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News from the Chief



A number of retirement celebrations were held over the past few days honoring officers and professional support staff members with a combined hundreds and hundreds of years of service to the citizens of Nashville and this police department. In light of vacancies created by those retirements, I am pleased to announce the promotion of Sergeant Scott Byrd to the rank of lieutenant and Detective Shaun Rohweder to the rank of sergeant effective immediately. The deputy chiefs and I will discuss additional promotions next week. Announcements regarding those will be made in the coming days.

In subsequent newsletters I will discuss our budget preparation for next fiscal year and the status of precinct and crime lab construction. For this newsletter, however, I will use this section to share with you photographs from many of the retirement celebrations. My sincere thanks to all of our now retired colleagues for jobs well done, and to each of you for all that you are doing and will do on behalf of our city's families and visitors.

Now the pictures...

Sergeants Stanley Black and Cecil Hill, and Officers Clarence Fayne, Walter Holloway, and Mable Osemwegie celebrated a combined 160 years of service.



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson, Sergeant Cecil Hill, 35 years; Officers Clarence Fayne, 31 years; Walter Holloway, 34 years; and Mable Osemwegie, 24 years; Sgt. Stanley Black, 32 years; and West Precinct Commander Marlene Pardue.

Missouria McClain celebrated 28 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Missouria McClain, Captain Michelle Richter and Deputy Chief Todd Henry

Officers Wallace Taylor and Harold Taylor celebrated a combined 52 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Harold Taylor, 24 years; Chief Anderson and Officer Wallace Taylor, 27 years.

Lieutenant Jimmy Wheeler celebrated 27 years of dedicated service



School Crossing Guards Deborah Gober, Gloria Southall, and Shirley Smith celebrated a combined 95 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Captain Keith Stephens, Sgt. Brenda Steinbrecher, Captain Dhana Jones, School Crossing Guards Gloria Southall, 28 years; Deborah Gober, 25 years; and Shirley Smith, 42 years; and Chief Anderson.

Officer Garry Baker celebrated 38 years of dedicated service



Deputy Chief Brian Johnson presented Officer Baker with a commemorative plaque.

Officer Marshall Stanton celebrated 25 years of dedicated service



Deputy Chief Brian Johnson (l) presents Officer Stanton with a commemorative plaque.

Sergeant Merri Lee Puckett celebrated 31 years of dedicated service



Officer Terry Davis celebrated 35 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson, Officer Terry Davis and Mayor Karl Dean.

Officers Bobby Fitzgerald, Robin Kirby, and Robert Davenport celebrated a combine 79 years of dedicated service.



Pictured (l-r) are East Precinct Commander David Imhof, Officers Robin Kirby, 26 years; Robert Davenport, 31 years; Bobby Fitzgerald, 22 years; and Chief Anderson.

Officer Joe Cooper celebrated 35 years of dedicated service



Beverlyn Jordan celebrated 37 years of dedicated service



Sherry Flemings celebrated 23 years of service



Brenda Russell, Belinda Shea, and Larry Farnow celebrated a combined 73 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Larry Farnow, 20 years; Belinda Shea, 23 years; Chief Anderson and Brenda Russell, 30 years.

Sergeant Christine Hewitt celebrated 28 years of dedicated service



Sergeant Pat Bianconi celebrated 38 years of dedicated service



Officer Roy Morris celebrated 21 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Lt. Frank Ragains, Officer Morris, Deputy Chief Damian Huggins, and Captain Karl Roller.

Sergeants Brenda Steinbrecher and Kerry Fowler celebrated a combined 55 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. Kerry Fowler, 28 years; Chief Anderson and Brenda Steinbrecher, 27 years.

Sergeant Pat Postiglione celebrated 32 years of dedicated service



Lieutenant Tim Durham celebrated 32 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson, Lt. Tim Durham and Judge Randall Wyatt.

Happenings

As part of the celebration of Metro Nashville's 50th Anniversary this year, Chief Anderson joined a panel discussion on Wednesday night at the John Seigenthaler Center to discuss the consolidation and success of emergency services under a consolidated government. Pictured (l-r) are Tennessean Chairman Emeritus John Seigenthaler, former Vice Mayor George Cate, Metro Trustee & former Finance Director Charles Cardwell, Chief Anderson, Acting Fire Chief Billy Lynch, and former Tennessean reporter and Pulitzer Prize winner Jim Squires.



