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## Religious Argument Leads To Jail

## Domestic Assault and VOP

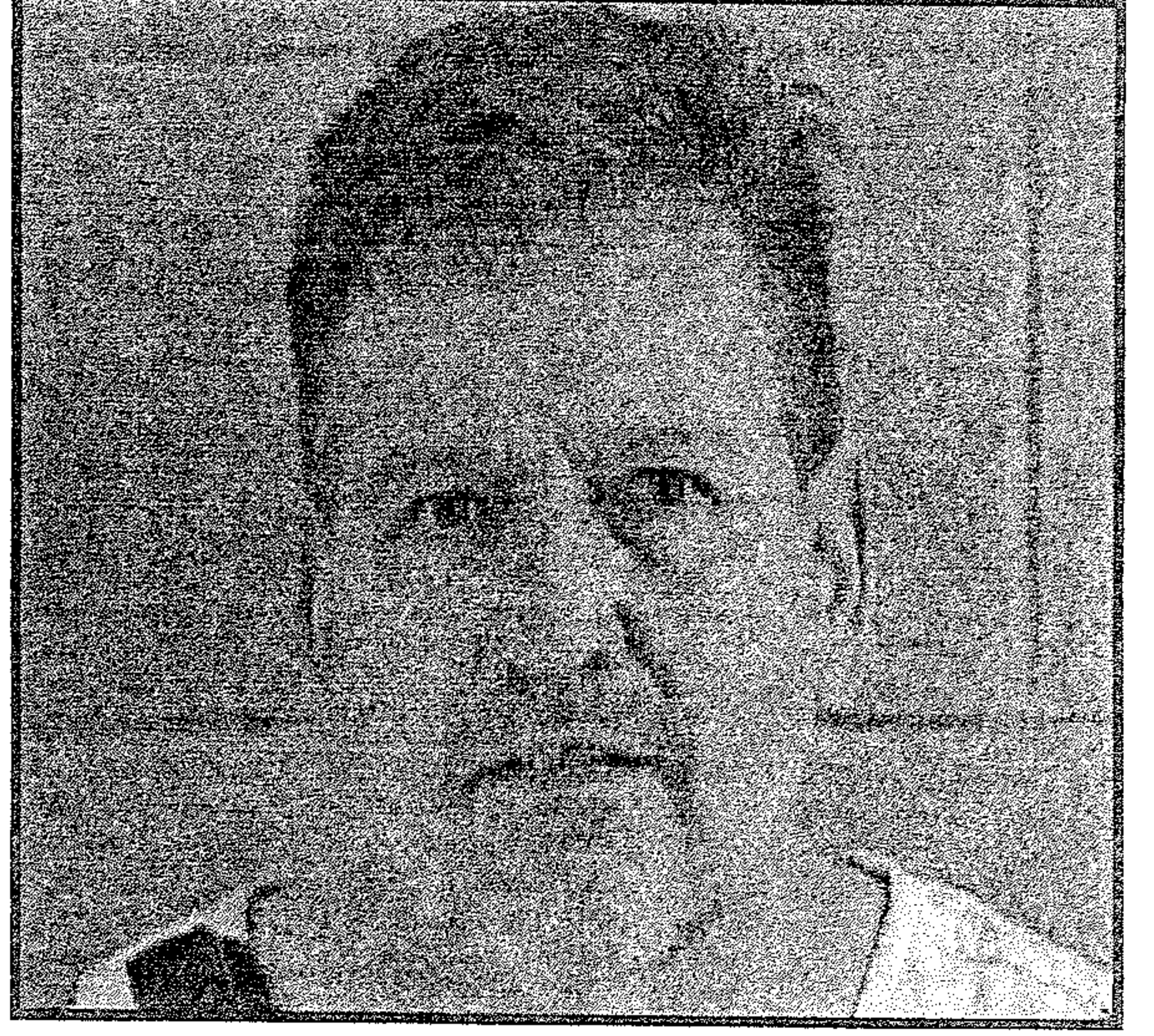


Evonlee Harris



Happy Lemarr

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## LC Woman Charged With Possession, DUI and Jailed



Mary Goddard

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### District Attorney Announces Life Sentence for Inmate Who Stabbed Infamous Tattoo Eddie to Death in Prison

Russell Johnson, District Attorney General for the 9th Judicial District which includes Morgan County, announced today that his office convicted Greg A. Smith of first degree murder for the prison stabbing by Smith of infamous killer, Tat-

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## 2017 Crime Statistics Released Annual Statistics are Available in Crime Data Explorer

The IC3 has received complaints Both violent crime and property crime declined in 2017 when compared with 2016 data, according to the FBI's annual crime statistics released today.

