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Joint Law Enforcement Efforts Net Dangerous Gang Member FBI/NYPD Investigation Leads to 75-Year Prison Term

Back in November 2015, a fatal gang-related shooting took place around 9:15 a.m. in front of a day care center in the Bronx, New York, just as parents were dropping their kids off for the day. The incident was another example of how gang violence spills out into the community in which it's being

perpetrated, threatening the safety and well-being of the general public. But, as part of a broader and successful joint effort by the FBI's New York Field Office and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to protect the public by targeting gang-related violence and see Gang pg. 3

Singing the Federal Prison Blues Prolific Music Piracy Site Owner Sentenced for Copyright Infringement

With an entrepreneurial mind and some technological skills, Artur Sargsyan saw business opportunities on the Internet. Unfortunately for Sargsyan, he chose the wrong opportunity—one that stole money from thousands of artists,

songwriters, producers, and others in the music industry. Now he is serving a federal prison sentence for his crimes. In 2012, while working as a hip-hop DJ in California, the then 24-year-old Sargsyan decided to take his business online by creating web-

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Verse of the Day

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. — John 3:17

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Wazzup

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Weather

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Tonight: Clear. Low of 68F.

Saturday: Mostly Sunny. High of 90F.

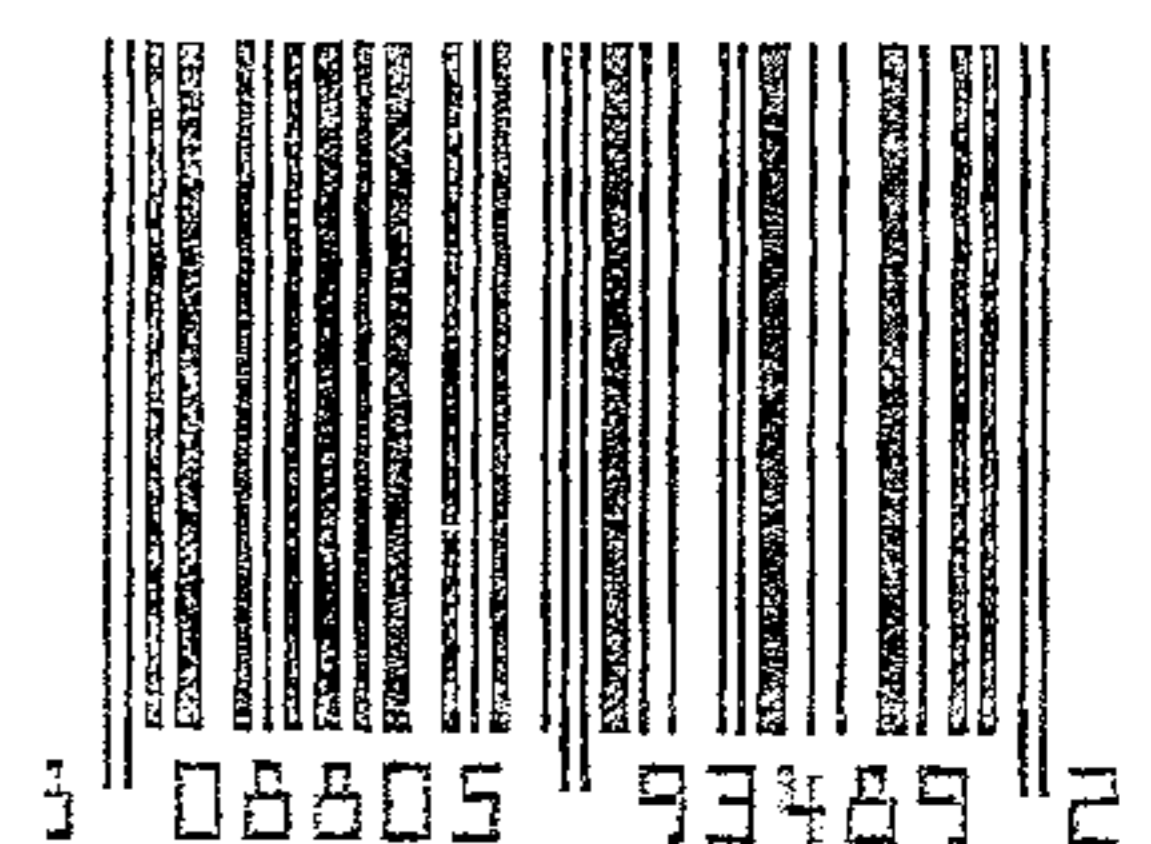
Saturday Night: Cloudy. Low of 68F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Its tempting to see yourself as an unwitting victim if you pass along a story that turns out to be an exaggeration. Double-checking the details

may reveal that the facts have been inflated. What you are told may be technically truthful, while the conclusions are sweetened with optimism. Being swept up in someones excitement can be a wonderful experience until
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Meth

