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THP responds to wreck with Speeding stinjury; driver charged with DUI with charges

Street Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, and Driving on Revoked /Suspended License. Trooper Rodney Best THP, was dispatched to a wreck with injury on Hickory Creek Road. Upon arrival Trooper observed a red vehicle off the right side of the roadway resting against a



(see THP pg. 2) Robert Herron



Katie Sampson

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The FB in Israel

'Long-Lasting Relationships' Key to Building Cases Israel National Police officer outside Lahav 433, the

1,2017.

in Tel Aviv.

provides a glimpse into the statement said. one of the FBI's key roles overseas.

tional Police worked joint- strong relationships already Luther James Taylor ly to locate and arrest the

investigative arm of the individual, according to an INP in Tel Aviv, on March FBI statement issued March 23. The threatening calls An Israel National Po- over the last several months! lice officer stands outside fostered fears about a rise in Lahav 433, the investiga- anti-Semitism in the United tive arm of the department, States. Investigating hate crimes is a top priority for The arrest last week of the Bureau, which praised an individual in Israel sus- its law enforcement and pected of sending threat- intelligence partners: "The ening messages to Jewish FBI commends the great organizations in the U.S. work of the Israeli National and several other countries Police in this investigation,"

In this and other overseas cases, FBI investigations are The FBI and Israel Na-greatly helped by having

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Pills and residue found after traffic stop



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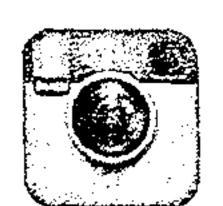
Former CSX Trans Employee pleads guilty to benefits fraud against US Railroad retirement board

On Mar. 27, 2017, George W. Myers, 59, of Telford, Tenn., pleaded guilty to an information charging him with one count of theft of public money in connection with benefits fraud he perpetrated against the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB). The fraudulently obtained benefits totaled approximately

\$362,741, consisting of \$327,737 in annuity payments and \$35,004 in health benefits.

Sentencing was set for 9:00 a.m., July 10, 2017, in U.S. District Court in Greeneville. Myers faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine, and restitution.

According to his plea (see Guilty pg. 4)



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Obituaries see inside

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DUI

fence. Trooper observed the driver lying across the driver and passenger seat. Trooper observed a Budweiser cuzzie lying on the ground beside the open driver door. Trooper

found a 24 oz Steel Reserve beer in the cuzzi empty, and observed an odor of an intoxicating beverage on his person. Herron stated he had drank beer and 2 shot bottles

(see DUI ctd. pg. 5)

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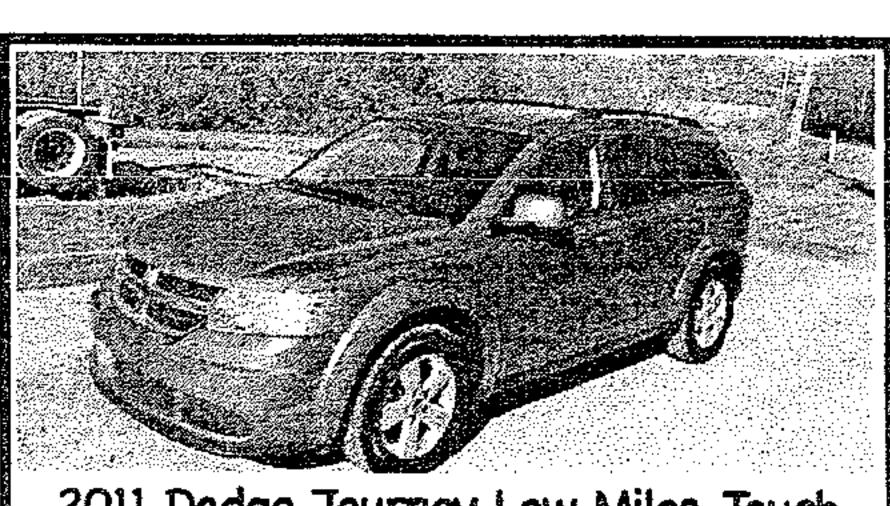
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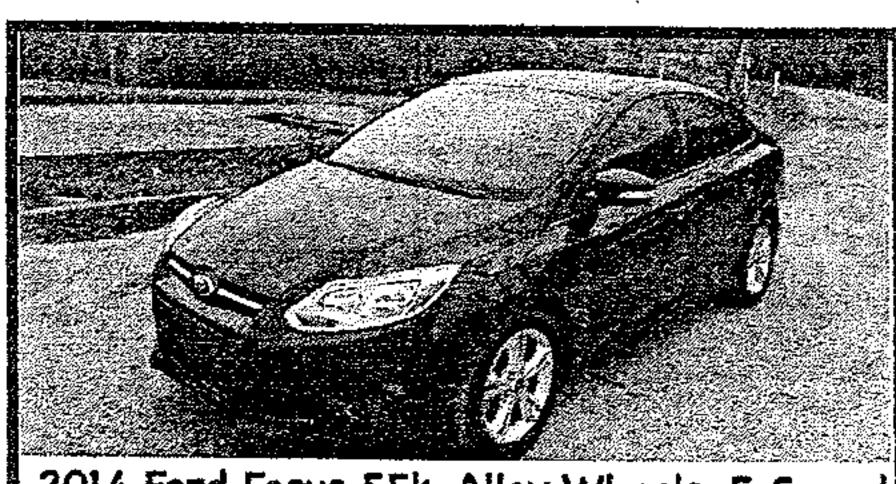
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Charges

