

## Drug Bust at America's Best Value Inn



William Russell

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## Credit Card Theft x3



Aaron Hawkins

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## Violent Gang Leader Orders Eyewitness Murdered

### Joint Investigation Sends 12 Gang Members to Prison

On the evening of October 23, 2014, Douglas and Deborah London of York County, South Carolina—just across the border from North Carolina—were watching television in their home when the doorbell rang. When they opened the door, she was immediately shot in the head by a man standing outside, and her husband was shot multiple times. Their adult son, who was also present, made a frantic call to 911, but the couple died next to each other on the floor of their home.

As the York County Sheriff's Office began to investigate the double homicide, they asked the FBI's Charlotte Field Office for help.

In the coming months, the investigative team of FBI special agents and task force officers from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department uncovered a web of violence that stretched across state lines and beyond local prison cells.

Turned out that the Londons had been specifically targeted—they were the owners of a mattress

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## FBI Turns 110

### The Shared Vision That Started It All

On July 26, 1908, a "force of special agents" was created to conduct investigations for the Department of Justice. It marked the official beginning of what would formally become the Federal Bureau of Investigation—the FBI—27 years later on July 1, 1935.

this investigative force came into being 11 decades ago is really the tale of an experiment undertaken by two principled leaders—Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Bonaparte—who shared a vision for fighting corruption, improving government, and strengthening the rule of law.

The story of how



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### Verse of the Day

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life. — Psalm 119:93

### Obituaries

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Wazzup

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### Weather

Today: Thunderstorms. High of 79F.

Tonight: Rain. Low of 66F.

Thursday: Showers. High of 76F.

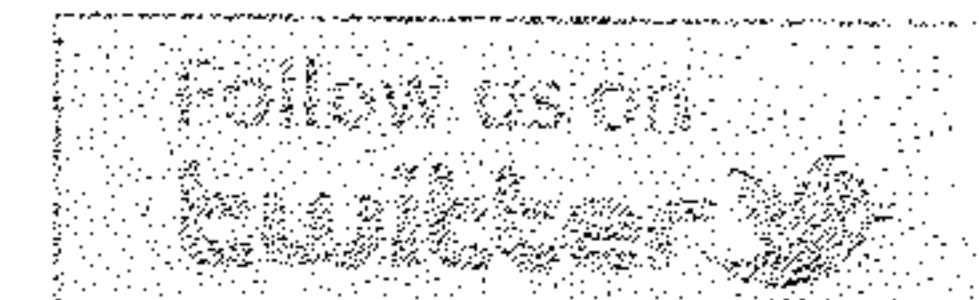
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### Horoscopes

Leo 7/23-8/22

People may attempt to persuade you to join their cause or attend an event, but be sure to only do that which you truly enjoy. When you acquiesce to

someone else's wishes, you violate your own boundaries, which invites others to inadvertently cross the line. Set a foundation of being dedicated to yourself, despite any external beggars and time-snatchers. Connect with your  
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**Drugs**

William Russell, 33, Hillcrest Street Clinton, was charged with Man/Sell Del/Resale Sch. I, Poss. Of Drug Para., and Poss. Of Firearm.

On 07/26/2018, the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit was assisting the FBI and the 7th Judicial Drug Task Force while searching a room at the America's Best

Value Inn located at Highway 72 N, Loudon, TN. While conducting a search, investigators noticed a gray Ford Mustang, with three occupants, pull into the parking lot of the motel. The front seat passenger, later identified as William Joshua Russell, exited the vehicle and came to the room where investigators were searching. While speaking with Russell, agents with the 7th JDTF made contact with the driver of the mus-

tang, later identified as Joshua Jared Redford. Redford had his window down and had a large knife in his lap. Redford reached for the knife and both Redford and passenger were taken out of the mustang at gun point and detained due to deadly weapon located in

the driver's lap. Cpl. Chris Jenkins arrived at the scene and deployed his partner, K9 Deja, to conduct a free air sniff of the mustang. Cpl. Jenkins advised that K9 Deja alerted to a trained odor of narcot-

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# Gang

store in Pineville, North Carolina that had been robbed at gunpoint by three men five months earlier. Jamell Cureton, the leader of the Valentine Bloods—a hood, or set, of the national and exceedingly violent United Blood Nation (UBN) gang—had gone into the store and pulled his gun on Douglas London, who had his own gun. The two exchanged gunfire, and Cureton was hit. Also at the scene that day were

Nana Adoma, the lookout who was just inside the door; and David Fudge, the getaway driver in the car outside.

