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Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Auditors Discover Claiborne County Employees Not on Pension Plan

Dozens of Claiborne County employees were not participating in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) according to an audit just released by the Tennessee Comptroller's Division of Local Government Audit. Comptroller auditors found that 52 full-time employees of Claiborne

(see plan pg. 3)

Too much drinking ends in wreck for Philly woman



Lee Mozingo

(see drinking pg. 2)

Expired tag begins problems



Todd Walkney

(see problems pg. 5)

Needle and more found on wanted man who runs from deputy

Anthony Satterfield, 22, North D Street Lenoir City, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para., Resisting Arrest, Violation of Probation x2, and Failure to Appear.

Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, reported a subject that had a warrant was at the Inn of Lenoir. Deputy located 3 active Warrants on Anthony Satter-

(see Runner pg. 7)



Anthony Satterfield

Public Corruption Fugitive Extradited to U.S.

State Official Returns to Face Justice

Public corruption is the FBI's top criminal priority, and the recent return of a convicted public official who had fled overseas demonstrates the lengths the Bureau will go to ensure that those who betray the public trust are brought to justice. The investigation into Amer Ahmad, former deputy treasurer for the state of Ohio, be-

gan with allegations of corruption involving that office's awarding of lucrative contracts to manage state-owned securities. It ended with guilty pleas and subsequent federal prison sentences for Ahmad and his three co-conspirators, but Ahmad was sentenced in absentia because he had fled to Pakistan, the birthplace of his

(see FBI pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. — Exodus 20:2-3

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

A Big Shout Out To Lenoir City Fire Department, thanks for the quick response, but they was just cooking going on through all that smoke

on Broadway!

Weather

Today: Morning fog, then cloudy in the afternoon. Slight chance of a rain shower. High 76F.

Tonight: A few clouds. Areas of fog developing with patchy drizzle possible. Low around 60F.

Thursday Cloudy with occasional showers for the afternoon. High 73F. Thursday Night A few clouds. Low 64F.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

It's a no-brainer to do what is expected when the rules

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drinking

Lee Ellen Mozingo, 46, Strawberry Hill, Philadelphia, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Deputy Charles Huskin LCSO, was dispatched to a possible wreck with injury. When Deputy arrived on scene he made contact with a red vehicle belonging to Lee Mozingo wrecked and flipped on its top

off an embankment at McCrary St. Lee was out of the vehicle upon Deputy arrival, and was ask several times where she was injured and if she needed medical treatment, she refused. Lee stated several times that she had been drinking and had drank too much. Lee failed sobriety test and refused BAC. Lee was placed under arrest. Deputy Charlie Huskin LCSO, made the arrest.



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plan

County and six full-time employees of the Highway Department were eligible for participation, but were not included in TCRS. Claiborne County did not comply with the mandatory TCRS membership requirements, which are established by state statute (Title 8, Chapters 34-37, Tennessee Code Annotated). This resulted in a finding of material noncompliance. County officials informed auditors that employees had been given the option to participate in the pension plan, and they were unaware that participation was mandatory. Due to this issue, auditors were unable to determine if Claiborne County's pension liability was recorded correctly. This resulted in qualified opinions on the county's financial statements. Auditors also wrote two findings that were repeated from last year's audit report. These findings are related to employees' accrued leave balances exceeding the maximum provided by the county's personnel policy, and an inadequate separation of financial duties in four county offices.

"County leaders and High-

way officials must ensure their adherence to state law," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "I encourage Claiborne County officials to contact the TCRS to create a plan to correct this situation."

