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News from the Chief



Sixty-two of our colleagues elected to take advantage of the city's retirement incentive offer, including 1 deputy chief, 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 36 officers, 10 sergeants and 12 members of the professional support staff. A number of career celebrations have been held since the first of the year. There will be others over the next two weeks. Decisions to retire from decades long careers with our department were, for many, not easy. These co-workers and friends will be missed. I thank them for their dedication and commitment, and wish them all the best in the years ahead. As these retirements occur, a class of 81 police officer trainees (Session 70) continues to receive instruction at the academy in anticipation of their June 10th graduation. I presently anticipate that Session 71 will begin in late spring of this year, and will likely be followed by Session 72 in early summer. The support of Mayor Dean and the Metro Council allows us to continue our efforts to maintain a fully staffed police department. I am grateful to all of you who are assisting in the recruiting effort by passing the word to organizations and young persons in the community that the MNPD is hiring and that there is no more rewarding career than public service through police work.

Thank you all, officers and professional support staff, for everything you do on behalf of this community and its visitors. I continue to be very impressed with the leadership and work ethic being shown throughout the department. As I meet with chiefs from other U.S. cities our size, it is very clear that, because of your efforts, we are significantly ahead when it comes to proactive law enforcement strategies and our outreach/partnership efforts with citizens and neighborhood groups.

Retirement Celebrations

Officer Joe Ladnier celebrated 32 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Todd Henry, Officer Ladnier and Deputy Chief Damian Huggins.

Officer Roy “Mikie” Lee celebrated 28 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Captain Randy Hickerson, Officer Roy Lee and Deputy Chief Damian Huggins.

Sergeant David McDonald celebrated 28 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson, Sgt. McDonald and Hermitage Precinct Commander Michele Donegan.

Officer Jackie Daniels celebrated 31 years of dedicated service



Auto Theft Detectives Billy Sharer, Tony Constant and Randy Eatherly celebrated a combined 80 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson, Detectives Tony Constant, 25 years; Billy Sharer, 27 years; and Randy Eatherly, 28 years; and Deputy Chief Todd Henry.

Investigative Services and Precinct News

The scheme of a former California resident to sell what he claims to be his west coast grown marijuana in the Nashville area has been stopped by Metro police narcotics detectives.

Acting on a tip that a Fed Ex package containing multiple pounds of marijuana was en route from California to 230 Thuss Avenue in South Nashville, detectives on Wednesday arranged for a specially trained drug dog to sniff the box, which weighed just more than 12 pounds. The dog strongly indicated that it contained contraband.

Once the package was delivered to 230 Thuss Avenue, detectives executed a search warrant. John Paul Barker, 30, the man who accepted delivery, admitted to the presence of marijuana in the house and said that he had seen his roommate, Stephen Ray Jones, 61, with large bags of marijuana. Jones arrived home shortly thereafter. He acknowledged expecting a package containing marijuana that he claimed to have grown while in California. Jones said he rarely smoked marijuana himself and that he was a seller. He told detectives Wednesday's Fed Ex shipment was the second he had received.

Seized from the home Wednesday were 12.5 pounds of marijuana, an assault-type rifle, two computers and two guitars. Both Barker and Jones are charged with possession of marijuana for resale, possession of a firearm in the commission of a dangerous felony, and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

Two South Nashville men accused of conspiring to sell and distribute cocaine in the Middle Tennessee area are now behind bars.

Ricardo Osorno-Monterio, 22, of 242 Welch Road, and Mynor Natoreno Cabrera, 34, of 5242 Edmondson Pike, were arrested Wednesday night after making arrangements to sell more than one pound of cocaine to an undercover officer. The cocaine was stashed in the ventilation compartment and other areas of Osorno-Monterio's vehicle. A subsequent search of Osorno-Monterio's Edmondson Pike apartment revealed three additional ounces of cocaine, a press used to compact cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Both men are charged with multiple drug counts. Osorno-Monterio is jailed in lieu of \$200,000 bond. Cabrera's bail is set at \$100,000.

This investigation was led by the Specialized Investigations Division's Narcotics Unit. The 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force (which covers Lincoln, Bedford, Marshall and Moore Counties), Crime Suppression Units from the South and Central Precincts, Gang Unit detectives and SWAT officers also took part.

Two Washington, D.C. nursing home employees who detectives suspect were about to go on a Nashville area buying binge with fraudulent Visa and American Express gift cards are in the Metro Jail.

Lucien Guy Etobil, 50, of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Herman Ndonue, 26, of Hyattsville, Maryland, were stopped by Specialized Investigations Division Interdiction Officer Thomas Spence late Thursday afternoon on I-40 near Bellevue for following the vehicle in front of them too closely. While investigating the rental car the two were in, Officer Spence came upon more than 50 Visa and American Express gift cards, most of them stashed inside cigarette packages for concealment. Both men denied knowledge of the cards. Follow up investigation by the Fraud Unit revealed the gift cards were not of the prepaid variety as they appeared. Instead, the cards' magnetic strips had been encoded with credit card information, meaning that they could be used repeatedly until the owners of the credit cards determined that their numbers were being fraudulently used and canceled them.

A search of the Sidco Drive motel room where Etobil and Ndonue were staying revealed four additional gift cards.

Both men are presently charged with one count each of criminal simulation. They are being held in lieu of \$10,000 bond. Additional charges are expected to be placed against them as detectives work with financial institutions to identify the true owners of the credit card numbers loaded onto the gift cards.

