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## Drug Bust Ends With A List Of Names



Elicia Tallent



Tim Stiles

see Drugs pg. 2

## It's Time to Restore a Valuable Tool to Prosecutors by Fixing the ACCA

Violent crime rates in our country tripled from 1964 to 1980. Robbery tripled, murder doubled, and aggravated assault nearly tripled. This was an alarming time for communities across our nation.

To fight back, Congress passed the Armed Career Criminal Act (ACCA) in 1984, giving federal prosecutors

a powerful new tool to deal with the growing rate of violent crime. The ACCA gave prosecutors the ability to take the most violent criminals off the streets by requiring courts to impose a minimum 15-year sentence for felons who were caught with a firearm and had a criminal history of three or more

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### BOOZE IT & LOSE IT

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#### Lenoir City Police Department Increases Impaired-Driving Enforcement

Lenoir City, TN—Lenoir City Police Department is partnering with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) for its

“Booze It and Lose It” campaign from August 17 to September 3, surrounding the Labor Day holiday. This initiative coincides with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s “Drive Sober or Get

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#### The Good News The Rev Dr Julius McCarter

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

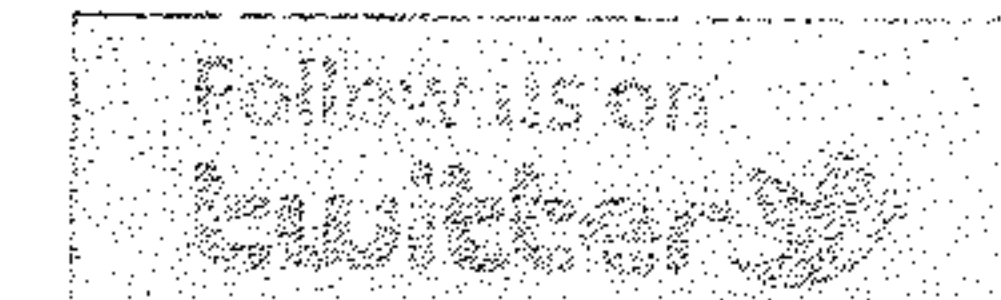
“Be angry but do not sin.” Have you ever been hangry -- so hungry you became angry? When we are hangry, there is not enough sug-

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## Stautory Rape Capias



Johnny Fannin (see Capias pg. 5)



#### Verse of the Day

I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. — Psalm 16:8

#### Obituaries

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Wazzup

Who's ready for the Battle Of The Bridge LC vs Loudon this Friday the 25th!!

#### Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of 81F.

Tonight: Clearing. Low of 61F.

Thursday: Sunny. High of 80F.

Thursday Night: Clear. Low of 61F.

