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The Honorable Thomas H. Shriver
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Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee
Room 601 - Davidson County Courthouse
Public Square
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Reference: Report of the January Term
(January, February, and March) 1996
Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee

Dear Judge Shriver:

The members of the January Term of the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee, present, with pride, this final report of the activities of this body. Serving our community as a Grand Juror has been an exceptional learning experience. Each member expresses personal appreciation to you for the confidence that the Court and the community have placed in this Grand Jury, and each Juror is appreciative for this opportunity of service.

The Grand Jury of Davidson County also wishes to publicly extend thanks for the personal leadership you exhibit, both in the Courtroom and in the community-at-large. The successful outcomes attributed to the work of this body have been enhanced by your patience, guidance, support, wisdom, and good humor. The Grand Jury also acknowledges the many kindnesses and concerns that the Officers of Division I of the Criminal Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, have shown during our term of service.

This final report is organized using the following ten (10) headings: Cases Presented to the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee; Major Concerns of the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee; Other Concerns of the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee; Extended Visits Made by the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee; General Visits Made by the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee; Special Visitation Made to the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee; Observations Concerning the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department by the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee; Accolades Given by the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee; Comments of the Foreman of the January Term of the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee; and a Closing.

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Please note that this Grand Jury Report utilizes the terms "recommendation" and "suggestion." The term "recommendation" is intended to identify and highlight the most serious of community situations/problems - those, which in the opinion of the Grand Jury of Davidson County, warrant immediate community attention and action. The term "suggestion" is used to distinguish community situations/problems which are serious, but which, in the opinion of the Grand Jury of Davidson County, do not need instant community attention and action.

CASES PRESENTED

A major responsibility of any Grand Jury empaneled in the State of Tennessee is to return a presentment on all indictable offenses found to have been committed or triable within the county of the jurisdiction of the empaneled Grand Jury. The Office of the District Attorney General of the Twentieth (20th.) Judicial District of the State of Tennessee presented the Grand Jury of Davidson County, Tennessee (here after referred to as the Grand Jury) with a total of six hundred and one (601) cases for review and decision. The Grand Jury heard witnesses, deliberated the evidence, as presented, and rendered a "true" or "no true" decision on each and every case. Further, each of these cases has been reported to the Judge of the Criminal Court (Division I) of Davidson County, Tennessee for his review and action.

MAJOR CONCERNS

During the service period of the January Term Grand Jury five (5) major concerns/problems have repeatedly been brought to the attention of this body by a variety of public officials, sworn law enforcement officers, and/or general citizens-at-large of the community. The Grand Jury urges, in the strongest language possible, that the elected public officials and community leaders of Nashville-Davidson County develop an organized/recognized process to address these concerns/problems, and that addressing these five (5) areas becomes a primary activity of the community leadership.

The first (1st.) of these concerns/problems is the Revolving Door of the Juvenile Justice System. The Grand Jury recognizes that the major objective of the Juvenile Justice System is rehabilitation and treatment/assistance for the youth of this community, not punishment. The Grand Jury applauds and concurs with this objective; however, based on testimony given to the Grand Jury by a variety of individuals, this body observes that some, perhaps many, youthful offenders and parents do not take the Juvenile Justice System seriously. In many cases, repeating offenders appear to be "the rule" rather than "the exception." The

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Grand Jury could not determine which, if any, measurable behavior objectives were in place to determine if changes in the youth offenders were stagnant or moving in a positive direction.

To further complicate the situation, a variety of governmental agencies including the Board of Education of Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee, the Department of Children's Services of the State of Tennessee, the Office of the District Attorney General of Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee and the Juvenile Court of Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee all have certain responsibilities for youthful offenders and little, or no, formal or informal system of coordination that appeared, to the Grand Jury, to be in existence among these four (4) bodies. It appears, to the Grand Jury, to be in-place is a "blame game" where each agency or office attempting to "pass the buck" or point out the faults and/or weaknesses of the other entities.

