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News from the Chief



Nashville's new Downtown Detention Center is in the final stages of construction and is projected to begin receiving prisoners in December. The facility is far enough along that Sheriff Daron Hall provided the deputy chiefs and me with a tour of the booking area this week. We saw that officers will drive into the facility at a garage entrance at Gay Street and 2nd Avenue North, will park inside the garage and walk prisoners to the sheriff's booking intake area. The new officer work room should have ten computer terminals and an area for officers to appear before a judicial commissioner on video to give probable cause testimony. After officers are through with their part of the charging process, they will leave the garage area through a separate exit on 3rd Avenue North. The offices of the police department's Criminal Warrants and Fugitive components will be located in the new building with an entrance to their area off of 3rd Avenue. Much more information about prisoner intake and charging procedures will come in the 4th quarter of this year. From what we saw this week, the facility is a significant improvement from the old (torn down) Metropolitan Justice Center. The Downtown Detention Center is designed for 756 jail beds as well as a 60 bed (30 male and 30 female) Behavioral Care Center that will provide treatment to persons with mental illness.



Sheriff Daron Hall gives MNPD leadership a tour of the new booking room.



Officers will enter the new Downtown Detention Center through a garage at Gay Street and 2nd Avenue North.



MNPD leadership tours the officer workroom at the new Downtown Detention Center.

Now an update from our IT Division concerning in-car/body worn cameras: The final contract with the vendor, WatchGuard, was signed last week. WatchGuard is working to provide a project plan and a proposed timeline for implementation. The infrastructure for storing WatchGuard video is projected to be finished in mid-October, with the installation of computer servers coming next. More information about camera deployment will be shared in the coming weeks as we work with WatchGuard on expectations for training, equipment deployment and installation. Our IT Division is working closely with the vendor.

Every Friday at Compstat I have the privilege of hearing from precinct commanders about the incredible work you are doing throughout Nashville to lift up neighborhoods and

engage citizens, while at the same time, doing everything you can to hold criminals accountable. Thank you for all that you do on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors.

Happenings

Training Academy

Forty-one new Nashville police officers graduated on August 29th from 5½ months of training during a ceremony at Cross Point Church.

After graduation, the 41 new officers will spend the next 6 months rotating among the eight precincts and riding with field training officers before answering calls and policing by themselves.



Session 87 Class Award Winners

Academic Excellence Award

Officer William Cleveland

Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award

Officer James Wells Jr.

Physical Fitness Award

Officer Brian Quigley

Officer Michael Petrina Leadership Award

Officer John McDonnell

Law Award
Officer William Cleveland

Firearms Award
Officer Jackson Sanders

Top Cop Award
Officer Jackson Sanders

Class President
Officer John McDonnell

Prior to graduation, Family Day for Session 87 was held at the MNPD Training Academy. Forty-eight family members of the class attended and received orientation to the department and tips on how to support their loved ones career in law enforcement.



Sixty-seven police officer trainees were welcomed on August 16th by Training Division Captain Keith Stephens. They will spend 5 1/2 months in a rigorous classroom and physical training curriculum.



Remembering Officer John Anderson

A special night on August 25th for the MNPД as the Titans remembered Officer John Anderson, who died in service to our city on July 4. Officer Anderson's mother, Jennifer Hein, joined Nashville's first responders on the field as the bearer of the 12th Titan Sword of Honor.



Officer Nick Diamond Receives Congressional Badge of Bravery

Officer Nick Diamond on August 12th became the first MNPД officer to receive the Congressional Badge of Bravery for his heroism in working to rescue Officer Eric Mumaw in the Cumberland River on February 2, 2017. U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn and Congressman Jim Cooper made the presentation.



Pictured (l-r) are Congressman Jim Cooper, U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn, Officer Diamond, Chief Anderson, and U.S. Attorney Don Cochran.

Aviation Unit Receives Special Accreditation

Congratulations to MNPD's Aviation Unit on their successful completion of the 3-year accreditation process by the Airborne Public Safety Accreditation Commission! The MNPD is one of just 16 agencies in North America to receive this accreditation by meeting 72 standards of excellence.



