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Friday, August 31, 2018

## Wanted for meth x4 by LCSO



Heather Pelky

### Meth and more found on suspicious driver in Greenback



William Fultz

See GB P.5

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### Grundy County Highway Department Misused County Resources

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has revealed that the Grundy County Highway Department has been performing work on private properties and cemeteries not allowed under state law.

See Misuse P.5

### Man stops to use bathroom in middle of interstate; registers .23% on intoximeter



Rakesh Patel

see DUI pg. 3

### Ricky James Bennfield sentenced to serve ten years in prison for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and mail fraud theft of government property and aggravated identity theft

On August 22, 2018, Ricky James Bennfield, 53, of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable Thomas W. Phillips, U.S. District Judge, to serve 96 months for mail and wire fraud and theft of government money, followed by a consecutive sentence of 24 months for aggravated identity theft, for a total of 120 months in

(see fraud pg. 4)



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#### Verse of the Day

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. — 1 John 5:12

#### Obituaries

None

#### Wazzup

WARNING!!! Law Enforcement Driving Campaign In Effect All This Weekend!!! DON'T DRINK and DRIVE!!!

#### Weather

Today: Scattered Thunderstorms. High of 89F.

Tonight: Scattered storms. Low of 69F.  
Saturday: Morning thunderstorms. High of 88F.  
Saturday Night: Overcast. Low of 68F.  
Sunday: Mostly cloudy. High of 89F.  
Sunday. Overcast. Low

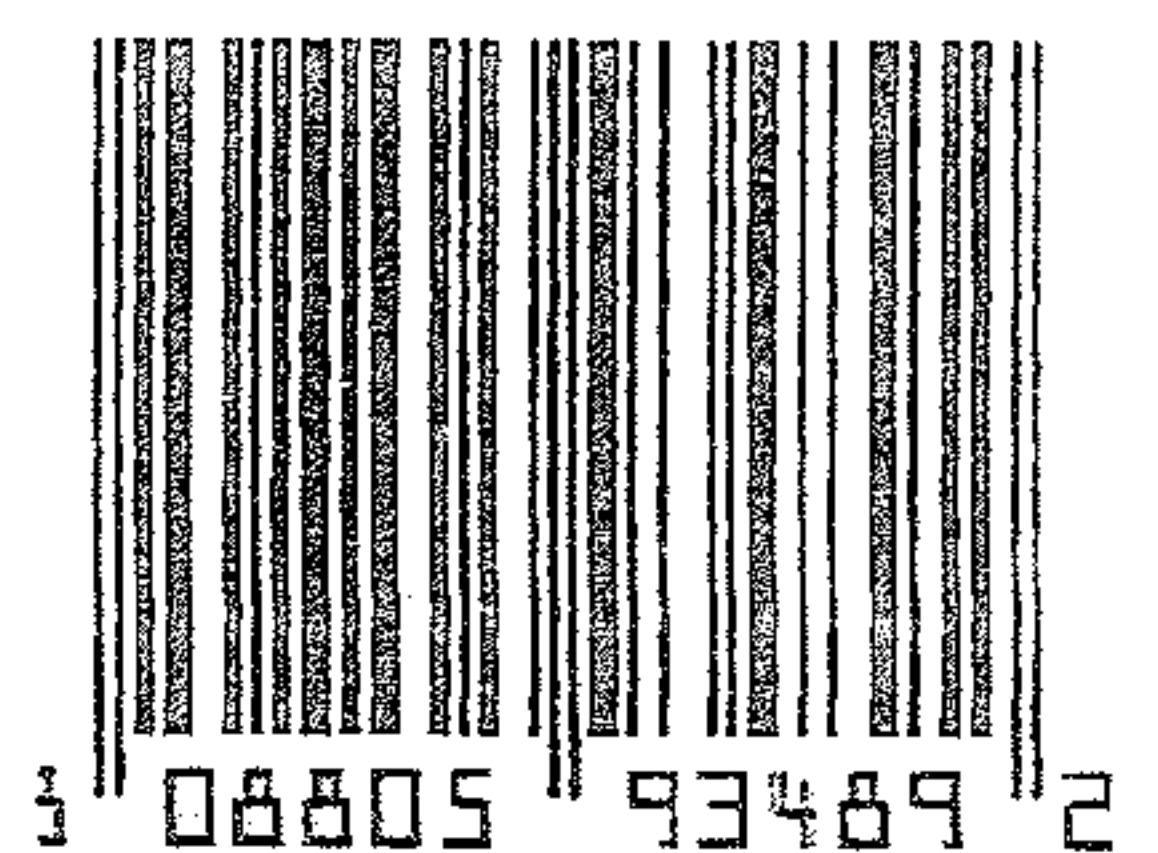
of 69F.

#### Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Intense inner work pays off in the end. You are becoming more aware of who you are and your purpose on this planet. Nevertheless, the elimination of

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**Meth**

Heather Pelky, 29, Industrial Park Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Possession of Meth x 4, Simple Possession, Possession of Drug Para, and Driving on Revoked Suspended License.

Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit observed Heather Renee Pelky leaving an apartment complex in Lenoir City in her Honda Civic as the driver.

Investigators had prior knowledge that Pelky's Tennessee Driver's License

was suspended and custody without incident Pelky had three outstanding warrants for her arrest. for Manufacture/Sale/Delivery or Possession of Methamphetamine. This happened in Loudon County, TN.

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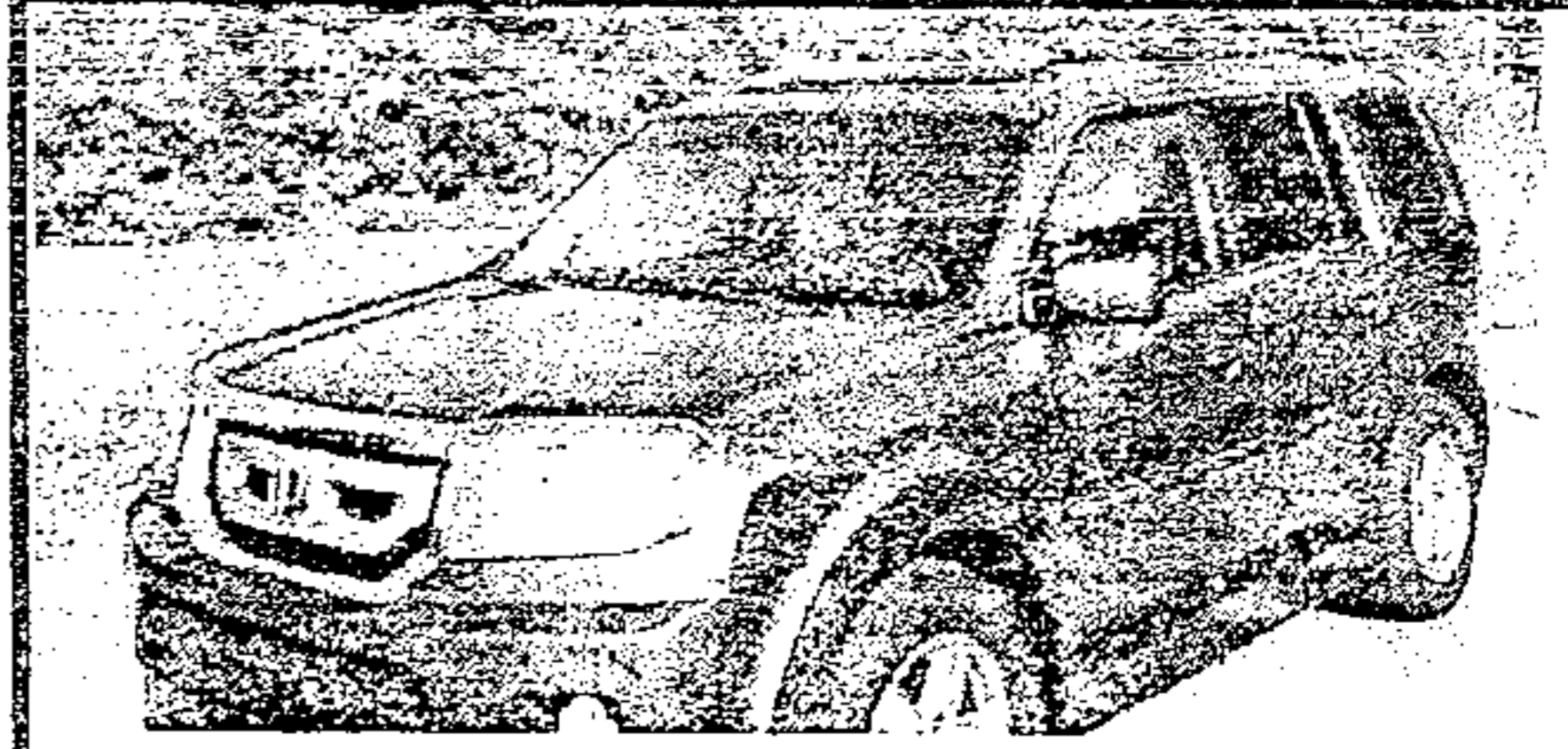
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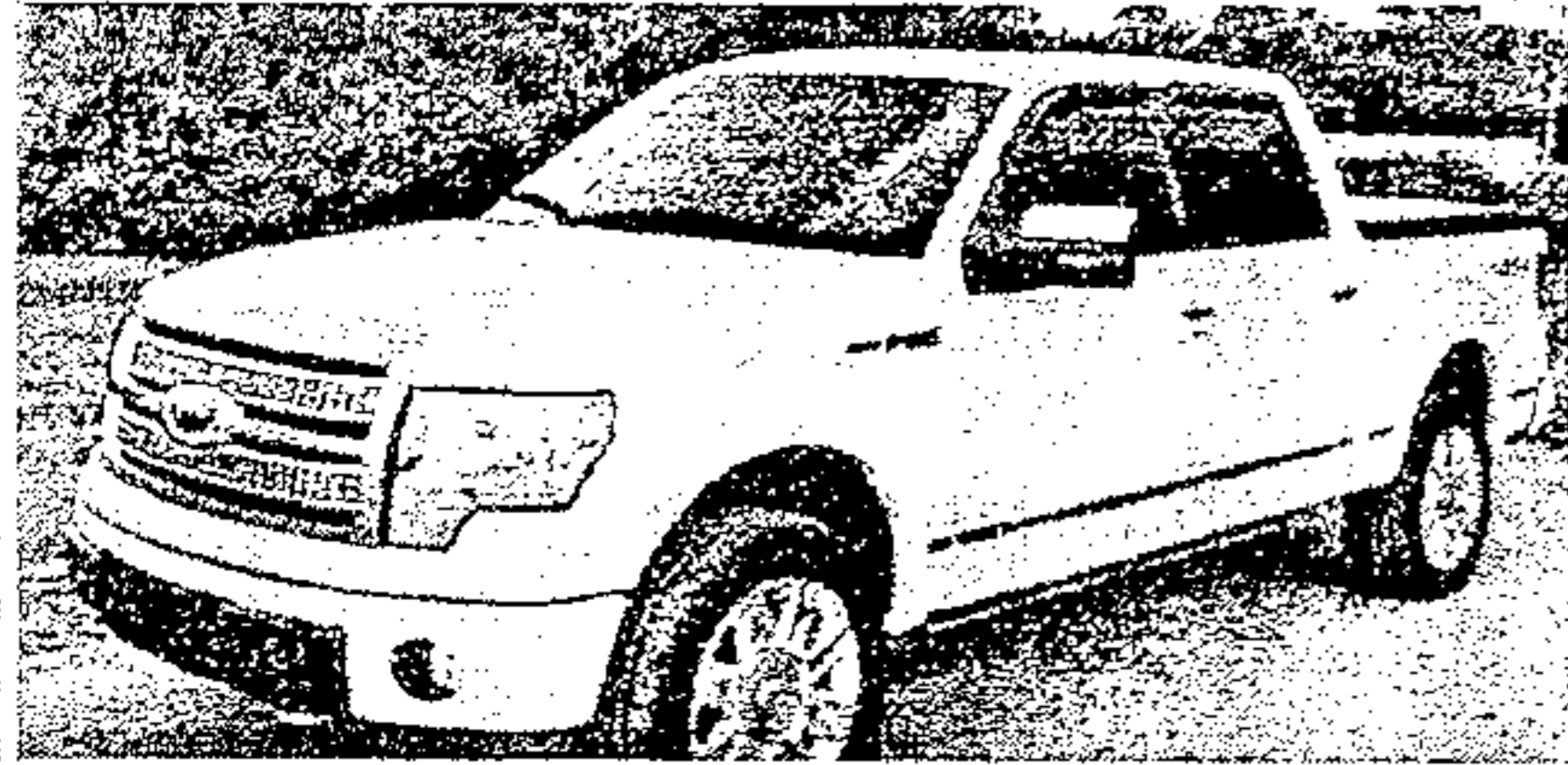
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## DUI

