

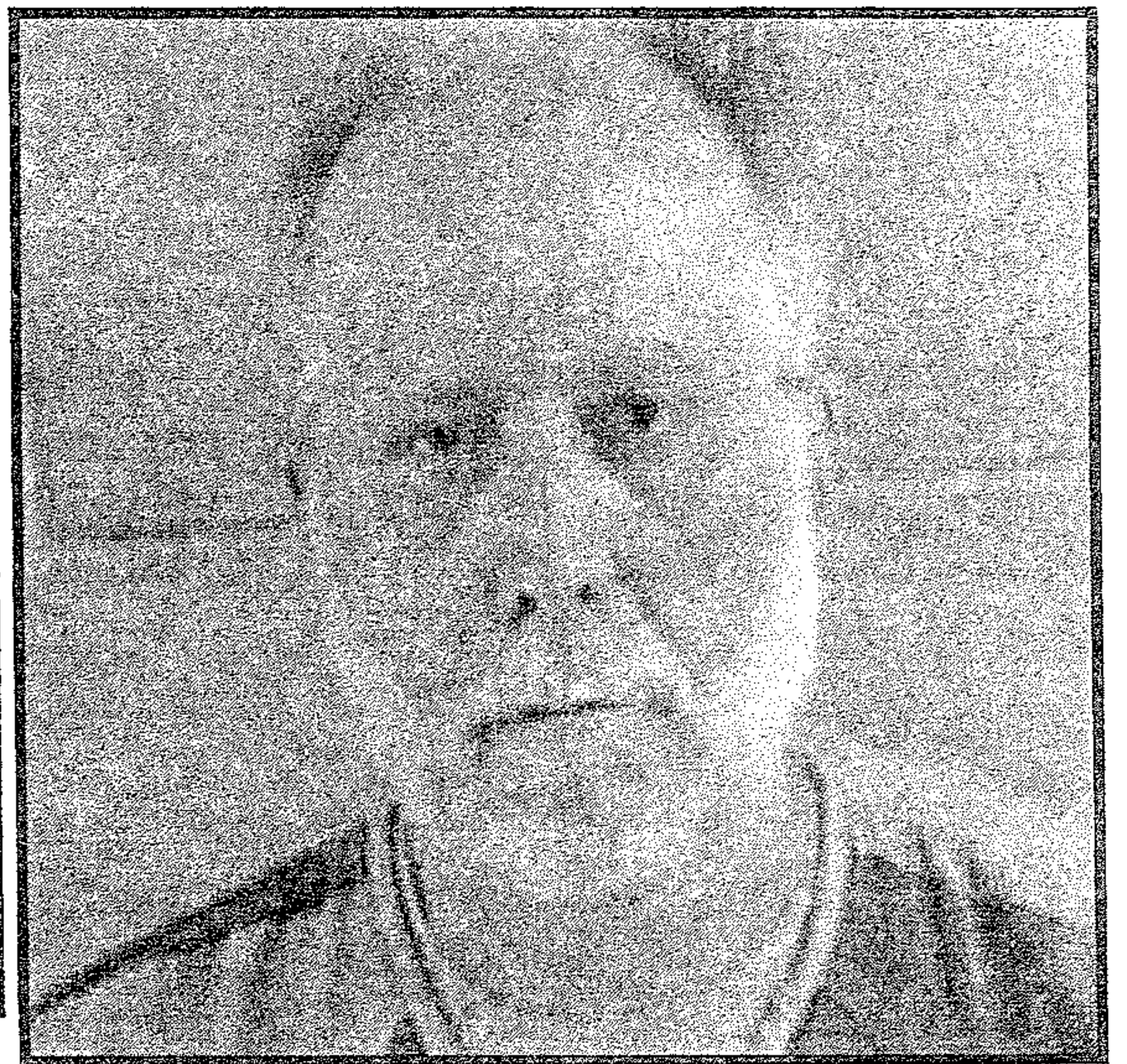
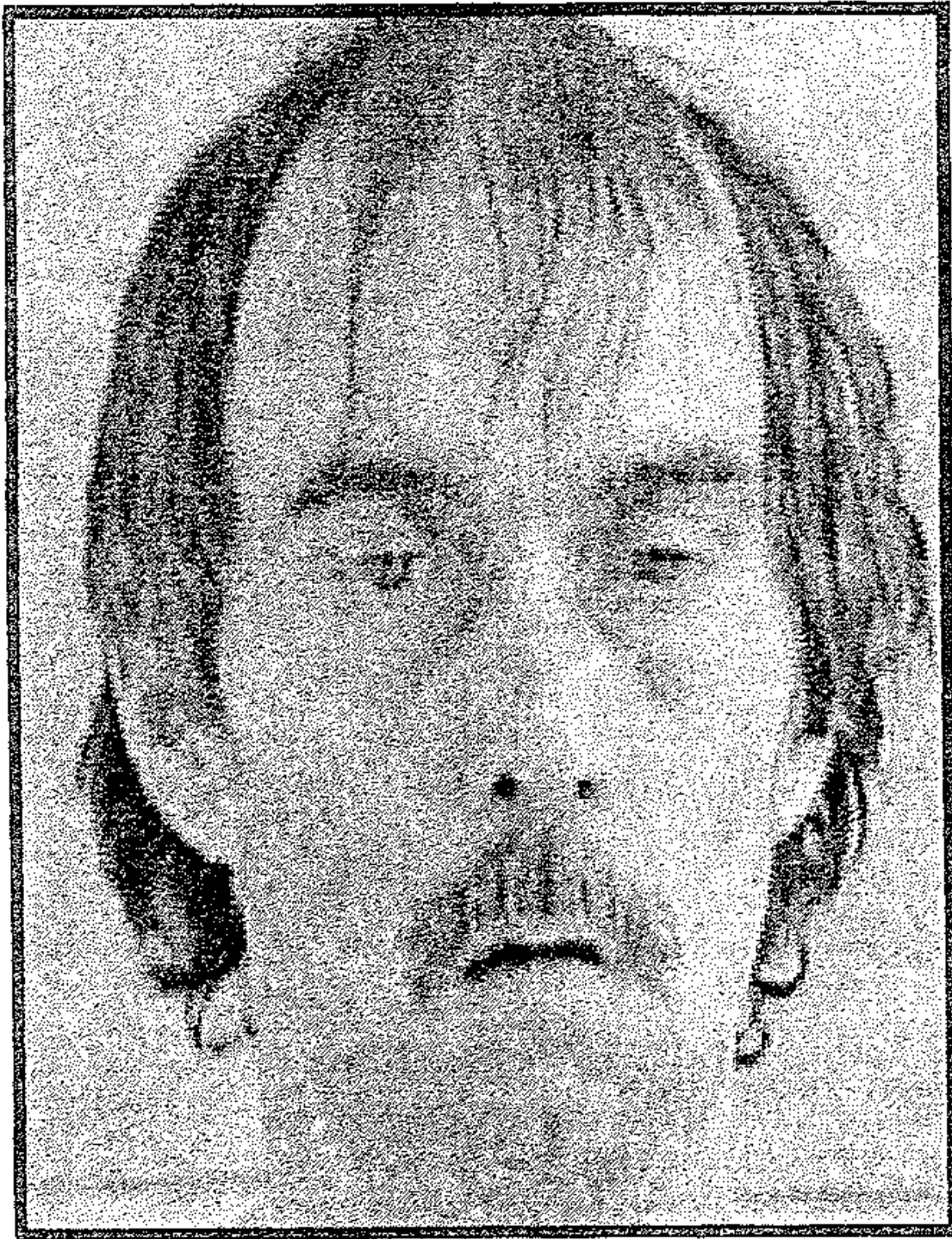
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Friday, August 24, 2018

