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News from the Chief

I had the privilege of stopping by Bost Harley Davidson last Saturday for the start of Paul's Pride Benefit Ride 2009, the proceeds from which benefited Sergeant Mark Chesnut and his family. More than 160 persons registered for the event, which involved 120 motorcycles and raised \$28,500. The ride went from West Nashville to Silverado's in Rivergate. Mark was on hand at both locations to greet the riders and thank them for their generous support.

Unfortunately, Mark's medical condition required that he receive another round of hospital care this week. Please continue to keep the Chesnut family in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover.

By now, most of you have received training on the Advanced Records Management System, which "goes live" on October 12. This system has been in the development stage for nearly five years and has had the strong backing of Mayor Dean, former Mayor Purcell and the Metro Council. The government's investment in the ARMS system, through primarily capital and grant funding, is \$11.4 million. Electronic field reporting will greatly enhance information flow throughout the department, and queries on persons/vehicles will be streamlined. The system will enhance the police department's effectiveness for the citizens we serve. I am grateful to the many persons in our Information & Technology Division who have worked tirelessly to make this project a success.

Thank you all for your hard work and your commitment to making a difference on behalf of Nashville's families and visitors.

Happenings

Paul's Pride Benefit Ride 2009



Sergeant Chesnut with just a few of his police department friends who attended Saturday's event.



Sergeant Mark Chesnut thanks the crowd of motorcycle enthusiasts for coming together on a Saturday to help him and his family.

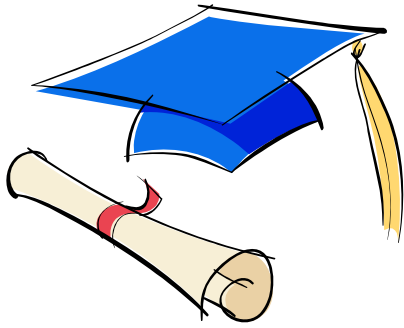


Motorcyclists prepare to leave Bost Harley Davidson for Silverado's at Rivergate.

Helen Neeley's Retirement Celebration



Helen Neeley was presented a plaque commemorating her 25 years of dedicated service to the department.



*Session 61 graduation is Thursday, October 29th
6 p.m. at Schrader Lane Church of Christ
1234 Schrader Lane*

The Precinct News

South

A 60-year-old man shot and critically injured a 17-year-old robbery suspect outside the victim's Lindy Murff Court residence.

The teenager and an accomplice, convicted felon Kevin Negrón, 19, approached the victim who had just arrived home and was sitting in his car with a friend at 9:30 p.m. The teen, armed with a handgun, demanded money while Negrón stood nearby with a shotgun. The victim retrieved the .38 caliber revolver he was carrying pursuant to a handgun carry permit. In defense of himself and others, he fired on the teenager who was struck in the chest.

Negrón drove his injured teen accomplice to the Shell gas station at 197 Haywood Lane where he reported they had been the victims of a crime. South Precinct officers alertly identified both men as the robbery suspects. During interviews, Negrón admitted to his involvement in the attempted robbery.

Negrón, of Reeves Road, is charged with two counts of attempted aggravated robbery and is being held in lieu of \$75,000 bond. He was on probation for an April felony evading arrest conviction. Negrón's arrest history includes theft and domestic assault charges.

The 17-year-old will be charged with aggravated robbery in Juvenile Court upon his dismissal from Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he is in stable condition.

Negrón's photo is being withheld pending lineups in similar robberies.

East

Meticulous police work led to the identification of a 15-year-old who is now charged with aggravated robbery and kidnapping. Deshaun Brown admitted he and an accomplice approached the victim who was sitting on his porch in the 900 block of Boscobel Street. They forced the man inside his house where they robbed him at gunpoint.

Officer William Caillouette lifted prints from a watch box and CD case that the suspects left in the residence. The print hit led to Brown's arrest.

A second teenager is being sought in connection to the robbery.

West

Outstanding investigation by West Precinct Detectives led to the arrests of three persons suspected in a rash of home burglaries and vehicle break-ins.

Detectives stopped the driver of a Nissan Pathfinder September 1st in the 4900 block of Indiana Avenue. The SUV matched the description of a suspect vehicle used in numerous break-ins. Stolen property was located inside the Pathfinder.

Christopher Shepherd, 34, and convicted felons Angela Teague, 36, and Michael Parsley, 34, were all taken into custody without incident. Shepherd admitted to his involvement in several thefts. All three are charged with aggravated burglary for a residential break-in on Estes Road.

Additionally, Parsley, of New York Avenue, is charged with motor vehicle burglary and Shepherd, of Joelton, is charged with three counts of theft.

Parsley has past convictions for theft, aggravated assault, and burglary. He is being held in lieu of \$70,000. Shepherd's arrest history shows assault and theft convictions. His bond is set at \$135,000.

Teague, of Park Avenue, was just convicted of felony theft in July. She also has past convictions for aggravated assault, theft and motor vehicle burglary. She is being held in lieu of \$80,000 bond.

Additional arrests/charges in this case are anticipated.

Central

Central Precinct detectives have charged convicted felon Darrell Dewayne Burns with carjacking, kidnapping and aggravated robbery for commandeering a car and its two occupants at gunpoint while they were parked at the Exxon Tiger Market on Broadway.

The two victims, ages 28 and 27, were sitting inside a 2006 Dodge Charger shortly after 3 a.m. on July 31st when Burns and an unidentified accomplice suddenly got in and told them to drive away. As the car began moving, the accomplice jumped out and got into a tan Crown Victoria, which followed the Charger to the intersection of Shihmen and Bart Drives in South Nashville. The two victims were ordered out of the Charger and were robbed of their money. The suspects then drove off in both cars. The Charger was later discovered stripped on Tusculum Court.

