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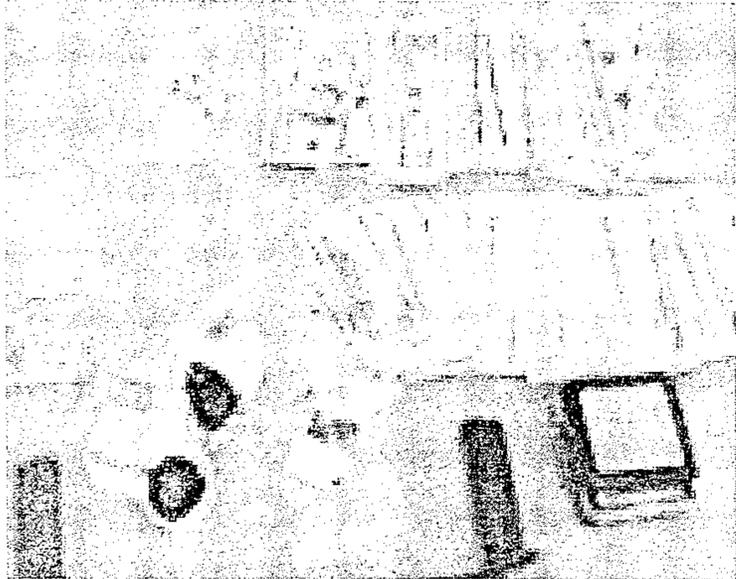
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Thursday, April 27, 2017

## \$30,000 in Heroin and more seized in drug bust

On April 20th agents from the 9th Drug and Violent Crime Task Force were attempting to locate Taylor Courtney, a female wanted for a warrant out of Loudon County. Agents received information that she may be staying at a hotel in Kingston, TN. While following up on that information

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drugs, money and more seized from Ms. Courtney at the scene

## Meth for resale charges after LPD stop



Bryan Mullins

see meth pg. 3

## DEA PREPARES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK DAY

U.S. Attorney Nancy Stallard Harr wants to encourage the public to participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Takeback Day on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

"Prescription painkillers are extremely addictive and can be just as dangerous as any illegal street drug. Every year, over 16,000 people die from prescription painkiller overdoses. This is more than the number of

overdoses from heroin, cocaine or any other illegal drug. Our children and young adults are particularly vulnerable because many of them who begin using prescription drugs ultimately turn to heroin for a cheaper high," said U.S. Attorney Harr. "I urge you to check your medicine cabinets and take advantage of DEA Prescription Drug Takeback Day to dispose of any unused, unwanted and expired medicine safely.

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## Revoked driver charged after wreck



Rachel Santana

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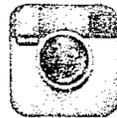
## Comptroller Releases Report on Senior Long-Term Care in Tennessee

The Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) has released a report examining the projected growth in Tennessee's senior population (age 65+) by 2030 and its impact on public long-term services and support programs for low-income Tennessee seniors.

The report is intended to provide objective analysis and options

for policymakers' consideration. The report does not make recommendations.

The number of Tennessee seniors age 65 and over is expected to almost double from 850,000 in 2010 to 1.7 million in 2030. Although Tennessee has made changes in its TennCare/Medicaid program to help control the growth in the costs of long-term (see Care pg. 4)



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### Verse of the Day

The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment. — Proverbs 10:21

**Obituaries**  
see inside

### Wazzup

Special Thanks to all those who helped in the cleanup effort sure couldn't have gotten it done without you!

### Weather

Today: Thunderstorms in the morning, then partly cloudy late. High 78F.  
Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low 53F.  
Friday: Mainly sunny. High 86F.  
Friday Night: Partly

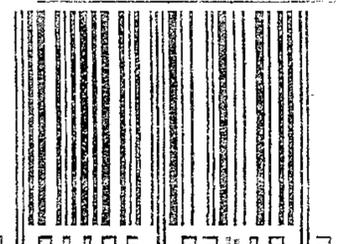
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### Horoscopes

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## Heroin

agents observed a vehicle, matching the description of a vehicle that she is known to drive, leave the Kingston hotel and agents followed this vehicle to Love's Truck stop in Lenoir City. After a

short time at the truck stop the vehicle exited the parking lot and an agent traveling into the parking lot from 321 was able to positively identify the driver as Taylor Courtney. Agents made con-

(see heroin ctd. pg. 4)

