

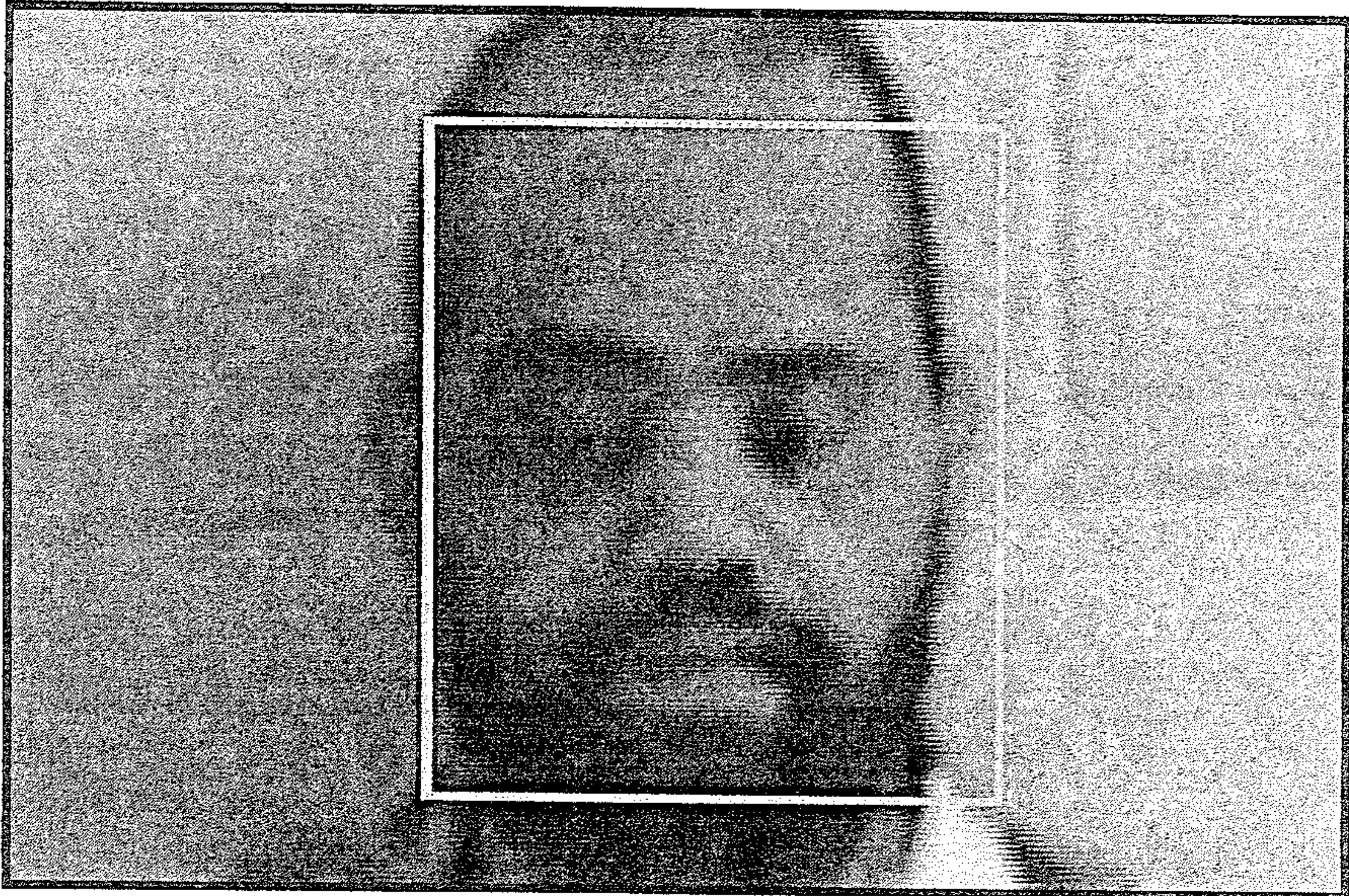
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Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Sweetwater Man Charged With Assault



James Macon

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West Virginia Residents Indicted For Kidnapping And Firearms Offenses Committed In Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

