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Wednesday, June 10, 2015

8th DUI for man driving only 37mph on Interstate

Joe Wilkinson, 59, Homeless Chattanooga, was charged with DUI 8th, and Violation of Implied Consent. Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, received a call from dispatch of a white vehicle unable to maintain lane control and driving at an extremely slow speed on Interstate 75. Deputy made contact with the vehicle and ob-

(see 8th DUI pg. 4)



Joe Wilkinson

Man learns lesson about where Law Enforcement is allowed



Seth Hinkle

(see Racing pg. 3)

Warren County EMS Employees Caught Working Two Jobs at Once

A new investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's office has revealed that employees of the Warren County EMS-Rescue Service (WCEMS) received wages totaling \$23,834.40 for time worked at another entity or for time that was undocumented.

Investigators found that two employees received a total of \$3,514.60 in wages from

(see Jobs pg. 7)

Pill found on known revoked driver after traffic stop



John Wallace

(see Revoked pg. 5)

The Case of the Corrupt Coin Dealer

Fraudster Targeted Elderly Victims

Financial fraud comes in all shapes and sizes. And while corporate criminals, inside traders, and Ponzi schemers often cause their victims to lose millions of dollars, the case of the crooked coin dealer from New York illustrates that even relatively small-time fraudsters must answer for their

crimes.

Chrysanthos Nicholas, a 55-year-old rare coin and precious metals dealer, will be spending the next 27 months in federal prison for stealing more than \$260,000 from some of his elderly customers.

Nicholas had been a coin dealer for a number of years and had developed relationships with collectors around

(see FBI pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. — Colossians 1:9

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Be careful at the intersection of Muddy Creek/Ford Road and Hwy 11, the road crews are finishing up the intersection.

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny skies. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 91F.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low 68F.

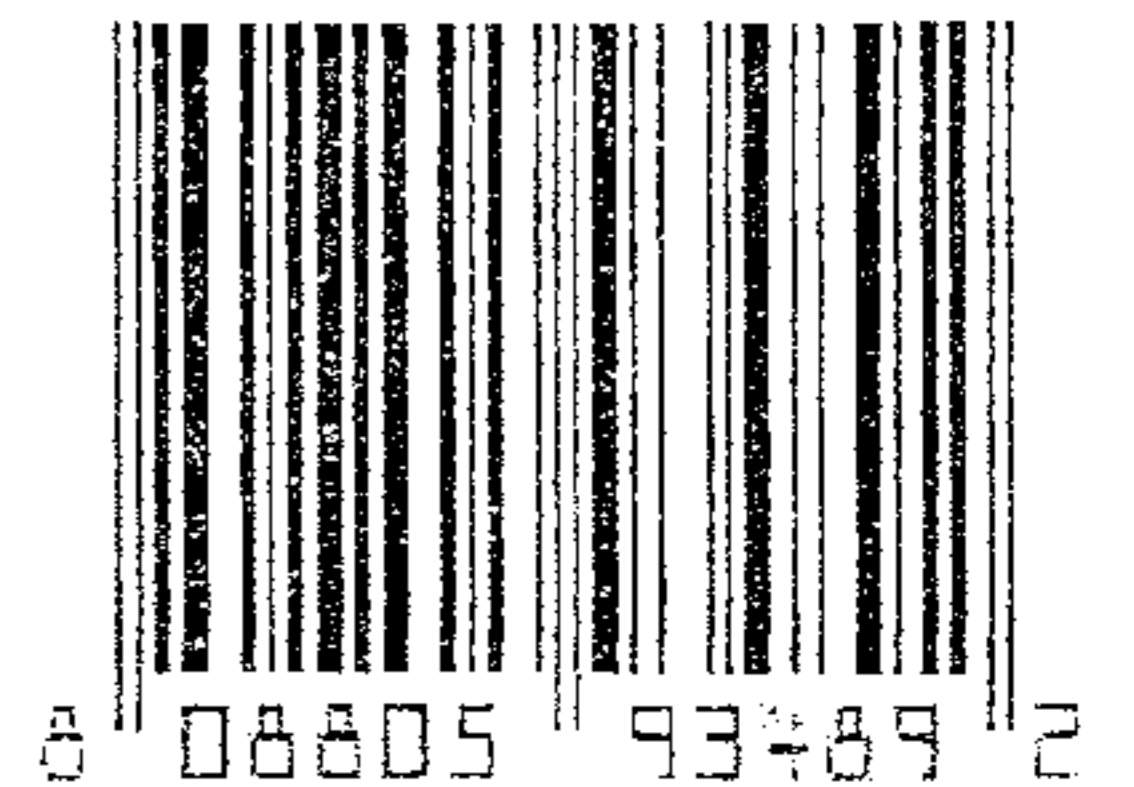
Thursday Generally sunny. High around 90F.
Thursday Night A few clouds from time to time. Low 69F.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/21