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**Meth**

Bryan Mullins, 22, Oak Grove Road Lenoir City, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer Brandon Nix, LPD, witnessed a gray Chevrolet Impala traveling on Highway 72. Officer then witnessed this vehicle to be in violation of the light law (brake

light out). The vehicle was then stopped in the parking lot of Vittorino's. Officer approached the vehicle and identified the driver as Mr. Bryan A. Mullins. As Officer began speaking with Mr. Mullins, he requested his drivers license. Mr. Mullins then stated he did not have it on him. Officer was able to check Mr. Mullins' license meth etd. pg. 7



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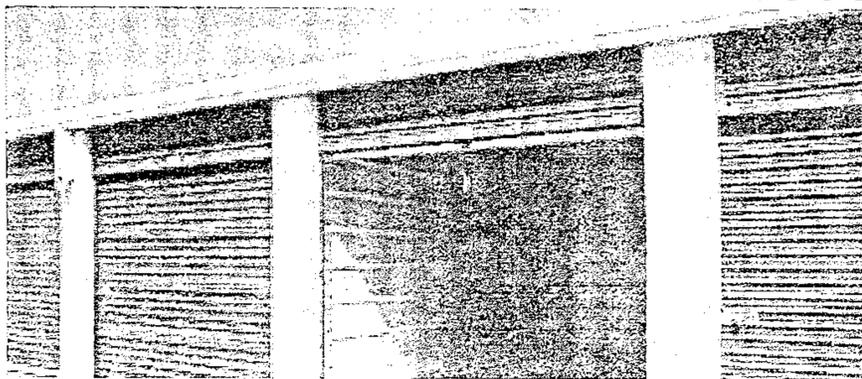
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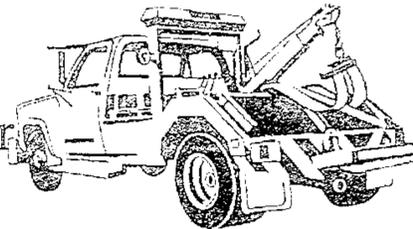
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**Care**

services and supports, costs will likely increase substantially in response to the expected growth in the senior population by 2030.

The report focuses on Tennessee's three primary publicly funded long-term services and support programs for low-income elderly Tennesseans: TennCare CHOICES (Medicaid), Options, and Older Americans Act (OAA) programs. Together, these programs provide a continuum of services ranging from information and referral, meals, varying levels of home and community based services, and nursing home care.

Research indicates that greater use of home and community-based services, where medically and safely appropriate, meets older adults' preferences to age in place, and can reduce the lifetime costs of long-term care by delaying seniors need for more expensive nursing home care.

Enrollment of Ten-

nCare-eligible seniors in home and community based services has increased from 11 percent in 2009 to 35 percent in 2016, and TennCare officials expect this percentage will grow in future years.

Other Tennessee

public programs and services available are designed to prevent or delay seniors in enrolling in higher cost TennCare CHOICES services, but they either have waiting lists for services, do not serve all seniors who

could benefit from the services, or are serving fewer seniors in recent years. The report includes estimates of potential costs savings of providing more seniors basic home services, such as meals, bathing, and light housekeeping and delaying nursing home care.

Policy options described in the report for policymakers' consideration include:

- Further expanding home and community based services for seniors including im-

proved transportation, support for caregivers, and expansion of the continuum of community care facilities.

- Developing and investing in direct senior-care workers.

- Further developing a comprehensive and coordinated system of aging services.

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DEA

Additionally, if you are aware of doctors, pharmacists, or other medical professionals knowingly writing or filling false or forged prescriptions, please report them to

local law enforcement," added Harr.

On October 22, 2016, the public turned in 731,269 pounds—almost 366 tons—of medication to DEA and more than 4,000 of its community partners at almost

5,200 collection sites nationwide. Over the life of the program, citizens around the country have removed 7.1 million pounds (more than 3,500 tons) of prescription drugs from medicine cabinets, kitchen

drawers, and nightstands.

Unused medicines in the home are a problem because the majority of the 6.4 million Americans who abused CPDs in 2015, including the almost 4 million who abused prescription pain-

killers, say they obtained those drugs from friends and family, including from a home medicine cabinet, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health released last month. Some painkiller abusers move on to heroin: Four out of five new heroin users started with painkillers. Almost 30,000 people—78 a day—died from overdosing on these painkillers or heroin in 2014, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Collection sites will be set up throughout communities nationwide. To locate a collection site near you, go [https://www.dea.gov/diversion/usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback](https://www.dea.gov/diversion/usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback), the DEA Office of Diversion Control web site, where you can search by zip code, city, or state. The service is free and anonymous.

