

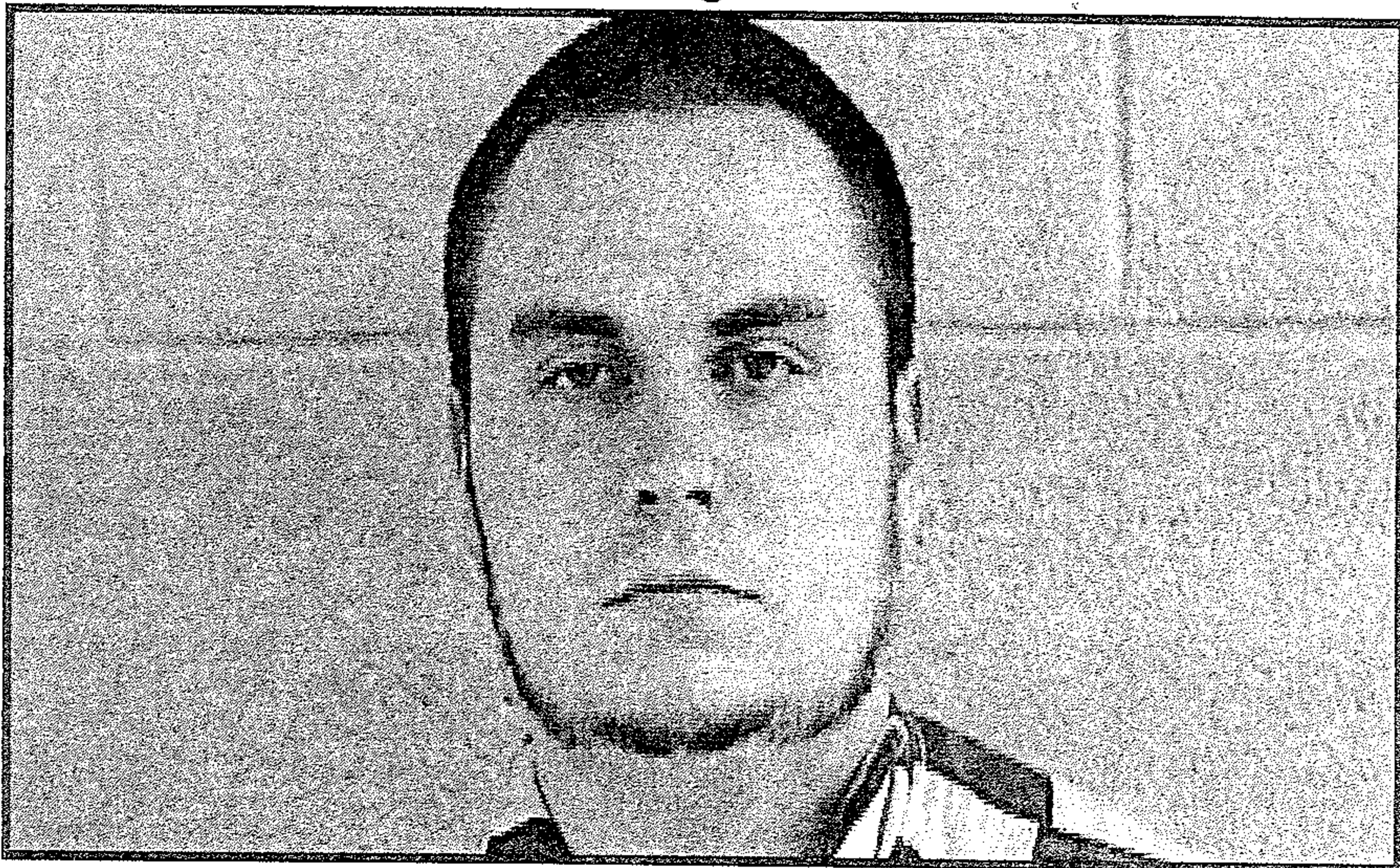
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Shots fired by LC man