Husband and Wife Domestic Assault

Have You Seen This Man In Your Local Store??



Jimmy Arden

Patricia Arden

Mark Fitch

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Justice Department, DEA Propose Significant Opioid Manufacturing Reduction in 2019

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The Good News The Rev Dr Julius McCarter

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

What kind of hands did Jesus have? Thirty years a carpenter. He had thirty years of hard manual labor working with his hands, sawing wood,

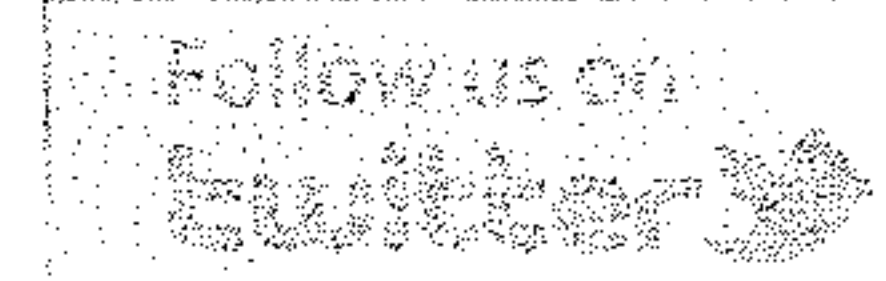
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Comptroller's Office Concludes Investigation of Former TBI Acting Director and Former Mental Health and Substance Abuse Deputy Commissioner

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office, working in conjunction with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, has released its investigative report de-

tailoring a series of questionable actions by the former Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Acting Director and the former Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

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Verse of the Day

By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me — a prayer to the God of my life. — Psalm 42:8

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Be sure to check out Creepy Con Hosted By Kris Bell it's sure to be a treat.

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 84F.

Tonight: Clearing. Low

of 61F.

Saturday: Sunny. High of 86F.

Saturday Night: Cloudy. Low of 66F.

Horoscopes

Leo 7/23-8/22

No heart is untouched when you are at your best. You

are a natural-born charmer and your joy is contagious. It's no wonder that people adore your playful spirit. The hectic schedule you currently juggle can challenge your lightness of being now, but you take it as a

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Drugs

Jimmy Arden, 53, Turman Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Patricia Arden, 51, Turman Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Deputy JC Schultz LCSO, answered a phys-

ical domestic call at Turman Drive in Lenoir City, TN. Upon arrival Mr Jimmie Lynn Arden Jr and His Wife Ms. Patricia Arden were in their bedroom arguing. Upon entering the bedroom both parties attempted to hide their physical injuries they inflicted upon each other.

Mr Arden had scratches into the wall and strangled her. Mr. Arden stated that Patricia had scratched his chest and Ms. Arden his chest in an altercation. Both parties admitted a consistent with being choked. Ms. Arden said Jimmie had pushed her see Drugs ctd p3

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but each denied starting it. It was deemed that they were mutual aggressors and both parties were arrested and transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. This did occur in Loudon County, TN

Mark Charles Fitch, 59, Hamilton Ave Lenoir City was Charged with Observation without Consent.

According to sources, Mr. Fitch was charged after authorities responded to a call to Aldi in Lenoir

City where he is alleged to have taken pictures of a female shopper under her skirt without her permission. The investigation afterwards has led authorities to the man admitting to doing the same thing to other female victims at Walmart and Aldi on different occasions. Authorities recovered a cellphone, tablet and computer from the man's residence that is believed to contain more photos of unsuspecting and unknowing victims.

If you recognize this man contact your local law enforcement agency as soon as possible.

director inappropriately used his state vehicle to transport the former MHSA deputy commissioner on a trip to Atlanta, GA. The former MHSA deputy commissioner did not have official business in Atlanta. TBI policy prohibits unauthorized people from being transported in Bureau vehicles.

The former MHSA deputy commissioner failed to claim annual leave during the two days she spent in Atlanta with the former TBI acting director. MHSA department officials subsequently corrected this failure after investigators brought it to their attention.

The former TBI acting director and former MHSA deputy commissioner installed the application WhatsApp on their state-issued cell phones to facilitate communication. This online messaging application allows text, voice, video and document messaging with end to end encryption. The use of this application creates a challenge to capture and retain public records.

The former TBI acting director and former MHSA deputy commissioner inappropriately used their state issued cell phones. During a 10-month period, there were 883 calls made between the two employee's state-issued cell phones, totaling 8,219 minutes. Cell phone records indicate calls were made during working hours, after work hours and on weekends.

The results of this investigation were referred to the local district attorney. The Davidson County Grand Jury determined that neither employee violated any criminal statutes.

Abuse

Deputy Commissioner.

Investigators determined the two state employees sometimes coordinated their state-paid overnight travel in order to further a personal relationship; however, the employees were conducting valid state business on these occasions.

The investigation revealed a series of improper or inappropriate actions that are summarized as follows:

The former TBI acting director instructed one of TBI's public information officers to improperly destroy a government record. The TBI received a private Facebook message from the Facebook account of the former TBI acting director's spouse alleging a misuse of state funds. After discussing the message with the TBI acting director, the public information officer deleted the message within 10 minutes after it was received.