Overall violent

crime decreased 0.2 percent from 2016 to last year, while property crime decreased 3 percent during that time, according to Crime in the United States, 2017, the FBI's annual compilation of crime statistics. The

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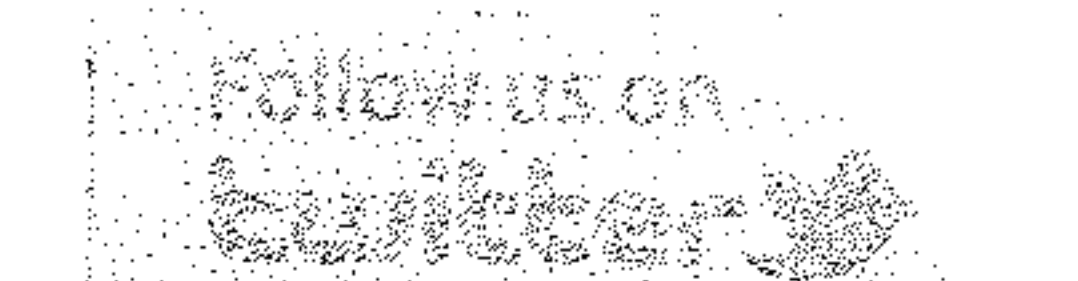


**Verse of the Day**  
My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ

**the Righteous One. — 1 John 2:1**  
**Obituaries**  
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**Wazzup**  
Check out The Lenoir City Civitan Car Show This Saturday Morning.

**Weather**  
Today: Rain. High of 76F.  
Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 60F.  
Saturday: Cloudy. High of 79F.  
Saturday Night: Clearing. Low of 61F.

**Horoscopes**  
Libra 9/23-10/22  
Static electricity stuns your fingertips, like touching a fleece blanket in winter. While you love to share, real intimacy demands a closeness that goes well  
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## Argument

Evonlee Harris, 22, Corinth Road Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Happy Lemarr, 24, Cagle Road Tellico Plains, was charged with Resisting Arrest, Vandalism, and Domestic As-

sault.

Deputy Partin LCSO, responded to Corinth Road in reference to an active domestic. While enroute Deputy was advised by dispatch that the male party by the name of Happy admitted to hitting

Evonlee Harris. Upon arrival Deputy spoke to Happy Lemarr and ask him what happen, and Deputy advised Lemarr that he already heard the conversation

through dispatch. Lemarr stated it was his word against his. Deputy could smell an odor of alcohol coming from Lemarr's person. Depu-

