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News from the Chief



Earlier today, we issued the MNPD's policy on interacting with Nashville's Community Oversight Board. A copy of the policy is available on the electronic police bulletin board and was sent to police department supervisors along with Mr. William Weeden, the Community Oversight Board's Executive Director. This policy was developed to help ensure a cooperative relationship between the police department and the Board. Please familiarize yourself with this policy, which is

effective immediately.

The Tennessee Titans will be honoring and remembering Officer John Anderson just prior to kickoff of the Sunday, August 25th game against the Pittsburgh Steelers at Nissan Stadium. We will be receiving approximately 35 tickets to the game which will be distributed by Central Precinct Commander Gordon Howey to ensure that those who worked with Officer Anderson will have an opportunity to take part in this special observance. Those officers will be on the field in uniform just prior to kickoff, along with members of the Davidson County Sheriff's Office and the Nashville Fire Department, who dedicated the July 8th Battle of the Badges Blood Drive to John Anderson. Officers wishing to stay for the game after the ceremony will have an opportunity to change clothes and securely store their gear if desired.

Thank you to all of the precincts and other MNPD components for supporting Tuesday's Night Out Against Crime. Nashville's families support you, very much enjoy interacting with you, and are grateful for everything you do to keep our city safe. Here is a collection of photos from Tuesday's Night Out events.

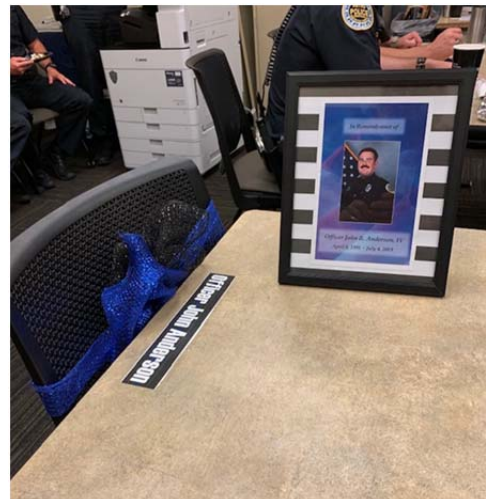






Happenings

Henry County Sheriff Monte Belew on July 15th presented Chief Anderson with a \$10,480 donation from a BBQ fundraiser for Officer John Anderson's family. Chief Anderson and the men and women of the Central Precinct expressed their immense gratitude for this generous gift.



Session 87

Session 87 Officer Trainees lent a hand loading and unloading a large truck for Second Harvest food bank. They also carried food and clothing to vehicles.



Back to School Events

Thanks to all who participated in the Back 2 School Bash at Carter Lawrence School. Many school supplies were collected and distributed. We wish all students and teachers a successful year!



Staff from our Crime Laboratory on August 2nd made a surprise visit to nearby Amqui Elementary School to deliver a truckload of school supplies. The crime lab folks divided into three teams to collect more than 800 items. The teachers were truly surprised and very grateful.



Team 1 Camp

School Resource Officer Angela Booker again organized her TEAM 1 Camp at Haynes Middle School on Trinity Lane. The specialized activities help young women with different abilities feel included, important, and accomplished.



100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee Camp

Officer Albert Wilson discusses police work with young men attending the 100 Black Men Of Middle Tennessee summer camp.



Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camps

MNPD officers the last week of July hosted the 6th and final summer camp for more than 40 disadvantaged kids on Old Hickory Lake. These meaningful camps have been sponsored by the FOP for nearly 50 years.



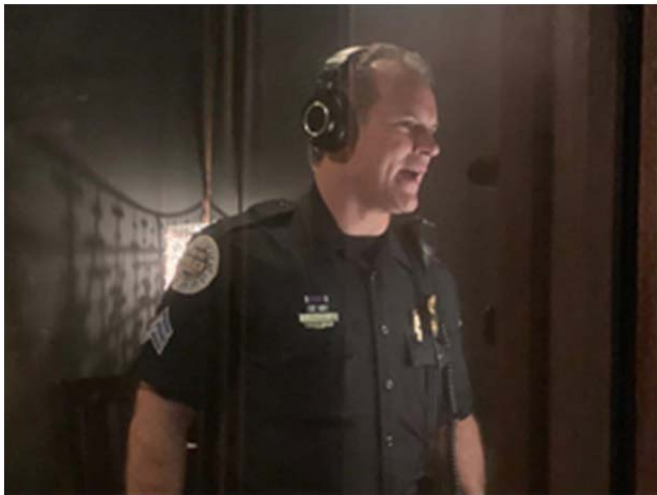
New Director of MNPD Crime Lab Named

Chief Steve Anderson on July 19th named Julia Hooper Director of the MNPD Crime Laboratory. Ms. Hooper is a 44-year MNPD employee whose experience and expertise will well serve our department and community.



