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Thursday, September 3, 2015

It Takes Two

Loudon County now has two General Sessions Judges. On Monday, August 31, 2015, Hank Sledge, was sworn in as General Sessions Judge for Division II. Rex Dale has been General Sessions Judge for Division I since 2010, after the retirement of the late Judge William Russell.

Judge Sledge is a native of Loudon County. (see Two pg. 7)



from left: Judge Rex Dale and Judge Hank Sledge are ready to get the job done

Disgraced Former DA suspended

The former DA of the 9th district, now a defense attorney in Harri-man, recently received an administrative suspension from the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE).

You may remember and in case you forgot, James Scott McCluen, ran a campaign filled (see McCluen pg. 4)



J. Scott McCluen

In Search of the Vehicle Spotted in the Vicinity of the SmartBank Kidnapping/Extortion

The investigative agencies have developed additional information about the vehicle associated with the Person of Interest, depicted in the composite sketch below. The vehicle is described as an early 2000s, powder blue/grey, Ford Taurus, with damage on the front passenger-side bumper. The Person of Interest was observed in the front passenger seat

of this vehicle on July 01, 2015, in the vicinity of Swathmore Court and Dunwoody Drive, Knoxville. The vehicle depicted in the attached photo is of a similar make, model, and color of the vehicle that was observed. Authorities are seeking information to help identify the Person of Interest. The previously released composite sketches also include two subjects

(see FBI pg. 3)

This is why the drinking age is 21



Brandon Hall (see LCSO pg. 5)

Man charged with breaking into McGhee Square



(see Burglary pg. 2) Christopher Bertram

Verse of the Day
Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. — Jeremiah 33:3
Obituaries
see inside

Wazzup
Congratulations to our new Judge Hank Sledge! A Big Shout Out to John Gilmore, keep up the great music buddy, looking forward to that CD soon!

Weather
Today: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 92F.
Tonight: A few clouds. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low 68F.
Friday Generally sunny

despite a few afternoon clouds. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 92F.
Friday Night Partly cloudy skies. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low 68F.

(Continued on page 6)



Theft

Christopher Bertram, 27, New Midway Road Kingston, was charged with Aggravated Burglary. On 8/12/15 victim observed Chris Bertrum walking around Apt on Kelly Lane, where he broke out a window and entered the apt. Victim opened the front door and observed Chris

fall down the stairs then run away. Warrant were issued and on 8/29/15 Officer Lynette Ladd LCPD, arrested Christopher and transported to Loudon jail.