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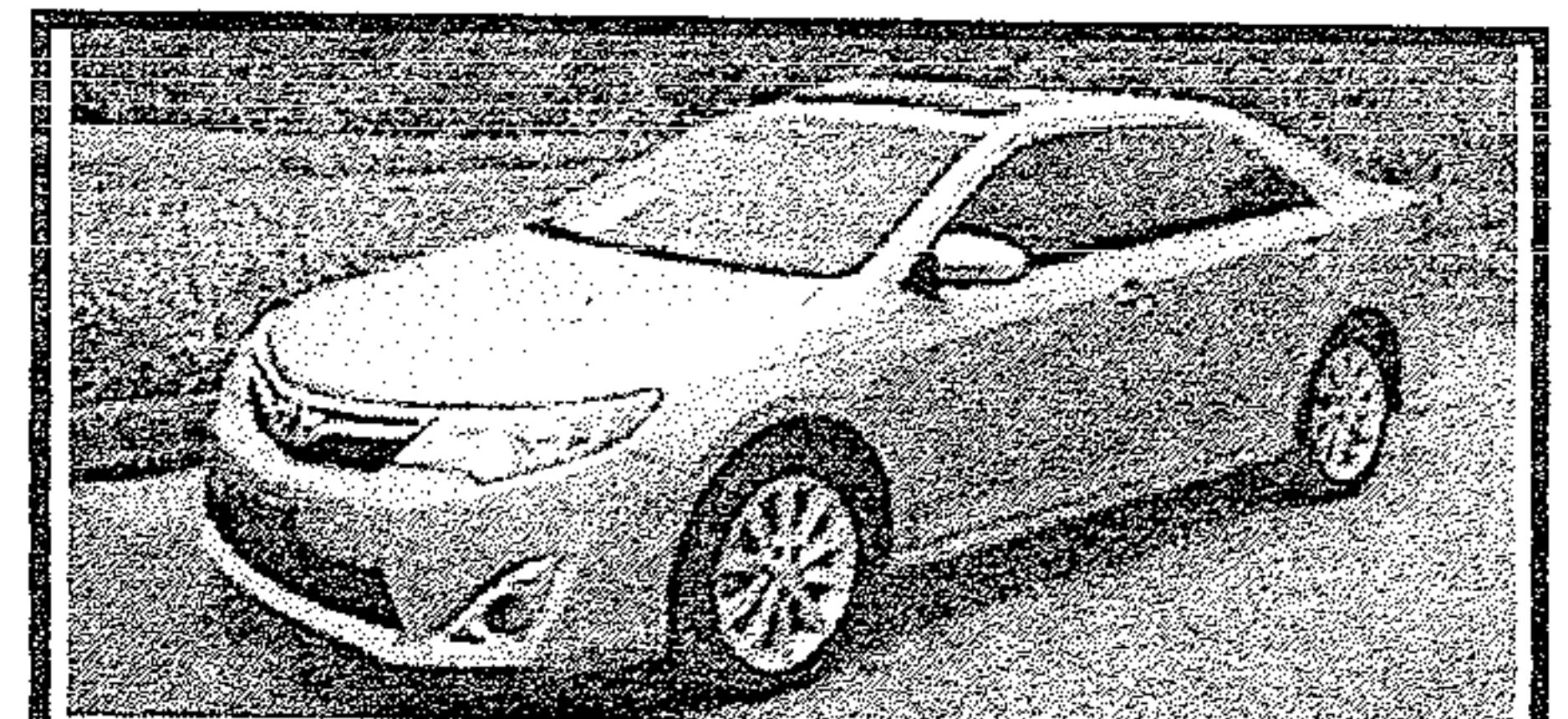
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## Assault

Scotty Graves, 48, Sunnyside Road Philadelphia, was charged with Domestic Assault, and Violation of Probation.

Deputy A. Parton LCSO, responded to Sunnyside Road in reference to a domestic. Upon arrival Deputy spoke to the victim who

stated her husband Scotty Graves had assaulted her and drove his truck into the woods. Graves came out of the woods in a blue vehicle. Graves exited the vehicle and told Deputy that victim had tackled him. Graves stated that they were going through a divorce and victim started packing her stuff, when he walked outside she tack-

led him. Graves showed Deputy a scuff mark on his knee and lower back. Deputy then spoke to victim who was requesting EMS to check her for a possible broken wrist. Victim stated Graves was kicking her and her son out of the house, and stated while packing her stuff Graves became upset and she started recording him on her phone. Victim stated Graves grabbed her phone threw it on the floor and stomped on it. Victim stated graves followed her outside where he pushed her to the ground then put her phone in the truck and drove into the woods. The witness stated he heard a scuffle in the hall and heard victim state give me my phone. Victim did have defensive wounds and Graves was placed under arrest.

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ty ask Lemarr to walk with him he stated no he was scared. Deputy Branson arrived on scene and Lemarr was

detained. Deputy then spoke with the witness who stated that Harris and Lemarr were arguing about the Lord when Lemarr smacked Harris and then She smacked him back and then called 911. Deputy spoke to Harris who stated they were both drinking and Lemarr smacked her and she smacked him back. Both were placed under arrest. While searching Lemarr he became irate and was spitting on Deputy while he was talking, Deputy ask him to face his vehicle and he refused. Deputy was walking Lemarr back to his patrol vehicle and was placing Lemarr in the back when he started pulling away from Deputy and Lemarr was taken to the ground. Once under control Lemarr was stood up and Deputy Partin and Branson attempted to place him in the patrol car when Lemarr kicked the vehicle causing a dent.