Bryan Stokes

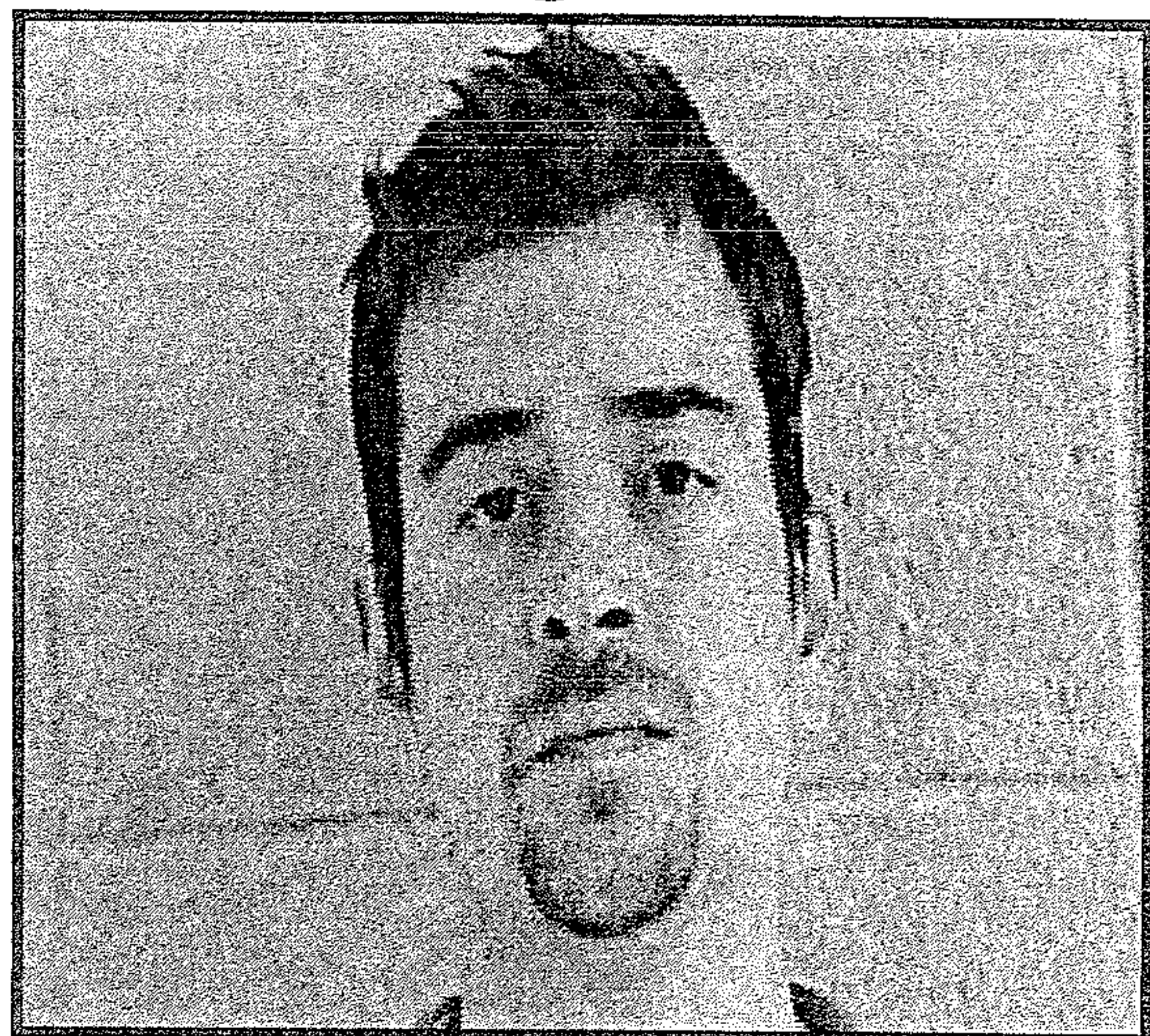
Selling meth behind Ingles



Deborah Chastain

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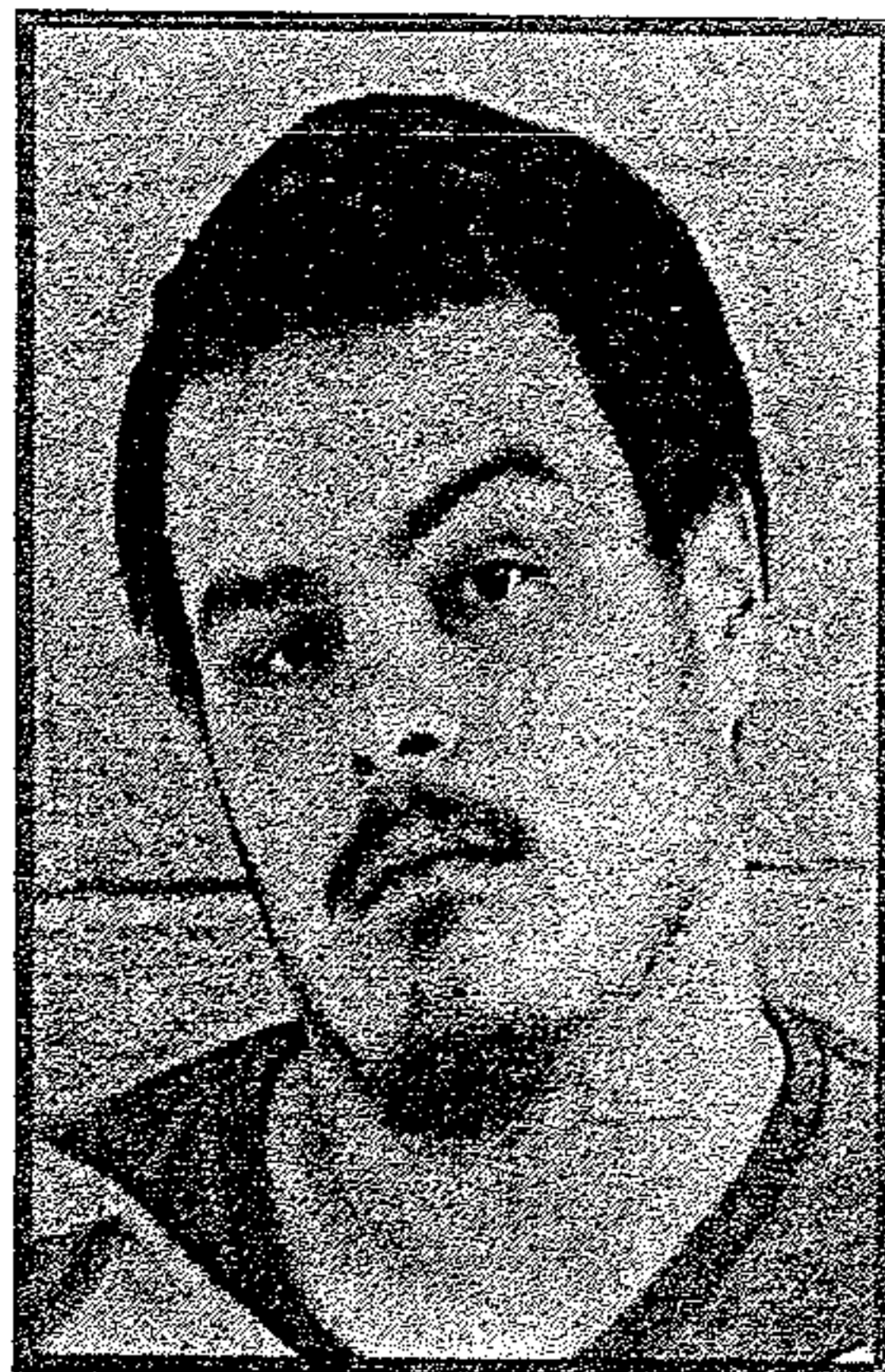


Colin Wittner

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No squatters aloud here



Justin Hoffman

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International Business E-Mail Compromise Takedown

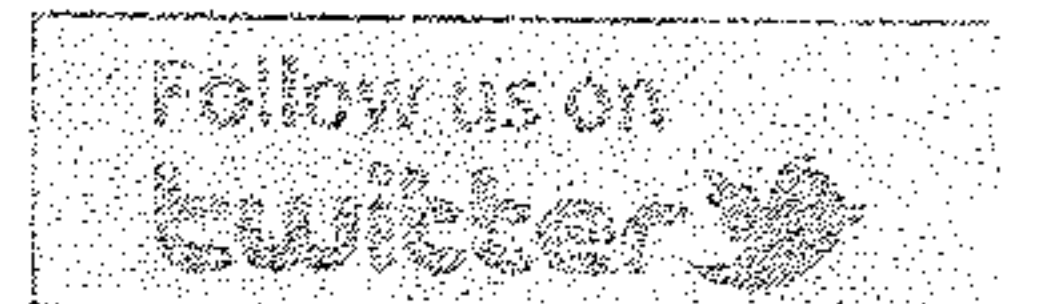
Multiple Countries Involved in Coordinated Law Enforcement Effort

Today, federal authorities—including the Department of Justice and the FBI—announced a major coordinated law enforcement effort to disrupt international business e-mail compromise (BEC) schemes that

are designed to intercept and hijack wire transfers from businesses and individuals.

Operation Wire-Wire—which also included the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of the Treasury, and the U.S. Postal

(see FBI pg. 5)



Verse of the Day

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Thursday is Flag Day. Do you have yours out??

Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of 84.

Tonight: Thunderstorms. Low of 67F.

Thursday: Mostly Cloudy. High of 89F.

Thursday Night: Cloudy Low of 64F.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21–6/21

It seems as if you have plenty of time to do your work today, but the clock continues to tick and there is little time to waste. The truth is you can easily

meet your current deadlines if you establish a methodical pace and stick with it. Pay attention to the arrival of your primary nemesis: distraction in any form. You can't be pulled off course unless you give in to your disruptive impulses. (Continued on page 6)



Shots

Bryan Stokes, 29, Virtue Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Criminal Trespass, Vandalism, and General Session Capias. Sgt. Mike Watkins LCSO, responded to Murphy gas where he met with complainant, who stated that her son was at her home earlier

when a Bryan Stokes pulled into their driveway and got out of his vehicle with a gun and shot two or three times into a non registered Acura that was sitting in the driveway that complainant/victim states she owns but has no paperwork. Sgt. Watkins did observe on video a white male subject driving a black Hyundai pull a revolver hand-

gun out and fire the weapon into the front end of the vehicle. Also recovered was round that was lodged into the hood of the vehicle. Victim has no trespassing posted at her residence. Lt. Patrick Upon was notified. Bryan Stokes was arrested and charged.

