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Wednesday, July 04, 2018

Father Assaulted in Home By Son

Robert Ament, 23, Timber lane Chattanooga, was charged with Domestic Assault.



Robert Ament

Deputy Robbie Lane LCSO, was dispatched to Ford Rd for a physical domestic between father and son. Caller advised dispatch that his son had been drinking and had gotten up-

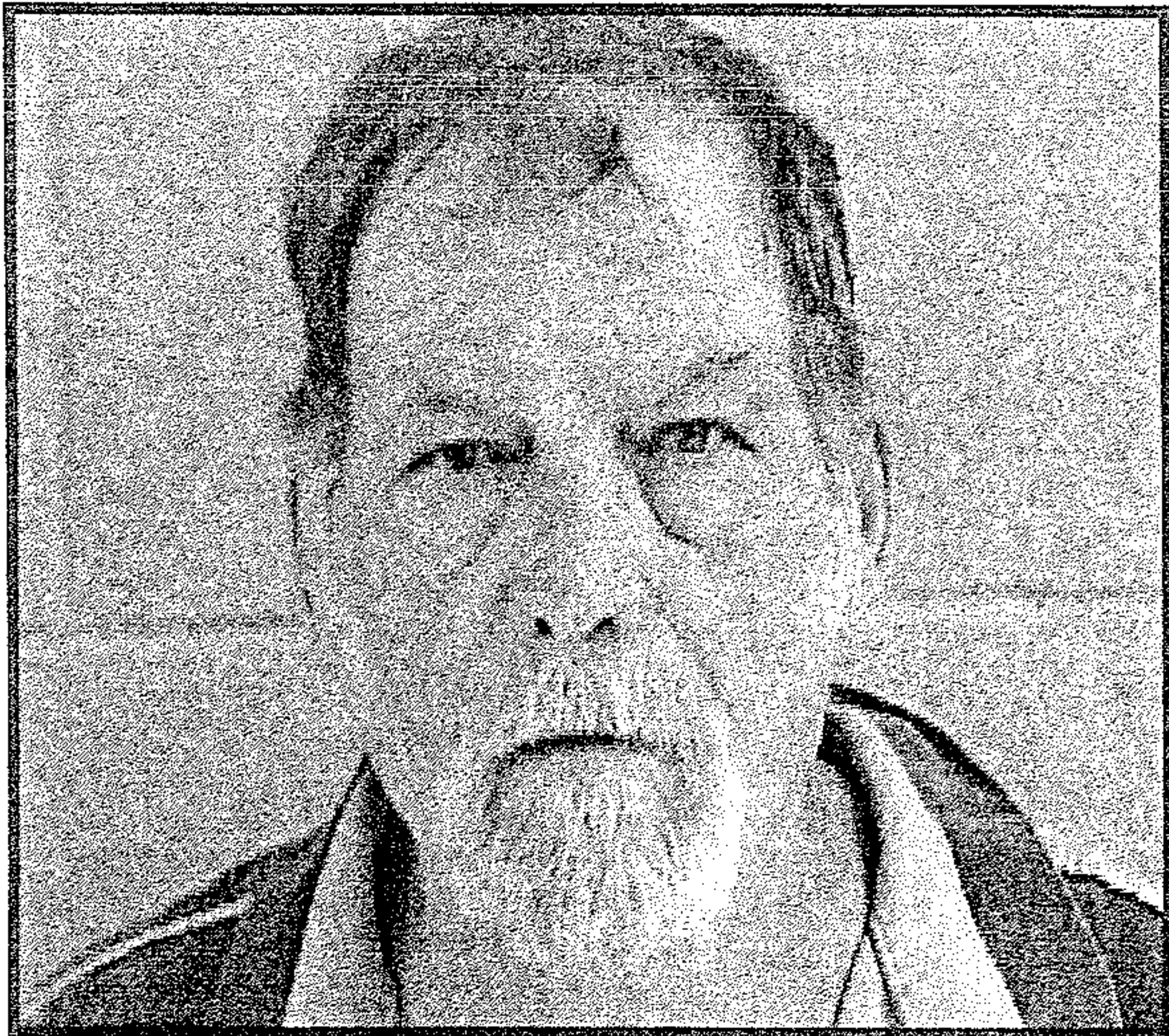
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General Russell Johnson Elected To Executive Committee Of Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference

Russell Johnson, "I am honored to 9th District Attorney General, serving Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane counties, has been elected by the members of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference (TNDAGC) to serve on the Executive Committee.

