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Thursday, November 4, 2010

\$4700+ worthless check bad idea

A Greenback man was jailed Sunday after he reportedly failed to pick up a check he written for over \$4700 to a Loudon business, which came back NSF.

David Paul Clifford, 29, Cloyds Church Road, Greenback was charged with a worthless check \$1000-\$10,000.

(see Clifford pg. 3) Clifford

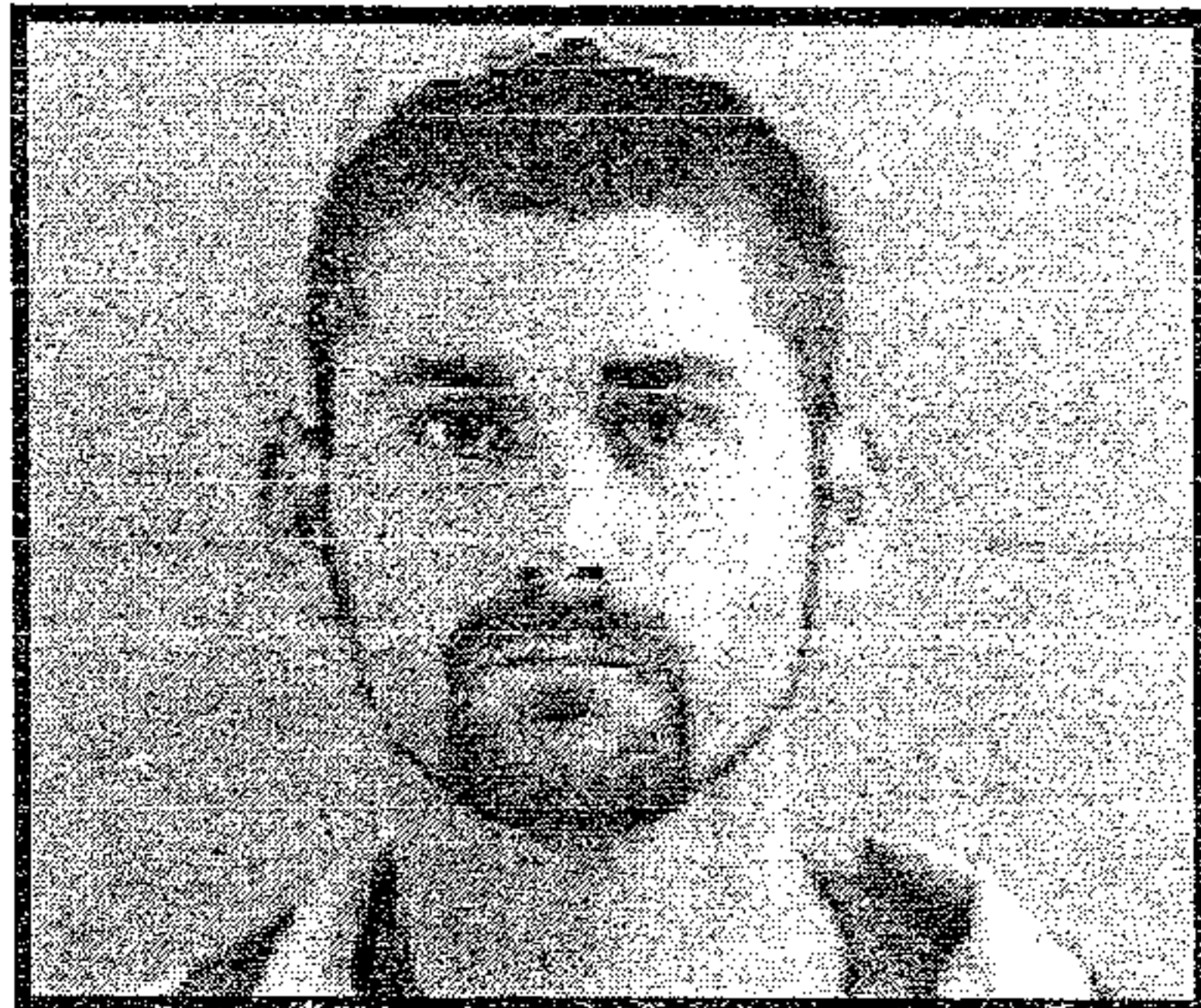


Local charged with vehicle burglary

A Loudon man was charged with multiple offenses after he allegedly broke into a van parked at McGhee Square and stole a television in late September.