Joey Ferrell, 29, Homeless, was charged with MFG/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Poss. Of Drug Para., and Burglary. Kathy Harold, 35, Elm Lane Loudon, was charged with MFG/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Poss. Of Drug Para., Burglary, and General Ses-

sion Capias. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, was dispatched to a Burglary at Ritchie Road. The complaint advised dispatch that Joey Ferrell was parked in victims driveway and that the door had been pried open to the residence. Complainant advised that the vehicle was a Tan Toyota Camry and it had

turned left on Vonore Road. Upon running Ms. Harold Complainant also advised through dispatch she was items were missing from the found to have a warrant out house. Sgt. Newman traffic of Loudon County. Deputy stopped the vehicle at Riv- asked Mr. Ferrell if there er bend Drive. Upon arrival was anything illegal in the Deputy made contact with vehicle and he stated he Kathy Harold and Joey Ferrell. see Meth p.7

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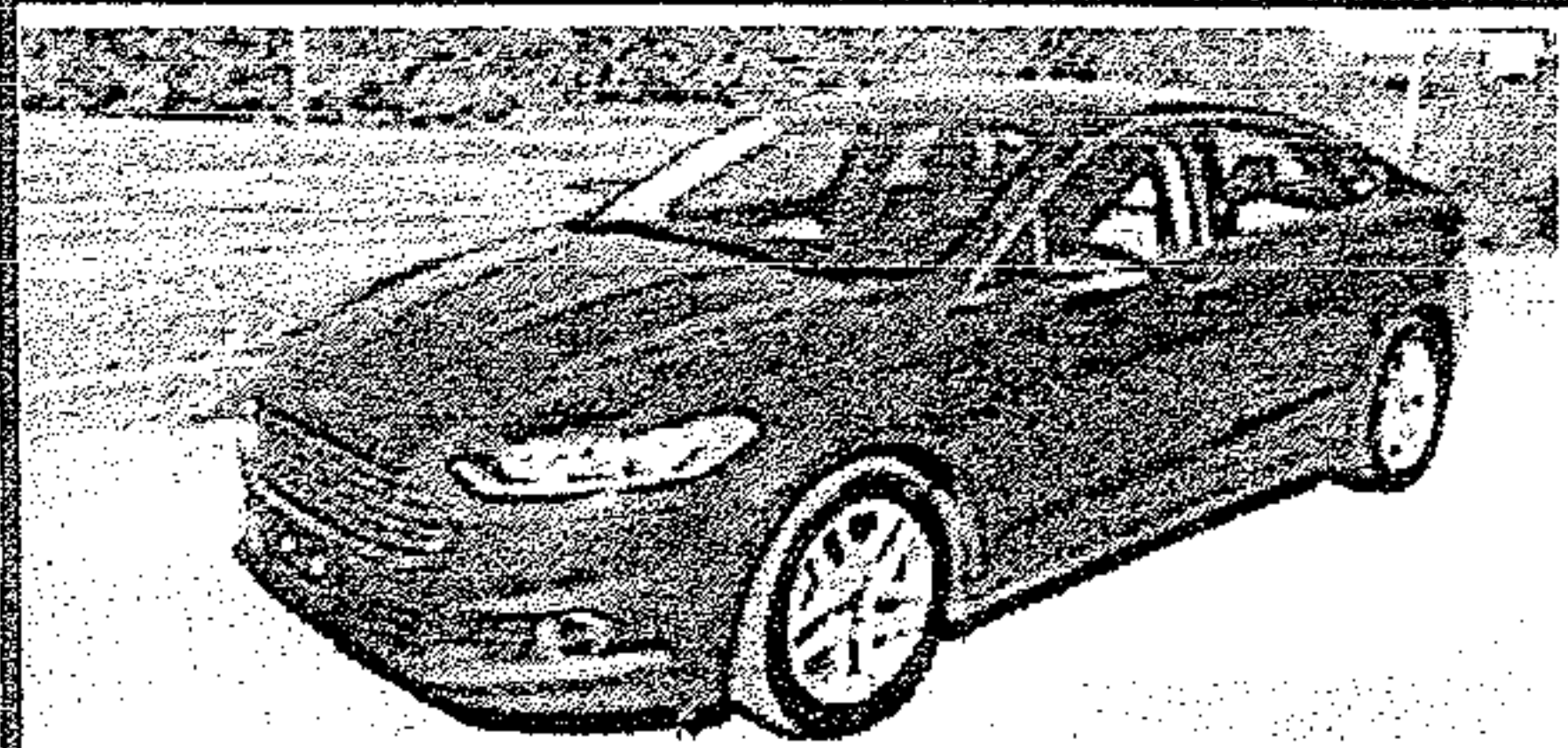
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Gang

