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Thief tries to charge victim for return of stolen vehicle

Investigator Brad Brown, LCPD has charged a Lenoir City woman with theft after she reportedly stole a vehicle from a local victim.

Then the thief, identified as April Denton told the victim is he wanted his car back he would have to pay \$500. As a result Denton was charged.

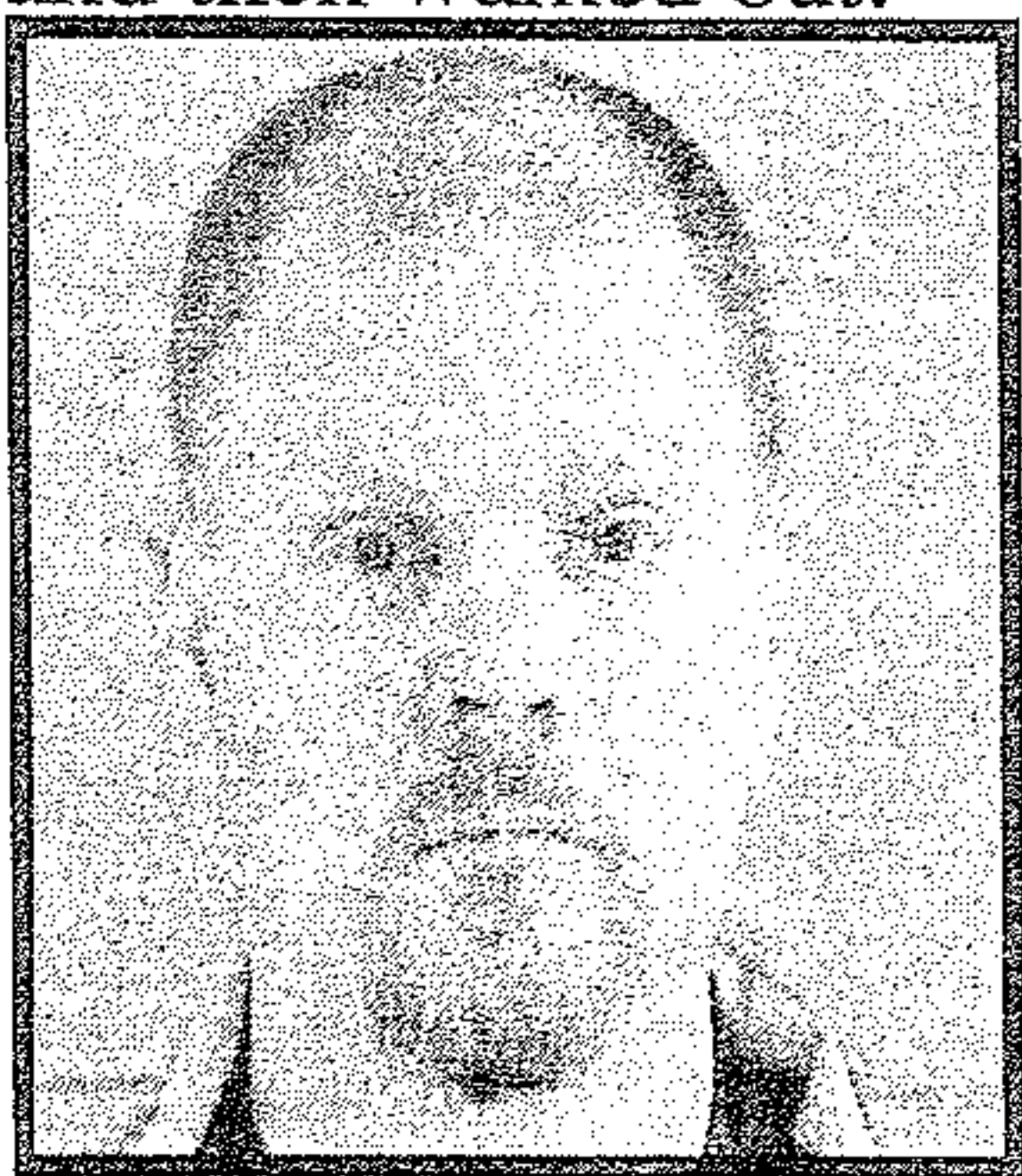
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April Denton

The old price tag switcharoo don't work!

A man received theft charges after he reportedly switched the upcode on a gun with another one, paid way less and then walked out.



