

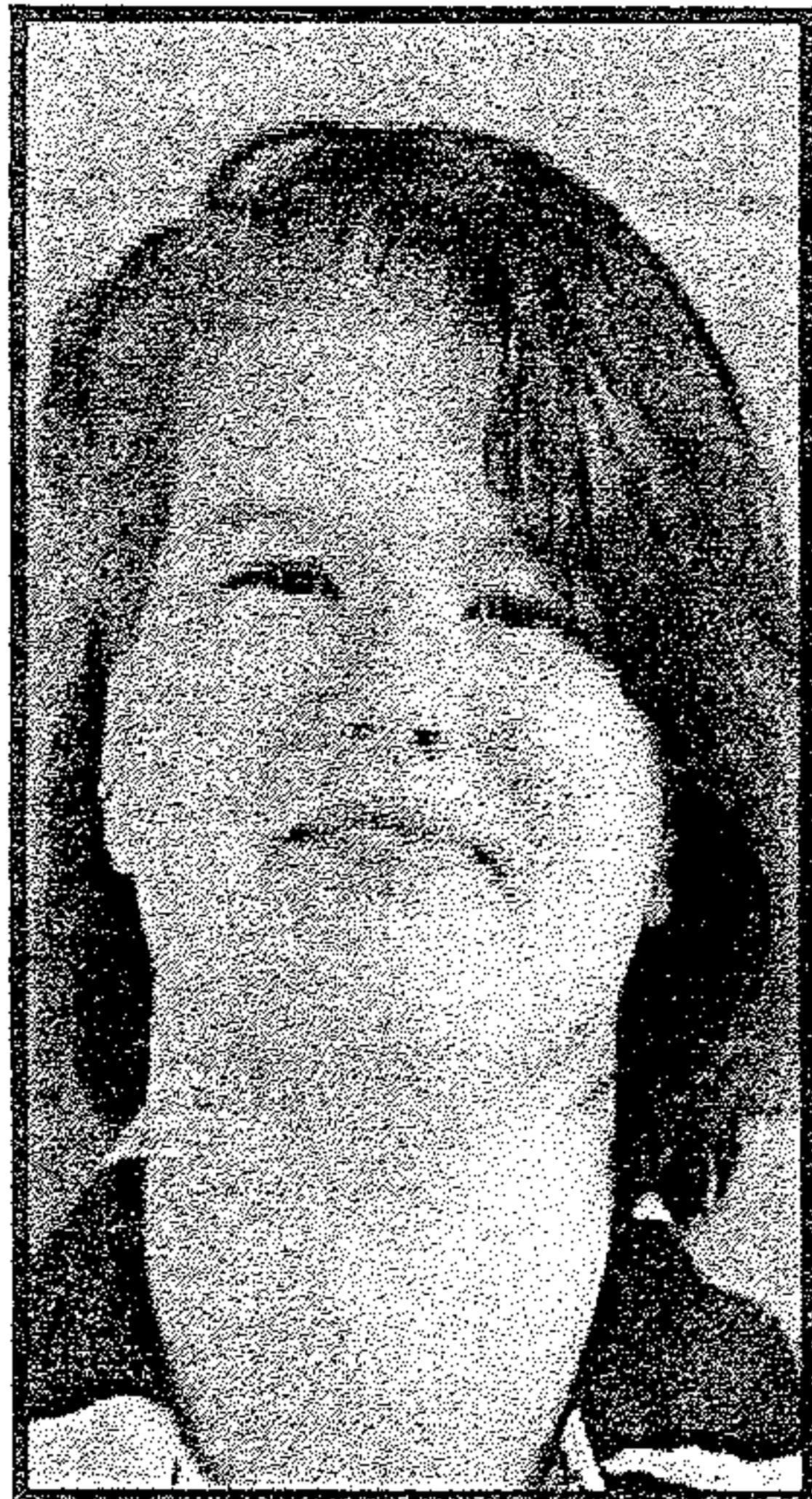
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Monday, July 02, 2018

Underage Drinking Busted at Motel



Morgan Bates



Patrick Maze



Kurtus Sliger

Only One Beer Leads to DUI

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Wesley Neiner

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Son Assaults Mother



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Caris Agrees To Pay \$8.5 Million To Settle False Claims Act Lawsuit Alleging That It Billed For Ineligible Hospice Patients

Caris Healthcare, L.P. the Medicare hospice and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Caris Healthcare, LLC ("Caris Healthcare"), have agreed to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act by knowingly submitting false claims, and knowingly retaining overpayments, for the care of patients who were ineligible for the Medicare hospice benefit because they were not terminally ill, the Department of Justice announced today. Under the settlement agreement, Caris Healthcare, a for-profit hospice chain that operates in Tennessee, Virginia, and South Carolina, has agreed to pay \$8.5 million.

