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Friday, July 20, 2018

Two Sisters Argument Gets Nasty



Sara Harndon

Sara Harndon, 21, W 9th Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault x2. Officer Yoakum LCPD, responded to W 9th Ave in reference to a domestic issue. Upon arrival Officer spoke with the offender, Sara Harndon. Ms. Harndon stated that she and the two victims

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Odemnis Prats Leiva Sentenced To Serve 54 Months In Federal Prison For Wire Fraud And Aggravated Identity Theft

On July 9, 2018, Odemnis Prats Leiva, 31, of Pompano Beach, Florida, was sentenced by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, U.S. District Judge, to serve 54 months in federal prison for his role in a wire fraud and aggravated identity theft conspiracy involving credit card

skimmers. Upon his release from prison, he will be supervised by U.S. Probation for three years. Leiva was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$21,114.84.

In March 2018, Leiva pleaded

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Friends Donate \$71,000 to Knox County Public Library Gifts Support Library Programs, Materials, and Staff

At the annual meeting of the Friends of the Knox County Public Library on July 16, Myretta Black, director of the Knox County Public Library, received a check for more than \$71,000, representative of the investment that the Friends have made in the library system during the past fiscal year.

Committed to community outreach, advocacy and support of the Knox County Public Library, Friends has underwritten the library's long-standing programs such as the Children's Festival of Reading and Summer Library Club as well as new materials to its digital collections and

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The Rev Dr Julius McCarter

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The reading from Jeremiah gives hope to us sheep who may be feeling lost or abandoned. To any sheep who live in fear or are disheartened by the way their life has turned out, who feel they have been left to fend for themselves or that they don't fit in, Jeremiah's

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Attorney General Sessions Announces Operation Synthetic Opioid Surge

Attorney General Jeff Sessions and U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey today announced Operation Synthetic Opioid Surge (S.O.S.), a new program that seeks to reduce the supply of deadly synthetic opioids in high

impact areas and to identify wholesale distribution networks and international and domestic suppliers.

As part of Operation S.O.S., the Department will launch an enforcement surge in ten districts with some

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Verse of the Day

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. — Romans 1:16

Obituaries

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Wazzup

The Big Burgers are Great at Donna's Diner be sure to check them out.

Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of 87.

Tonight: Clear. Low of

69F.

Saturday: Thunderstorms. High of 82F.

Saturday Night: Rain. Low of 67F.

Horoscopes

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Your family tree is casting shade on your heart today.

You might be feeling a sentimentality regarding your roots and bloodline, or a growing attachment toward tradition and culture. Be aware of where you may be relinquishing your power. Sometimes an overly

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Sisters

were arguing and one of the victims started throwing her clothes out of the house. All three parties live at this residence. Ms. Harndon refused to write a statement concerning the incident. The first victim, is the sister of the offender. Victim stated the two were

arguing and Ms. Harndon began physically hitting her. Victim stated the two ended up on the floor and she had to restrain her to keep from being hit anymore. The second victim, came in and broke the two women up and the offender threw a basket at him striking him

in the arm. Officer observed fresh marks and scratches on both victim's right arms. Officer then arrested the offender for Domestic Violence and she was transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident.