People might attempt to

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Racing

Seth Hinkle, 23, Martel Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Drag Racing, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangerment, and Violation of Implied Consent. Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, did hear the breaking of traction on tires in the vicinity of Martel Road and Beals Chapel, immediately after hearing the tires Deputy observed a white vehicle on Beals Chapel turn onto Martel Road. This vehicle did loose traction again traveling with another vehicle at a high rate of speed. When the second vehicle seen Deputy's emergency light it turn in a different direction. After trying to stop the original vehicle with emergency light on Deputy got up to 80 mph while attempting to stop vehicle. the

vehicle eventually stop at an address on Martel Rd. Deputy made contact with the driver Deputy ordered the driver to put the vehicle in park due to it rolling backwards. The driver Seth Hinkle had trouble placing the vehicle in gear. Deputy could smell an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle and ask Seth to exit the vehicle. Once in front o Deputy vehicle Seth became resistant, and stated that he was on private property and Deputy did not have legal reason to be on the property. Deputy attempted multiple times to have Seth walk to the front of the vehicle. Deputy had to detain Seth until additional law enforcement arrived. Seth did admit to drag

racing but did not know who the other vehicle was. Seth did poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest. Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, made the arrest.

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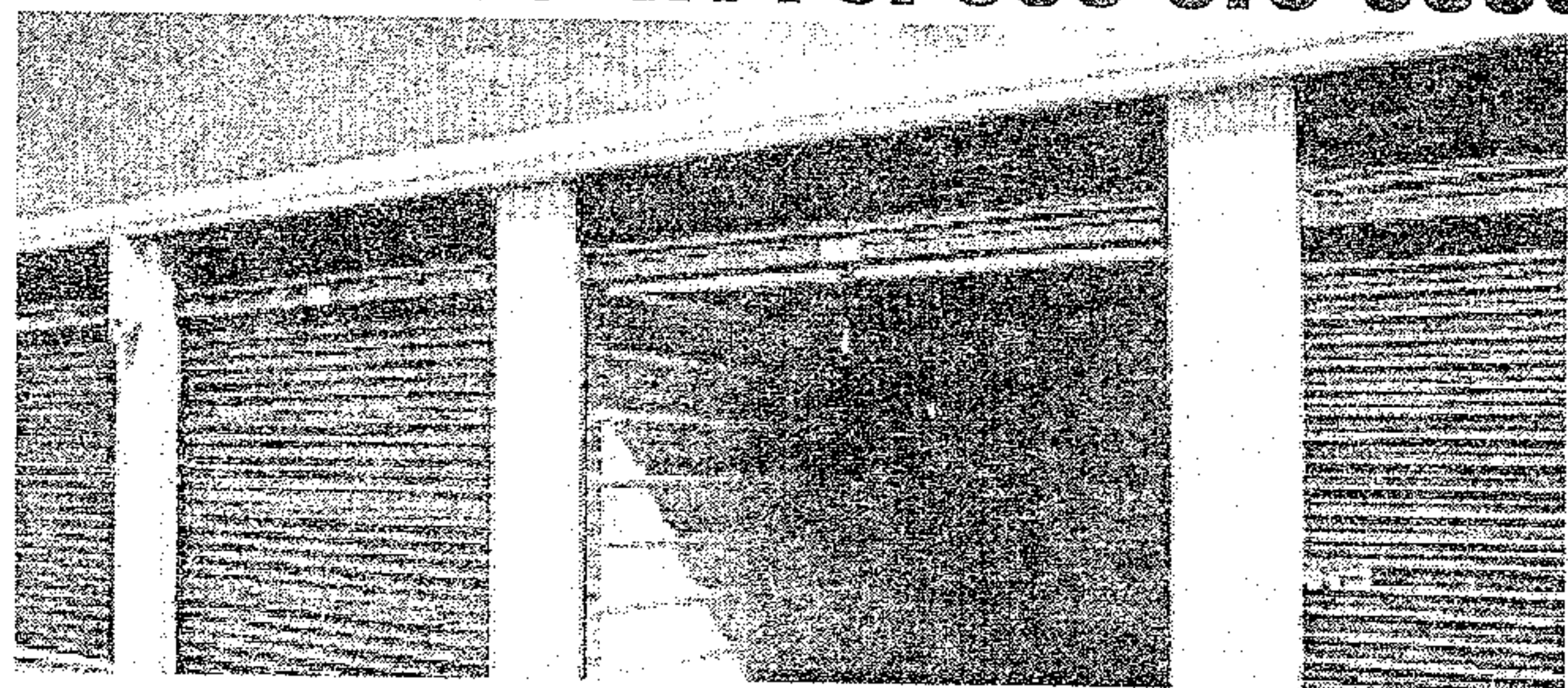