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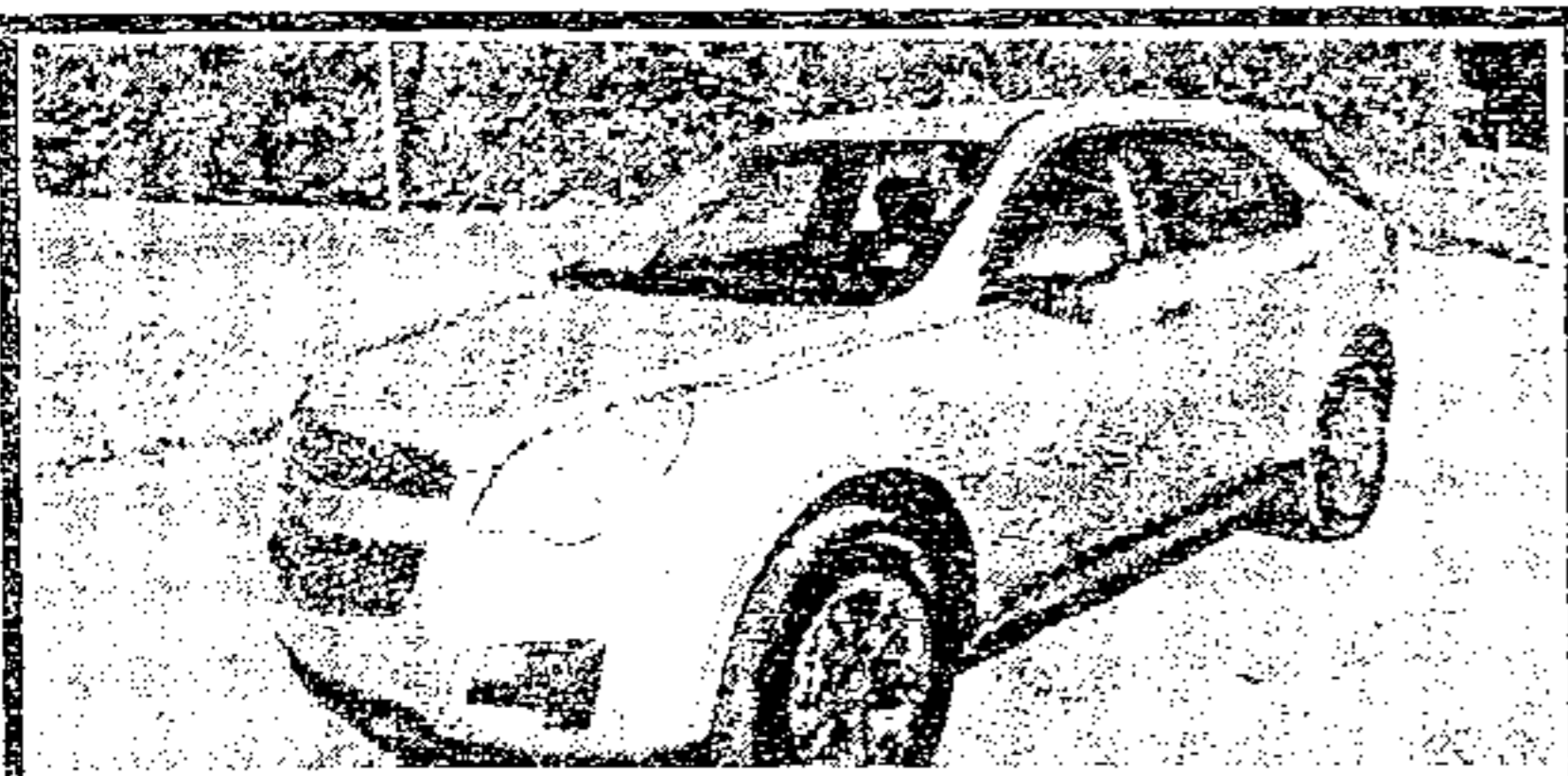
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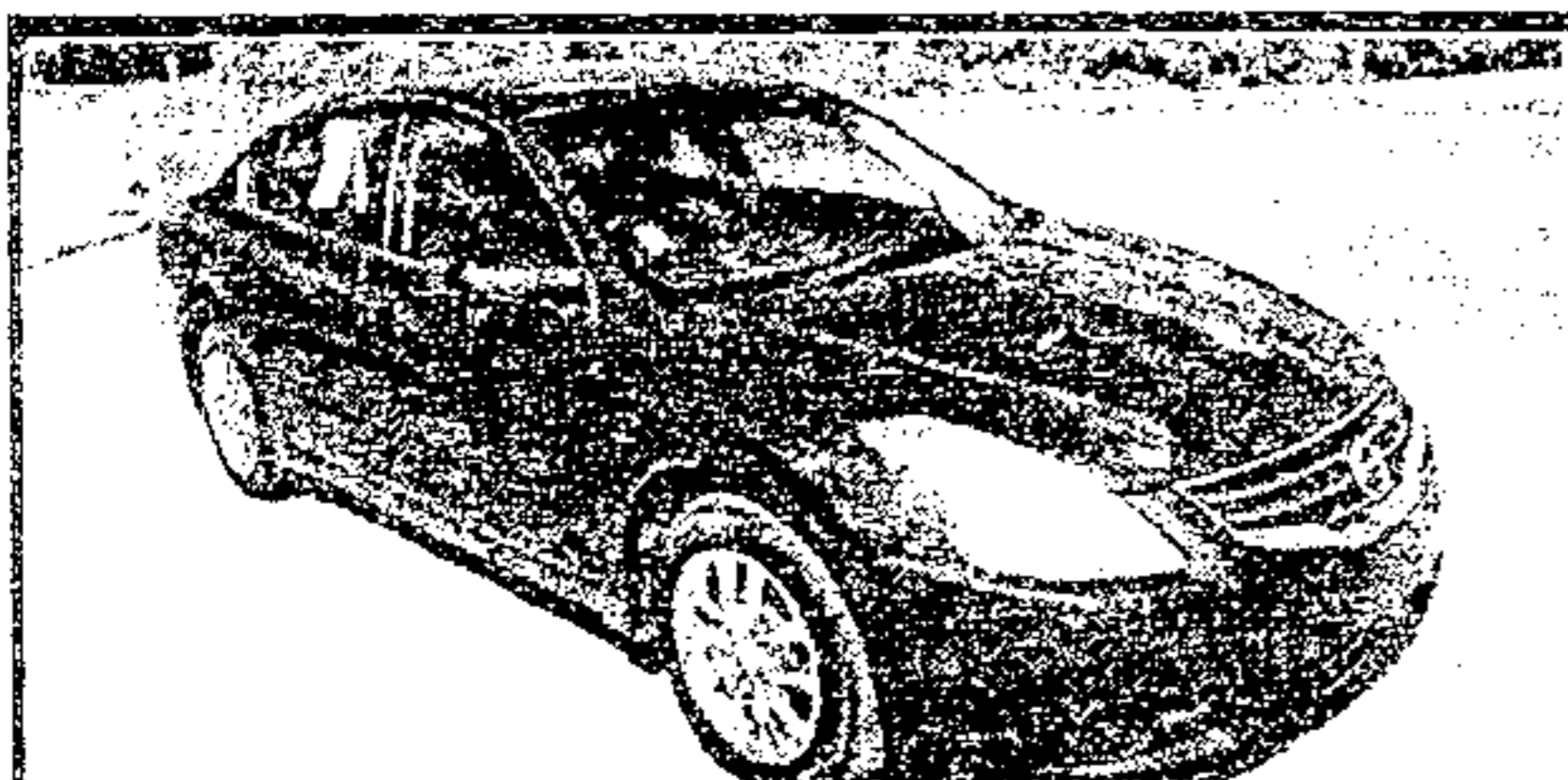