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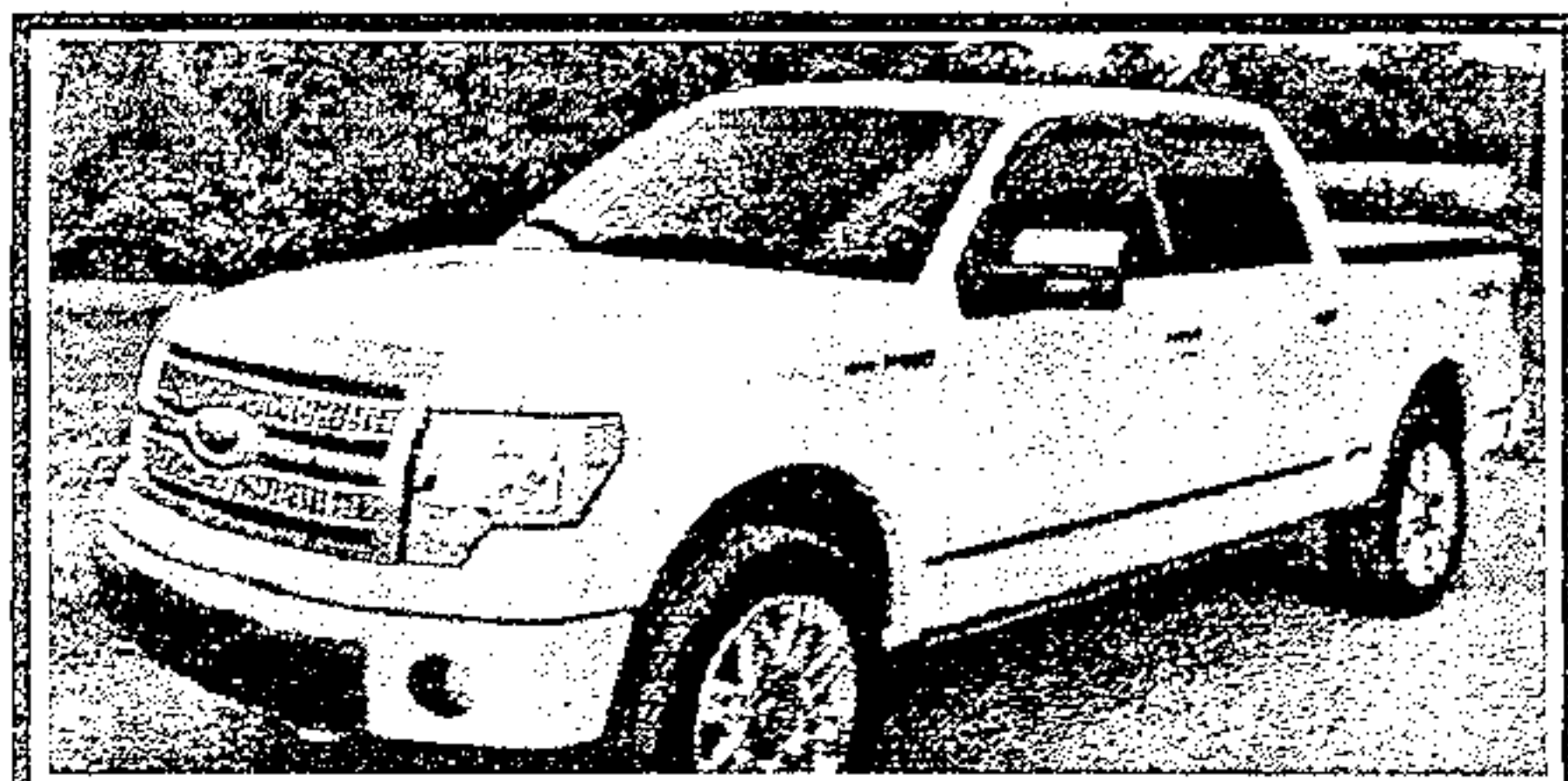
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Theft

guilty to three counts of a September 2017 federal indictment. Details of the scheme are outlined in his plea agreement on file with U.S. District Court. According to the plea agreement, between August 7, 2017 and Au-

gust 10, 2017, Leiva and Amaurys Mendez Campanon used skimming devices on gas pumps at retail gas stations to obtain the credit/debit card account information of numerous people without their knowledge. They used the fraudulently obtained information to re-encode un-

loaded gift cards, which they shoplifted from various retail establishments. The re-encoded cards were then used to purchase loaded gift cards and other consumer items at various retail establishments across east Tennessee and elsewhere.

As a result of an ongoing investigation by law enforcement, Leiva and Campanon were arrested in Rogersville, Tennessee, on August 10, 2017. At the time of the arrest, Leiva was in possession of nine unlawfully re-encoded devices, \$7,020.25 in

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Public Notice

The Lenoir City Utilities (LCUB) has cancelled its Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Monday, August 20, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. and will be held at LCUB in the Hamby-Smith Memorial Board Room located at 7698 Creekwood Park Blvd., Lenoir City, TN. 37772.

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Operation

of the highest drug overdose death rates, including the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Each participating U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) will choose a specific county and prosecute every readily provable case involving the distribution of fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, and other synthetic opioids, regardless of drug quantity. The surge will involve a coordinated DEA Special Operations Division operation to insure that leads from street-level cases are used to identify larger scale distributors. Operation S.O.S. was inspired by a promising initiative of the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Middle District of Florida involving Manatee County, Florida.