Good Guys Recorded at Sound Emporium Studios

Thanks to Juanita Copeland and the entire team at Sound Emporium Studios, Sergeant Henry Particelli recorded the Good Guys with some of Music Row's most talented musicians. Proceeds from the completed project will go to support families of fallen officers across the country.



Precinct News

East

Commander David Imhof on July 23rd attended the monthly advisory board meeting at Cayce Place. Community engagement efforts are clearly working as total crime in Cayce is down compared to last year with zero homicides.



The first annual sidewalk chalk drawing bash in the Cayce Homes community was a huge success. Thanks to Officer Eric Hall for inspiring and organizing this fun event. We are proud of our talented neighbors and officers!



West

A weeks long investigation by West Precinct Flex and undercover officers paid off with the July 24th arrest of parolee Michael J. Webster, 58, who is suspected of committing multiple vehicle/residential burglaries in the Hillwood neighborhood.

Events began to unfold at 2:15 a.m. when a woman, who was not home but alerted by her camera system, reported that a man had walked up to her front porch on Clematis Drive and attempted to open the door before disappearing around back. When a family member came to check on the home, they discovered that the back door had been forced open.

Detectives in the area quickly responded and began an hour long track of the man, crossing creeks, roads, and following footprints in the grass from the early morning dew. They located Webster at 4 a.m. on foot near the corner of Newberry Road and Bresslyn Road. Webster's vehicle, a 2015 gold Cadillac XTS, was found parked nearby on Bresslyn Road. At the time of his apprehension, Webster was wearing garden gloves, black socks to cover his white shoes, a black shirt & pants, and a mask around his neck.

Webster, who is from Nashville and last stayed at a Madison-area motel, has a long Davidson County arrest history dating back to 1979 with convictions for robbery, burglary, theft, assault, and receiving stolen property. He registered as an ex-con for theft of property in 2014.

Webster is currently charged with one count of aggravated burglary, drug possession, criminal trespass, evading arrest, and resisting arrest. He is being held in lieu of \$75,000 bond. Additional charges against Webster are anticipated.

A great time was had by all at the Preston Taylor Ministries cookout hosted by the West Precinct and Fraternal Order of Police.





Madison

Madison Precinct officers and the FOP sponsored a fun Friday on July 26th for kids at the Madison Community Center complete with lunch, games, MNPD horses and one of our helicopters.



Hermitage

Officer Deandera Payne was patrolling the area around the Hyatt Place Hotel when he was flagged down by a mom whose son is a big fan of police officers. Officer Payne was delighted to stop and meet young Nolan and show him his police cruiser!



North

Our BBQ with BLUE event on August 2nd at the Cumberland View Apartments, sponsored by the North Precinct and the Hispanic Officers Association, gave our team a special opportunity to catch up with youth and families before the school year got underway. Thanks to all who joined us.



Midtown Hills

Community Engagement Officers Ryan Storm and Eric Burford participated in the monthly Ride for Reading, a Nashville based national non-profit that promotes literacy and healthy living through cycling and reading. Ride for Reading works to ensure that children in low income areas have age appropriate reading material.



The community engagement team collaborated with the Organized Neighbors of Edgehill (O.N.E.) to resurface one of the basketball courts located behind the precinct building at Murrell School.

Renowned artist William Edmondson lived on the site. A community project is underway which, when completed, will feature works from local artists relating to Edmondson's work.



South

A 17-year-old arrested in February for handgun possession was again arrested on July 29th after he admitted to firing shots from a vehicle, which quickly drew the attention of nearby officers.

Officers Autumn Manning and William Williams were in the Shell parking lot, 197 Haywood Lane, when they heard the gunshots at 3 a.m. They saw a black Acura TSX leaving a nearby strip mall parking lot on Apache Trail at a high rate of speed.

The 17-year-old shooter, who was also driving the car, refused to stop for officers. He attempted to turn onto Hopedale Lane from Haywood Lane and crashed. The teen and four other occupants of the car attempted to flee on foot but were quickly apprehended. A stolen 9 millimeter handgun and shell casings were recovered from the car.

The driver is charged with reckless endangerment, theft of property, juvenile handgun possession, evading arrest, juvenile curfew violation, and driving without a license. Two adults, Juan Vargas, 20, and Rolando Araujo-Arzate, 19, are each charged with evading arrest and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Behavioral Health Services

As manager of one of the top ten officer wellness programs in the country, Assistant Behavioral Health Services Director David Kennington was invited by the Department of Justice/COPS program to participate in a series of National Officer Safety and Wellness group meetings in Washington D.C.