The three escaped and drove Cureton to a hospital, but all three were taken into custody shortly afterward by local police and faced state charges.

Realizing that Douglas London was the only eyewitness who could identify him in the mattress store robbery, Cureton—who was in state custody at the time—dis-

cussed the “elimination” of London with other gang members through a series of phone calls, letters, and in-person visits.

Valentine Bloods member Malcolm Hartley was to be the triggerman. He was driven to the Londons’ home by fellow gang member Briana Johnson, rang the couple’s doorbell, and murdered them both in cold blood. “And then,” said FBI Special Agent Chad Pupillo, “Johnson drove him back to Charlotte, where they met with other gang members, disposed of the evidence—including burying the murder weapon—and celebrated the victims’ murders.”

After the killings, Cureton sent a letter from jail to a confidant explaining that he had ordered the murder of Douglas London and described Deborah London as “collateral damage.” He also ordered the gang to remain silent about the murders and authorized action—i.e., violence—against anyone who talked about them.

The joint federal/local investigation into the murder of the Londons and the criminal activities of the Valentine Bloods was com-

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ics coming from the vehicle. Approximately 36.9 grams of suspected psilocybin mushrooms, a Schedule 1 narcotic and a Bryco 38’, .380 auto pistol with one round in the chamber and one round in the magazine were found in close proximity of each other in the front passenger floor board. Three sets of digital scales, approximately 75 small baggies, two spoons with residue, and 32 syringes were found inside a black backpack and brown backpack in the back seat behind the front passenger. Russell claimed responsibility for the aforementioned items and was placed into custody. Both Russell and Redford were found to have active warrants out of Anderson County and were transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. This happened in Loudon County.

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The pair came to know and respect each other through a common passion for reforming the nation's civil service—including ending the deeply entrenched spoils system that dished out federal jobs to political supporters instead of to more qualified applicants.

In 1883, a 24-year-old Teddy Roosevelt played a key role in securing the passage of a New York civil service reform bill while serving as a state assemblyman. Six years later, he was appointed head of the nation's Civil Service Commission, traveling around the country to uncover rampant misconduct and lay the groundwork for a more merit-based system of government. As a New York police commissioner in the 1890s, Roosevelt also worked to transform the city's law enforcement, making it the most modern and professional such agency in the country.

It was only a matter of time before Roosevelt would encounter a kindred spirit by the name of Charles Joseph Bonaparte, an intelligent, out-

spoken, and high-minded Harvard-educated lawyer from Baltimore who was a descendant of Napoleon Bonaparte. He was also a founder and an active leader of the National Civil Service Reform League and the Reform League of Baltimore.

Not surprisingly, Roosevelt and Bonaparte became friends. Their association was strengthened in the early 1890s, when Roosevelt made several trips to Baltimore to investigate corruption among its civil servants. Roosevelt leaned on Bonaparte for assistance and for insights into the city he knew so well. Roosevelt's ensuing report to Congress recommended the removal of 25 officials for bribery and other crimes.

A decade later, Roosevelt—who had become vice president of the United States—would assume leadership of the nation after President McKinley was shot and killed by a violent anarchist in September 1901. When President Roosevelt needed a keen and impartial legal mind to look into allegations of fraud in the Postal Service and cor-

ruption in Indian Country, he naturally turned to Bonaparte, who led successful investigations in each case. In 1906, Roosevelt designated Bonaparte to serve as U.S. attorney general.

As Bonaparte led investigations into corporate monopolies and other matters, he soon realized that his work was hamstrung by a lack of his own detective force. To handle cases, he was routinely forced to borrow investigators from the U.S. Secret Service, which was then in the Treasury Department and thus not under his direct control. And that became a bigger problem when, in May 1908, Congress banned the loan of Secret Service operatives to any federal department.

