizen Police Academy at the Midtown Hills Precinct. They will spend one night a week learning about MNPD operations.



Chief Anderson and Mayor Briley on May 23<sup>rd</sup> congratulated 44 folks who completed our 12-week Citizen Police Academy. The total number of graduates since the program began is now 1,790.





## Precinct News

### East

Thanks to some of our Cayce Place moms and dads who organized a great neighborhood meeting. Officers played with the children while parents attended the meeting.



### West

West Precinct Community Coordinator Ed Rucker and Officer Kelby Dumond met with several youngsters to talk about safety and police work.



## Madison

Community Coordinator Sergeant Henry Particelli joined the community cleanup at the corner of Neely's Bend and Gallatin Pike S., an entry point to downtown Madison.



## Hermitage

Gang Unit detectives on June 12<sup>th</sup> arrested Tevin Griffin, 22, on a first-degree murder indictment at his Brentridge Circle apartment. At the time of his arrest today, Griffin, a convicted felon, was free on bond for the February 12, 2017 murder of David White on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. He is scheduled to stand trial in that case next month. He was also serving a five-year probated sentence for aggravated assault and cocaine convictions related to the shooting of a man on Blank Street in September 2017.

The investigation into Jaezoin Woods' murder, which is being led by Hermitage Precinct Detective Will Mathis, shows that the target of the gunfire was actually someone else in a crowd of which Woods was a part.

This young man asked his mom to call the police to his home for no other reason than to give officers a hug. The Hermitage Precinct team was pleased to stop by.



## North

Neighbors joined officers on May 20<sup>th</sup> for the first North Nashville community bike ride. Another ride is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>.



Community Engagement officers attended the Jones Paideia Elementary School's production of Aladdin. Students spent more than four months preparing for the play.



Lieutenant Matt Sears delivered Slim & Husky's pizza to Mrs. Brewer's third grade class at Jones Paideia Elementary to reward them for being good students throughout the school year.

Lieutenant Sears adopted the class at the beginning of the school year and routinely visited the children, reading to them and assisting with their homework. He plans to adopt a new class in South Precinct where he is now assigned.



## Central

A man and woman being sought for their suspected involvement in auto burglaries and other crimes were taken into custody on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Central Precinct Detective Lenny Peck spotted William Griggs, 54, who is homeless, walking on Fairfield Avenue. Detective Peck took Griggs into custody. After further

investigation, the location of the woman, convicted robber Tonia Davenport, 51, was determined to be at a makeshift residence in the 100 block of Green Street.

Davenport initially refused to exit her residence but after a standoff with police, she surrendered herself. She used a stolen credit card at a Fesslers Lane gas station/market in the early morning hours of May 13<sup>th</sup>. The card was taken a short time earlier from a minivan parked at 43 Hermitage Avenue. When the minivan's owner returned the vehicle, she discovered the driver's side window had been shattered and her belongings were gone. Davenport is charged with auto burglary and fraudulent use of a credit card. The judicial commissioner set her bond at \$3,500.

Griggs is charged with the May 14<sup>th</sup> robbery of a Florida man on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South at Korean Veterans Boulevard. Officers were flagged down by the victim at 3 a.m. He reported that the suspect had placed him in a choke hold and taken his wallet and cell phone. Griggs is being held in lieu of \$15,500 bond.

## **Midtown Hills**

Midtown Hills Precinct detectives have charged 17-year-old Cornelius Reed with especially aggravated robbery for shooting a 20-year-old man in the 1200 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Edgehill Homes on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The victim reported that he approached a group of persons standing near the front porch of an apartment to ask for a cigarette. He said one of those individuals demanded his belongings and then shot him in the leg. Detectives were able to match a nickname they had been given to Cornelius Reed. The victim later identified Reed from a photo lineup.

Reed, of Bellevue Road, was booked at juvenile detention.

Children flagged officers down so they could show them their playground skills and the Edgehill baseball team has developed a great relationship with officers, even asking them for help to recruit new players!





## South

Thank you to our South Nashville friends who joined us for Coffee with a Cop at Dairy Queen! A special thank you to members of Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee, Troops 1313 and 1959 for our cookies!



Commander Paul Trickey appeared with Metro Council Members (l-r) Antoinette Lee and Jacobia Dowell during a News 2 special that examined the Antioch area of South Nashville.



## Juvenile Crime Task Force

A 17-year-old arrested on June 5<sup>th</sup> by Juvenile Crime Task Force officers after they spiked the tires of the stolen Toyota Camry in which he was riding was arrested **the prior night** by Task Force officers after he bailed from a different stolen car after its tires were spiked.

In the June 5<sup>th</sup> case, North Precinct Officer Justin Vaughn was on his way home in his personal car when he saw the stolen 2018 model Camry bearing an Iowa tag traveling on Rosa L. Parks Boulevard near Dominican Street. Officer Vaughn was aware that the vehicle had been stolen June 1<sup>st</sup> from a family staying on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North while in Nashville on vacation. Officer Vaughn used his walkie-talkie to radio his discovery to Juvenile Crime Task Force officers. They got behind the Camry and tried to stop it. The driver refused to pull over and quickly accelerated. Officers did not pursue the car, but rather set up spike strips ahead of the attempted stop. The car was successfully spiked at Rosa L. Parks Boulevard and Harrison Street. Three males and two females bailed from the car and ran. Officers gave chase and apprehended the three males. They were shocked to see the 17-year-old from the night before.

Inside the Camry was a fully loaded nine-millimeter pistol with a round in the chamber (not reported stolen), along with several laptops and electronic items that are believed to have been stolen.