Steven Self

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Stolen jewelry found in K-Town; one charged



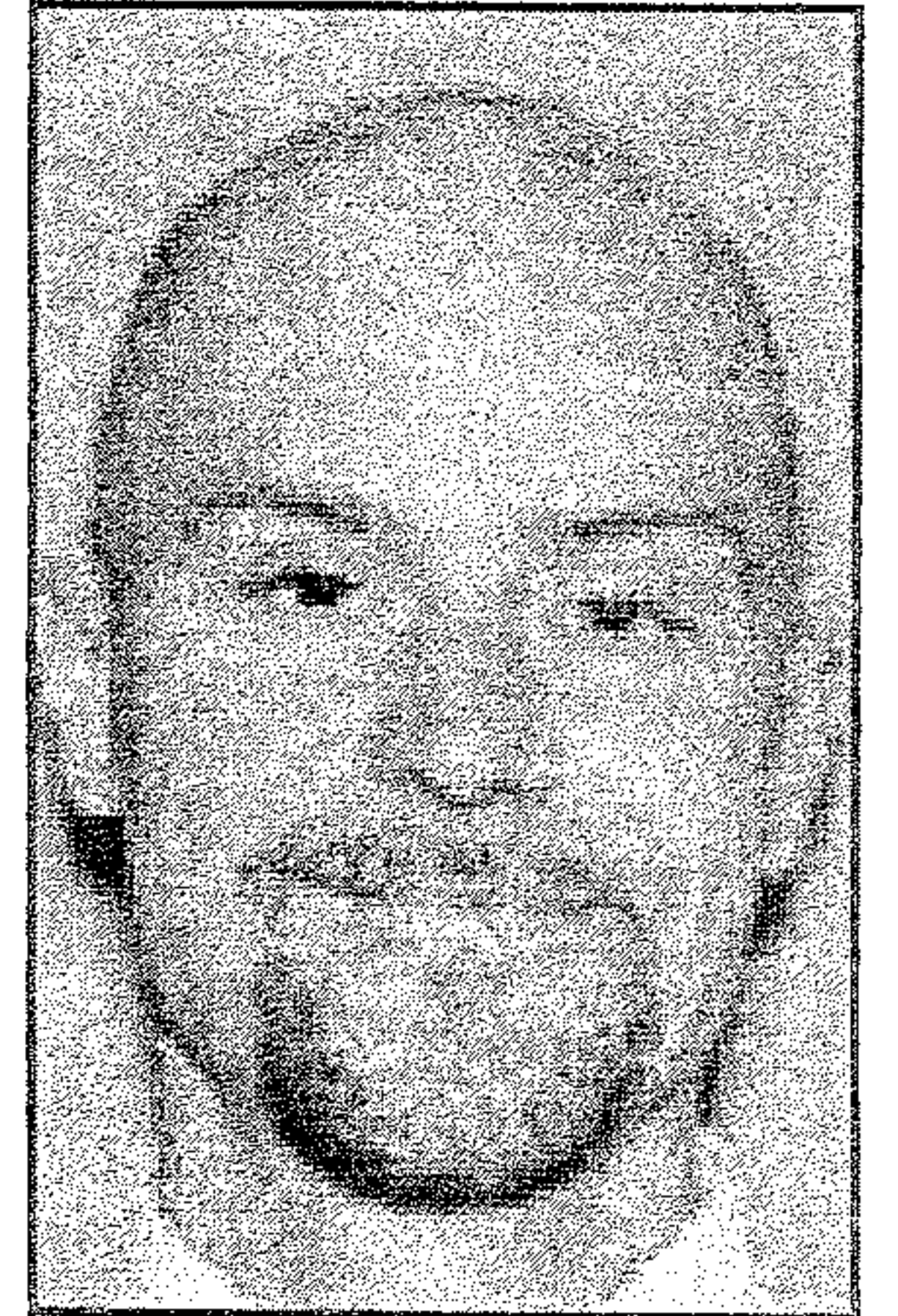
Julian Navarette

(see jewelry pg. 7)

Arrest and Indictment of Armed Bank Extortionists



Michael Benanti



Brian Witham

(see Bank pg. 5)

2014 Expanded Crime Statistics Released

National Incident-Based Reporting System Includes More Detailed Data

Today, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program released details on more than 5.4 million criminal offenses reported by law enforcement through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) during 2014. According to NIBRS, 2014, 6,520 law enforcement agencies—charged with protecting more than 93 million U.S. inhabitants—reported 4,759,438 incidents involving

5,489,485 offenses, 5,790,423 victims, and 4,414,016 known offenders.