"When it comes to synthetic opioids, there is no such thing as a small case," Attorney General Sessions said. "In 2016, synthetic opioids killed more Americans than any other kind of drug. Three milligrams of fentanyl can be fatal—that's not even enough to cover up Lincoln's face on a penny. Our prosecutors in Manatee County, Florida have shown that prosecuting seem-

ingly small synthetic opioids cases can have a big impact and save lives, and we want to replicate their success in the districts that need it most. This new strategy—and the new prosecutors who will help carry it out—will help us put more traffickers behind bars and keep the American people safe from the threat of these deadly drugs."

"According to statistics from the Knox County Drug Related Task Force, already in 2018 there have been 164 overdose deaths in Knox County alone. This alarming number is from only one of the 41 counties that make up the Eastern District of Tennessee. Sadly, statistics show that Tennessee, and in particular east Tennessee, has one of the highest overdose death rates in the country. The U.S. Attorney's Office welcomes the opportunity to participate in Operation S.O.S. and will work with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners to prosecute every readily provable case involving the distribution of synthetic opioids in Knox County, regardless of drug quantity," stated U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey.

In addition, the

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OC-DETF) Executive Office will provide funding for an additional two-year term Assistant U.S. Attorney to each participating district to assist with drug-related prosecutions.

The ten participating districts are:

Northern District of Ohio
 Southern District of Ohio
 Eastern District of Tennessee
 Eastern District of Kentucky
 Southern District of West Virginia
 Northern District of West Virginia
 District of Maine
 Eastern District of California
 Western District of Pennsylvania
 District of New Hampshire

Police Beat

Kristyn Forney, 29, Chapman Street Athens, was charged with

Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Kevin Friedman, 33, Oakwood Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Garry Godsey, 60, Grievers Chapel Road Rockwood, was charged with Failure to Appear.

Michael Giles, 27, Caramel Lane Loudon, was charged with Violation of Probation, Failure to Appear, and Juvenile Attachment.

Katelyn Pardue, 27, Unitica Circle Oak Ridge, was charged with Juvenile Attachment.

Amanda Porstner, 36, Brezeale Road Lenoir City, was charged with Failure to Appear x2.

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cash, numerous gift cards, all of which he had obtained as part of the conspiracy, as well as other items used in furtherance of their conspiracy.

Campanon, who was also charged in the indictment and has pleaded guilty, was arrested at the same time. He is awaiting sentencing in U.S. District Court.

This investigation was conducted by the U.S. Secret Service, Johnson City Police Department and Rogersville Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney TJ Harker represented the United States in court proceedings.

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words offer comfort and hope. The Good shepherd will “bring them back to the fold.” God is there to restore their relationship with each other and in the family. God promises to give them the strength they need to care for each other so that they may live and prosper.

The restoration continues as God gives a picture of peace and justice winning out over oppression. All God’s children are invited to stop running away from their fears, to come and rest, to feel safe and secure in the outstretched arms of our shepherd.

Prayer: God of restoration, restore our relationship with you and bring us home to rest in your loving arms. Help us to attend to the needs of our brothers and sisters so that we all might live life abundantly in you. Amen.

Library

new events to the community. The Friends’ investment in the library system is made possible by revenues from used

book sales, membership dues, and donations as well as by the commitment of the more than 200 dedicated volunteers who have devoted more

than 14,000 hours to raising these funds.

“We are so very grateful for the Friends’ support of programs at the library,” said Black.


Maggie Carini, outgoing Friends president, stated, “This check represents a circle of support that begins with the citizens of Knox County who donate their used books, attend Friends events, and promote Friends in general. In return, Friends is able to donate generously to library programs — touching citizens young and old in every corner of Knox County.”

Using a favorite children’s book to describe the relationship between Friends and the library, Rusha Sams, newly elected president of the Friends, added, “If the Knox County Public Library is The Giving Tree for our community, Friends is the gardener who shapes and waters. Generous support means water-

ing deeply to get the broadest leaves and longest limbs.”


Friends of the Knox County Public Library is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster a love of libraries, books and reading in the Knox County area. The organization raises funds to sponsor community outreach programs, represent the interests of Knox County library patrons, and support a variety of services offered by the local library system that would otherwise not be available due to budget or staff restrictions.

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