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Theft of Property Charges



Lynn Hawkins

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Got Drunk and Wrecked the truck



Logan Harrison

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National Health Care Fraud Takedown

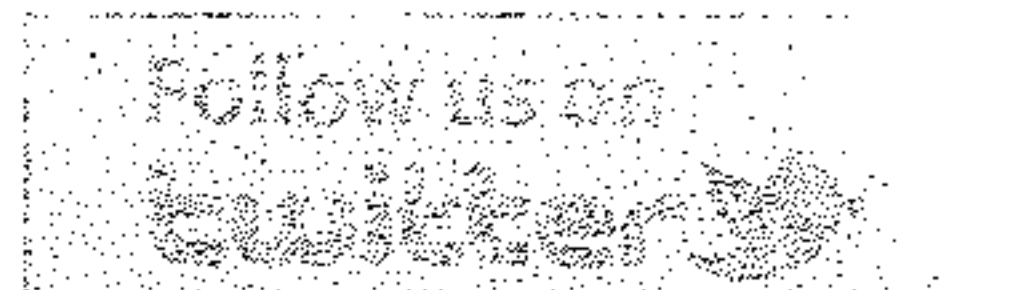
601 Defendants Charged, More Than \$2 Billion in Fraud Losses Recorded

FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich took part in a press conference today with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar III, and other federal officials to announce a nationwide health care fraud and opioid takedown that has re-

sulted in charges against 601 defendants around the country, along with a total of more than \$2 billion in fraud losses.

This takedown, the largest health care enforcement action taken to date by the joint Department of Justice and HHS Medicare Fraud Strike Force, involved numer-

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Verse of the Day

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. — Psalm 46:10

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Hope everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July!!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 91.

Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 71F.

Thursday: Partly cloudy.

High of 88F.

Thursday Night: Cloudy.

Low of 71F.

Horoscopes

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Today's cosmic weather supports roaming and adventure. Whether its enjoying a more scenic route to work or indulg-

ing in your daydreams going with the flow brings a lightness of spirit and optimism. Breaking free from the mundane tickles your heart. Feel free to detach from your old philosophical ideals in the random pursuit of knowl-

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Assault

set and shoved and threw a beer at him. On or about 0057 hrs. Deputy arrived on scene and made contact with Mr. Robert Townson Ament who was standing outside the residence in the driveway. Mr. Ament had a strong odor of a alcoholic beverage about his

person and slurred speech. Mr. Ament had red watery eyes and stated he had about four beers between dinner and the incident. Mr. Ament stated that he had came up to help his farther and had dinner and came home and was watching tv and had some drinks. Mr. Ament stated he and his

farther were talking about the past and both became upset. Mr. Ament advised his farther got into his face and started yelling at him telling him to leave. Deputy went inside the house and spoke to the other party the victim. The victim stated that his

son had came up to help do some things around the house to repay him for helping him out. Victim

