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Friday, April 6, 2018

The lies are caught on camera



Deanna Cozart



Nadine Billingsley

(see False report pg. 2)

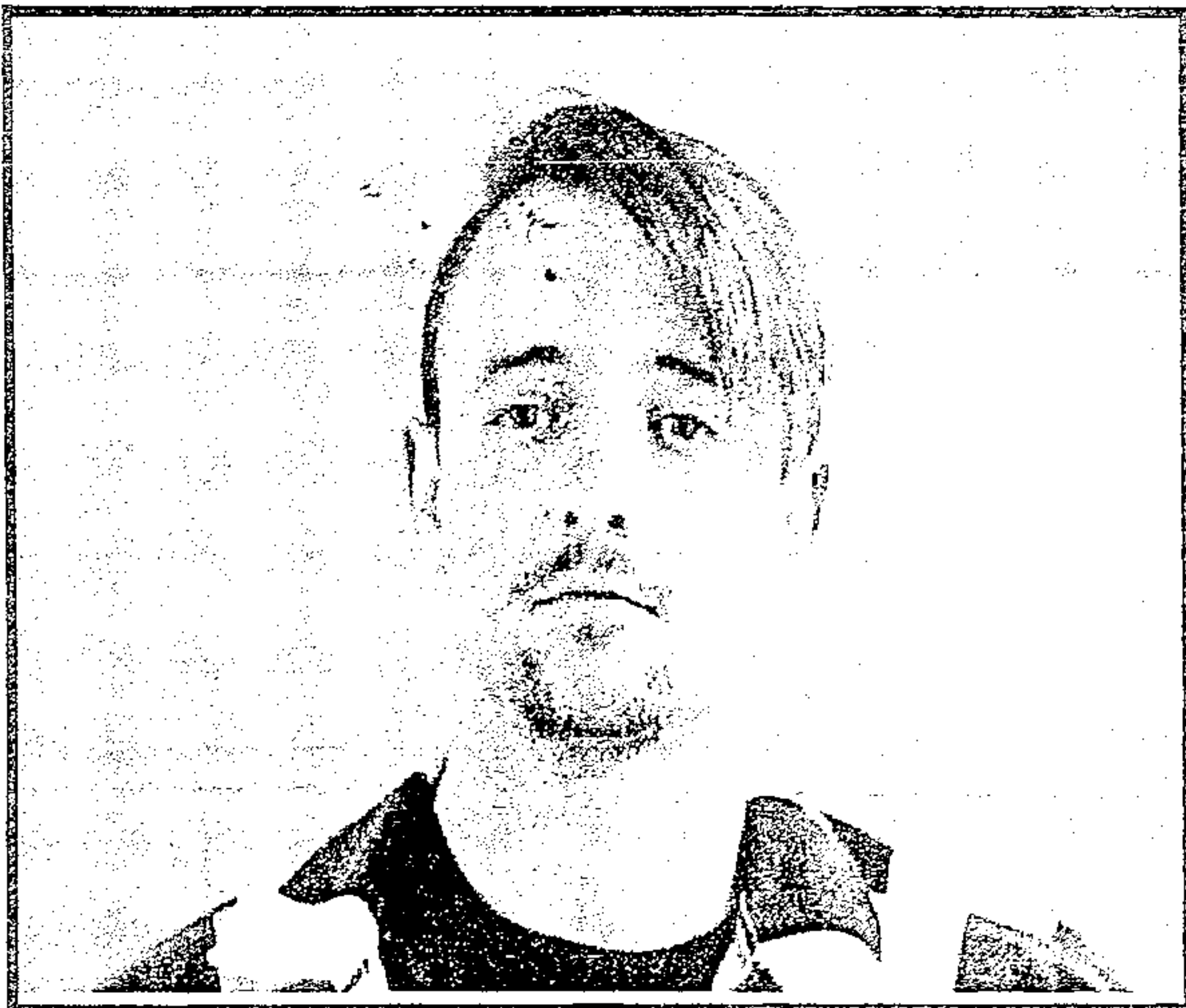
Man Charged on Easter Sunday Drug bust



Ariel Medina-vera

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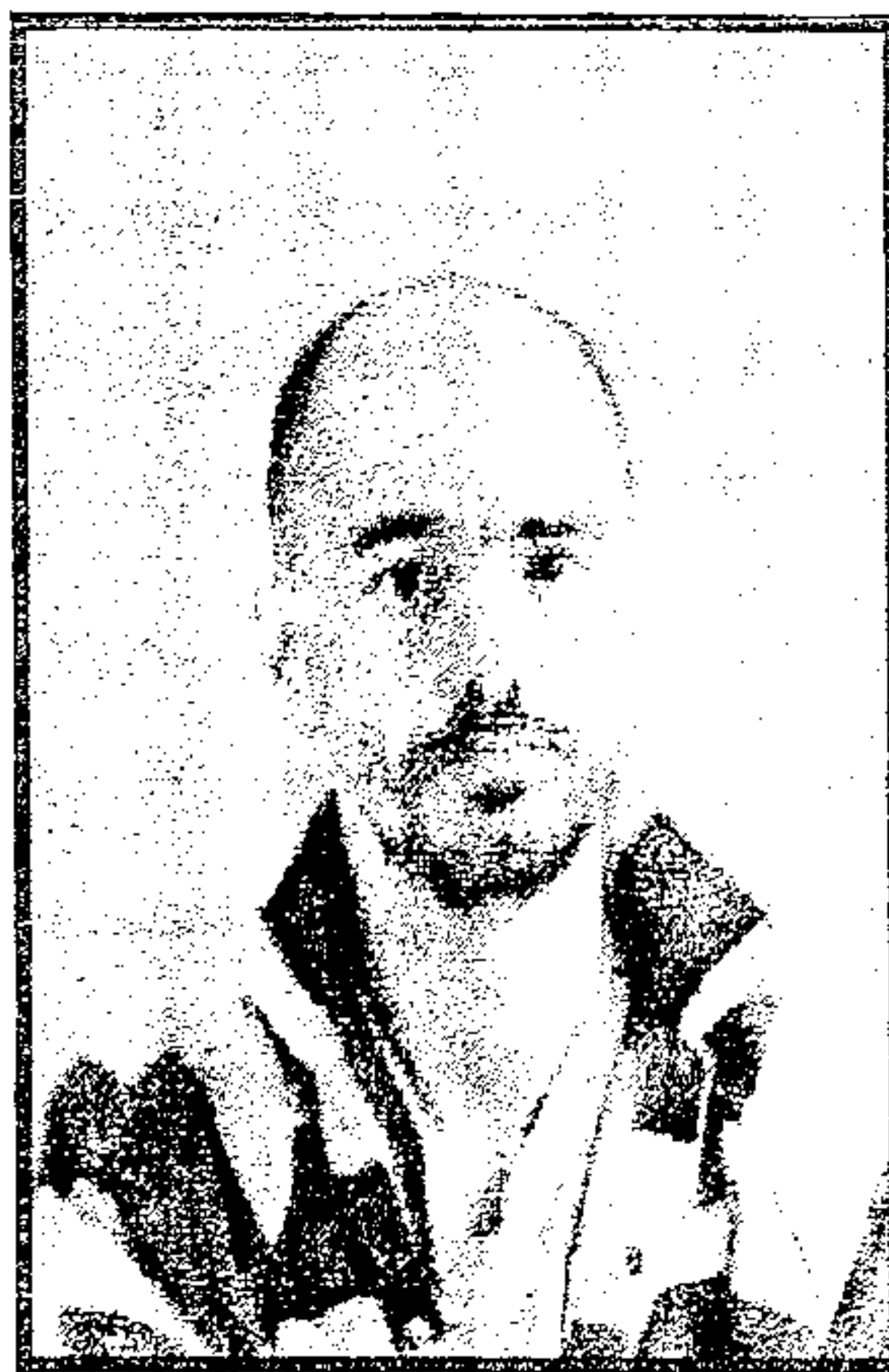
Neighbors call leads to domestic assault



William Curtis

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False tags and dog finds drugs



David Hurst

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Operation Disarray: Shining a Light on the Dark Web

Nationwide Law Enforcement Action Targets Online Drug Trafficking

A nationwide law enforcement action aimed at shining a light on those who use the dark web to buy and sell illegal opiates has resulted in hundreds of interactions and arrests of individuals who may have considered their seemingly anonymous online transactions beyond the reach of authorities.