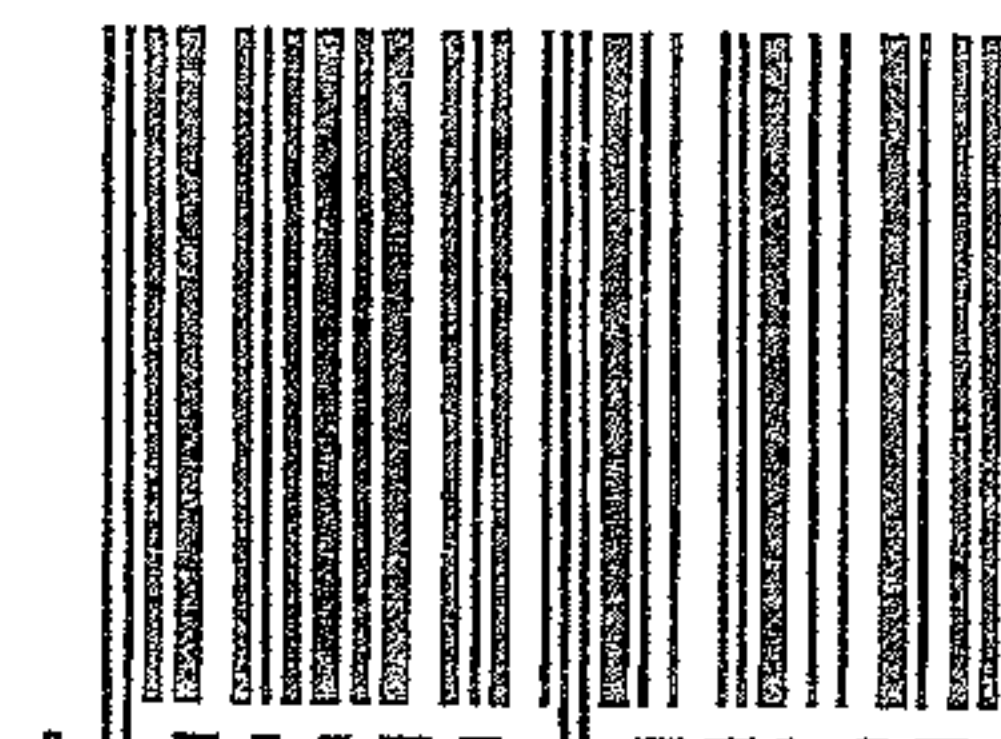
#### Horoscopes

Leo 7/23-8/22

Social norms no longer hold their tight claws around you. Dance as if no-

bodys watching and youre on the way to overcoming the only obstacle that is stopping you. Previous judgments are erased from your databank when you realize you dont need to live according to other peoples

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**Drugs**

Elicia Tallent, 31, Tallent Lane Vonore, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, and Poss. Of Drug Para.

Timmy Stiles, 32, Country Road Athens, was charged with Criminal Impersonation, Poss.

of Drug Para., and Assisting other Agency.

Deputy Rogers LCSO, observed a vehicle traveling on Steekee Rd. While observing the vehicle he witnessed it cross the center line several times and the vehicle also had a passenger side brake light out. Deputy initiated

a traffic stop in the area she was sweating and ex- of New Macedonia Rd tremely nervous. When and the vehicle stopped asked if she gave consent shortly passed Honey- to search the vehicle Ms suckle Rd still on Steekee Tallent took a second, Rd. Upon contact with looked at the passen- the driver Elicia Tallent, see Drugs ctd p.3

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Drugs etcl. from pg. 2  
 gers and said "yes if you want, but its very dirty." Deputy then attempted to identify the passengers when the female behind the driver's seat gave a TN ID and the male sitting in the front passenger seat gave him a name

of Charles and a SSN that did not match. The male gave this name and Social Security Number several times before admitting he was Tim Stiles. After confirming that name with Dispatch Mr. Stiles was wanted out of Georgia for a VOP

, and extradition was confirmed. Upon searching the vehicle a bag containing a glass pipe and another containing a pill bottle with a clear crystal substance was found under the driver's seat. Ms. Tallent did claim both objects and later retrieved a large bag of a clear crystal substance from inside her pants. There was also 4 drug ledgers found in Mr. Stiles possession with names dates and amounts of narcotics. Once at the jail the substances found in Ms. Tallent's possession were weighed at 30 grams and did field test positive for methamphetamine. Ms. Tallent was cited for Driving on Road Ways Laned for Traffic and Light Law. Ms Tallent was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale of Sched II (meth) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mr. Stiles was charged with Criminal Impersonation, Drug Paraphernalia and Assisting other Agency. Sgt. Bowen and Deputy Rogers transported Ms. Tallent and Mr. Stiles to the Loudon County Jail. Said did occur in Loudon County, TN.

and anger. It's the kind of anger that emerges when things are not as God intended them to be. There is really only one thing that cures "spanger": the truth. This is the kind of anger that demands speaking truth to injustice, lies and corrupt power. There are moments and seasons of life that call for "spanger" -- and for care that our anger does not turn into hatred. "Spanger" exists because we love the world God loves, and we desire this world to be the way God created it to be.

Prayer: Lord, sometimes I get angry when I think about the way things are. Teach me to love, inspire me to speak truth and guide me in your way. Amen.