Pictured (l-r) are Sergeant Kurt Knapp, Lieutenant Mickey Yentes, MNPD helicopter pilot Wayne Helm, and Aviation Public Safety Association President Steve Roussell.

Law Enforcement Challenge

Traffic Unit Sergeant James Williams on September 6th accepted recognition from the Governor's Highway Safety Office for the MNPD's traffic safety initiatives throughout the year. Our department took 2nd place to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office in the Law Enforcement Challenge competition.



Hurricane Dorian Response

Six MNPD members traveled to Tallahassee last Saturday to be in place to help Floridians thought to be in the path of Hurricane Dorian. The hurricane changed course and all have safely returned to Nashville. They are part of Tennessee's Urban Search & Rescue Task Force 2 and specialize in swift/high water rescues.



Operation Gratitude

Many thanks to Operation Gratitude and all of the volunteers who put together care packages stuffed with goodies for Nashville's first responders. We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. The bags were distributed to EVERY officer and firefighter!



Special Olympics Tennessee

Chief Anderson on August 16th joined Brentwood Chief Jeff Hughes, retired Chief Joe Casey, and Vanderbilt Baseball Coach Tim Corbin to welcome more than 250 Special Olympic Athletes to the 2019 North American Softball Championship at Cane Ridge Park.

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run movement, Chief Casey, Chief Anderson, Chief Hughes and MNPD Tennessee Torch Run Director Lieutenant Pete Dusche led the celebration of the lighting of the caldron.



Precinct News

East

Outstanding investigative work by precinct detectives led to the September 5th arrest of convicted robber Deondre Sanders less than 24 hours after the fatal stabbing of Cedric Thompson, 27, in the 2500 block of Bethwood Drive.

Thompson died in his car which was parked on Bethwood Drive. The motive concerns a dispute over a woman.

East Precinct detectives on September 4th charged Koran D. Porter, 18, with aggravated robbery for the carjacking of a 2012 Dodge Challenger at a Dickerson Pike gas station that left a 49-year-old woman scrambling to get her 4-year-old grandson out of the car.

Porter, who was apprehended by MNPD canine Nash after he bailed from the car on I-24 near the Old Hickory Boulevard exit in South Nashville, admitted in an interview with detectives that he was responsible for the carjacking. Porter is also charged with reckless endangerment, reckless driving, evading arrest, and marijuana possession.

Porter's cousin, Antario Porter, 19, who was also in the car, is charged with felony theft and evading arrest.

An MNPD helicopter crew spotted the Challenger and monitored it from the air as it traveled across much of Davidson County, into Rutherford County, and then back into Davidson. Porter pulled the car over on I-24 west near the Old Hickory Boulevard exit and ran. Officer Braden Gant and his partner, Nash, were on the scene within moments. Nash quickly made the apprehension. Other officers arrested Antario Porter.



The third and final suspect in the February 2018 fatal shooting of Shamar Lewis, 34, behind an apartment building on Ben Allen Road is in custody.

Deputy U.S. Marshals on August 21st arrested Jyshon Forbes, 25, at his place of work in Knoxville. He will be returned to Nashville in the near future. Two other men, Jemario Askew, 31, and Richard Felder III, 33, are already charged with first-degree murder in the case.

The investigation, led by East Precinct Detective Jesse Holt, shows that Forbes, Felder, Askew and Lewis knew each other when they met at Cobblestone Corners Apartments on the night of February 20th. The motive for the murder appears to have been robbery.

West

A months long investigation into drug sales occurring at 319 Tampa Drive led to the August 21st arrests of two convicted felons on drug and gun charges.

Rodney Wells Jr., 41, who has felony cocaine and marijuana convictions in his past, is now charged with possession of heroin for resale, possession of marijuana for resale, manufacturing marijuana wax & oil, and gun possession in the commission of a drug felony.

