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Felony Assault Charges follow fight



Micah Anderson

Micah Anderson, 19 Oakland Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault Felony. Officer A. Lee LCPD, was dispatched to Coffey Circle in reference to an assault. Upon arrival Officer made contact with Victim 1. Victim 1 stated her cousin, Victim 2, came to her residence upset due to a physical altercation between her and her brother, Micah Paul

see Felony pg. 2

Man assaults woman with his hammer and fists



Brady Hawley

see Assault pg. 3

Does this guy have your credit card?



Scott Reed

See Identity P.4

The Good News

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: 1 John 5:9-13

The head of the Clinical Pastoral Education chaplain at Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina, had asked us students how we planned to go about our hospital visits. Basically,

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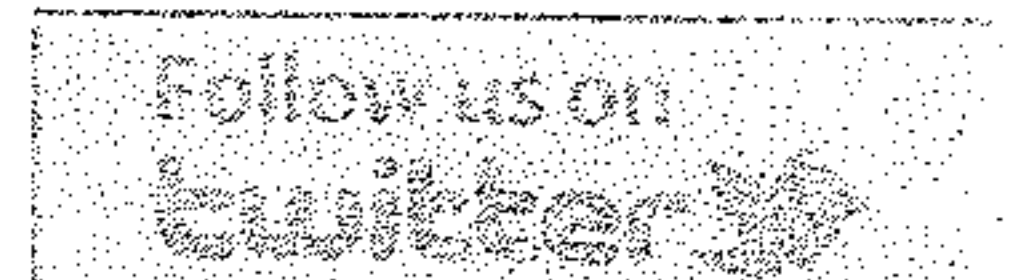
International Criminal Enterprise Dismantled

California Man Sentenced for Running Drug Trafficking/Illegal Gambling Organization

Owen Hanson, who often went by his nickname, "O-Dog," led a charmed life. He had been a popular high school athlete who found some athletic success—and even more popularity—at the University of Southern California. After graduating

with a business degree, he got his real estate license and, over time, undertook several seemingly successful business ventures that enabled him to buy a luxury home in Redondo Beach and a number of vacation properties elsewhere, drive expensive cars,

(see Trafficking pg. 5)



Verse of the Day

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who

earnestly seek him. — Hebrews 11:6
Obituaries
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Wazzup
 Happy Birthday Lacey Pritchard! We love you and hope you day is great
Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 89F.
 Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 63F.
 Saturday: Sunny. High of 91F.
 Thursday Night: Clear. Low of 63F.
 Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20
 Your determination is returning and your confidence is growing. Whatever setbacks you recently faced seem to be behind you now and you're capable of dreaming of the future with a
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Felony

Anderson. This altercation took place inside the residence at Oakland Ave. However, Officer did not observe marks on either of them. Victim 1 stated she went with victim 2 to her residence. Victim 1 stated victim 2 was holding Micah's son. During

this time Micah became angry and wanted his son. Victim 1 stated she was standing between victim 2 and Micah while they were arguing. Victim 1 stated Micah went to hit victim 2 but couldn't due to her arm blocking. Victim 1 advised Micah then grabbed her by the throat and began choking her to the point that

she could not breath. Deputy did observe extremely red marks on victim 1 chest and neck. Victim 2 stated she observed Micah grab victim 1 by the throat. Sgt. Hamilton, took pictures of the marks on victim 1 with a department is-

sued camera. All parties that were directly involved were asked to write statements to which they agreed. The Offender had left the scene prior to arrival but agreed to return after speaking with see Felony pg. 4



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Assault

Brady Hawley, 21, Walnut Street Maryville, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Deputy T. Branson LCSO, was dispatched to Chilhowee Ave for a domestic. Deputy arrived on scene and made contact with the victim. Deputy K. Kirkland made contact with Brady Hawley at Walnut Street. Deputy Branson went to the Walnut address and Hawley was then detained. Statements were taken from both parties. Victim stated the situation was started over Hawley though victim was texting another male and an argument started. Victim stated she tried to leave and Hawley started pushing her and telling her she wasn't going anywhere, and took victims car keys, while she had her daughter in her arms. Victim stated Hawley broke her phone, she tried to defend herself by pouring tobacco juice on him, at which time Hawley started beating her on the head with his fist and with a hammer. Victim stated she kicked Hawley a couple of times and went to the neighbors home. Hawley stated they got into an argument over little things, a little of pushing occurred, screaming and they both walked away. Deputy did notice bumps on victim head, EMS was called to the scene and observed victim head. EMS stated victim needed to go to the ER to get checked, victim refused and was taken by a family member. Photos were taken. Hawley was placed under arrest.

