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Monday, December 3, 2018

## Fight Breaks Out At La Quinta Hotel



Paul Bassette

Heath Bassette

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## Man Tries To Steal Shopping Cart Of Merchandise From Wal-Mart



Jimmy Presley

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## Theft Of Car and Merchandise Behind Dollar Tree



Harley Grimes

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## Meth Bust At Tractor Supply



John Barber

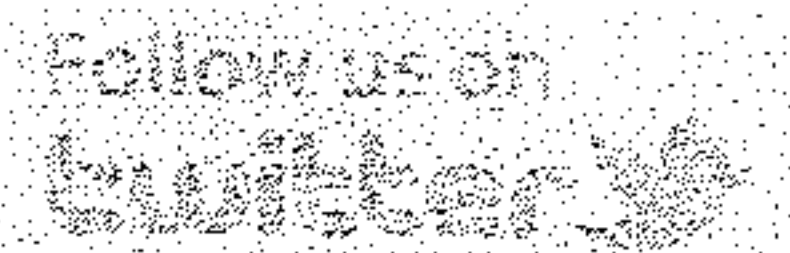
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## Convicted Killer Linked to 90 Murders FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program Connects Cases to Prolific Serial Killer

A 78-year-old man sitting in prison in Texas may be among the most prolific serial killers in U.S. history, FBI crime analysts report. According to the Texas Rangers, Samuel Little has confessed to 90 murders to date, and the FBI is working with the Department of

Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Texas Rangers, and dozens of state and local agencies to match Little's confessions with evidence from women who turned up dead in states from California to Florida between 1970 and 2005.

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### Verse of the Day

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. — Hebrews 12:28

### Wazzup

Check out the Republican Womens Annual Christmas Social @ First Baptist Church From 4-6PM.

### Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 55F.

Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 37F.

Tuesday: Partly Sunny. High of 43F.

Tuesday Night: Cloudy. Low of 30F.

### Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21  
Perhaps you need an unex-

pected time-out today while youre in the midst of your birthday season. Ironically, immersing yourself in a variety of experiences can eventually grow monotonous. You probably crave a cozy experience with a loved one in an unusual setting, but

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**Fight**

Paul Bassette, 38, W Cedar Street IA., was charged with Domestic Assault. Heath Bassette, 34, Brumskill Court VA., was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Benny Houser LPD, was dispatched to the La Quinta Inn on Hwy

72 for two males fighting on the 3rd floor. Upon arrival Officer made contact with Heath Bassette who was standing outside with Deputy B Smith LCSO. Officer Houser went inside and made contact with Paul Bassette who is the brother of Heath. Paul

stated after they had eat he left the room going out side to smoke. Paul stated Heath tackled him in the hallway and they started wrestling around and he punched Heath in the nose. The hotel vid-

eo showed Paul going to the elevator while Heath was on it and they got into it again. Both subject were highly intoxicated and told conflicting stories, both were placed under arrest