The 17-year-old, along with the other two males, Baye Summers, 18, and Malik Buchanan, 20, are charged with vehicle theft, unlawful gun possession and evading arrest. Additionally, Summers and Buchanan are charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

In the prior case, Juvenile Crime Task Force officers spotted a 2017 Jeep Cherokee that had been stolen in Clarksville. It was traveling inbound on Dickerson Pike. Officers tried to stop it with blue lights and siren near the Dickerson Pike/Joseph Avenue intersection. It fled from officers at a high rate of speed. An MNPD helicopter flew into the area and began covertly monitoring the Jeep. Officers ahead of it successfully spiked the tires at the Dickerson Pike/Trinity Lane intersection. Three occupants bailed and ran. Officers chased and arrested the 17-year-old along with a 16-year-old. They were charged with vehicle theft and felony evading arrest. The 15-year-old accomplice who they said was with them got away.

Juvenile Crime Task Force officers on May 17<sup>th</sup> apprehended two teenagers wanted for the armed robberies of Nashville convenience markets.

David Nunn III, 16, was arrested at Top Golf after officers confirmed he was there with his father. Nunn was carrying a loaded semi-automatic pistol with a laser sight at the time of his arrest. Nunn is charged at Juvenile Court with multiple counts of aggravated robbery in connection with the April 29<sup>th</sup> holdups of the Exxon Market at 1309 Murfreesboro Pike, the Mapco store at 3043 Nolensville Pike, and the April 27<sup>th</sup> robbery of the Raceway store at 5781 Old Hickory Boulevard.

Juvenile Crime Task Force officers also apprehended a co-defendant of David Nunn. William Washington, 16, who was wanted on aggravated robbery counts for the April 29<sup>th</sup> Exxon holdup, was located on Andrew Jackson Way.

A 14-year-old who was dropped off at Skyline Medical Center with a gunshot wound to his shoulder has just been arrested by the Juvenile Crime Task Force for having a stolen 9 millimeter pistol with an extended magazine in his bedroom.

The 14-year-old, who is in DCS custody on a trial home visit, was wearing an ankle monitor. He was not cooperative with detectives investigating the shooting. He was released from the hospital after treatment.

The Juvenile Crime Task Force received information that the 14-year-old could be in possession of a gun and learned that he was at his grandmother's home on S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The grandmother allowed officers to search the residence with the 14-year-old present. Found in a closet of the bedroom in which the teen was staying was the pistol with an extended magazine that contained 24 bullets. There was also a round in the chamber. The gun was reported stolen on October 29, 2018 from an unlocked vehicle parked on N. 18 Street.

The 14-year-old is charged with unlawful gun possession and theft of the pistol.

### **Specialized Investigations Division**

An investigation led by the MNPD's Major Case Task Force, with assistance from the TBI & DEA, led to the June 10<sup>th</sup> seizure of 5.5 pounds of cocaine, worth \$100,000, and more than \$150,000 in cash from a motel room on Wallace Road in South Nashville.

The cocaine originated in Mexico and represents at least 4,500 user "hits."

Arrested with the cocaine and cash in the motel room were Javier Calderon-Garcia, 26, and Jorge Nieves-Sanchez, 53. Both are charged with possessing cocaine for resale.



### **Fraud Unit**

Acting on a tip from Fifth Third Bank, MNPD Fraud Unit detectives on May 31<sup>st</sup> arrested accused scammer Renauld Clayton, 31, who had devised an elaborate scheme to divert stolen money into a bank account he set up using a false name and social security number.

As Clayton was being arrested by the MNPD, he was also being sought by federal authorities on an unrelated indictment charging him with diverting TSU students' federal



student aid funds to bank accounts under his control (Clayton worked in the TSU admissions office in 2014-15).

MNPD detectives, posing as bank employees, took Clayton into custody after he presented a counterfeit driver license and signed the withdrawal slip using a false name. A search of his rental vehicle in the bank parking lot yielded \$9,500 in cash, a counterfeit social security card, a driver license belonging to someone else, and numerous credit/debit cards.

Clayton was charged by the MNPD with attempted felony theft, criminal impersonation and criminal simulation. He is charged federally with student loan fraud, aggravated identity theft, and wire fraud. If convicted on the federal charges, Clayton faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

### **Special Operations Division**

MNPD helicopters were on display both days of the Great Tennessee Airshow at Smyrna Airport.



**Canine Officer John Gilpin talks to youngsters at the air show.**

## Retirement Celebration

Sergeant Tony Blackburn celebrated 28 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Damian Huggins and Sgt. Blackburn**

Officer Selene Julia celebrated 19 years of service



**Deputy Chief Damian Huggins presented Officer Julia with a plaque commemorating her years of service.**

## **Congratulations:**

Officer Fred Nelson, MDHA Task Force, and his wife, Whitney, welcomed their son, Austin Elijah Nelson, on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Detective Williams Hampton, Specialized Investigations Division, and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their daughter, Nora Lynn Hampton, on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sergeant Jonathan Frost (Frosty), Central Precinct, and his wife, Meagan, welcomed their son, Weston Read Frost, on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Lieutenant Blaine Whited and his wife, Barbara, welcomed their son, Henry Alan Whited, on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Officer James Thornton, Central Precinct, and his wife, Cassie, welcomed their son, Rory Barrett Thornton, on June 5<sup>th</sup>.



## **Condolences:**

William Newbern, the father of Captain Daniel Newbern, passed away on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Harold Dean Clark, the father of Officer Nate Clark, Mounted Patrol, passed away on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Retired Assistant Police Chief Richard Ordway passed away on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Chief Ordway served from 1964 until his retirement in 1992.

David Massie, the father of Jonathan Massie, Records Division, passed away on June 12<sup>th</sup>.