The expectation of each or all of these governmental bodies as to the role that the parents/families of youthful offenders should be required to "play" in the rehabilitation process of the child/children is unclear. Further, the Grand Jury observes that punishment, rather than rehabilitation, may be appropriate for certain youthful offenders, and the Grand Jury notes that during the current term the Juvenile Court of Nashville-Davidson County has transferred certain youthful offenders to the adult criminal justice system.

The Grand Jury observes that many young people, in need of help, appear to be "falling through the cracks" because a lack of a unified partnership between the home and the government is not addressing their needs.

Thus, the Grand Jury recommends, to the citizens of Nashville-Davidson County, that a system be developed and implemented from a holistic view, wholistically, both the rehabilitation and educational needs of youthful offenders; that strategies be developed and implemented to meet these needs; and that representatives from each of the governmental bodies having responsibility for youthful offenders and at-large citizens from the community be included in the group charged with this responsibility.

The second (2nd.) of these concerns/problems is the mass illegal drug activity in evidence in Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee. A huge number of the cases heard by the Grand Jury during this session were drug-related. In addition to the specific cases dealing with controlled substances, many of the cases entitled murder, assault, robbery, theft, as well as other serious crimes were drug-related. Individuals committed these crimes "support" a habit. The problem appears to be evident in all

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geographic sections of the community, and among all socio-economic race, gender, and age groups. The vast sums of money to be derived from successful participation in illegal drug activity seem to outweigh all the risks involved.

The Grand Jury especially and specifically commends the officers of the Crime Suppression Unit of the Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Police Department, the officers who are employed under the grant for drug suppression in the Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority (MDHA) properties, and the police officers of the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department for their efforts in locating and arresting individuals involved in the sale of illegal controlled substances.

From listening to volumes of testimony, the Grand Jury is convinced that Nashville-Davidson County is losing the "drug war." Of special concern is the number of children (minors) who appear to be greatly involved in both the distribution and use of these substances. The Grand Jury heard testimony concerning the enticement of elementary school children, by drug dealers, as they exited school buses.

The Grand Jury has concluded that the sale and distribution of illegal controlled substances has reached epidemic proportions, and is a major "cancer" on the social structure and fabric of the community.

Thus, the Grand Jury recommends, to the citizens of Nashville Davidson County, that additional person-power and appropriate resources be given our law enforcement agency, the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department, for the purpose of reducing the illegal drug activities in this community. The Grand Jury believes a reduction in the drug activities in Nashville Davidson County will also translate into a reduction of the overall/total crime in the community.

The third (3rd.) of these concerns/problems is the deplorable condition of the East Nashville Middle/Magnet School building (formally the East Nashville High and Junior High School[s]). The responsibility of the Grand Jury is to inquire into the condition of county buildings, and based on this obligation, the Grand Jury made an unannounced inspection of the school facility. East was chosen by the Grand Jury because of the number of educational "high risk" children assigned to this structure.

The Grand Jury visited the institution on a rainy day and discovered water entering the building because roof and gutter repairs had not been made. This problem appeared to have existed over a long period of time. Trash containers were placed

throughout the building in an attempt to catch and contain entering water. Puddles were in evidence. Information was given to the Grand Jury that a student, on a previous occasion, slipped and had fallen on a wet floor in a science laboratory. Thankfully, this student did not sustain injuries.

An additional concern centered on a rotten gymnasium/auditorium floor. Holes were viewed in the wood, and general concern was expressed. Members of the Grand Jury removed (lifted out) pieces of the decayed flooring. The floor/stage facility appeared to be unsafe for faculty and student use as either a teaching or recreational/athletic facility.

Other observations included; ceiling plaster flakes falling on students while attending class, exposed brick where plaster repairs had not been made, broken chairs/seats in the auditorium, a fire extinguisher that had not maintained a sufficient "charge," lack of handicapped accommodations/facilities, broken windows, and the use of "out-dated" computer equipment as a major teaching tool.

The Grand Jury does not know if the condition of The East Nashville Middle/Magnet School building(s) is normal or abnormal for other educational structures located in Davidson County.

