

**February 3, 2012** 

## News from the Chief



The strong relationships our precinct commanders are building with neighborhoods and business groups truly are the key to effectively combatting crime and improving quality of life. The latest information collected by Sergeant Dan Ogren from his fellow precinct community coordinating sergeants clearly shows that we are continuing on the right track. At the end of 2011, our police officers were working with 516 Neighborhood Watch Groups. We attended 1,430 community meetings last year, an average of four meetings every day of the year. Despite our status as a major American city, neighbors are still taking the time to look out for one another in large part because of our constant community interaction and involvement.

In the effort to ensure the reliability of our vehicle fleet, we are to receive over the next several weeks 86 new marked cars, 14 new Flex vehicles and 34 new unmarked cars. Most of these vehicles will be replacements for high mileage vehicles and 15 or so that have already been taken out of service for various reasons.

I extend my personal congratulations to Deputy Chief Kelton on her nomination Thursday evening by President Obama to be Middle Tennessee's U.S. Marshal. This is an outstanding compliment to her character, credibility and work ethic. It is unclear when the U.S. Senate might take up this nomination and others recently submitted by the White House. In the meantime, it's business as usual for Deputy Chief Kelton in the Field Operations Bureau. Whatever may transpire in the future, we will continue to benefit from the leadership she provides and her positive influence on everyone around her.

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors.

# **Happenings**

Mayor Dean attended a ceremony January 20<sup>th</sup> at the North Precinct recognizing 29 recently promoted officers (20 sergeants, six lieutenants, one captain and two commanders).



Mayor Dean congratulates officers on their promotions.



Promoted officers pictured with Chief Anderson.

#### Pancake Breakfast for Officer Brian Richards

The Special Operations Division hosted a pancake breakfast to benefit Officer Brian Richards who was seriously injured in May 2010 when his police vehicle was struck by a drunk driver. More than 400 employees attended the breakfast and raised \$6,100.

Donations for Officer Richards are being accepted at the MPD Credit Union.



Officer Brian Richards seated with his daughter, Katie. Standing (l-r) are Officer Wallace Taylor, Officer Harold Burke, Lt. David Mundt, Officer Harold Taylor, Officer Russ Wade, Dylan Richards, Officer Russ Ward, Ann Richards, Trent Richards, Officer John Roberson, Officer Brad Nave, Officer Jessie Loy and Officer Phil Shuler.

#### **Martin Luther King Day March**



Pictured (l-r) are Reverend Judy Cummings of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Reverend Raymond Bowman of the Spruce Street Baptist Church, State Senator Thelma Harper, Governor Bill Haslam, Chief Steve Anderson and Reverend James Thomas of the Jefferson Street Baptist Church.

#### **El Protector Program Events**

The El Protector Program hosted a health fair January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hickory Hollow Mall where nearly 400 participants received free medical screenings and educational information



Ollie, the El Protector mascot, visits with children at the health fair.

El Protector Officers Rafael Fernandez and Gilbert Ramirez conducted a meeting at the South Precinct on January 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss traffic safety issues as well as driver's license laws.

More than 50 persons attended the gathering aimed at continuing to build trust between the Hispanic community and the Police Department. The El Protector Program intends to conduct these meetings on a monthly basis in order to discuss a wide variety of issues.



El Protector safety meeting.

#### **Community Meeting**

Nashville residents gathered Thursday for an informative presentation from the Gang Unit in the South Precinct community room.



South Nashville residents attend informational meeting.

#### The Precinct News

#### **Hermitage**

An alleged gunman in the July 9, 2009, shooting death of 12-year-old Makia Woodland pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and will serve a 20-year sentence at 100%.

Ronald Deshawn Roseman, who was 17 at the time of the murder, was arrested in May 2010 after thousands of investigative man hours by the Hermitage Precinct's investigative team. Charges are still pending against four co-defendants.

In the early morning hours of July 9, 2009, Makia's grandmother, with whom she lived, heard loud banging coming from the kitchen of their Maury Street home and went to investigate. She was met by several young men who ordered her back to the bedroom. As the grandmother was calling police from her cell phone, she heard several shots. Moments later she discovered that Makia, who had also come from her bedroom because of the noise, had been fatally wounded.

#### **South**

A citizen's determination to be involved in the safety of Nashville led to the apprehension of the two masked men who tried to rob Bank of America's branch at 4661 Nolensville Pike.

