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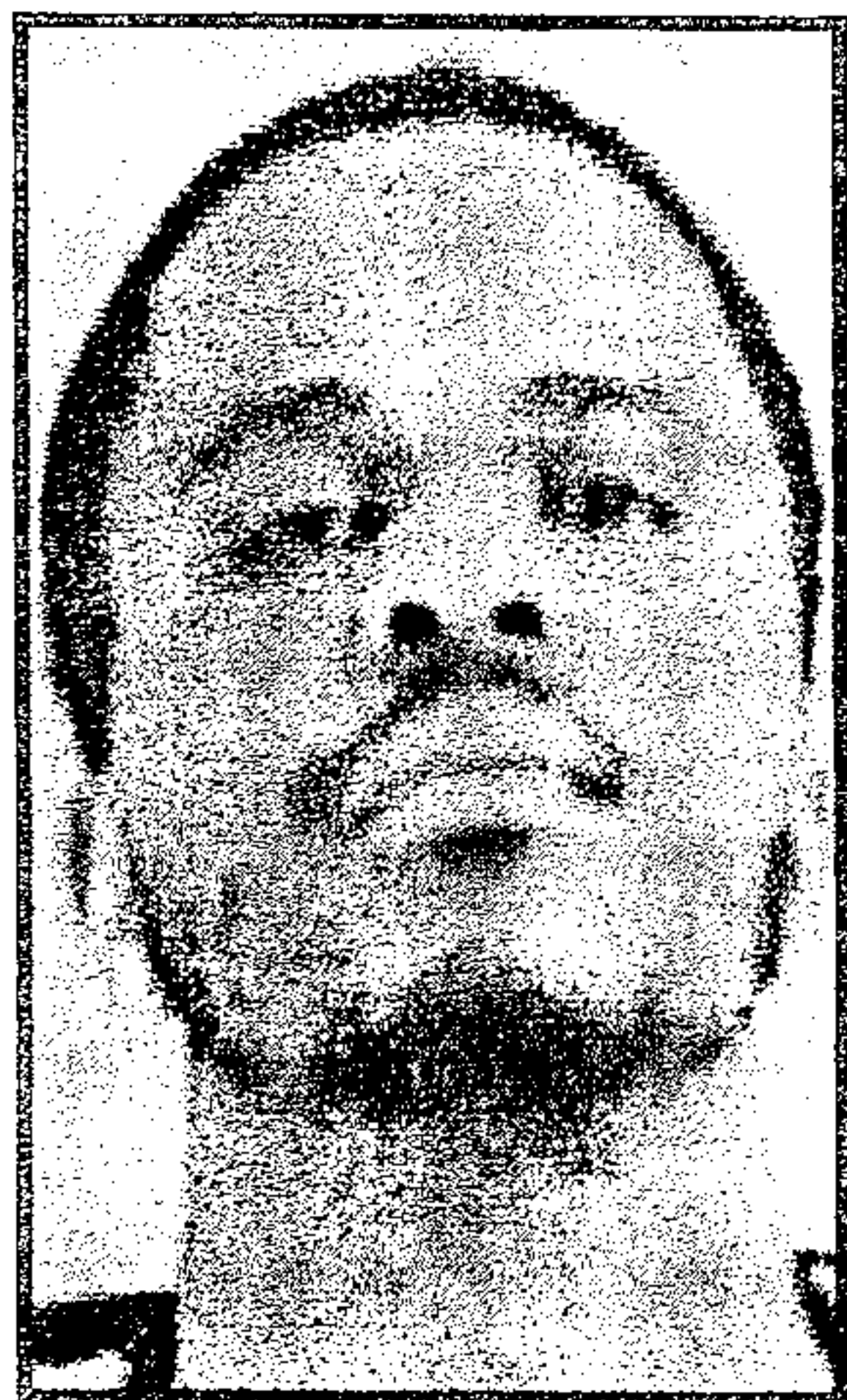
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Monday, July 09, 2018

## Identity Theft x7 and Criminal Simulation x6 Caught at Wal-Mart

Thessolonie Morgan, 27, Hobart Ave MI, was charged with Identity Theft x7, and Criminal Simulation x6. Dewayne Smith, 27, Bloomington Drive MI, was charged with Identity Theft x7, and Criminal Simulation x6.