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## Public Notice

The Administrative Committee (the "Committee") of the Lenoir City Utilities Board Employees' Retirement Plan (the "Plan") will meet in open, regular session on Friday, September 28, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Lenoir City Utilities Board's Operations Building at 7698 Creekwood Park Boulevard in Lenoir City, Tennessee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and consider approving the following matters:

1. Agenda for the Committee's 9-28-18 meeting;
2. Minutes of the Committee's previous meetings;
3. Amendments to and restatement of the Plan's QDRO Procedures;
4. Recommended Committee charter and/or election rules;
5. Action to fill the Committee's current vacancies;
6. Any new business properly brought before the Committee; and
7. Committee's next meeting date.

## Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia will have a Special Called Meeting on Monday, October 1, 2018 at the Philadelphia United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Public Hearing for the 2018-2019 Budget
2. Easement and selling of property on Strawberry Hill.

## Crime

information was reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program by more than 16,000 law enforcement agencies across the country.

A pie chart breakdown of the types of violent and property crimes categorized in Crime in the United States, 2017.

There were more than 1.2 million violent crimes reported to UCR nationwide in 2017. There was a 0.7 percent decrease in murders and a 4 percent decrease in robberies from 2016 to 2017. Aggravated assaults increased 1

percent in 2017. The FBI began collecting data solely on an updated rape definition last year, and 135,755 rapes were reported to law enforcement in 2017.

The report also showed there were more than 7.7 million property crimes last year. Burglaries decreased 7.6 percent and larceny-thefts decreased 2.2 percent. Motor vehicle thefts increased 0.8 percent from 2016 to 2017.

As part of a broader effort to modernize crime data reporting, the FBI's UCR Program publishes this data both in the report and

in the Crime Data Explorer (CDE) tool. Released last year, the CDE tool provides a central place to search, sort, and evaluate crime data in a more user-friendly format than individual reports.

Rather than viewing crime data in four separate reports (Crime in the United States, National Incident-Based Reporting System, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, and Hate Crime Statistics) each year, this data will be uploaded annually into the CDE tool for a more comprehensive picture of crime statistics. Although each report will be uploaded yearly in the short term, the long-term plan is to release data on a quarterly basis.

"It's an interactive tool that allows law enforcement and public users to more easily understand UCR crime data on a national level," FBI Director Christopher

Wray said in a message accompanying the report. "We're upgrading the database and publishing data sets more routinely, so that we'll have a better understanding of what's happening in our communities."

## DA Office

too Eddie Harris, who had been Smith's cell mate at Morgan County Correctional Complex in March of 2015. Harris was serving life sentences for his role in the September 1986 murders of Melissa Suttles Hill and Troy Dale Valentine, who were the night clerk and security guard respectively, at the Rocky Top Village Inn in Sevier County. Harris had been convicted of the murders at a jury trial and received the death penalty, but a subsequent mental evaluation deemed him mentally incapacitated and the death sentence was commuted to life.

