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Friday, June 19, 2015

Needles, spoons, pot found on couple leaving scene of unwanted guest



Dennis Morgan



Sasha Carter (see Paraphernalia pg. 4)

Reckless speeder charged in I75 Traffic Stop



Justin Ingram

(see Reckless pg. 3)

Commission to Hold One Day Meeting on June 26

The Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission will hold a one day June meeting in Nashville at Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's Ray Bell Region II Building. The commission will meet June 26 beginning at 9 a.m.

Mark Duda, executive director of Responsive Management, is an internationally known human dimensions analyst who specializes in wildlife/natural resource-

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Wife shows up to husbands location and creates havoc



Naomi Clark

(see Vandalism pg. 5)

Health Care Fraud Takedown

243 Arrested, Charged with \$712 Million in False Medicare Billings

More than 240 individuals—including doctors, nurses, and other licensed professionals—were arrested this week for their alleged participation in Medicare fraud schemes involving approximately \$712 million in false billings.

The arrests, which began Tuesday, were part of a coordinated operation in 17 cities by Medicare Fraud Strike Force teams, which include personnel from the FBI, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Justice (DOJ),

and local law enforcement. The Strike Force's mission is to combat health care fraud, waste, and abuse.

At a press conference today at DOJ Headquarters in Washington, D.C., officials said the arrests constituted the largest-ever health care fraud takedown in terms of both loss amount and arrests.

"These are extraordinary figures," said Attorney General Loretta Lynch. "They billed for equipment that wasn't provided, for care that wasn't needed, and for services that

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Verse of the Day

I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps. — Jeremiah 10:23

Obituaries

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Wazzup

If you lose your job it's probably not a good idea to threaten your previous employer especially when you have to have a reference. Just saying.

Weather

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High 89F.
Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Low 71F.
Saturday: Scattered thunderstorms. High 89F.
Saturday Night: Thunderstorms likely in the evening. Then the chance of scattered thunderstorms later on. Low 71F.

Sunday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 94F.
Sunday Night: Mainly clear. Low 73F.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/21

Your antennas are raised and you're scanning reality for something exciting

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Reckless

Justin Ingram, 23, Glenlock Road Sweetwater, was charged with Reckless Driving, and Reckless Endangerment.

Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, was dispatched to a call of a reckless driver on I-75 South 0242 hours. Deputy intercepted the vehicle on I-75 South at the 76 mile marker. Deputy did radar the vehicle, a 2008 White Chevy Silverado, traveling 78 miles per hour in a 65 mile per hour zone.

Deputy did also have the original complainant speaking with dispatch advising which vehicle he had called in on. The complainant stated that he had seen the vehicle leave its lane of travel on multiple occasions nearly striking other vehicles. Deputy did conduct a traffic stop on the

afore mentioned vehicle on I-75 South at 75 mile marker. Deputy upon initial contact spoke with the driver, Justin Ingram, who was very lethargic. Ingram also did have red / watery bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and a difficulty maintaining his ability to stay awake.

Deputy did detect an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. Ingram had a passenger with him, who was extremely inebriated and unable to make clear and safe decisions for himself. Ingram did place passenger in imminent danger or death or serious bodily injury by operating a motor vehicle in a reckless and unsafe manner.

Deputy did then ask Ingram to exit the vehicle and perform standardized field sobri-

ety tasks. Ingram provided multiple clues on standardized field sobriety tasks and admit to having consumed 5 Coors light beers prior to law enforcement contact. Ingram after being placed under arrest for reckless driving and reckless endangerment did agree to provide a breath sample.