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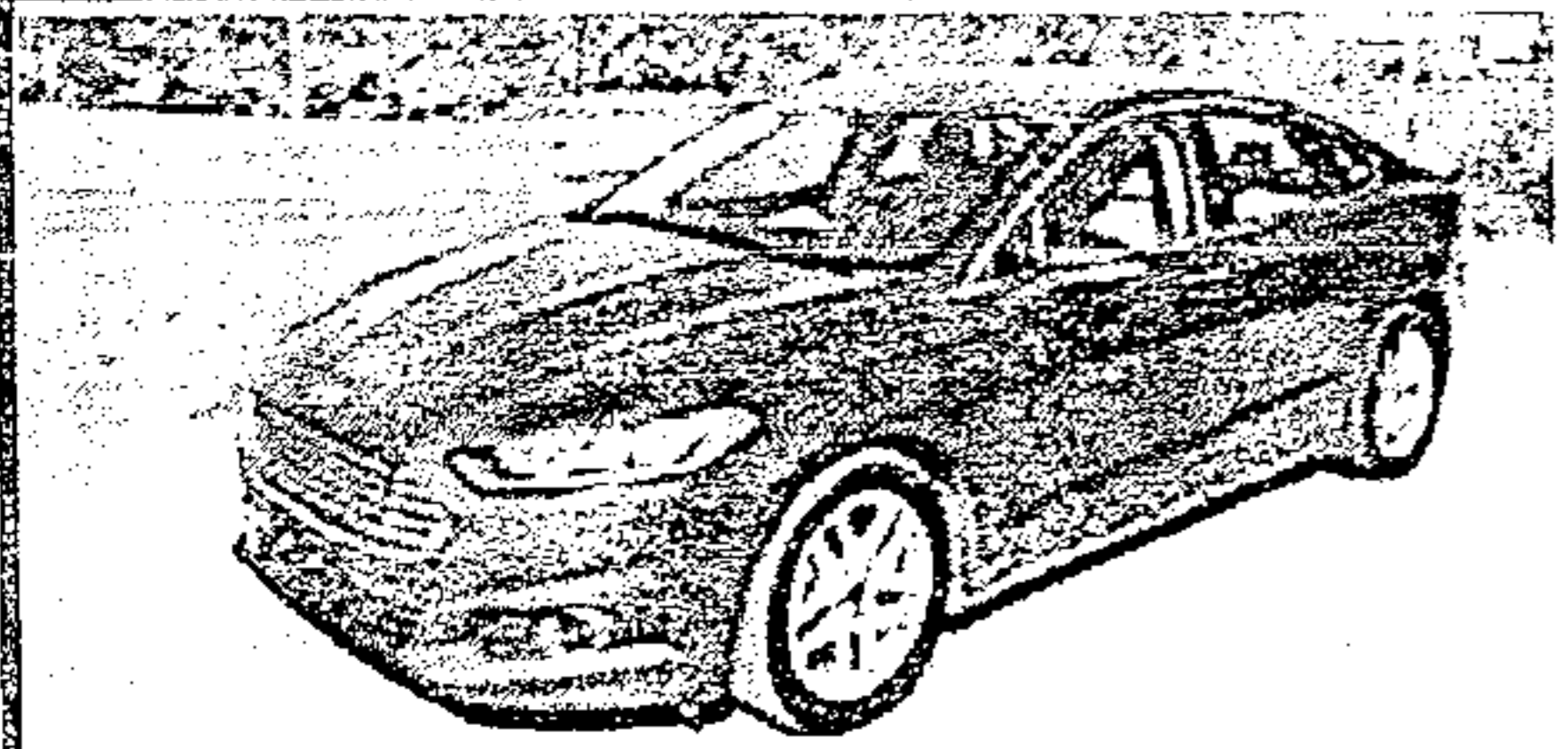
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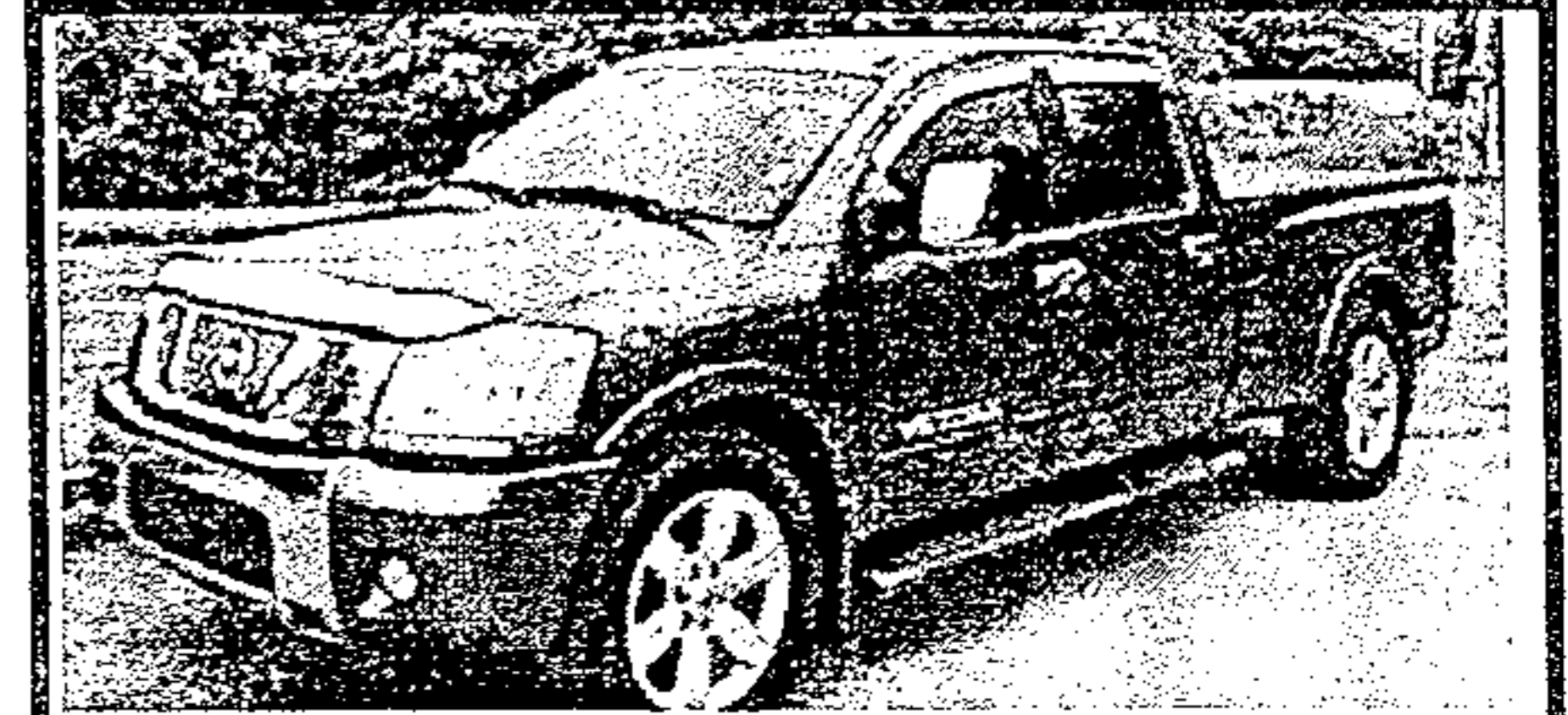
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Drugs

