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Wednesday, December 12, 2018

## Trio Nabbed After Wal-Wart Thieving Spree



James Osborn

Cylin Baird

Eathan Wood

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Ransomware Abettor Sentenced: Prison Term for Man Who Helped Reveton Ransomware Distributor Profit

No, it was not the FBI that locked the screens of computer users and demanded payment for fines as the ransomware known as Reveton claimed on the machines it infected. But it was the work of the FBI, along with federal and international partners, that helped lock up

the malware, but prison. some of the profit (see Malware pg. 3)

one of the people for himself. For his involved in the part in the crime, scheme. Uadiale pleaded Raymond Uadiale, guilty to conspiracy of Maple Valley, to commit money Washington, didn't laundering and will create or spread spend 18 months in

he helped its dis- "He was the one tributor cash out who helped keep it and launder the going," said Special payments made by Agent Christopher victims after taking Rizzo, who inves-

Vehicle Theft Turns Domestic Assault



Evonlee Harris

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Federal Grand Jury Indicts Wichigan Resident For Fentanyl Possession With Intent To Distribute

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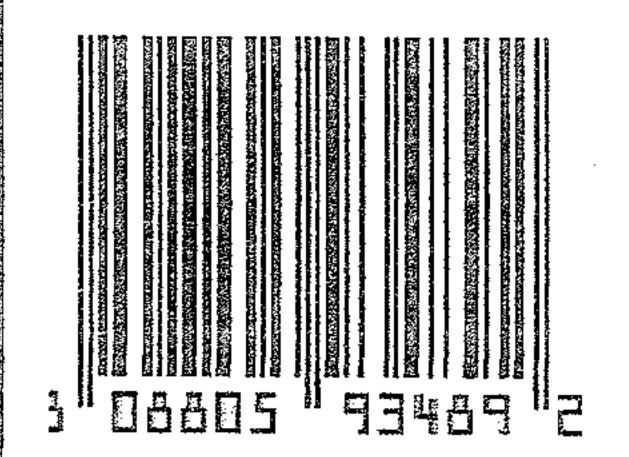
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expression especially contained, when you believe others will benefit from your experience. However, as the evocative Moon interacts with expansive Jupiter you might be hypersensi-tive and anxious to share (Continued on page 6)

On December 4, District Court, alute, four hundred (400) grams or more of a mixture for trial. amount of fentanyl, The indictment, a Schedule II con-

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It is challenging to keep

### Trio

Osborne, 23, 4th Street Etowah, was charged with Theft of Property. Cylin Baird, 21, Indiana Ave Etowah, was charged with Theft of Property. Eathan Wood, 23, County Road Athens, was charged with Theft of Property. Agents from the 9th DTF, and Investigators with LCSO were

conducting the Retail Theft Task Force at Walmart. Officer observed Ethan Woods run from Walmart to a vehicle that was waiting for him in the front door of Walmart. The driver James Osborne was traveling at a high rate of speed through the parking lot. Officer stopped the vehicle in the parking lot. In plain view Officer noticed several DVD and a DVD

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player inside the vehicle. Woods did admit to stealing several of the items. Woods gave verbal consent to search the vehicle. Two alprazolam and boxers that were also stolen from Walmart was located inside the vehicle.