drug distribution in the city, investigators identified and eventually apprehended the shooter, who turned out to be a 23-year-old gang member with a long criminal history. And this past February, that gang member—Ruben Pizzaro—was sentenced to 75 years in federal prison for that murder, for participating in a narcotics conspiracy, and for various firearms charges.

According to John Reynolds, one of the New York FBI agents collaborating with NYPD detectives on an ad hoc task force investigating these violent gangs in the Bronx, Pizzaro was a member of a street gang that sold cocaine and crack cocaine in the vicinity of 180th Street and Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. “His victim on that November morning,” said Reynolds, “was David Rivera, a member of a competing drug crew that worked just a few blocks away on Hughes Avenue.” Both criminal organizations had already been in law enforcement’s sights.

Pizzaro’s gang, a faction of a well-known national gang, is a violent enterprise and highly territorial, with a penchant for committing vicious acts against rival gang members. He and his fellow gang members were known to have committed at least three shootings directed at members of the Hughes Avenue drug crew prior to November 2015. Two people were shot during those incidents, and one of those incidents occurred in the immediate vicinity of a middle school. Rivera’s gang, a faction of another well-known national gang, was also highly competitive, and its members engaged in

shootings and other violent acts against rival gang members and others not even associated with gangs. It was a larger operation than the organization Pizzaro belonged to, and it was trying to stop the other gang from encroaching upon its territory.

Reynolds explained that there was also bad blood personally between Pizzaro and Rivera, who had known each other for years. “This wasn’t the first time that there was violence between the two men,” said Reynolds, “and just several weeks earlier, Pizzaro and an associate fired at a group of people on the street that included David Rivera.” He missed Rivera but did injure another man. Two days later, Pizzaro randomly shot a member of Rivera’s gang.

It’s not known what exactly led to the November 2015 shooting, but Pizzaro, with an associate, approached Rivera on the street, began chasing him, and shot him multiple times—all within view of a busy day care center. “Pizzaro calmly walked away,” said Reynolds, “smiling at a mother who was walking her child to the day care and who had witnessed the incident.” Fortunately, a nearby surveillance camera, civilian eyewitnesses, and other investigative efforts led to his identification that same day.

Pizzaro went into hiding, perhaps trying to escape not only law enforcement but also members of Rivera’s gang who were out for revenge. On December 31, 2015, Pizzaro resurfaced, robbing a man in the Bronx and shooting him in the shoulder. The NYPD launched a full-fledged publicity campaign, warning the public about this dangerous fugitive and asking for its help in locating him. It wasn’t long before a tip came in pinpointing Pizzaro’s location. On January 13, 2016, Pizzaro was found at an abandoned house in the Bronx and, despite an attempt to escape from a second-story window, was quickly taken into custody.

He was tried in federal court,

and a jury—convinced by the evidence collected by FBI and NYPD investigators—found him guilty on June 13, 2017. Reynolds said the cooperation in this case between the FBI and NYPD couldn’t have been more seamless, with “both agencies sharing information and contributing their unique talents, expertise, and resources.”

He added, “It was important to get a violent individual like Pizzaro off the streets, not only to protect the community but to also send a message to other gang members that the FBI, with its local partners, will continue to target and dismantle these dangerous criminal groups that terrorize neighborhoods.”