Nashvillians Marshall Simmons and David Hill, both 22, are charged in United States District Court with attempted bank robbery with a firearm.

At 10:30 a.m., Simmons and Hill, both wearing masks and Hill carrying a pistol, entered the bank. They tried to get behind teller row, which is protected by glass and was inaccessible. After the robbers banged on the access door, the bank employees fled to an adjacent area of the bank. Simmons and Hill then left the bank empty handed and fled the parking lot in a Ford Explorer.

A citizen who was in the bank at the time of the attempted robbery saw Simmons and Hill flee. He followed the Explorer to a nearby apartment complex. Moments later, the citizen saw a Lincoln Town Car pull out containing persons he thought were the suspects from the bank. The citizen telephoned the Emergency Communications Center as he followed the Lincoln and provided updates on its location. South Precinct officers conducted a felony stop of the car at Harding Place and Linbar Drive. Hill, the front seat passenger, was armed at the time of the stop and was taken into custody without incident, as was Simmons, who was riding in the back seat. The driver of the car told authorities that he was unaware of the attempted bank robbery and was merely asked to give Simmons and Hill a ride. That man has been released. Simmons and Hill are now in the custody of the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force.

A Nashville woman alleged to have been involved in a number of armed robberies in southern Davidson County in June, July and November of last year has been identified and is now jailed.

In the end, it was word of Tisa Williams' arm length tattoo, described by victims, which caught the attention of South Precinct detective Charles McEachron. He put together a photo line-up to show family members who were robbed in a South Nashville store parking lot last November 18<sup>th</sup>. The family positively identified Williams. She was taken into custody by Officer Gary Sneed at her Rice Road home on three aggravated robbery warrants stemming from the November 18<sup>th</sup> case. During an interview with Detective McEachron, Williams admitted to:

- the robbery of a couple at Dover Glen Apartments in South Nashville last June 10<sup>th</sup>;
- the robbery of a man at a Bank of America ATM machine at 2669 Murfreesboro Pike last June 21<sup>st</sup>; and
- the attempted robbery of an employee of CCN International Market outside the 2615 Murfreesboro Pike store last July 6<sup>th</sup>.

  Williams is under investigation in connection with other robbery cases from last year.

Alert police work coupled with a citizen's assistance led to the arrest of three robbery suspects.

Two men approached the victim just after 1 a.m. in an apartment complex parking lot at 630 Bell Road and took his backpack at gunpoint. The suspects, Jaylon Gordon, 17, and Shawn Howell, Jr., 25, fled in a blue Chrysler 300, driven by Brittney Webb, 19.

The victim followed the getaway car a short distance and called police to report the suspect description and direction of flight. Officers soon stopped the vehicle on Una Antioch Pike at Pebble Creek Drive. All three suspects were taken into custody. During interviews with South Precinct detectives, they admitted their involvement in the robbery.

Commander Mike Alexander and Community Coordinator Sgt. Taylor Schmitz met with Metro Council Members on January 11<sup>th</sup> to present an overview of police work last year in the South Precinct and initiatives for 2012.



Three men suspected in a rash of south Nashville burglaries are in custody after an alert neighbor spotted them breaking into an Old Hickory Boulevard home.

South Precinct detectives were in the area having developed the men as suspects in several break-ins. They stopped the suspect vehicle, a silver Dodge Stratus with a temporary tag, on Shihmen Drive. All three were taken into custody without incident.

Marco Torres, Maldonado Ricardo, Jr., both 20, and David Peden, 23, are charged with aggravated burglary, vandalism and burglary of a motor vehicle. Additional charges are pending.

Torres, of Kline Avenue, and Maldonado, of Welshwood Drive, are being held in lieu of \$70,000 each. At the time of their arrest, Maldonado and Peden, of Antioch Pike, were free on bond for a December 22<sup>nd</sup> residential burglary on Maplewood Lane.

Peden, who has multiple theft convictions, is being held in lieu of \$125,000 bond.



Community Coordinator Sergeant Taylor Schmitz participates in the grand opening of the new 100 Oaks Wal-Mart on Powell Avenue.

#### West

A citizen's tip led to the arrest of Jean Owen, 44, who admitted to breaking into two west Nashville homes on three separate occasions in January to support a crack cocaine habit.