Thus, the Grand Jury recommends, to the citizens of Davidson County, that future Grand Jury panels make the inspection of educational properties and the reporting of the condition of these structures a major priority. Further, the Grand Jury recommends that significant repairs be made to the East Nashville Middle/Magnet School Building(s) and that the timetable for the repairs be expedited. A prideful community should expect the children to be educated in both a safe and pleasant environment.

While the Grand Jury found the physical condition of the East Nashville Middle/Magnet School building(s) to be less than satisfactory, this report would not be complete and/or balanced without enumerating several positive observations and impressions. The Grand Jury found a dedicated administration and faculty at East. The students were energetic and appeared engaged in the learning process. Teachers were using both traditional and individualized educational delivery approaches. The buildings were very clean, and the Grand Jury especially compliments the food preparation and serving areas.

The fourth (4th.) of these concerns/problems is the condition of the Davidson County Courthouse. Many citizens view this structure as the capstone of public properties, and as a symbol for the total community. The people of this County deserve a clean, well-lighted, and safe environment in which to conduct their

business with the courts and with other public officials housed in the building. During this term, the Grand Jury found the public areas and rest room facilities in the Courthouse to be dirty. The general maintenance of the building appears to be poor. Paint is peeling from the ceilings on certain upper floors, windows are cracked, and the water in the drinking fountains has a "lead like" taste. Concerns have been expressed about the safety and reliability of the elevators. (A member of the Grand Jury was "stuck" in one of the elevator cars when the door refused to open on the sixth [6th.] floor.) The internal lighting in the building is poor, if not inadequate. Questions have been raised concerning the ability of the facility to pass a proper codes inspection. Since the Metropolitan Government has the responsibility of ensuring that property owned by citizens meets all appropriate safety standards, the Metropolitan Government should critically review public properties entrusted to its care, especially the Courthouse, to ensure that each public property meets or exceeds the standards established by the Metropolitan Codes Department. The Davidson County Courthouse should again become a beacon of citizen pride.

Thus, the Grand Jury recommends, to the citizens of Nashville-Davidson County, that a plan be developed and implemented to upgrade the condition of the Courthouse, and that said plan include appropriate initial and continued cleaning, necessary repair work, assurance of the safety and reliability of the elevator system, and verification that the building meets all code requirements imposed on private property owners in Davidson County.

The fifth (5th.) of these concerns/problems is the delay in placing students removed from the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Public School System, for behavioral or other reasons, into an "alterative school setting." The information provided the Grand Jury indicates that a thirty (30) to sixty (60) day waiting period is not unusual. Students who do not want to be in school appear to have developed an understanding of "how to work" the system, and may be deliberately attempting to have a "vacation" from the educational process. Additionally, reports were given to the Grand Jury that school personnel were not allowed to give homework assignments to individual students who are on suspension or to their parents, even if the family is attempting to make positive use of the "down time." The Grand Jury does not understand the reason for any policy that does not attempt to educationally benefit the child, and on the surface, this policy does not seem to benefit the child or his/her family. Failure of the child to do assignments while on suspension would appear to place the child even further behind and more at risk if/and when the student returns to the traditional school setting. The delay in the assignment of students to an alternative educational setting

appears to be at variance with the mandatory attendance laws enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. Lack of available space for alternative classroom(s) was given as the major reason for the delay in the assignment of students to a non-traditional learning environment. Perhaps some of the vacant school structures previously used by the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Board of Education could be reopened to alleviate this problem. The Grand Jury believes children should be in school and not lounging at home or roaming the street.

Thus, the Grand Jury recommends to the citizens of Nashville and Davidson County that the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Board of Education develop and implement a plan to ensure that children assigned to this school system are placed in either a regular or alternative educational setting, and should an alternative educational setting be needed for any child, that the placement of said child be immediate.

OTHER CONCERNS

During the service period of the January Term Grand Jury six (6) other concerns/problems have been identified. The Grand Jury encourages the elected public officials and community leaders of Nashville-Davidson County to address these six (6) areas in a timely manner.