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New Top Ten Fugitive Help Us Catch a Killer

ANTWAN TAMON MIMS

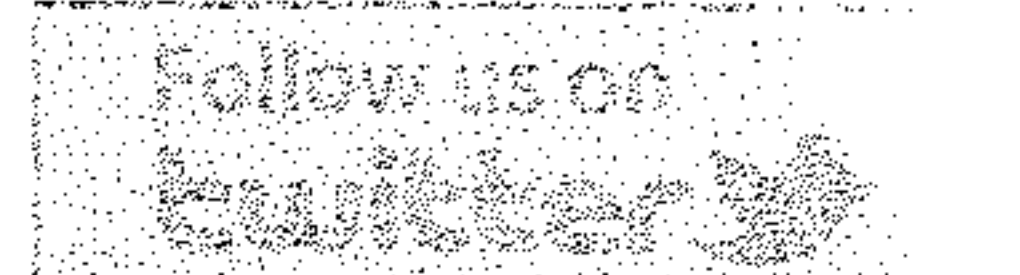
Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution - Homicide - Murder First Degree Premeditated (Two Counts), Possession of Firearm by a Felon (One Count), Weapons Felony Firearm (Two Counts)

A violent Michigan gang member charged with murdering two men in front of dozens of witnesses has been

named to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list, and a reward of up to \$100,000 is being offered for information leading to his capture.

Antwan Tamon Mims, a convicted felon and known member of the Gangster Disciples gang, is wanted in connection with the killings that occurred at a house party on March 25, 2018, in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

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Verse of the Day

The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. — Proverbs 23:24

Obituaries

None reported
Wazzup

Did everyone have fun at Rockin' the Docks?

Weather

Today: Thunderstorms. High of 88.

Tonight: Rain. Low of 72F.

Tuesday: Cloudy. High of 90F.

Tuesday Night: Cloudy. Low of 72F.

Horoscopes

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Important matters demand your attention today and its best you concentrate on the business at hand. Unfortunately, you might rather be doing something else, but

its not wise to follow your impulses when responsibilities are left unmet. A little strategizing goes a long way now, so figure out what you must do, make a plan and then get to work. Luckily your current efforts will likely have a greater impact

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Underage

Morgan Bates, 22, County Road Englewood, was charged with Enticing/Purchasing Alcoholic Beverages. Patrick Maze, 20, Brooksvew Road Lenoir City, was charged with Responsibility Act. Kurtus Slinger, 19, Grimes Road Loudon, was charged with Responsibility Act. Officers from the Loudon City

Police Department were dispatched to a report of a missing female at the Americas Best Value Inn in Loudon City. Upon arrival we were advised that we were looking for Morgan Bates. Officers made contact with Bates at room 212. Two other males were found in the room with Bates and found to have been consuming alcohol. The two males were under the age

of 21. Bates was found to have rented the room for the three individuals and provided the alcohol for the two individuals under the age of 21. Bates knowingly provided alcohol to an "underage adult" as outlined as an offense under TCA 39-15-404. The two males, Patrick Maze of

Lenoir City, and Kurtis Slinger of Colorado were charged with Underage Consumption and Morgan Bates was charged with Purchasing of an Alcoholic Beverage for a Child.