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ar in the brain, making us rather unpleasant. Only one thing cures "hanger": food. Paul is talking about a different kind of anger, a spiritual anger -- spanger, if you will: a combination of spirituality

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# ACCA

violent felonies.

Federal prosecutors across the county aggressively used this new tool, charging and convicting violent offenders and taking them out of the communities they were terrifying. By 1992, violent crime had begun a historic decline. From 1991 to 2014, violent crime and murder fell by half, aggravated assault fell by 47 percent, and robbery fell by nearly two thirds.

While some debate how much of this dramatic decline was caused by the enactment of the ACCA, the United State Sentencing Guidelines (when their application was mandatory across the country), and a number of other things, there really is no doubt the most significant factor in the decline in the rate of violent crime was due to keeping the most violent criminals off the streets longer.

In 2015—after 30 years on the books—a critically important part of the ACCA was struck down by the Supreme Court in *Johnson v. United States* as being vague. Lawyers, judges, and scholars can disagree about whether the Court got it right, but one thing not up for reasonable debate is the dire fallout resulting from the Johnson decision.

Invalidating a portion of the ACCA nullified many violent offenders' sentences, causing their release to be earlier than intended. This resulted in real consequences across the nation and has led directly to an increase in crime. The defendants released as a result of this ruling have already victimized hundreds of persons: 10 defendants were arrested for murder, 14 for kidnapping, 11 for sexual assault, 37 for robbery, 218 for assault, 56 for burglary, 156 for larceny,

and 13 for stolen cars. In addition, 53 defendants were re-arrested for drunk driving, 81 defendants went back to drug trafficking, and 166 were re-arrested for other drug charges. Ironically, 100 defendants were also re-arrested for weapons offenses.

In the Eastern District of Tennessee, at least 37 defendants were granted relief in light of the Johnson ruling. Twenty-seven have already been released from prison. Of those, at least 14—more than half—have already had their terms of supervised release revoked or modified due to noncompliance. Three of the 14 referenced above have actually had their supervised release revoked twice and are back in jail today.

Placing career violent criminals back on the street before their time is served

should be unacceptable to everyone. More than 1,400 criminals—each convicted of three felonies—have been let out of jail since the Court ruling. So far, more than 600 have been arrested again. On average, these 600 criminals have been arrested, rearrested, or reoffended three times since 2015. A majority of those who have been out of prison for two years have already been arrested again.

While these numbers are shocking, experience tells us they are likely an underrepresentation of the illegal activity committed by these criminals. In the short three years since the ruling by the Supreme Court, released violent felons have already needlessly victimized hundreds of Americans. How many more will be victimized this year, or the next, or the

