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News from the Chief



It was my pleasure last Friday to congratulate 16 members of the police department who will be receiving higher education reimbursement grants in varying amounts totaling \$21,500 from the Nashville Police Support Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. These individuals submitted applications for tuition reimbursement assistance a few months ago. A committee of citizens organized by the Community Foundation reviewed the applications and made decisions on financial awards. The 16 recipients got the results last Friday in a meeting in the West Precinct community room.

The Nashville Police Support Fund is able to award grants for the second year in a row because Nashville's citizens believe in the men and women of this police department. I particularly want to acknowledge Shoney's owner David Davoudpour, whose annual 5K Family Fun Run & Festival, along with his generous personal match of all entry fees collected, has generated \$128,000 for the Nashville Police Support Fund over the past six years. Then there is Carl Haley, whose Grand Avenue transportation company has donated nearly \$37,000 to the fund since 2012. Nashville attorney Aubrey Harwell and Community Foundation President Ellen Lehman helped immensely in getting the fund established at the end of 2009 and have been of tremendous assistance since. I am deeply grateful to these persons and others who work behind the scenes for the benefit of our officers. I anticipate announcing the acceptance of applications for 2015 tuition reimbursement grants next summer.



Amy Fair of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee joined Chief Anderson and Deputy Chiefs Johnson & Huggins in congratulating this year's 16 grant recipients.

Earlier this month, I read a column in the Seattle Times written by an obviously frustrated citizen/reporter. The headline read, *“Police allow car break-ins to become a Seattle growth industry,”* and the column began, *“If your car is broken into and your stuff stolen, don’t bother calling the police. They won’t come even if you track down the thieves.”* As I read this article I was reminded of the countless morning reports I have read wherein one of you either responded to a similar situation or, on your own, initiated the response yourself, each time leaving our citizens/customers very satisfied. More than 700 readers commented on the Seattle article. While I did not read all of them, the sampling I did read all expressed a negative view and lack of confidence in that police department. This is the highest number of reader comments I can remember being generated in any of the thousands of articles I read every year. If more than 700 readers took the time to comment, you can believe that there were likely one or two hundred thousand other readers with the same view that did not take the time to do so. It only takes a few situations like this to destroy citizen confidence in an otherwise good police department.

Thank you, collectively and individually, for going that extra mile, every day, to ensure that we have done all we can do in any given situation and that we maintain the public confidence in our police department. I appreciate all that you do on behalf of Nashville’s families and visitors, and wish for each of you and your families a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Happenings

Nashville's Harley Owners Donate to Christmas Charities

The Music City Chapter of Harley Riders and Boswell's Harley Davidson presented the Christmas Basket Program with a \$19,000 donation.



Boswell's 20th Annual Toy Parade, a significant fundraising event for the Christmas Basket Program benefiting needy Nashvillians, was a tremendous success.





Last year the Christmas Basket Program provided food and toys to 176 families, including 214 adults, 475 children, and 50 elderly persons.

If you have a neighborhood, business, or civic group that would like to partner with the Christmas Basket Program, please contact Hermitage Precinct Commander “Chief Elf” Michele Donegan at 615- 880-1776.

FOP Youth Camp

Recognizing the tremendous impact a summer camp can have on young lives, the Music City Chapter of Harley Riders and Boswell’s Harley Davidson also presented a \$21,000 donation to Nashville’s Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp.



Citizen Police Academy Graduation

Forty-seven Nashvillians graduated from the 29th Session of the Metropolitan Police Department's Citizen Police Academy.

Chief Anderson congratulated the graduates and awarded certificates during the ceremony at the West Precinct.

Participants heard presentations from a variety of guest speakers on topics such as gangs, domestic violence, traffic/DUI enforcement, cybercrimes and emergency preparedness. They have also had opportunities to attend special demonstrations and ride with on-duty officers.

More than 1,300 citizens across the city have graduated from the Citizen Police Academy since it began in 1995.



Chief Anderson speaking at Citizen Police Academy graduation ceremony.