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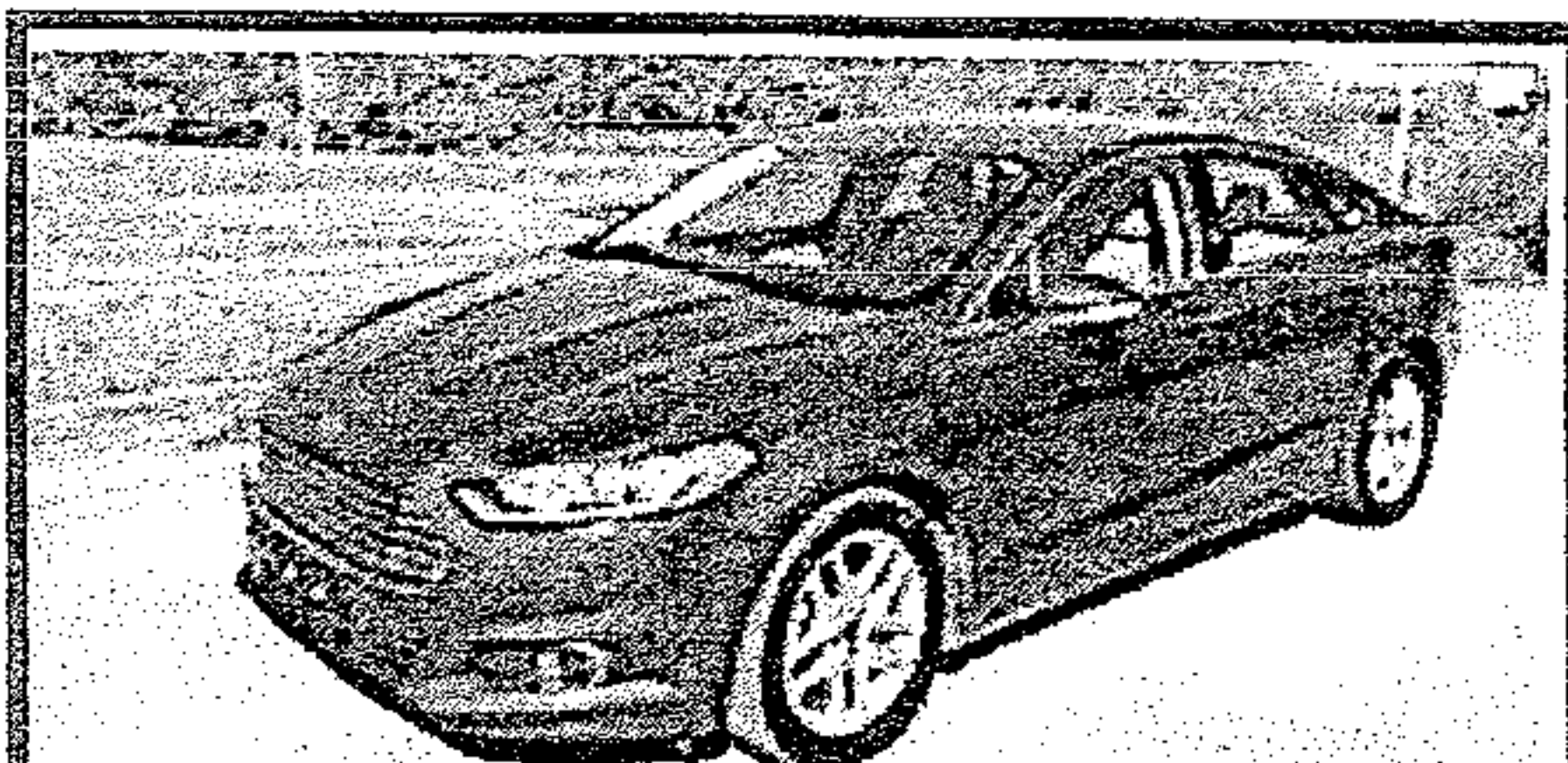
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Conference

Executive Committee,” said Executive Director Jerry N. Estes. “General Johnson is a great addition to the committee, and has served his district very well. I’m appreciative of his dedication to ensuring strong public safety.”

Johnson has served as 9th District Attorney General since 2006. In addition to his appointment on the Executive Committee, Johnson serves on the Legislative, Child Support, Justice & Professionalism committees, as well as the TBI Liaison Subcommittee. Since 2013 he has also served

Tennessee district attorneys as their representative on the National District Attorneys Association Board of Directors. Johnson is a graduate of Auburn University and the University of Tennessee, College of Law.

About TNDAGC

The Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference was created by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1961 to provide for a more prompt and efficient administration of justice in the courts of this state. It is composed of the District Attorneys General from the state’s 31 judicial districts. The District Attorneys General are elected for a term of eight years and are responsible for the prosecution of criminal cases on behalf of the state. Visit www.tndagc.org for more infor-

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Theft

Lankford Hawkins, 64, James Ferry Road Kingston, was charged with Theft of Property.

Deputy Cameron Myers was advised that Deputy Huskin was enroute to the Jail x1 Male. Once out at the Jail Deputy made Contact with Lankford Lynn Hawkins and served him with a Theft of Property charge out of General Sessions Court Docket # 2018-CR-895 OCA#20180631060. This did happen in the Loudon County Jail in Loudon County Tn with no further Incident.

Police beat

Jimmie Arden, 29, Turman Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Trespass.

Chance Burnette, 20, Rudd Road Greenback, was charged with Violation of Probation.

David Byrd, 63, Holland Trail Lenoir City, was charged with General Session Capias, and Failure to Appear Municipal Court.