A Crime Stoppers tip, coupled with outstanding investigative work, led to the arrest of 23-year-old Salvatore Randazzo and his mother, Tracy Middleton, 42, who are now charged with the manufacture and sale of synthetic marijuana.

South Precinct undercover officers took the pair into custody at their Delmas Avenue residence where 32.5 ounces of synthetic marijuana, three guns and \$35,000 cash were seized.



Central Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant John Bourque received a tour of the Music City Center roof.

The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operations officers of the month for January 2013

Patrol

Madison Precinct Officers Ernest Jones and William Hampton

Police

Madison Precinct Officer Jonathan Shepherd

Investigator

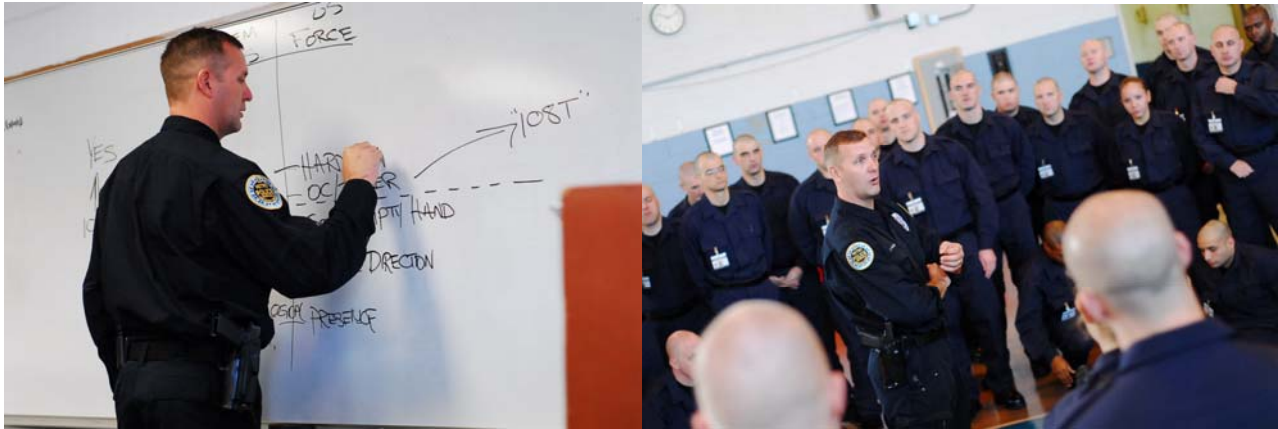
North Precinct Detective Andrew Davis

Special Operations

Hazardous Devices Unit Officers Michael Pollard and David Bebout

Training Division

Session 70



Officer Clint Gilleland provides defensive tactics instruction.

From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

Convicted child rapist David Felts was sentenced to 114 years in prison by Criminal Court Judge Steve Dozier. A jury convicted Felts in November of six counts of rape of a child and two counts of aggravated sexual battery.

Felts was found guilty of sexually assaulting his girlfriend's daughter beginning when the child was just five years old.

Jordans Benoit pled guilty to two counts of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting death of his pregnant live-in girlfriend in November 2011.

Almise Derilus was eight months pregnant at the time of the shooting. The baby did not survive. As part of the plea, Benoit will serve two consecutive 15- year sentences (out of range) for an effective 30-year sentence. He must serve 45% of that sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

A man set to go on trial for attacking a boy inside a public restroom at Centennial Park instead entered a guilty plea.

Scobey Sowell pled guilty to the May 2008 aggravated sexual battery of an eleven-year-old inside the restroom. The victim immediately told a guardian about the attack and was able to point out Sowell as he fled on a bike.

Sowell will serve a sentence of 15 years at 100%.

A Davidson County jury convicted former middle school principal Ronald Anderson of four counts of sexual battery by an authority figure.

Anderson was on trial this week for the sexual contact he had with one of the teenage boys he mentored at the Royal Life International Church he attended. The victim was not one of his students at the school. The victim, who is now an adult, was assaulted when he was 16 and 17-years old. Anderson will be sentenced in April.

A Nashville man was convicted of first degree felony murder and especially aggravated robbery after a jury found him guilty of fatally shooting Vincent Perkins in December 2009.

With the murder conviction, David Avinger must serve at least 51 years in prison before being eligible for parole. Avinger, who is paralyzed from the waist down and is confined to a wheelchair, met the victim in a car on Howard Street for a marijuana transaction. Perkins was robbed while sitting in the back seat and was shot while attempting to jump out of the car. Avinger's co-defendant, Antoinette Reynolds, still has pending charges. Avinger will be sentenced next month on the especially aggravated robbery charge.

Congratulations:

Patrick Baird, South Precinct, and his wife, Robyn, welcomed their second daughter, Brooklyn Reese, on February 7th.

Officer David Bruce, South Precinct, and his wife, Chrissy, welcomed their son, Brooks Allen Bruce, born on February 10th.



Condolences:

Claude Mason, the father of Nicole Mason, West Investigations, passed away on January 28th.

Louise Mulder, the grandmother of Officer Todd Mask, Special Operations Division, passed away on January 28th.

Officer Larry Bingham, who retired in 1993 after 20 years of service, passed away on January 29th.

Doyle Sumerel, the father of Officer Desmond Sumerel, South Precinct passed away on January 31st.

FYI:

Jerry Holt, who has been with the department since 1973, turned 60 on Valentine's Day! The thoughtful folks in the Property & Evidence Division gave him some "gifts".