Citizen Police Academy graduates

Veterans Day Parade

MNPD Officer & Afghanistan war hero Felipe Pereira was the Grand Marshal of Nashville's Veterans Day Parade.





MNPD motorcycles leading Veterans Day Parade



Drill & Ceremony Team





Officer Pereira at the review stand.



Mounted Patrol

Community Shred Day

Community Shred Day generated \$2,155 in donations to Nashville Crime Stoppers' reward fund.



Auto Theft detectives offering VIN etching (theft deterrent) at the Shred Day event.

Meet Us at the Bridge Ceremony

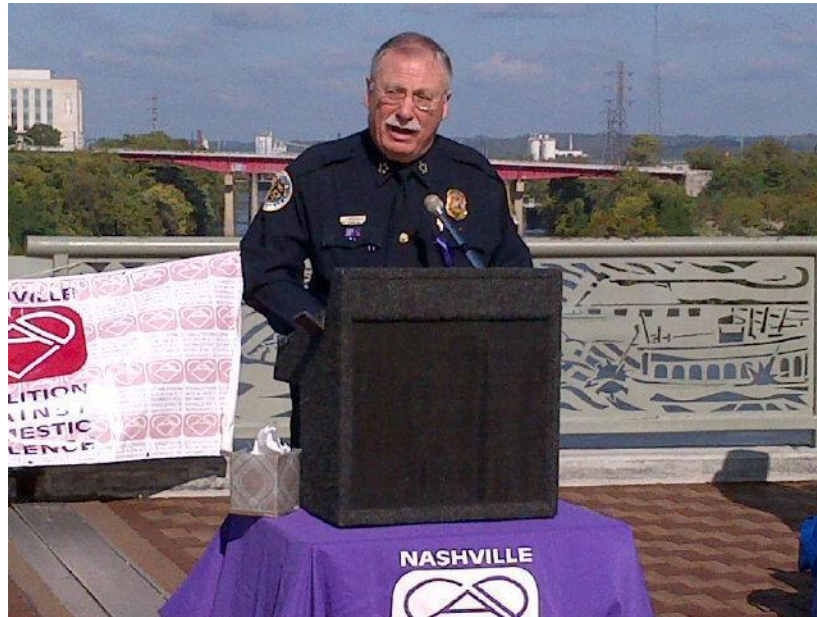
Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) Survivor of the Year Marquette Works-Simpson with Chief Steve Anderson & MNP Domestic Violence Division Captain John Drake.



NCADV honored Mayor Dean for his work in opening the Jean Crowe Advocacy Center



NCADV named Chief Anderson Outstanding Local Government Official



NCADV honored Sergeant Arnold Rickert as Outstanding Patrol Officer



NCADV recognized Officer Larry Cahill as Outstanding Domestic Violence Detective



Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence honorees on Seigenthaler Bridge



Scholarship Award

Lieutenant Daniel Newbern received the prestigious 2014 Judge S. Daniel / Suzanne Keith Scholarship Award, the largest scholarship awarded from the Tennessee Judicial Conference Foundation.

Lieutenant Newbern delivered an acceptance speech before an audience of more than 200 Tennessee judges which included state trial judges, appellate judges, and Supreme Court Justices.



TBI Leadership Academy

Captain Harmon Hunsicker and Lieutenant Morgan Ford graduated from the TBI Leadership Academy.

The two week academy provides unique training for senior management in law enforcement agencies.



Captain Harmon Hunsicker



Lt. Morgan Ford

Donelson-Hermitage Chamber Officer of the Year

Hermitage Precinct Officer David Harper was named Officer of the Year during the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce public safety award banquet.



Precinct News

East

Malcolm Whitson, 18, was charged with breaking into a woman's East Nashville apartment on September 30th, pepper spraying the victim, and taking her purse and car.

The victim reported that she was asleep on the couch inside her apartment in the 900 block of Fatherland Street when she was awakened by a man touching her at 5 a.m. She jumped up and was pepper sprayed in the face. The suspect then took the victim's purse and drove off in her 2013 Kia Soul. The stolen car was located that afternoon in a parking lot on South 6th Street at Summer Place. Forensic evidence developed at the scene led to the identification of Whitson.