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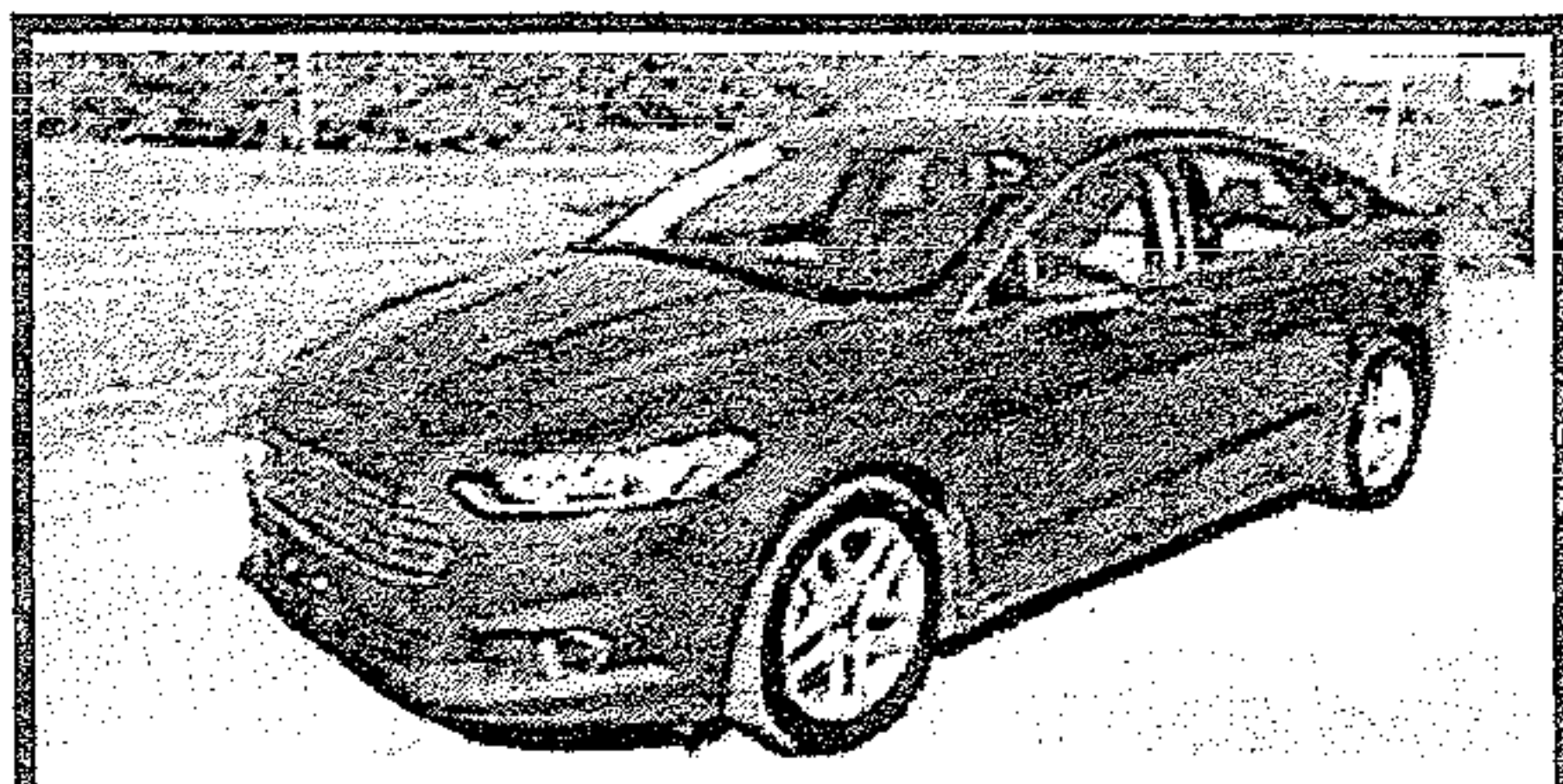
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Caris

The settlement resolves allegations that Caris Healthcare admitted and recertified patients for hospice care that were ineligible for the hospice benefit. The government's complaint alleged that, in an effort to meet the aggressive admis-

sions and census targets set by the company, Caris admitted patients whose medical records did not support a terminal prognosis. The government's complaint further alleged that when Caris was alerted to the ineligibility of these patients—via internal audits, concerns raised by its Chief Medical Officer, and recommendations of its

nurse employees who actually examined the patients—Caris not only continued to submit hospice claims to Medicare for the patients, but also took no meaningful action to determine whether it had previously received improper payments for these and other patients that should have been returned to Medicare.

"Today's settlement is an important reminder that compliance programs and activities cannot exist in name only. When a healthcare provider is put on notice that a patient is ineligible for a particular Medicare benefit or service, the healthcare provider cannot turn a blind eye to that information but, instead, must take reasonable steps to stop the improper conduct and to determine whether that conduct resulted in prior overpayments," said Acting Assistant Attorney General

Chad A. Readler of the Justice Department's Civil Division. "Moreover, when internal audit results or other information reveals the existence of a compliance issue that is not limited to a particular claim, as was the case here, it is incumbent on providers to exercise due diligence to determine how widespread the problem is and to return any overpayments."