Among the report's highlights:

*Of the offenses reported during 2014, 63.6 percent involved crimes against property, 23 percent involved crimes against persons, and 13.4 percent included crimes against society (so-called "victimless" crimes like gambling).

(see NIBRS pg. 2)

Verse of the Day

You know my folly, O God; my guilt is not hidden from you. May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the LORD Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to

shame because of me, O God of Israel. — Psalm 69:5-6

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

It's getting to where we are gonna have to go back to stuffin our mon-

ey in our piggy banks and mattresses to keep any of it!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy skies. Cooler. High 46F.

Tonight: Clear skies. Low 28F.

Saturday A mainly sunny

sky. High 52F.

Saturday Night A mostly clear sky. Low 31F.

Sunday Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 59F.

Sunday Night Partly cloudy skies during the

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NIBRS

*There were 4,414,016 known offenders, meaning that at least one characteristic of the suspect—such as age, sex, or race—was known. Of these offenders, nearly a third (32.3 percent) were between 16 and 25 years of age, the majority (63.9 percent) were male, and more than half (57.1 percent) were white.

*Concerning the relationship of victims to known offenders,

52.7 percent of the 1,273,602 victims knew the individual perpetrating the crime but were not related to them. Nearly a quarter of the victims (24.8 percent) were related to their offenders.

In addition to the standard data tables, this year's NIBRS report includes a brand new feature: an interactive map that allows users to click on a state, view map pins for each agency, select a pin, and get a dropdown listing of that agency's offense data for 2014.

NIBRS, 2014 also includes a monograph on sex offenses previously reported by law enforcement that demonstrates the benefit of NIBRS data in allowing a more granular examination of a topic.

Unlike data reported through UCR's traditional Summary Report, NIBRS ctd. pg. 3

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switcharoo

Steven Self, 39, Villa Road Knoxville, was charged with Theft of Property. Officer Tim Holloway LCPD, arrested Steven for theft from Walmart. On 10/28/15 Steven was observed by Walmart

Loss Prevention, taking a UPC code in the amount of 24.88, and placed it over the top of the UPC for an air rifle totaling 188.00 dollars. Steven then did self checkout and scanned the item and paid 24.88. Steven then left the store. On 12/15/15 Officer Tim Holloway LCPD, arrested Steven at the Anderson Co. Jail and transported to Loudon Jail.

dent was cleared. NIBRS also includes data on 23 offense categories made up of 49 offenses, as opposed to the Summary Reporting System's 10 Part I offenses. Ultimately, NIBRS will improve the detail and overall quality of crime data, which will help law enforcement and communities around the country use resources more strategically and effectively.

BRS. Transitioning to the new system can be somewhat costly, and—because of the greater level of reporting specificity in NIBRS—it can initially appear that an agency has higher levels of crime after switching to NIBRS.

But because NIBRS can provide more useful statistics that will promote constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing, FBI Director James Comey has made

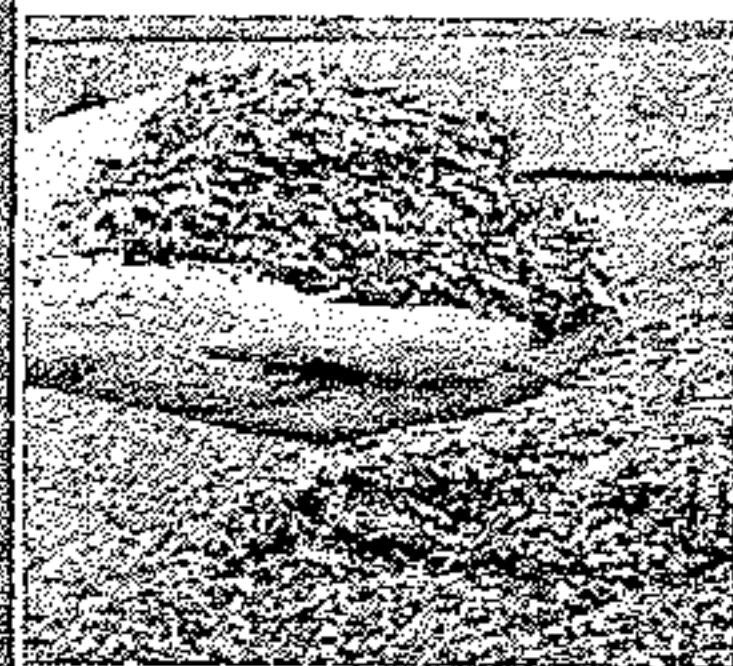
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However, only about a third of all U.S. law enforcement agencies currently participate in NI-