Rakesh Patel, 43, Jansusie Road Etobicoke, ON., was charged with DUI.

Corporal Smith did respond to Interstate 75 north bound for a call of a possible drunk driver in a silver van. While trav-

eling north bound at the 79 mile marker in Loudon County, Deputy observed a silver van parked half in the median and half in the fast lane of the interstate. As Deputy approached the vehicle he observed a male urinating in the median and appeared to be very

unsteady while standing. Deputy identified the male to be Mr. Rakesh Kantilal Patel and he stated he was traveling to Canada. Deputy observed Mr. Patel while he was standing next to his vehicle having to hold on to his vehicle to steady himself and a open 16 oz. can of steel reserve beer in the center console. While speaking with Mr. Patel Deputy noticed a strong odor of a alcoholic beverage coming from his person, his eyes were glassy and bloodshot. Mr. Patel did stumble and Deputy did have to catch him to prevent him falling into the median. For Mr. Patel's safety and Deputy he placed him in custody for driving under the influence, transported him to the Loudon County Jail where he did read him the Tennessee Implied Consent form and he did agreed to give a breath sample in the Intoximeter and the sample was 0.233. Mr. Patel also stated he would perform standardized field sobriety task and he did perform poorly on all three tasks. Mr. Patel was charged with Driving while Intoxicated.

## Knox County Public Library announces the lineup for the 15th annual Movies on Market Square

The popular outdoor movie series kicks off on September 14 with Space Jam

The silver screen is set to light up Market Square on Friday nights starting September 14 with Space Jam. Based on a community-wide vote, this year's lineup of Knox County Public Library's Movies on Market Square features superheroes, Cali-girls, spirited ancestors, some befuddled monsters, and a magical board game gone wrong.

Knox County Public Library hosts Movies on Market Square presented by Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union to highlight the Library's vast collection of movies and music available both as physical copies and online for download with more than 40,000 titles to choose from.

And the winners are:

- 9/14 -- Space Jam (PG, 1996)
- 9/21 -- Clueless (PG-13, 1995)
- 9/28 -- Monsters, Inc. (G, 2001)
- 10/5 -- Jumaji (PG, 1995)
- 10/12 -- Black Panther (PG-13, 2018)
- 10/19 -- Coco (PG, 2017)

All movies are rated PG-13, PG or G, but parents are encouraged to check out the films to make sure they are right for their family. The series will run for six Friday nights, from September 14 through October 19. Movies begin at dusk, and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Moviegoers should bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

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### Fraud

federal prison. Additionally, his federal sentence will run consecutive to a four-year sentence Bennefield is currently serving in the state system on unrelated charges.

Ricky Bennefield pleaded guilty in March 2018 to a three-count indictment charging him with mail and wire fraud, theft of government money and aggravated identity theft. Documents on file with U.S. District Court detail the conspiracy committed by Bennefield and his wife, Erika Nicole Bennefield.

Erika Bennefield previously pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated identity theft and was sentenced to serve two years in federal prison.