(1) The Grand Jury viewed the limited number of spaces available in the Davidson County Jail(s) used to house publicly intoxicated individuals. The Grand Jury realizes that the Sheriff of Davidson County is under court order not to overcrowd these facilities. The Grand Jury commends the Sheriff for adhering both to the letter and spirit of that order. The Grand Jury is also aware that law enforcement officers are unable to remove "drunks" from the streets of this community because there is "no room in the inn" at the jail. Many officers, who are concerned about the safety of these intoxicated persons or citizens with whom these intoxicated individuals may interact, are forced to spend time away from other duties in attempting to locate alternative housing in such locations as the Nashville Rescue Mission, in a similar social service agency, or simply to ignore the problem. The Grand Jury was not made aware that any plan is under development to allocate additional jail spaces for use as an auxiliary "drunk tank." The Grand Jury believes that the citizens of this community want publicly intoxicated individuals off the streets of Nashville. Thus, the Grand Jury suggests, that the Metropolitan Government investigate increasing the number of holding spaces in the "drunk tank" or establish an additional facility to accommodate these individuals.

(2) The Grand Jury received information, from a variety of individuals, indicating that Officers of the Metropolitan Fire Department, Ambulance Division provide "taxi" service to the Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital for individuals who are under the influence of alcohol, when no medical emergency exists. When these emergency professionals are dealing with such situations, they are not "in service" to respond to more serious medical emergencies, perhaps life or death situations. The Grand Jury was told that the policy concerning the use of ambulances was developed, as a precaution against potential legal actions, by the Metropolitan Government Legal Department. The suggestion of the Grand Jury is that an alternative transportation policy be investigated, assuring that the safety and medical needs of the citizens under the influence of alcohol are met.

(3) The Grand Jury learned that a form of gambling, specifically "betting on the numbers," continues to be "big business" and appears to be growing in Nashville. Information was also provided the Grand Jury indicating that other forms of illegal activities often occur in and/or near these betting parlors. Recently, a Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Officer was shot in close proximity to one of these establishments. Because this activity appears on the surface to be a victimless crime, and "betting on the numbers" continues to be an old Nashville tradition, frustration seems to exist in certain segments of the law enforcement community concerning the lack of a concerted "game plan" to lessen this activity in the County. Thus, the Grand Jury would suggest that the leadership of the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department develop and implement a plan to address this growing segment of illegal gambling activity.

(4) The Grand Jury learned that in a certain police sector within Davidson County, an officer who recovers a stolen motor vehicle would be given an extra day of vacation. This is not a uniform policy throughout the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department. The general public might construe that the recovery of a stolen motor vehicle was the most important task assigned to an officer, since the recovery of a stolen vehicle has a special reward incentive. Further, if the recovery of a stolen motor vehicle merits an extra day of vacation in a certain geographical section of Davidson County, then the recovery of a stolen motor vehicle in any other sector should also merit the same reward. Perhaps, the recovery of a stolen motor vehicle should not be the basis of a "merit day" in any sector of the County. The Grand Jury believes that this particular personnel practice needs to be reviewed. The Grand Jury is impressed with leadership of the Nashville-Davidson County Police Department, and believes this departmental leadership team will develop personnel policies

appropriate both for the community and the officers who serve
County so well.

(5) The Grand Jury knows from personal experience
citizens who dedicate their time and energy to serve in the
system of this County have difficulty finding appropriate par
spaces near the Davidson County Courthouse on the Public Squar
near the Washington Building on Second (2nd.) Avenue, North.
is especially critical for handicapped individuals. Service
jury should be made as painless as possible by the leaders of
judicial system. Thus, the Grand Jury suggests that the judges
both the General Sessions and Circuit Courts develop and imple
a plan to address the issue of appropriate parking for citi
serving on jury duty. The Grand Jury extends special thanks
Judge Gale Robinson for his assistance in developing a parl
solution for two (2) members of this Grand Jury who are handica
citizens.

(6) During the course of the term of this Grand Jury, mem
of this body have learned that many Metropolitan Nashville-David
County Police Officers buy equipment and supplies which they f
adds to their personal safety or better assists them in being
service to members of the community-at-large. The Grand Jury d
not know if these items are "niceties" or "necessities." The Gr
Jury does feel that the individuals serving as Metropoli
Nashville-Davidson County Police Officers should have the b
materials and equipment, appropriate to their assigned task, t
the treasury of Davidson County can afford.