Deborah Chastain, 47, Browder Hollow Road Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Re-sale of Sch. II, and Poss. Of Drug Para.

Officer A. Lee LCPD, was dispatched to HWY 321 N (Ingles) in reference to, two suspicious persons. Central dispatch advised the complainant stated it looked like there were two subjects dealing drugs behind the store. Upon Arrival Officer made contact with Deborah Chastain and a male subject. When asking both subjects if they had anything illegal on their person or property they both admitted to having narcotics. In a search of Ms. Chastain's purse Officer located a glasses case that had two needles, 2 plastic baggies with a crystal residue, a metal spoon with residue, and 3 plastic containers with residue.

Inside of the wallet Officer located a clear plastic baggie with .4 grams of a white crystal powder that is believed to be methamphetamine. Inside the Defendants backpack Officer Runyan located digital scales inside of a sock, and another clear baggie with crystal residue. Due to the above items found in the Defendants possession it is believed that the Defendant is involved in the man, sale, or delivery of schedule II (methamphetamine). The Defendant was then placed into custody and transported to the Loudon county Jail without further in-

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

Resisting

Justin Hoffman, 24, Dailey Ave Loudon, was charged with Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, Simple Possession x2, and Poss. Of Drug Para. Officer S. Runyan LCPD, was dispatched to McGhee Blvd. to the Kenjo Market to a harassment call. It was learned after an investigation that Justin Hoffman was not wanted on the property of Kelly Pointe Apt. by management. During an attempt to identify Hoffman he did refuse identification, then resisted arrest and caused a violent disturbance at this business, during the arrest. During a search of Hoffman backpack Officer did locate marijuana, mushrooms, marijuana grinder and a small torch inside the backpack.

