



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



With next Thursday's retirement of Office of Professional Accountability Director Kennetha Sawyers, I have asked Captain Terrence Graves to oversee OPA operations on an interim basis pending the selection of a new permanent director. Captain Graves will assume this responsibility in addition to his direction of the Criminal Investigations Division.

Captain Graves is able to take on this interim responsibility thanks to the support of the very talented and dedicated supervisors and employees in CID and OPA.

The Metropolitan Human Resources Department will soon advertise for applications from persons interested in the permanent OPA directorship. I will be consulting with community leaders and employee groups as we work with Metro HR to attract the best candidates possible for this position.

Please join me in wishing Ms. Sawyers all the best as she retires. She joined the police department in February 2000 and was instrumental in ensuring that the internal affairs component we restructured more than a decade ago was always committed to fairness and accountability for both citizens and police department employees. I appreciate Ms. Sawyers' many years of service to the police department and the Metropolitan Government.

The police department's annual awards ceremony is scheduled for April 19 at 1 p.m. at Loews Vanderbilt Hotel. Award recipients are being notified by letters from me. Recipients are encouraged to attend this event absent illness or other extreme circumstances.

Thank you all for everything you do to enhance the safety and quality of life for Nashville's families and visitors.

## Happenings

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson Monday welcomed the 33 members of police recruit Session 68, who, on March 1, began the 5 ½ month training process to become Metro police officers.

“Each of you brings to this academy individual sets of life experiences that will benefit your colleagues and this city,” Mayor Dean told the class. “This is an exciting time for our police department, and I thank you for choosing law enforcement as a career and this agency as the place you want to work.”

Chief Anderson, who graduated as a member of recruit Session 1 in 1975, told the class that while the training process will not be easy, it is the doorway to a rewarding professional lifetime of service.

Graduation for Session 68 is set for July 31.



**Mayor Karl Dean welcomes the members of Session 68 on their third day of training.**



**Chief Steve Anderson takes a question from one of the recruits.**

### **Community Meetings**

Mayor Dean, Chief Anderson, South Precinct Commander Mike Alexander and representatives from Public Works, Animal Control, Vanderbilt Police Department, the Emergency Communications Center and Crime Stoppers gathered in the South Precinct community room to discuss a variety of public safety issues.



**Mayor Dean emphasizes that public safety will remain a top priority of his administration.**



**Chief Anderson thanked attendees for their support and partnership.**



**Citizens participated in a community meeting at the South Precinct to discuss a variety of public safety issues.**

Mayor Dean, Council Members Karen Bennett and Scott Davis, Chief Anderson and East Precinct Commander David Imhof Wednesday participated in a community meeting at the East Precinct.



## **South Precinct Apartment Managers Meeting**

More than 50 apartment complex managers and Council Members Jason Potts, Brady Banks, Fabian Bedne and Davette Blalock, and Scott Wallace from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods met in the South Precinct's community room Thursday to address ongoing issues and concerns including how to improve security for residents.

The bi-annual event included presentations from the Davidson County Sheriff's Office, Metro Schools, Metro Planning, Crime Stoppers, Specialized Investigations Division and South Precinct undercover detectives.



## **Tree Dedication Honors Major Dozier**

The annual Arbor Day Celebration in Centennial Park included a tree dedication in memory of Major Tom Dozier, Sr.



**Major Dozier's sons, Judge Steve Dozier and Tom Dozier, Jr., along with members of their family and Chief Steve Anderson attended the tree planting.**

## **The Precinct News**

### **Hermitage**

Acting on a tip to Crime Stoppers, SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team, with the assistance of Hermitage Precinct Flex & Patrol officers, have arrested accused robber and carjacker Cordell Clark.

Clark, 18, was taken into custody near Charles E. Davis Boulevard in the J.C. Napier public housing development. At seeing the officers, Clark tried to run, but was quickly taken into custody.

Clark is alleged to have been armed with two pistols while carjacking a woman of a Chevrolet Suburban in J.C. Napier on January 29<sup>th</sup>. He remains under investigation in connection with other violent crimes in that area.

Clark is presently jailed in lieu of \$250,000 bond.

### **South**

Alert, proactive police work by South Precinct Officer Al Whitworth led to the arrest of two suspected metal thieves outside the Cumberland Lanes bowling center at 3930 Apache Trail.