During an interview with Sex Crimes Detective Jeff Wisner and East Precinct Detective Jack Stanley, Whitson admitted he broke into the apartment, pepper sprayed the victim and took her purse and car.

SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team arrested attempted murder suspect and convicted felon Terrance Bradley during a vehicle stop on Morningside Drive near Ben Allen Road.

Bradley, 32, has been a fugitive for the past few months. He is named in warrants charging aggravated assault and attempted homicide in connection with a shooting on the night of July 29th at an apartment complex on N. Dupont Avenue. A parent had broken up a fight between juveniles when one of their mothers summoned Bradley. Witnesses reported that Bradley forced his way into an apartment containing some of the kids and wound up shooting an adult in the leg before fleeing.

Bradley received a four-year sentence for felony aggravated assault in 2011 and a five-year sentence for a felony cocaine conviction earlier this year.

West

West Precinct detectives have placed multiple auto burglary, home burglary and theft charges against suspected serial criminal Billy Ray Perry, who was arrested after leading officers on a chase.

Perry, 20, of Nevada Avenue, is now facing ten counts of auto burglary, four counts of home burglary, four counts of theft, three counts of assaulting officers (for ramming police cars), and one count of unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon. The burglaries and thefts occurred on Carden Avenue, Old Charlotte Pike, Harpeth Trace Drive and Harpeth Trace Court.

Perry was convicted of aggravated burglary earlier this year and received a five-year probated sentence.

He faces similar charges in Cheatham and Williamson Counties.

Madison

Acting on a citizen's tip, Madison Precinct Flex officers apprehended Woodland Hills escapee De'Mario Fisher at a residence in the 600 block of Moorewood Court.

Officers went to the door of the home and saw Fisher peek around a corner from inside. He then retreated back into another area of the residence. An officer stationed in the back reported that Fisher raised a window as he apparently contemplated trying to jump and run. He ultimately obeyed commands and came outside where he was handcuffed. As he was being walked away, Fisher began to resist an MNPD sergeant and tried to reach into the back of his pants. A loaded semi-automatic pistol fell from Fisher's pants during the struggle. He was quickly subdued.

Fisher is charged in Juvenile Court with attempted homicide, especially aggravated robbery and unlawful gun possession in connection with the shooting of an 18-year-old female TSU student. A friend walking with the student received a minor injury.

Fisher had been a fugitive since September 1st when he and more than 30 other teens escaped from Woodland Hills Youth Development Center. He was the only one still at large.

The Director of Emergency Medicine at TriStar Skyline Medical Center Dr. William Gibson answered questions about Skyline's designation as a Level II Trauma Center.



Dr. Gibson explains Skyline Medical Center's role as a level II trauma center.

Commander Sebastian Gourdin visits with residents during a Madison Precinct community meeting.



Hermitage

All four persons suspected of burglarizing the home of a 74-year-old Donelson woman as she was mowing her lawn are now in custody.

Samuel Spain, 35, surrendered himself Monday at police headquarters. His nephew, Chris Spain, 21, and Sarah Nicholson, 23, were arrested on November 6th. The fourth suspect, Paul D. Harris, 31, was arrested on November 7th.

They are each charged with aggravated burglary, theft, and aggravated animal cruelty.

As the victim was doing yard work outside her McGavock Pike home on the afternoon of September 20th, the suspects entered through a closed but unlocked garage door. Taken were bank cards, a cell phone and a silverware setting. The victim's dog was also kicked, causing the pet to lose sight in one eye.

The investigation revealed that one of the victim's bank cards was used at the Inglewood Kroger. Surveillance footage from the grocery store revealed four suspects, who arrived at and departed the store in a large black SUV. A similar vehicle was seen in the victim's neighborhood at the time of the burglary.

Multiple citizen tips to Crime Stoppers led to the identification of all four suspects.

Hermitage Precinct undercover officers arrested Allen Charles Bingham for an assault against a Vanderbilt University professor inside the Stevenson Center science building on campus.