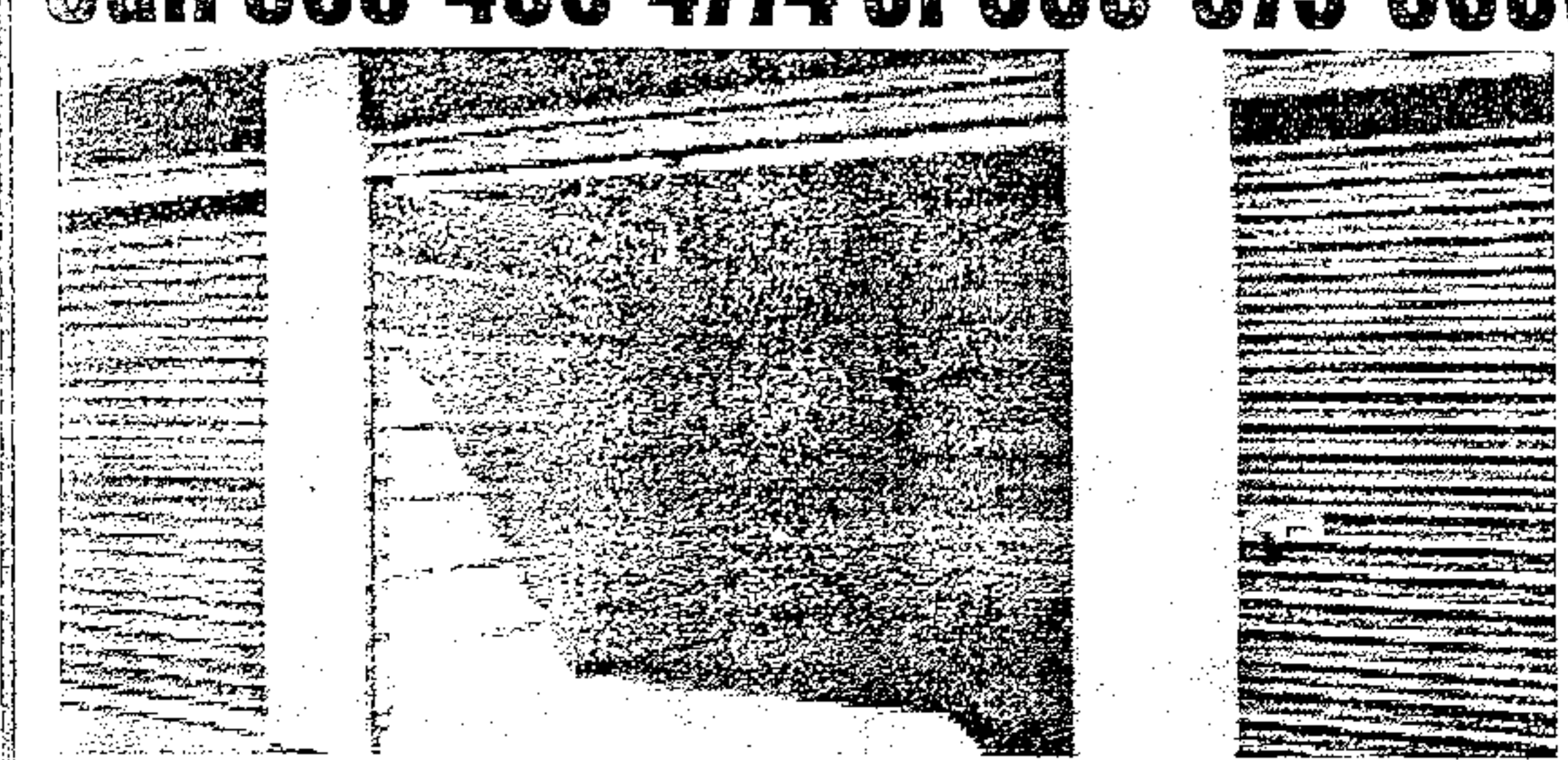
next? As the top federal law enforcement official in our District, I shudder to think we will only see history repeat itself again and again.


Thankfully, the problem is solvable. Congress can fix the problem created by the Johnson decision. Congress has the ability to amend the ACCA so that prosecutors can continue to keep the most violent offenders behind bars and out of our neighborhoods and communities. It's not for me to say how Congress should go about this fix—I understand that there are many options on the table. But, in my opinion, one more victim is one too many.

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The Lenoir City Police Department will be increasing enforcement during this campaign to reduce impaired driving. Sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols will be utilized to detect and arrest impaired drivers. The department will also partner with other agencies to conduct county wide saturations.

"The Lenoir City Police Department takes impaired driving seriously. We make every effort to reduce impaired driving through officer training and increased enforcement. Grants through the Tennessee Highway Safety Office allows us to have more resources available for these efforts." says Chief Don White.

Increased state and national messaging about the dangers of drunk driving, coupled with increased sobriety checkpoints and high visibility enforcement, aim to drastically reduce the number of drunk-driving crashes, injuries, and fatalities this year.

The consequences of a single DUI conviction for a first-time offender in the state of Tennessee may include costly fines, court costs, legal fees, jail time, mandatory drug and alcohol treatment, and/or the installation of an ignition interlock device in his/her vehicle.

The THSO provides grant funding to support Lenoir City Police Department increased enforcement efforts during the Booze It and Lose It campaign. For more information about the THSO, please visit [www.tntrafficsafety.org](http://www.tntrafficsafety.org).

### Capias

Johnny Fannin, 59, Oakland Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias (Agg. Statutory Rape).

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