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Friday, April 27, 2018

Violence call leads to arrest



Joshua Michael Hansard, 31, of Doyle Lane, Knoxville, was charged with assault by domestic violence.

On 04/23/2018, Officer Arden responded to 171 Cory Drive, apartment 234 to investigate a complaint for domestic assault. Upon arrival I could hear a loud male voice cursing and two seper-

Joshua Hansard

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Loudon man pushes cop



Joshua Underwood

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Theft and Burglary Arrests



Lincoln Sanders



Christopher Durance

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Son assaults Mother



Nicolas Brown

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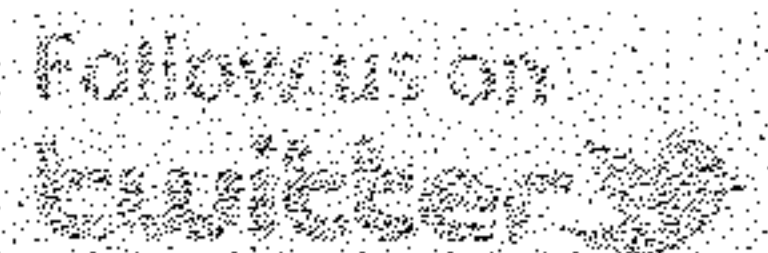
Georgia Businessman, Associate Sentenced for Multi-Million-Dollar Investment Fraud Scheme

In May 2013, the FBI's Atlanta Division received an allegation of fraud against an Atlanta-area businessman and the woman he had hired to manage his business finances. An investor who partnered with the pair claimed that the

millions of dollars he had contributed to their business ventures was never properly invested, and he suspected that some of it had ended up in the pockets of his two associates.

The FBI, joining forces with investigators from the Internal

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Verse of the Day

It is written, "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God." — Romans 14:11

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Hope everyone enjoys this beautiful weekend

Weather

Today: AM clouds. High of 70F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 46F.

Saturday: Sunny. High of 69F.

Saturday Night: Clear. Low of 39F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Your indefatigable determination enables you to work long hours now without any obvious signs of wear and

tear. But your overconfidence can be your downfall. You might not want to reveal any uncertainty while the Mars-Pluto conjunction in your 9th House of Big Ideas amplifies your stubbornness. However, your willingness to look at differ-

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DV
ate female voices that appeared to be crying. I made contact at the door with a intoxicated male identified as Joshua Hansard and observed a visibly shaken female behind the door, and her 14 year old daughter crying on the

floor. Hansard appeared very agitated and was detained for safety. While obtaining statements, she stated that Hansard backed her daughter into a corner while yelling and cussing placing her in a state of fear. She also explained that Hansard then turned his attention toward her

when she stepped in and slammed her on the bed. She stated that both she and her daughter were in fear for their safety and called 911.

Hansard was placed under arrest for Domestic

Assault and transported to the Loudon County Jail where he remained belligerent and unruly. This did occur in Lenoir City, Tennessee.