The Good News

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter
Scripture: Ezekiel 17:22-24


Ezekiel has been called a "street preacher," fearlessly going around Babylon and Jerusalem declaring God's word and judgment to a people in exile. In Ezekiel's world, all that was known and precious to God's people had been pulled up by the roots and transplanted on foreign soil, resulting in misery and death. Fittingly they could ask, "Is all lost?"

Then, after chapters of judgment, we come to this ray of hope as we hear God's plan for the future. God makes it clear that God is the one who will be doing the work here. God repeatedly uses "I" expressions: "I myself... will set, break, plant, dry up, make flourish, etc."

Twelve times God makes sure the people know that this sprig of salvation is God's doing.

God's gardening efforts will bring life through fruit. The reader of today through the lens of the gospel knows that another "tender one" will also bring ultimate life through death. In-

deed, all is not lost. Every-thing--by God's hand--has been gained. Prayer: God of life, you are the great I Am. Thank you for the rebirth that comes from your hand through Christ. Amen.



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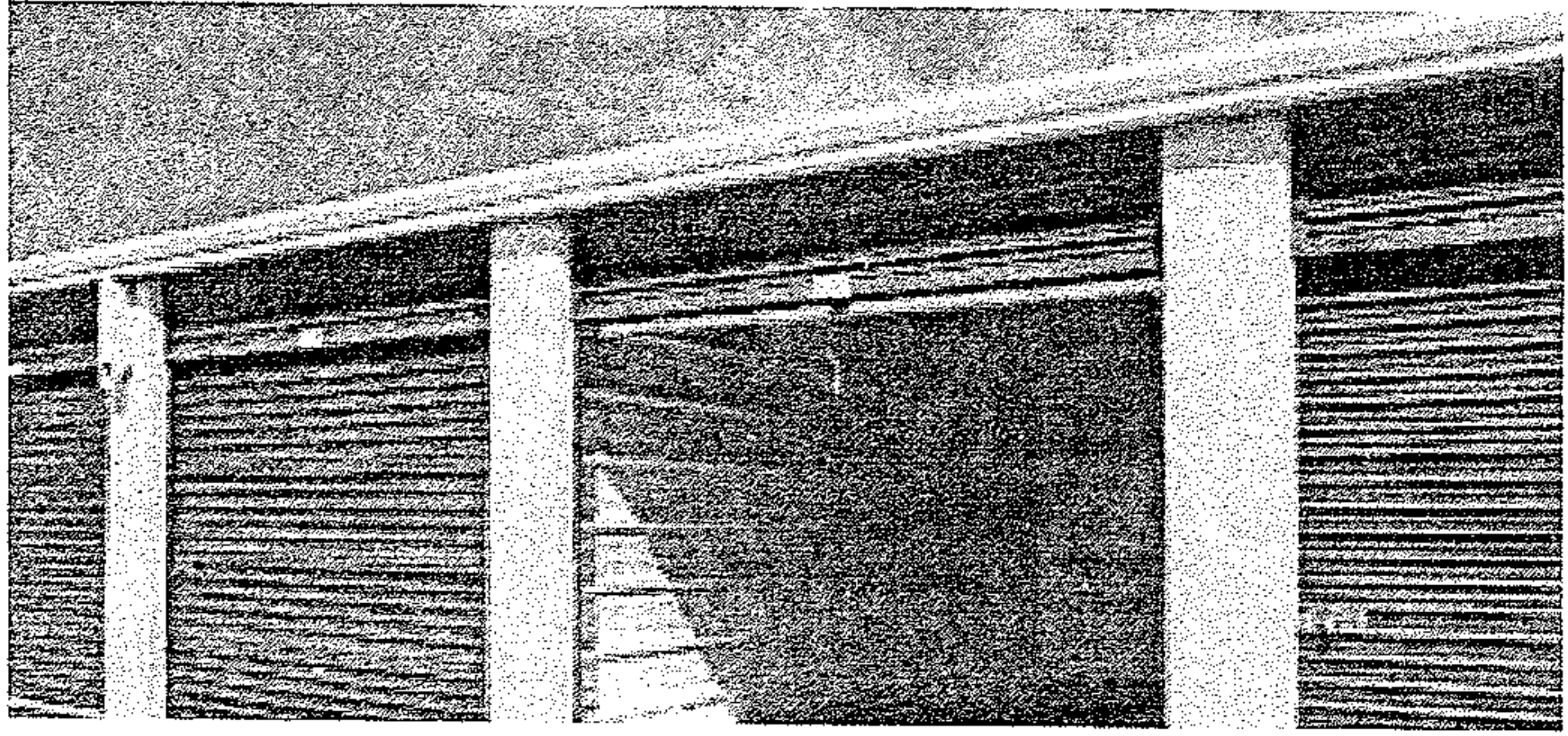
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DUI