On October 16, 2018, a federal grand jury in Knoxville returned a 16-count superseding indictment against Josh Small, 51, of Princeton, West Virginia, and Joni Amber Johnson, 35, of Princeton, West Virginia, charging them with kidnapping, conspir-

acy to commit kidnapping, using firearms during crimes of violence, and being felons in possession of firearms. Both appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Deborah Poplin in U.S. District Court on November 6, 2018, and plead-

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The Good News The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Daniel 12:1-3

I was working as a chaplain in a hospital some years ago and had responded to a request to visit a patient in the emergency room. I read a few verses of scripture and prayed

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2017 Hate Crime Statistics Released Report Shows More Departments Reporting Hate Crime Statistics

The number of hate crime incidents reported to the FBI increased about 17 percent in 2017 compared with the previous year, according to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's annual Hate Crime Statistics report, released today.

Law enforcement

reported 7,175 hate crimes to UCR in 2017, up from 6,121 in 2016. Although the numbers increased last year, so did the number of law enforcement agencies reporting hate crime data—with approximately 1,000 additional agencies contributing information. The

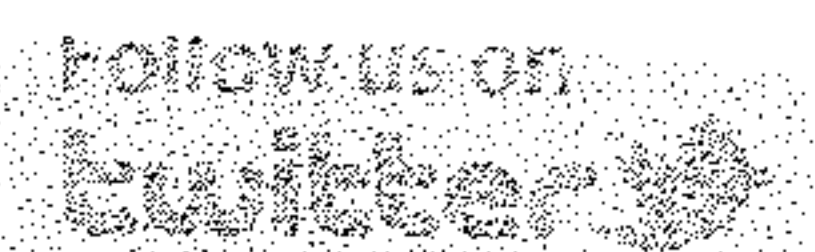
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Improvements Made to Increase Employment for People with Disabilities



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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

Wazzup

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Weather

Today: Rain . High of 42F.

Tonight: Rain. Low of 39F.

Thursday: Rain. High of 44F.

Thursday Night: Rain. Low of 33F.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Your desire for security and comfort spikes today compelling you to seek out familiar places and people or to simply stay snuggled under the covers in bed. Sometimes such a need arises when something or some

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Assault

James Macon, 39, Grassy Lane Sweetwater, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, responded to a Grassy Lane for a 911 call with subjects screaming in the background. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with James Macon who

stated that victim had left on Sunday without permission and upon his return on Tuesday he confronted victim about some drug para. That was found in victim room. Macon stated that victim then became then became mouthy and lunged at Macon causing a altercation to start. Macon

then grabbed a belt and attempted to discipline victim by whipping him on the leg. Victim started attempting to block the strikes causing Macon to strike victim on the arm. Deputy spoke to victim

who stated Macon was upset about finding drug para. In his room and started hitting him with a belt striking him in the arm causing a red whelp and bruising. Macon was placed under arrest.