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Reporting System (an aggregate monthly tally of crimes) and published annually in Crime in the United States, NIBRS data goes much deeper because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes. It includes all offenses within a single incident as well as additional aspects about each event, like location, time of day, relationship between victim and offender, and whether the inci-

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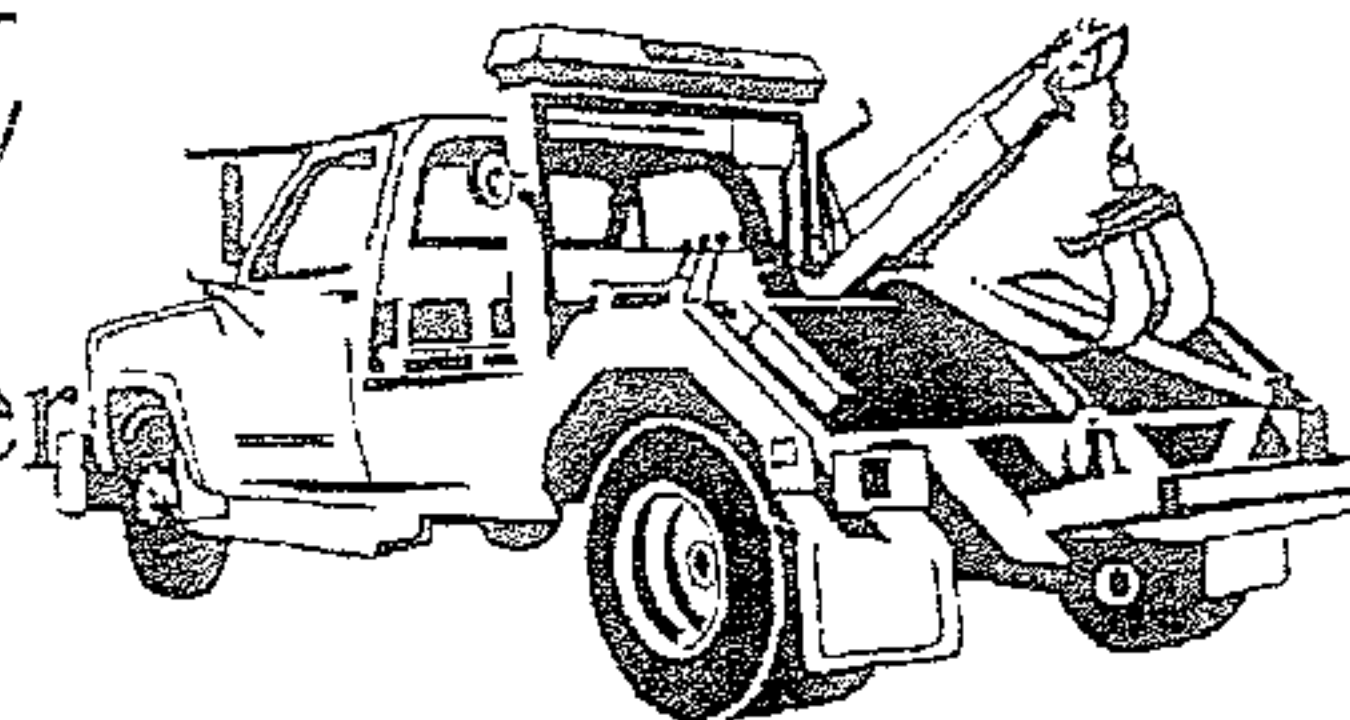
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Bank

The FBI Special Agent in Charge, Knoxville Division, Edward Reinhold and Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Nancy Stallard Harr announce the arrest and indictment of Michael Anthony Benanti, age 43, from Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania and Brian Scott Witham, age 45

from Waterville, Maine for their involvement in the armed bank extortions of the Y-12 Federal Credit Union in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on April 28, 2015, SmartBank in Knoxville, Tennessee on July 7, 2015, and the Northeast Community Credit Union in Elizabethton, Tennessee on October 21, 2015.