Capias

Nickolas Tendell, 19, Lovell Road Knoxville, was charged with Capias Warrant. Deputy Kevin Parks LCSO, served a warrant on Nickolas Tindell at the Knox County jail. Mr. Tindell was transported to the Loudon County Jail. The warrant is out of Loudon County Genereal Sessions court with case number 2017-CR-1263. The Failure to Appear on Mfg, Sell, Del, or poss of Meth., poss drug para. This did happen in Loudon County TN.



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TGN

we didn't have a clue, but dove in expressing possible goals. Richard, wanting to impress our supervisor, had decided how he was going to use his time efficiently. The program was six weeks. So, 30 days times six hours a day would total 180 hours, giving him 10,800 minutes to use. Allowing for travel time in the building and 10 minutes for each visit, he declared he would call on 1,000 patients. We were impressed, and were eager to hear what our supervisor would comment. He stopped us all in our tracks when he suggested, "If you're working out your salvation maybe 1,000 isn't enough." What joy for us that scripture makes it clear that we are saved by grace through faith, that, "you who believe may know that you have eternal life."

Prayer: Lord, how grateful I am for the incredible gift of salvation. I believe in Jesus, the Son of God, and that he died on the cross so that I may have life with Jesus eternally. My joy now in that promise must be very little compared to the reality waiting for me! Amen.

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Identity

Scott Reed, 50, English Village Way Knoxville, was charged with Identity Theft x3, Criminal Simulation, and Man/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance x2.

Affiant has probable cause to believe that the defendant, Scott K. Reed has committed the offense of Identity Theft Trafficking by being in possession of 5 different credit card numbers that the defendant admitted to not having the owner's consent to use their information. The defendant was being detained for questioning regarding the possible fraudulent use of a credit card at the Walmart located at 911 Hwy 321 in Lenoir City, Tennessee. On his person he had 18 cards with 18 different names and numbers that were inside the defendant's wallet. This incident did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon County, Tennessee.

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Sgt. Hamilton on the phone. Upon his return the Offender was cooperative with his investigation. The Offender, Micah Paul Anderson was identified as the primary aggressor due to the verbal/written statements and marks observed on Victim 1. The Offender was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. All

the above did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon County, TN.

Obituaries

Clyde Thomas age 86 of Lenoir City, formerly of Ft. Pierce, FL, passed away Sunday afternoon, May 6, 2018. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Lenoir City. Clyde was a veteran serving in the United States Air Force. He retired from Oak Ridge National Laboratory working as grounds supervisor. Clyde was preceded in death by his wife, Bette Faye Richmond Thomas; son, Mike Thomas; parents, Sam and Gertrude Thomas. He is survived by his daughter, Lesa Thomas (Ron Richards) of Kingston; daughter-in-law, Deloris Thomas; granddaughter, Heather Watkins (Cody) all of Lenoir City; great-grandchildren, Lily and Eli Watkins; siblings and spouses: Betty Hansel, Paul and Deborah Thomas, Shirley and Ernest Wilson, Brenda Swanke, Steve and Treva Thomas; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Dick DeMerchant officiating. Family and friends will gather at 9:30 Thursday morning and proceed to Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens for graveside services and interment at 10 a.m.

Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is serving the family of Clyde Thomas.

Hilda Baer passed away May 6, 2018 from natural causes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Baer, Sr. and her son, Donald Baer, Jr.

Survivors include her daughters Pamela Korn, Deborah Nichols, Karen Cotter and her son Craig Baer; eight grandchildren.