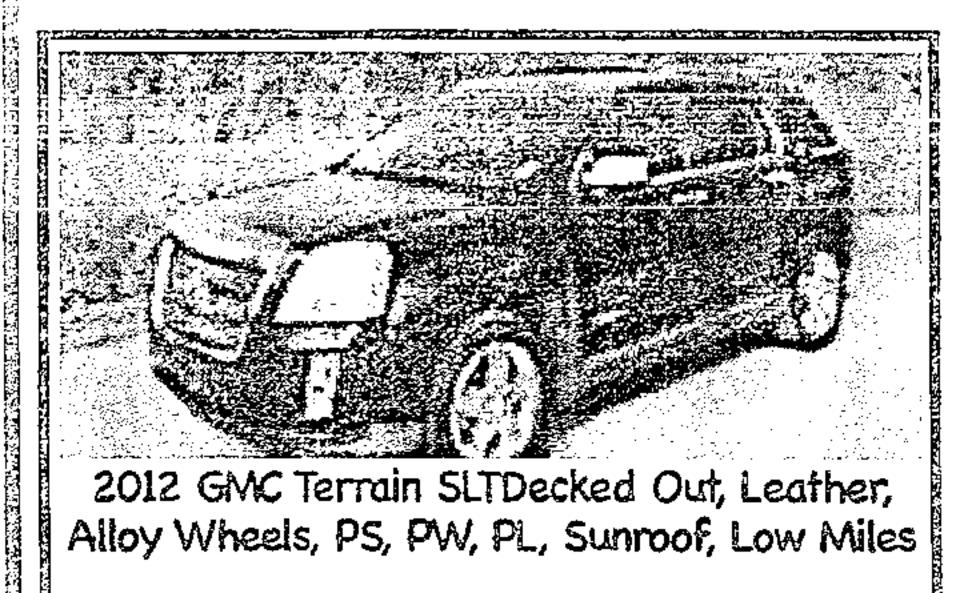
During the investigation it was determined there was a third person Cylin Baird still inside the store. Officer observed Baird leave Walmart and then return to the bathroom. Baird was