Officers arrived to a burglary in progress on Craighead Avenue and found Owen in the backyard of the home. A Louis Vuitton purse stolen during an earlier break-in at the same residence was recovered from a Lexus SUV that Owen was driving. During an interview with

detectives, Owen admitted to both burglaries and a January 19<sup>th</sup> break-in at an Estes Road home where she took jewelry and silverware.

Owen, of Park Avenue, is now charged with three counts of aggravated burglary and is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bond. She has a previous DUI conviction.

#### **East**

Two burglary suspects were taken into custody after East Precinct Officer Nicholas McCluskey stopped a Ford Focus with expired tags at the intersection of Main Street and McFerrin Avenue.

Officer McCluskey alertly spotted two laptop computers and a PlayStation 3 inside the car. The serial numbers on the electronics matched items taken during a January 10 burglary from a home on American Road in west Nashville.

The driver, Nathaniel Young, 24, and his passenger, Courtney Grimes, 23, are both charged with aggravated burglary and theft.

At the time of his arrest, Grimes was free on \$15,000 bond stemming from his September arrest for felony drug possession and a crooks with guns law violation after an officer located a handgun and marijuana inside a parked car in downtown Nashville. Grimes, of Anna Court, is currently being held on \$70,000 bond.

Young, of Cleveland Street, has previous convictions for drug possession and evading arrest. He is being held in lieu of \$71,000 bond.

Investigation by East Precinct detectives led to the arrest of Ghazi Asfour, 58, and his wife, Basmah Hattar, 51, for knowingly purchasing what were represented as stolen alcohol and cigarettes while operating Spirit convenience store at 927 Gallatin Avenue.

They bought over \$3,000 worth of merchandise for just \$580 during the investigation. Asfour and Hattar are both charged with three counts of felony theft and are being held in lieu of \$9,000 bond each.

All non-perishable items are being seized from the store as part of the investigation.

### **North**

SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team arrested accused murderer Antonio Flenoy as he hid in the restroom of a unit at the Rodeway Inn on W. Trinity Lane. Officers found Flenoy while following up on information developed by the North Precinct's Investigative Unit.

Flenoy, 24, is named in a criminal homicide warrant charging him with the January  $20^{\rm th}$  shooting death of Tashelle Vaughn, 21, inside Vaughn's apartment in the Charter Village complex on Rio Vista Drive. Flenoy and Vaughn were acquaintances.

17-year-old Tray Shelton is the accused gunman who robbed a man in the Cumberland View public housing development.

The victim reported that he was driving in the area when three men waved him down to ask for directions at 11:30 a.m. Shelton allegedly demanded he get out of the car while the other two suspects took his wallet and cell phone. They drove off in the victim's red Chevrolet Monte Carlo. The victim ran to a nearby business in the 2500 block of Clarksville Pike and provided a suspect and vehicle description.

Within minutes, North Precinct Flex officers spotted the Monte Carlo. Shelton, who was alone, drove the vehicle into a yard at 1601 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and ran. He was apprehended after a foot pursuit. Shelton admitted to the robbery and said he stopped earlier to let his accomplices out of the car.

Shelton is charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery.

#### **Madison**

Madison Precinct detectives charged two brothers with the murder of James William Ray at the intersection of Westchester and Stilton Drives.

Stephen K. Phillips, 22, of Southside Place, a convicted prostitute who is known to dress as a woman, and Brandon C. Phillips, 21, of Westchester Drive, are alleged to have conspired together to rob Ray, during which he was fatally wounded.

The investigation by Detective Russ Thompson shows that Ray, 58, of Cottontown, Tennessee, and Stephen Phillips were acquainted, and that Ray agreed to pick up Stephen at a Dickerson Pike business. Brandon Phillips is alleged to have followed in a separate vehicle. Stephen is alleged to have texted Brandon via cell phone alerting him that Ray was about to stop at the intersection of Westchester and Stilton Drives. Brandon is believed to have shot Ray after walking up to the driver's side of Ray's Pontiac Sunfire. Stephen apparently bailed out of the Sunfire after the shot and prior to the car striking a Westchester Drive home.

This investigation was aided greatly by information provided by members of the community.

#### **Central**

Outstanding investigative work by Central Precinct undercover detectives with assistance from East Precinct detectives led to the arrest of convicted robbers Anthony "A.J." Zonneville and James "Kool-Aid" Sims, both 25, for felony drug possession.

Seized during the execution of a search warrant at Zonneville's 875 Granada Avenue residence were .7 grams of cocaine, 385 grams of marijuana, one shotgun, one vehicle and \$427 cash. Both men were taken into custody.