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8th DUI

served it travel in two clearly marked lanes of traffic at a speed of 37. Deputy traffic stop the vehicle and made contact with the driver Joe Wilkerson who had red watery bloodshot eyes, and slurred speech. Joe did poorly on sobriety test. Joe was placed under arrest. Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, made the arrest.

Obits. ctd. from pg. 2

their children, grandchildren and friends on the lake. As a second career, Ron volunteered for the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter and EMT for 11 years and helped countless people. Throughout his life, he touched many people's lives with his big heart, sense of humor, ventriloquist entertainment and more. He loved his family and life with his whole being and was an inspiration and role model to all who knew him. A celebration memorial will be held Monday, June 22 at First Baptist Church of Tellico Village at 205 Chota Road in Loudon, TN. Receiving will be at 2pm; service at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department at 210 Chota Road. Click Funeral Home & Cremations is serving the family of Ron Harris.

Margaret E. Locher, age 84, a resident of Knoxville, TN passed June 3rd, 2015, at Park-west Medical Center following a lengthy illness. Born in Danbury,

CT on August 15, 1930 to Mildred and Milton Lacey she is survived by her husband, John Paul, her three children Paulette, Paul and Suzanne and their spouses, nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and other extended family. Margaret, or Marge as many knew her, will be remembered for her love of playing cards and doing crafts. She will also be remembered by her grandchildren for teaching them how to bake "Grandma's" ginger cookies. Rest in peace Margaret, Marge, Mom, Grandma and GGma. We love you! Services honoring Margaret Locher will be held 3:00 PM Saturday, June 6th, graveside in Loudon County Memorial Gardens, Lenoir City. McGill-Karnes Funeral Home, Loudon.

Haslam To Highlight Role of Technical Colleges In Drive To 55

Strategic investments made in high demand programs Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam will travel across the state this month highlighting the critical role Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs) play in preparing the workforce and achieving the Drive to 55. Haslam included in his FY 2015-2016 bud-

get amendment and the General Assembly approved \$5 million to fund new equipment at TCATs to meet job training demands across Tennessee. This month Haslam will announce targeted investments in high demand programs at TCATs.

"Our TCATs have a great track record of success, and as a state we want to allocate resources strategically, where those funds can be most effective," Haslam said. "The state's ability to attract and retain business is tied directly to the quality of our workforce, and across our 27 technical colleges, students are gaining the necessary skills to succeed and go on to higher paying jobs and better lives."

Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology have an 80 percent graduation rate and an 85 percent job placement rate across the system.

The first announcement was June 9 in Clarksville at 1:45 p.m. CDT at TCAT Dickson's Clarksville campus, 135 International Blvd.

By 2025, 55 percent of the jobs available in Tennessee will require a post-secondary credential, and currently only 33 percent of Tennesseans qualify. The governor launched his Drive to 55 two years ago to increase the number of Tennesseans with a post-secondary degree or cer-

tificate.

Earlier this year the governor highlighted Tennessee Reconnect, a last-dollar scholarship program allowing an adult to attend a TCAT free of tuition and fees. The program was part of Haslam's landmark Tennessee Promise legislation passed last year.

To date 10,707 Tennesseans have applied to the Reconnect program. Adults can still sign up at their local TCAT where they will then be guided through the admission and financial aid process.

Books Sandwiched In focuses on farmers' markets, local food, and saving the family farm

City Councilman Mark Campen to lead the discussion on June

17 at the East Tennessee History Center

Forrest Pritchard grew up on a farm but didn't know much about farming. Fresh out of college with an English degree, he decided he could save the family farm from financial ruin. Join Mark Campen, City Council member and Executive Director of the Tennessee Chapter of the Isaak Walton League of America, for a discussion of Pritchard's engaging memoir Gaining Ground: A Story Of Farmers' Markets, Local Food, And Saving The Family Farm,

(see Books ctd. pg. 5)

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Public Notice
Notice of Meetings:

Loudon County Budget Committee will meeting on Wednesday, June 24th, 4:30 PM at the County Office Building in Loudon.