Michael Mimms, 35, who has aggravated robbery convictions in his past, is charged with two misdemeanor drug counts and unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon.

West Precinct undercover detectives recovered 24 grams of heroin, a half-pound of marijuana, a small amount of cocaine, 4 pistols and \$2,255 cash during the execution of a search warrant at the Tampa Drive residence.



Tampa Drive seizures

During dismissal from McKissick Middle School, Community Engagement Officer Albert Wilson sees a friend from the neighborhood and sends him off with a high five!



The Bellevue community engagement team had a blast with youngsters at West Meade Elementary school during the students' physical fitness classes.



Madison

An investigation into drug sales occurring at 1017 Looby Circle led to the August 21st arrest of convicted felon Charles Haywood Smith, 28.

Smith, who has drug possession and theft convictions in his past, is now charged with possession of heroin for resale, possession of methamphetamine for resale, and gun possession in the commission of a drug felony.

Madison Precinct undercover detectives recovered 84 grams of methamphetamine, nine grams of heroin, five grams of cocaine, four guns (one stolen), and \$360 cash during the execution of a search warrant at the Looby Circle residence.



Hermitage

A 19-year-old man in federal custody on gun and drug charges was booked for criminal homicide in Nashville Juvenile Court for the July 25, 2017 shooting death of 15-year-old Jaezoin Woods in J.C. Napier public housing.

Freddie Calbert is the second and final person to be charged in Woods' murder. Calbert is charged in Juvenile Court because he was 17 when Woods was killed. Calbert will remain in federal custody as the result of his arrest by MNPDP officers in February where he was found to be in a stolen 2019 Toyota Camry with a loaded pistol, one pound of marijuana, three grams of cocaine and \$2,165 cash. A hearing to transfer the murder case from Juvenile to Criminal (adult) court is expected to take place later in the year.

Calbert's suspected accomplice, Tevin Griffin, 22, was arrested for Woods murder on June 12 of this year. He remains in the Metro Jail.

Woods was shot outside of a Lewis Street residence while running from a drive-by shooter along with several other neighborhood residents. The investigation determined that he was not the intended target of the gunfire.

North

North Precinct Commander Terrence Graves was joined by Cold Case Detective Andrew Davis, North Precinct Detective Stanley Truitt, and North Precinct Patrol officers Isaac Wood and Jerica Glaston for a discussion with students at Cane Ridge High School about what it was like to be a police officer.



Commander Graves talks to students about the variety of job opportunities available to officers within the police department.



Officer Jerica Glaston with students.



South

Officers had a great time with youngsters at Paragon Mills Elementary School's Community Helper Day.

The children enjoyed asking questions about police work and touring a patrol car.



Specialized Investigations Division

A search warrant served at a Madison auto repair shop has led to the seizure of more than 6,600 heroin pills made with the same markings of the painkiller Oxycodone.

The investigation of Kingsley Acheampong, 33, and his business, Kings Crown Auto Repair on E. Old Hickory Boulevard, revealed that shipments of illegal drugs were being sent there from Mexico. These type of pills have been responsible for overdose deaths across the country in that persons who ingest them believe that they are taking Oxycodone and are not used to the potency of heroin-laced tablets.

In addition to the 6,668 blue pills seized from the business, the Major Case Task Force of the Specialized Investigations Division also found more than 2.5 pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and 5 pistols, 4 of which were stolen (2 in Nashville home burglaries, 1 in a pawnshop robbery, and 1 from Henry County).

Acheampong is charged with possession of heroin and marijuana for resale, unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon (Acheampong has a felony drug conviction in Virginia), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

U.S. Homeland Security Investigations assisted the MNPD in this case.



Juvenile Crime Task Force

Juvenile Crime Task Force officers on September 3rd recovered a stolen Jeep and charged four teens with unlawful gun possession in a case that began with a call to police from a concerned citizen on N. Hill Street.

Task Force officers were in the area of Tony Sudekum Apartments when a citizen reported seeing several juveniles get out of a newer model Jeep Compass and pull on the door handles of other nearby vehicles. Officers quickly spotted the 2019 Jeep, which was stolen the day before from a parking garage on 17th Avenue South.

