



Detective Bureau Sergeant Eric Smith is receiving **Detective Amos Clinton's** Certificate of Commendation in his absence.

On Friday, November 28, 2008, Homicide/Robbery detectives were requested at the scene of a deceased black male lying on Shaw Road. The next day, positive identification was made that the body was that of George Smith, Jr., who was the son of Hinds County Supervisor George Smith. The victim's vehicle was stolen during the homicide, later recovered, and released to his family. In it was a cell phone that according to the father didn't belong to his son. Attempts to obtain latent prints from it were unsuccessful. The only lead that Detective Clinton could find was a picture stored in the phone. On August 28, exactly nine (9) months to the date that Mr. Smith's body was found, the suspect, Glendell Parker, was located. Detective Clinton was successful in obtaining a confession that placed the Smith family on the road to closure.

Detective Clinton is a nine (9) year veteran of JPD, serving the last four (4) years in Homicide. He has a reputation as one of the Homicide Unit's strongest detectives with investigative proficiency.

Detective Amos Clinton, for your tenacity, professionalism, dedication, and commitment to case closure, it is with great pleasure to **congratulate** you on your certificate of commendation!



Precinct Three Commander Eric Wall is receiving **Officer Kenny Bryant's** Certificate of Commendation in his absence.

On Monday, August 31, at approximately 2351 hours, Officer Kenny Bryant was dispatched to a house burglary in progress.

Upon arrival, Officer Bryant observed two male subjects fighting. When Officer Bryant attempted to apprehend the individual that he had determined to be the

suspect, the suspect began to fight both, the officer and the homeowner all while trying to escape. Once Officer Bryant ran the suspect down, the suspect began to resist Officer Bryant *again* while still attempting to flee.

During this intense struggle and in the dark of night, the suspect gained control of an unknown object, and managed to cut Officer Bryant on the left forearm.

Although in pain and bleeding, Officer Bryant continued to fight in this 'life and death' struggle until he subdued the suspect.

Congratulations Officer Kenny Bryant for a job well done on your certificate of commendation!



Sergeant Bryan Pippin nominated **Officer William Bright, P4**. Commander Kenneth Goodrum is receiving his certificate fo commendation in his absence.

On August 24, 2009, Officer William Bright responded to a house burglary at 4642 Casablanca Drive. Four complainants had large items stolen and their house was ransacked.

A witness identified the suspect, his vehicle, and stated that the Waverly Park Apartments was his possible location. The suspect was identified by the nickname of Yellowboy. Officer William Bright and other Precinct Four officers went to the apartments. The manager stated that she observed the suspect unloading clothing and other items from the vehicle into an apartment earlier. The officers observed the suspect's vehicle parking. They made contact with the driver who was later identified as Vernonia Collins, the apartment lease holder. They stated the reason for their presence. Even though she became disorderly, she signed a consent to search form.

Once inside, they noticed various insurance cards and an XBOX belonging to two of the victims. When officers informed Ms. Collins that she was facing charges for receiving stolen goods, she provided valuable information on the suspect and directed them to:

- a laptop computer,
- large amounts of clothing,
- 6 XBOXES,
- playstation games,
- numerous tennis shoes, and
- 3 guitars

Officer Bright released all items to the complainants. One complainant's entire wardrobe was recovered!

Congratulations Officer William Bright on your tenacity and relentless effort to initiate a street level investigation that solved this case!



Traffic Unit Sergeant Jeff Myers received **Officer James McGowan's** Certificate of Commendation in his absence.

On August 4, Officer James McGowan was running radar on Colonial Circle. He flagged a vehicle over to issue a citation at which time he smelled a strong odor believed to be Marijuana. With Officer McGowan's experience and training, he was led to investigate further. He directed the suspect, Gregg Bernard Foggy, to exit the vehicle. The suspect then admitted to having Marijuana in the console. Officer McGowan recovered the Marijuana from the console while an officer assisted with the suspect. Officer McGowan knew that this small amount of Marijuana was not enough to emit the strong smell, so he investigated further. While inventorying the vehicle, Officer McGowan gained access to the trunk through the backseat. As he continued to search, he found:

- 22-gallon bags of Marijuana, and
- a plastic sandwich bag of Marijuana

The suspect received traffic citations and was transported to Narcotics for an interview.