Zonneville and Sims, of Connare Drive, are now charged with a crooks with guns law violation and felony cocaine and marijuana possession. They were also served with outstanding aggravated robbery warrants for the armed Halloween hold-up of a man on North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. In

addition to robbery, both men have previous burglary and theft convictions. They are being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond each.

This month's arrests of four suspects believed to be involved in numerous burglaries in the Salemtown area, are expected to have a major impact in curtailing these thefts.

Central Precinct detectives and Patrol officers were in Salemtown investigating a recent rash of residential burglaries when a break-in was reported in the 1700 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North at 4:30 p.m. Officers in the area quickly located two juveniles, ages 14 and 17, who matched the suspect description. The teens admitted breaking into seven Salemtown homes during the past three weeks. During interviews, they reported that convicted felon Timmy Bufford, 40, would advise them of which homes to break into while he would wait for them in his Ford Expedition. The boys, who both live in the Salemtown area, would reportedly receive marijuana in exchange. Bufford would then allegedly sell the stolen items from his home in the 1700 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. The teens are each charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated burglary and theft.

Bufford is charged with theft. Additional charges are pending. Bufford has previous aggravated burglary, cocaine possession and theft convictions.

In a separate case, acting on a tip officers located Steven Howard, 41, who was wanted on an outstanding burglary warrant for breaking into a Cheatham Place home last July. A latent finger print from a window sill matched Howard, a convicted burglar, who also has previous convictions for drug possession and theft. Howard, of Tennessee Avenue, is charged with burglary.

## **Specialized Investigations Division**

A three-month investigation has led to the dismantling of a local marijuana distribution operation based out of a home on Karen Ray Drive in South Nashville.

Specialized Investigations Division detectives have charged over-the-road truck driver Eduardo Cruz, 44, with possession of marijuana for resale and a crooks with guns violation. His wife, Yitell Rego, 26, is also charged with possession of marijuana for resale. The couple is of Cuban descent.

Cruz was arrested after leaving his 4958 Karen Ray Drive home to allegedly make a ten pound marijuana sale. With the marijuana inside Cruz's Ford F-350 pickup truck was a .22 rifle. During the vehicle stop, Cruz made a call on his cell phone. A short time later, officers conducting surveillance of the residence saw Rego come outside, back a minivan to the garage door and open the van's side and rear doors. When Rego pulled the van onto the street, she, too, was stopped by police. Inside the van were 39 pounds of marijuana. A subsequent search of 4958 Karen Ray Drive resulted in the seizure of an additional pound of marijuana (50 pounds total were seized Wednesday night) and drug ledgers.

During an interview, Cruz told detectives that he was buying the high quality marijuana for about \$2,500 per pound and was selling it for \$3,000 to \$3,200 per pound. The origin of the marijuana remains under investigation. Detectives believe Cruz had been dealing in marijuana for a number of months.



Seized marijuana.

A six-month investigation into the street sale of heroin in the Nashville area has led to the arrest of the local organization's dispatcher/distributor and the discovery of his base of operation inside a home on Saturn Drive near the Nashville International Airport.

**Carlos Jimenez-Aguilera**, 22, was taken into custody and is charged with ten felony counts of heroin sales. He is jailed in lieu of \$373,000 bond.

Undercover officers from the Specialized Investigations Division spoke with Jimenez-Aguilera numerous times on the phone over the past several months to place orders for heroin. He identified himself as "Omar," and would always send a courier to make the actual heroin sales in various Nashville neighborhoods.

Things became much more difficult for "Omar" on January 20<sup>th</sup> when narcotics detectives arrested his primary deliveryman, **Luis Ramirez-Tiaga**, 23, after he made a sale to an undercover officer. Ramirez-Tiaga tried to evade arrest after the sale and ran from the intersection of Foster Avenue and Peachtree Street. Detectives ultimately found him hiding in the backyard of a nearby home. A bag of small balloons containing heroin was located under the deck.