During a December 2016 state investigation of Ricky Bennefield, on unrelated charges, local agents uncovered evidence that he engaged in theft of funds from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and committed aggravated identity theft involving his father-in-law. A subsequent investigation by agents with the SSA Office of Inspector General

revealed that the victim had passed away on a family trip in 2010 and Ricky Bennefield buried his body along the side of the road. After driving away for approximately an hour and a half, with his wife and minor children in the car, he returned to the location where the body was buried, removed it, placed it back in the car, and drove to another location, where he reburied the body. This was all done to conceal the victim's death so that Ricky and Erika Bennefield could receive his Social Security benefits. From ap-

proximately June 2010 through December 2016, the Bennefields continued to fraudulently receive Social Security benefits along with a monthly pension, also belonging to the victim, and deposited the funds in their own accounts or cashed the checks for their personal use.

In handing down the lengthy sentence, Judge Phillips noted that Ricky Bennefield's actions "were disturbing and beyond imagination," adding that they were "truly outrageous."

Agencies involved in this in-

vestigation included the SSA Office of Inspector General, Gatlinburg Police Department and Pigeon Forge Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Kolman represented the United States in court proceedings

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The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2018 at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone Parcel 042.00 Loudon County Tax Map 016, approximately .5 acres, 7250 Hwy. 11 E, Lenoir City, TN, in the 6th Legislative District, from R-1, Suburban Residential District to C-2, General Commercial District.

## Public Notice

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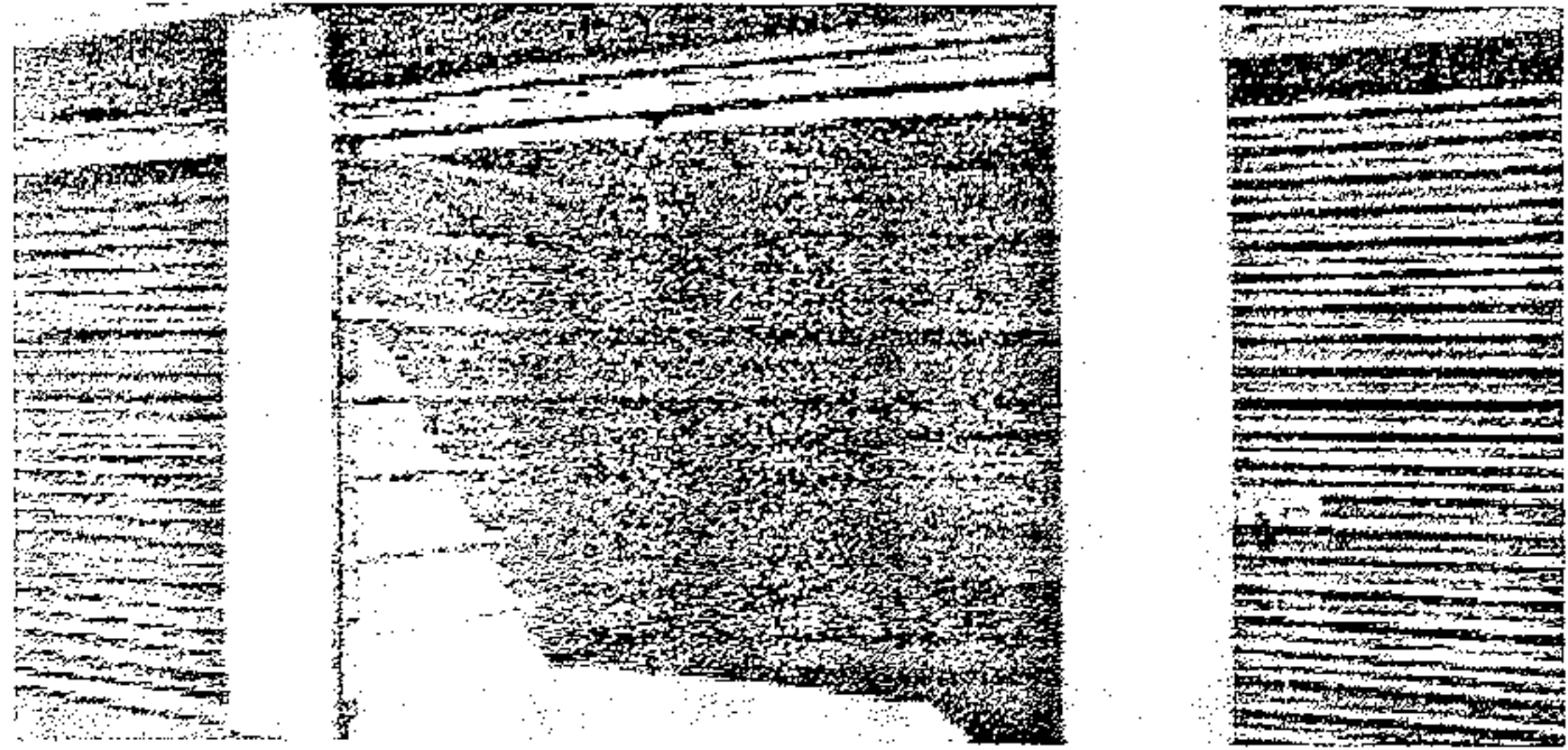
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**GB**