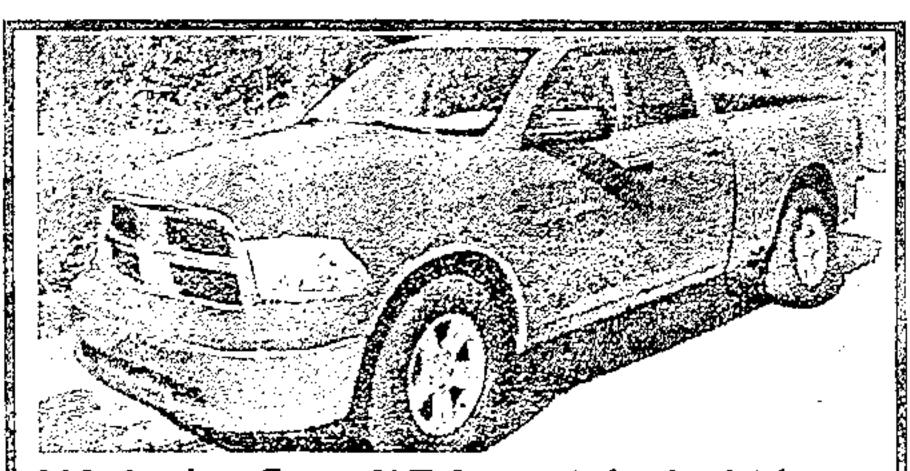
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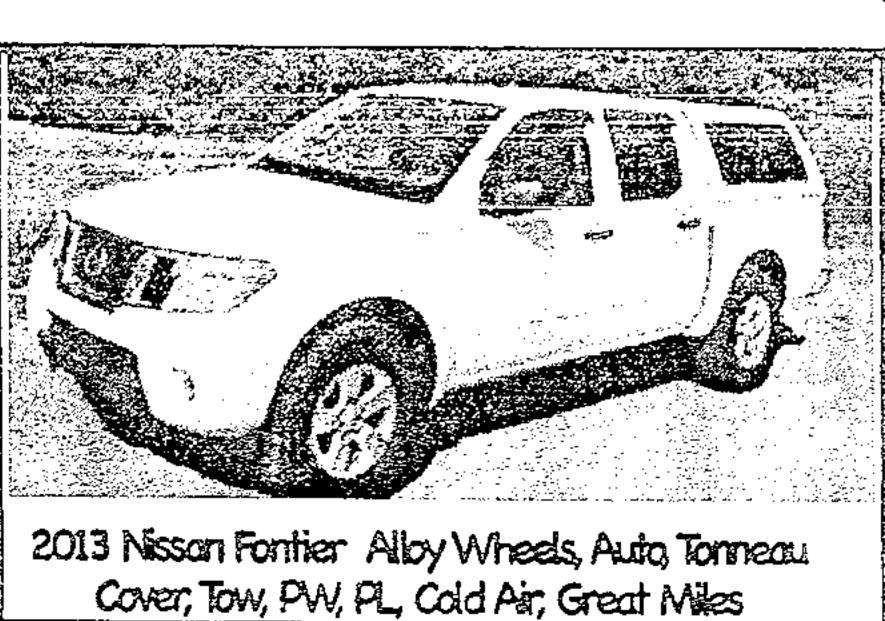
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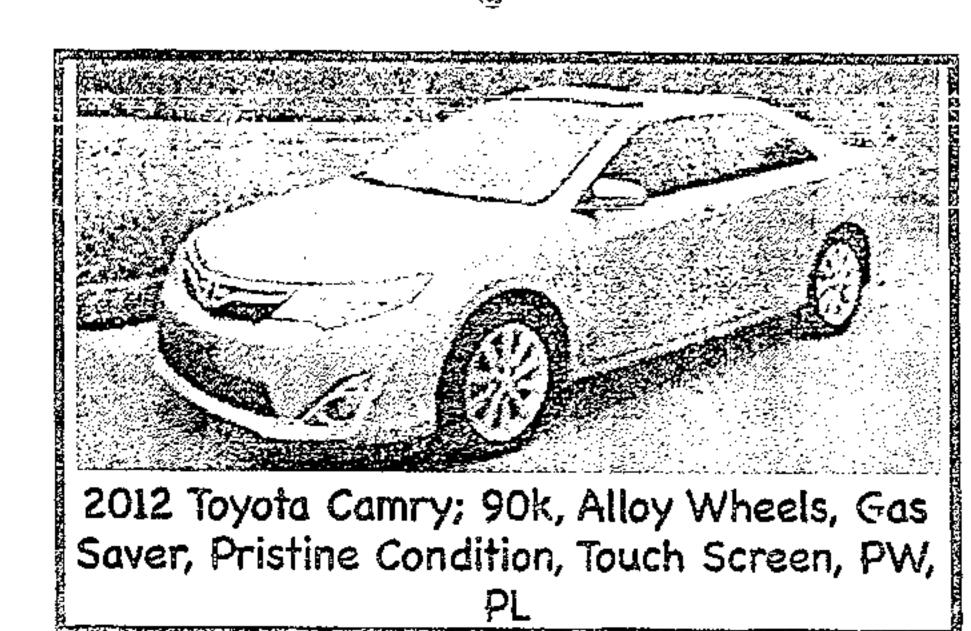