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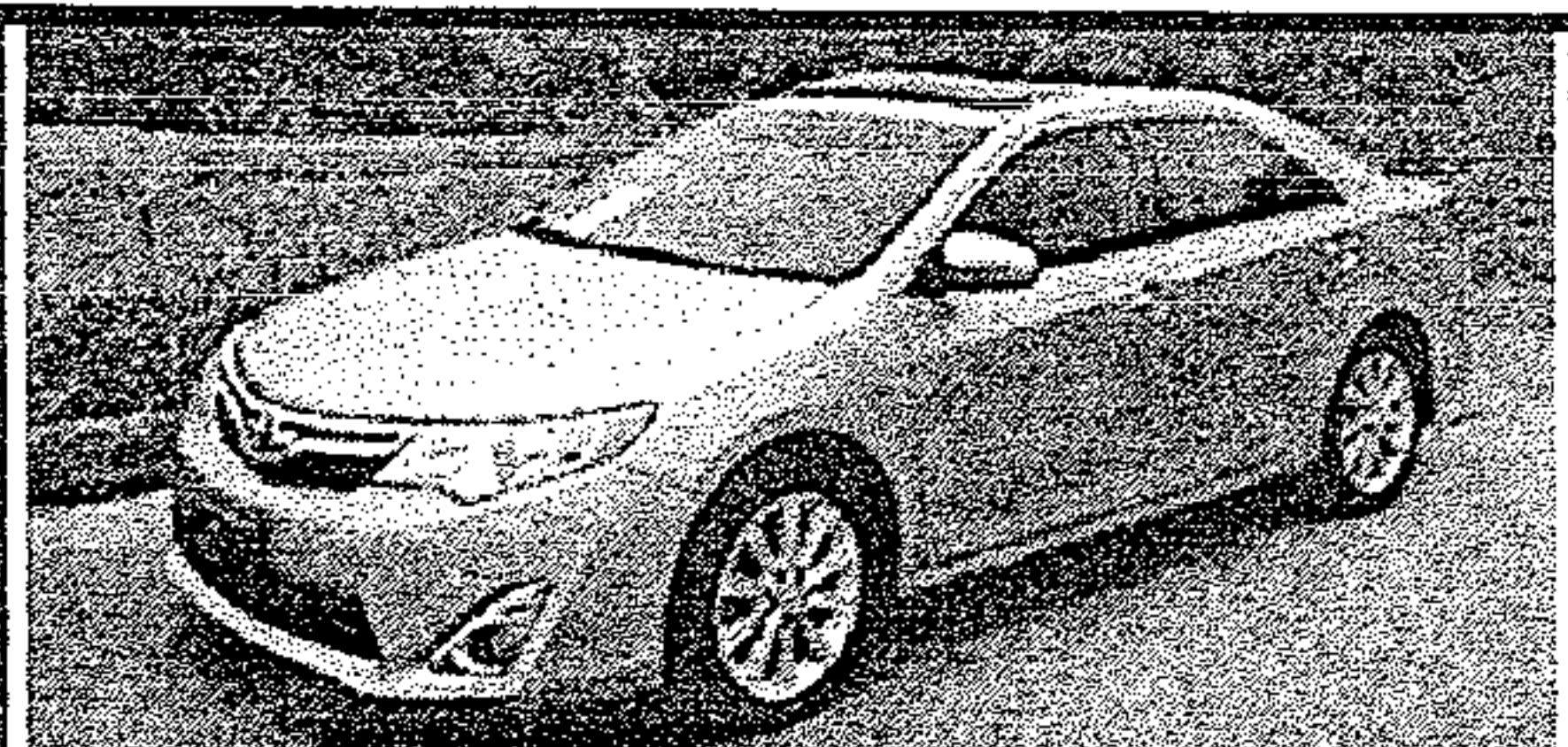
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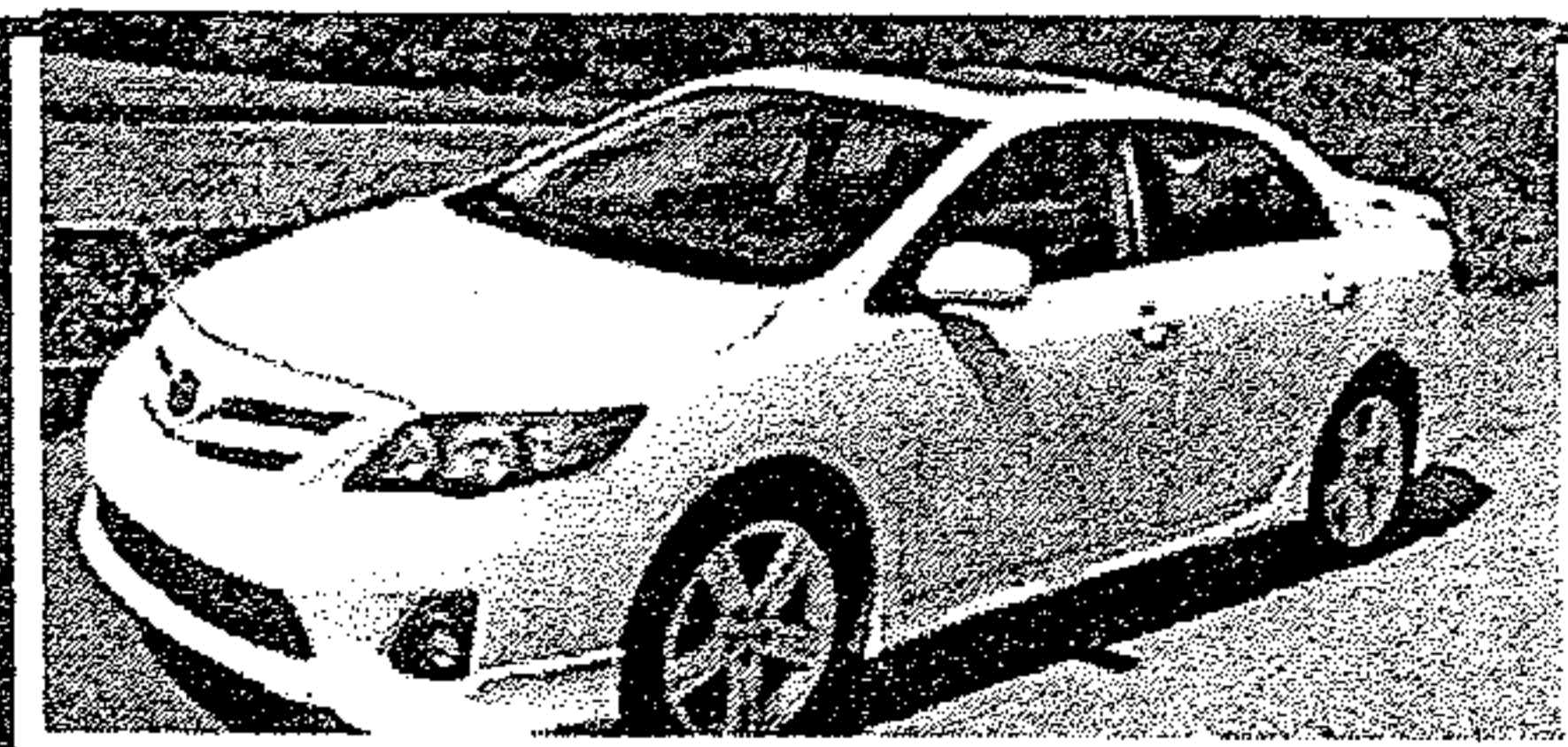
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Crime