Citizens provided descriptions of the teens they saw get out of the Jeep. Minutes later, a 14-year-old who matched one of the descriptions was detained as he walked on Lafayette Street. The 14-year-old carried the keys to the Jeep and a loaded 9 millimeter pistol, which was stolen from Clarksville. The 14-year-old was charged at juvenile detention with auto theft, gun theft, and unlawful gun possession.

Further investigation led officers to a residence on Trimble Street, which smelled strongly of marijuana. Three other teens were inside: a 19-year-old, a 14-year-old, and a 13-year-old. During the execution of a search warrant at the residence, officers found a .22 caliber

pistol with a high capacity magazine, a .25 caliber pistol without a serial number, marijuana blunts and a digital scale.

The second 14-year-old was charged at juvenile detention with 2nd offense unlawful gun possession, marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. The 13-year-old was charged with unlawful gun possession. The 19-year-old, Yolando Odom, was charged by citations with unlawful gun possession, marijuana possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, and contributing to the delinquency of minors.



The Juvenile Crime Task Force on August 27th arrested three teens and recovered a stolen vehicle and three handguns.

Officers were in the area of Gallatin Pike near McGavock Pike when they spotted a stolen 2007 Infiniti SUV. Officers activated their emergency equipment but the driver refused to stop. The 17-year-old driver and two passengers, ages 14 and 15, later bailed from the SUV on Carroll Street near University Court. The SUV rolled into an unoccupied parked car. Both passengers were quickly apprehended after a brief foot chase. The driver, who was in possession of a loaded nine-millimeter handgun, was found hiding in a breezeway. Two additional handguns were recovered during a search of the area.

The driver is charged in Juvenile Court with vehicle theft, evading arrest, juvenile handgun possession (second offense), leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, driving on a suspended license, and for being an escapee from a youth detention facility in Bartlett, Tennessee. He has prior arrests for aggravated robbery in 2016 and carjacking in 2018.

The other two teens are charged in Juvenile Court with vehicle theft and evading arrest.

The SUV was stolen the day before from a Charlotte Pike convenience market. The driver reported that she stopped at a gas pump, got out while leaving the SUV running, and walked back to the gas cap. Before she could remove the cap, a young man got into the SUV's front passenger side and drove off.



Juvenile Crime Task Force officers on August 15th apprehended escaped teenager Lacories Howse after the 16-year-old crashed the carjacked Toyota Camry he was driving. Also in the car was another 16-year-old who is in Department of Children's Services custody but was placed on a trial home visit in late July. Task Force officers found him to be wearing an ankle monitor at the time of his arrest.

Howse, whose history includes carjacking, aggravated robbery and handgun possession, escaped from the TrueCore facility at 279 Stewarts Ferry Pike on July 25th after scaling a fence. Officers had been actively working to find him.

The Juvenile Crime Task Force team was in the area of W. Trinity Lane and Whites Creek Pike when they saw a white Toyota Camry bearing an Illinois tag that had been taken during a carjacking from an apartment complex on Belle Valley Drive in West Nashville. A pursuit was initiated, which ended moments after it began after Howse crashed the car at the intersection of W. Trinity Lane and Buena Vista Pike. A search of the Camry led to the recovery of a Glock 9 millimeter pistol with a round chambered and a 13 round magazine. A computer check showed that the gun was stolen out of Indianapolis. A black ski mask was also found in the car.

Howse and his fellow 16-year-old were booked into Juvenile detention.



Congratulations:



Officer Ralph Smith, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Lindsay, welcomed their son, Maxon Edward Smith, on August 25th.

Officer Calen Morrison and his wife, Kristy, welcomed their daughter, Dannah Leu Morrison, on August 30th.

Condolences:

Calvin James Linzy, the father of Officer Dajuan Kendrick, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Charles Wiley Embry Sr., the father of Officer Chuck Embry, Central Precinct, passed away on September 3rd.