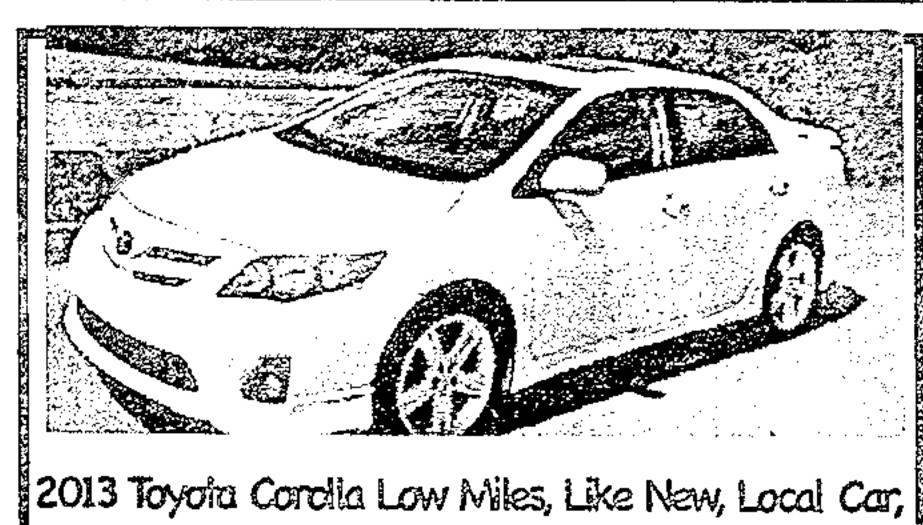


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confronted in the bathroom about the thefts. Baird retrieved several items from his pants. Baird stated he traveled with 2 other people and saw them with the Officers in the parking lot. The total of the items taken was \$592.00. All three subjects were placed under arrest.

### Assault

Evonlee Harris; 22, Corinth Road Loudon; was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, responded to Corinth Road in reference to a subject trying to steal a vehicle. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the

the vehicle in the driveway. While Deputy was speaking with the victim Deputy observed several red marks accompanied by small amount of blood on the right side of his face. Deputy also observed red marks on the left side of his neck and a cut on the side of his head near his left ear. Victim stated he had gotten into an argument with Evonlee Harris, but could not remember why. Victim refused EMS. Deputy made contact with Harris inside the residence, she stated they had gotten into an argument but didn't remember why and victim went to sit in the vehicle to get away. Harris stated that no physical altercation had occurred. Harris stated that the blood on victim face was from popping pimples. Deputy did not observe and marks on Harris. Witness stated that victim and Harris had gotten into an argument outside near the vehicle. Witness stated Harris started hitting the hood of the vehicle then attacked victim they fought on the ground for a short time, before Harris went back inside. Harris was determined to be the primary aggressor and placed under arrest.

## Malware

tigated the case from the Office. "It would not have been profitable without his role in it."

Computer users who inadvertently downloaded the ransomware would find their computers locked behind a splash screen claim- cleared a total of about ing they had violated fed-\$100,000 and was not the eral laws by visiting illicit only one assisting the malwebsites or downloading illegal files. These screens would display the logo of the FBI or another law behind these crimes all the enforcement entity along with false threats of legal

action.