On November 25, 2015, Michael Benanti and Brian Witham were

arrested in Buncombe County, North Carolina by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol in conjunction with the Maggie Valley Police Department, the Haywood County Sheriff's Office, and the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, after a vehicle pursuit.

Both were subsequently indicted in the Eastern District of Tennessee, in a 15 count indictment wherein

each was charged with aiding and abetting the following violations:

- Two (2) counts of attempted armed bank extortion

- One (1) count of armed bank extortion

- Three (3) counts of carjacking

- Two (2) counts of brandishing a firearm during an attempted bank extortion

- One (1) count of brandishing a firearm during a bank extor-

tion

- Three (3) counts of brandishing a firearm during a carjacking

- Three (3) counts of felon in possession of a firearm

The indictment is the result of extensive cooperative efforts of numerous law enforcement agencies, including the following:

Knoxville Police Department, Major Crimes Unit, Knox County Sheriff's Office, Major Crimes Unit, Oak Ridge Police Department, Elizabethton Police Department, North Carolina State Highway Patrol, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Johnson City Police Department, Tennessee, Carter County Police Department, Tennessee, Asheville Police Department, North Carolina, Maggie Valley Police Department, North Carolina, Waynesville Police Department, North Carolina, Haywood County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina, FBI Asheville Resident Agency, North Carolina, along with the FBI Safe Streets Task Forces composed of officers from the Knox County Sheriff's Office, The Knoxville Police Department and the Johnson City Police Department.

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theft

April Denton, D Street Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property and Violation of Probation. Investigator Brad Brown LCPD, was advised on 11/22/15, that April Denton took a grey vehicle that belong to the victim without his consent . On 12/13/15 April contact the victim and stated that if he wanted his vehicle he had to pay \$500.00 dollars. On 12/16/15, Sgt. Eddie Range LCPD, arrested April and transported her to Loudon Jail.

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across-the-board implementation of NIBRS one of his top priorities. At a recent International

Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in Chicago—a video excerpt of his remarks is included in this latest NIBRS report—he talked about the importance of this program: “We face a data shortage on the violent crime front. We can’t tell you on a national level how many shootings there were in any particular city last weekend,” Comey said. “How can we address a rise in violent crime without good information? And without information, every single conversation in this country about policing and reform and justice is uninformed, and that is a very bad place to be.”

And influential organizations like the IACP, the National Sheriffs’ Association, the Major City Chiefs Association, and the Major County Sher-

iffs’ Association agree—all have pledged their support for NIBRS.

Jewelry

Julian Navarrette, 18, Blair Street Loudon, was charged with Theft of Property, and Aggravated Burglary. Officer were dispatched to Steekee Street to the report of a burglary. The victim stated he came home and discovered his back door was forced open and someone had entered hid residence without his permission or knowledge and had several items taken. One item identified as a chain with medallion. It was learned that Julian Navarrete took the chain to Gemstone Design located on Park-

side Drive in Knoxville, where Julian sold the chain for 280.00. Gemstone was able to stop payment on check due to item being stolen. On 12/13/15, Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, arrested Julian at the Blair Street address for the theft.

Obituaries

Patricia Duff Hughes - age 74 of Lenoir City, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. She was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church where she served as church pianist for many years. Patsy retired from ORNL after 15 years where she worked as an Administrative Assistant. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene G. Hughes, Jr. and parents, Boyd C. Duff and Margaret Ruth Goddard Duff. Survived by her daughter, Gwendolyn R. Hughes of

Lenoir City; son, Kevin Eugene Hughes and wife, Chris of Knoxville; grandchildren, Ashley, Kara and Tyler Hughes; brothers, Larry Duff and wife, Jean, and Harold Duff all of Lenoir City; sisters-in-law, Jane Wolfkamp and husband, Bert of Lenoir City, and Nancy Martin of Acworth, GA; brother-in-law, Gary Hughes and wife, Peggy of California; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 19th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Tim Defendorf officiating. Burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. The family would like to express a special thank you to her caretakers at Heritage Assisted Living, The Lantern at Morning Pointe, the Jamestown Unit at Summit View of Farragut, and Caris Healthcare. Memorials may be made to www.patsummitt.org. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is

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