Congratulations, Officer James McGowan on your certificate of commendation for recovering approximately 23 pounds of Marijuana.



Certificate of Commendation

Sergeant Bryan Pippen nominated **Officers Nathan James, P4**

On September 16, Officers Nathan James observed an Impala run a red light. During the traffic stop, he engaged the driver, 27-year-old Shundrase Minor. Officer James noticed a lady's purse on the passenger's side floorboard. When Officer James asked the driver about the purse, he said that it was his mother's but couldn't produce her name. After placing the suspect under arrest for traffic violations, Officer James searched the purse for ownership information. He found driver's license belonging to a Dorothy Lee and a receipt with her contact number and address. After negative contact, he requested a unit be dispatched to her address. During which time, an auto burglary call was dispatched over the radio for the same victim. Officer James advised that he had her belongings in

his possessions. She later identified her property. The suspect was transported to the Detective Bureau for an interview and later charged.

Officer Nathan James, this simple VTO led to a good preliminary investigation resulting in an auto burglary arrest. **Congratulations** on your certificate of commendation.



Certificates of Commendation

Commander Eric Wall nominated:

Field Training Officer Cedric Myles, P3
Probationary Officer Anthony Payne

In recent months, the Presidential Hills community has been plagued with a rash of house burglaries. As a result, P3 officers have implemented intensive directed patrols.

On Friday, September 11, at approximately 12:17 hours, Officers Cedric Myles and Anthony Payne received a house burglary in progress call at 6730 George Washington Drive. Upon arrival, the officers approached the resident from opposite sides. As Officer Myles walked to the rear of the house, one suspect attempted to escape through the kitchen window. Once he saw Officer Myles, he re-entered the home to exit through the front door when he encountered Officer Payne. Officer Payne was about to engage the suspect in a foot pursuit when his attention was drawn to Officer Myles struggling with another suspect. Upon running to assist Officer Myles, the second suspect fled on foot. Officer Myles requested backup units as they began a house-to-house backyard search. Officer Payne captured the fleeing 18-year-old suspect with the assistance of other officers.

Congratulations Field Training Officer Cedric Myles and Probationary Officer Anthony Payne for a job well done!!!



Certificates of Commendations

Commander Eric Wall nominated the following P3 officers:

Officer Billy Lynch
Officer Cedric Myles
Officer Dewayne Wilson
Officer Mamie Barrett
Officer Jermaine Magee
Officer Kutenia Brooks
Officer Mark Coleman

On Wednesday, August 26 at approximately 10:14 a.m., a house burglary in progress on Glen Ridge Drive was dispatched.

Upon arrival, Officer Billy Lynch encountered one suspect as he walked from behind the burglarized residence with stolen items in his possession. This suspect was quickly taken into custody without incident.

Additional units arrived on scene. Then it was discovered that the remaining suspects were still inside hiding from police; whom, at this point had surrounded the house to cut off any escape.

The officers entered the house and conducted a room by room search. However, two suspects climbed into the attic and attempted to barricade themselves. While in the attic, suspects attempted to find an alternate escape path by busting a hole through the ceiling in the kitchen. When officers rushed into the kitchen to cut them off, they retreated into the attic. For approximately 30 minutes of failed negotiations, the officers introduced the chemical agent O.C. spray, but to no avail. Officer Mamie Barrett was directed to initiate the chemical spray for a 2nd time. Officers backed off allowing the chemical to take affect. Shortly afterwards, the suspects climbed down and surrendered without incident. Both were decontaminated and transported to Jail.

Due to this teamwork, all three burglary suspects were arrested.

Congratulations to Officers Billy Lynch, Cedric Myles, Dewayne Wilson, Mamie Barrett, Jermaine Magee, Kutenia Brooks, and Mark Coleman on your certificates of commendation.