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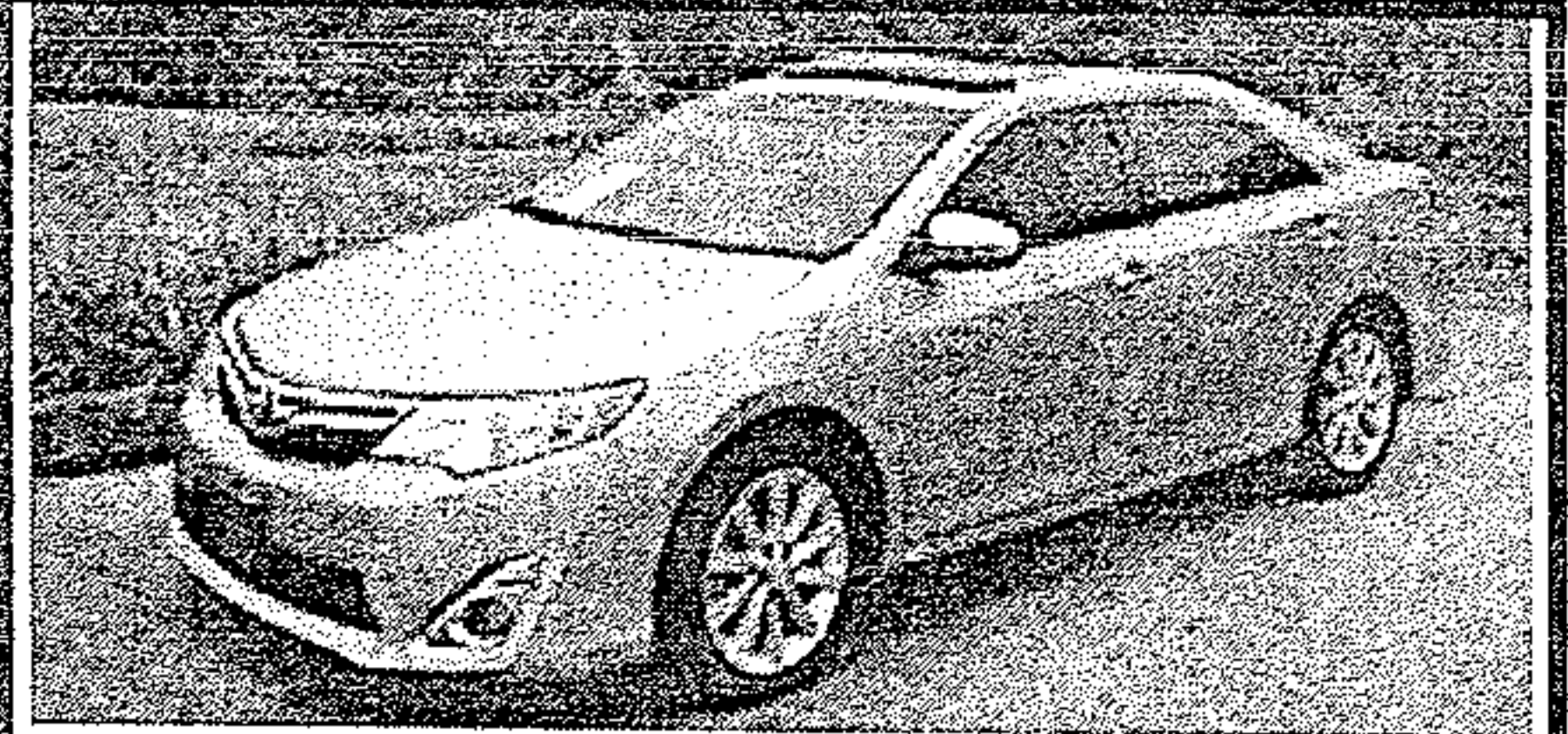
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### Meth

John Barber, 38, Hines Valley Road Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Poss. Of Drug Para, Violation of Probation, and Assisting other Agency. Officer Cody Fritts LCPD, observed a green vehicle

parked at the end of the Tractor Supply parking lot with a male identified as John Barber in the driver seat. Officer made contact with Barber via consensual encounter. Upon speaking with Barber Officer noticed he was sweating heavily. The temp. was approx.. 45 degrees. Officer ask for a Driver License

Barber stated he had an ID. Upon checking Barber through dispatch he was found to have suspended license and a warrant out of Knox. County. Officer Espinoza ask Barber if he had anything illegal n the vehicle he stated no. Officer was given consent to search vehicle located in the overhead console were the following: 2 glass meth pipes, 1 empty baggie, and 1 baggie with approx.. .7 grams of crystal methamphetamine. Found in the middle console was a red cut straw with white powder residue. Barber was placed under arrest.

arrival Officer was met in the parking lot by Walmart's loss prevention manager, who advised the subject was about to exit the pharmacy side and was being followed through the store by Walmart Prevention Officer. The subject exited pushing a shopping cart with merchandise. Once the subject seen Officer patrol vehicle he fled on foot towards the end of the parking lot. Officer pursued the subject on foot while telling him multiple times to stop running which he did not comply. Once capturing the defendant at the end of the parking lot he was told several times to place his hands behind his back. The defendant began to resist, and did not comply with direction. Once in custody subject was identified as Jimmy Presley and there is a no trespassing order against him from Walmart. Jimmy Presley was transported to the Loudon Jail.