A sample was taken at the Loudon County Jail and Ingram had a blood alcohol

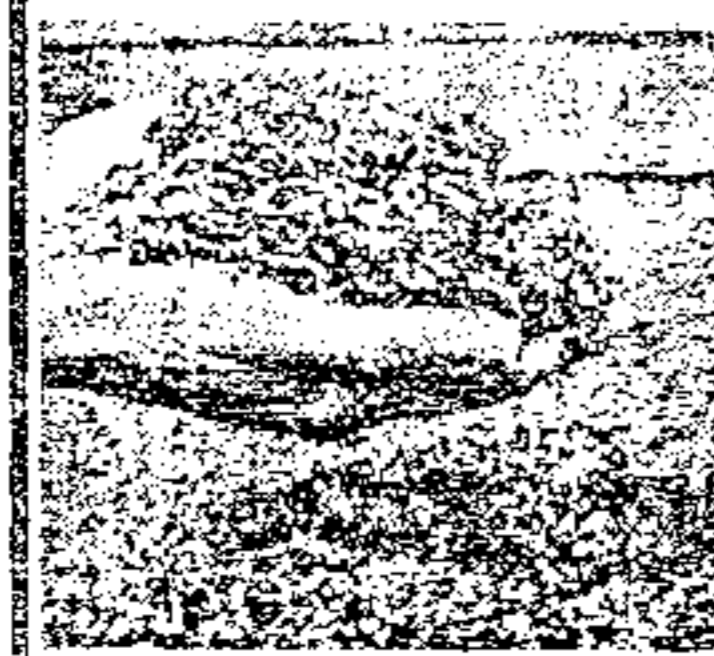
content of 0.077 at 04:14 hours. Ingram did with a willful and wanton disregard for the lives and safety of others reckless operate a motor vehicle while tired and after having consumed multiple alcoholic beverages.

The vehicle was towed to Bivens wrecker service and the passenger was provided safe passage home.


Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, made the arrest.

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Paraphernalia

Sasha Carter, 30, Gill Street Alcoa, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para., Criminal Impersonation, and Assisting other Agency.

Dennis Morgan, 45, Lord Ave. Maryville, was charged with Driving on Revoked License and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Chris Hutchens LCSO, along with Deputy Ketner did respond to Washington Pike for an unwanted guest breaking things at the house.

While on the way to the residence we did come into contact with two vehicles who were leaving the residence. The first vehicle an Acura was occupied by Dennis Morgan and Sasha Carter. Upon contact the subjects stated that they were in fact coming from the residence and had left due to the unwanted guest, when asked for identification Morgan produced an ID and stated his license was revoked, Carter gave a false name and stated she was from Virginia. Deputy did ask Carter and Morgan to exit the vehicle and upon exiting Morgan produced two syringes. Morgan stated he also believed there was a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle. Deputy did deploy my K9 partner Dante to sniff the vehicle in which he did alert on the vehicle. Upon a search of the vehicle there was found a small

Altoids can containing a marijuana roach. Also in Carter's purse was found her Tennessee ID, which did confirm she was being deceitful about her identity, as well as a small pouch containing needles, and a spoon. Finally in the vicinity of the drivers was also found another spoon lying by itself. It was also found out through NCIC that Carter did have active warrants from Blount County. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County. Deputy Chris Hutchens LCSO, made the arrest.

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Strange and husband, Kiley, and David McGraw; two great-grandchildren, Jesse Lee McGraw and Caressa Nichole McGraw. The family would like to express a special thank you to Dr. Tag Hart and his staff for their excellent care which contributed to his many years of good health. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Eddie Chasteen officiating. A masonic service will follow conducted by the Avery Masonic Lodge #593 F & AM. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 9:30 Friday morning and proceed to the Lakeview Cemetery for 10 a.m. graveside services. Serving as pallbearers: Darrol McGraw, Jesse McGraw, David McGraw, Kyley Strange, Tim Cole, and Moe Jackson. Honorary pallbearers will be: Ed Osborne, Vonnie Myers, Chet Wofsy, Fred Dills, Clifton Guider, and Jimmy Mayes. Click Funeral

Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

John Rousseau Browder - age 82 of Knoxville passed away June 17, 2015 at Tenna-va Residential Hospice. Rousseau was raised in Loudon County on the Browder Farm established in 1798. He graduated from Lenoir City High School and Middle Tennessee State University. He was a veteran serving in the U. S. Army. Rousseau retired from the State of Tennessee where he worked as a Supervisor for the Department of Human Services. He was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Knoxville. Preceded in death by his parents, John and Reece Browder. He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Betty Browder; son and daughter-in-law, David and Melissa Browder of Loudon; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Charles Savas; step-son, Steve Lingar, all of Madison, AL; grandchildren, Sgt. Matthew Browder, U. S. Army (Germany), Amanda and Hunter Savas and Lauren Lingar all of Madison, AL; brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and LaVaun Browder of Lenoir City; sister, Marjorie Reece Browder Millsaps of Myrtle Beach, SC; nephews, Eddie (Rachel) Browder of Loudon, Kevin (Shannon) Millsaps of Myrtle Beach, SC, Marty Millsaps of Lenoir City; niece, Nancy (Tim) Dunsmore of Madisonville; great nieces and great nephews, Bret, Blaize and Brooks Browder, Noelle and Nikki Lawrence, Browder and Jaxon Millsaps, Reece and Reagan Millsaps, and cousins, friends and caregivers. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 20th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Eddie Chasteen and Rev. Perry Duncan officiating. Graveside services will immediately follow at 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 American Red Cross, 6921 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37909 or St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3839 Buf-fat Mill Road, Knoxville, TN 37914. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

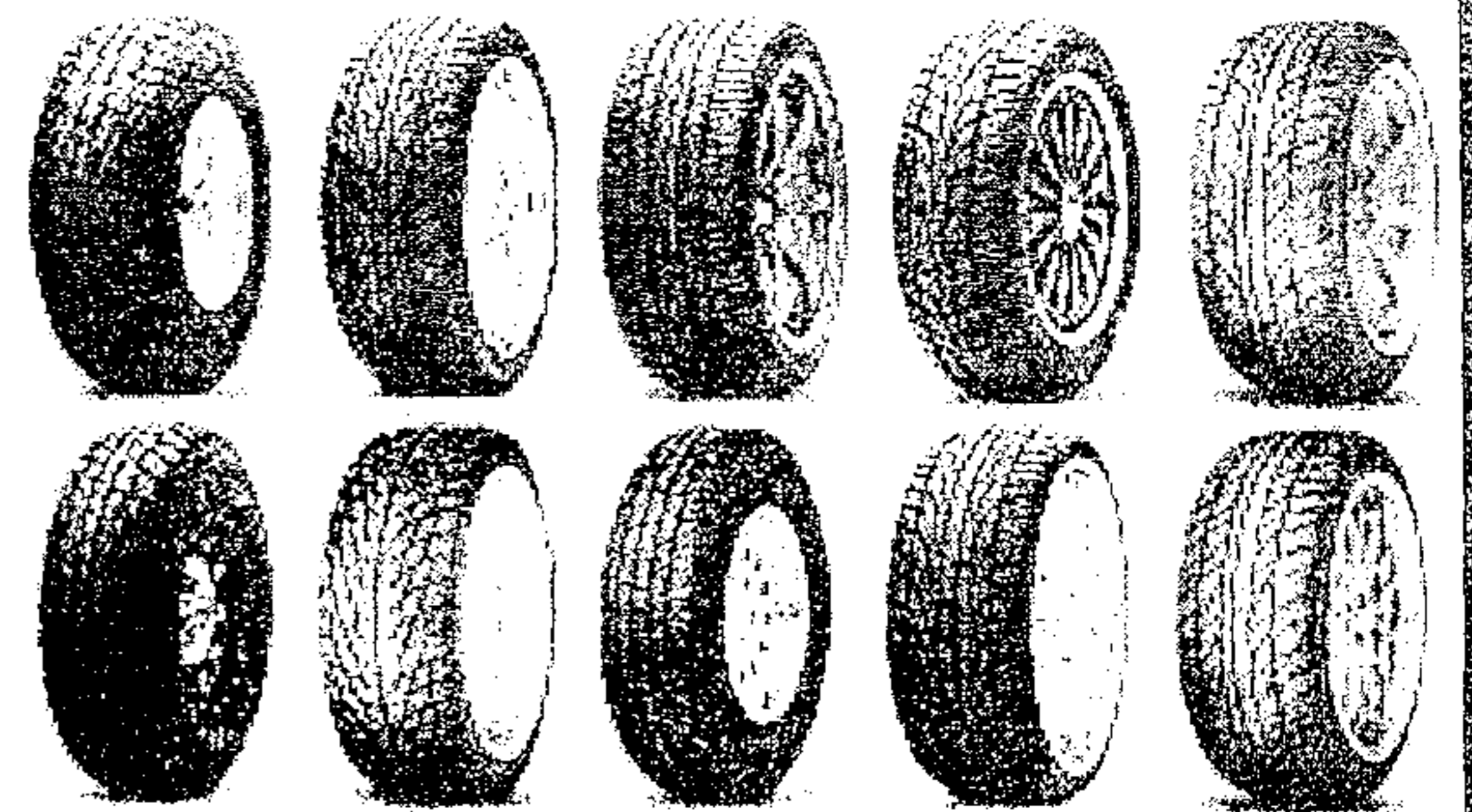
Clydette Eyvonne Galloway - age 43 of Lenoir City passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2015. She a animal lover and will be missed by all of her animals. Clydette will be remembered for her kindness and beautiful smile. Preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and June Gann Galloway; sister, Dana Galloway Miller; grandparents, Joe and Emiline Ailey and Ruby Peters.

