

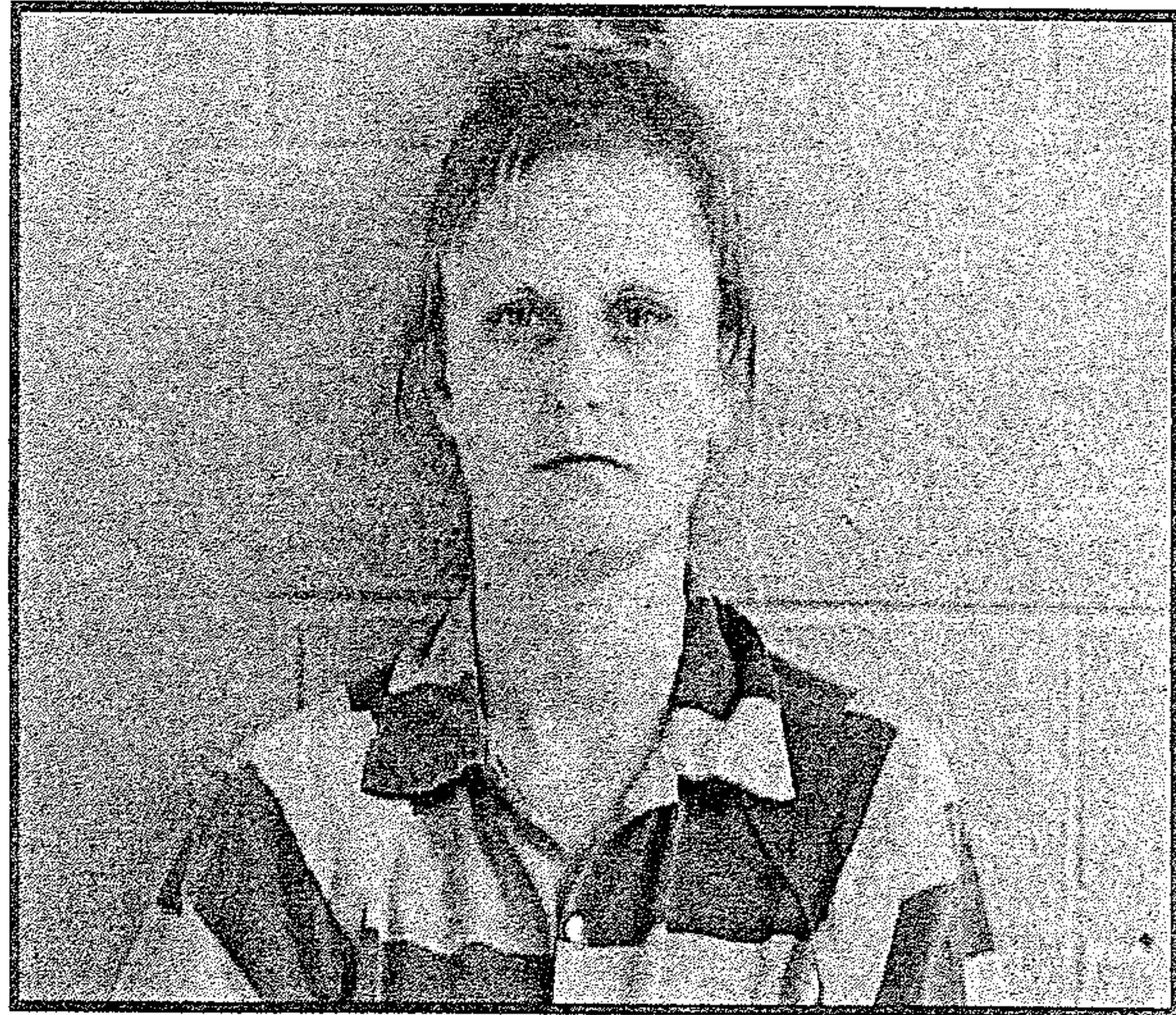
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Monday, April 30, 2018

BOLO leads to Meth charges



Jennifer Helton

Jennifer Helton, 33, Church Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a Blue Volvo car with personalized Florida Gator tags. The vehicle was traveling on Church Drive. The passenger in the vehicle was