The FBI-led enforce-

ment action last week, named Operation Disarray, is part of a recently launched Department of Justice initiative to disrupt the sale of opioids online and was the first operation of its kind to occur simultaneously in all 50 states.

"The point of Operation Disarray," said Special Agent Chris Brest, who helped or-

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Verse of the Day

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him. — Philippians 1:29

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Be sure to check out Nights on Broadway tonight from 5-8:30.

Weather

Today: Clouds. High of 63F.

Tonight: Rain. Low of

45F.

Saturday: Rain. High of 49F.

Saturday Night: Overcast. Low of 31F.

Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19

As recently as yesterday, you might have been confident that everything

was in order and you were chugging along on the right track. However, obstacles appear in your path now, revealing weak links in your chain of logic and causing you to doubt your previous decisions. Instead of feeling discour- (Continued on page 6)



False Report

Deanna Cozart, 36, Industrial Park Drive Lenoir City, was charged with False Reports/Statements. Nadine Billingsley, 55, Industrial Park Drive Lenoir City, was charged with False Report/Statement.

Deputy Chance Gray

LCSO, was dispatched to Industrial Park Drive in reference to an armed subject. Deputy made contact with Nadine Billingsley, who stated a male had pulled a gun on her stating he was going to kill her. Deputy made contact with the male and detained him. Deputy then spoke

with Billingsley and her daughter Deanna Cozart, who stated the male called them and stated he was going to kill them. Billingsley and Cozart went to the male house and was arguing. Billingsley stated she was standing on the side-

walk and the male walked close to the side walk and pulled a gun and then she ran away. Billingsley stated called the police. Cozart stated to Deputy it looked like the male was see False reprot ctd. pg. 4

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Bust

Arial Medina-Vera, 44, Dudley Camden NJ., was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Centre Park Drive, that failed to stop at a stop sign. The vehicle stopped in the middle of the lane of traffic and placed the vehicle hazard light on. Deputy Fritts made contact with the driver and found to seem confused and extremely nervous. The driver was identified as Ariel Medina-Vera. His nervousness was evident to the Deputy by uncontrollable shaking of his hands and responses to questions. During

the course of the stop a drug detection dog was deployed on the vehicle and this resulted in a positive alert to the presence of narcotics. Agent Brendan Deboer, arrived on scene and spoke with the driver of the vehicle. He provided unsolicited information regarding a bag in the trunk of the vehicle which was not his and he did not know what it contained. Medina showed Agents the bag and Agent found a gym bag contained 4 tee shirts that appeared to be new and underneath the t-shirts was 8 large wrapped bundles containing approx. 30-32 lbs. of Meth. Medina was placed under arrest.

