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News from the Chief



The past 2 ½ months have been good ones for this police department and I want to thank you for a great start to 2013. At this point in the year we are showing 330 fewer Part One crimes than at this time in 2012 (a 5.6% reduction). For a period of more than six weeks, including the entire month of February, there were no homicides in Metropolitan Nashville. Officers have made more than 88,000 vehicle stops so far this year, a demonstration of self-initiated policing that ensures visibility and assists in crime reduction. Although we lost a total of 63 employees during the opt-in for the retirement incentive plan, the work has obviously continued. We are planning for a May recruit class to fill positions created by retirements. We are also working with Metro Human Resources and Metro Finance to replace recently retired professional support staff members. Construction work is continuing on the new Madison Precinct building and the DNA Crime Laboratory. We are still planning for the Midtown Hills Precinct to come on line January 1.

Everywhere I go, citizens are expressing their appreciation for the dedicated and smart work of this police department and its employees. Mayor Dean tells me that in nearly every public meeting he attends, citizens are very complimentary of the police department. This would not happen without the commitment and determination of every employee. Wherever you work within the police department, you are vital to the operation.

Happenings

Citizens Police Academy

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson Tuesday night welcomed the 53 members of the MNPD's latest offering of the Citizen Police Academy. This is the 27th class since the program began in 1995. Sessions will be held at the Hermitage Precinct on Tuesday nights for

the next eleven weeks. Graduation is scheduled for June 4th. Michelle Crowder is again coordinating this class, as she has done with all CPA classes over the past 18 years.





Area Law Enforcement Breakfast

Chief Anderson on March 7th hosted the third area law enforcement leadership breakfast at the West Precinct community room. Mayor Karl Dean attended and expressed his appreciation for the continued strong partnership between the MNPD and neighboring jurisdictions.



Investigative & Precinct News

Nearly sixteen years after her skeletal remains were found on the banks of Percy Priest Lake, family members of missing person Jennifer Cole now know what happened to their loved one.

DNA testing has confirmed that Cole is the unidentified murder victim whose remains were found by a fisherman on March 10, 1997. Cole, who was 22-years-old when she died, was involved in prostitution and had come to Nashville from the Dallas, Texas area. DNA from the remains, which are still at Nashville's Forensic Sciences Center, was matched by the Center for Human Identification at the University of North Texas to samples submitted by Cole's parents. Cole's mother tried to report her missing in Texas in 1996, but found out years later that no documentation had been filed. The missing person report was taken by the Garland, Texas Police Department in 2005.

Lack of the victim's name did not prevent Cole's murder from being solved. Nashville detectives on October 4, 2000, arrested Luther Nelson Lynch on a charge of first-degree murder based, in part, on various statements he made about the death of a woman. The investigation showed that Lynch picked the victim up for prostitution in the Dickerson Road area in the summer of 1996. He killed her shortly thereafter and dumped the body in a shallow grave off Alvin Sperry Road just inside Wilson County. Lynch was convicted of voluntary manslaughter on November 1, 2001, and received a 15-year sentence. He was released from prison in 2011.

Cody Unger, 18, is charged with the robbery of Walgreens Pharmacy at 518 Donelson Pike, where he had visited the night before to fill a prescription for pain medication.

The pharmacist reported that Unger came to the counter at 2 a.m. and spoke with him before demanding hydrocodone and oxycodone at gunpoint. Unger fled with 700 prescription pain pills. Unger had provided identification during his previous visit. Hermitage Precinct Detective Ricky Stewart contacted Unger who surrendered himself.

During an interview, Unger admitted his involvement in the robbery. The gun used in the hold-up was recovered from a dumpster near the pharmacy. He was in possession of a small amount of the stolen pills.

Unger, of Edinburgh lane in Old Hickory, Tennessee, is charged with aggravated robbery and remains jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

An investigation into heroin distribution begun late last November by the Madison Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit has culminated with the arrest of convicted drug felon Anthony Bryant.

Bryant, 27, is alleged to have sold heroin to buyers who would meet him in public restaurant, department store and home improvement store parking lots in and around the Madison area. Undercover officers saw Bryant leave a motel on Music Valley Drive and head to a nearby restaurant. An unmarked police car pulled into the restaurant parking lot to take

Bryant into custody. When Bryant saw the activated blue lights on the police vehicle, he rammed it with his Dodge Charger in an unsuccessful effort to get away.

Despite Bryant's claim of not being in possession of heroin, a search of his person revealed 25 small foil-wrapped pieces of heroin within a plastic bag. A search of his motel room revealed an additional one pound three ounces of heroin and 47 counterfeit \$100 bills. Seized in addition to the heroin were the Dodge Charger and \$1,170 cash.

Bryant was convicted of a felony cocaine charge in 2007 and received an eight-year sentence. He was allowed to serve the time on probation. At the time of his arrest Tuesday, he was free on \$17,500 bond on marijuana, cocaine and gun charges stemming from a March 12, 2012 arrest.