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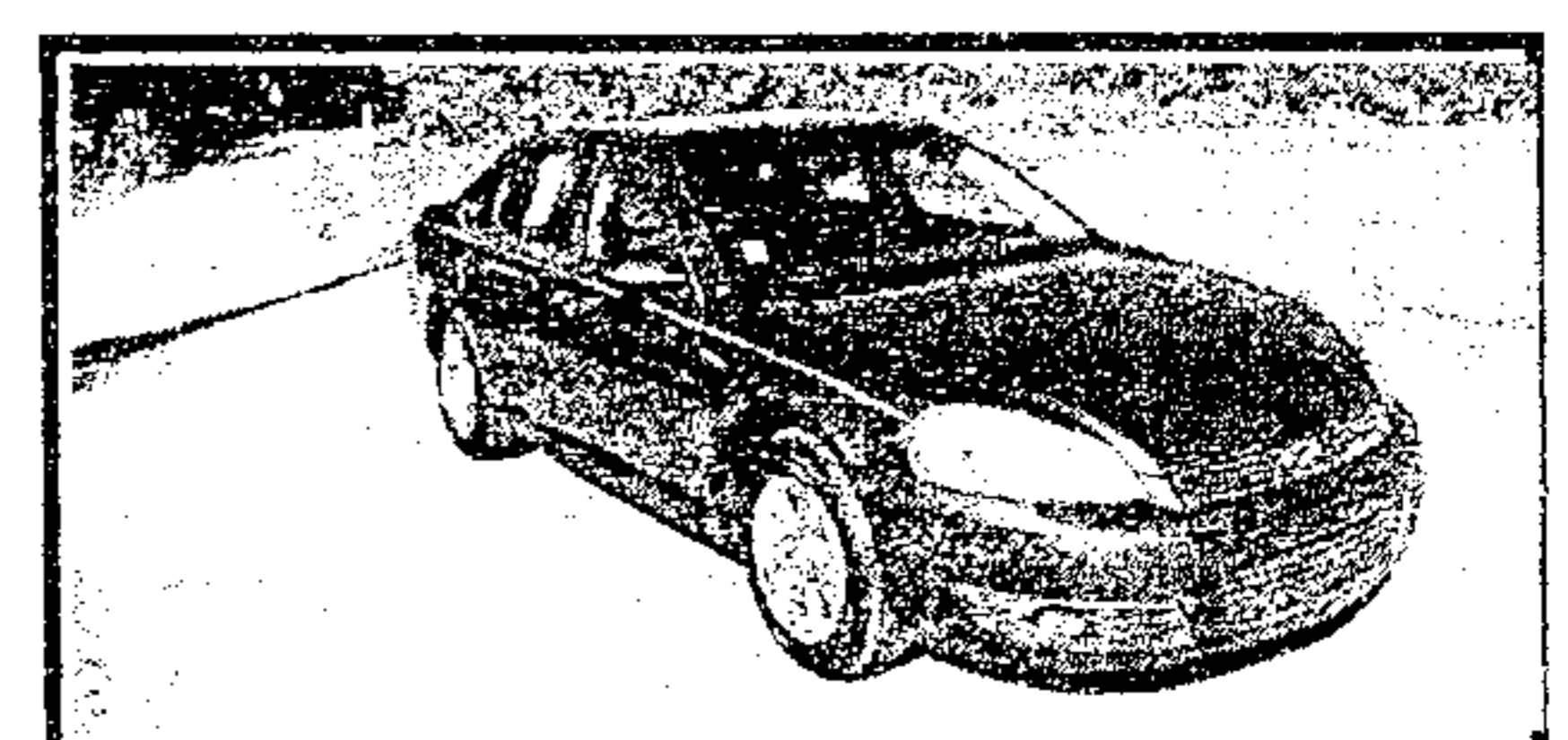
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FBI