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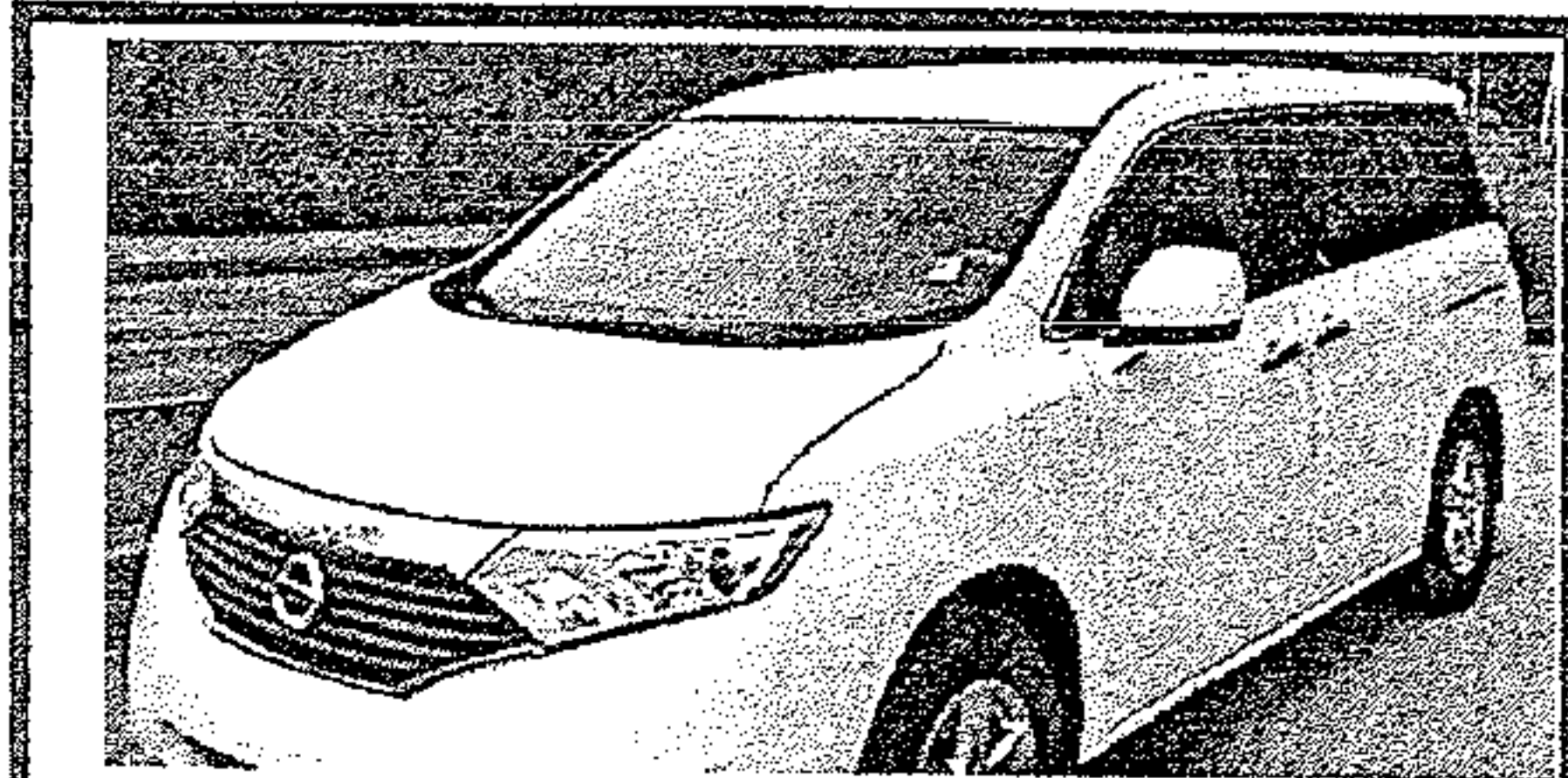
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Hit and Run

Joshua Underwood, 31, Vale Street Loudon, was charged with Interfere with Emergency Call 911, Disorderly Conduct, Assault, Resisting Arrest, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Officer of the Loudon police department, was dispatched to the area of Commerce Street in Loudon for a hit and run. Dispatch advised the vehicle that left the scene was a gold vehicle and that it would have front end damage. While in the area the vehicle matching the description that dispatch gave was located in front of Vale Street. When Officer Cogdill arrived on scene officer was met outside by a Joshua Underwood who was yelling and cursing at this officer, after attempting to investigate the scene officer (Brandon Nix) was attempting to run the registration on the vehicle involved in the hit