Officer Whitworth was on routine patrol when he saw a gold Jeep Grand Cherokee parked on the northwest side of the building. He recognized the vehicle from surveillance photos involving theft of metal later sold to scrap yards. Officer Whitworth located Kristopher Rudder, 42, and Richard Aucion, 39, removing metal drain pipes from the business. He took both men into custody.

Further investigation led to additional warrants being issued against Rudder for the theft of two Metro Water sewer drain grates from the business complex at 800 Space Park South Drive.

Rudder, of Benzing Road, is charged with two counts of theft and vandalism. Rudder, who has previous theft and drug possession convictions, is being held in lieu of \$40,000 cash.

Aucion, of Antioch Pike, is charged with theft.

Quick police response to a citizen's tip led to the arrest of convicted felon Matthew Smith minutes after he was seen burglarizing a Valeria Street home.

South Precinct Officer John Jackson spotted Smith, who matched the suspect description, walking on Valeria Street and took him into custody. The citizen positively identified Smith as the man he saw breaking into the house. Smith, who was in possession of items taken from the residence including electronics, was uncooperative and refused to talk to detectives.

Smith, of Preserve Park, is charged with aggravated burglary and theft. He has previous convictions for burglary of a motor vehicle, drug possession, theft and third offense DUI.

Commander Mike Alexander along with several South Precinct officers participated in Read Me Month at J.E. Moss Elementary School as part of the Book 'em literacy program aimed at encouraging children to read.



**Officers participate in Read Me Month at J.E. Moss Elementary School.**



Members of the Antioch Church of Christ brought lunch to the South Precinct to show their appreciation for the officers who serve their community. Officer John Harrell showed the children his patrol car and gave each one a stuffed animal.



**Officer Harrell explains the inner workings of his patrol car.**

## **East**

East Precinct detectives charged 19-year-old Samuel Maurice Parham with criminal homicide for Monday night's fatal shooting of 18-year-old Vincent Antonio Smith in the James Cayce public housing development.

Moments after the shooting, Officer Nicholas Kulp, who happened to be close by conducting a vehicle stop, heroically chased Parham for a several block distance and over a barbed wire fence. When Parham reached for his waistband, Officer Kulp fired on him in self-defense. Parham was wounded in the upper right arm. The nine millimeter pistol he was carrying was recovered.

Ballistics testing by the TBI Crime Laboratory has linked that nine millimeter gun to Smith's murder. In addition, before going into medical distress, Smith was able to tell first responding Officer Will Mathis that "Sam" shot him.

Parham was charged earlier this week with attempted aggravated assault on a police officer for his confrontation with Officer Kulp. He is also facing aggravated assault and vandalism charges for an incident involving his girlfriend last month.

Officer Kulp is recovering from a hand injury received when he scaled the fence in pursuit of Parham. He is expected to return to duty soon.

Quick response by East Precinct officers led to the arrest of three 18-year-olds a short time after they carjacked a Mitsubishi Eclipse outside the Riverchase Apartments at 590 Joseph Avenue.

The driver and his passenger were waiting for a friend just before midnight when Javonta King, Reginald Booker and convicted robber Adarius Watts demanded the victims' wallets and car keys at gunpoint. Both victims were punched in the head during the robbery. The three suspects drove off in the Mitsubishi as the victims ran to a nearby Dickerson Pike convenience store where they reported the crime.

Moments after the call was dispatched, Officer William Harber spotted the stolen vehicle turn off Dickerson Pike onto Dellway Villa Road. The suspects turned around as Officer Harber activated his emergency equipment and then made a sharp turn onto the next street, Gordon Terrace, where the driver lost control and struck a chain link fence. All three bailed from the vehicle but were captured after a brief foot pursuit. The victims positively identified them as the carjackers. A handgun was recovered near the Mitsubishi.

Watts, of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, is charged with attempted robbery, carjacking, evading arrest, unlawful weapon possession and driving on a suspended license.

Booker, of North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and King, of Hicks Road, are each charged with attempted robbery, carjacking and evading arrest.

## **North**

North Precinct Flex officers were conducting a truancy sweep in the area of Whites Creek High School when a vehicle stop led to the arrest of three persons suspected of burglarizing an Aurora Avenue apartment earlier in the day.

Officer Alfredo Arevalo stopped the driver of a 1998 Honda Civic on Lickton Pike when it appeared he had two juvenile passengers. Officer Arevalo detected a strong odor of marijuana when he approached the car. Seized in a subsequent search were 67 grams of marijuana, digital scales, a safe that had been forced open and a laptop computer.