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the vehicle traveling 56 in a 45 mph zone. Upon stopping vehicle Deputy identified the driver and a male passenger and a female passenger identified as Katie Sampson. A check through dispatch revealed Katie to have an active warrant out of Loudon County. Before Dep-

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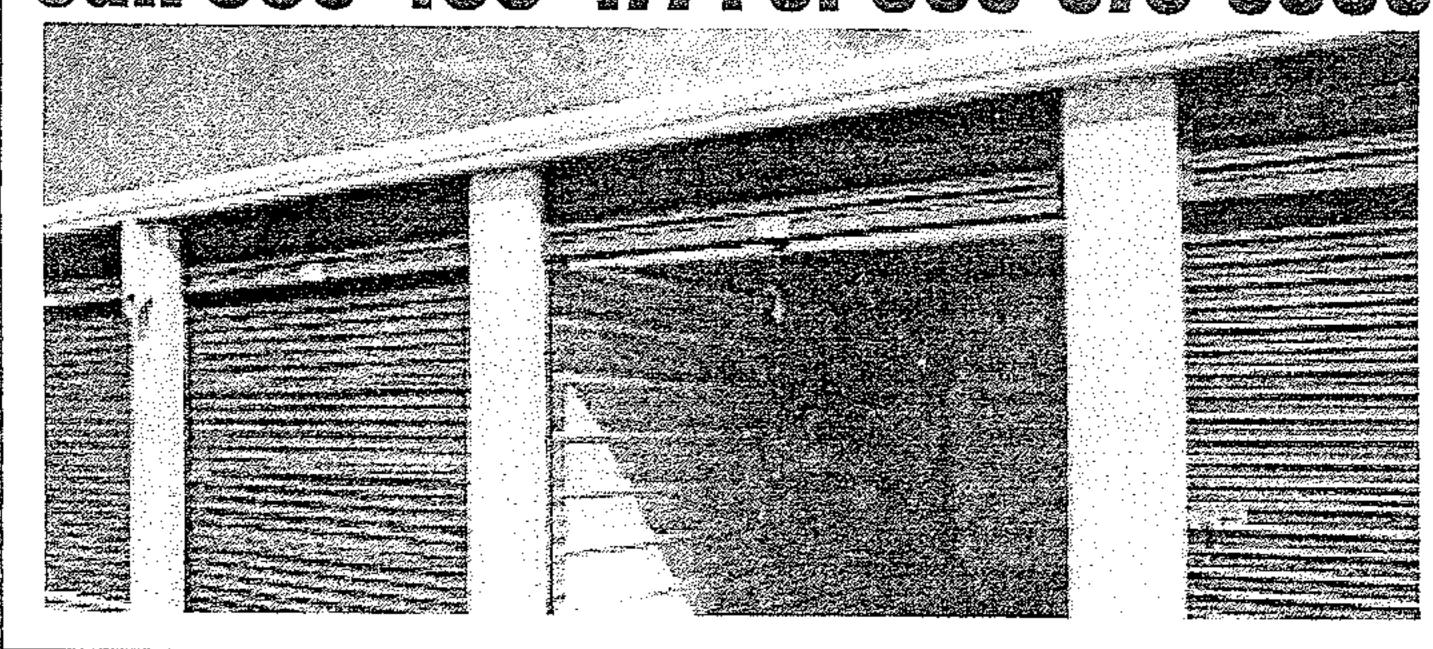
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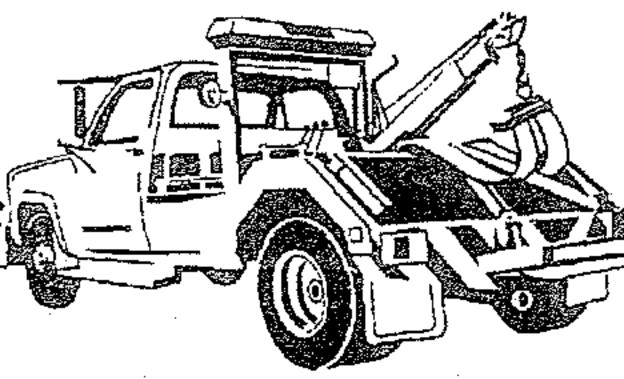
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Guilty