Dewayne Smith, see Theft pg. 2



Thessolonie Morgan



Dewayne Smith

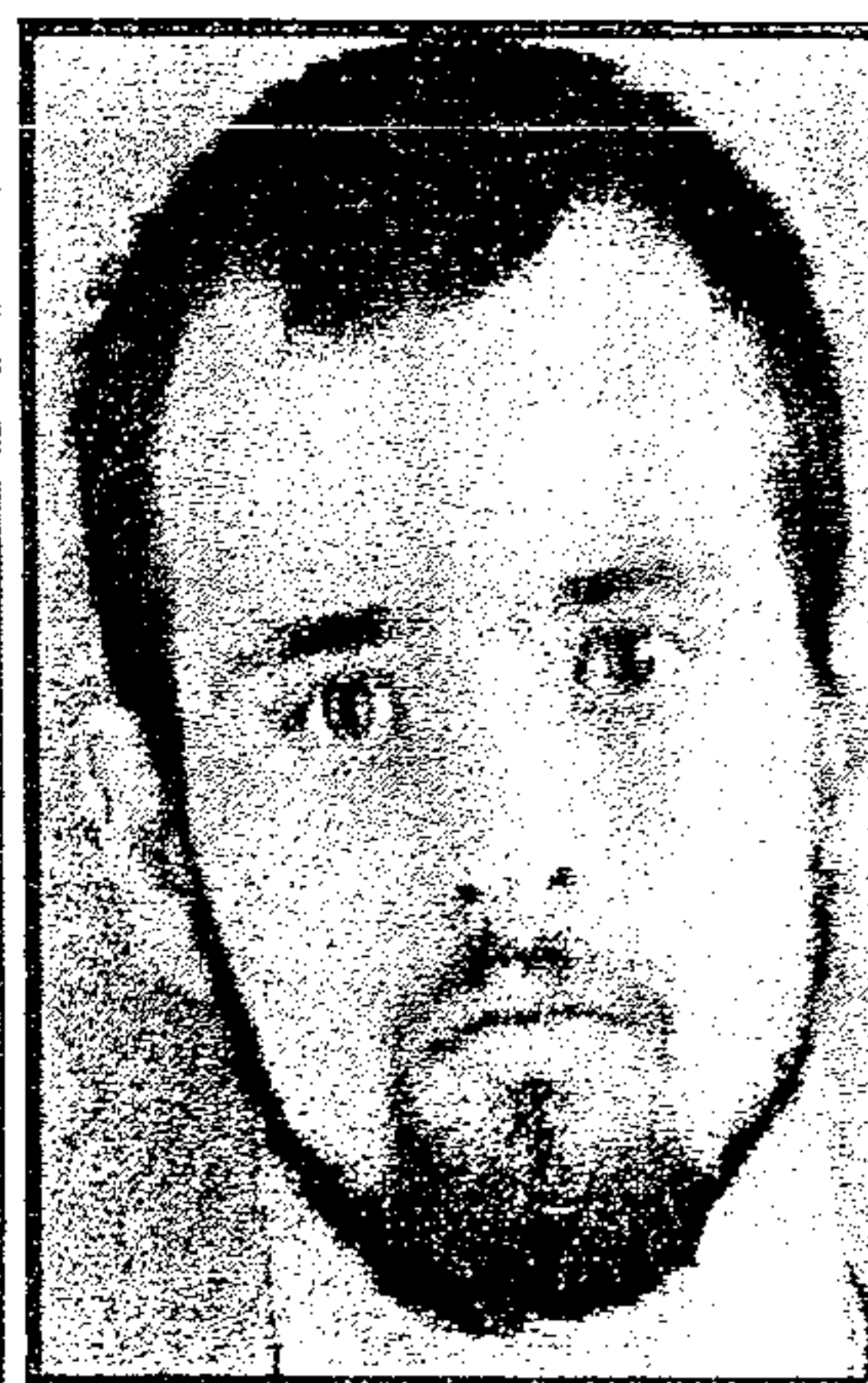
## Slowly Swerving DUI Lands in Jail



Joshua Allison

See DUI P.4

## Local Man Charged in May Theft



Patrick Vought

see May pg. 5

## Former Madison County Employees Conspire to Steal County Funds

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office, working in conjunction with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, has released an investigation resulting in the indictments of Donna Williams, a former clerk in the Madison County Finance Department, and Eric Skinner, Madison County's former facilities maintenance supervisor. The Comptroller's Office launched its investigation after the director of the Madison County Finance Department alerted our office to alleged financial improprieties. Investigators determined that Williams and Skinner conspired to receive county funds through