The former TBI acting

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DEA

(NPRM) marks the third straight year of proposed reductions, which help reduce the amount of drugs potentially diverted for trafficking and used to facilitate addiction.

On July 11, 2018, the Justice Department announced that DEA was issuing a final rule amending its regulations to improve the agency's ability consider the likelihood of whether a drug can be diverted for abuse when it sets annual opioid production limits. The final rule also promotes greater involvement from state attorneys general, and today's proposed reduction will be sent to those offices.

In setting the aggregate production quote (APQ), DEA considers data from many sources, including estimates of the legitimate medical need from the Food and Drug Administration; estimates of retail consumption based on prescriptions dispensed; manufactur-

ers' disposition history and forecasts; data from DEA's own internal system for tracking controlled substance transactions; and past quota histories.

The DEA has proposed to reduce more commonly prescribed schedule II opioids, including oxycodone, hydrocodone, oxymorphone, hydromorphone, morphine, and fentanyl:

Ultimately, revised limits will encourage vigilance on the part of opioid manufacturers, help DEA respond to the changing drug threat environment, and protect the American people from potential addictive drugs while ensuring that the country has enough opioids for legitimate medical, scientific, research, and industrial needs.

"The opioid epidemic that we are facing today is the worst drug crisis in American history," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said. "President Trump has set the ambitious

goal of reducing opioid prescription rates by one-third in three years. We embrace that goal and are resolutely committed to reaching it. According to the National Prescription Audit, we have already made significant progress in reducing prescription rates over the past year. Cutting opioid production quotas by an average of ten percent next year will help us continue that progress and make it harder to divert these drugs for abuse. The American people can be confident that federal law enforcement and the Trump administration are taking action to protect them from dangerous drugs. These smarter limits bring us one big step closer to President Trump's goal of finally ending this unprecedented crisis. I congratulate Acting Administrator Uttam Dhillon and his team for taking action."

"We've lost too many lives to the opioid epidemic and families and communities suffer tragic consequences every day," said DEA Acting Administrator Uttam Dhillon. "This significant drop in prescriptions by doctors and DEA's production quota adjustment will continue to reduce the amount of drugs available for illicit diversion and abuse while ensuring that patients will continue to have access to proper medicine."

"The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee fully supports the Department's goal to reduce opioid manufacturing rates in 2019. Our communities are currently facing the deadliest drug crisis in American history and Tennessee has already been established as an acute 'hot spot' for prescription opioid abuse and opioid overdose deaths," said U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey.