William Fultz, 22, Grayson Drive Alcoa, was charged with DUI, Mfg/Del/Sale of Poss. Of Meth, Simple Possession, Poss. Of Drug Para., and Violation of Implied Consent. Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, was at the Corner Market when the owner told him there was a suspicious person in the parking lot. Upon making contact with the vehicle and the driver William Fultz was leaned over the center console. Upon talking with Fultz he was very animated and moving all over the place uncontrolled, sweating profusely, and fumbling around in the vehicle. Upon a pat down of Fultz Deputy located a clear container with a white powder residue. Fultz advised it could be meth or

cocaine. Fultz was given several sobriety test and did poorly. A check of Fultz license revealed that he had prior DUI. Cpl. Jenkins and K-9 arrived and K-9 alerted on the vehicle. On search located 1 baggy containing a crystal substance weighing .06 grams that tested positive for methamphetamine, and a baggy containing a green leafy substance that tested positive for marijuana weighing .02 grams, and in the marijuana bag was a triangle of white paper. Several pipes and syringes were located in the vehicle. Fultz was placed under arrest.


**Misuse**

In one situation, the Highway Department has performed various work on an individual's farm

over approximately nine years. The Highway Superintendent has cattle on the farm. The work has included bulldozing stumps and hauling the stumps, dirt, and old tile to fill in a hollow on the farm. More work was done on another farm which is farmed by an acquaintance of the Highway Superintendent. Highway Department employees drove a bulldozer onto the property and "cleaned up" a wooded area. Investigators could not determine if the Highway Superintendent received any compensation for the work. Other work has been performed at various Grundy County cemeteries. The Highway Department also maintained a portion of a private road which is

owned by a department employee. State law (Section 54-7-202(d), Tennessee Code Annotated) prohibits using county equip-

ment, supplies or materials for work outside of official county road purposes. Comptroller investigate Misuse ctd to pg. 7



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 tigators also noted the Highway Superintendent allows employees to work on their personal vehicles in the department garage during work hours. This activity is also prohibited by state law. Comptroller investigators have reviewed their findings with the district attorney general for the Twelfth Judicial District. To view the investigative report online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>. If you suspect fraud,

waste or abuse of public money in Tennessee, call the Comptroller's toll-free hotline at (800) 232-5454, or file a report online at: [www.comptroller.tn.gov/hotline](http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/hotline). Follow us on twitter: @TNCOT



**Obituaries**

William Edward Cherry (Bill) age 89 of Kennesaw, GA formerly of Lenoir City passed away August 29, 2018. Bill was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the United States Marine Corps. He was a former member of First Baptist Church in Lenoir City. Bill

and his wife, Phyllis served as volunteers with Baptist Mission Corps in Indiana for a year and a half. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Hashbarger Cherry and brother, George Cherry. Survived by his son and daughter-in-law, William Edward Cherry III and Peggy Cherry; daughter and son-in-law, Luann Cherry and Gerald Lahr; grandchildren: Joe, Chris and Willie Cherry, and Sean O'Brien; precious great-grandchildren; siblings, Don Cherry and wife, Peggy Cherry, Louella Cherry Spen-

cer and husband, William Spencer; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Cherry; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 2nd at Click Funeral

Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Dr. Dick DeMerchant officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge.

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