see Funds pg. 3

## Cyber Crime Prolific Malware Developer Responsible for Countless Computer Intrusions

Not that they knew him personally, but Taylor Huddleston, a 27-year-old from Hot Springs, Arkansas, was for a time very popular among the world's cyber criminals, thanks to a malicious piece of software he created called NanoCore RAT.

That malware allowed hackers to steal sensitive information from victims' computers, including account numbers and passwords, and even allowed them to secretly activate the webcams of infected computers to spy on unsuspecting victims.

(see FBI pg. 4)



### Verse of the Day

The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name. — Zechariah 14:9

### Obituaries

See P.7

### Wazzup

Happy Birthday Courtney hope your day is as beautiful as you!!

### Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy. High of 88. Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 69F.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy. High of 88F.

Tuesday Night: Cloudy. Low of 69F.

### Horoscopes

Cancer 6/22-7/22  
Ironically, an uncomfortable workplace situation might actually propel you forward. In the big-

ger picture, tension can be the perfect catalyst for growth. Connect with integrity in all of your interactions, whether its in a one-on-one partnership or a group collaboration. Take pride and hold yourself accountable for the

(Continued on page 6)



**Theft**

and Thessolonie Morgan, was stopped by Officer Tyler Silvey LCPD, after he was dispatched to the Lenoir City Walmart located at 911 Hwy 321 N. in Lenoir City, Tennessee regarding suspicious persons suspected of using cloned credit cards at the

self-checkout register. It was subsequently determined that the defendants did knowingly and intentionally possess a debit/credit card that was so made to appear as authentic however was re-programmed to contain the account number of an