and run Mr. Underwood stepped in front of the vehicle's registration interfering with officer Nix from running the registration. Mr. Underwood was advised multiple times to step aside to allow officer's to investigation and get proper information for the hit and run that occurred, that's when officer nix stepped in to get the registration and Mr. Underwood took an aggressive stance towards officer's and then that's when Mr. Underwood put his hands on officer Nix and pushed him away from the vehicle Mr. Underwood then was advised to turn around and put his hands behind his back he was under arrest for pushing officer Nix then Mr. Underwood started to resist and pull away from officer's trying to detain him after a short altercation with officer's Mr. Underwood was taken into custody. Also there was two (2) witnesses that stated Mr. Underwood was in

full control of the vehicle involved in the hit and run and that he did crash into the other vehicle and leave the scene. After checking with dispatch they did confirm Mr. Underwood's license is revoked. he was then transported to the Loudon County Jail. the actions above did occur in the City of Loudon

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COUNTY CLERK

Marty Fugate

VOTE

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Assault

Nicolas Brown, 25, Vonore Road Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Deputy Chance Gray LCSO, along with CPL Brian Smith, was dispatched to Vonore Road in reference to a possible domestic. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with victim, who stated that she had found some narcotics in her home earlier in the day, and had turned them over to officers. Victim stated that her son, Mr. Nicolas Brown returned to the home and became very belligerent looking for the drugs tearing up her home. Victim stated that she told him the sheriffs office had the drugs he got into her face screaming placing her in fear for her safety making her feel like he was going to hit her. Deputy then spoke with witness who stated that his son Mr. Nicolas Brown came to the home being very belligerent over the missing drugs and his wife had called the cops. Deputy then spoke with Mr. Nicolas Brown who stated that he had come home asking his mother what she had done with his friends prescription medication. He then stated that his mother told him that she had turned them over to the sheriffs office and that was the end of the argument. Due to victim and witness statements, Mr. Nicolas Brown was then taken into custody for domestic violence and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. This did occur in Loudon County Tennessee.

Theft

Sheriff Tim Guider announced today that three subjects have been arrested in connection with burglaries and car thefts in two separate areas of Loudon County.

Wednesday night and Thursday morning, (April 18-19) several vehicles were broken into in the area of Mahlon Place subdivision in the northern end of the county. Arrested April 20th in connection with these incidents were Lincoln Terrance Sanders, 26, and Shawnda Suella Stuart, 23, both of Loudon. Each have been charged with five (5) counts Burglary of a Motor Vehicle and five (5) counts Theft of Property. Total bonds for each of them are \$55,000.

In separate incidents, Sunday night and Monday morning (April 22-23) vehicles were broken into at several Greenback area residences. Arrested April 23rd in connection to those was Charles Christopher Durance, 18, of Greenback. Durance was found, with a vehicle he claimed to have borrowed, stuck in mud at Christensen Inlet in Loudon County. The truck he was in had been reported stolen from Blount County at approximately 3:40 AM that same morning. Located in the area of the truck were firearms and other items that had been reported stolen from Loudon County that morning. Durance has

been charged with one (1) count of Theft of Property for the stolen vehicle, and two (2) counts of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle and two (2) counts of Theft of Property for the vehicle break-ins. Durance will be arraigned on April 24th and no bond has been set at this time.

Sheriff Guider noted that diligence is always recommended and that homes, buildings, and vehicles be locked at all times, and personal belongings not be left in vehicles. He recommends serial numbers of items be recorded and photos of items be kept. Not having this done sometimes makes it difficult to reunite owners with their belongings should they be stolen and recovered.



Shawnda Stuart

Obituaries

Klauder, Lois Caldwell age 78 of Knoxville, passed away Monday, April 23rd at the North Knoxville Medical Center. Lois retired from CVS Warehouse in Loudon. Lois is preceded in death by her parents, Dan and Johnnie (Wilson) Caldwell; grandson, Lance Mizer and great grandson, Trae Mizer. Survivors include son, Thomas Klauder; daughter, Janet Mizer; grandsons, George Miz-

er and Cayden Chudley; great grandsons, Trenten Mizer and Lance Mizer; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Linda Caldwell; sister, Alice Hill; aunt, Sally Caldwell and several nieces and nephews. Services to honor Lois will be held 6 PM Monday, April 30th in the McGill Click Chapel with Rev. Chris Caldwell officiating. Interment will be 2:30 PM Monday prior to the services in the Corinth Cemetery. The family will receive friends 4-6 PM Monday prior to the service at McGill Click Funerals & Cremations, 1366 Highway 72 N, Loudon.