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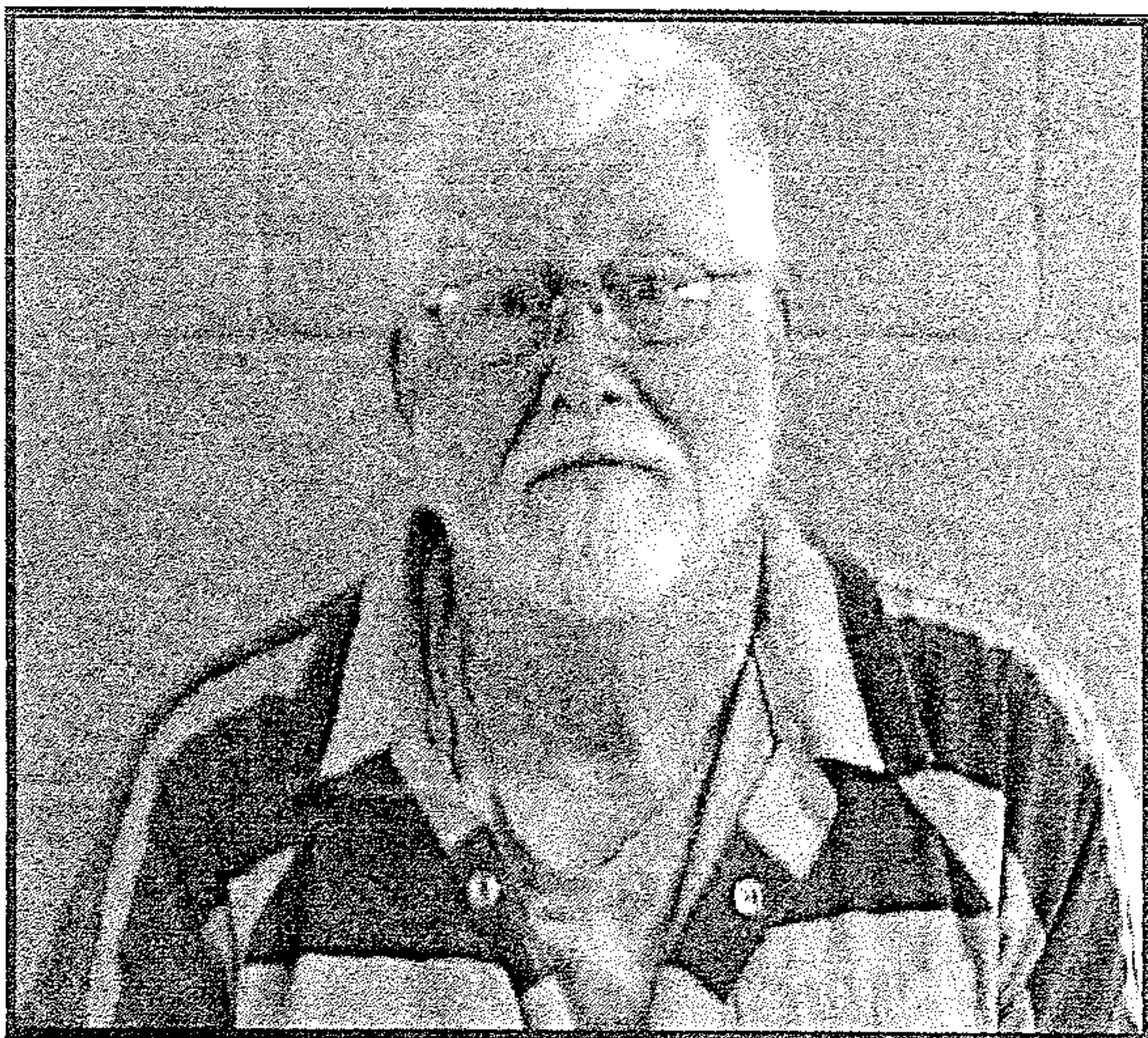
Florida woman caught with Fentanyl