identity theft victim. An account number is used to identify a single individual thus it is personal identifying information. This card was used or was intended to be used to purchase items at the Lenoir City Walmart without lawful authority from the financial institution. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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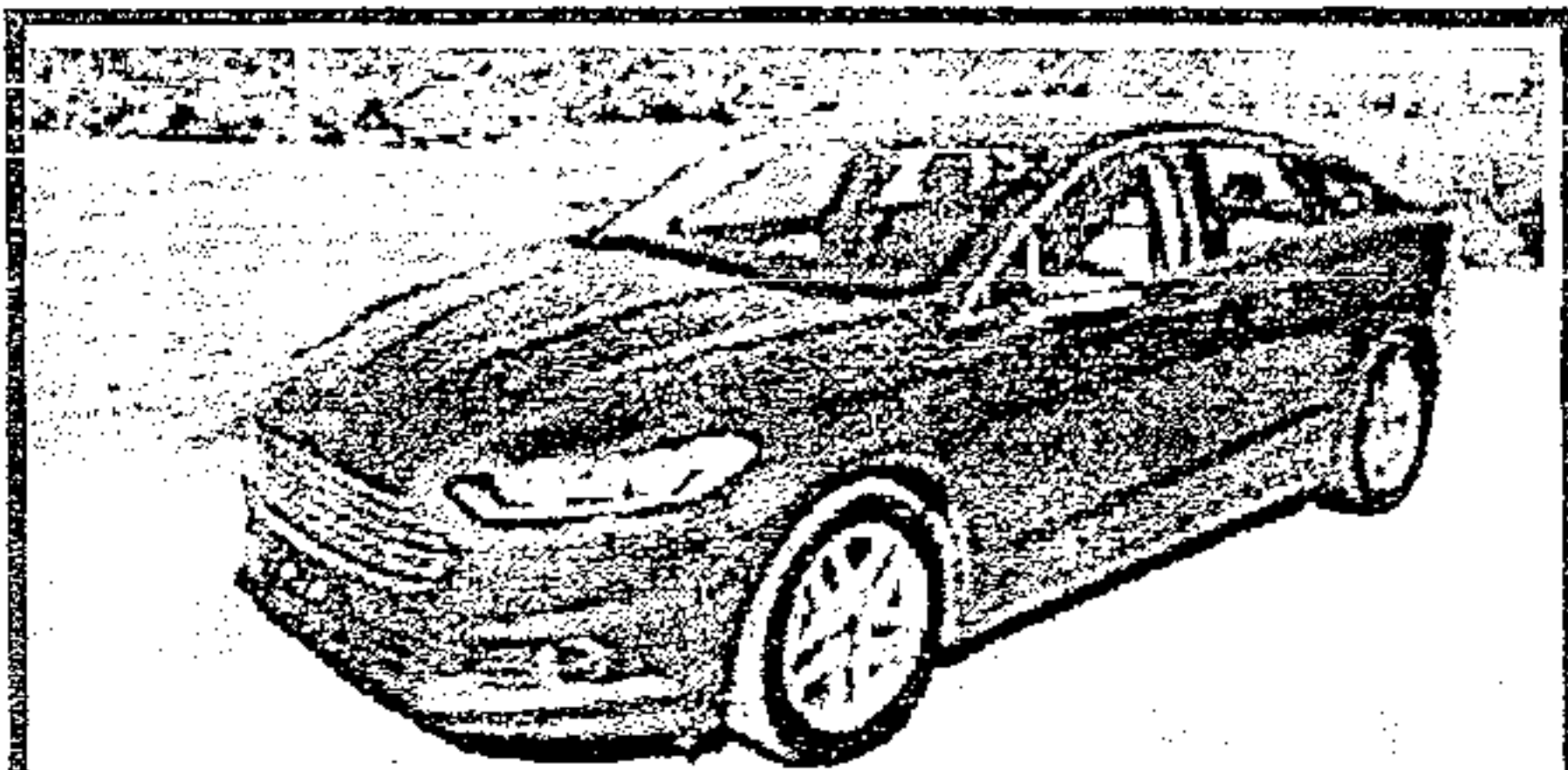
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## Funds

an unauthorized landscaping project. Williams falsified two invoices and disbursed two county checks totaling \$6,075, which she and a friend later cashed at a local bank.

Williams paid Skinner \$1,800 for allowing her to receive the unauthorized

funds out of the county Maintenance Department budget. Williams kept the remaining \$4,275.

Skinner acknowledged his involvement in the scheme and refunded the county \$1,800 when he resigned on December 13, 2017.

Comptroller investigators also found that Donna Williams used the county's

procurement card (credit card) to make 12 payments toward her personal cable bill totaling \$2,206.93. Williams repaid \$1,076.40 with personal money orders; however, she still owes the county \$5,405.53 (\$4,275 plus \$1,130.53). Williams' employment was terminated on September 25, 2017.

On July 2, 2018, Donna Williams and Eric Skinner were indicted by the Madison County Grand Jury for theft over \$1,000 and official misconduct. "This case

points to the necessity of separating money-handling responsibilities within a government," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "The same person should not be involved in making purchases, approving bills, processing payments, and examining all procurement card statements. There must be another level of control to detect fraud and reduce its risk."

procurement card state-

## Public Notice

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2018 at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone approximately 5.0 acres of Parcel 118.00, Tax Map 019, Hotchkiss Valley Road in the 5th Legislative District from A-1, Agriculture Forestry District to C-2, General Commercial District.

## Public Notice

The Loudon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a workshop to review the Loudon County Zoning Resolution on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Loudon County Courthouse Annex, 101 Mulberry St., Loudon, TN.



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## DUI

Joshua Allison, 41, Paw Paw Plains Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License 3rd, Violation of Implied Consent, and Violation of Probation.