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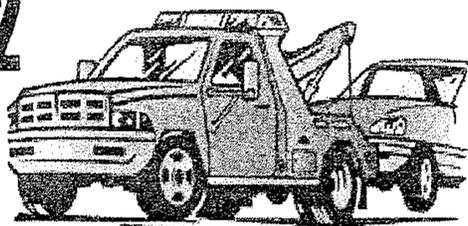
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**Wreck**

Rachelle Santana, 26, Browder Hollow Road Lenoir City, was charged with Simple Possession, and Driving on Revoked License. Officer Jamie Whitt LCPD, responded to the LaLupita Store for a minor property damage crash. The driver was identified as Rachelle Santana, a check of her license revealed them to be suspended for FTA in Lenoir City Court. Upon searching searching Santana's purse Officer located 1.5 grams of marijuana in a plastic bag in a cigarette box. and 2 pink pills believed to be metaxalone. Santana was placed under arrest.

**Heroin ctd. from pg. 2**

tact with Ms. Courtney who provided agents with a false name. Courtney was then detained.

Lenoir City Police K-9 officer arrived on scene and deployed his drug detection dog on the vehicle. The K-9 handler gave a positive alert to the presence of narcotics and the vehicle was it was subsequently searched. A search uncovered approximately 4 ounces of suspected black tar heroin, approximately 15 grams of methamphetamine and numerous types and quantities of scheduled prescription pills. Agents also found hypodermic needles, digital scales and packag-

ing materials. A small bag of black tar heroin was also located next to the passenger seat where Daniel Poe of Loudon was sitting. Poe was arrested for Possession of Heroin and transported to the Loudon County Jail. Ms. Courtney was arrested for Possession of both Heroin and Methamphetamine for resale, Possession of Schedule III, IV and Legend Prescription pills, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a Loudon County Warrant and Driving on Revoked License.

Agents then returned to the Hotel in Kingston and found that two rooms were being occupied by this group. These rooms were searched after consent and two individuals were arrested. Bryna Williams of Loudon was arrested for Possession of Schedule

I (heroin) and Brian Kirksey was arrested for Possession of both heroin and methamphetamine. Kirksey was also found to have a loaded 9mm handgun in his waistband that was found to be stolen. Additional ammunition and high capacity 9mm magazines were also located.

Heroin is commonly packaged and sold in quantities of one tenth of a gram. The amount found would provide over 1000 doses when sold on the street. This is a significant amount of heroin and a win for law enforcement in the fight against drugs and the struggle to prevent overdose deaths from and incredibly potent, dangerous drug.

The 9th Drug Task Force was assisted in this investigation by the Loudon County Sheriff's Office, Kingston Police Department, Loudon Police Department and the Lenoir City Police Department.

Taylor Courtney, 26, Old Waller Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch.I & II & III & IV, Poss. of Drug Para., Legend Drug, and Driving on Revoked/ Suspended License.

Daniel Poe, 29, Ferry Street Loudon, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/ Resale Sch. I.

**meth ctd. from pg. 3**

status via his name and date of birth.

Dispatch then advised Mr. Mullins license status was currently suspended in

The State of Tennessee. As Officer continued to speak with Mr. Mullins he noticed he was acting nervous. Officer requested permission to search the car, to which he denied. Officer's then requested a K9. Sgt. Watkins arrived on scene then deployed his K9 on the vehicle, at this time the K9 alerted. Inside the vehicle Officer's located a cigarette pack inside the pack was a clear plastic bag containing white, glass like shards, that Officer's believed to be Methamphetamine. Also inside the vehicle was a small lockbox that the K9 also alerted to. Mr. Mullins was then requested to open the box. Inside were multiple needles with a clear liquid substance inside, digital scales, multiple clear plastic baggies, a spoon with white residue, and white glass like shards. When asked whose this was, Mr. Mullins stated it was his.

Officer's were able to test the glass shards and at this time, it tested positive for methamphetamine. Mr. Mullins was then placed into custody and transported to Loudon County Jail. Officer was able to weight the white glass shards at the jail, inside the plastic baggies they did weight 0.6 grams. Mr. Mullins was cited for the break light.

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