Hilda was born on October 24, 1927 in New Jersey. She and Donald, Sr. lived in New Jersey; Memphis, TN; Cherry Hill, NJ; and New Port Richey, FL before settling at Rarity Bay on Tellico Lake. Hilda was an accomplished golfer and card player, winning many awards in both activities.

She will be missed by all who loved her

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Trafficking

travel routinely to Las Vegas to gamble, and party with professional athletes and celebrities.

However, as law enforcement came to discover, Hanson's most productive "business venture" turned out to be a violent international drug trafficking, sports gambling, and money laundering enterprise that operated in the U.S., Central and South America, and Australia from 2012 to 2016. And late last year, Hanson was sentenced in U.S. district court in San Diego to more than 21 years in federal prison for heading up that criminal enterprise. He was also ordered to pay a \$5 million criminal forfeiture, which included \$100,000 in gold coins, his luxury vehicles, jewelry, vacation homes, a sailboat, and interests in several businesses.

Twenty-one of Hanson's associates were also charged in this crime ring, and all have pleaded guilty—the most recent one in April 2018.

So how did a one-time talented and well-liked school athlete turn into the mastermind behind a major criminal operation?

The story of Owen Hanson's illicit activities actual-

ly began in the early 2000s in college, when he sold recreational drugs and steroids to his teammates. But it wasn't until early 2014—on the heels of an international sports gambling investigation that the FBI worked in partnership with the New South Wales Police Force in Australia—that some of Hanson's post-graduate activities got the attention of federal law enforcement. And once again, investigators from the FBI and New South Wales joined forces to uncover a second gambling—and, ultimately, drug trafficking—enterprise that would lead all the way to Hanson.

Through the use of sophisticated investigative techniques, including court-authorized electronic surveillance, informants, and undercover agents, investigators learned the following:

The story of Owen Hanson's illicit activities actually began in the early 2000s in college, when he sold recreational drugs and steroids to his teammates.

Hanson built and managed a multi-million-dollar gambling business that operated in the U.S. and internationally and employed an accountant, a private detective, enforcers, bookies, and money runners. He and his co-conspirators concealed their activities by using sham bank

accounts and offshore web servers.

Hanson's gambling business ensured prompt payment of losing bets through threats of violence and actual physical violence against its customers. One individual who ran afoul of Hanson was threatened constantly—he received pictures of his deceased mother's defaced headstone from Hanson via e-mail and regular mail, pictures of his wife along with her personal information, and a video showing beheadings.

Unsatisfied with the tremendous financial success of his gambling business, Hanson expanded his growing empire to include international drug trafficking, which would put even millions of dollars more into his organization's coffers.

The drug operation started small but evolved into a sophisticated, diversified, and complex trafficking organization that smuggled thousands of kilograms of illegal narcotics—including cocaine and methamphetamine—throughout the U.S., Canada, and Australia.

Hanson's willingness to engage in the drug trade knew no limits—he sold every drug in any amount to anyone who wanted it. He routinely shipped large quantities of cocaine from Los Angeles to Australia, he

provided an FBI undercover agent with five kilograms of cocaine and five kilograms of methamphetamine, and he sold recreational and performance-enhancing drugs to professional athletes.

This logo was used by an illegal gambling website operated by Owen Hanson, the primary subject in a San Diego drug trafficking/gambling investigation who was sentenced in December 2017. The logo used on the website of Owen Hanson's illegal gambling operation. The federal judge who sentenced the former college athlete explained that the severe prison term he handed down was warranted because of the "staggering" and "astounding" size and scope of the criminal enterprise's activities. And referencing all of the advantages Hanson has had in his life, the judge said, "It is difficult to understand how you got here, other than greed."

Hanson bragged about his aspirations to be an even bigger player, and he continued his criminal activity right up until the night before his arrest in September 2015, when he coordinated a drug deal with an undercover agent. He only stopped because law enforcement stopped him.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lenoir City Budget Committee

The Lenoir City Budget Committee will hold the following meetings at City Hall with the purpose of preparation of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget:

- *Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.*
- *Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.*
- *Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.*

The public is encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The May 14th, 2018 Loudon County Commission Workshops have been cancelled and re-scheduled for May 21st, 2018 at the County Office at regularly scheduled times.