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DEPARTMENT FAMILY



Forensic Scientist II, **Molly Barnes**, Crime Laboratory, and her husband, Bobby, had a baby boy, **Jacob Riley**, born Wednesday, January 16, 2008.

WELL DONE

On Saturday, December 23, 2007, Officer **Sean Becker**, City of Fenton Precinct, received a radio assignment for child endangerment at a restaurant. When he arrived he saw a six year old girl sleeping in an unlocked vehicle with the motor running and her ten year old sister inside the restaurant sitting alone while the father was at the bar drinking alcoholic beverages. Witnesses informed him that the situation had been going on for over an hour.



The suspect, unable to drive, was taken into custody after the children's mother responded to the scene.

On Thursday, January 10, 2008, Officer **John Spicer**, South County Precinct, responded to a call of shots fired near a residence. According to the reporting party, her ex-husband arrived drunk and in possession of a handgun to pick up their son for his visitation and fired three shots into the ground. The child ran back inside and they called the police. Officers **Craig Lanham** and **Goran Katic** received a separate call of shots fired from a vehicle nearby. The officers began to search and found the suspect in a parked vehicle. The intoxicated suspect was taken into custody and a weapon and ammunition were found in his possession.

On Friday, January 11, 2008, Officers **James Grace**, **Michael Gibbs** and **Michael Kaemmerer**, North County Precinct, responded to a burglary in progress at a residence. When the officers arrived, three suspects ran out of the home. The officers chased the three suspects on foot through the adjoining neighborhood. All three suspects were apprehended without incident. Burglary tools and items from the home were also recovered.

On Tuesday, January 15, 2008, Officers **Chris Chambers** and **Michael Byrne**, North County Precinct, caught a fleeing suspect who had just committed an armed robbery. The 74 year old female victim stated the suspect pointed a gun at her and stole her purse. After a short foot pursuit, the suspect was identified and arrested. Officer **Robert Dean** and canine Lass responded and found the missing purse and contents.

On Thursday, January 17, 2008, Officer **Nathan Hart**, Central County Precinct, observed a vehicle traveling erratically and stopped the car. The smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle was intense. A search of the car resulted in marijuana and a stolen handgun. The suspect was also in possession of 14 Post-It Notes with 30 different individuals' personal information and credit card numbers.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Public Safety Dispatcher **Lauren Chilton**, Office of Information and Technology – Bureau of Communications, for recently receiving the Department's Award of Excellence for her outstanding performance of duty.

RETIREMENTS



On Friday, January 25, 2008, **Nancy Miller**, Bureau of Central Police Records, retired after 33 years of service.

On Thursday, January 31, 2008, **Dan Wathen**, Central County Precinct, retired after 34 years of service; **Charles Schaller**, Bureau of Security Services, retired after 28 years of service and **Robert Woerndle**, Affton Southwest Precinct, retired after 12 years of service.

On Friday, February 1, 2008, **Luther Hanna**, DCI, retired after 29 years of service.

WELCOME ABOARD

On Monday, February 4, 2008, **Benjamin L. Sawyer** started as a police report clerk in the Bureau of Central Police Records.



WELFARE SCHOLARSHIPS

Letters of application are now being accepted for the award of \$1,000 college scholarships by the Welfare Association to dependent children of Department employees. Awarded will be two Donald R. Lewis Scholarships, funded by the deceased officer's family; the William R. Brandt Scholarship in memory of his dedication to the Association during his presidency; an award in the name of Mr. Michael Shanahan in appreciation of his generosity and support; the Colonel Ronald A. Battelle Scholarship in recognition of our former Chief; and a memorial scholarship in remembrance of our fallen officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. The application, in resume form, must be received by **Judy Sampson**, Office Services Unit, by March 31, 2008. Please include age, school class, college to be attended, major, GPA, extracurricular activities, employment and financial need.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Officer **Thom Taylor**, West County Precinct, is participating in the first ever Missouri Super Polar Bear Plunge to support Special Olympics Missouri. He will be plunging into the frigid water of the Lake of the Ozarks once an hour for 24 consecutive hours. The Super Polar Bear Plunge begins on Friday, February 22, 2008, at Lake of the Ozarks.

The funds raised by this new event will be used to start a program aimed at our future special athletes and their families. Children under the age of 14 will now be eligible to experience the social and physical benefits of belonging to the Special Olympics Family.

Please sponsor him online and pass this on to any friends and or businesses you think would be willing to support his Super Plunge. No donation is too small! You can make a donation by going to <http://www.firstgiving.com/tiptoptaylor> and clicking one of the links next to his picture.

FROM THE CHAPLAINS

Even a woodpecker has found that the way to progress is to 'use your head.'