Officers went to 4557 Brooke Valley Drive after the police department's Auto Theft Unit received a tip that Bingham might be there. After police knocked on the door, Bingham jumped out of a rear window and headed toward nearby woods. Detectives gave chase and took him into custody.

Bingham, 21, is charged with assault, felony theft, burglary and aggravated trespassing for going into the female professor's office while she was away. Upon returning, the professor discovered Bingham and attempted to detain him. Bingham is alleged to have struck her in the face with his fist as he made his getaway with an accomplice.

Members of the Donelson Christian Academy Student Council delivered gift baskets to the precinct to show their appreciation for law enforcement.



General Manager of Hampton Inn & Suites Marie Echols visited Hermitage Precinct with three other colleagues and provided refreshments for officers on October 21st as part of their Global Week of Service, an annual celebration of community service.



North

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Bishop Joseph Walker on November 9th hosted the church's tenth annual College Sunday Service at Tennessee State University. Commander Terrence Graves joined Bishop Walker in encouraging students to be engaged in the community.



Midtown Hills

A citizen's tip led to the arrest of two burglary suspects who admitted to breaking into Mapco at 4805 Trousdale Drive.

A witness heard the store alarm just before 3 a.m. and saw both suspects flee on foot. Officers located Joshua Bennett, 32, and Benjamin Tidwell, 23, hiding behind homes in the 4700 block of Timberhill Drive. Coins and cartons of cigarettes taken during the burglary were recovered.

Tidwell, of Gayle Drive, has a previous felony theft conviction. Bennett, of Paragon Mills Road, has a previous drug possession conviction.

South

Four persons were arrested after allegedly robbing an 89-year-old woman at her Roundwood Drive home and then burglarizing a Goodwin Drive residence.

Chankeia Scott, 27, is accused of driving Dontez White, 18, Raequon Buford, 16, and Quintarius Jordan, 15, to the elderly victim's home. The victim reported that when she answered her front door at 10:30 a.m., White pointed a gun at her and demanded money. She

told him she didn't have any. Buford and Jordan entered the home and searched before leaving with the victim's cell phone. They fled in a black Mazda 6 driven by Scott.

About an hour later, an alert citizen called police to report two men were breaking into his neighbor's Goodwin Drive home. Quick police response led to the apprehension of all four suspects. Scott, of Stratford Avenue, was sitting in the driver's seat of the suspect Mazda. Jordan, of Murfreesboro Pike, was in the back seat. Buford, of North 2nd Street, and White, of Avondale Circle, emerged from behind the house. Entry into the home had been made through a rear broken window. Two flat screen TVs were located near the window.

All four are charged with aggravated robbery. White and Scott are also charged with aggravated burglary. A handgun was recovered from a woodline near the house. White is also charged with a crooks with guns law violation.

Central

In recognition of Global Week of Service, the downtown Hilton provided lunch for Central Precinct officers.



Youth Services Division

Youth Services celebrated the 19th graduation of the Strengthening Families Program on November 10th.



Strengthening Families Program graduation

Specialized Investigations Division

The drug dealing exploits of three persons who are believed to have been traveling the country selling and distributing large amounts of high-grade marijuana from Colorado came to an end after their arrival in Nashville Wednesday. All three are now jailed as a result of a sting investigation by Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives, who received assistance in this case from the 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force (based in Shelbyville) along with TBI and DEA agents.

Gary Chase, 60, of Silver City, New Mexico, **Christopher Crumbliss**, 39, and **Tasha Desmond**, 21, both of Breckenridge, Colorado, are charged with engaging in a marijuana distribution conspiracy and possession of more than 400 pounds of marijuana for resale. Additionally, Chase is charged with possessing a quarter ounce of cocaine and 2 grams of crystal meth. Chase is being held in lieu of \$385,000 bond. Crumbliss and Desmond are being held in lieu of \$300,000 bond each.