Deputy JC Schultz LCSO, traffic stopped a green Nissan Pathfinder that was swerving and driving at a extremely slow speed and was driven by a white male identified as Joshua Edward Allison at the weigels on Hwy 70 and 321 in Lenoir City, TN. Upon contact with the driver, Mr. Joshua Allison, the strong odor of alcohol emitted from his person, he was unsteady on his feet and had red bloodshot eyes. Dispatch advised Mr Allison had a revoked drivers license for failure to satisfy a prior arrest on driving on revoked x2. Mr Allison was asked to perform field sobriety, he complied and performed poorly. He was arrested then read implied consent, which he refused to comply with. He was transported to the Loudon County Jail by Deputy without further incident. Dispatch advised Mr. Allison had a local Violation of Probation out of Criminal Court (2011-cr-48). Mr Allison's Green Nissan Pathfinder was towed and stored at Moneymaker's wrecker service. This did occur in Loudon County Tn.

## FBI

“Basically, the malicious software compromises victim computers and steals information,” said a special agent from the FBI’s Washington Field Office who investigated the case. “The NanoCore RAT has the ability to control a victim’s computer.”

This type of malware—a Remote Access Trojan (RAT)—is all the more insidious because in most cases victims have no idea their computers have been compromised. According to court documents, NanoCore RAT was used to infect and attempt to infect more than 100,000 computers.

RATs are not only a threat to individual users but to commercial enterprises as well. And if hackers decide to target U.S. infrastructure using this malware, the agent said, “there is a potential for national security implications.”

Huddleston had the skills to develop malicious software. “There are many cyber criminals out in the world,” the agent said. “Many are not sophisticated in terms of developing a new malware. Instead, they would rather purchase malware to carry out their crimes.”

Huddleston didn’t stop with NanoCore RAT. He also developed and profited from Net Seal, a

fee-based licensing software that he and his customers used to distribute NanoCore RAT and other malware.

Net Seal enabled other malware developers to license their illicit products for a fee and then use the Net Seal platform to widely distribute them. After malware buyers paid the seller, buyers received a licensing code allowing them to download the software. Like legitimate software, it could not be shared with anyone else. Such transactions are part of a huge underground economy on the Internet—known as the dark web—where criminals buy and sell illegal goods and services.

The malware allowed hackers to steal information from victims’ computers, including account numbers and passwords, and even allowed them to secretly activate the webcams of in-

fectected computers to spy on unsuspecting victims.

For example, court records detailed that Huddleston used Net Seal to assist one cyber criminal in the distribution of malware to approximately 3,000 people that was in turn used to infect approximately 16,000 computers.

Huddleston’s illegal activities surrounding the Net Seal platform became known to authorities, and the FBI opened an investigation in September 2015. The investigation eventually led to NanoCore RAT and ultimately to Huddleston.

Huddleston was arrested in February 2017 and charged with aiding and abetting computer intrusions. He pleaded guilty, admitting

that he intended his products to be used maliciously. In February 2018, a federal judge sentenced him to 33 months in prison.

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**May**

Patrick Vought, 20, Abbott Road Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property.

On 05/08/2018, Deputy B. Dishner LCSO, was dispatched to Abbott Road to a call of theft. Upon arriving on scene D made contact with Sondra and Charles Langley who stated that after returning home they found the gun safe in their bedroom open and three guns missing. Ms. Langley also stated that her jewelry box was missing containing numerous pieces of jewelry. There was no sign of forced entry to the home. Mrs. Langley stated that her son Patrick Ryan Vought is who had access and was staying in the home, and believed him to be the one who stole the items. Mrs. Langley did make contact with Mr. Vought on the phone while I was on scene and he stated that he did not

take the items, but he had a male and female at the residence. He identified the male as Dustin Lee Ford. Mr. Ford lives in Mor-

gan County Tennessee, and Mrs. Langley believes Mr. Vought believes Mr. Vought went to Morgan County after stealing the

items from the home. Mr. Vought is driving a blue 2005 Volvo S 40 bearing Tennessee registration Z94-26K which is registered to Gloria Johnson. Mrs. Johnson son gave Mr. Vought permission to drive the vehicle earlier in the evening. Mr. Langley could not provide serial numbers on the firearms. This did occur in Loudon County Tennessee. On this day 6/29/18 Deputy Kevin Parks did bring Inmate Patrick Ryan Vought to Loudon County Jail on a warrant for Theft of Property (18-CR-1019) This did occur without incident

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