Further investigation led officers to the burglarized apartment where the victim identified the safe and laptop as items taken from the residence.

The driver, Scott Lewis, 40, and his passengers, Raven Jenkins, 19, and Makayla Milam, 20, are each charged with aggravated burglary, marijuana possession in a drug-free school zone and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Warrants Division

The Nashville Police Department's Warrants Division has created an online tool to assist citizens in reporting persons wanted on outstanding criminal charges.

Citizens who have knowledge of a wanted person's whereabouts are urged to visit <http://www.police.nashville.org/bureaus/investigative/warrants.asp> and click on the **Report Wanted Criminals Online** link. Citizens can access this information from computers or smart phones. Persons can also contact the Criminal Warrants Division at 862-7683.

"Information provided by citizens plays an important role in removing wanted criminals from our neighborhoods," Chief Steve Anderson said. "This new online tool is part of the police department's continuing efforts to work closely with the community to enhance safety."

Citizens who contact the Warrants Division can remain anonymous. This new tool is in addition to Crime Stoppers. Citizens who contact Crime Stoppers by phone, text or Internet can remain anonymous and qualify for a cash reward.

## Training Academy

### **Session 67**



**Trainees prepare for a morning run.**



**Trainees participate in taser practicals.**

## **Retirement Celebration**

Officer Larry Carter celebrated 28 years of service



**Officer Larry Carter received a commemorative plaque  
from South Precinct Commander Mike Alexander.**

**The following officers in the Field Operation Bureau were chosen Patrol, Police, and Investigator of the Month for January 2012**

**Patrol Officer of the Month**

West Precinct Officers John Robinson & Andrew Allen

**Police Officer of the Month**

North Precinct Officer Justin Pachciarz

**Investigator of the Month**

South Precinct Detective Charles McEachron

**Special Operations Officer of the Month**

SWAT Officer Shane Fairbanks

**Congratulations:**

Officer Vincent Coates, Central Precinct, and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their daughter, Madison Leigh, on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sergeant Mike Eby, South Precinct, is the proud grandfather of Daemon Michael Eby born on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Condolences:**

Fleta Coleman, 93, grandmother of Officer Dennis Hamm, South Precinct, passed away on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Thurman Traylor, the father-in-law of Officer Scott Miller, Central Precinct, passed away on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Garand Russell Moore, the father-in-law of Officer Alan Earls, North Precinct, passed away on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Norma Hodgin, grandmother of Officer Ryan Lockwood, Special Operations Division, passed away on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Edith Campbell, grandmother of Officer Burl Johnson, Traffic Section, passed away on March 8<sup>th</sup>.



Protect yourself, fight crime and be **GREEN** at the same time!!

## **COMMUNITY SHRED DAY**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

**10:00am- 1:00pm**

**LP FIELD PARKING LOT D**

Take the first step in protecting yourself from identity theft crimes. Your old personal documents will be instantly destroyed by a Shred-it high speed, mobile, cross shredder.

All shredded material will be recycled so you will also help protect the environment!

All proceeds from your \$5 per box donation will benefit Nashville Crime Stoppers, Inc., a 501 (C) 3 not-for-profit organization, that is working with local law enforcement to solve serious crimes in your community. **ALL DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO OUR REWARD FUND!** Receipts will be made available for your tax deductible donation.

Nashville Crime Stoppers' community partner for this great event is Shred-It, the world's leading on-site document destruction company. For information about Shred-It visit [www.shredit.com](http://www.shredit.com)

### **ALSO INCLUDED IS PHARMA TRASH DISPOSAL**


The improper use of prescription medication should be a concern to everyone. Metro police officers will be on site to collect the prescription medications that you no longer need and we will properly dispose of them to protect our environment.


### **Metro Nashville Police Department's Auto Theft Unit Offers VIN Etching:**

The MNPD's Auto Theft Unit will be teaming up with Crime Stoppers for VIN etching during this year's event at LP Field. These etchings will be performed free with a \$10 donation to **Nashville Crime Stoppers, Inc.**

VIN etching involves the use of acid to etch your vehicle identification number (VIN) into every window of your vehicle and is used as an anti-theft deterrent. It not only provides law enforcement with easy access to your VIN number in the unlikely event your car is stolen, it also provides identification of your car if it happens to be sold for parts. For more information on the VIN etching, please contact the Auto Theft Unit, 862-7612 or 862-7609.

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