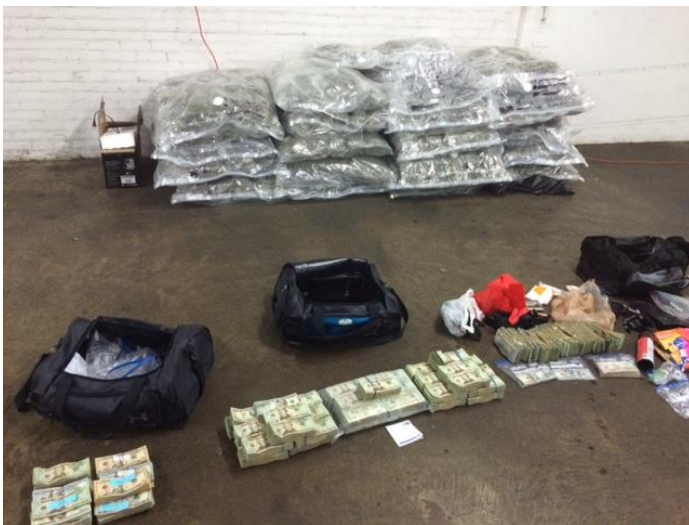
The investigation began Wednesday after law enforcement developed information that Crumbliss and Desmond had flown to Nashville from Colorado to broker a marijuana deal. The two checked into a Demonbreun Street motel and last evening met with an undercover officer posing as a marijuana buyer. The undercover officer was told that the marijuana would be

arriving in Nashville later in the night, as the courier had been making a number of other stops across the United States.

At 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, Chase arrived at the motel in a 2012 Dodge Ram pickup truck with a topper covering the bed. Crumbliss met Chase in the parking lot and the two retrieved a marijuana sample from the truck bed and headed to the motel room which was actually rented by Desmond. After the undercover officer inspected the marijuana sample, all agreed to travel to another location, at which the undercover officer was to purchase 100 pounds. As the group walked out of the motel, other officers moved in and took them into custody.

A search of the 2012 Dodge Ram, which had 234,000 miles on the odometer, revealed 425 pounds of high-grade marijuana valued at \$1.7 million, \$354,944 in cash, 17 “burner” cell phones with various states written on them, packaging material to band and wrap large amounts of money, and four pounds of hashish. The truck mileage and the phones clearly indicated that Chase was essentially on a marijuana tour of the country. Officers also recovered \$5,359 from Crumbliss when he was taken into custody. Crumbliss has an arrest history in other states for drug distribution.

Assisting narcotics detectives and agents in the surveillance and takedown of the suspects were Metro SWAT officers assigned to the Special Response Team and members of the police department’s Gang Unit.



In a continuing high priority effort to identify and arrest suspected heroin dealers/distributors in the Nashville area, Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives arrested three men for allegedly taking part in heroin sales to police operatives.

Robert Froster, 42, of Bell Road, is charged with three counts of selling heroin, one count of possessing heroin for resale, and one count of possessing marijuana for resale.

Froster’s brother, Mark Anthony Grant, 52, of Bell Road, is charged with one count of selling heroin, one count of possessing heroin for resale, and one count of possessing marijuana for resale.

Tony Demond Butler, 39, of Bell Road, is charged with heroin possession for resale.

A month-long investigation into cocaine distribution in the Nashville area resulted in the arrest of three persons, two of them convicted felons, and the seizure of 3 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$60,000.

Detectives from the Specialized Investigations Division Narcotics Unit and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration headed this case.

Convicted cocaine felon Shirvonnta Bryant, 28, of 1012 Southside Court, arrived at a South Nashville restaurant with the alleged intent to sell undercover detectives a 1 kilogram (2.2 pound) cocaine brick. Once officers saw the cocaine in the vehicle, Bryant and the two persons with him were taken into custody. In addition to the brick, detectives discovered an additional 9 ounces of cocaine in a separate bag inside the vehicle.

Bryant, Deantaun McDuffie, 23, of 2958 Sunnyview Drive, and Amber Ash, 22, of 711 Lischey Avenue, are each charged with engaging in a cocaine conspiracy and possession of cocaine for resale.