To effectively enforce federal laws, Bonaparte had no choice but to create his own force of investigators, an innovative move that was undertaken with Roosevelt's blessing. Between late June and early July 1908, the attorney general quietly hired nine Secret Service investigators and joined them with another 25 of his own to form a special agent force.

On July 26, 1908, Bonaparte directed his attorneys to refer most investigative matters to his chief examiner, Stanley W. Finch, for handling by one of these 34 agents. And that order regarding this not-yet-named force of agents is celebrated as the birth of the FBI.

In December 1908, Bonaparte reported his actions to Congress.

"It became necessary for the department to organize a small force of special agents of its own ...the consequences have been, on the whole, moderately satisfactory," Bonaparte wrote.

While Congress may not have been initially sold on the need for Bonaparte's agent force, it doubled the Bureau's funding within a year and passed laws giving it additional authority.

The rest, as they say, is history. The FBI has evolved into a premier intelligence-driven and threat-focused national security organization, using its intelligence and law enforcement responsibilities to protect the nation from a litany of major crimes and national security matters. And it continues, as it has since its earliest days, to share its skills and capabilities

with partners across the globe, helping to fortify the rule of law nationwide and around the world.

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This scene reminds me of cooking for children. I might put a new dish in front of them and see in response a contorted little face asking, "What is it?" Let me help you out here. It is food. It is bread from heaven, so be thankful. Sometimes in our own lives we do not recognize God's bread for us. To the Hebrew people and to my own children, God's provision sometimes looks a little new and scary. We need the "Moseses" and the moms of our lives to point out how God shows up to feed us. So eat up! It is good for you!

Prayer: God of mystery and manna, open my heart to trying new things as the Spirit leads. Help me to trust in the provision you give. Amen.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Monday, July 23rd, McGhee Boulevard at Highway 321 in Lenoir City will be closed until September 23rd for the widening of McGhee Boulevard. According to TDOT, detour routes will be directed in the construction site with orange signs.

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Aaron Hawkins, 23, Willington Manor Loudon, was charged with Illegal Possession/Fraudulent use of Credit Cardx3, and General Session Capias.

Inv. Scott Brewster with the Lenoir City Police Department has probable cause to believe that the defendant, Aaron Hawkins without the owner's consent committed the offense of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. On April 24, 2018 the defendant used a credit card issued to the victim, at Hibbett Sports located at Hwy 321 N. Suite 100 in Lenoir City,

Tennessee. The defendant used the credit card to make a purchase in the amount of \$10.87 without the owners consent. The victim reported the theft of the credit card to the Loudon Police Department on April 24, 2018. Two employees of Hibbett Sports stated that the man had tattoos on his face that swiped the credit card to make the purchase. This incident did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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plex and involved search warrants for residences, social media accounts, phones, and prison cells as well as subpoenas for financial records, phone records, jail visitation records, and mail. Explained Pupillo, "The Londons' murders, which received a great deal of media coverage, were particularly alarming to members of the public. We had to identify these violent criminals and get them off the streets as quickly as possible."

One vital discovery by the investigators was the gun used to kill Douglas and Deborah London—it was located and dug out of the ground by the Bureau's Evidence Response Team and other FBI Charlotte personnel in a wooded area not far from a gang member's residence.

During the investigation, law enforcement was also able to collect enough evidence to solve another Bloods-related murder—this one from 2013 involving a teenage boy who falsely claimed to be a member of the gang. This, appar-

ently, was an executable offense, so Cureton ordered the killing. The young man was then lured to a public park and shot by Adoma and fellow gang member Ahkeem McDonald, who was also subsequently linked to the London murders.

A total of 12 individuals were charged federally in a racketeering conspiracy centered on the murders. All have been convicted at trial or pleaded guilty, and six of the defendants have received life without parole—including Cureton and Hartley—while the remaining defendants have received sentences ranging from 13 to 30 years in prison.

"Getting justice for the family of this teenager and for the family of Douglas and Deborah London was a primary motivator for investigators in this case," said Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Detective Michael Sardelis, "as well as a desire to protect the public from the violence and other criminal acts perpetrated by these gang members."

And they won't be slowing down their ef-

forts anytime soon. "At the same time the FBI and its partners were working on this case," Pupillo said, "we were also working on a much larger

six-year investigation involving another UBN hood that resulted in the indictment of 83 gang members."



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