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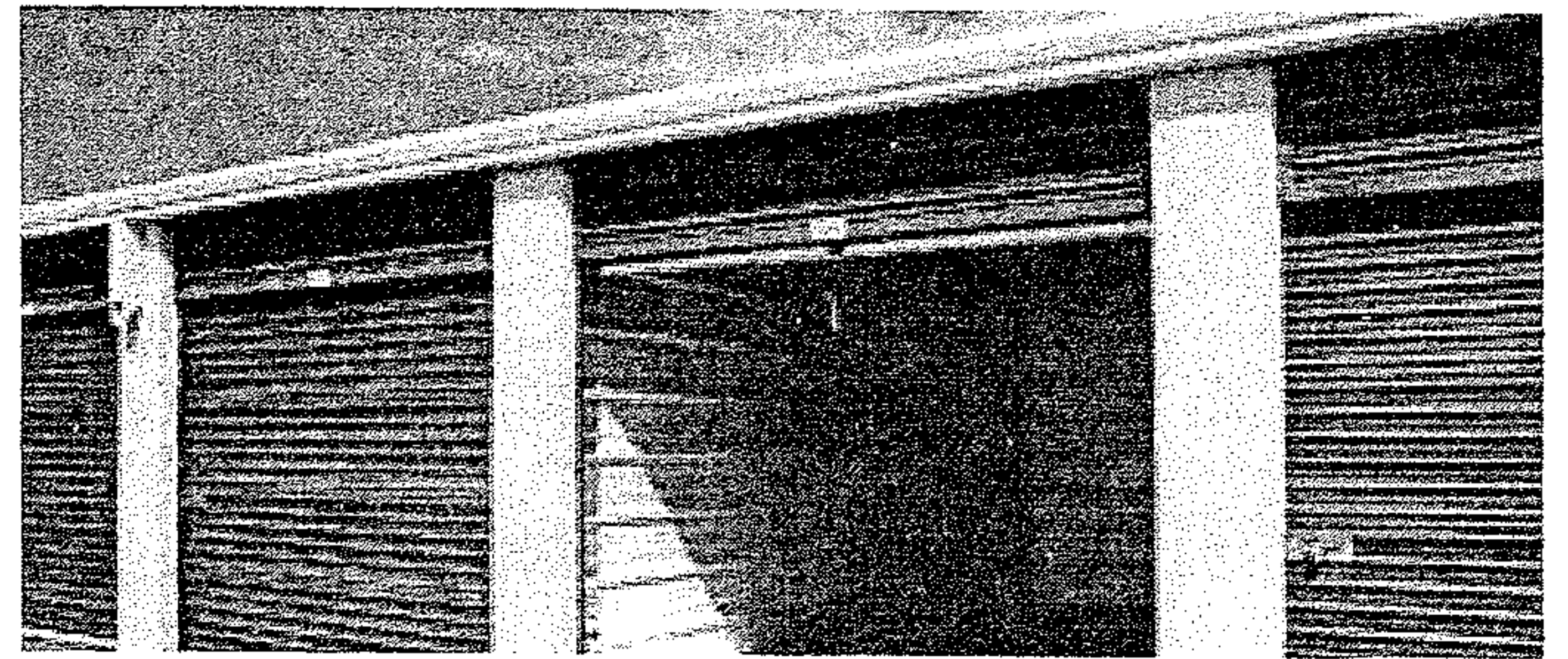
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Obituaries

William Frank (Bill) Ruckstuhl, - age 80 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, October 30, 2015. Bill participated in 10 years of clinical trials during his courageous battle with prostate cancer. He served 8 years in the Naval Reserves. Bill was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His parents were from Switzerland and he was proud of being a Swiss citizen. As the son of immigrants, Bill, at the age of 18, secured employment as a mechanic

at a car dealership and eventually advanced to General Manager. Bill's business success was attributed to his incredible work ethic and passion to better himself and his family. He was the former owner of Bolton's Marine Sales in Eastlake, OH for 30 years. Bill was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church for 16 years and one of the first Stephen Ministers of the Catholic faith. He also volunteered at the Good Samaritan Center for 16 years. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph and Meta Holzhiemer; brother, Robert Ruckstuhl, and granddaughter- (see obits etd. pg. 5)