Jeremy Coleman, 27, Winchester Street Rockwood, was charged with Violation of Probation.

Karen Davidson, 27, Country Road Niota, was charged with Violation of Probation.

Codee Edmonds, 32, Watson Road Loudon, was charged with Criminal Court Capias, Violation of Probation, and Contempt of Court x4.

Colton Falgout, 25, Finley Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Fugitive from Justice.

Terry Ferguson, 32, Madison Ave Athens, was charged with Fugitive from Justice.

Lacy Hicks, 29, Tinnel Lane Lenoir City, was charged with General Session Court Capias.

Deanna Hickson, 32, Solway School Road Knoxville, was charged

with Violation of Probation.

Samuel Houston, 30, Old Spencer Road Pikeville, was charged with Violation of Probation.

Brooke Kiser, 27, Vale Street Loudon, was charged with Violation of Probation and General Session Court Capias. Charles Lowery, 38, County Road Sweetwater, was charged with Violation of Probation.

FBI

ous federal and state agencies working together on the front lines in the fight against health care fraud. "But our work is not finished—we are just getting started," said Sessions. "We will continue to find, arrest, prosecute, convict, and incarcerate fraudsters and drug dealers, wherever they are."

The charges announced today aggressively targeted schemes billing Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE (a health insurance program for members and veterans of the armed forces and family members), and private insurance companies. Some of these schemes involved medically unnecessary prescription drugs and compounded medications that were often never even purchased and/or distributed to beneficiaries. In other cases, patient recruiters, beneficiaries, and other co-conspirators were allegedly paid cash kickbacks in return for supplying beneficiary information to providers, so that the providers could then submit fraudulent bills for services that were medically unnecessary or never performed.

According to Bowdich,

"Any good criminal investigator or analyst will tell you that to find the criminals, you have to follow the money. And the people we've

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Obituaries

Jo Ann Roberts Arwood age 77 of Lenoir City passed away Friday, June 29, 2018. Jo Ann was a member of Lenoir City First Church of the Nazarene. She worked at the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company and Eaton Elementary School cafeteria for several years. She retired from Baptist Health Care Center where she was the activities director. Preceded in death by parents W. M. and Jean Roberts, and sister Doris Lake. Survived by her husband of 50 years, Lloyd Arwood; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Samantha Arwood of Seymour, Scott and Kylene Arwood of McConnellsburg, PA; grandsons Cole Arwood, Theodore Arwood, and Henry Arwood; sister Lesa Packett; brother and sister-in-law Paul and Phylis Roberts

of Lenoir City; sister-in-law Jane Matlock of Lenoir City; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday July 2nd at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Loudon County Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Lenoir City First Church of the Nazarene Building Fund. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Ade Byard age 88 of Lenoir City passed away Saturday, June 30, 2018. Carol was born in Gypsum, Kansas in 1930 to the late Samuel Ade and Alice Swisher. She was of Baptist faith,

and had a love for music and dancing. Her life was dedicated to her family.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Donald Byard; children, Sandra Byard Hubbard and Donald Chad Byard; sister, Virginia Ade Hopkins She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Lavon Thomas of Lenoir City; son and daughter-in-law Anthony and Kim Byard of Loudon; grandchildren: Shawn and Steven Hubbard, Nicole Burr, Anthony and Travis Byard; great-grandchildren, Ashley Pinch, Chloe Burr, and Zion Hubbard.

A celebration of Carol's life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 7th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Graveside services to be planned in Kansas at a later date.