After interviewing the victims in detail and closely looking at surveillance video from the area, Detective Leonard Peck developed Burns as a potential suspect. Both victims subsequently positively identified him from a photo lineup.

At the time the warrants in this case were issued, Burns was already in jail as the result of his arrest on August 18th for a similar incident. On June 24th, he is alleged to have approached a

car downtown and asked the driver for a ride to University Court. While in the car, the victim said that Burns pulled a gun, demanded his belongings, and then ordered him to withdraw money from an ATM on Gallatin Pike. East Precinct detectives ultimately identified Burns as the suspect.

Burns, 23, is presently jailed on six counts of aggravated robbery and three counts of aggravated kidnapping. His arrest record reflects 85 offenses since his 18th birthday. He has convictions for aggravated burglary, several counts of evading arrest, several counts of drug possession, unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon, trespassing, driving on a suspended license, resisting arrest and criminal impersonation.

Burns is being held in lieu of \$795,000 bond.

Sex Crimes Unit

Genetic DNA evidence is directly responsible for the identification of accused rapist and robber James Tremelle Hunt, who is charged with committing crimes against a couple performing work on Habitat for Humanity homes on July 11, 2008.

Hunt, 20, a convicted home burglar from earlier this year, is now jailed on one count of aggravated rape and two counts of aggravated robbery.

The victims were plumbing contractors for Habitat for Humanity and were working on homes under construction in the area of Lauren Evelyn Way and Trailway Circle. The 42-year-old female was returning from a portable restroom on the night of July 11, 2008, when she was approached by a man armed with a semi-automatic pistol. The gunman walked the woman to her 44-year-old fiancée, robbed him of \$1200 cash, and forced him into the back of a cargo truck next to the work site. He then grabbed the woman by the hair and sexually assaulted her at gunpoint before fleeing the area.

While speaking with the female victim, Sex Crimes Detective Jason Terry saw what he believed to be evidence on the victim's clothing that could potentially yield a DNA profile. The TBI confirmed Detective Terry's suspicion, and entered the profile into a computerized DNA database (CODIS). With the help of the computerized system, scientists subsequently matched the DNA on the victim's clothing to Hunt. A second DNA sample taken from Hunt last month confirmed the CODIS hit.

Hunt is being held in lieu of \$110,000 bond. In addition to home burglary, he also has prior convictions for felony evading arrest, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, trespassing and carrying a prohibited weapon. SWAT officers assigned to the police department's Special Response Team arrested him at his sister's apartment on Spring Branch Drive. He was hiding in the laundry room behind the washer and dryer.

Registered Nurse Jeremy T. Bilbrey surrendered himself at police headquarters in relation to a grand jury indictment charging him with two counts of rape and two counts of sexual battery during a July 1st examination of a female patient in the emergency room of Centennial Medical Center.

Bilbrey, 31, of Fairview, was suspended by the hospital on July 2nd and has since been fired. The management of Centennial Medical Center has cooperated fully with the police department.

The 42-year-old victim alleges that Bilbrey digitally raped her and touched her body inappropriately after she arrived in the emergency room by ambulance for treatment of a back injury. The police department's meticulous investigation, which was headed by Sex Crimes Detective Heather Baltz, involved detailed interviews with both the victim and Bilbrey.

Bilbrey, who has worked at other Nashville area hospitals in the past, is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond. Persons with information regarding any other inappropriate contact between Bilbrey and patients is urged to contact the police department's Sex Crimes Unit at 862-7540.

Congratulations:

East Precinct Officer Jason Smith and his wife, Aubry, are the proud parents of Jais LeeMarie Smith born September 1.



Condolences:

Fraternal Order of Police Andrew Jackson Lodge 5 Past President Calvin Smith Hunter passed away August 30. Hunter, a retired detective, was instrumental in developing and supporting the FOP youth camp.

FYI:

All first responders are invited to attend the Tennessee State Fair free-of-charge on opening night, Friday, September 11, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Please show your badge for FREE admission for up to a family of four.

All Metro Nashville employees will also be admitted for free from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on opening night!

Opening ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. and will pay tribute to first responders.

Save the date: The third annual Law Enforcement Talent Showcase is Tuesday, October 13th, at BB Kings in downtown Nashville on 2nd Avenue. Show begins at 6 p.m.

Talent show t-shirts are now on sale! Sizes run from medium to XXL. T-shirts cost \$15.00. All proceeds from t-shirt sales and the talent show benefit the Nashville Children's Alliance and the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

If interested in purchasing a t-shirt please contact Captain Marlene Pardue or Stacey Duncan at 862-7417 or Glendel Greer at 862-7329.



MNPD Wellness Tip-off

Eat Heart Smart: Choose bright and dark-colored fruits and vegetables. The color is generally a sign of extra nutrients. For instance, buy red grapes instead of green, romaine or watercress rather than iceberg lettuce, red cabbage instead of green, and dark orange carrots over pale ones.

Choose to Move: Don't worry that exercise will increase your appetite. Most people who work out moderately eat about the same as they would if they didn't exercise—or just slightly more. By exercising regularly you're likely to become trimmer and fitter even if your weight stays the same, since you'll be building muscle and burning body fat.

NFD/MNPD Wellness Initiative

For more information, please call (615)-340-0466

Please Welcome Kim Brown to our Team!

Kimberly Brown has been a Metro Public Health Department employee since October 2005. She previously served as the Community Health Educator for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program where she worked within the Nashville community to raise awareness about TB.

Kim received her Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion from Auburn University in August 2005. She enjoys sports (especially SEC football), camping, and spending time with her chocolate lab, Keeli.

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