Bobby Lee Littleton, 30, Pathkiller Trail, Loudon was

(see Littleton pg. 4) Littleton



And the results are in



Lenoir City Mayor Elect Tony Aikens (left) celebrates his victory with Mr. and Mrs. Don Fowler

(see Results pg. 6)

Greenback

Mayor

*Tom Peeler: 180 (Unopposed)

Council

(4 Elected)

Becky Andrews: 138

Dewayne Birchfield: 137

Robin Blankenship: 121

*Polly Evans: 138

*Christopher Harris: 126

*Samuel Jackson: 155

Lenoir City

Mayor

Gary Aikens: 197

*Tony Aikens: 865

Joe Sims: 621

Web of Victims: A Chilling Case of 'Sextortion'

FBI - The hacker knew every move the unsuspecting victim made. He controlled her computer webcam and microphone. He could see her in her bedroom, hear her conversations, knew every keystroke she made online. And he threatened to expose her secrets unless she bowed to his demands.

It may sound like the plot for a scary teen movie, but it actually happened, and there wasn't just one victim—there were more than 200, and dozens of them were adolescent girls.

The hacker, a 31-year-old California man who was arrested in June after a two-year investigation, used malicious code to in-

fect and control the computers of his victims. Then he searched for explicit pictures from their computers, downloaded them, and used the images in an attempt to extort more pictures and videos from them.

"What's so frightening about this case was how easily the victims' computers were com-

promised," said Special Agent Jeff Kirkpatrick, one of our Los Angeles cyber investigators who worked the case.

After the hacker infected one computer, he used a popular social networking site—and a technique called "spear phishing"—to spread the virus. "It was a social engineering attack,"

(see Hacker pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

"As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and

live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel" Ezekiel 33:11

Obituaries

Billy Joe Crox
Jerry Hugh McCollister

Wazzup

Thanks for clearing out the work space, JB!

Weather

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. High 58. Winds NNW at 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Clear skies with a few passing clouds. Low 38. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the up-

per 20s.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

You're feeling somewhat thwarted in your search for something or

(see More pg. 2)

Clifford

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID; on or about Oc-

tober 15th, 2010, Mr. David P. Clifford wrote a check payable to Twin Lakes Floors, 1034 Mulberry Street, Loudon, for merchandise. The face value of

the check written was \$4756.57.

The check was presented to Green Bank for payment and returned to Twin Lakes Floors unpaid because

the account was listed with non sufficient funds to pay the face value.

Mr. Clifford was contacted about the account and as of October 29th, 2010, the check had not been paid.

Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO made the arrest Sunday.

No License

Juan Antonio Vazquez, 24, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to records, Deputy Robbie Lane, LCSO was running radar Monday morning on Highway 11 near Philadelphia when he

clocked a white Ford Explorer doing 57 mph in a 45 mph zone. The deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in the entrance to the Grizzly Pig Gas Station.

The driver, Mr. Vazquez, was asked for his license registration and proof of insurance. Mr. Vazquez was able to provide registration but not a license or insurance.


A check of his name and date of birth through NCIC found he had a license but it expired in 2006. Vazquez was placed under arrest and also received citations for speeding and financial responsibility.

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Obituaries

Billy Joe Crox - age 67 of Lenoir City passed away Monday evening, November 1, 2010 at the Ft. Loudoun Medical Center. Bill was a member of Nelson Street Baptist Church. He was a veteran serving in the U. S. Air Force and a member of the Avery Masonic Lodge #593 F&AM. Bill retired from U P S after 30 years of service. He and his wife, Margaret formerly owned and operated Twin Lakes Bait and Tackle Shop. He enjoyed fishing, sports and spending time with his grandson. Preceded in death by his father, John Crox; mother, Mary Bell Crox Watts; children, Pam Crox and Wendy Franklin. Survived by his wife, Margaret Franklin Crox; son, Randy Crox and wife, Beth of Knoxville; grandson, Jacob Crox of Knoxville; sister, Edith Mathes of Illinois; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City. Masonic services will follow at 8 p.m. conducted by the Avery Masonic Lodge. Funeral

services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Hawkins Chapel with Rev. George Seay officiating. Burial will follow in the Lenoir City Cemetery. Military honors will be conferred by the Loudon Co. Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Crossroads Christian Academy Library in memory of Bill Crox.

Jerry Hugh McCollister, age 68, Johnson City, passed away Monday, November 1, 2010 at his residence. Mr. McCollister was born in Loudon, TN. preceded in death by parents, Floyd & Ollie Hyde McCollister. brothers; Randall, Harold, Vernie, Arlen, & Allen McCollister; He was a US Army Vietnam Veteran. Mr. McCollister was a Carpenter. Survivors include a son, Chris McCollister, Athens, TN; daughter, Debbie McCollister, Dalton, GA; 3 Grandchildren: sister, Phyllis Selvidge, Loudon, Tn. Gail McCollister, Lenoir City, Tn. Graveside services 2 p.m. Wednesday Mountain Home National Cemetery. Obit Courtesy of Loudon Funeral Home.

Littleton

charged with failure to appear, theft under \$500, and burglary of a vehicle.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; according to the victim and a witness, on September 21st, 2010, Bobby Lee Littleton entered the victim's van while it was parked at McGhee Square in Lenoir City and removed a Sony 19 inch color TV valued at \$200.