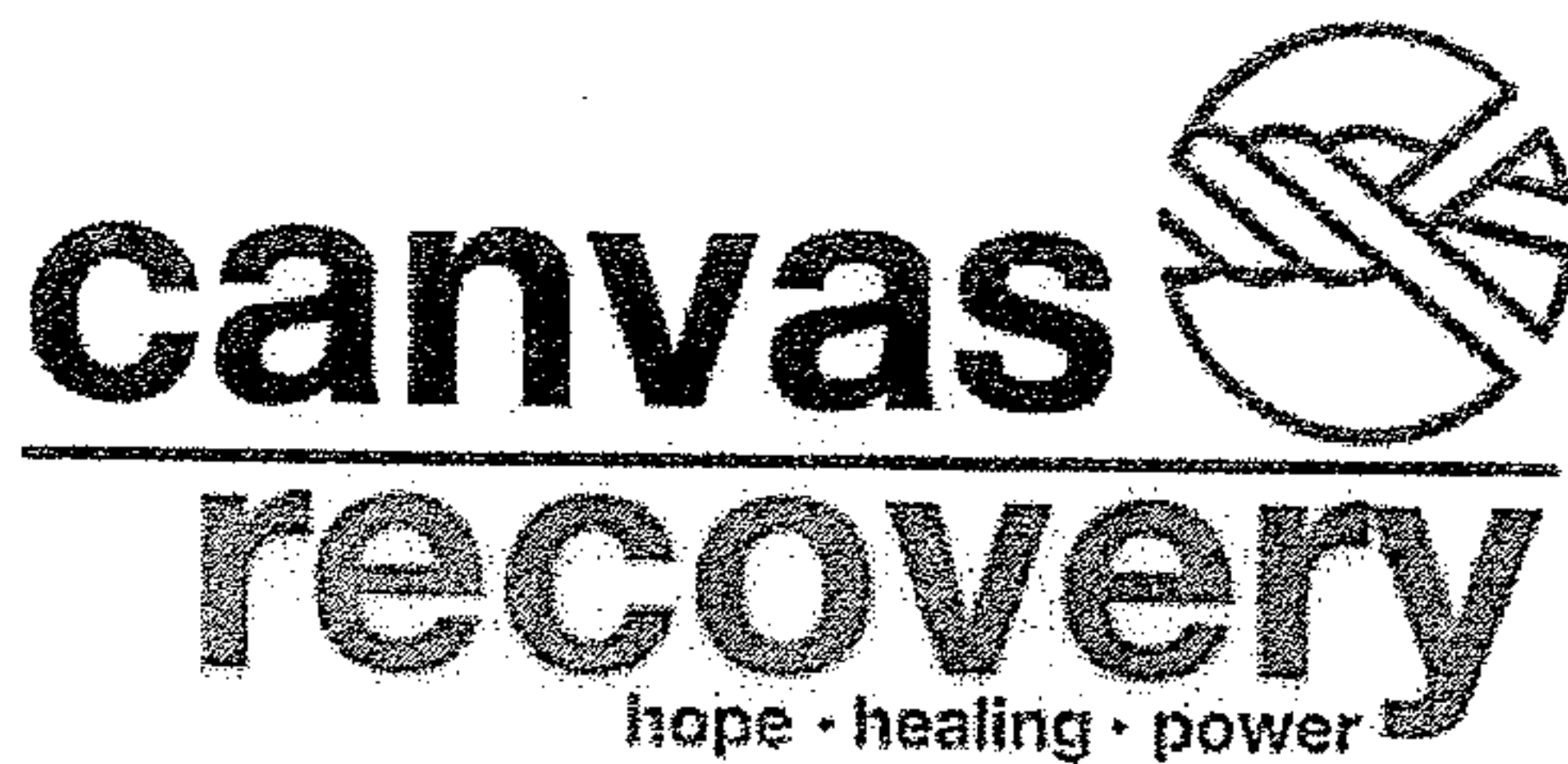
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Wreck

Logan Harrison, 31, Kerr Street Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Poss. of Drug Para., and Financial Responsibility. Officer A. Lee LCPD, was dispatched to McGhee Blvd near Rock Springs Road in reference to a wreck. Upon arrival Officer made contact with the driver of the wrecked vehicle, Logan Kyle Harrison. Mr. Harrison stated that after making a complete stop on Rock Springs Road he then turned left onto McGhee Blvd. Mr. Harrison stated while turning left he lost control of the vehicle and then over corrected which caused him to wreck the truck. However the position of the vehicle in correlation to the turn and the

tire markings in the grass did not match the Defendants story. When asking the Defendant for his drivers license he stated he was suspended and did not have a license. Central dispatch confirmed the Defendants License was suspended. The Defendant was not able to provide valid proof of insurance. When talking with the Defendant he appeared lethargic, had slow speech, was unsteady on his feet, and was sometimes unresponsive to questions and/or requests. Officer asked the Defendant to perform SFST to which he agreed. The Defendant performed poorly on all tests administered. Officer Samuels arrived on scene and performed further Field sobriety tests. Officer Samuels stated the Defendant performed

poorly on the test administered. The defendant was then placed into custody and advised of the TN implied consent law. The Defendant refused blood but consented to a breath sample. However, due to Officer observations he believe the Defendant is impaired by Narcotics and not alcohol. During a pat down a smoking pipe with burnt and unburned green leafy substance believed to be marijuana was located in the Defendants front pocket. During an inventory of the vehicle a glass jar was located in the center console with traces of leafy green substance. The Defendant was then transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. All the above did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon County, TN.