Heather Gipperich

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LC Man assaults Juvenile



Donald Poche

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The Good News

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Civil Rights heroine Ruby Sales has described her spiritual upbringing in the black folk church as vital to her identity, self-worth and care for the world. Scripture and simple songs were placed on her lips as some

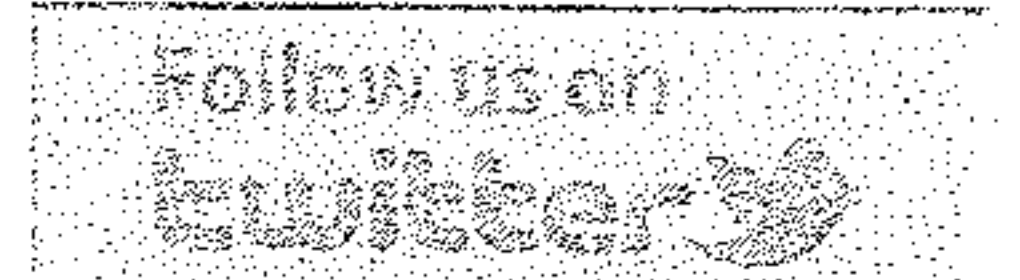
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Kingsport pharmacist agrees to pay \$100,000 in civil penalties to settle alleged violations of the controlled substances Act

P&S Pharmacy, a retail pharmacy in Kingsport, Tennessee, and Lowell Grizzle, the pharmacy owner and a licensed pharmacist, have agreed to pay the United States \$100,000 in civil penalties to settle allegations that P&S Pharmacy and Grizzle

violated the Controlled Substances Act. To prevent the diversion or misuse of controlled substances, including certain prescription drugs, the Controlled Substances Act requires persons and companies involved in the chain of distri-

(see Pharmacy pg. 5)



Verse of the Day

Since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from

what has been made, so that men are without excuse. — Romans 1:20

Obituaries

None to report

Wazzup

Election day it May 1st get out and vote! Dont let

the 20% decide the fate of our county. Your vote counts! GO VOTE

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 71F.

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78F.

Tuesday Night: Clear Low of 55F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

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BOLO

not wearing a seat belt. Loudon County detectives had also sent out a BOLO and pictures matching the vehicle. The vehicle was wanted in questioning for illegal dumping. Upon stopping the vehicle the driver was identified as

Jennifer Helton. The passenger was identified. Ms. Helton's hands were shaking and she had pin point eyes. Deputy could smell the odor of Marijuana coming from the vehicle. When Deputy asked Ms. Helton about the Marijuana odor she stated she had been around someone

smoking Marijuana just prior to being stopped. Deputy asked Ms. Helton if she had anything in her pockets she stated no. Ms. Helton then began to pull her pockets out and when she did she dropped