agreement on file with U.S. District Court, from October 1978 until August 2000, CSX Trans employed Myers as a welder. Myers stopped work, claiming to be disabled, and completed and signed an initial application for disability in December 2000. tween December 2000 and April 2007, he received intermittent disability payments while the application was the subject of litigation. In April 2007, following numerous denials and subsequent appeals, he was finally awarded ongoing disability payments retroactive to July 2004 and Medicare coverage retroactive to January 2007. He continued

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to receive full annuity payments and Medicoverage from care July 2004 through September 2016.

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indicating that he understood that failing to report work and earnings promptly was crime punishable by federal law and could result in criminal prosecution and/ or penalty deductions

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from his annuity payments. Despite this, he submitted disability update reports on which he falsely represented that he had not worked for anyone or for himself and his medical condition kept him from working. In fact, in February 2006, Myers indicated that he: a) was not at all able to dress himself; b) was not at all able to perform outdoor chores; c) did not expect to work during the next 12 months: and d) had not been self-employed in the last 12 months. However, in his plea agreement, Myers admitted to working for various people and companies

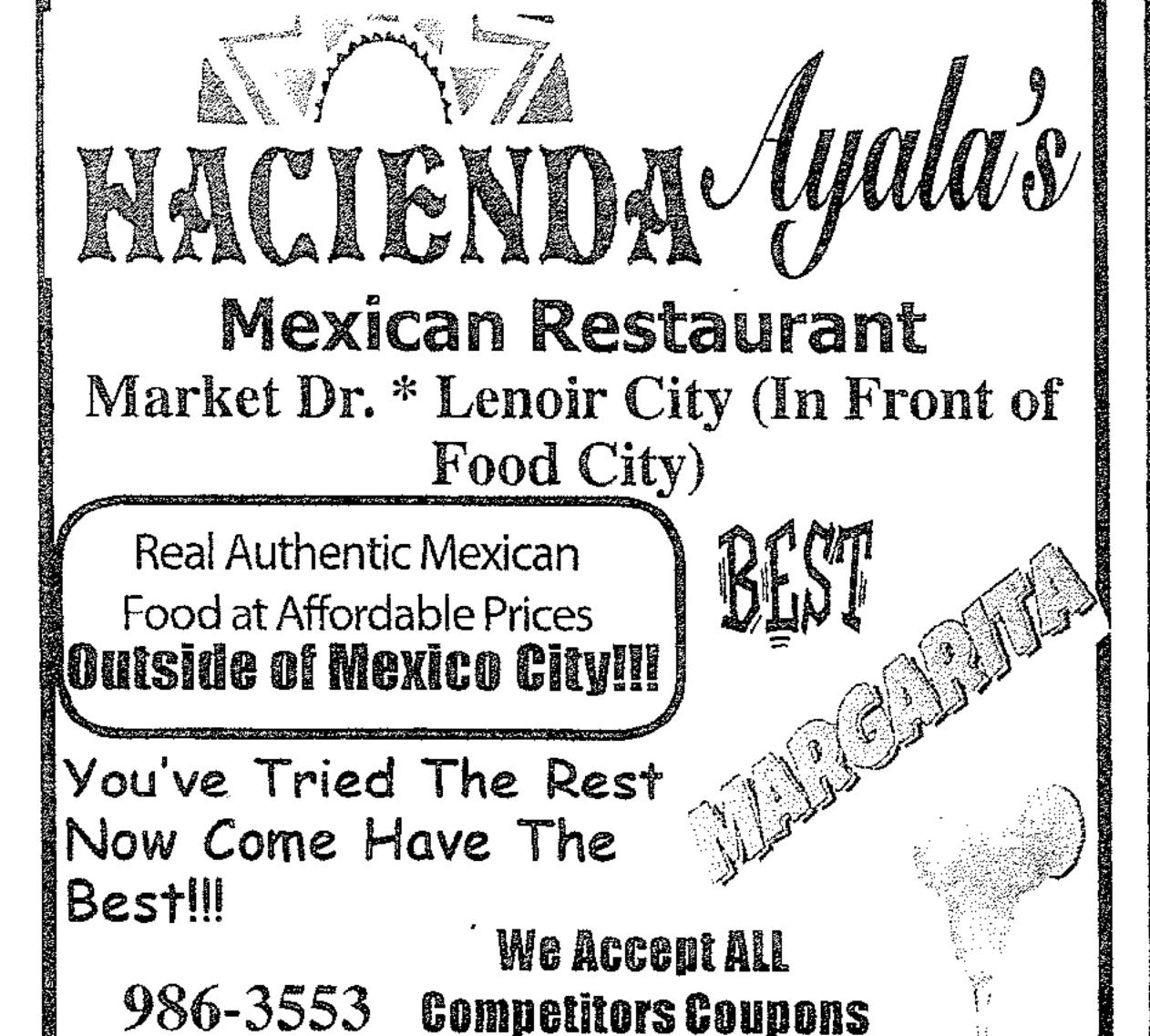
between August 2004 October 2016. and Some of the work included performing physically demanding contracting, repair, and maintenance work for at least two individuals who compensated him approximately \$58,612 for his work.