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stated his son has a drinking problem and had been drinking. Victim stated he began to talk about issues from the past and his son became upset and got up and grabbed him by the shoulders and shoved him back into the couch. Victim stated his son then threw a beer across the room at him. Deputy could observe several beer cans in the living room and dining room. Deputy could see beer in the floor in both rooms. Deputy placed Mr. Robert Townson Ament under arrest for Domestic violence. This did happen in Loudon County TN.

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charged this week viewed our health care system as their personal ATM."

Another focus of the operation was medical professionals allegedly involved in the unlawful distribution of opioids and other prescription narcotics.

Because virtually every health care fraud scheme requires a corrupt medical professional to be involved in order for Medicare or Medicaid to pay the fraudulent claims, aggressively pursuing these corrupt professionals not only has a deterrent effect on other medical professionals who might be tempted but also ensures that their licenses can no longer be used to bilk the system. Among those

charged in this operation were 165 doctors, nurses, and other licensed medical professionals.

"These schemes harm every person who pays for health care benefits, from the patient who doesn't get the care they need to the business that pays higher insurance costs to cover their employees, and every taxpayer who funds Medicare and Medicaid," said Bowdich about the impact of health care fraud.

"To detect and combat these schemes," Bowdich explained, "the FBI and our partners are using every tool we have." But he also stressed the importance of help from the public and listed several steps that everyone can take, including reporting suspicious activity such as being offered money or

free services, carefully reviewing explanation of benefits forms, protecting insurance cards and beneficiary numbers, and reporting anyone suspected of improperly prescribing or distribution of opioids. "If you suspect fraud," he added, "please call your local FBI office or the HHS Office of Inspector General—we're all ready to help."

In addition to the criminal charges announced today, federal authorities are aggressively pursuing civil remedies to recover fraudulently obtained health care program funds and to suspend and/or exclude corrupt providers and medical professionals from participating in federal health care programs.