She is survived by her sister, Lisa Galloway of Lenoir City; uncle, John Ailey; aunt, Kay Jacobs; nephews, Chris Duncan and Joe Duncan; niece, Emily; great nephew, Bailey Duncan. The family would like to express a special thanks to Violet Arden, Sherry Watson and the staff at Morning Point for all their love and care. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Hawkins Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Frank Weaver and Rev. Josh Spangler officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday morning in the Lakeview Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Animal Shelter in Clydette's memory. Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City is in

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Vandalism

Naomi Clark, 29, Harsch Street Knoxville, was charged with Burglary, Vandalism.

the house. Deputy arrived on scene and Mrs. Clark was sitting on the bumper of a vehicle.

Ms.Clark stated that she did enter the house and was looking for her husband. Ms.Clark did admit to busting the television and stated that it belonged to her. Ms.Clark also stated that she did break the window. Deputy asked Ms.Clark how did she get to the residence

and she stated that she parked her car down the road and walked to the house, so her husband could not see her.

Ms.Clarks husband was not on scene when Deputy arrived. A witness was also on scene and stated that Ms.Clark kicked the front door, entered that house and was breaking things. Deputy arrested Ms.Clark and transported her to the

Loudon County Jail. Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, made the arrest.

FBI

weren't rendered."

The charges are based on a variety of alleged fraud schemes involving medical treatments and services. According to court documents, the schemes included submitting claims to Medicare for treatments that were medically unnecessary and often not provided. In many of the cases, Medicare beneficia-

ries and other co-conspirators were allegedly paid cash kickbacks for supplying beneficiary information so providers could submit fraudulent bills to Medicare. Forty-four of the defendants were charged in schemes related to Medicare Part D, the prescription drug benefit program, which is the fastest growing component of Medicare and a growing target for criminals.

"There is a lot of money there, so there are a lot of criminals," said FBI Director James B. Comey. He described how investigations leveraged technology to collect and analyze data, and rapid response teams to surge where the data showed the schemes were operating. "In these cases, we followed the money and found criminals who were attracted to doctors offices, clinics, hospitals, and nursing homes in search of what they viewed as an ATM."

Since their inception in 2007, Strike Force teams in the nine cites where they operate have charged more than 2,300 defendants who collectively falsely billed Medicare more than \$7 billion. Today's announcement marked the first time that districts outside Strike Force locations have participated in a national takedown; those districts accounted for 82 of the arrests this week.

Here's a look at some of the cases:

-In Miami, 73 were charged in schemes involving about \$263 million in false billings for pharmacy, home health care, and mental health services.

-In Houston and McAllen, 22 were charged in cases involving more than \$38 million. In one case, the defendant coached beneficiaries on what to tell doctors to make them appear eligible for Medicare services and then received payment for those who qualified. The defendant was paid more than \$4 million in fraudulent claims.