"It is completely unacceptable for providers to retain overpayments from Medicare after being put on notice of the likelihood of such overpayments. Under the law, providers must go beyond merely conducting audits and providing forums for employee concerns. Rather, when Medicare rule violations have

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DUI

Wesley Neiner, 26, Steekee Creek Road Loudon, was charged with DUI.

Officer with the LPD, was dispatched to the I75 southbound exit 72 for a possible intoxicated driver in a silver Nissan maxima. The vehicle exited and went to McDonald's with the complaint following. Officer then made contact with the driver Wesley Samuel Niener. Mr. Neiner had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person and was very unsteady on his feet. Mr. Neiner stated he had drank one beer and drove from a friends house in Knoxville. Mr. Neiner performed poorly on the field sobriety tests he was given. The complainant was the individual who called 911 and followed Mr. Neiner to the McDonald's and gave a written statement. Mr. Neiner was read the implied consent and agreed, Mr. Neiner had a difficult time with the breath test and had a Insufficient sample. Officer re-entered the information for a second test, his BAC was .237. The above incident happened in the City of Loudon.

FBI

Investigators believe that Mims emerged from the house shortly after midnight and saw two men he believed had wronged his gang on a drug deal. He produced a gun and fired from the front door, hitting both men, who fell to the ground. Then, "very calmly," said Special Agent Jeff Brown, who

is investigating the case from the FBI's Detroit Division, "he walked up to the victims and put a bullet into their heads."

After the killing, bystanders told police that Mims "walked away as if nothing had happened," Brown said. The killer's apparent arrogance—gunning down the men in front of so many witnesses—came from the fact that he was an intimidating figure in the community and believed no one would talk to authorities for fear of violent reprisals.

Brown noted that Benton Harbor, with a population of about 10,000, is the third most violent

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Obituaries

Margaret T. Smith-Heaven gained a great lady today. Margaret T. Smith went home to her heavenly family, June 28, 2018. She passed peacefully at home surrounded by her children and chihuahuas. She was born Margaret Todd on September 19, 1923 in Scott County TN in the small town of Robbins. In the early 40's, as a young independent woman she answered the call to work at The Secret City and do her part for the Manhattan project. She worked at the Y12 plant but eventually found her passion in the service industry. Her last job was the Dinner Bell Restaurant in Lenoir City where she enjoyed her customers for 26 years until she was 85. She reluctantly retired when the restaurant closed its doors.

Margaret's greatest passion was her children and her chihuahua's. Not always in that order, depending on who she was the most frustrated with at the time. She was a strong willed, hard-working single mother that gave her all for her children. She loved doing any activity that surrounded her with her children such as family birthdays, picnics and UT football games. Her love of children was so great that in the early years she cared for numerous foster children.

She was met in Heaven by her father, Harley Robbins; mother, Lena Todd Jeffers; brothers James Calvin (JC), Harley and Reidon Robbins and her babies, Jeffery and Diana.

She is survived by son, Roger Smith and wife, Linda; daughter, Brenda Smith and partner, Carol; son, Jason Smith and partner, Selena; grandchildren, Dylan, Elijah, and Alex.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on

Saturday, June 30th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Eddie Click officiating. Private graveside services will be held at Todd Family Cemetery, Scott County.

Cantrell, Pauline (Clark) Julian age 92 of Sweetwater, passed away Thursday, June 28, 2018 at Park West Hospital. Pauline (Polly) was a member of First United Methodist Church, Sweetwater. She owned and operated West End Beauty Shop in Loudon for many years. Polly enjoyed playing cards with her family and friends, especially Rook and Bridge. She is preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Vesta (Phifer) Clark; husbands, Cecil Julian and H.L. Cantrell;

sisters, Grace Galyon, Cleo Todd, Jess Schrimsher, Celesta Shubert, brother, Boyd Clark and son-in-law, Freddie Brewster. Survivors include her loving daughter, Brenda Jo (Julian) Brewster; grandchildren and spouses, Jason and Julie Brewster and Ty and Shelly Brewster; great grandchildren, Dylan, Jordan Kate, Alyssa and Carson Brewster; many special nieces, nephews and friends. Services to honor Pauline will be held 3 PM Sunday, July 1st in the McGill Click Chapel with Rev. Riley Huffstetler officiating. Interment will follow in the New Steekee Cemetery. The family will receive friends 2-3 PM Sunday prior to the service at the McGill Click Funerals & Creations, 1366 Hwy 72 N. Loudon