Revoked

John Wallace, 35, Old Lee Hwy Philadelphia, was charged with Driving on Revoked License and Simple Possession. Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, observed John Wallace driving a vehicle on Hwy 11. Deputy knowing that John's license were revoked, traffic stop John on Hwy 11 past Sweetwater Valley Farm. A check thru dispatch confirmed John

license were revoked. After placing John under arrest a search revealed a white pill identified as hydrocodone in a gold cylinder in John let pocket. Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, made the arrest.

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at noon on Wednesday, June 17 in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium, 601 South Gay Street, for this

month's Books Sandwiched In, a program series of Knox County Public Library, sponsored by the Friends of Knox County Public Library.

"This book is about family, community and a will to successfully carry on the farming lifestyle, albeit in a different way," Campen said. "Knowing where our food comes from

and our potential role in the food system is 'gaining ground' here in Knoxville."

Campen is currently serving as city councilman for the 5th District. He completed a B.S. in wildlife and fisheries science at the University of Tennessee. He is an avid birdwatcher, camper, fisherman, and gardener.

Books Sandwiched In

continues on July 15 when Michelle Commander, UT Assistant Professor of English and Africana Studies, will lead a discussion of Lose Your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Trade by Saidiya Hartman.

On August 19, Nate Allen, KPD Criminal Investigation Division Commander Deputy Chief will lead a discussion of 400 Things Cops Know: Street-Smart Lessons from a Veteran Patrolman by Adam Plantinga.

FBI

the country. He persuaded three elderly clients—all well into their 80s—to send him coins with the promise that he would value them, hold them, and sell them for the clients on their request.

"Such arrangements are not uncommon in the coin collector world," said Special Agent Shane Ball, who investigated the case from the FBI's Minneapolis Division. But after the dealer had received coin collections from the men, "he promptly stopped returning their calls," Ball said. "He completely dropped off the radar."

In one case, according to court documents, Nicholas entered into a contract with a client in rural Minnesota to evaluate, store and sell the client's coins. In 2010, at Nicholas' direction, the client mailed his coins—valued at more than \$130,000—to Nicholas in Southold,

(see FBI conc. pg. 7)

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Jobs

WCEMS for hours in which they were working for a separate entity not associated with Warren County government. Comptroller investigators compared time sheets for both entities and noted 256 hours which overlapped.

Additionally, 12 employees received a total of \$20,319.80 in wages from WCEMS for hours that had no documentation to support the employees were at work. Investigators have made several recommendations to improve accuracy and oversight of time worked. Warren County leaders indicate they are now implementing a time clock system that utilizes an employee's thumbprint

at WCEMS.

The investigative report also outlines concerns with the calculation and documentation of vacation, sick, and compensatory leave. Additional payroll problems are also noted in the report.

All of the findings and recommendations have been reviewed with the district attorney general for the Thirty-first Judicial District.

"Many of the problems noted in this report could have been avoided with improved oversight and better recordkeeping," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "I am pleased to see the county is taking steps to shore up weaknesses and stress the importance of accurate timesheets."

To view the inves-

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New York.

Later, after Nicholas stopped answering or returning the client's calls, the victim went to his local sheriff's office and made a complaint. Because the coin dealer lived outside of Minnesota, the sheriff's deputy called the FBI for assistance. Ball, a 20-year veteran of the Bureau, explained that agents regularly offer

assistance to local law enforcement in these types of matters that cross state lines.

Ball, in turn, requested assistance from the FBI's New York Field Office, and Special Agent Zacharia Baldwin was dispatched to interview Nicholas.

"My belief is that Nicholas picked these particular victims because they were elderly and he thought he could get away with it," Ball said. For their part, the victims had all done business with Nicholas in the past with no problems. "They had every reason to suspect that this was another business deal that would go well," Ball added. "But Nicholas used the trust he had built up over the years to steal from them."

Meanwhile, Nicholas sold the coins and used the money for his personal benefit. When he was charged with mail fraud in July 2014, nothing remained of his victims' collections. At his sentencing last month, a federal judge ordered Nicholas to pay nearly \$250,000 in restitution to his victims after he completes his jail term.

Although the money Nicholas stole from his clients is small compared to some financial frauds, Ball is quick to point out that it represented a great deal to the victims—it was one man's life savings. "Our goal is always to seek justice for victims," he said, "whether they are corporate shareholders or individuals from small-town America."

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