Pictured (l-r) are David Kennington and COPS Director Phil Keith, retired Knoxville Police Chief.

Juvenile Crime Task Force

A teenage murder suspect who has been a fugitive for the past four months is now in custody after the Juvenile Crime Task Force tracked him to an apartment on Porter Road in East Nashville.

Devion Jordan, 18, is charged with criminal homicide and especially aggravated robbery in connection with the April 8th shooting death of Charlie Easley, 19, at the Point Breeze

Apartments on Lemont Drive. Jordan is facing those charges in Juvenile Court because he was 17 when the crimes occurred.

Juvenile Crime Task Force officers developed information that Jordan was likely at a Porter Road apartment with Marvin Summers, 20, who was free on bond and wearing an ankle monitor due to a pending attempted 1st degree murder charge. As officers were preparing to knock on the apartment door, Summers started to walk out. He saw the police and quickly went back in and shut the door. Summers complied with commands to come back outside and confirmed that Devion Jordan was there. Officers repeatedly called for Jordan to surrender. He, too, came outside and was detained.

A search of the apartment yielded two loaded semi-automatic pistols, one concealed in a cereal box in the kitchen, the other stashed in the closet of a child's bedroom.

Summers is now facing new charges of harboring Jordan and unlawful gun possession.



Juvenile Crime Task Force officers were in the right place at the right time on July 31st and quickly responded to the sound of gunfire coming from Cumberland View public housing near 26th Avenue North & Dowlan Street. As officers moved to where the shots came from, two vehicles were speeding away from the area. Task Force members got behind one of them and attempted to stop it. The driver refused to pull over and a pursuit was initiated until an MNPD helicopter was able to get overhead and monitor the vehicle from the air. Ground units then backed off.

The helicopter followed the car to Edgehill homes where two men abandoned it on 11th Avenue South near Summit Avenue. Ground officers spotted them as they jumped a fence. One of the fleeing men dropped a loaded rifle in the process. Both were arrested after a foot chase.

Kenneth Bradford, 25, and Johnny Woodland, 24, are charged with unlawful gun possession by convicted felons. Bradford is also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and a small quantity of cocaine, and felony evading arrest. Woodland is also charged with felony evading arrest and two outstanding probation violation warrants.

Juvenile Crime Task Force officers teamed up with Juvenile Court probation staff on home visits to ensure that kids who have gotten in trouble have learned from their court appearances and are complying with their release conditions. Three teens were rearrested,

including a 15-year-old charged last month with concealing guns in a large teddy bear. That same 15-year-old was arrested on July 9th for auto theft.

When officers and Juvenile Court staff arrived to verify that the 15-year-old was in compliance with a strict home detention order, they learned from his guardian that he had recently left. Officers began searching the area and spotted him. When he saw the police he tried to flee on foot, but was unsuccessful. He was charged with criminal trespassing and violating the conditions of his release.

Next, the team went to the home of 2 brothers, ages 16 and 17. One of them has multiple vehicle theft charges. The other has gun possession, vehicle burglary and vehicle theft charges. During a check of the teens' bedrooms to ensure compliance with release conditions, the team found handgun magazines, brass knuckles and marijuana blunts. Task Force officers then sought and obtained a search warrant under the belief guns were in the residence. Two pistols, both stolen, were found in a toilet (a photo of the 2 guns is attached). Both were loaded with rounds in the chambers. One of the guns was stolen during a 2019 Nashville home burglary. The other was stolen from Clarksville. The brothers were arrested on charges of unlawful gun possession and gun theft. The 17-year-old was also charged with marijuana possession.

The Juvenile Crime Task Force on July 18th arrested two teens and recovered a stolen vehicle and two handguns.

Officers responded to a report of a stolen silver BMW traveling in the 1800 block of Hermosa Street. They located the car at 19th Avenue North and Herman Street where the driver fled at a high rate of speed. Officers did not pursue the vehicle. They coordinated efforts with a police helicopter pilot who later relayed to ground units that the BMW had stopped in an alleyway near North 2nd Street and Truetland Avenue. The driver, convicted felon Deangelo Thomas, 19, and his 14-year-old female passenger fled from the vehicle on foot but were quickly taken into custody.

Recovered from the BMW was a backpack containing two loaded handguns. Thomas, of Kate Street, is charged with theft of the BMW which was stolen in Lebanon, Tennessee, felon in possession of a weapon, leaving the scene of an accident, evading arrest, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Thomas has two previous convictions for felony drug possession from March and August 2018. He is being held in lieu of \$90,000 bond.