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Fraud

Revenue Service, opened a case and began looking into the allegation against businessman Franklin Trell and his financial manager, Cynthia Vinson.

According to Atlanta FBI case agent William Cromer, Trell had quite an interesting history in the business world. "This wasn't the first time he had been accused of fraud—Trell had been named in several previous lawsuits alleging fraud and other sorts of financial misconduct in his business dealings," Cromer explained. "And the stories behind the lawsuits were strikingly similar to the current allegation—wealthy investors solicited by Trell to serve as silent partners in his

business ventures ended up losing everything."

Cromer said that Trell always blamed the failures of his businesses—and his inability to pay back his investors—on a variety of circumstances beyond his control. "But in reality," he added, "investors lost their money mostly because Trell wasn't investing his share of the funding needed for the new business ventures, and because some of the 'businesses' he claimed to be creating were only shells."

Shell companies are often used by fraudsters to help themselves to money that isn't theirs. These companies aren't real—they have no assets and no viable business activities. They exist only on paper

and are often a front for criminal activity like tax evasion and money laundering.

FBI and IRS investigators learned that from 2006 to 2013, Trell's most recent scheme worked like this:

Trell entered into an agreement with a wealthy investor to develop medical software and medical imaging businesses, with the understanding that he and the investor would each contribute a significant amount of capital to these ventures. The only problem was that Trell had no intention of investing any of his own money—so the legitimate businesses failed, and, of course, the shell companies never even got off the ground.

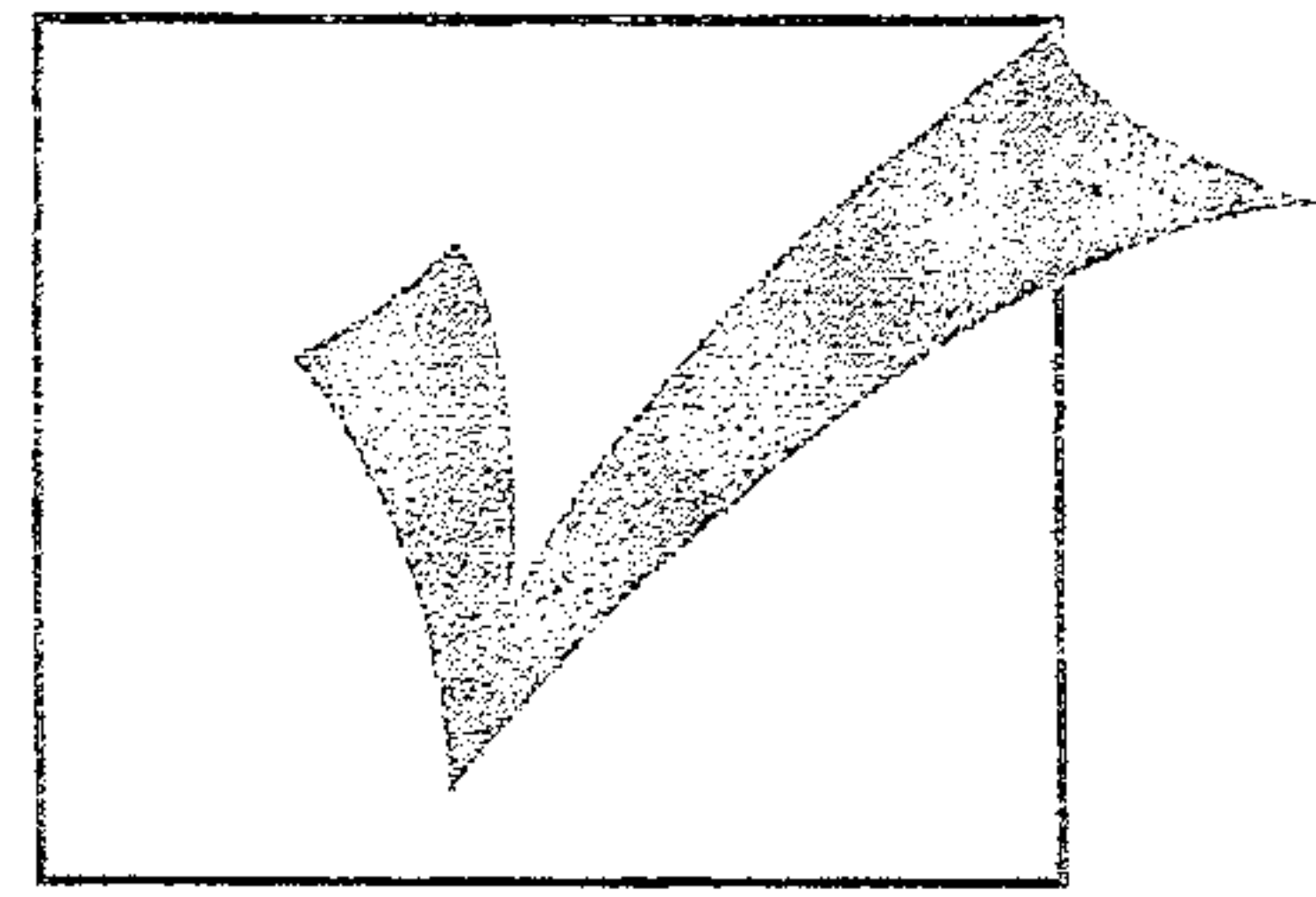
With fraudulent paperwork, Trell and Vinson set