EXTENDED AND GENERAL VISITATIONS WITH CONCERNS, COMMENTS, AND OBSERVATIONS

The Grand Jury also has the responsibility of inquiring in
the condition of public institutions within Davidson Count
Tennessee. As a part of this responsibility, the Grand Ju
conducted a series of extended and general visitations. The ne
two (2) sections of this report contain comments, concerns, a
observations with reference to these activities. All visits
these facilities were unannounced.

EXTENDED VISITATIONS

(1) The Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital located
Hermitage Avenue. The Grand Jury visited the Emergency Room, t
Clinic area(s), a patient ward, and the in-hospital jail facilit
While old and in some instances cramped, the facility was spotless
and the personnel were viewed to be knowledgeable and committed
The Emergency Room appeared to be well-equipped and staffed. In

This facility has been allowed to lapse into disrepair and certain grave monuments appear to have been vandalized. The Grand Jury would hope that the appropriate Metropolitan Government agency would give immediate attention to the care of the City Cemetery, and that this historic site could be restored as a place of community pride. If action is not taken soon, part of the heritage of this community will be lost to future generations. The Grand Jury also heard testimony that this property is used as a location for illegal drug trafficking. The Grand Jury would also hope that the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department and the Metropolitan Park Rangers would develop a plan-of-action to discourage and/or eliminate these activities.

(2) The Davidson County Jail (commonly known as Mr. Friday Blackwood's Jail) in the Hill Building located on Second (2nd.) Avenue in downtown Nashville. The Grand Jury found the facility to be exceedingly clean and orderly. The Grand Jury does express concern that certain personnel in the employ of the Sheriff of Davidson County failed to understand the responsibility (or perhaps the need) of the Grand Jury to view the facility, and initially the Grand Jury was not made to feel welcome. The time the Grand Jury was kept waiting, prior to being allowed to begin the tour of the building, was both unreasonable and inappropriate. The situation changed with the arrival of a supervisor who had responsibility for over-seeing this building. The supervisor was originally off-premises in a meeting, but returned quickly when notified of the presence and uneasiness of the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury would suggest that the Sheriff of Davidson County provide "front office" personnel with some in-service training concerning the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Jury, so that all appearances of being uncooperative can be avoided in the future.

(3) The Davidson County Jail located in the Criminal Justice Center on James Robertson Boulevard. The Grand Jury also found this facility to be very clean and orderly. Lieutenant William Black of the Davidson County Sheriff's Office greeted the group graciously, and encouraged the Grand Jury to both view and understand the operations and purposes of the facility. The Grand Jury extends thanks to Lieutenant Black for the courtesies extended.

(4) The Davidson County Criminal Booking Room located in the Criminal Justice Center on James Robertson Boulevard. The four (4) Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Officers escorting the Grand Jury provided a detailed and enlightening tour of the facility, plus described an over-view of the activities that transpire in the building. The regular on-duty personnel who were interviewed were knowledgeable and helpful. Some concern was expressed with reference to the time required of a Metropolitan

Nashville-Davidson County Police Officer to complete the booking process of an individual. Hope was expressed that a more "streamlined" system could be developed, which would enable the officer to return to patrol or other duties within a more expedient time-frame. The Grand Jury especially enjoyed the demonstration of the new computerized finger printing system (AFFS), and noted that the building had numerous systems designed to ensure the safety of the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Officers during the booking process. The Grand Jury expresses pride in this facility.

(5) The Commissioner's Courtroom located in the Criminal Justice Center on James Robertson Boulevard. The Grand Jury noted that the room was constructed to ensure the safety and security of the court personnel, the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Officers, the prisoners, and the general public. Special thanks is extended to Commissioner Houston Hager for his hospitality and for information concerning the operation of the Commissioner's Court.

(6) A General Sessions Courtroom located in the Davidson County Courthouse. The Grand Jury visited the Court of General Sessions Judge Gale Robinson. The courtroom was clean and attractively appointed. The business of the Court progressed in an orderly manner during this visitation period. The Grand Jury was welcomed by Judge Robinson, thanked for their service to the community, and given a brief over-view of the responsibilities of this particular unit of government. The Grand Jury appreciates the kindness extended by Judge Robinson.