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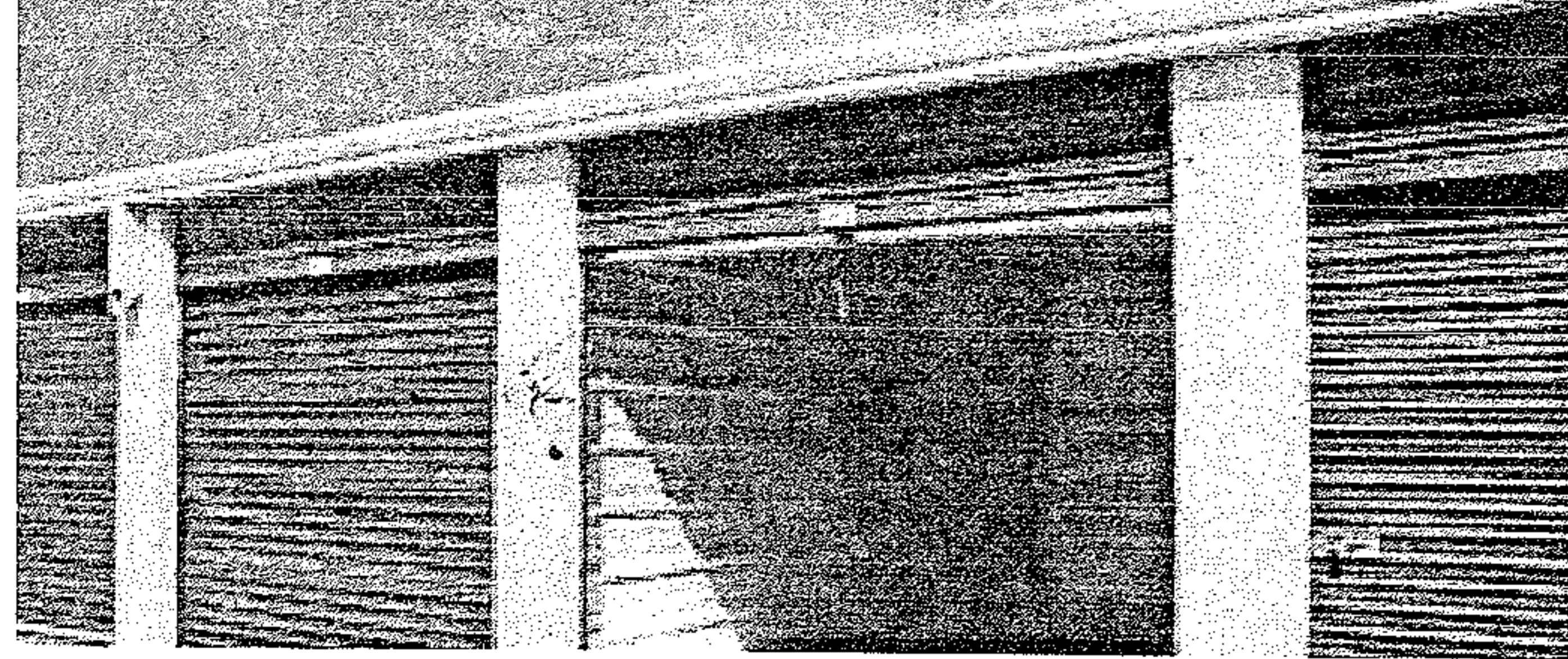
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Tags

David Hurst, 35, Warrior Trail Knoxville, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch.VI, Poss. of Drug Para. and Removal of Registration Decal or Plate. Cpl. R. Branam LCSO, was in the Avery Circle area investigating a missing juvenile that had been picked up by an unknown vehicle. Deputy observed a maroon Ford vehicle with Sevier Co. plates. A check of the plate revealed they belong on a Suzuki. Deputy conducted a traffic stop at the Pilot Gas Station, and made contact with the driver and identified him as David Hurst by his Tennessee Driver License. While speaking with Hurst he was very nervous while communicating and his pupils were pin pointed. Deputy had Hurst exit the vehicle and conducted sobriety test. While Cpl. C Jenkins deployed K9 partner Deja Vu, who alerted to the odor of narcotic. During the search of the vehicle Deputy located a green can with false compartments that contained a clear plastic baggy with approx. 17.3 grams of marijuana, a blue and green pipe. Hurst was placed under arrest.

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False Report

reaching in his pants like he was pulling a gun and then she ran away. Deputy spoke with a witness and the male who stated both Cozart and Billingsley came to the male residence and was arguing about him being with a female instead of their relative. Inv. Bowen and Deputy Anderson went to a neighboring home who had video surveillance. The video revealed that the male never produced any kind of weapon. The video also revealed Cozart going to the residence of the male and kicking the door and getting in his face in a aggressive manner. Both Cozart and Billingsley were placed under arrest.

Obituaries

Alice Jane Akins, age 80, passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Faye and Mike Worthy, where she has resided for the past 12 years. Alice was a loving wife, mother and grandmother to all. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Akins; son, Johnny Akins; granddaughter, Angel Owens, grandson, John (John Boy) Berry; parents, Nelson and Becky Hyett. Survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Calvin Hyett of Lenoir City, Wayne and Robin Akins of Sweetwater, Joey and Tawanna Akins, Chris and Angie Akins all of Loudon; daughters and sons-in-law, Faye and Mike