The Railroad Retirement Board, Office of the Inspector General conducted this investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney TJ Harker represented the United

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uty placed Katie in his for. vehicle she retrieved a bottle from her bra that contained 3 peach pills Alprazolam, and 1 1/2

not have a prescription

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of 99 apple. Checking Herron license through white pills Buprenor- dispatch returned susphine, which she did pended. Herron was

taken to Ft. Loudon ER., and later released, transported Loudon Jail.

in place with host countries. In Israel, where terrorism is a perpetual threat

and American citizens are frequently among those injured or killed in violence between Israelis and Palestinians, the FBI has a long history of working with the country's national police and intelligence agencies.

"It's immensely important that the FBI and other

members of the U.S. intelligence community develop strong, long-lasting relationships with international partners in the intelligence arena and also in law enforcement," said Cary Gleicher, the FBI's legal attaché in Israel. The FBI has more than 63 overseas offices, or legal attachés, and each relies heavily on its local counterpart to support FBI cases.

"The FBI's job overseas is, essentially, to work with the host country to collect evidence and intelligence against interests that may affect us in the homeland or may affect U.S. interests abroad," said Gleicher, who has worked in FBI outposts in Austria, Cambodia, Singapore, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Gleicher, an agent since 1989 who opened the legal attaché office in Tel Aviv in 1996 and is on his third tour in Israel, said laying a foundation of cooperation—assisting foreign countries with cases that have a U.S. nexus while seeking their help with FBI cases—is the primary role of FBI agents stationed overseas. "Our job is to build and foster long-term relationships that allow FBI leadership, both at Headquarters and our field offices, to communicate with any host country intelligence and/or law enforcement executives at

any time." In Israel—as elsewhere—the FBI works traditional criminal cases that have connections or subjects within a host country, such as cyber, financial, and organized crime investigations. Earlier this month, for example, an organized crime case that originated in 2011 in the FBI's Washington Field Office led to arrests and charges against 19 suspects in cities in Europe and Israel, as well as in the U.S. Also this month, the FBI added a Jordanian woman to its Most Wanted Terror-

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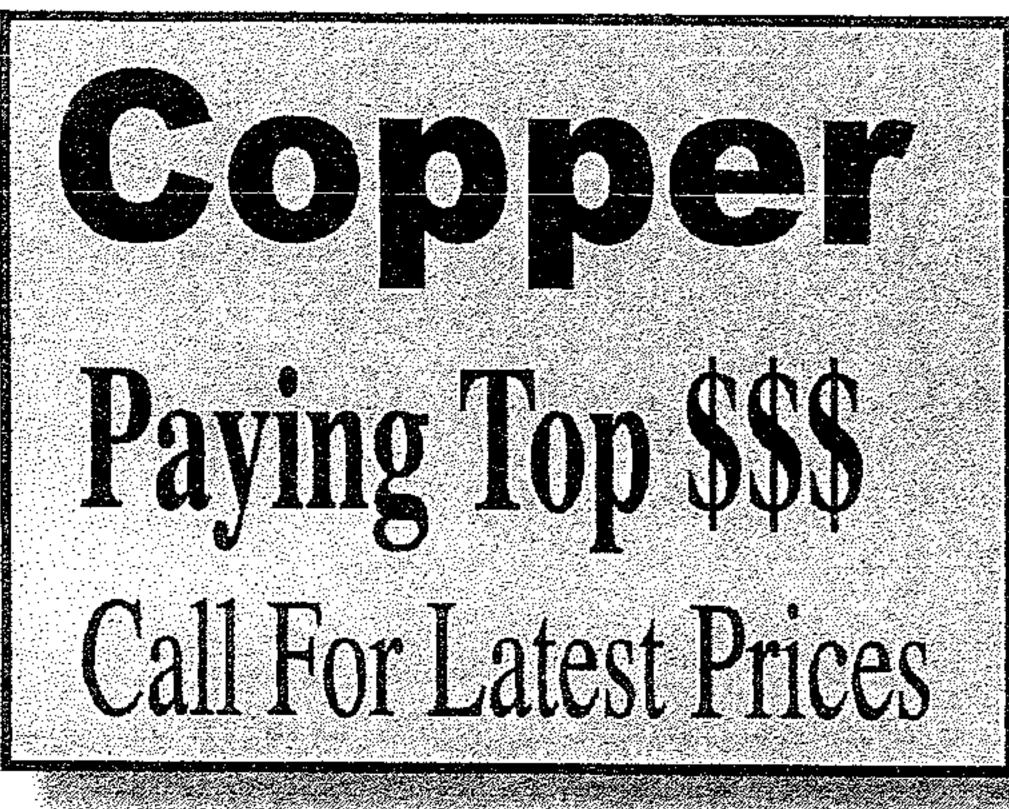