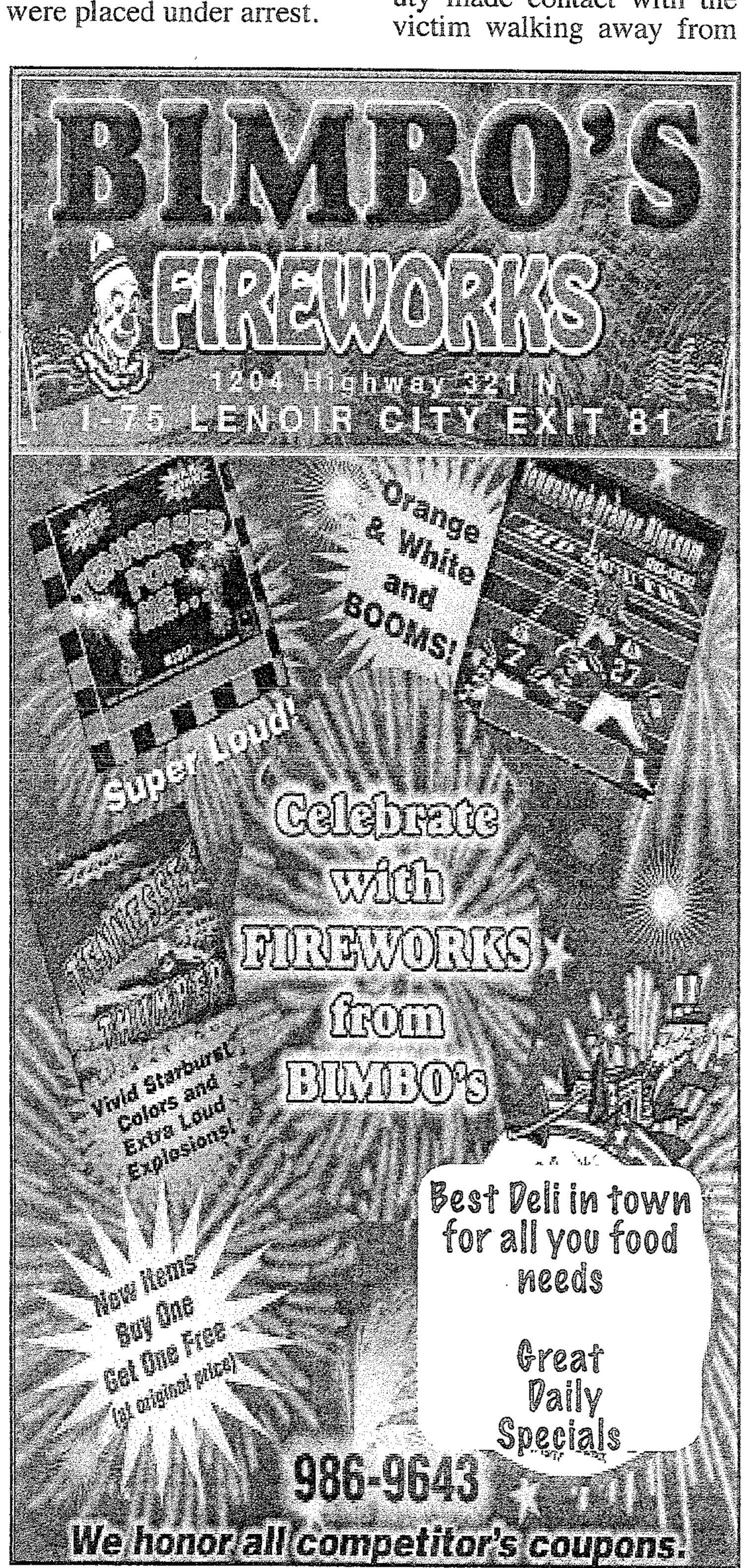
Rizzo said that the ransomware distributor would often place the malware on pornographic websites so that the affected computer user was more likely to believe the ransomware's threats. "By infecting some of the ad space on a site, a user can get the ransomware just by being on that page," Rizzo said. This type of "drive-by infection" is hard to detect and avoid.

The ransomware victims

were told that to avoid ar-

rest, they needed to purchase a GreenDot Money-Pak to pay a fine, typically \$200-400, and type the card's serial number into the screen. MoneyPaks are available at many mass retailers and are as flexible as cash, allowing the recipient to transfer the money loaded onto the MoneyPak onto any prepaid credit or debit card. Armed with the Money-Pak serial numbers, the ransomware's distributor would move the money onto debit cards that Uadiale could cash out at an ATM. Uadiale kept about 30 percent of each trans-FBI's Washington Field action for himself and sent the balance back to the United Kingdom-based malware distributor, mostly through the now-defunct digital currency processor Liberty Reserve. Rizzo said that Uadiale ware's maker. Seeing the numbers involved make the financial motivation more clear.

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## Grand Jury

trolled substance, in the Eastern District of Tennessee.

If convicted of the possession with intent to distribute charge, King faces a minimum mandatory term of at least 10 years and up to life in prison, at least five years of supervised release, a fine of up to \$10,000,000, any applicable forfeiture, and a \$100 special assessment.

The investigation and seizure of evidence was conducted by the Narcotics Unit of the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Leading up to the indictment, they partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and U.S. Marshals Service. Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent N. Jones will represent the United States.