Mr. Littleton made entry into the van through a window that had plastic over it at an unknown time.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest Sunday.

Police Beat

Anndrea Renea Arwood, 23, East Ridge Drive, Crossville was charged Monday with driving on suspended

license.

According to reports, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD noticed a yellow Smart car with a headlight out traveling on Highway 321 north. He conducted a traffic stop near Loudon County

Fencing and identified the driver as Ms. Arwood.

Upon a check of her ID number, Officer Felts discovered Arwood's license were suspended and she was taken into custody.

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Results

Council

(3 Elected)
 James P. Brandon: 557
 Frank Haun: 418
 *Mike Henline: 724
 *Buddy Hines: 919
 Dwight Patterson: 286
 Jim Shields: 704
 Rebecca Watkins: 666
School Board
 (2 Elected)
 *Bobby Johnson Sr.: 938
 *Rosemary Quillen: 1,209
 Steve Shoemaker: 802

Loudon

Mayor
 Lewis Garner: 372
 *Judy McGill Keller: 481
 Doug Lyle: 385
Council
 (4 Elected)
 Barry Baker: 421
 *Michael Cartwright: 457
 Bill Collis Jr.: 300
 Judy Sampson Jones: 471

Timothy Kittle: 377
 Butch Malone: 270
 *Lynn Millsaps: 654
 *Jimmy Parks: 597
 Lois Snow: 440
Loudon County School Board
 6th District
 (1 Elected)
 *Ric Best: 723
 Nick Bradshaw: 367
 Jason Simon: 335

State Races

Congress
 *John Duncan R: 12,520
 Dave Hancock D: 1702
 Joe Leinweber I: 432
State Senate
 Randy McNally R: 12,272
 (Unopposed)
State Representative
 32nd District
 Dennis Ferguson D: 7834
 *Julia Hurley R: 8833
State Representative
 21st District
 Jimmy Matlock R: 11,992
 (Unopposed)

Police Beat

Harvey Carl Green, 39, Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City was charged driving on revoked license.

The report states, Monday, at approximately 3:53 am, Deputy James Bowman, LCSO stopped a tan Buick at Eaton Food Mart for speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone on Highway 70 around Hines Valley Road.

After running Mr. Green's information through NCIC it showed his driver's license were revoked.

Travis Dewayne Selvidge, 26, White Wing Road, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSO made the arrest Sunday.

Matthew Eugene

Gathers, 23, West 2nd Avenue, Lenoir City was charged Sunday with failure to appear and a attachment out of Knox County for theft.

Deputy J. Schultz, LCSO made the arrest.

Michael Wayne Cooper, 39, Cedar Avenue, Knoxville, was charged with harassment.

Deputy Bruce Padgett, LCSO made the arrest Monday, at the Knox County Jail.