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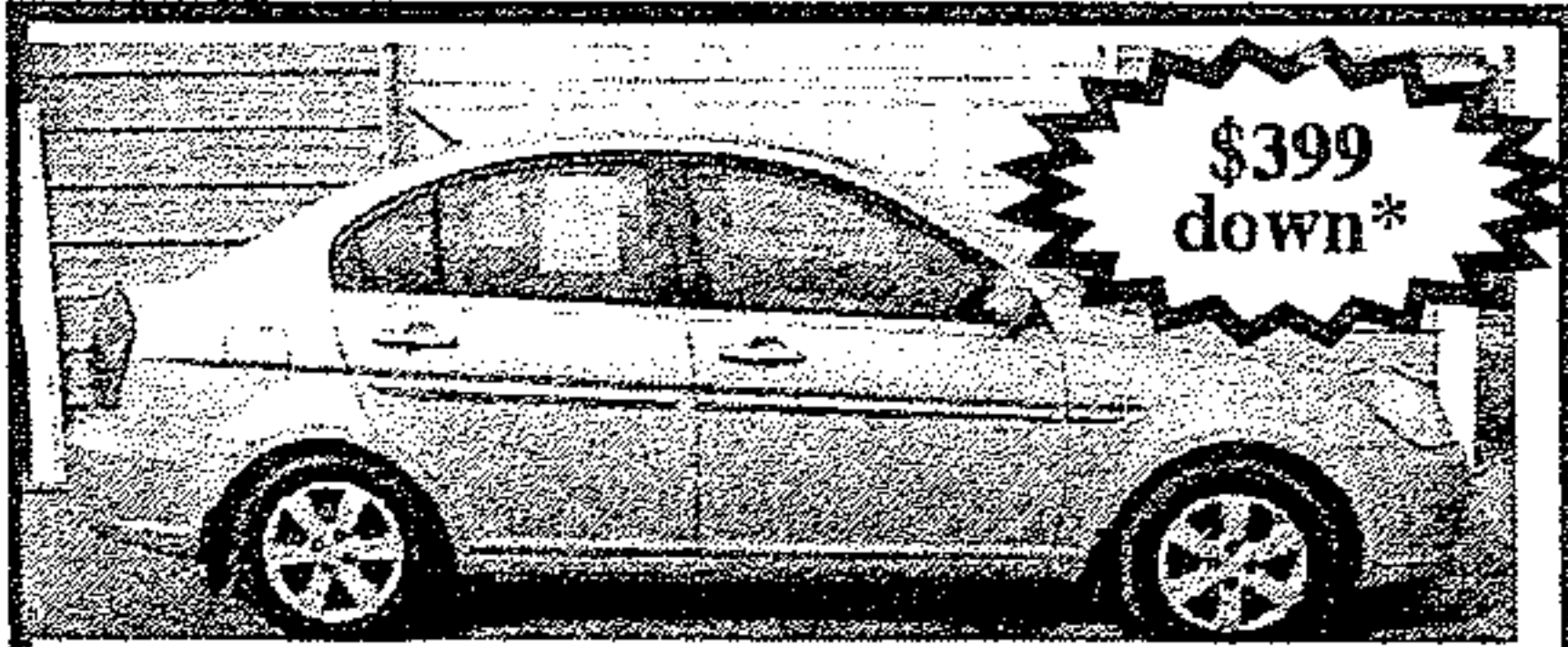
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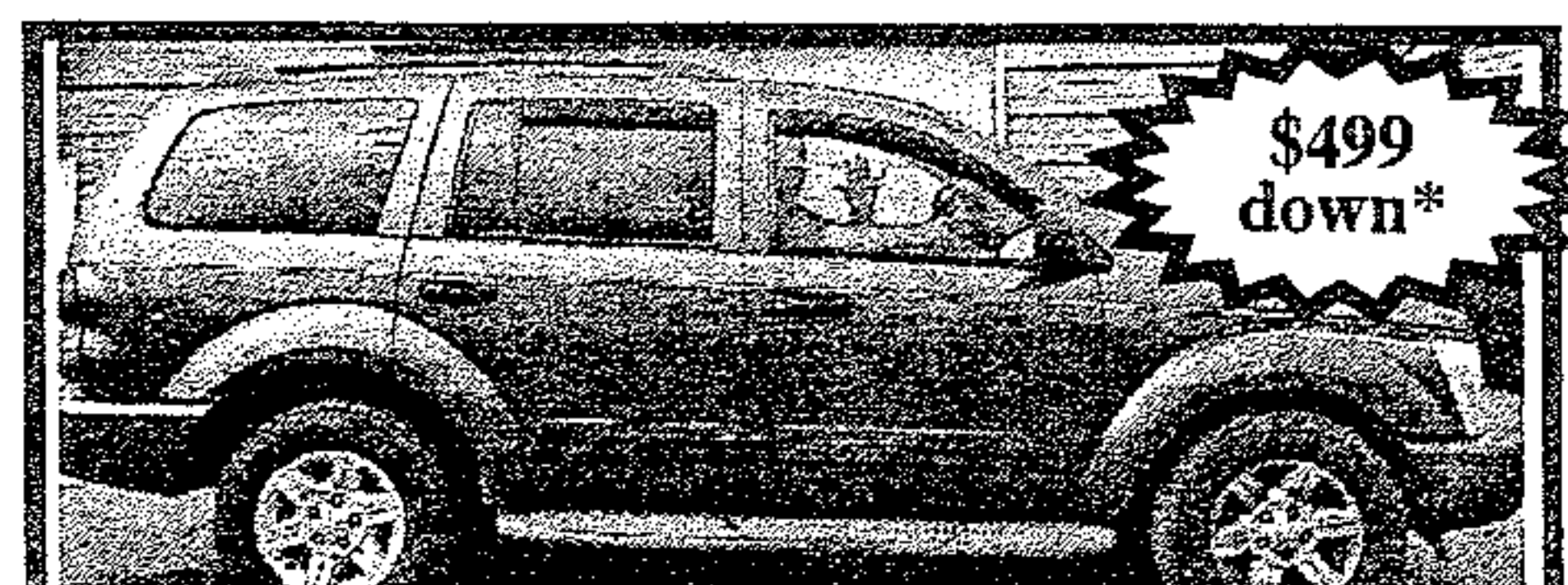
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