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 been revealed, the provider must take meaningful action to correct them, including repaying Medicare for funds they improperly received. Such corrective actions are vital to the integrity of the Medicare program, and the U.S. Attorney's Office will continue to use the resources available to it to ensure the government is properly reimbursed for funds it is owed," said J. Douglas Overbey, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

"We have significant expertise in investigating hospice fraud, as this part of the country unfortunately has seen more than its share of these schemes," said Special Agent in Charge Derrick L. Jackson for the Office of Inspector General for the region including Tennessee. "When hospices increase their bottom lines by billing taxpayers for unneeded services,

they are diverting money from vulnerable, terminally-ill individuals. Worse yet, these patients may not be receiving care for medical needs that would otherwise be covered in a non-hospice setting."

The settlement resolves allegations filed in a lawsuit by Barbara Hinkle, a registered nurse who formerly worked for Caris Healthcare, under the qui tam, or whistleblower, provisions of the False Claims Act, which permit private individuals to sue on behalf of the government for false claims and to share in any recovery. The Act also allows the government to intervene and take over the action, as it did in this case. The whistleblower's share will be \$1,402,500.

This matter was handled on behalf of the government by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee, the Justice Department's

Civil Division, and the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General.

The case is captioned United States ex rel. Hinkle v. Caris Healthcare, L.P., et al., Case No. 3:14-cv-212 (E.D. Tenn.). The claims resolved by the settlement are allegations only, and there has been no determination of liability.

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Assault

Randall Henry, 25, Walnut Street Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Halsey LCPD, responded to S Walnut St Lenoir City, TN 37771 in reference to an aggravated domestic assault. Upon arrival Officer made contact

with the victim. The victim stated that her son began arguing with her because he didn't have money and was going to go to work. Victim advised the defendant, Mr. Randall J. Henry Jr. that she was going to put together a list of bills he needed to help pay. Mr. Henry Jr advised that he would get tattoos before he helped pay the bills. Mr. Henry Jr. advised that his first tattoo would be on his arm that says "F\$\$k You Mom". Victim slapped him for the language he used and he then pulled out a knife and threatened to stab victim with it. Victim immediately called 911. Victim did state she was in fear for her life. Mr. Henry Jr. was then taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All the above did occur in Loudon Co / Lenoir City TN.

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city per capita in Michigan. "It's a small city with a pretty significant crime rate," he said. "There are a lot of drug and gang cases."

Mims—with prior felony convictions ranging from drug possession to assault with a deadly weapon to being a habitual offender—was well known to local law enforcement and the community as a violent gang member. "Many people we talked to are scared of him," Brown said.

Adding Mims to the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list means the case will receive national publicity and that the reward for information leading to his capture has been increased to up to \$100,000.

"That is a lot of money," Brown said. "We hope it will motivate

individuals to come forward. For someone in Benton Harbor, that reward money could mean moving to a different area and starting a new life."

Mims, who has given varying dates of birth, is likely about 40 years old. He has family and gang ties in Michigan, Indiana, Georgia, and Tennessee. "We are assuming that people from the gang world are giving him money, hiding him, and taking care of him," Brown said.

Mims is the 519th individual to be named to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list since the program was established in 1950. Since that time, 484 fugitives have been apprehended or located—more than 160 of them as a result of citizen cooperation.

"We need the public's help," said Brown, who works out of the FBI's

St. Joseph Resident Agency, which is minutes away from Benton Harbor. "Getting Mims off the street is paramount."

Brown, who was born and raised in St. Joseph and was a police officer there before becoming an FBI agent, added, "Bringing Mims to justice will show the people in the community who are scared to talk to the police or the FBI that coming forward is the right thing to do and makes the community safer."

Anyone with information about Mims is encouraged to call 1-800-CALL-FBI, or contact their nearest law enforcement agency, FBI office, or U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Tips can also be submitted online at tips.fbi.gov.

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