Today, the United States faces an unprecedented drug epidemic. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that more than 70,000 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2017. Many of these deaths are attributed to the increased abuse of potent and dangerous synthetic opioids like fentanyl. These charges are the result of investigations supported by the Organized Crime Drug

Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) under the Attorney of their Comput-General-led Syn- er Crime and Inthetic Opioid Surge tellectual Property (SOS)/Special Op- Section was being erations Division used in the scheme. (SOD) Project Shortly thereafter, Clean Sweep. This initiative seeks to maker started usreduce the supply ing the FBI's name of synthetic opioids and logo, hoping it in "hot spot" areas previously identified by the Attorney General of the United States, thereby reducing drug overdoses and drug overdose deaths, and identify wholesale distribution networks and sources of supply operating nationally and internationally. Knox County, Tennessee, has been designated as one of those hot spots.

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

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Computer monitor displaying the Reveton ransomware lock screen with the FBI logo and instructions on how to pay the ransom.

Rizzo said the Reveton ransomware first came to his attention when partners at the Department of Justice

reached out after learning the name the ransomware would scare even more people into paying the ransom.

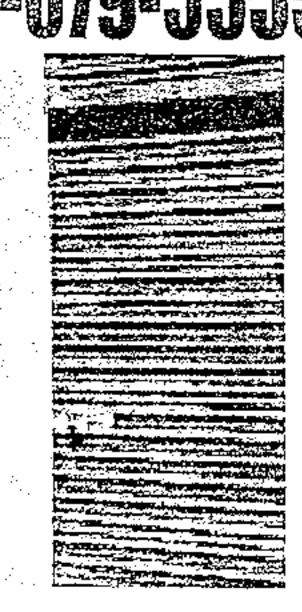
"The FBI would never remotely lock someone's computer," stressed Rizzo. "If you were truly under investigation, you would hear from us very directly. Our advice is, don't pay the ransom."

Other advice from Rizzo: Take the time to learn how to protect your computer and network and institute a reliable He recommends external drive that backs up on a pre-programmed regular schedule, but is not constantly

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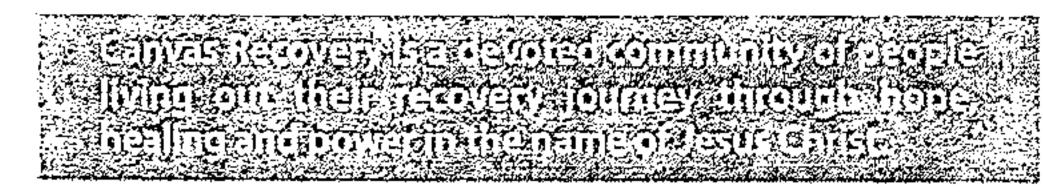
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The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Resolution of Loudon County, TN to amend Article 4. Supplementary Provisions Applying to Specific Districts by adding Section 4.250. Development Standards for Recreational Vehicle Parks.

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file backup system. The Loudon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a workshop to review the Loudon County Zoning Resolution on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Loudon County Courthouse Annex, 101 Mulberry St., Loudon, TN.





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Once the FBI was aware of the ransomware, they began collecting data and evidence from victim computers. Working with the National Crime Agency, the FBI was able to identify the source of the malware and secure a warrant to search his computers. From those machines, investigators learned more about those who aided the effort, including Uadiale. The malware creator's trial is still pending in the the malware will websites. United Kingdom. Rizzo has worked somware cases and many of the cases involved more sinister and damaging variants of the malware. "We take ously," said Rizzo

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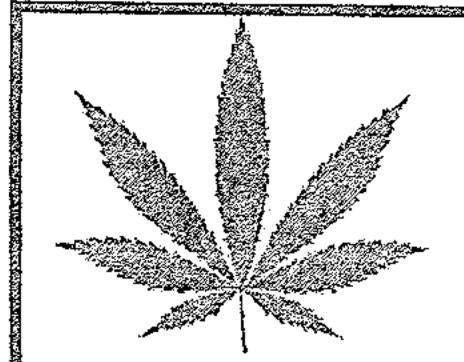
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