### Walmart

Jimmy Presley, 34, Homeless, was charged with Evading Arrest, Resisting Arrest, Theft of Property, Criminal Trespass, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Tampering/Fabricating with Evidence. Officer Tyler Silvey LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a possible shoplifter. Upon

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### Public Meeting Notice

The Lenoir City Utilities Board will have a Special Called Board Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hamby-Smith Board Room at LCUB, 7698 Creekwood Park Boulevard, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37772. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and consider approving the following matter:

1. Consideration of approving a Data Center Lease with Smith and Hammaker Enterprises, LLC, for the exclusive use of the LCUB Data Center.



# FBI

Little's run-ins with the law date back to 1956, and there are clear signs of a dark, violent streak among his many shoplifting, fraud, drug, solicitation, and breaking and entering charges. But law enforcement has only recently begun unraveling the true extent of his crimes.

Little was arrested at a Kentucky homeless shelter in September 2012 and extradited to California, where he was wanted on a narcotics charge. Once Little was in custody, Los Angeles Police Department detectives obtained a DNA match to Little on the victims in three unsolved homicides from 1987 and 1989 and charged him with three counts of murder. For these crimes, Little was convicted and sentenced in 2014 to three consecutive life sentences with no possibility of parole.

In all three cases, the women had been beaten and then strangled, their bodies dumped in an alley, a dumpster, and a garage. Little asserted his innocence throughout his trial—even as a string of women testifying for the prosecution told of narrowly surviving similarly violent encounters with Little.

In the early 1980s, Little had also been charged with killing women in Mississippi and Florida but escaped indictment in Mississippi and conviction in Florida. He had, however, served time for assaulting a

woman in Missouri and for the assault and false imprisonment of a woman in San Diego.

When Los Angeles got the DNA hit on Little, they asked the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP) to work up a full background on him. The FBI found an alarming pattern and compelling links to many more murders.

ViCAP reached out to the Texas Rangers with one clear connection. "We found a case out of Odessa, Texas, that sounded very much like him, and we could place him passing through the area around the same time," said ViCAP Crime Analyst Christina Palazzolo, who worked on the cases with Department of Justice Senior Policy Advisory and ViCAP Liaison Angela Williamson. "We sent that lead out to the Texas Rangers, who were eager to follow up on the long-cold case."

When Palazzolo and Williamson accompanied Ranger James Holland to California to interview Little in the spring of 2018, the convicted murderer was hoping to move prisons. In exchange for a move, Little was willing to talk.

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Kevin Fitzsimmons, ViCAP supervisory crime analyst

"Over the course of that interview in May,"

said Palazzolo, who was sitting down the hall combing through data with Williamson, "he went through city and state and gave Ranger Holland the number of people he killed in each place. Jackson, Mississippi—one; Cincinnati, Ohio—one; Phoenix, Arizona—three; Las Vegas, Nevada—one." In total, Little confessed to 90 killings, and Palazzolo and Williamson have been working to match up evidence to as many confessions as they can. Thus far, the team has confirmed 34 killings with many more pending confirmation. There are still a number of Little's confessions that remain uncorroborated.

Williamson and Palazzolo say Little remembers his victims and the killings in great detail. He remembers where he was, and what car he was driving. He draws pictures of many of the women he killed. He is less reliable, however, when it comes to remembering dates. Little's uncertain

timeline has created a verification challenge for the ViCAP team, along with the issues stemming from the victims Little targeted, his methods, and how much he moved around—features of his crimes that begin to explain how he got away with murder for decades.