Certificates of Commendations

Sergeant Bryan Pippin nominated:

Field Training Officer Dewayne West, P4
Probationary Officer Tarik Williams, P4

On August 19, FTO Officer Dwayne West and Probationary Officer Tarik Williams were sitting at North State and Hartfield Street intersection. Officer Williams noticed two male subjects. He immediately recognized one fitting the description of a suspect in an earlier burglary in June. The other subject was later recognized as a suspect fitting another crime.

As Officers West and Williams approached them, they identified the suspects as 17-year-old Donald Watson and 16-year-old Justin Thomas. They were transported to the Burglary Unit for an interview. One confessed to burglarizing vehicles on June 11, 2009 and both were charged with Auto Burglary.

On another incident, September 26, 2009, Officers West and Williams responded to a shoplifting call at Payless Shoe Store on Meadowbrook Road.

While placing the suspect in custody and preparing to transport, another subject approached both officers inquiring about the arrest. Officer West immediately

recognized him from a photo in the precinct that was posted in August. The subject was wanted on an auto burglary warrant! Both subjects were transported to the Adult Holding Facility.

Both cases are examples of good officers possessing good leadership skills and being familiar with suspects and crimes on their beat. **Congratulations** Officers Dewayne West and Tarik Williams on your certificates of commendations!



Life Saving Awards

Sgt. Jeff Myers nominated:

Officer Richard Polk, Traffic Unit

Officer Frank Williams, P4

On August 14, Officer Richard Polk was running radar in the Boyd Elementary School zone when a subject approached him, advising that a female driver was having trouble.

Officer Polk observed the vehicle coming through the school zone at approximately 5 mph. Officer Polk walked into the roadway to stop the subject, 46-year-old Ms. Ginger Wall. The vehicle drove upon the sidewalk and back into the traffic lane. Officer Polk continuously tapped on her car window to gain her attention. He was unsuccessful as Ms. Wall would gaze and showed inability to respond.

Officer Polk requested AMR assistance. With the assistance of Officer Frank Williams, they finally stopped the vehicle. Officer Williams made entry through the passenger side and put the vehicle in park. AMR checked Ms. Wall and found that her blood sugar level was very low. They administered IV fluids and stabilized her.

Officers Richard Polk and Frank Williams, due to your commitment to your jobs and the ability to recognize a potentially life-threatening situation, your actions possibly saved Ms. Wall's life, and that of others. **Congratulations** on your Life Saving Awards!



Officer of the Month

Sergeant Scott Albrecht nominated **Officer Benjamin Williams, P5**

On August 19, while Officer Benjamin Williams was fueling his vehicle, he observed a gray Chevy truck pull into the same gas station. When the driver noticed him, he put his seatbelt on and quickly left heading west on Hwy 80. Officer Williams traveled east on Hwy 80 and passed the same vehicle. He looked in his rear view mirror and noticed that the driver had returned to the same gas station. Highway 80 and Ellis Avenue has recently been plagued with crimes against persons and property. This subject was exhibiting suspicious behavior consistent with casing the business. Officer Williams returned to the gas station. The driver again noticed Officer Williams and quickly left traveling south on Ellis Avenue and went across the street to Wendy's. Officer Williams parked adjacent to Wendy's parking lot. After 30-minutes of observation, the driver attempted to cross over a 4-lane highway. Two vehicles that had the right-of-way were forced to stop.

Officer Williams engaged the driver, later identified as Peter Mason. Mr. Mason had exited his vehicle when Officer Williams approached him to advise him of the traffic violations. He began to shake nervously and his breathing increased drastically. Officer Williams asked if there were any illegal items or weapons in his vehicle, he replied that he had a gun but was not forthcoming as to its location.

Officer Williams began to search for the weapon and discovered:

- 9 clear bags of crack cocaine,
- a small glass container of Marijuana,
- 3 small containers of codeine cough syrup,
- a prescription bottle containing 3 small pills,
- a handgun with 11 live rounds, a magazine, and
- \$15,941 in U.S. currency

As indicated by the above information, Officer Williams not only removed a criminal off the street but also removed a considerable amount of contraband. Officer Ben Williams was our 2007 Officer of the Year and we

Congratulate him on being selected as the Officer of the Month for September 2009!