With Ramirez-Tiaga jailed in lieu of \$110,000 bond, "Omar" apparently had no choice but to deliver heroin himself after taking an order from an undercover officer on January 25<sup>th</sup>. "Omar" drove to the intersection of Kent Road and Dunmore Drive in Donelson, made the \$500 sale, and was taken into custody minutes later at Donelson Pike and I-40 in possession of 12 small balloons containing heroin. "Omar" was identified as Carlos Jimenez-Aguilera, but he refused to answer any questions or tell detectives where he lived. Subsequent investigation revealed "Omar" was connected to a home at 1200 Saturn Drive. A search warrant was

conducted at the residence, which turned out to be the base of the heroin operation. Inside, officers found a supply of small balloons, digital scales, eight ounces of heroin, three pistols and a rifle. Also there was **Jose Aguilar-Lopez**, 38. He was arrested and charged with felony heroin possession, unlawful gun possession and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

Detectives turned on "Omar's" cell phone, which they seized on Wednesday. During the course of the day, 13 persons called to place heroin orders. Undercover officers met up with all 13 in various neighborhoods. All were issued state misdemeanor citations charging them with attempting to possess heroin. One woman was also charged with prostitution after she said she had no cash, but would exchange sex for heroin.

Seized as the result of this investigation thus far were ten ounces of heroin with a street value of approximately \$50,000, three vehicles, three pistols, one rifle, \$3,900 cash and \$3,000 in electronics.

Federal immigration holds have now been placed on Carlos Jimenez-Aguilera, Luis Ramirez-Tiaga and Jose Aguilar-Lopez, who are believed to be from Mexico.



Guns and heroin seized from 1200 Saturn Drive.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force

An investigation spanning more than one year into the large scale trafficking of marijuana into the Nashville area and its subsequent distribution has led to the arrests of three persons and the seizure of 754 pounds of marijuana brought here from Arizona.

Charged with engaging in a marijuana conspiracy is Nashvillian and convicted felon Charles Wayne Ivey, 27, who resides in the Encore condominium high rise downtown. Ivey, who received an eight-year sentence in 2007 on a felony cocaine charge, was on probation at the time of his arrest and is suspected of being the senior distributor in this marijuana operation. Ivey is alleged to have stored the marijuana in various Nashville stash houses. A

search of his condominium resulted in the seizure of paperwork evidence, but no marijuana. He is not believed to have distributed the marijuana from the Encore building.

This investigation, headed by Metro police officers assigned to the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force, heated up significantly with word that a shipment of marijuana allegedly destined for Ivey was in the Middle Tennessee area. Undercover officers spotted the travel trailer suspected of containing the marijuana move through Nashville on I-65. In the process, it passed within 1,000 feet of several schools. Ivey apparently was not ready to receive the shipment, prompting the two persons transporting it to travel toward a campground in Humphreys County until they could make the delivery. With the assistance of the Perry County Sheriff's Office and the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force, the travel trailer and the truck pulling it were stopped near Linden. Arrested on felony marijuana charges were Teresa Kay Joplin, 51, and Spencer Del Vermuele, 48, both of Arizona.

This investigation remains active and has also been supported by detectives from the Specialized Investigations Division, Crime Suppression Units from the Hermitage, South and Madison Precincts and the TBI. Seized thus far, in addition to the marijuana, are five vehicles, the travel trailer and more than \$20,000 cash.



Seized marijuana, truck and travel trailer.

The following officers in the Field Operation Bureau were chosen Patrol, Police, and Investigator of the Month for December 2011

**Patrol Officer of the Month** 

North Precinct Officer Eric Mumaw

**Police Officer of the Month** 

South Precinct Officer Joseph Stanton

#### **Investigator of the Month**

East Precinct Detective Rex Davenport

#### **Special Operations Officer of the Month**

Special Response Team Officers Robert Allen III, Jason Rader, Ryan Lockwood, Nathan Lester, Melvin Brown III, Robert Doak, Shane Fairbanks, Brian Gregory and David Haywood

# The following officers in the Investigative Services Bureau were chosen Investigator of the Month for October, November and December

#### **Investigator of the Month for October**

Specialized Investigations Division Detective Matt Dixon

#### **Investigator of the Month for November**

Domestic Violence Division Detectives Jason Orsbon & Michael Gooch

#### **Investigator of the Month for December**

Sex Crimes Detective Jason Mayo

#### The following civilians were chosen Employees of the Month for October, November and December 2011

#### October

Information Systems Advisor II Rhonda Hunt

#### November

ITS Advisor John Singleton

#### **December**

Information Systems Application Tech II Ronald McKinney

# Session 67



**Drill & Ceremony Training** 



**Trainee studies Precinct boundaries.** 

## **Retirement Celebrations**

Fay Welch celebrated 23 years of service.



Fay Welch

Mark Fielden celebrated 31 years of service.