From the time Little dropped out of high school and left his Ohio home in the late 1950s, he lived a nomadic life. Palazzolo and Williamson said he would shoplift and steal in a city or town to gather the money to buy alcohol and drugs, but never stayed in one place for long. He would drive from New Jersey to California in a matter of days, reports Palazzolo, and when he had his many run-ins with police, they often just wanted to shoo him out of town.

Little chose to kill marginalized and vulnerable women who were often involved in prostitution and addicted to drugs. Their bodies sometimes went unidentified and


their deaths uninvestigated.

Little's method of killing also didn't always leave obvious signs that the death was a homicide. The one-time competitive boxer usually stunned or knocked out his victims with powerful punches and then strangled them. With no stab marks or bullet wounds, many of these deaths were not classified as homicides but attributed to drug overdoses, accidents, or natural causes.

In addition, DNA evidence was often not available or could not provide a clear link back to Little. A large number of the killings occurred in the 1970s and early 1980s, before DNA profiling was part of the law enforcement toolbox. After DNA analysis came into play, the victims' work as prostitutes complicated the ability of police to gather telling physical evidence.

After Holland interviewed Little, he was

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indicted for the Odessa homicide and extradited to Texas a few months later. He remains in the custody of Odessa, but has been housed in Wise County for some time to be closer to Holland, who has been conducting nearly daily interviews to create the most accurate accounting possible of Little's crimes. Palazzolo and Williamson have continued to gather new information from these interviews and are examining every tie they can find, from mortuary records and death certificates to cold case files.

"The biggest lesson in this case is the power of information sharing," said Kevin Fitzsimmons, ViCAP's Supervisory Crime Analyst. "These connections all started in our database of violent crime."

Palazzo and Williamson said the cases that were recorded in ViCAP made for early and easy connections. The absence of data on so many others is what has made confirming

Little's accounts difficult and is perhaps part of what allowed his crimes to continue for so long.

"A Jane Doe who turned up dead in an alley in New Orleans may look like an isolated event," stressed Fitzsimmons. "But when entered into the ViCAP database and examined with other mysterious deaths or missing persons, patterns emerge. That is the value of ViCAP."

Little is in poor health and will likely stay in prison in Texas until his death. The goal now is to identify his victims and provide closure and justice in unsolved cases. ViCAP is also hoping this case will serve as a reminder to every jurisdiction of the importance of consistent violent crime reporting. Seriously injured a store customer, fired at a cashier, and left a neighborhood shaken.

In August 2018, Jones, 25, pleaded guilty to two armed robberies, one attempted robbery, and firearms offenses and was sentenced to 35 years in prison, fol-

lowed by five years of supervised release.

"A lot of people get their daily necessities through these small corner stores," said Special Agent Joseph Donahue, the FBI Philadelphia Field Office agent who supported the case. "They can go out of business after a robbery, especially if an owner or employee is killed or hurt. Successfully prosecuting these cases helps the shop owners and the people trying to live their lives in the community."

The first robbery occurred on the afternoon of November 4, 2016. Jones reportedly pointed a gun at a store employee, threatened to shoot her, and demanded money. When a customer attempted to come to the employee's aide, Jones fired a single shot that went through both of the customer's legs. Jones left with about \$200 in cash, and the shooting victim was rushed to the hospital, where he recovered.

Less than 24 hours

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## Theft

Harley Grimes, 25, McDaniels Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property. Officer Green LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. Units arrived on scene and attempted to locate a female described to have walked towards the mattress store near Walmart. Officer checked the area and observed a suspicious vehicle white in color parked at the back of the Dollar Tree. While checking the vehicle a female shouted from the dumpster located behind the Dollar Tree. The female later identified as Harley

Grimes stated that she had deposited trash in the dumpster earlier that day and believed her son's shoe were in the dumpster. Officer ask Grimes who the vehicle belong to in which she stated her friend that was in Walmart. Officer ran the vehicle through dispatch which came back stolen out of Sevierville. A hit was confirmed and was still active. Grimes stated that she did not have a friend in Walmart and she was driving the vehicle. Grimes did have possession of the keys and was charged with theft, Grimes also has an active warrant out of Knoxville.



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