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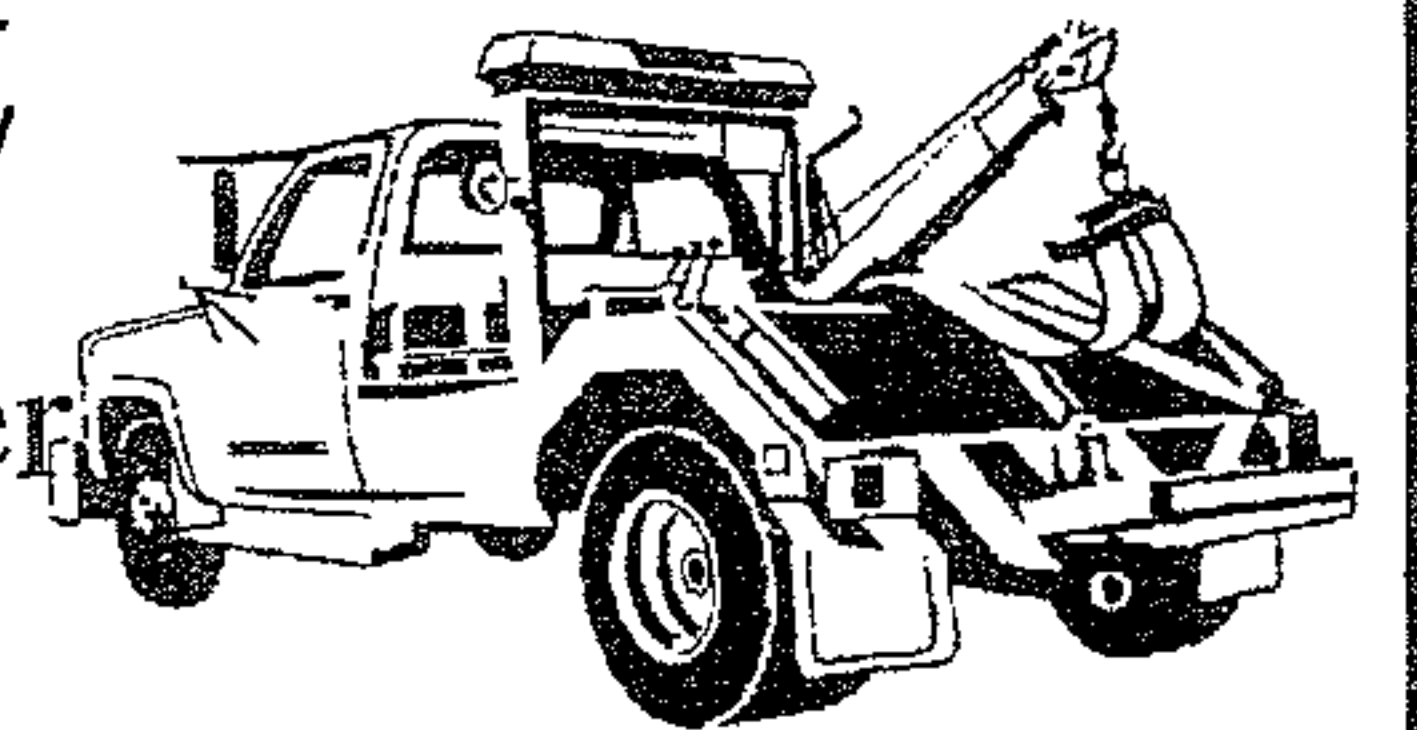

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FBI parents. How it all started. The Ohio treasurer is the state's cash manager and chief investment officer with the duty of collecting and overseeing public funds, and the treasurer's office has an investments department responsible for actively handling the state's multi-billion investment portfolios. Amer Ahmad became the chief financial officer for the treasurer's office in 2008, and the following year, he was also appointed deputy treasurer.

Partnership Against Corrupt Officials Pays Off in Central Ohio

In 2013, to more effectively address corruption in the state capital of Columbus, the FBI created the Central Ohio Public Corruption Task Force. In addition to the Bureau, the task force includes numerous agents from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and investigators from the U.S. Department of Transportation-Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor-Office of Inspector General for Labor Racketeering and Fraud, and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation.