Reynolds also said that separate FBI activity focused on the gang Rivera belonged to was able to dismantle its operations after getting indict-

ments of the organization’s four top leaders. Three have been convicted—including two guilty pleas—and two of the three have already been sentenced, including the head of the criminal enterprise who got 25 years. The fourth defendant is awaiting trial. The FBI and the NYPD, according to Reynolds, continue working together to this day to protect the people of the Bronx and the other New York City boroughs from the scourge of criminal organizations that disrupt communities with their gang violence, illegal drugs, and other criminal activities—just as other FBI field offices around the country do in partnership with their local law enforcement agencies.



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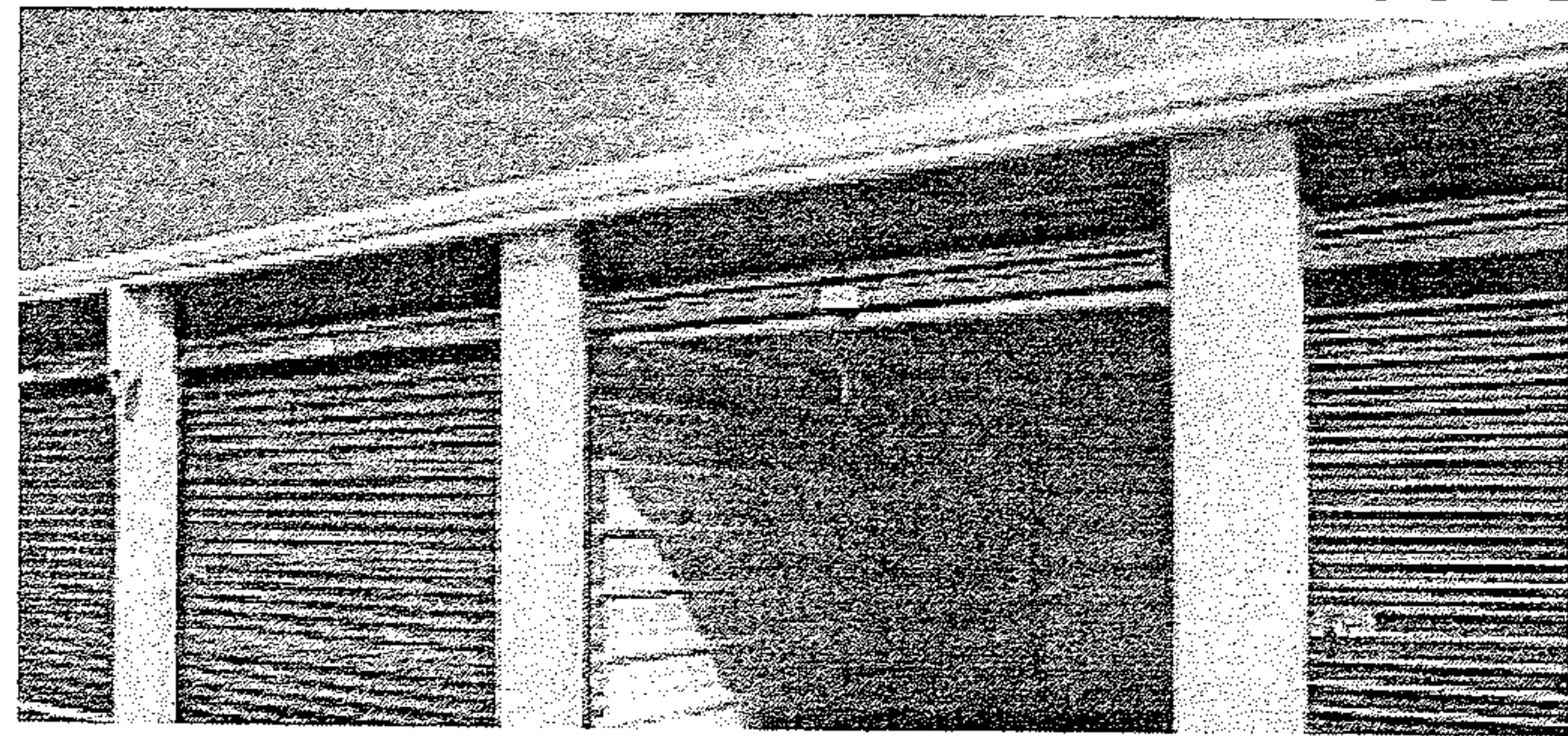
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Public Intox.