involved in the Y-12 kidnaping.

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$20,000 for information leading to the identification and arrest of the subjects who committed these violent crimes.

On April 28, 2015, at approximately 8:15 a.m., a Y-12 Federal Credit Union employee and his family were kidnapped from their residence and held hostage at gunpoint. While the family was held hostage, the employee was coerced to attempt to remove money from the Y-12 Federal Credit Union, located at 501 Lafayette Drive, Oak Ridge, TN. After the robbery, the employee's family members were released unharmed at the Gettysvuc Country Club parking lot in Knoxville, TN. The suspects fled and remain at large.

On Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at approximately 8:00 a.m., a

SmartBank employee and his family were kidnapped from their residence and held hostage at gunpoint. The employee and his family were taken to the SmartBank, located at 202 Advantage Place, Knoxville, TN. While at the bank, the employee was coerced to remove money from the bank, which was provided to the robbers. The employee was then left at the bank and his family was released unharmed a short time later at the end of Pipkin Lane in West Knox County. The suspects fled and remain

at large.

The investigative agencies are exploring the possibility that these two events are related, based on similar subject descriptions and a similar method of operation.

This matter is being investigated jointly by the FBI, the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) as part of the FBI Safe Streets Task

Force, as well as the KPD Violent Crimes Unit, the KCSO Major Crimes Unit and the Oak Ridge Police Department.

Anyone with information that may lead to the identification or location of the individuals depicted in the composite sketches, or any information that may be pertinent to these two crimes, should contact the Knoxville FBI Office at 865-544-0751.


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McCluen

with concocted blatant lies from the News Herald, which were personal attacks against the now deceased Honorable Charles Hawk. Those lies were enough to get McCluen elected.

After being elected McCluen then went on a rampage against numerous elected officials and deputies as DA placing charges against everyone he could that did not support him, All of Which were dismissed by the way, to become the largest embarrassment ever known in the 9th District.

The very next election he was beaten in the largest gap in election history by our now District Attorney General the Honorable Russell Johnson who received well over 80% of the vote in all four

counties.

Since that time Mr. McCluen has been in trouble with the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility and failed to even show up for court and was cited by the judge in that case. McCluen has been reportedly defending a child molester and received an Administrative Suspension.

According to Julie Turner of the Board of Responsibility for the Tennessee Supreme Court, "Mr. McCluen received an administrative suspension on August 19, 2015 from the TN Commission

on CLE. The suspension was recently lifted and Mr. McCluen is allowed to practice law again."

Obituaries

Vontella Kerr Bandy - age 65 of Lenoir City went home to be with the Lord on Monday, August 31, 2015. Vontella was a member of Antioch Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend. Vontella was an avid motorcycle and atv rider. Preceded in death by her parents, J. C. and Maxine Craig; brothers, J. C. Craig, Jr. and William Wayne Craig. Survived

by her husband, Rick Bandy; daughters and sons-in-law Cindy and Jeff Rogers of Lenoir City, Melissa and Jeremy Henderson of Vonore; grandchildren: Shawntella Barnett, Caleb Bandy, Jaden Henderson and Haley Henderson; brothers and sisters-in-law, Eddie and Dola Craig, J. C. and Darlene Craig, Jerry and Lena Craig; special friend, Linda Bandy; many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, September 3rd at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Dean Bandy and Rev. Tony Bandy officiating. Family and friends will

gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Friday morning and proceed to the Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services at 11 a.m. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Elsie Girolami age 90 of Tellico Village, Loudon, TN passed away on August 27, 2015 at her home at NHC Cavett Hill in Knoxville, TN. Elsie was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Lenoir City, TN. Elsie was a talented seamstress, avid gardener winning competitions when living in Libertyville, Illinois, and