This latest heroin investigation was headed by Madison Precinct Detective Barry Demonbreun with assistance from the Madison Precinct's Flex officers and SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team.



Seized heroin.

Outstanding investigative work by Hermitage Precinct Crime Suppression Unit Detective Phillip Murphy prevented a meth lab from beginning operation in a Murfreesboro Pike motel room.

Acting on a drug complaint, Murphy went to a room at the Regency Inn and knocked on the door. Kevin Edwards, 31, answered and admitted to just smoking marijuana. Edwards consented to a search before acknowledging to Detective Murphy that he was in possession of meth-making components including ground up pseudoephedrine, ammonium nitrate, salt, Coleman fuel, sulfuric acid, lithium batteries and digital scales. Edwards said he had manufactured meth in the past, but not in the recently rented Regency Inn room. Further investigation of Edwards shows that he made 24 attempts to buy pseudoephedrine over the past year before being blocked from purchasing. He also claimed to have a pending meth case in Hart County, Kentucky.

Edwards is charged with initiating the process to manufacture meth, promotion of meth manufacture, and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

Convicted three-time drunk driver Ashley Owen Miller is facing a DUI-4th offense charge as the result of his arrest in West Nashville.

Miller, 32, of 8017 Charlotte Pike, was driving his 2006 Dodge Dakota pickup truck on Old Hickory Boulevard at 10 p.m. He happened to be in front of Madison Precinct Officer Peter Lynch, who was on his way to work. Lynch noticed the truck swerving and rapidly changing lanes, cutting off other drivers in the process. Lynch activated his emergency equipment. Miller didn't stop until he pulled into his driveway on Charlotte Pike. While interacting with Miller, Lynch noticed that he smelled of alcohol, had slurred speech and bloodshot watery eyes. In the truck was an open and still cold half empty can of beer. Miller refused to take part in standard field sobriety tasks. He was taken to General Hospital for a mandatory blood test required by Tennessee law.

In addition to DUI 4th offense, Miller is also charged with evading arrest and violation of the open container law.

A joint investigation by Metro police narcotics detectives and TBI agents into alleged methamphetamine sales and manufacturing by a Mt. Juliet man led to the execution of a Wilson County search warrant and the arrest of the suspect.

Carroll Johnson Cook, 49, of 11 Cooks Road in Mt. Juliet, is being charged at the Wilson County Jail with initiating the process to manufacture meth and meth possession.

During a search of Cook's home, investigators found a small quantity of meth and smoking paraphernalia. Inside a barn on the property, detectives and agents discovered 12 cooking pots, numerous empty packages of pseudoephedrine, muriatic acid, sodium hydroxide and other components associated with meth manufacture.

This investigation began with Cook's alleged meth sale in Davidson County to an operative working with Nashville police. The TBI joined the case when it became apparent that Cook's suspected meth involvement was based in Wilson County.

Other agencies taking part in the search warrant execution included the Wilson County Sheriff's Office, the Wilson County Office of Emergency Management and the Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force.

A Nashville man hustling for money outside a Nashville convenience market was jailed after he allegedly resorted to the crimes of carjacking and kidnapping after a pair of citizens refused to give him any cash. Unfortunately for him, Officers Kevin Pollard and Gerry Gann from the Bomb Squad happened along as everything unfolded and quickly worked to intervene.

William Buchanan, 36, of Country Meadow Drive, was in the parking lot of the Mapco at Stewarts Ferry Pike and McCrory Creek Road at 1 p.m. holding a plastic gas can and asking persons for money. Buchanan had cut out a portion of the gas can and secreted a loaded .357 pistol inside. Hermitage resident Christopher Smith, 25, reported that he was standing outside of his Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck when Buchanan approached and asked for cash. Smith declined and urged Buchanan to move on. The response apparently prompted Buchanan to pull his pistol from the gas can and order Smith into the truck. Already in the passenger seat was

Smith's friend, Kerry Anderson, 31. Smith sat in the middle as Buchanan, with gun in hand, got behind the wheel and drove away.

Officer Pollard, who was stopped in traffic at a nearby red light, saw what appeared to be a struggle taking place inside the truck and heard calls for help. He and Officer Gann, who was close by in a separate police vehicle, also saw Anderson waving his arms out the passenger window. The officers activated their emergency equipment and got behind the truck as it traveled onto the shoulder of McCrory Creek Road and stopped. At that point, Buchanan tossed the pistol out of the window. He was taken into custody without further incident.

During questioning by Detectives Andrew Injaychock and Johnny Crumby, Buchanan admitted to hanging around the parking lots of gas stations asking for money. He indicated the victims in this case made him angry by not giving him any cash.

At the time of his arrest, Buchanan was free on \$15,000 bond connected to three January felony drug charges, and a separate \$4,000 bond related to his second offense DUI arrest from last month.