a bag containing approximately (4.8 grams) of Crystal Meth from her right jean pocket. Ms. Helton also had approximately (8) empty baggies in the same pocket. Dep-
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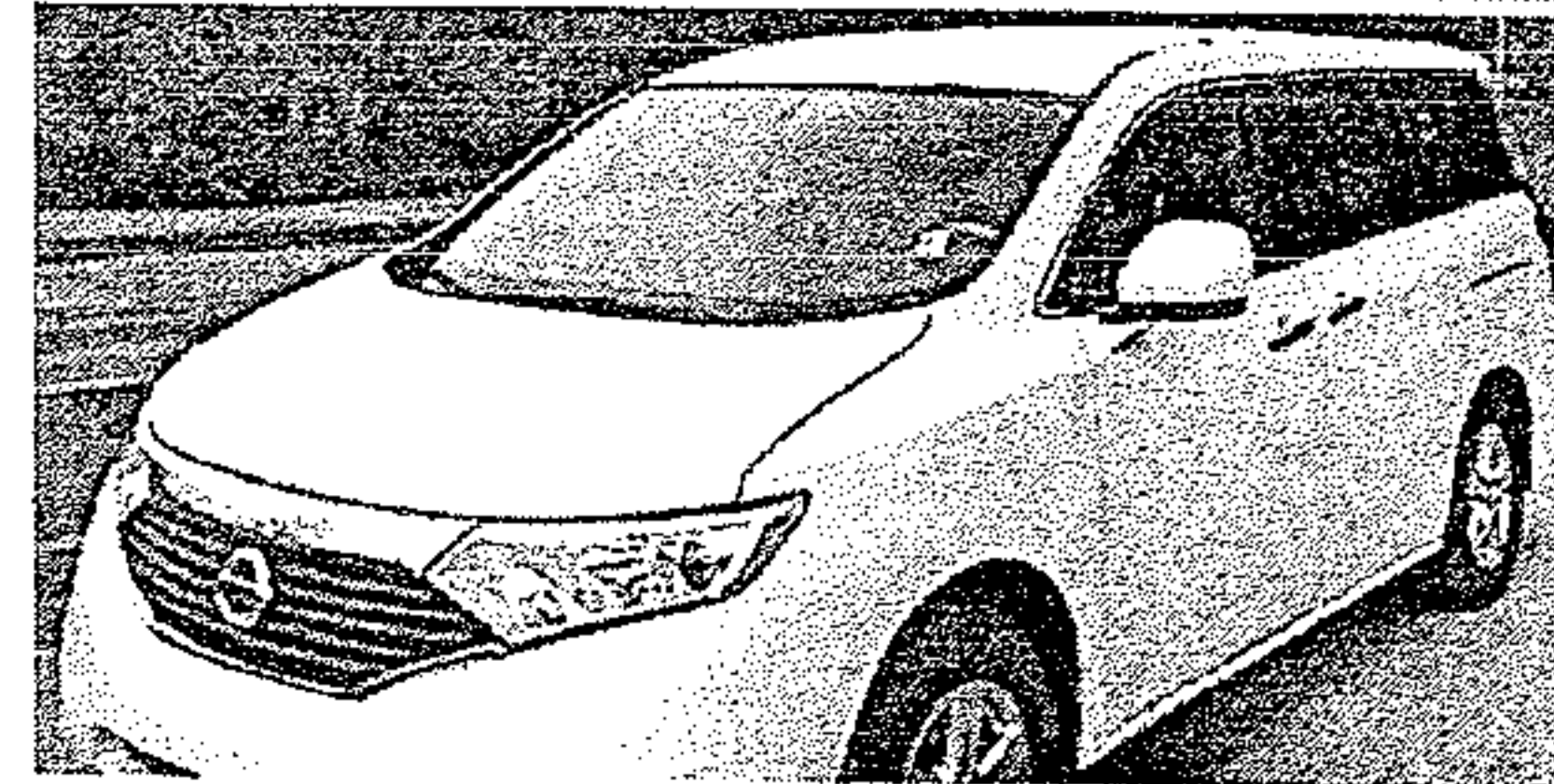
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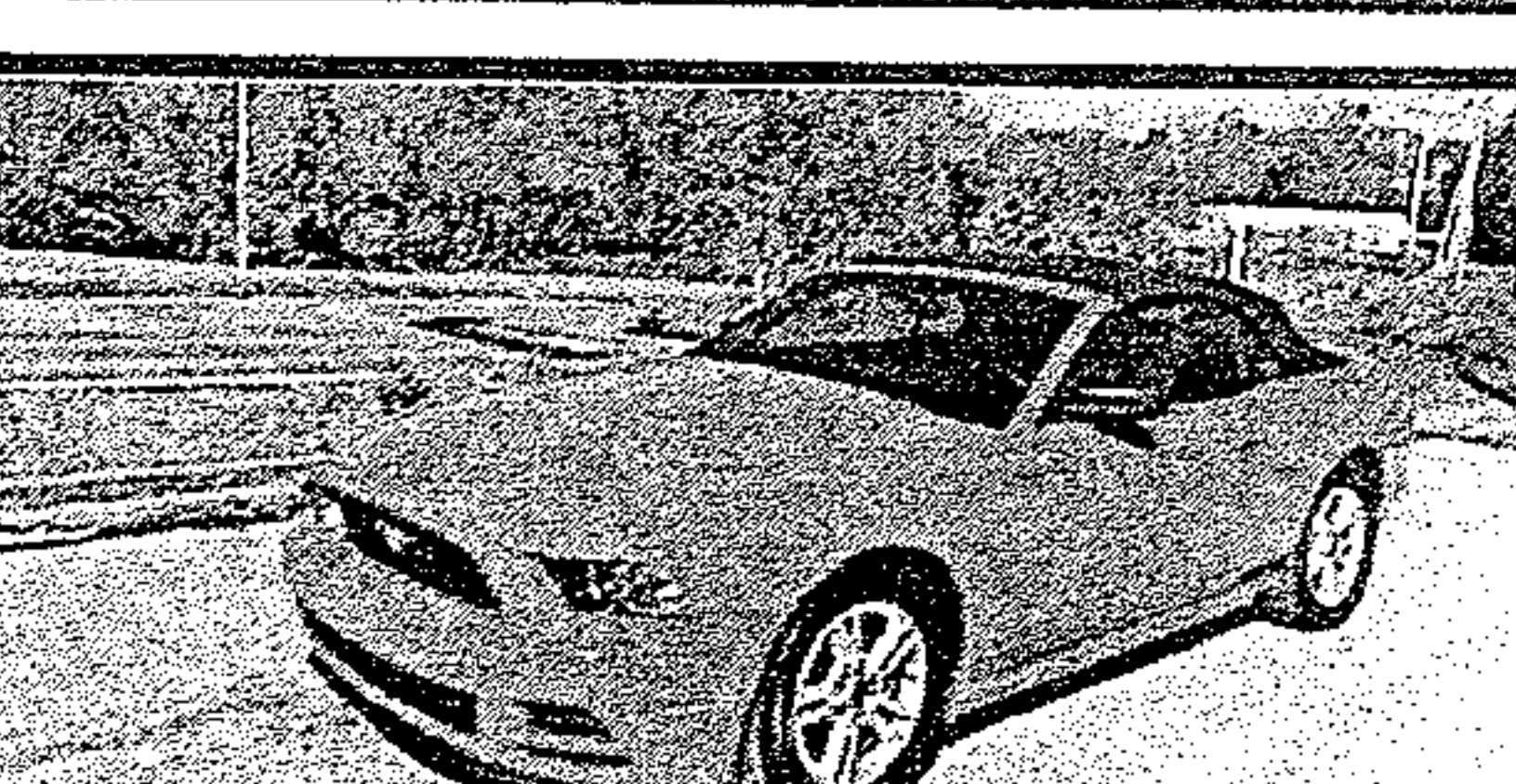
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Fentanyl