The incident where Smith stabbed Harris

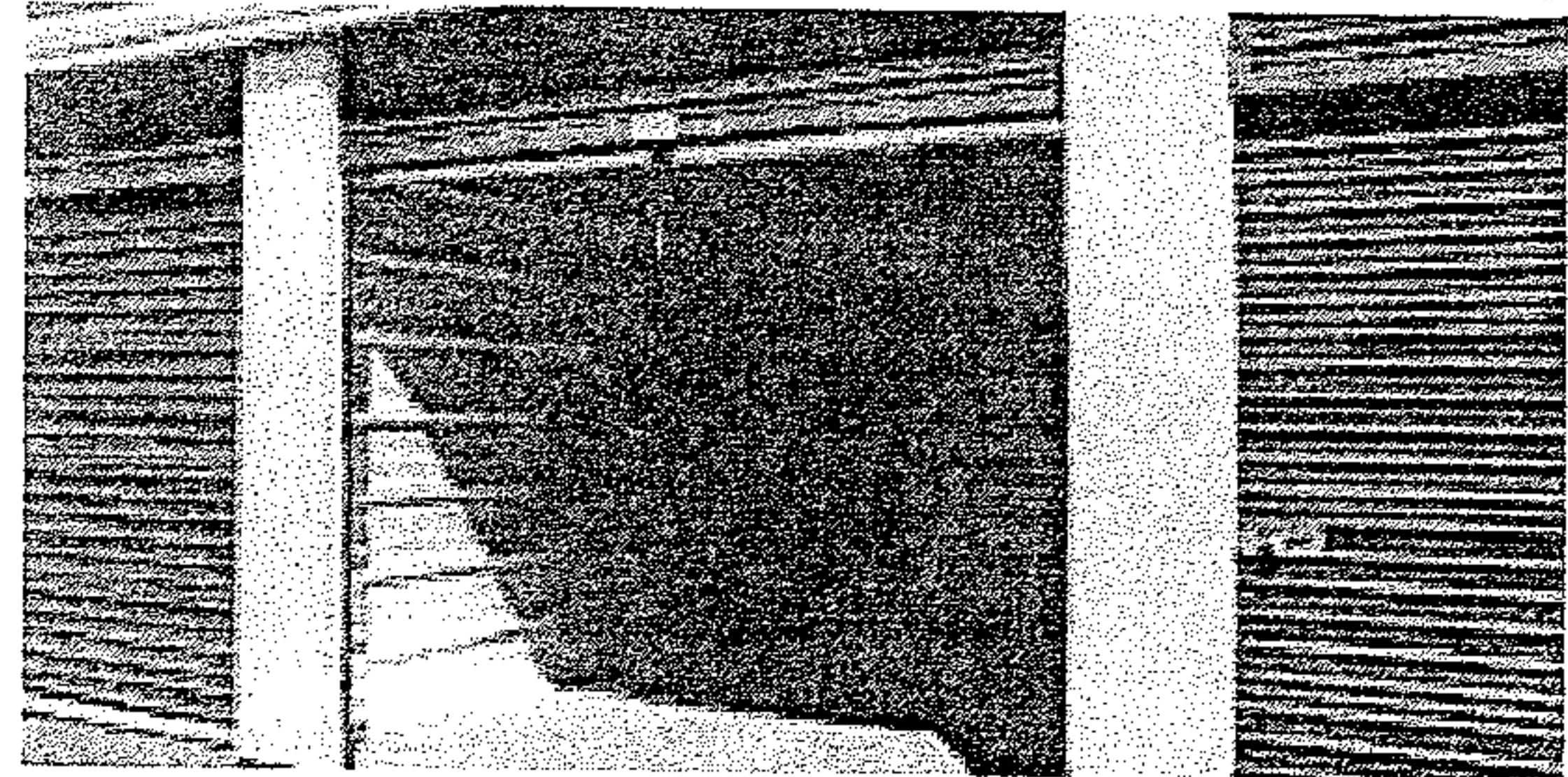
to death in an inmate common area of the cell block where Harris and Smith were housed was mostly captured on security video. The video shows Smith approaching a cell from where he evidently retrieves a prison made 'shank', then Smith proceeds over to Harris who is sitting at a table after having just showered. Smith is seen stabbing Harris multiple times before Harris falls to the floor where he bleeds out and dies.

Smith was 34 at the time and Harris was

## Public Notice

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.

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**Pills**

Mary Goddard, 43, Carters Chapel Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, and Simple Possession. Sgt. J. Bowen LCSO, was notified by dispatch of a possible drunk driver 75 south bound at the 76 exit ramp. The Fire Dept. was out with a female that was possible under the influence. Deputy then made contact with the vehicle and observed it crossed the center line and the fog line several times. Deputy made a traffic stop at the 75 mm and ask the driver identified as Mary Goddard to exit the vehicle. Goddard had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. Deputy ask if she was on any medication she stated ibuprofen. Deputy then ask if he could search the vehicle and Goddard stated he could. Deputy searched her purse and found 8 blue pills (clonazepam),

also found 2 green pills identified as clonazepam. There were several bottles of medication in her purse. Goddard performed poorly on sobriety test and placed under arrest. Goddard did consent to blood draw and was taken to the ER then the Loudon Jail.

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58. Smith was also serving a life sentence for a murder conviction out of Dickson County in 2004. The plea to first degree murder today resulted in yet another life sentence that guarantees, under current Tennessee sentencing law, a minimum sentence of 51 years. Smith has been in the custody of TDOC the entire time. Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Edwards prosecuted the case for the district attorney's office. Assistant public defender Harold Balcom represented Smith in this case.

DAG Russell Johnson stated, "We are glad for the victims' families that this

conviction of Smith helps to close the final chapter on Tattoo Eddie Harris, keeping in mind that there were others involved in those horrific murders of Mrs. Hill and Mr. Valentine back in 1986."

"We appreciate the work of TBI and TDOC in working with ADA Edwards to put the Smith case in a posture to get this plea that guarantees Smith will never leave prison alive."

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