report, Hate Crime Statistics, 2017, includes hate crime information for last year, broken down by location, offenders, bias types, and victims.

According to the report, the most common bias categories in single-bias incidents were race/

ethnicity/ancestry (59.6 percent, religion (20.6 percent), and sexual orientation (15.8 percent). In addition to the 7,106 single-bias incidents reported last year, there were also 69 multiple-bias hate crimes reported.

About 5,000 of the hate crimes reported were categorized as crimes against

persons, such as intimidation or assault. About 3,000 were considered crimes against property, such as vandalism, robbery, or burglary. (Some hate crime incidents are classified as both crimes against persons and crimes against property.) The FBI is working with law enforcement partners across the country to encourage reporting of hate crime statistics. Next year, FBI personnel will provide training for law enforcement officers on how to identify bias-motivated incidents and report that data to the FBI's UCR Program. Additionally, the Department of Justice launched a new hate crimes webpage, which has information for law enforcement on reporting incidents.

Reporting hate crime data to the UCR Program allows the public, researchers, community leaders, and local government to raise awareness of the issue and gain a more accurate picture of hate crimes. It also allows law enforcement agencies to develop data-focused strategies and preventative measures.

Hate crimes are the highest investigative priority in the FBI's civil rights program.

The Good News

with the patient, who then asked me about judgment day and who would and would not be saved. I responded that this decision wasn't up to me. When I got a surprised look, I continued by noting that in the Apostles' Creed I am told that Jesus Christ will judge the living and the dead. I don't have to judge. Rather, it is up to me to live each and every day in the way Jesus taught me to live, by loving God with all my heart and soul and by loving my neighbor. Jesus showed me a way of life, not a way to fear the end of life. I live in the love of Christ, and by faith I trust in the love of Christ.

Prayer: Lord, help us see each other through your eyes of mercy and grace. Remove our desire to judge ourselves and others so we may treat each other with love and respect. Amen.

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The City of Philadelphia will have a Special Called Meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018 at the Philadelphia United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment

Firearms

ed not guilty to the charges included in the indictment.

Trial is set for April 30, 2018, in U.S. District Court. If convicted, Small faces 97 years in mandatory minimum sentences for the firearms-related charges and up to life in prison for each kidnapping charge. Johnson faces 82 years in mandatory minimum sentences for the firearms charges, plus an additional 10 years for each felon in possession charge and up to life in prison for each of the kidnapping charges.