Heather Gipperich, 36, NW Third Terrace Fl., was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II. Officer A. Lee LCPD, was dispatched to HWY 321 N (EZStop), in reference to a suspicious person. Central Dispatch advised the caller stated a white female wearing a pink top and gray shorts was nodding out at the register and appeared to be under the influence of something. Upon arrival Officer made contact with Heather Nicole Gipperich who matched the description given by the caller. While talking with the Defendant she appeared to be very hyper, she was talking very fast and had pinpoint pupils. Officer went inside to speak with the store clerk who stated that she observed the Defendant nodding out at the register, she then stated that customers inside and outside the store were concerned. The clerk stated she saw something in

the Defendants cigarette pack and that she thought it may be drugs. Officer then asked the Defendant for consent to search her purse to which she agreed. Before searching, the Defendant stated there was fentanyl in her purse. The Defendant showed Officer where the fentanyl was located. Officer did observe a piece of folded up paper inside the cellophane of the cigarette pack located in the Defendants purse. Due to the dangerous nature of fentanyl the drug was not weighed or field tested. Officer placed the drug into two plastic bags for safe transport. Officer then placed the Defendant into custody and transported her to the Loudon county Jail without further incident. All the above did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon County, TN.


BOLO

uty asked Ms. Helton if I could search her vehicle and she agreed. Found in

Ms. Helton's purse were (3) baggies consistent with the baggies found in her pocket. Found in the trunk in Ms. Helton's backpack were (30) syringes. Ms. Helton was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County jail. This did happen in Loudon County.