Colin Wittner, 32, Longview Road Knoxville, was charged with Simple Possession Sch. 4, DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Possession of a Handgun while under the Influence, and Open Container. Officer Carlos Espinoza LCPD, was dispatched to Hwy 321 in regards to a possible intoxicated driver. Upon arrival Officer made contact with Colin Wittner, who was asleep at the wheel, and the vehicle was still in drive when Officer arrived on scene. When Wittner woke Officer ask him to step out of the vehicle. Officer could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from Wittner person. Officer ask Wittner to perform sobriety test he refused. Wittner was placed under arrest. Officer ran Wittner through dispatch they advised his license were revoked for DUI out of Anderson Co. A search of the vehicle revealed 3 open vodka containers on the front passenger floor board, 1 x ½ Xanax, and a loaded Smith & Wesson 40 caliber handgun. Once at the jail Wittner consented and provided a breath sample for chemical testing. Intoximeter EC/IR-II confirmed he blew .169 and 0167.

Obituaries

Jeneal S. Wood age 95, formerly of Tullahoma, went to be with the Lord on June 9, 2018. She was a member of First Baptist Concord Church in

Knoxville. She retired from Tullahoma City Schools after teaching for 30 years. She was past president of Tennessee Retired Teachers Association. Preceded in death by parents, Sherman and Lora Smith; husband, Ashton Wood; siblings, Merrell Smith, Lucille Leming and Martha Leming. Survived by son, Doyle (Linda) Wood; daughter, Jane (Jerry) Moats; grandchildren, Jenny McKinney, Amy Steger, Chris Wood, Rebecca Vail, Julie Harlan, their spouses; and fourteen great-grandchildren. She leaves a legacy of her faithfulness and love for her Lord. Visitation will be 4-6pm on Tuesday at Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. Funeral service will be on Wednesday at 1pm CST at Hillcrest Memorial Garden Chapel in Shelbyville, TN, with burial to follow. Family will receive friends one hour before service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Coffee County Retired Teachers Scholarship Fund, 306 Lake Circle Road, Tullahoma, TN 37388.

Sinforosa Palmares Augero "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" On Friday, June 8th, 2018 Sinforosa Palmares Augero heard these words as she entered the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Though "Sinforosa" was her given birth name in the Philippines, once she relocated to East Tennessee,

she became effectually known to most as "Ms. Rosa" and to a beloved few "Granny".

Rosa was born in the Philippines on July 18, 1928. In 1983, she relocated to East Tennessee to live with her oldest daughter who had previously immigrated to the United States. Soon after, her remaining 3 children immigrated to the United States to be near their mother.

Rosa accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior through the ministry of David and Uldine Steffy in Iloilo City, Philippines in 1978 and became an active part of the Filipino youth ministry. Rosa's love for her Christ permeated her entire family. With her Bible and "little blue song book", Rosa shared the love of Jesus with her family and friends resulting in four generations of Christians. Rosa has been an active member of Temple Baptist Church since January of 1985. Rosa loved to garden. Even in her early 80's, Rosa was still working in her little garden. She manually tilled, weeded, trimmed and harvested her picturesque garden. But her true joy was sharing the fruits of her labor. She lovingly made Filipino spring rolls for her family. Anytime she would see her family, she would give a frozen packet of these spring rolls ready to be cooked. She was also a seamstress and spend many hours mending clothes for her friends and family. Rosa lived with the heart of a servant and gave all she had.

Rosa is preceded in death by her husband, Mamerto Augero, Sr. (a Filipino Scout for the U.S. Army during WW2) and her parents, Simplicio Palmares and Anunciacion Espino.

Rosa is survived by her children: Eleanor P. Gibson of Knoxville, Violeta Giocardin, Juna Augero, and Mamerto Augero, Jr., all of Maryville and her beloved son-in-laws, Charles Gibson and Elmer Giocardin. Granny is survived by her grandchildren: Brian Gibson with his wife, Lori; Emily Goodbread (Gibson) with her husband, Justin; Samuel Giocardin, Marie Ruth Giocardin and her great-grandchildren: Alex Gibson, Jadon Gibson, Elayna Gibson, Savannah Goodbread, Justus Goodbread, and Jude Goodbread. She is also survived by a host of

nieces and nephews.

A memorial service commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12th, 2018 will be held at Temple Baptist Church in the Curtis Hudson Center Chapel at 1700 W. Beaver Creek Dr., Powell, TN 37849. Visitation for family & friends will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. before the service in the Curtis Hudson Center Chapel at Temple Baptist Church. Reverend Clarence Sexton and Mr. David Rosser of Temple Baptist Church will provide the eulogy. The burial service will commence on Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery of Knoxville, TN in the Fountain City Community. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made to the Temple Baptist Academy of Powell, TN.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Loudon County Budget Committee will meet at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the County Office Building in Loudon.