(7) The Nashville Metropolitan Bordeaux Hospital (commonly known as The Davidson County Hospital) located on the County Hospital Road. The Grand Jury viewed public areas, several patient rooms, the kitchen, the dining room, and the newly constructed patient garden in this long-term care facility. The administrators and staff of the institution are commended on the immaculate condition of the building. The administrator was eager to share with the Grand Jury the many positive "happenings" at the hospital. The Grand Jury was impressed with the operation and management of the Nashville Metropolitan Bordeaux Hospital, and believes this institution is an asset to our community.

(8) The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Training Academy located on Tucker Road. The Grand Jury viewed a variety of activities including, a demonstration of the deployment of the police dogs, the use of the Metropolitan Police helicopter in search and enforcement activities, and the procedures/processes used to safely apprehend a criminal. The Grand Jury especially compliments Lieutenant Don Heath and Lieutenant Bob Milligan for

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sharing their time and expertise. The Grand Jury was impressed with the Police Training Academy, and with the quality and level of instruction being given to the Police Officers of this County.

(9) The Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute and the Clover Bottom Developmental Center located on Stewarts Ferry Pike. The Grand Jury is planning to visit these two (2) facilities on the day that this Report is to be presented to the Court, thus any comments, concerns, and/or observations, which might be made by the Grand Jury, can not be included in this document. The Grand Jury reserves the right to present a supplemental report to the Court, concerning these agencies, should such a report be warranted.

SPECIAL VISITATION

Representatives of the Nashville-Davidson County School System. At the request of the Grand Jury, two (2) representatives of the Nashville-Davidson County School System visited with this body. The meeting was held in the Grand Jury Chambers in the Washington Square Building in downtown Nashville. Major points of concern and discussion included; the physical condition of certain school properties, attendance policies and regulations, the policy of the Board of Education which does not allow a suspended student to receive any homework assignments, the lack of a sufficient number of alternative school placements for students removed from the regular school setting (only one hundred sixty [160] spaces are available for a student population of approximately seventy thousand [70,000] individuals), the long-waiting period required before an excluded students is given an alternative school opportunity, general budget concerns, and related safety and security issues. The Grand Jury appreciates the information, concerns, and perspectives of Dr. David Jones, Assistant Director of the Metropolitan School System, and Captain Joe Anderson, Director of Safety and Security of the Metropolitan School System. Many of the concerns of the Grand Jury, with reference to the children of Nashville-Davidson County, remain. Again, the Grand Jury believes that each agency responsible for the care and direction of our young people is "doing their on thing" and that little coordination and/or cooperation is in evidence. No one group or agency seems to take the responsibility for focusing the resources on the total community on the child. Further, the Grand Jury does not believe that a lack of funding is the "root source" of these problems. Young people lost in "the system" today will be the individuals on the docket of future Grand Juries. The plea of this body is for the citizens of Nashville-Davidson County to work together to ensure that this generation of young people is not "lost" to our community or to the society as a whole.

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OBSERVATION(S) CONCERNING THE
METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Grand Jury, on behalf of the citizens of Nashville-Davidson County, wishes to compliment and commend those members of the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department who have appeared before this body. With few exceptions, the Grand Jury has found these individuals to be both motivated and dedicated. Our community is a better place to live and work because of their efforts. These individuals have articulated and demonstrated kindness and caring as they deal with the "tough" problems of a major city.

Additionally, the Grand Jury has attempted to understand the work done by the police officials in this community. During this term, a majority of the members of this body have accompanied a patrol officer during a regular work-shift, which has given the Grand Jury a greater insight into the many responsibilities and stresses that are faced daily by the men and women who protect, defend, and serve this County. This experience has allowed this Grand Jury to better appreciate and understand the contribution the police personnel make in this community.