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INVITATION TO BID**

The City of Lenoir City is now accepting sealed and competitive bids for Residential Waste Collection. The successful bidder must contractually commit to hauling the solid waste to Matlock Bend Landfill for disposal as per interlocal governmental agreement. Interested bidders are strongly encouraged to contact Mr. J.J. Cox, Superintendent of Street Department, in order to obtain appropriate bid specifications (City routes, number of stops, etc.) at City Hall at 865-986-2715. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 10, 2018, to be opened and publically read at the next scheduled Purchasing Committee Meeting. Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly labeled "Bids for Residential Waste Collection" and mailed or forwarded to the following:

City of Lenoir City
Attn: Amber Scott, City Administrator
P.O. Box 445
530 Highway 321 North
Lenoir City, TN 37771

The City of Lenoir City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

TGN

of her first words and tunes. They are melodies about the power of God's abiding love in the face of hate, fear and apathy.

I am haunted by something she said in an interview with Krista Tippet in the fall of 2016. She said that she is perplexed by how quickly white people judge each other unworthy of redemption. Minority communities, she explained, do not have the luxury of distancing themselves or giving up on one another.

Maybe you memorized these verses about love in a Bible school song or heard them read at weddings. Ruby Sales has helped me reimagine this love ballad as an essential ingredient for revealing the kingdom of heaven, wherever hate causes terror, where systems are breaking and when people are separated from God's grace. It is in these places that the love of God creates new life and hope. Prayer: God of love, you sent your Son into the world to set us free from the snares of blame, sin and oppression. Give us courage to see and serve one another with love that comes from you. Amen.

Juvenile

Donald Poche, 68, Woodlawn Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault.

Deputy Charles Huskin LCSO, was dispatched to a possible Unruly Juvenile on

Woodlawn Rd. When Deputy arrived on scene he made contact with a 17 year old male and Josh from Helen Ross McNabb, and before Deputy could address the situation at hand Mr. Donald Poche came to this officer and stated that he did punch victim in the face, he stated that victim stood up in an aggressive manner to where he felt threatened so he punched him. Victim states that Donald punched him in the face and got on top of him in the bathroom floor where Donald began Choking him. Deputy talked to the witness and he stated that Donald came into the house and began telling the story of victim threatening him with a pipe wrench on 04-19-2018 and stated that victim did not know when to shut up, victim stood up to face him, shoving Mr. Poche in the chest and the fight issued ending in the bathroom where victim was choked by Mr. Poche. Mr. Poche was advised that he was under arrest for Aggravated Domestic Violence and escorted to the Loudon County Jail without incident. This did happen in Loudon County Tn.

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Spending Questioned Within Overton/Pickett Emergency Communications District

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has identified \$84,097.95 of questionable expenditures within the Overton/Pickett Emergency Communications District. The district provides enhanced 911 emergency telephone service for Overton and Pickett Counties.

Comptroller investigators question the use of district funds for a variety of purchases including \$18,700.12 in food. The district purchases food on a regular basis and investigators question whether many of the food items and supplies are used solely for district-related purposes. These purchases included alcohol, medications, and a variety of purchases at groceries and restaurants.

The questionable expenses also include the district director's use of the district's credit cards to purchase \$678.05 in fuel while on multiple personal out-of-state trips. District board members were not aware the director used his assigned district vehicle for personal out-of-state travel.

Investigators have also raised questions about the purchase of equipment such as a \$3,599.95 massage chair for the district's office, and a drill press and sand blast cabinet, which are located in the Emergency Management Agency building.


Other questionable expenditures for training classes, public relations, travel payments in excess of policy, possible conflict of interest purchases, and items that are not exclusively used in district operations are noted in the investigative report.

Comptroller investigators attempted to speak with all full-time employees of the district. However, the majority of the full-time employees declined to


meet with investigators; therefore, investigators were unable to confirm whether many of the district's purchases were for the benefit of the district and its employees or for personal benefit.