Truman Chapman, 41, Steekee Creek Road Loudon, was charged with Public Intoxication.

Officer received a call of a possible shoplifter at Food City, 2799 HWY 72 N., Loudon, TN. Dispatch gave a description as a white male, red shirt and blue jeans had left towards HWY 72 walking. I encountered an individual matching that description, (later identified as Mr. Chapman), and he stated he had tried to steal beer from the Food City. Mr. Chapman was unsteady on his feet, had blood shot eyes and was very unsteady on his feet. He had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his persons and admitted to drinking alcohol steady since Friday. Mr. Chapman stated that he had a ride but got into an argument with them and they left him. Believing Mr. Chapman so intoxicated that he would be a danger to himself if left unattended, Officer placed him under arrest.

Obituaries

Major General Shirley "Sam" Car USAF Retired, from Loudon, TN was born in Orange County, Virginia July 22, 1937 and went to be with our Lord and Father on June 1, 2018. He was at home with his 4 children (David, Dale, Scott, Kristi) and wife

of 57 years ("Ruthie"). His death was preceded by his father, Ruby Myers Carpenter; mother, Hallie Pearl Carpenter; sister, Ruby Garrett; and brother, William Hilton Carpenter. Aside from his four children and wife, he also leaves behind 7 grandchildren, one great grandchild and scores of loved ones, friends and peers that have been forever impacted with positive lasting memories.

General Carpenter was recruited away from Mathew Whaley High School in Williamsburg Virginia to play football for the University of Virginia with a young Don Shula, the running back coach at that time. He earned a full football scholarship as a "halfback", enrolled in Air Force ROTC and studied Psychology. After his graduation from UVA in 1960, he joined the USAF where he attended the first all jet pilot training class. He later completed a Master's Degree in Counseling and Guidance from Troy State University.

General Carpenter's military career spanned 39 years, during which he completed Squadron Officer's School, Air Command and Staff College and the prestigious National War College. His last two assignments were based at the Pentagon where he served as the Deputy to the Chief of the USAF Reserves and Director of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. His distinguished flying career included more than

8700 flight hours, 83 combat missions to the Republic of Vietnam, and numerous military decorations including the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with Device, Air Force Training Ribbon, Combat Readiness Medal with 4 Devices, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Device, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 3 devices, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with Device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Readiness Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Devices, National Service Medal with Device, Longevity Service Award with 8 Devices.

General Carpenter's professional career included "Loyal and Dedicated Service" and "Flying With Distinction" for Trans World Airlines (TWA) from 1968 to 1997 achieving the level of Captain. Post TWA and Military, General Carpenter worked as a professional consultant with Volga Dnepr and the Department of Defense brokering transportation for the USAF.

He never met a stranger; was quick to help others in need; had a talent for making the complex simple and the most serious

of characters laugh. He set a high bar but managed to lift all that were with or around him. He was a strong Christian man that was honest, hard-working, loyal and eternally optimistic about the best is yet to come. Please join in celebrating his life and passing with a prayer, toast, smile and hug. The world lost one hell of a man, fondly known by family and friends as "Sam", "The General" or "General Sam". May he rest in peace.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Tellico Village Community Church at 2PM Sunday, July 22 2018. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked donations to be made to The Wounded Warrior's Foundation, Community Church of Tellico Village, Tellico Village Fire Department or Disabled American Vets.

The Good News The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Mark 3:20-35
With all the various competing wills taunting us to stray from God's will, each of us might be the kingdom or house divided that cannot stand. But the Holy Spirit works in us through the word bringing God's will to fruition. While we may not cast out demons, the good news through which the Spirit calls us, gives us God's own authority to confront the taunting that would lead us into despair and sin. Denying the Holy Spirit's work is unforgivable because this denial rejects the possibility that God wants to save all people from the effects of that first and persistent sin. The sin of believing and trusting the taunts, rather than God's sword.

Prayer: Powerful Hope, shore up the foundations of our faith so we might show others your love that leads out of despair. Amen.

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sites where music could be downloaded for free. Although he purported the sites to be for up-and-coming artists to have their music discovered, Sargsyan was actually providing popular, copyrighted music for free and profiting from it by selling advertisements on his sites.