The 14-year-old was charged in Juvenile Court with vehicle theft, second offense handgun possession, and evading arrest.



Four stolen guns seized, two stolen cars recovered, and four teens arrested.

Officers saw three teens on the porch of a home in the area of 9th Avenue North and Coffee Street that appeared to be vacant and abandoned. When the juveniles saw the officers, they fled into the house. It turns out an elderly woman lives there and she directed the teens to go back outside and speak with the officers. One of them, a 16-year-old who attempted to flee on foot, was carrying a loaded semi-automatic pistol which was reported stolen in Clarksville. During a pat down of a 15-year-old with him, officers found another semi-automatic pistol also stolen from Clarksville. The third teen, who was 16, wasn't carrying a gun, but 7.5 grams of marijuana.

A further check of the residence led to the discovery of another 16-year-old in a bedroom. Under the mattress was yet another semi-automatic pistol, once again stolen from Clarksville. The fourth pistol was found in a bathroom of the home. It was stolen in Nashville last year.

Two of the 16-year-olds had sets of car keys in their pockets, one to a Honda, the other to an Infiniti. Both vehicles were found nearby on 9th Avenue North. The Honda was stolen in Nashville on July 11th. The Infiniti was stolen in Nashville on July 2nd. The owners of both vehicles were called to the scene and drove them away.

The four teens were taken to juvenile detention and face a variety of charges, including auto theft, gun theft, unlawful gun possession, marijuana possession and resisting a police stop.



A citizen's call about teenagers smoking marijuana and blasting loud music inside a car at a Ponder Place parking lot resulted in the Juvenile Crime Task Force arresting four teens, recovering a stolen Hyundai Elantra and seizing two pistols.

As officers arrived on Ponder Place, the driver of the stolen Elantra, a 16-year-old, attempted to flee. Officers used spike strips to disable three of the car's tires, causing it to roll slowly to the intersection of Rosa L. Parks Boulevard and 10th Avenue North. It clipped a citizen's car as it did so. The four occupants tried to flee, but were quickly apprehended. Inside the car were a loaded .380 semi-automatic pistol and an unloaded revolver.

The 16-year-old driver was charged with vehicle theft, evading arrest, 2nd offense juvenile handgun possession, driving on a suspended license, leaving the scene of a crash, and failure to report a crash.

One of the 16-year-old passengers was charged with auto theft and 1st offense juvenile handgun possession. Another 16-year-old passenger was charged with auto theft, juvenile handgun possession 2nd offense, and felony probation violation.

The one adult in the Elantra, Vantasia Endsley, 18, of S. 5th Street, was booked on charges of unlawful gun possession, joy riding, evading arrest, and contributing to the delinquency of minors.



Specialized Investigations Division

Convicted cocaine felon and fugitive Jason Jones, 37, was arrested Monday at his 916 W. Trinity Lane residence.

Seized during the execution of a search warrant were 60 grams of cocaine, 10.3 grams of methamphetamine, 13.9 grams of ecstasy, 1.3 grams of heroin, drug paraphernalia, and 13 guns, including semi-automatic handguns and rifles.

Jones is charged with felony drug and weapons violations. He is being held in lieu of \$110,000 bond. Stephanie Meadows, 38, who also resides and was present at the W. Trinity Lane residence also faces felony drug and weapons charges. She is being held on \$77,500 bond.

MNPD Major Case Task Force officers coordinated the investigation with the assistance of North Precinct undercover detectives, U.S. Marshals, and TBI & DEA agents.



Warrants Division

The Warrants Division hosted students from Hume Fogg High School, Lead Academy, and U.T. Chattanooga during their summer internship program.



Congratulations:



Detective Brian Smith, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Avery Lynn Smith, on July 12th.

Detective Steven Carrick, Youth Services Division, and his wife, Hanna, welcomed their daughter, Riley Rose Carrick, on August 3rd.

Condolences:

Kelly Jo Herrman, the granddaughter of retired Chief of Police Joe Casey, passed away on July 10th.

Retired Officer William Marcrum passed away on July 24th. He retired in 1989 after 27 years of service.

Robin Mahoney, the mother of Officer Ken Mahoney, passed away on July 23rd.

Retired Officer James “Jimmy” Cantrell passed away on July 26th. He retired in 1991 after 20 years of service.

Retired Sergeant Jack Arnold Merlin, the father of Sergeant David Merlin, Training Division, passed away on July 31st. He retired in 1990 after 26 years of service.

Joe Nave Jr., the father of Officer Bradley Nave, DUI Unit, passed away on August 3rd.

Retired Detective Robert “Tony” Bristol passed away on August 3rd. He retired in 2012 after 25 years of service.