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Public Notice
 The Loudon County Governmental Affairs Committee will meet at the Annex September 8 at 5:30 to discuss updates to the Loudon County Policy and Procedures Handbook

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Drinking

Brandon Hall, 18, Ward Ave Loudon, was charged with Underage Consumption. Officer Scott Newman LPD, was dispatched to Rosedale Road to a prowler. Upon arrival Officer encountered Brandon Hall was sitting on a front porch in between the screen door and regular door. Brandon had soiled himself

and smelled of alcoholic beverage. Brandon was unsteady and had a hard time standing by himself. Brandon was placed under arrest. Scott Newman LPD, made the arrest.

Obits ctd. from pg. 4

she enjoyed bridge and golf. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years Dr. Roland L. Girolami. Elsie is survived by her broth-

er-in-law, Quin Barrett and his wife Doris, her sister Donna Francheschi of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Elsie also had a brother, Merco Sivillotti who lived in Milwaukee. Elsie is also survived by 15 other nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on September 8, 2015 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Lenoir City, TN. In lieu of flowers, memorials

may be made to Doctors Without Borders or Rocky Mountain Service Dogs charitable organizations. Click Funeral Home Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Fred Wilburn Lane, 51 of Sweetwater, lost his battle with a long standing illness, August 29, 2015. Preceded in death by his father, Melvin Lane and brother, Ferdinand Lane. He is survived

by his wife, Deneise of Sweetwater; mother, Dorothy Lane of Philadelphia; children, Rocky and Kristin Palmer Lane and their sons, Houston and Landen, Brandi Lane and her son, Justice, all of Kingston; Matt and Megan Kamps and their children Kylee, Harley, Tucker and Ryley; Brandon and Sarah Kamps; and Mandy and Tommy Moore and their son, Patrick, all of Sweetwater. Also survived by brothers and sisters, Freeman Lane of Philadelphia, Loretta and Keith Wilson and Michelle Spurgeon, all of Sweetwater and Regina Hunt of Madisonville. Fred will be missed by his many nieces, nephews, friends and extended family. A memorial service will be held Sunday, September 6, Whitestone Country Inn, Kingston, TN 37763. Family will receive friends 5:00-7:00 with the memorial service following at 7:00 pm, with Rev. Paul Cowell officiating.

Billy Joe Millsaps, Sr. 84, of Philadelphia, peacefully went home to be with Jesus September 2, 2015. A lifelong member of Philadelphia First Baptist Church for 71 years. He began working for Union Carbide of Loudon in 1957 and retired from Viskase Corporation, Loudon in 1993 after 36 years of service. Bill was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved and devoted his life to his family. Bill trained and showed

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He and his wife of 21 years, Michelle Sledge, graduated from Loudon High School in 1989. Judge Sledge received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Tennessee Technological University in 1993 and his Law Degree from the University of Memphis in 1997. He practiced law as a private attorney from 1997 until 2012. In 2012, he accepted a position with District Attorney General Russell Johnson, and remained there until he was appointed as Juvenile Magistrate and Judicial Commissioner for Loudon County in 2014.

joint efforts of the State General Assembly and the Loudon County Commission. Earlier this year the General Assembly unanimously passed, and Governor Haslam approved a Pri-

ivate Act amendment to create a new Division II General Sessions Court for Loudon County. The amendment was approved by the Loudon County Commission in July, 2015, and after an application process,

County Commission appointed Judge Sledge to the seat effective September 1, 2015. Judge Sledge will remain as the appointed Judge until September 1, 2016, when the seat will be filled through the general election to be held in August of 2016. Judge Sledge said he intends to run for the elected seat.

Judge Sledge was sworn in by Loudon County General Sessions Judge Rex Dale. Both judges share five jurisdictions: civil, criminal, domestic, juvenile and probate.

Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw stated that the investiture of Judge Sledge "is an important historic even that will

benefit our citizens for many years to come. Loudon County started with a single part-time General Sessions Judge in 1959, and has grown to a population over 52,000 residents." Mayor Bradshaw went on to state, "a second judge is needed to keep our court system running efficiently."

Judge Sledge said a lot of family, friends and folks from Loudon County have supported him for many years from being a student, high school athlete, law student and private attorney. He said "I love Loudon County. I look forward to continuing to serve it, and will do so without prejudice and with great humility."

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