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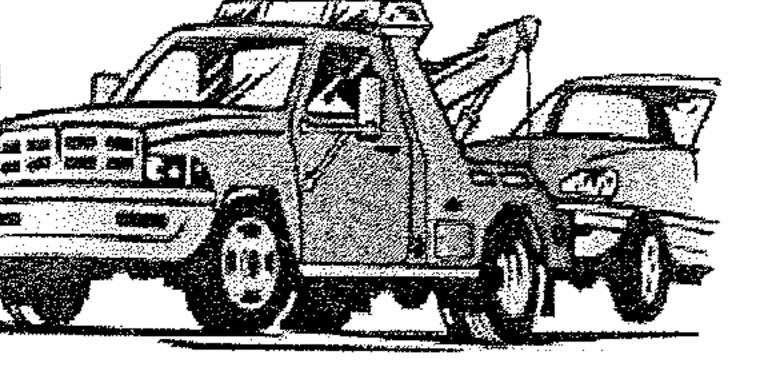
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ists list for her suspected role in a 2001 bombing in Jerusalem that killed 15 people, including two Americans, and injured 122 others, including four Americans.

"Our job is to build and foster long-term relationships." -Cary Gleicher, FBI Legal Attaché, Israel

Rusty Rosenthal, an assistant legal attaché in Israel, said having rela-

tionships in place smooths and facilitates these types of complex investigations.

"We're able to hit the running, ground we're that much further along whenever we need some kind of mutual assistance," said Rosenthal, who has spent more than seven years in Israel on multiple tours, in addition to assignments in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and Yemen. "We've cultivated maintained these relation-

ships so that when something does come up—and it may be an emergency and it may be breaking very quickly—we know who to call and get access or the information we need to help advance our interests and also help them."

Indeed, it's a mutually relationship, beneficial said Brig. Gen. Coresh Barnoor, a top investigator el, meet at Lahave 433, the

in the Israel National Police. INP's investigative arm in "We have to join forces," Tel Aviv on March 1, 2017. said Barnoor, who heads a unit at Lahav 433—the Brig. Gen. Coresh Barnoor investigative arm of the department—that probes organized crime and financial crimes. "Working together, we can establish cases."

Israel National Police Brig. Gen. Coresh Barnoor and Cary Gleicher, the FBI's legal attaché in Isra-

Israel National Police and FBI Legal Attaché Cary Gleicher, seen here at Barnoor's office in Tel Aviv, believe that strong partnerships are key to building cases.

Taylor, 36, Luther Tellico Road _ee charged with Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a white vehicle traveling on Steekee Road. The registration was displayed on a Mitsubishi, but came back to a Dodge. Upon stopping the vehicle Deputy identified the driver as Luther Taylor, who appeared to be very nervous. Taylor also had a white powdery substance in his nostril. Taylor exited the vehicle and picked up something out of his seat. Deputy told Taylor to open his hand, he had 1 white pill identified as Hydrocodone, Taylor had 7 more in his front pocket. Deputy located a silver pill canister and a gray hollowed out tube with white powder residue. Taylor was placed under arrest.

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Wednesday, June 21, 2017

The regular April and May monthmeetings will proceed as previously scheduled, on Monday April 17th and Monday May 15th, 4:00 PM at the Coun-Ity Office Building

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