-In New Orleans, 11 people were charged in connection with home health care and

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Meeting

es. He has conducted several public surveys for several southeastern states, including Tennessee, and will make a presentation to the commission. He is currently under contract to assist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service national survey which occurs every five years.

The TWRA will present an amendment to the rules and regulations of live wildlife. Occasionally, the TWRA sees a need to add non-native wildlife to the regulations that could be detrimental to native wildlife. The two species are the African clawed frog and the marbled or Marmorokreb crayfish. Both of the species could enter Tennessee waters through the pet

trade.

The TFWC's June meeting is its last scheduled meeting until August. The commission traditionally does not meet during July. The TFWC's next scheduled meeting is also a one day meeting on Aug. 21 in Morristown.

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psychotherapy schemes. In one case, four defendants from two companies sent talking glucose monitors across the country to Medicare beneficiaries regardless of whether they were needed or requested. The companies billed Medicare \$38 million and were paid \$22 million.

"We will not stop here," said HHS Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell. "We will work tirelessly to prevent these programs from becoming targets and fight fraud wherever we find it."

More than 900 law enforcement officials participated in

the three-day sweep. Those arrested include 46 licensed medical professionals, including 19 doctors. Since 2007, the Medicare Fraud Strike Force has prosecuted more than 200 doctors and more than 400 medical professionals.

In fiscal year 2014, DOJ and HHS health care fraud and prevention efforts recovered nearly \$3.3 billion. Over the past five years, DOJ specifically has recovered more than \$15 billion in cases involving health care fraud. The average prison sentence in Strike Force cases in fiscal year 2014 was more than four years, though some prosecutions in recent years resulted have in sentences of 50 years.

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charge of arrangements. **Pauline Cox**, 98, of Loudon, passed away Thursday, June 18, 2015. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Preceded in death by parents, Jess and Dicie Shell; husband, Henry Cox; daughter, Jane

Lawson; brothers, Charlie, Curtis and Haskell Shell; sisters, Virginia Whatley, Bessie Bowers and Lucy Allen North. She is survived by son, J T Cox; grandson, Travis and Stacy Lawson; great grandchildren, Chesney Martin, Chase and Felicia Martin, Jared Lawson and Kasyn Brown; and several special nieces and nephews. The family would like to express their thanks to S.C.H.A.S., Fort Loudoun Medical Center, Kindred Healthcare and special friends,

Dianna Green and Barbara Phillips for the care they provided. Funeral service will be held 7:00 PM, Friday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Brian Courtney officiating. Family and Friends will meet 10:00 AM, Saturday, at Roberson Springs Cemetery for graveside service. Family will receive friends 5:00 - 7:00, Friday, prior to the funeral service. Arrangements provided by Loudon Funeral Home www.loudonfuneral-home.net