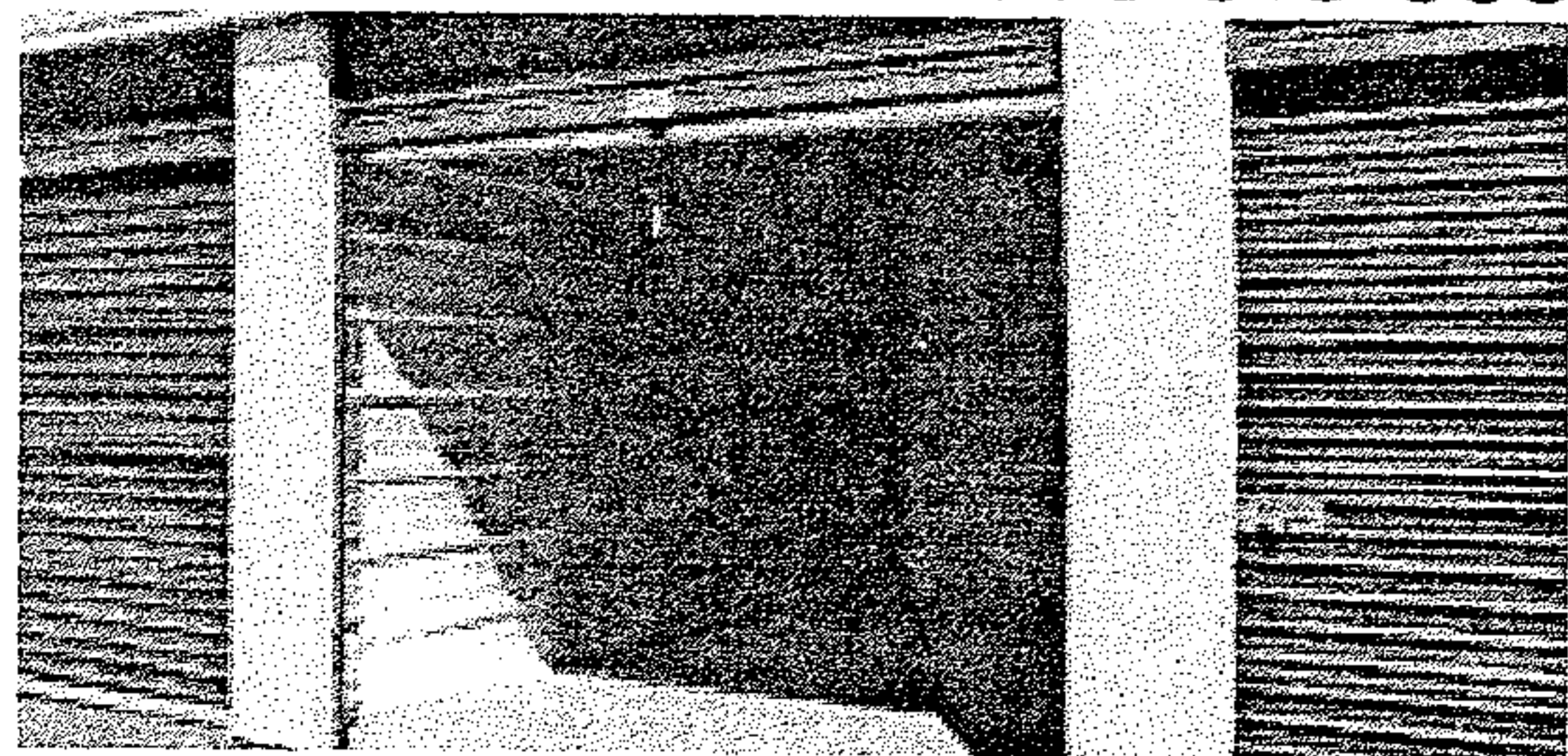
"Reducing the availability of powerfully addictive prescription opioids will help our efforts to combat this growing opioid addiction crisis and save lives," added U.S. Attorney Overbey.


Once the aggregate quota is set, DEA allocates individual manufacturing and procurement quotas to those manufacturers that apply for them. DEA may revise a company's quota at any time during the year if change is warranted due to increased or decreased sales or exports, new manufacturers entering the market, new product development, or product recalls.

When Congress passed the Controlled Substances Act, the quota system was intended to reduce or eliminate diversion from "legitimate channels of trade" by controlling

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the quantities of the basic ingredients needed for the manufacture of controlled substances.

The Proposed Aggregate Production Quotas for schedule I and II controlled substances published in the Federal Register reflects the total amount of controlled substances necessary to meet the country's medical, scientific, research, industrial, and export needs for the year and for the establishment and maintenance of reserve stocks. DEA establishes an APQ for more than 250 schedule I and II controlled substances annually.

In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidelines to practitioners recommending a reduction in the prescribing of opioid medications for chronic pain. DEA and its federal partners have increased efforts in the

last several years to educate practitioners, pharmacists, manufacturers, distributors, and the public about the dangers associated with the misuse of opioid medications and the importance of proper prescribing.

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pounding nails, sanding lumber and planing doors. This man is 97. He spent his entire life working as a brick layer and a carpenter. He was known as the hardest worker around. In his words, "I never cheated nobody." Now his kidneys are failing and the day is soon coming when he will rest from his labors. Yet, when he shakes your hand, the firm grip is still there. Not too hard but solid, strong, a real firm handshake. Peter was drown-

ing. The wind and the waves were pulling him under. Life has a way of doing that to us. Just when we think we can do it all on our own, we find ourselves slipping under. Terrified, swallowing water, flailing about. Then Peter felt a hand, a firm strong hand, holding him fast. He looked up. It was the master. Child of God, if the wind and the waves are overwhelming you this day, know the firm strong hand of the master holds you fast, and will never let you go. Prayer: Lord Jesus, be there for me today. Like Peter, I am sinking, terrified, flailing about. With the little faith I have left, I desperately reach out to you. In the midst of my terror hold me fast with your firm strong grip. Amen.

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