Officer Luke Pavia is the winner of the police department's Biggest Winner Challenge, a voluntary program to help employees lose weight and live healthier lives. Pavia lost 50 pounds and 21% of his body weight during the challenge that began on June 26, 2012 and ran through December 13, 2012. Professional support employee Kenneth Braden was the runner up. He lost 25 pounds and 11.2% of his body weight.

A total of 67 employees took part in this program and shed a collective total of 348 pounds. Sponsors included Smoothie King, Adventure Words, Climb Nashville, Swiftwick, Dick's Sporting Goods, the Andrew Jackson Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Nashville Chapter of the Black Police Officers' Association.



Biggest Winner Challenge Luke Pavia received a \$200 gift card from the FOP and a \$100 gift card from the BPOA during a ceremony on February 22nd. Congratulating Pavia (l-r) are Training Academy Officer Brandon Frith, Captain & Director of Training Harmon Hunsicker, Chief Steve Anderson, Detective & BPOA President Reggie Miller, Sergeant & FOP President Robert Weaver, and Training Academy Lieutenant Jason Starling.

Investigations and Precinct News

Seventeen years of investigation into the extremely violent and brutal stabbing deaths of two 18-year-old women on Church Street has now resulted in the indictment of a California prison inmate on two counts of premeditated first-degree murder.

Patrick Lamonte Streater, 37, is formally accused of killing Tiffany Campbell and Melissa Dawn Chilton inside Exotic Tan for Men at 1805 Church Street where the two women worked. They were murdered late morning/early afternoon on February 22, 1996. The manager of the business found the victims just after 2 p.m. after he was unable to reach them by phone. Both women had been stabbed numerous times.

Streater is Campbell's former boyfriend. Detectives have spoken with him several times over the years, the latest occurring on February 20th at the California State Prison, Solano. Cold Case Sergeant Pat Postiglione, who has been leading the investigation in recent times, informed Streater that he was under indictment for murder in Nashville. Investigative work and interviews by Sergeant Postiglione and Detective Danny Satterfield over a number of months, along with scientific evidence, led to the charges against Streater. Specific details are not being publicly discussed and are reserved for court proceedings.

"The indictment against Patrick Streater is the result of countless hours of detective work by Sergeant Postiglione and his team," Chief Steve Anderson said. "They worked diligently to

uncover new pieces of the investigative puzzle, as well as put into place those pieces developed by other officers over the past 17 years. I know that Gail Chilton and Deborah Edmonds, the mothers of the victims, never lost hope. Neither did we.”

The indictment of Streater brings to 56 the number of murder cases that have been cleared by the Cold Case Unit since 2005.

“With the passage of time, these type cases become increasingly difficult for a variety of reasons,” District Attorney General Torry Johnson said. “Nevertheless, the close partnership between our office, Deputy District Attorney Tom Thurman in particular, and the Cold Case Unit has proven in the past that we can often overcome obstacles and successfully prosecute crimes from many years ago. I, too, am pleased that Gail Chilton and Deborah Edmonds will have the opportunity to represent their daughters and seek justice on their behalf in Davidson County Criminal Court.”

A formal hold has been placed on Streater with the California Department of Correction, where he is serving a sentence for robbery. The date of his return to Nashville is not yet known.



Chief Steve Anderson announces the indictment of Patrick Lamonte Streater. Also pictured, l-r, are Deborah Edmonds (mother of victim Tiffany Campbell), Gail Chilton (mother of victim Melissa Chilton), and Davidson County District Attorney General Torry Johnson.



Cold Case Unit Sergeant Pat Postiglione, who led the double homicide investigation in recent years, traveled to California on Wednesday and informed Streater that he is under indictment on two counts of first-degree murder.

Nineteen-year-old Aaron Eugene Hall surrendered himself at police headquarters on a grand jury indictment charging him with first-degree murder for the shooting death last August of Chijoke Ike.

Ike, 28, of Antioch, was found dead August 14th in a field on 33rd Avenue North at Felicia Street. His family had reported him missing.

Investigation by Cold Case Detective Chad Holman, one of the police department's missing person coordinators, led to the identification of Hall, a West Nashville resident who attends college in Jackson, Tennessee, as one of the suspects. A second man, Timothy Leron Brown, 24, is also under indictment for Ike's murder. Brown is presently incarcerated in a Tennessee prison on burglary and aggravated assault charges.

The motive for Ike's murder is believed to be connected to a marijuana-related robbery.