His two public-facing sites were newjamz.net and albumjams.com, which would then redirect users to sharebeast.com, where the music was stored. Sharebeast was a cyber locker—a large-scale file storage and sharing service—and it allowed users to download copyrighted music for free. Although investigators do not know exactly how Sargsyan's website obtained the copyrighted music—including music that hadn't been publicly released yet—they do know that advertising revenue brought in more than \$1 million for Sargsyan.

"Although the site was supposed to be for discovery of new artists, that's not what was actually going on there. All of the music I saw was copyrighted and was mostly from popular artists like Beyoncé, Pitbull, and Bruno Mars," said

Special Agent Cyrus Riley, Jr., who worked the case out of the FBI's Atlanta Division.

Advertisers were eager to work with Sargsyan because his site was so popular—it was one of the top 1 percent of all websites in the world at one point. He had also captured the attention of the key 18- to 24-year-old demographic.

At first, Sargsyan told advertisers that the songs were merely samples or copyright-free downloads, but eventually the company's revenue began to dry up when the advertisers realized they were doing business with a website peddling illegal downloads.

Screenshot of a splash page seen by visitors indicating that a website has been seized by the FBI and partner agencies due to copyright violations.

This seizure notice greets visitors who attempt to visit the websites Artur Sargsyan's company used to illegally provide copyrighted music.

Sharebeast's success also caught the attention of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), who approached the FBI. The RIAA had repeatedly sent letters to Sharebeast

advising the company that it was violating copyright law and to take the music down. Each time, Sharebeast would simply change the URLs for the songs without actually removing the songs from the site. Over three years, the RIAA e-mailed Sargsyan more than 100 times asking him to remove copyrighted music from his website, but he wouldn't comply.

In addition to tracking the URL changes, in 2015, the FBI and international partners in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom seized all three websites and conducted authorized searches at Sargsyan's home and office. The evidence from these searches directly tied Sargsyan to distributing copyrighted songs and albums via his websites.

Investigators found Sargsyan was living the high life with his ill-gotten gains. He owned multiple properties in Los Angeles and a high-end car and frequently traveled. More than \$160,000 was seized from several of Sargsyan's bank accounts.

Last year, Sargsyan pleaded guilty to criminal copyright infringement. In March 2018, he was sentenced to five years in prison. Although Sargsyan pleaded guilty to causing \$52 mil-


lion in losses to the music industry, the RIAA estimates the losses are more than \$6 billion.

"He had clearly invested in the infrastructure of the websites; they ran smoothly despite the pop-ups. Sargsyan knew the more people who visited the site to download music, the more money he would make from the ads," Riley said. "It really was a brilliant scheme."

Riley emphasized copyright violations are not a victimless crime. They cost revenue and jobs for creators who produce the work that music fans enjoy—not just for artists, but also for writers, producers, and others in the industry.

"If creators aren't being compensated for the work they create because of copyright violations, you may not have people generating the content that we love to enjoy as music fans," Riley said. "It's important to safeguard creators' intellectual property."

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Meth ctd from p.2



had a rig and pipe in the glove box. Upon searching the vehicle the found in the driver seat in a pink and white change purse was a baggy of crystal meth (.19 grams). Found in Ms. Harold's purse was another baggy of crystal meth (.4 gram), cut straw, baggies, and a glass meth pipe. Found in the glove box in a tin can was a syringe, marijuana pipe, meth pipe, and baggies. Kathy Harold and Joey Ferrell were taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail. The victim Ms. Brown did positively identify items in the trunk of the vehicle that were stolen from

her residence. This did happen in Loudon county.

Fraud ctd from p. 1

A Lawrence County woman is charged in Maury County with doctor shopping for prescription drugs, using TennCare as payment for the pills. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) today announced the arrest of Crystal Michelle Clifton, 36, of Loretto. She is charged with TennCare fraud involving doctor shopping, which is using TennCare to visit multiple healthcare providers

within a short time period to obtain prescriptions drugs; in this case, the pain-killer Hydrocodone. She is charged with two counts of TennCare fraud by doctor shopping. "Illegally obtaining prescriptions is a crime we are doggedly pursuing," Inspector General Kim Harmon said. "Fortunately, Tennessee laws deter TennCare benefits from being used to fund the opioid epidemic." District Attorney General Brent Cooper is prosecuting. TennCare fraud is a Class D felony punishable by up to four years in prison.

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