up corporate bank accounts for the businesses, and their investor deposited millions into those accounts over time. The pair also applied for and received multi-million-dollar bank loans—again using fraudulent paperwork—after citing the need for additional capital for the businesses.

Periodically, the investor would inquire about the financial state of the various corporate entities he had invested in, so Trell—with Vinson's help—presented the investor with doctored accounting records to show that things were going well. They also moved money between corporate bank accounts to create the appearance that Trell was investing some of his own money

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into the businesses as well.

When all was said and done, the investor had turned over \$20 million to Trell, and law enforcement was able to prove that Trell and Vinson personally profited more than \$9 million from the scheme. Trell used some of the money to purchase a large home in the Atlanta area as well as a lake house; he also spent \$80,000 on his daughter's wedding and \$50,000 for family vacations.

"Ironically, Trell also spent \$1.7 million of his fraudulent-

ly obtained proceeds to settle those previous lawsuits filed against him alleging fraud," said Cromer.

In addition, Trell allowed Vinson to dip into corporate bank accounts for several million dollars to use on a home she was building in nearby Tennessee.

Investigators interviewed the victim investor and the banks that provided the loans. But the forensic analysis of financial records was key to proving the criminal activity in this case.

And the help of the IRS in this area was invaluable. Ex-

plained Cromer, "The IRS involvement in this case was vital to its success—they did all the financial work associated with the bank records, which was very challenging because of the way that Trell and Vinson moved money between accounts in an effort to obscure their wrong-doing."

Trell and Vinson were arrested in March 2016, and both eventually pleaded guilty to the scheme. Trell was sentenced to a five-year prison term this past February, while Vinson—who ended up cooperating with law enforcement—re-

ceived a lighter sentence in March. Both have been ordered to pay more than \$20 million in restitution.

"Trell had been perpetrating these same schemes over and over again for about 20 years without serious consequence, and he even managed to talk Vinson into helping him at some point,"

said Cromer. "But eventually, his greed got the better of him. Fortunately, so did law enforcement."

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