Timothy Brown is also in trouble in connection with another case last August and is facing a separate indictment charging him with especially aggravated kidnapping and especially aggravated robbery. In that matter, Brown and Keandre March are alleged to have kidnapped Alan Beverly, 25, on August 9th. The three were traveling in a Chevrolet Malibu on N. Gallatin Pike when Beverly said he engaged in a struggle over a gun with one of abductors. Several shots were fired inside the car. All three men were wounded, March fatally. Madison Precinct detectives are handling that investigation.

Investigation of a methamphetamine/mushroom complaint at 5524 Cane Ridge Road in South Nashville led to the arrest of 28-year-old William Justin Brake and the seizure of components used in meth manufacture, mushroom grow containers, four ounces of unlawful psychedelic mushrooms, four ounces of marijuana and several guns.

Brake acknowledged to Specialized Investigations Division detectives that he had cooked meth at the residence in the past and was growing mushrooms.

Brake is charged with initiation of the process to manufacture meth, unlawful gun possession in the commission of a dangerous felony, possession of marijuana for resale and possession of unlawful mushrooms for resale. He is free on \$10,500 bond. Brake is scheduled to be in court on April 9th.

An anonymous complaint concerning illegal drug activity at 876 Sharpe Avenue in East Nashville led to the arrest of 72-year-old Mary Scales after officers discovered more than two pounds of marijuana in her bedroom along with a teddy bear stuffed with \$14,754 cash.

Specialized Investigations Division detectives obtained a search warrant after detecting an obvious odor of marijuana coming from the home. Also found in Scales bedroom was a .45 caliber pistol that was reported stolen last year. Scales was not cooperative during the search and refused to speak to detectives about what they found.

Scales is charged with possession of marijuana for resale, unlawful gun possession in the commission of a dangerous felony, theft (for possessing a stolen pistol), and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. She is free on \$3,000 bond. Her first court appearance is scheduled for April 11th.

Acting on a citizen's tip, North Precinct detectives conducted an investigation that led to the arrest of parolee Billy Lee Smith, 36, who is now charged with commercial equipment thefts.

North Precinct detectives responded to an online ad placed by Smith who was attempting to sell a commercial paint sprayer valued at \$6,000 for \$2,000. The sprayer had been stolen on February 18th from Consolidated Pipe Supply at 1500 County Hospital Road. In plain view at Smith's 2307 Lloyd Avenue residence were other items reported stolen from North Nashville businesses, including a pressure washer, generator and hydraulic lift.

At present, Smith is charged with three counts of felony theft. Smith has multiple theft, burglary and reckless endangerment convictions in Dickson, Williamson and Sumner Counties. A parole violation warrant is expected to be filed against him.

On February 28th South Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant Taylor Schmitz visited Berry Head Start School and spoke to pre-kindergarten students about safety and how to contact police in the case of an emergency.



Ruby Baker and several members of the Bordeaux Hills Residential Association presented North Precinct Sergeants Mitch Kornberg and Scott Billingsby with certificates of appreciation for their work with the 700 member strong neighborhood association.



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Condolences:

Officer Charles Hay, who retired in 1991 after 31 years of dedicated service, passed away on February 15th.

Officer Cindy Huffines' step-father, Sidney Tanner, passed away on Feb 16th.

Richard L. Cote, the father of Detective Chris Cote, Madison Precinct, passed away on February 21st.

Reva Winton, the grandmother of Officer T.J. O'Brien, Hermitage Precinct, passed away.

Retired Officer Jerry Wayne Gary, retired in 1993 after 24 years of service, passed away.

Florence Hayes, the mother of Philip Hayes, Supply Unit, grandmother and grandmother-in-law of Ashley, Warrants Section, and Officer Kenny O'Neal, North Precinct, and mother-in-law of retired employee Judy Hayes, passed away on February 26th.

Dorothy Stromatt, the sister of retired Lieutenants Freddie and Leon Stromatt and the aunt of Sergeant Freddie Stromatt, West Precinct, passed away on February 25th.

Margie Tuttle, the mother-in-law of Officer Carey Steel, Traffic Section, passed away on February 27th.

William Brann, grandfather of Officer Brandon Frith, Training Academy, passed away on February 27th.

Carlyss Melvin Smith, the grandfather of Officer Brandon Frith, Training Division, and Detective Chase Frith, South Precinct, passed away on February 22nd.