Details of the charges against Small and Johnson are contained in the indictment, which is on file with the U.S. District Court and available to the public. According to the indictment, Small worked for a family member on small paving jobs, such as paving or repaving driveways, for single-family households in Tennessee. The customers were

often retirees and the elderly who paid cash for the work. After returning to West Virginia from Tennessee following the paving work, Small traveled back to Tennessee with Johnson where they committed home invasions of elderly Tennessee residents, including some for which paving work had been done. The residents were confined to their own homes where Small and Johnson allegedly tied them up, held them at gunpoint and stole their valuables, which they later sold to pawn shops in West Virginia. In addition to the offenses committed in Tennessee, the indictment also alleges a conspiracy to commit similar crimes in Virginia and West Virginia.

Agencies whose investigation led to the indictment of Small and Johnson include the FBI, Giles County Sheriff's Office in Virginia; Carroll County Sheriff's Office in Virginia; Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

in Virginia; Bland County Sheriff's Office in Virginia; Virginia State Police; Mercer County Sheriff's Department in West Virginia; Campbell County Sheriff's Office in Tennessee; and, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in Tennessee. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Tracy Stone and Cynthia Davidson will represent the United States in court proceedings.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment constitutes only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until his or her guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. Attorney General Jeff Ses-

sions reinvigorated PSN in 2017 as part of the Department's renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney's Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

Jobs

An improving employment rate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, increased partnerships with employers, and the expansion of state government internships for people with disabilities are some of the highlights in this year's Expect Employment Report.

The report was presented to Gov. Bill Haslam on Thursday at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, where several peo-

ple with intellectual and developmental disabilities both work and volunteer on campus, with support from the Orange Grove Center. The governor toured the work site and met with some of the employees and volunteers before receiving the report.

"Whether it's in employment or education, I've been committed to the philosophy that 'All Means All,'" Haslam said. "I've been able to witness firsthand over my time in office how people with disabilities can contribute to their employers and communities, and I'm proud of how we've been able to grow these opportunities for Tennesseans with disabilities."

"The work of the Employment First Task Force has led to tangible results for many people with disabilities," Department of Intellectual and Developmental

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Disabilities (DIDD) Commissioner Debra K. Payne said. "We know that more people with disabilities want to contribute to the workforce, and through the continued efforts of both state agencies and private partners to engage employers and prepare students for future employment, I believe no state is better positioned than Tennessee to lead the way."

Created in 2013 through Executive Order No. 28, the Employment First Task Force is charged with eliminating barriers, streamlining services and increasing integrated and competitive employment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse disorders and other disabilities.

"I believe the partnerships we've created with this task force are essential to creating meaningful employment opportunities," said Tennessee Department of Human Services Commissioner Danielle W. Barnes. "Combining our efforts and sharing resources not only helps us reach our common goal of increasing employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities it helps us build a thriving Tennessee."

This year's Expect Employment

report focuses on the results of five years of collaboration among state agencies and partner groups. Some of the highlights include:

Working to integrate state data collection efforts to establish a benchmark statewide employment rate for people with disabilities;

An increase in the number of Pre-Employment Transition Services used by youth in Tennessee schools, which help prepare them for employment upon graduating high school;

Expanding the number of interns with intellectual and developmental disabilities at state agencies, including the Governor's Office, DIDD, the Department of Education and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; and

Expanding several successful programs for people with disabilities and mental illness and substance use disorders, including the Project SEARCH, Transition School to Work Program, and the Individual Placement and Support Program.

The task force, which is co-chaired by DIDD and the Department of Human Services, meets quarterly. Representatives from the Departments of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Labor and

Workforce Development, Education, Economic and Community Development, and Health as well as the Division of TennCare, the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center and several disability advocacy groups are also members of the task force.

About the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is the state agency responsible for administration and oversight of community-based services for approximately 8,000 people with intellectual disabilities as well as 4,000 people through the Family Support Program. Every day, the department strives to support people to live rewarding and fulfilling lives. It does so by ensuring people are free to exercise rights, engage with their broader communities and experience optimal health.

DIDD is the first state service delivery system in the nation to receive Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation from the Council on Quality and Leadership. It

has also been recognized as a national leader in its efforts to increase competitive, community-based employment outcomes for people with disabilities.



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