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Inspection Service—involved a six-month sweep that culminated in over two weeks of intensified law enforcement activity resulting in 74 arrests in the U.S. and overseas, including 42 in the U.S., 29 in Nigeria, and three in Canada, Mauritius, and Poland. The operation also resulted in the seizure of nearly \$2.4 million and the disruption and recovery of approximately \$14 million in fraudulent wire transfers.

A number of cases charged in this operation involved international criminal organizations that defrauded small- to large-sized businesses, while others involved individual victims who transferred high-dollar amounts or sensitive records in the course of business. The devastating impacts these cases have on victims and victim companies affect not only the individual business but also the global economy. Since the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) began formally keeping track of BEC and its variant, e-mail account compromise (EAC), there has been a loss of over \$3.7 billion reported to the IC3.

BEC, also known as cyber-enabled financial fraud, is a sophisticated scam that often targets employees with access to company finances and trick them—using a variety of methods like social engineering and computer intrusions—into making wire transfers to bank accounts thought to belong to trusted partners but instead belong to accounts controlled by the criminals themselves. And these same criminal organizations that perpetrate BEC schemes

also exploit individual victims—often real estate purchasers, the elderly, and others—by convincing them to make wire transfers to bank accounts controlled by the criminals.

Foreign citizens perpetrate many of these schemes, which originated in Nigeria but have spread throughout the world.

During Operation Wire-Wire, U.S. law enforcement agents executed more than 51 domestic actions, including search warrants, asset seizure warrants, and money mule warning letters. And local and state law enforcement partners on FBI task forces across the country, with the assistance of multiple district attorney's offices, charged 15 alleged money mules for their roles in defrauding victims.

The role of money mules, witting or unwitting, in BEC schemes is very important—they are used to receive the stolen money and then transfer the funds as directed by the fraudsters. The mules usually keep a fraction of the money for their trouble.

Today's announcement highlighting this recent surge in law enforcement resources targeting BEC schemes "demonstrates the FBI's commitment to disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises that target American citizens and their businesses," according to FBI Director Christopher Wray. And he added, "We will continue to work together with our law enforcement partners around the world to end these fraud schemes and protect the hard-earned assets of our citizens. The public we serve deserves nothing less."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lenoir City Board of Education and Lenoir City Council

The Lenoir City Board of Education and the Lenoir City Council will hold a Special-Called Joint Workshop at Lenoir City Hall on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. The item to be included on the agenda for discussion is as follows:

•Discussion regarding potential referendum/question posed to the voters of Lenoir City about increasing local sales tax by three-quarters of one percent (¾%) for the purpose of increased and improved security at Lenoir City Schools for the safety of students, faculty, and staff.

The public is encouraged to attend.

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Knoxville Partnership for Low-Income Weatherization Earns Award

Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation awarded the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award (Outreach and Education Category) to an innovative Knoxville partnership for successful low-income weatherization assistance programs. The partnership, which includes Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC), City of Knoxville (COK), Alliance to

Save Energy, and other partners, assisted nearly 1,500 low-income households in the last two years through the Knoxville Extreme Energy Makeover (KEEM) and Round It Up programs.

"These programs have made a tremendous positive impact on our community," said Barbara Kelly, Executive Director of CAC. "The retrofits allow families to save money on utility costs so they can better afford other basic necessities, such as food and medicine."

For several years, City of Knoxville worked to bring dozens of local partners together to help low-income households struggling with utility costs due to inefficient homes.

The collaboration led to implementation of KUB's Round It Up program and KEEM; funded by \$15 million from TVA.

"It's an honor that TDEC has recognized the collective efforts and accomplishments of these partnerships," said Erin Gill, COK Director of the Office of Sustainability. "We're pleased to continue supporting the energy savings programs that benefit so many Knoxville residents."

"This is a great example of the impact of partnerships and the value of public power," said Cindy Herron, TVA Vice President EnergyRight® Solutions. "We're investing in people's lives and helping improve their quality of life by lowering their monthly en-

ergy costs."

In total, the energy efficiency programs are expected save more than 6 million kilowatts annually, with an environmental benefit equal to removing nearly 1,000 cars from the road each year.

"KUB is proud to partner with these organizations to support our income-limited customers," said Liz Hannah, KUB Executive Services and Environmental Stewardship. "The programs provide solutions for a root-cause of low-income households struggling with utility costs due to homes that are not energy efficient."

Administered by CAC, the programs provide no-cost energy efficient retrofits

for the homes, and organizations like Alliance to Save Energy and Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development (SEED) provided education for the participants so they are equipped with knowledge to maximize savings with a more efficient home.

TDEC Commissioner Shari Meghreblian will formally recognize the partners at an awards ceremony in July.

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