Specific thanks is extended to the officers who daily deal with child abuse, domestic relations, and murder cases. The information shared with the Grand Jury makes each of us very sad that all children do not have loving and caring parents, that many persons who reside in a home physically and/or psychologically damage those they profess to love, and that some individuals in this community have no regard for the dignity of a human life. The efforts of these Officers have "touched our hearts."

The Grand Jury is also grateful for the officers who attempt every day to rid the community of illegal drugs. For the most part, the efforts of these men and women are unknown to the community-at-large, but are so very important in ensuring the positive quality of life in this County.

The Grand Jury also recognizes the labors of the officers who patrol the properties of the Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority (MDHA). This enforcement has allowed the citizens residing there to feel safer in both their homes and community. No citizen of Nashville-Davidson County should have to live in fear.

Further, the Grand Jury appreciates the members of the department who patrol the streets and work in a thousand other ways to ensure that the good citizens of Davidson County can live in

peace and harmony.

Each member of the Grand Jury knows so much more about Nashville-Davidson County now - versus three (3) months ago. Some of the information we have learned is good and uplifting, while other parts are bad and discouraging. The Officers of the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department have been our teachers. Thank you for our education!

ACCOLADES

As the term of this Grand Jury concludes, the members of this body wish to express appreciation to the following individuals:

(1) Mary Campbell, Assistant District Attorney General for the Twentieth (20th.) Judicial District, who has served as legal counselor to this body. General Campbell is an example of a true public servant. The Grand Jury appreciates not only the information she provided, but the professional and caring manner in which General Campbell translated the law into layman's terms. The Grand Jury commends General Mary Campbell to this community.

(2) Sandy Mullins and Georgia Smith who are the day-to-day case managers for the Grand Jury. Grand Juries both come and go, but these two (2) ladies work every day to ensure that the system works for the citizens of Nashville-Davidson County. The dedication of these individuals is recognized and appreciated. The Grand Jury extends special thanks to Sandy and Georgia.

(3) Teri Moran, Criminal Court Officer, Division I, Nashville-Davidson County, who arranged the travel plans for the Grand Jury, assisted this body in securing the expert witnesses, and without whose assistance this body could not have completed many of the assigned tasks. The Grand Jury compliments Teri on a job well done!

(4) Joyce Johnson and Phil Kitrell, employees of the Sheriff of Davidson County, Tennessee for the fine meal and other special acts of kindness and courtesy bestowed upon the Grand Jury during this term of service. The Grand Jury expresses appreciation.

(4) Steve Wiley, Patrol Officer, Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department, who served as the lead escort and transportation specialist for the Grand Jury. Officer Wiley especially impressed the members of this body when on the visitation to the East Nashville Middle/Magnet School, he made a special effort to compliment a student who appeared to need some personal attention, and a word of special encouragement. The Grand

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Jury appreciates the services of Steve and wishes him well in law enforcement career.

(5) Officers Scott Billingsby, Charles Coe, John Huffine, (C Stocks, who along with Officer Steve Wiley, served as escorts drivers for this body. Without the assistance of these exceptional police individuals, the work of this body would have been more difficult. The Grand Jury thanks Scott, Charles, John, Carl, Steve for their assistance to this body.

FOREMAN'S COMMENT

As my term as Foreman of the Davidson County Grand Jury ends, I want to express personal appreciation to each of the outstanding citizens who have composed the membership of this body. I am honored to have served with each of them, and my life is rich because of their friendship. If this group is truly a cross-section of the people of our community, then Nashville is a great city, in part, because of the depth and strength of her citizens. Each of you has faithfully defended the peace, dignity, and good order of the State of Tennessee. Thank you for all the demonstration of dedication and attendance to duty, but most of all, thank you for a job well-done!

CLOSING

Judge Shriver, the Grand Jury concludes this term with mixed emotions. In some ways this group is happy that their responsibility is ending, and in other ways, the Grand Jury wishes there was additional time to do more.

This body leaves feeling that much has been accomplished, but much is left to be done. The hope of this Grand Jury is that our community is a better place because of our labors. If so, our work has not been in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

C. William McKee

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Ruth A. Hobbs, Member
Kitty J. Lowe, Member
LaWanda Mayes, Member
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