Worthy of Sweetwater, Donna and Jere Russell, and Connie Arwood all of Loudon; grandchildren: Chris Owens, Jessica Lawson, Anthony Akins, April Johnson, Debra Bivens, Dana McCarty, Wanda Johnson, Billy Arwood, Amanda Arwood, Chandler Akins, Eric Akins, Kayla Akins, Cameron Berry, Kayla Worthy, Jaden Worthy, Ashton Worthy, Isabella Worthy, J. J. Worthy, Kori Worthy, J. J. Russell, and Cory Russell; great-grandchildren: Elizabeth, Tyler, Noah, Isaiah, Baylee, Hunter, Brayden, Makenzie, Gatlin, Aiden, Paul, Kyrie, Elijah, Isabella, Curtis, Joseph, Logan, Anthony, Alisha, Isaac, Ayden, Andrew, Amber, Andrea, and Ariana; along with several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 7th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Brad McCall officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 12:30 p.m. on Sunday and proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for 1 p.m. graveside services. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

FBI

ganize the effort from FBI Headquarters, "is to put drug traffickers on notice: Law enforcement is watching when people buy and sell drugs online.

Darknet marketplaces resemble legitimate e-commerce sites, complete with shopping carts, thousands of products, sales promo-

tions, and customer reviews. But the Darknet sites' drop-down menus direct customers to cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, and other illegal drugs.

The marketplaces are accessed through a type of software that claims to make the buyer and seller anonymous. Drug users anywhere in the world can sit in front of a computer screen and, with a click of the mouse, buy narcotics without having to risk

a face-to-face interaction. "Drug trafficking is changing," Brest said. "The environment is moving from real-world to the virtual realm, and it's on the rise."

Such unfettered access to illegal drugs, said Special Agent Eric Yingling, who specializes in Darknet investigations from the FBI's Pittsburgh Division, "can accelerate

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Public Notice

Notice of Meetings

Loudon County Budget Committee will meet at the County Office Building as follows:

The following meetings will begin at 9:30 AM:

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

The Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 1 PM.

The regular April and May monthly meetings will proceed as previously scheduled, on Monday, April 16th and Monday May 14th, 4 PM.

Assault

William Curtis, 27, Bethel Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer A. Lee LCPD, was dispatched to Jim Hartsook Drive in reference to a physical domestic. Dispatch advised the complainant stated she saw a male beating the victim. Upon arrival Officer made contact with Victim who initially stated that nothing had been going on between the two and she had no ideal why Officer would be at her residence. Later when Officer was asking victim about the incident she stated the two were verbally arguing and it turned into rough sex. When asking William Curtis what happen he stated the two were

arguing which transpired into rough sex. Curtis stated he did not choke or hit victim. When asking the complainant what happen she stated she was walking outside and heard an argument coming from victim residence. When looking in the residence complainant saw Curtis choking victim and appeared to beat her with closed fist. Officer did observe marks on victim chest. Photos were taken of victim. Both were under the influence of alcohol. Curtis was identified as the primary aggressor and placed under arrest.