Bryant received an 8-year sentence in 2008 for a prior felony cocaine conviction. McDuffie received an 8-year sentence in 2009 for a 2nd-degree murder conviction.



SID detectives recently attended the fall Tennessee Narcotic Officers Association conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The following officers received awards for their work in the following cases:

- Officer Robert Young for his involvement in a large cocaine seizure.
- Detective Vickie Dills for her work uncovering an illegal dog fighting ring.
- Detective Gbewa Mustapha for his investigation that resulted in the padlocking of several businesses selling illegal synthetic drugs.
- Sergeant Scott Cothran recognized for largest methamphetamine seizure.
- Detective Bill Loucks recognized for largest ecstasy seizure.
- Detective Steven Jenkins and two postal inspectors recognized for largest pill seizure.

SID Narcotics and DEA group 2 received two awards for the largest cocaine seizure and the largest heroin seizure in the State of Tennessee. Those officers seized more than 24 pounds of cocaine and nine pounds of heroin from one drug organization operating in the Nashville area.

SID Interdiction officer Joe Simonik was nominated and elected as the second vice president of the association at the annual business meeting.

SID Narcotics Sergeant T Gene Donegan was nominated and elected president of the association. This will be Sergeant Donegan's fifth year as president.

The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for October 2014.

Police

South Precinct Officer Joe Hooper

Patrol

Hermitage Precinct Officer Terry Denton

Investigator

North Precinct Detective Melody Saxon

Special Operations

Hazardous Devices Unit Officer Kevin Pollard

The following civilians have been chosen Professional Support Employee of the Month for July, August, and September.

July

Professional Standards Administrative Assistant Pamela Tarkington

August

Background & Recruitment Internship Coordinator Dwayne Taylor

September

Warrants Clerk Sara Cordle

The following ISB detectives have been chosen Investigator of the Month for July, August and September.

July

Fugitive Detective Jeffrey Tharpe

August

Narcotics Detective Gweba Mustapha

September

Sex Crimes Detective Jeff Wiser

Congratulations:

Officer Jason Wong, East Precinct, and his wife, Emily, welcomed their daughter, Nora June Wong, on November 7th.

Officer John Shepherd, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Kasey, welcomed their daughter, Lucy Joy Shepherd on November 17th.

Officer Tim Edwards, Mounted Patrol, and his wife, Mary Grace, welcomed their daughter, Allie Grace Edwards, on November 18th.

Officer Darren Key, Central Precinct, and his wife, Priscilla, welcomed their son, Darren Wayne Key on November 17th.



Condolences:

Delilah McDade, the mother-in-law of Officer Leonard Cato, South Precinct, passed away.

Garnett Sanford, the grandmother of Angela Orsbon, Youth Services, passed away on October 21st.

Patricia Dawn Spivey Mason, the mother of Retired Sergeant Ed Mason and Retired Detective Tim Mason, passed away on October 24th.

Thomas J. Johnson, the father of Tonetta Threadgill, Records Division, passed away on October 29th.

Mike Miller, the father of Officer Thomas Miller, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away on November 4th.

Margarette Middleton, the mother of Detective Willie Middleton, North Precinct, passed away on November 9th.

James Hamm, the father of Officer Dennis Hamm, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away on November 11th.

William R. Castillo, the father of Officer Cesar Castillo, West Precinct, passed away on November 13th.

Rita Ann Patton, the sister of Henrietta Stevens, School Crossing Guard, passed away.

Clara Mari Cornwell, the mother of retired Sergeant Robert Cornwell, passed away.

Maydean Young, the grandmother of Officer Chad Turnbow, Case Preparation, passed away.

Kristy Flair, the fiancée of Dale Tomlin, Warrants Division, passed away.

Eddie Thomas Sr., the father of Officer Aaron Thomas, Central Precinct, and the grandfather of Officer Aaron Thomas II, North Precinct, passed away on November 20th.

Pictures with Santa!

Metro Police Christmas Charities will be hosting “**Pictures with Santa in Blue**” for families of Public Safety Employees. Bring the kids for free photos and a gift from Santa. There will be refreshments as well. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

East Precinct

Community Room