Mark Fielden receives a commemorative plaque from Chief Anderson.

Marshall Carter celebrated 30 years of service.



Chief Anderson presents Marshall Carter with a commemorative plaque.

Officer Charles Drew celebrated 24 years of service.



North Precinct Commander Anthony Carter presented Officer Drew with a commemorative plaque.

#### From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A Nashville jury deliberated for just under an hour before finding Stephen Miguel Hernandez guilty in the 2010 beating death of Tommy Lee Perkins.

Perkins's body was discovered in the early morning hours of September 7, 2010, on Brick Church Pike, near the Ravin Motel where he lived. He had been repeatedly kicked and punched in the head. When Hernandez was arrested, he had bruised knuckles and a swollen hand.

Hernandez and another man approached Perkins to rob him. Hernandez was found guilty of felony murder and facilitation of aggravated robbery. His first degree murder conviction carries a life sentence of at least 51 years. A trial date has not yet been set for his co-defendant, Justin Brummett.

Jarod Phillips pled guilty to 2nd degree murder in the 2009 killing of a TSU professor and poultry plant manager.

Phillips received a sentence of 32 years at 100% for fatally stabbing Dr. Nathaniel Adefope inside a storage building at the school's poultry plant.

Marquez Mallard pled guilty to 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder and took 35 years at 100% for the October 2010 fatal shooting of Tennessee State University student Jonathan Finley.

Finley, 24, was with two other men inside an SUV when they saw Mallard outside a Jefferson Street house he was burglarizing. Fearing for their safety, they drove off. Mallard fired several shots at the vehicle, striking Finley who was sitting in a rear passenger seat.

Adrian Henry pled guilty to the murder of his girlfriend, Saret Vit, whose badly burned body was discovered August 13, 2010 in a field near the intersection of Brick Church Lane and Knight Road. An autopsy showed that Vit, 22, had head trauma and was likely strangled. It is believed she was deceased before being set on fire.

Henry, 27, was sentenced to 40 years in prison at 100%. His sentence will be consecutive to the 20 years he is currently serving for violating his parole.

Henry has convictions from 1999 for attempted first-degree murder and attempted especially aggravated robbery. He registered with the police department as an ex-con on parole in December 2008.

A Goodlettsville man was given an eight year prison sentence and eight years of intensive probation after pleading guilty to two counts of vehicular homicide by intoxication in a fatal October 2010 crash.

Dustin Coker was driving over 90 m.p.h. on Gallatin Pike when he struck a car driven by Kevin McManamon, killing him and his passenger, Jessica Howard. He had a blood alcohol content of .16. Coker's license is revoked for ten years.

Criminal Court Judge Mark Fishburn also ordered Coker to spend a week in jail each year of his probation during the week of Jessica's birthday, Kevin's birthday and the anniversary of their death.

A Davidson County Criminal Court jury convicted Bobby Stanley George of trying to abduct a child from a Hermitage restaurant in 2009.

Witnesses testified that George pulled into the restaurant parking lot and approached the 8-year old victim and his brother. George showed them money and told them to get into the car. The boys started to walk away when George got out of his car and grabbed the victim by the arm. The children escaped and alerted their parents. Employees inside the restaurant got George's license plate number and called police who stopped him within minutes.

In addition to being convicted of attempt to commit especially aggravated kidnapping, George was also convicted of DUI, fourth time or more. He will be sentenced on March  $2^{nd}$ .

Kudos to Officers Cassandra Del Bosco, Andrew Vallee, Chris Mason and Shawn Taylor for their quick response to the scene.

#### **Condolences:**

Buford Spain, father of retired officer Dale Spain, grandfather of Tara Burnett, Homicide Unit, and Tiffany Hansen, CID, and grandfather-in-law of Sergeant Larry Hansen, Madison Precinct, passed away on February 3 at age 90. Mr. Spain was a veteran who served in both WWII and the Korean War.

Claude Jennings, the grandfather of Detective Gregg Jennings, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on January 9<sup>th</sup> at age 96.

Roy Hedge passed away. He was preceded in death by his wife Eleanor who worked in Central Records. Mr. Hedge is the father of former civilian employee Myra Patterson and the brotherin- law of Deborah Wheeler, who retired from Communications in 2001.

School Crossing Guard Joyce Sawyer, sister-in-law of retired Officer Wayne Sawyer, passed away on January 21<sup>st</sup>.