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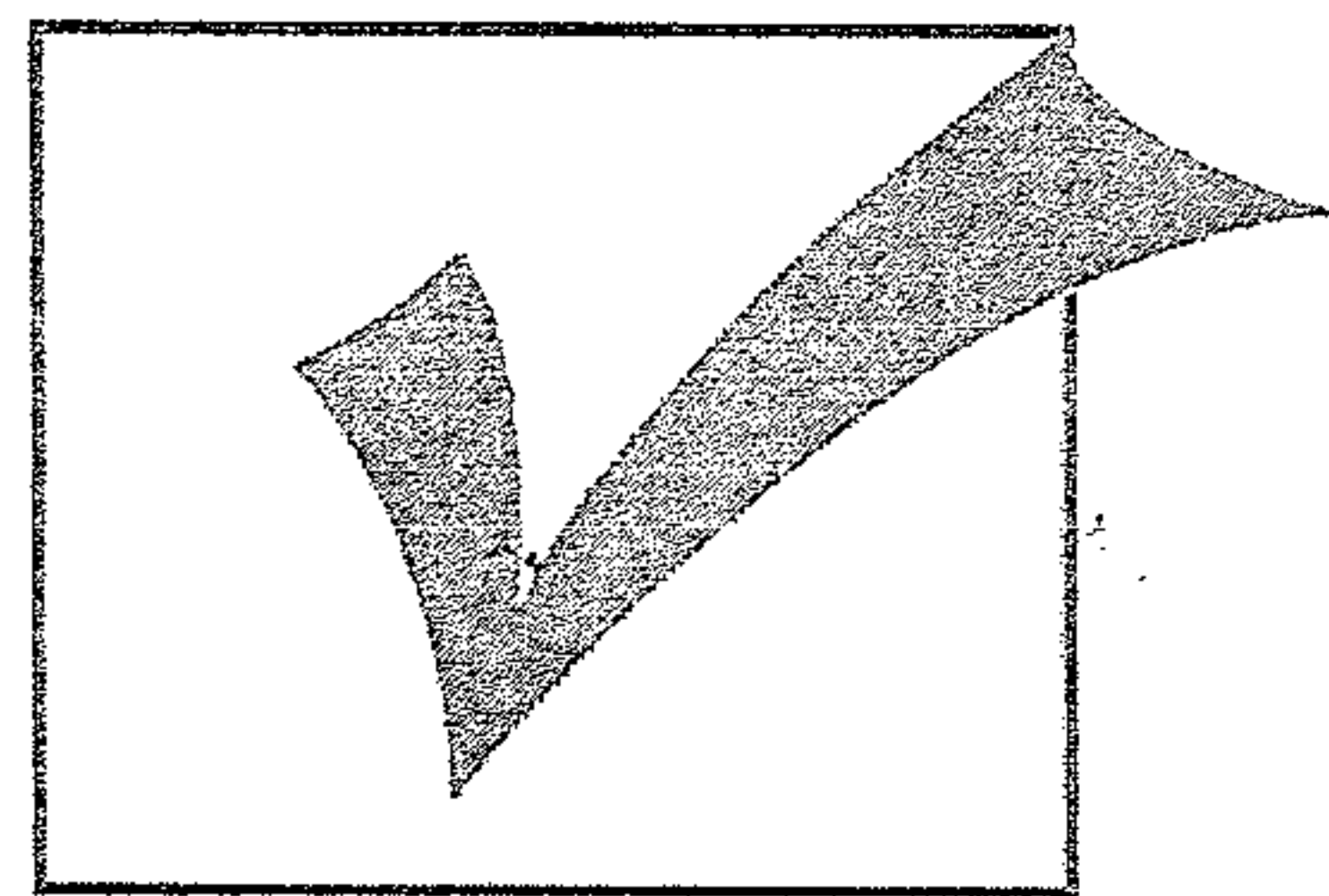
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someone's addiction because the drugs are so easy to obtain. It also facilitates a low barrier of entry to becoming a trafficker," he explained. "We see a number of individuals go from consuming to becoming distributors because they've become comfortable using the marketplaces. Anyone who owns a computer could potentially be involved in this type of activity."

But there are risks with the Darknet, Yingling pointed out. Buyers might get more than they bargained for. Opiates laced with fentanyl, for example, have resulted in deadly overdoses throughout the country. And there

is the very real risk of arrest and prosecution because specially trained investigators can use a variety of techniques to infiltrate the marketplaces.

Operation Disarray was designed, in part, to highlight those risks for buyers and sellers. Hundreds of FBI agents and federal partners—including personnel from the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Postal Inspection Service—conducted searches, made arrests, and carried out "knock and talks" with more than 160 individuals known to have bought or sold drugs

through the marketplaces. Leads from the investigation identified 19 overdose deaths of persons of interest.

"We wanted to get the word out about the potential dangers of the drugs people are purchasing," Yingling said, "and to remind them that law enforcement is very cognizant of this activity."

"Education of what these drugs can do is one of the first steps to curbing the opioid epidemic," Brest said. "People may be under the assumption that they won't be the one that gets addicted, or that these drugs can't ruin your life."

Law enforcement personnel participating in Operation Disarray

handed out brochures that included information on medical steps to take in the event of an overdose and where individuals or family members can get help for issues related to drug addiction.

In January 2018, the Department of Justice announced the Joint Criminal Opioid Darknet Enforcement (J-CODE) team, an FBI-led initiative that brings together a variety of federal agencies to disrupt illicit opioid sales online.

As part of the effort, the FBI is training hundreds of agents, as well as local and state law enforcement partners, about the increasing use of Darknet marketplaces to facilitate the sale of opiates.

"The FBI has made the J-CODE a priority, and we are bringing together significant resources to strategically attack this crime problem," Brest said. Operation Disarray was the first major J-CODE action, and, he continued, "we will consider the operation a success if our actions prevented one more person from overdosing on illegal narcotics."

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