In its short existence, the task force has been extremely successful. Besides assisting with the convictions of Amer Ahmad and his co-conspirators,

it has worked toward convictions of four members of the Ohio General Assembly and numerous corrupt law enforcement officers, lobbyists, public officials, and businesspersons.

But by 2010, following allegations of corruption with the treasurer's office, the FBI's Columbus Resident Agency opened a case (and was later assisted by its partners at the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation—members of the newly formed Central Ohio Public Corruption Task Force).

As the case unfolded, investigators identified Ahmad and three other individuals as the primary players in the corruption scheme. Ahmad's co-conspirators included: Douglas Hampton, a high school classmate of Ahmad's who worked as a broker and financial adviser (and in whose financial firm—Hampton Capital Management—Ahmad and his wife

maintained a personal investment account); Joseph Chiavaroli, a Columbus businessman who co-owned a landscaping company with Ahmad; and Mohammed Noure Alo, a close friend of Ahmad's who was a lawyer in a Columbus-based law firm and registered as a lobbyist in the state of Ohio.

The scheme. From January 2009 to January 2011, Ahmad used his position to direct official state business to the financial firm run by Hampton in return for more than \$500,000 in bribe payments. Records showed that Hampton Capital Management became an approved Ohio treasurer's office broker in 2009 through a process personally overseen by Ahmad and had received the most trades—360—of any broker for the state of Ohio in 2009 and 2010. Hampton made approximately \$3.2 million in commissions from those trades.

Ahmad conspired with

Chiavaroli to conceal the illegal payments from Hampton by passing them through the accounts of their landscaping company. (In late 2009, Chiavaroli had executed a bill of safe transferring 46 percent ownership of his landscaping company to Ahmad.) Hampton also funneled a number of payments to Ahmad through Alo, who profited from the scheme by keeping some of the money himself.

Investigators were able to obtain evidence of the corruption—and of the conspiracy—from a variety of sources, including e-mails, financial records, and interviews.

All four subjects were indicted on corruption charges in August 2013. At the time of

his indictment, Ahmad had already left his job in Ohio to take another government position, this one with the city of Chicago. After guilty pleas by Hampton, Chiavaroli, and Alo, Ahmad pled guilty in December 2013. The flight. In April 2014, while awaiting sentencing, Ahmad fled the country and eventually flew to Pakistan. But upon his arrival at the airport, he was arrested by Pakistani authorities for attempting to enter the country using false documentation and taken into custody. Immediately upon discovering that Ahmad was in Pakistan, U.S. authorities began extradition proceedings. In the meantime, in December 2014, Ah-

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problems

Todd Walkney, 42, Cressview Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Simple Possession, Poss. of Drug Para., and Assisting other Agency. Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, observed a gray vehicle traveling on Hwy 70 with expired tags. Upon traffic stop Deputy made contact with the driver

Todd Walkney, who dispatch advised Deputy that Todd had an active Warrant out of Knox. Co. While patting the driver down Deputy felt what appeared to be a pipe in the front pocket of Todd.

A pipe and green leafy substance was located. Todd was placed under arrest. Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, made the arrest.

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ter, Emma Cristiano. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Ke Kai Ruckstuhl; children and spouses, Lynn Roseman, William Ruckstuhl, Michael Ruckstuhl, Edie Stewart and husband, Ty Stewart, Meta Cristiano and husband, Scott Cristiano; grandchildren: Macey, Kristen, Sarah, Drew, Billy, Christian, Jackson, Ella, and Leo; great-grandchildren, Kylie and Ariana; niece, Dawn Bokar and nephew, Bobby Ruckstuhl. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Novem-

ber 6th at the Click Funeral Home Tellico Village Chapel. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Lenoir City with Father Julian officiating. A private interment will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Amedisys Hospice, 665 New Highway 68, Suite B, Sweetwater, TN 37874. Click Funeral Home Tellico Village Chapel, 145 Chota Center, Loudon is in charge of arrangements.