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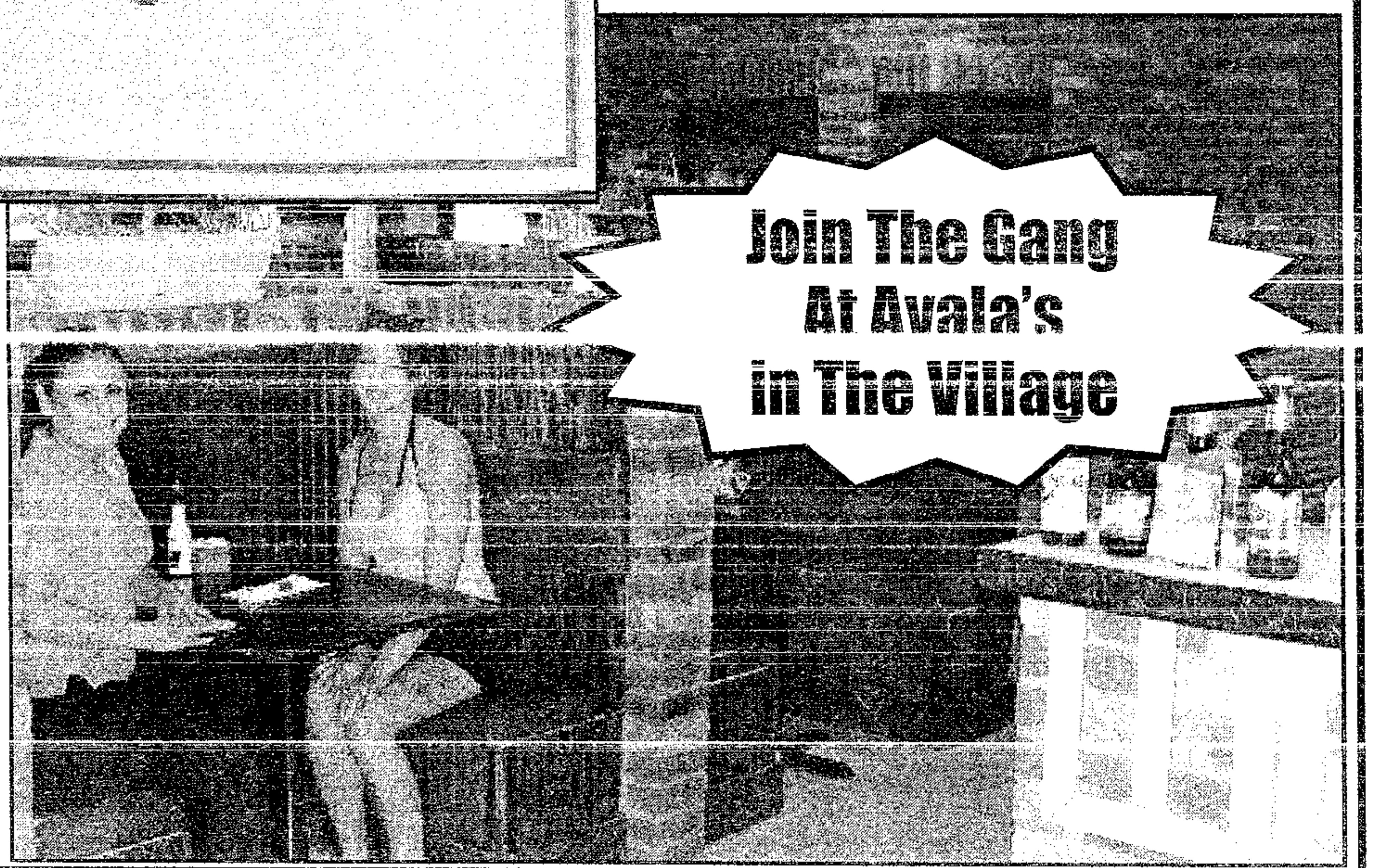
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Hacker

said Special Agent Tanith Rogers, co-investigator on the case. "The victims were tricked. They had no idea what had happened until it was too late."

In several instances, the hacker posed online as a young woman's friend or sister and sent messages with attachments asking if the victim wanted to see a scary video. Because the messages appeared to be from a trusted source, the victims usually didn't think twice about opening the attachment. When they did, the virus secretly installed itself, and the hacker had total control over their computers—including all files and folders, webcams, and microphones.

Using similar spear phishing methods—posing as a friend or a trusted source—the hacker spread the virus through the social network like

wildfire. In all, there were 230 victims and more than 100 computers impacted.

"And this guy was no computer genius," Agent Kirkpatrick said. "Anybody could do what he did just by watching an online video and following the directions."

Victims—particularly teenage girls—were understandably devastated when they learned their privacy had been so completely violated. Many were afraid to tell their parents about the situation.

"He was smart," Agent Rogers said of the hacker. "He used their fear to try to control them."

For example, the hacker attached a pornographic picture of one victim in an e-mail and demanded sexually explicit video of her in return for not telling her parents about the pictures he had downloaded from

her computer.

"If he hadn't attempted to contact the victims," Agent Rogers said, "he could have done this forever and gone undetected—the victims would never have known he

case."

Don't Let It Happen to You

Here are a few precautions that can keep you from being victimized by a social engineering attack:

- Don't take for granted that your computer's anti-virus soft-

ity of computers involved in the sextortion case were laptops; many of the victims chatted on social networks so much that they never turned off their machines.)

- Cover your webcam when not in use.

- Don't open attachments without independently verifying that they were sent from someone you know.

- It's okay to be suspicious. If you receive a message with an attachment from your mother at 3 a.m., maybe the message is not really from your mother. "Most people are too trusting when it comes to their computers," Agent Kirkpatrick said.

- If your computer has been compromised and you are receiving extortion threats, don't be afraid to talk to your parents or to call law enforcement.

Unlike many computer intrusions, where a hacker uses malicious software to steal identities or financial information, this case was primarily about spying and extortion—or as our Los Angeles cyber squad more aptly termed it, "sextortion."

Have Information on the Case?

The hacker in the sextortion case used a variety of screen names and e-mail addresses, which are listed below. If you have information regarding the case—there may be other victims—please contact your nearest FBI office at (865) 544-0751 or submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.

Screen names:

- * gui_blt
- * Woods05
- * CoFfEKId014
- * ELEvatrHZrD03
- * Pimpcss03666
- * Your3name3here03
- * Bri23nice
- * Dmagecnr137
- * H2IOW14
- * ELEvATrhRZd03
- * Playgrl37
- * Your3name3here3
- * goldlion14

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was listening and watching. That," she added, "is one of the most disturbing things about this

ware is a guarantee against intrusions.
- Turn off your computer when you aren't using it. (The major-

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