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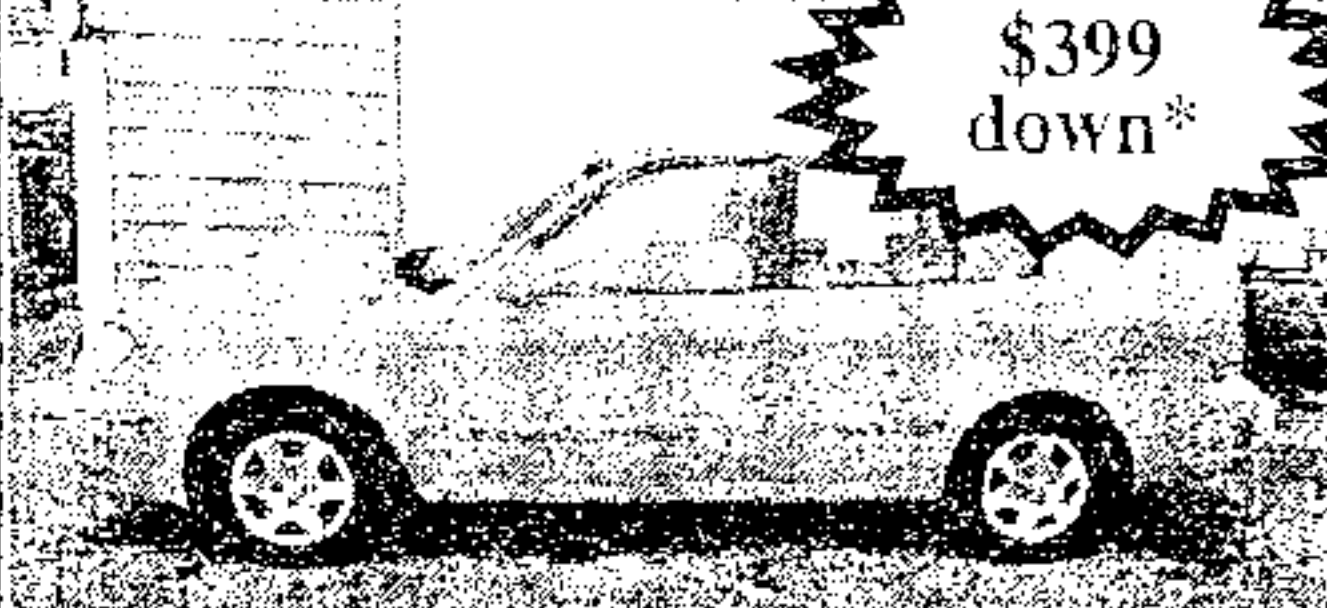
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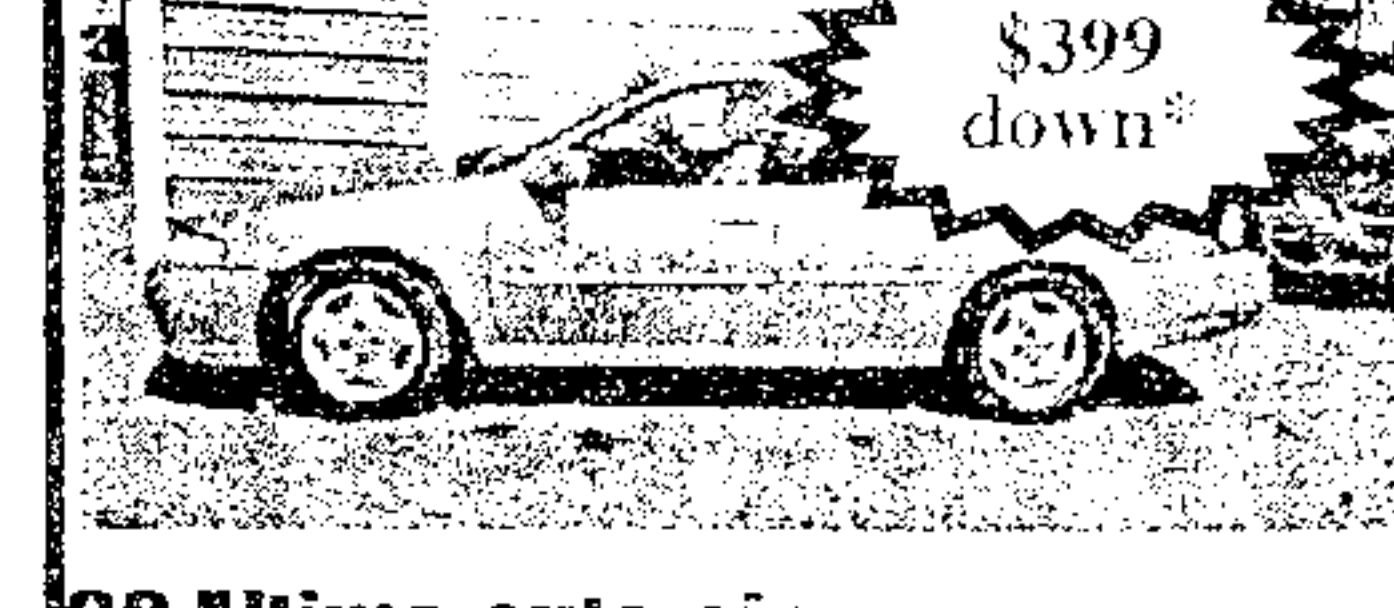
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