"Many of the problems noted in this report can be attributed to oversight," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "District board members must do their part to ensure accountabil-

ity see Spending ctd. pg. 7



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Pharmacy

bution to maintain complete and accurate records relating to the controlled substances they receive and dispense.

The United States alleged that in November 2014 an accountability audit of P&S Pharmacy by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) uncovered multiple record-keeping violations. Specifically, the United States alleged that P&S Pharmacy and Grizzle failed to maintain complete and accurate records with respect to several Schedule II controlled substances as required by the Controlled Substances Act and failed to note the date and quantity of controlled substances that were received.

U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey said, "Given the severity of the opioid crisis in

East Tennessee, it is imperative that pharmacies maintain accountability by keeping accurate records and ensuring that prescribed opioids do not fall into the wrong hands. Retail pharmacists and other professionals who fail to fulfill their legal obligations to keep a responsible account of these dangerous drugs increases the risk of diversion, which contributes to this crisis. This settlement is a clear message that the U.S. Attorney's office is looking to those responsible for safeguarding and distributing prescription medication and will strictly enforce the requirements of the Controlled Substances Act."

D. Christopher Evans, Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Louisville Field Division, also commented on this case, stating, "The con-

sumption of opiates being distributed for non-medical reasons continues to be a major concern. Consequently, DEA Diversion Investigators will continue to conduct accountability audits to make sure that pharmacies and other healthcare providers are abiding by specific rules and regulations. This civil fine shows that DEA and the entire law enforcement community are committed to making sure that such companies are abiding by its mandates."

This settlement is the result of a joint effort by the DEA Diversion Control Division, Knoxville Resident Office, Diversion Group, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jessica R. Sievert and Robert C. McConkey, III, represented the United States.

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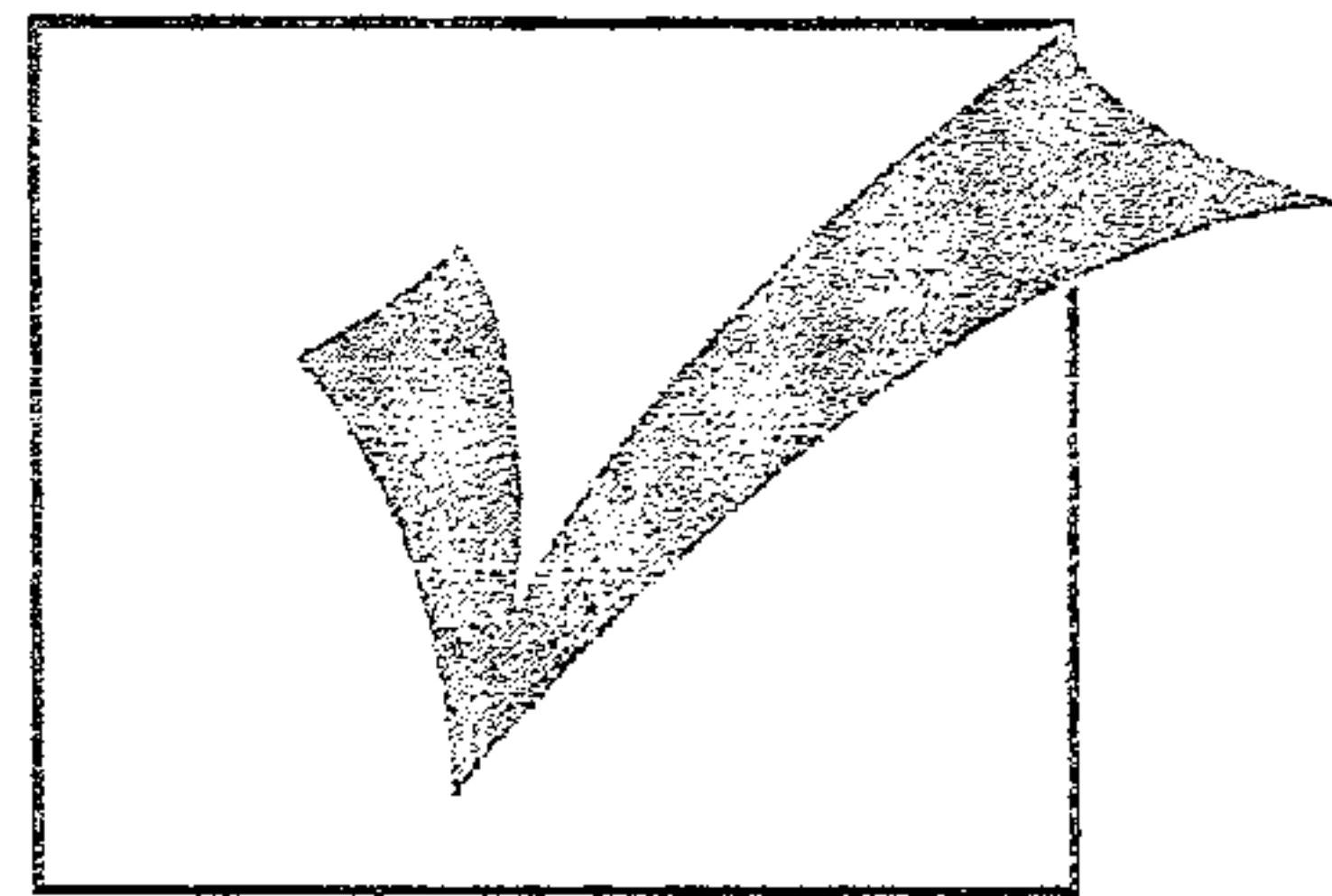
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Spending ctd from p. 4