Alert police work by Hermitage Precinct overnight shift Officer Charles Shaw led to the apprehension of accused violent criminal Donnell Anthony Simpson, who is accused in the stabbings of his sister-in-law and his wife at separate locations.

Officer Shaw was on his way home from work when he spotted Simpson walking on Owendale Drive at Hamilton Church Road just after 7 a.m. Upon seeing the police car, Simpson ran into the woods. Officer Shaw turned around and stopped, prompting Simpson to emerge from the Woods and surrender. He was ordered to the ground and was taken into custody without resistance.

Simpson is facing two counts of attempted murder for the stabbing incidents. In the first case from 12:30 a.m., Donnell Simpson's brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Lena Simpson, were asleep inside their Melvin Jones Drive home when Donnell Simpson appeared in their bedroom. Lena Simpson, 37, reports Donnell attacked her with a knife and stabbed her in the right chest. Ronald Simpson grabbed his brother in a bear hug and wrestled him away. During the ensuing struggle, Donnell ran away. Ronald then drove his wife, with the knife still in her right chest, to Southern Hills Medical Center. She was subsequently transferred to Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

In the second case from 12:50 a.m., Donnell Simpson came to his wife's Forest Breeze Drive home despite an active order of protection. A man was actually present changing the locks on the residence when Donnell Simpson arrived. Witnesses reported that Donnell Simpson punched Marqueta Simpson, 31, in the face at least twice before retrieving a box cutter from his pocket. He stabbed her several times and even dragged her toward the front door as Marqueta Simpson's mother, who was also present, telephoned police. Donnell Simpson then ran from the home to his car. He apparently could not find the keys and fled the property on foot. Officers searched for Donnell Simpson through the night until Officer Shaw spotted him this morning.

Officers arrested Donnell Simpson on Monday at 4:45 p.m. on charges of aggravated assault and violating an order of protection obtained by his wife on Sunday. Marqueta Simpson

reported that he threw a brick at her while she was in her vehicle. The brick broke a window and landed in the back floorboard. He was taken into custody after returning to the Forest Breeze Drive residence. Simpson's bail on those charges was set at \$5,000. He bonded out hours before the attacks. Both women survived their injuries.

In addition to the attempted murder charges, Donnell Simpson is also being charged with violating the conditions of his bond and again violating the order of protection.

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson joined South Precinct Commander Paul Trickey at the February 28th Crieve Hall Neighborhood Association meeting.



Deputy Chief Todd Henry presented Lou Ann Corcoran, Evidence Storage Section, with a letter of appreciation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for her exceptional efforts in assisting the Nashville ATF.



Pictured (l-r) are Lou Ann Corcoran and Deputy Chief Todd Henry

School Crossing Guard Section



MNPD School Crossing Guard Supervisors at their spring In-Service training.

Hermitage Precinct Lieutenant Matt Pylkas spoke with first graders at Harding Academy about their efforts to raise money by doing household chores to buy stuffed animals for officers to give children in crisis.



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From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A man who was arrested while trying to leave the state after being named as a suspect in a series of home invasions, rapes and aggravated robberies has been convicted on the first of those charges.

A Davidson County jury found Olbin Euceda guilty of one count of rape of a child, four counts of especially aggravated kidnapping, and one count of aggravated robbery, from a home invasion that occurred in November 2011. Prior to the jury trial, he pled guilty to two additional counts of aggravated robbery arising out of the same incident when Euceda approached a woman at a Bell Road apartment complex as she removed groceries from her car. He held a gun on her and ordered her into her apartment as he and an accomplice stole electronics, jewelry and cash from the family. The parents were tied up and Euceda then forced the 11-year-old daughter into a bedroom, where she was sexually assaulted.

This was Euceda's first trial. He faces numerous other felony charges related to other home invasions and attacks that occurred in the South Nashville area during the fall of 2011. He will be sentenced on April 24th. His co-defendant, Rony Sorto, is set to go on trial on August 19th.

Henry Baxter entered a guilty plea to second degree murder in the shooting death of Erman Thompson. The two had an altercation on the morning of July 8, 2012, and Baxter shot Thompson in the head. He later decapitated the victim. Baxter will serve a sentence of 23-years at 100%. The victim's wife still faces a charge of accessory after the fact.

Congratulations:

Sergeant Matt Sears, East Precinct, and his wife, Hillary, welcomed their fourth child, Griffin Daniel Sears, on March 9th.



Condolences:

Floyd Russell Fancher, the father-in-law of Trainee Devon Morgan, Session 70, passed away on March 13th.

Roberta Lanham, the grandmother of Lieutenant Tommy Widener, Specialized Investigations Division, passed away on March 6th.

Miles Freeman, the 14-year-old son of School Resource Officer Jim Freeman, passed away on March 10th after an illness.

Nolan Turner, the father of Detective Daniel Turner, Criminal Warrants Division, passed away on March 11th.