Kathryn W. Syler - age 86, of Lenoir City, passed away Monday afternoon,

November 2, 2015 at her home. Family and friends will gather at 9:30 Thursday morning in the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on John Sevier Highway in Knoxville for graveside services and interment.

Mildred Brown Norris of Lenoir City was born October 4, 1936, and has joined her husband Bill Kenneth (BK) Norris in Heaven completing her Earthly life on Monday, November 2, 2015. Mildred died peacefully while visiting with her nephew Larry. For months Mildred had been speaking of how Jesus was coming soon. Mildred was a miracle child. Mildred's birth dad was never to know her having been killed six months prior to her birth. Mildred enjoyed her years of work at Yale Security where she retired. Mildred loved raising a wide assortment of roses with her husband Bill. Mildred enjoyed her retirement years in Melbourne Beach, Florida, where she tried new recipes to share with her neighbors, visited the ocean, and read. Mildred was of the Baptist Faith. Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Millard (Mid) Brown and wife Bertha, step-father, Rube Spears, brothers, Ralph, Gene, Leonard, and Archel Brown, and sister Juanita Armes. Mildred leaves to grief the loss of her life her sister Myrtle Spears, nephew and caregivers Larry Raymond Brown and wife Lesly and son Joshua, sisters-in-laws, Mary Catherine (Hodge) Brown of Bellbrook, Ohio, Lavern (Walker) Brown of Lenoir City, Theda (Athens), Lucy, and Martha Norris, all of Lenoir City, nephew Kenny Spears and wife Stephanie of Lenoir City, grandnephews Shawn McKenzie of Lenoir City, Darrell Brown of Knoxville, nephew David Glass of Cleveland, nieces Marilyn (Brown) Osterday and Annette (Brown) Johnson of Beavercreek, Ohio, Cristy Brown Whaley of Knoxville, Deborah Warner of De Bary, FL, great nephew Keith Glass of Chattanooga, TN, great niece Shawn Ballew of Cleveland, TN. Nephews Shawn McKenzie and grandnephew Joshua R. Brown, of Lenoir

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runner

field, and went to the Inn of Lenoir, at which time Deputy noticed Anthony walking from the Inn of Lenoir to the Kenjo Market on Hwy 321. Anthony went inside the store at which time Deputy pulled up to the front of the store. Anthony exited the store and Deputy told him to stop he needed to talk to him. Anthony then threw a can down and took off running. Deputy told Anthony several times to stop or he was going to deploy the taser. Anthony kept running. Anthony ran into the woods where Deputy tackled him and took him into custody. Deputy did find

a hypodermic needle and a spoon when patting Anthony down. Deputy ask Anthony if he needed medical to check him out due to falling in the woods he stated no and transported to the Loudon Jail. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, made the arrest.

FBI ctd. from pg. 4

mad was sentenced—without physically being in court—to 15 years in federal prison. His co-conspirators also received prison terms.

And by August 2015, Ahmad was on another plane—this time in the company of FBI agents and U.S. marshals—

bound for Ohio. Corrupt public officials can undermine our security, our safety, and public trust and confidence in our government, while wasting billions of dollars along the way. That's why the FBI will continue to investigate these types of cases so strenuously.

Loudon County Sheriff's Office Toys for Tots 2015

Thanks to the generosity year after year of the Loudon County residents, churches, businesses and industries, the Loudon County Sheriff's Office is once again able to offer the Toys for Tots program. We are beginning our 31st year of providing toys to the needy chil-

dren of Loudon County, and thanks to generous contributions of time, money and gifts, we are able to make Christmas a more joyful time for more and more children. In 2014, approximately 500 children were helped by the Loudon County Sheriff's Department Toys for Tots program through their partners. Even with the difficult economic times we are experiencing, we hope that the people of Loudon County will be there once again to help.

Names will be available beginning in mid-

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