ity. This includes discussing and approving major spending and reviewing credit card transactions.”

Investigators have shared their findings and recommendations with the district attorney general for the Thirteenth Judicial District and with the Thirty-first Judicial District, district attorney general Pro Tem.



Earl Crisp

had two outstanding warrants of Loudon County for public intoxication and manufacture, delivery, sale or possession on methamphetamine. Crisp was placed into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident.

ER ends in arrest

Earl Crisp, 41, Johnson Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth. Officer C. Dragon LCPD, responded

to the ER at Fort Loudon Medical Center on a white male that is to be released from observation due to having been under the influence of narcotics. Upon arrival, Officer met a Earl Crisp who

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Public Notice

The Lenoir City Beer Board will meet, May 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room to consider issuing an On-Premises Beer License Application for the following business:

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 500 Market Dr.
 Lenoir City, TN. 37771

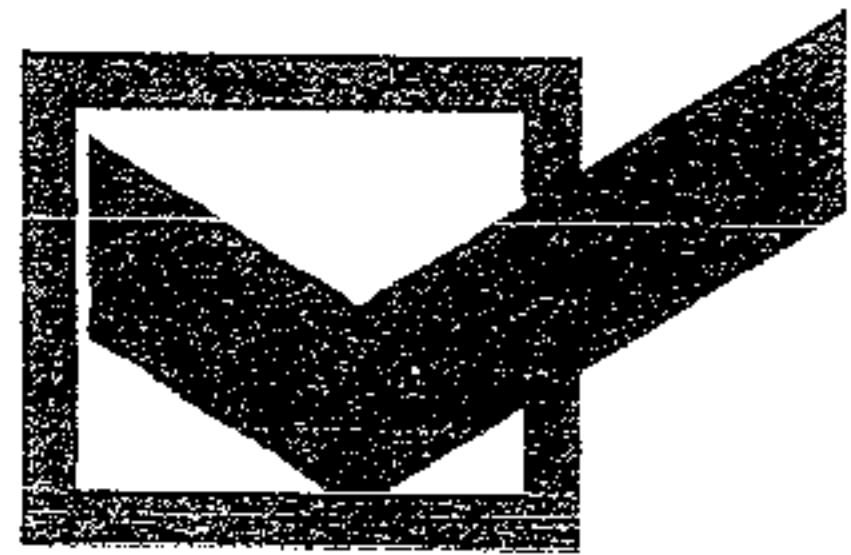
Public Meeting Notice

The Loudon County Capital Projects Committee will have a Special Called Meeting on May 2, May 8, and May 9, 2018 @ 4:00 P.M. at the Loudon County Office Building, 100 River Road, Loudon

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