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Friday, November 22, 2019

Loudon man charged with assault and vandalism after smashing windshield



Isaac Pennington, 18, Willow Court Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault and Vandalism. Officer Jonathan Yates LCPD, responded to an assault at West 5th Avenue. Upon arrival Officer spoke with the witness and victim. The de-

see Assault pg. 2

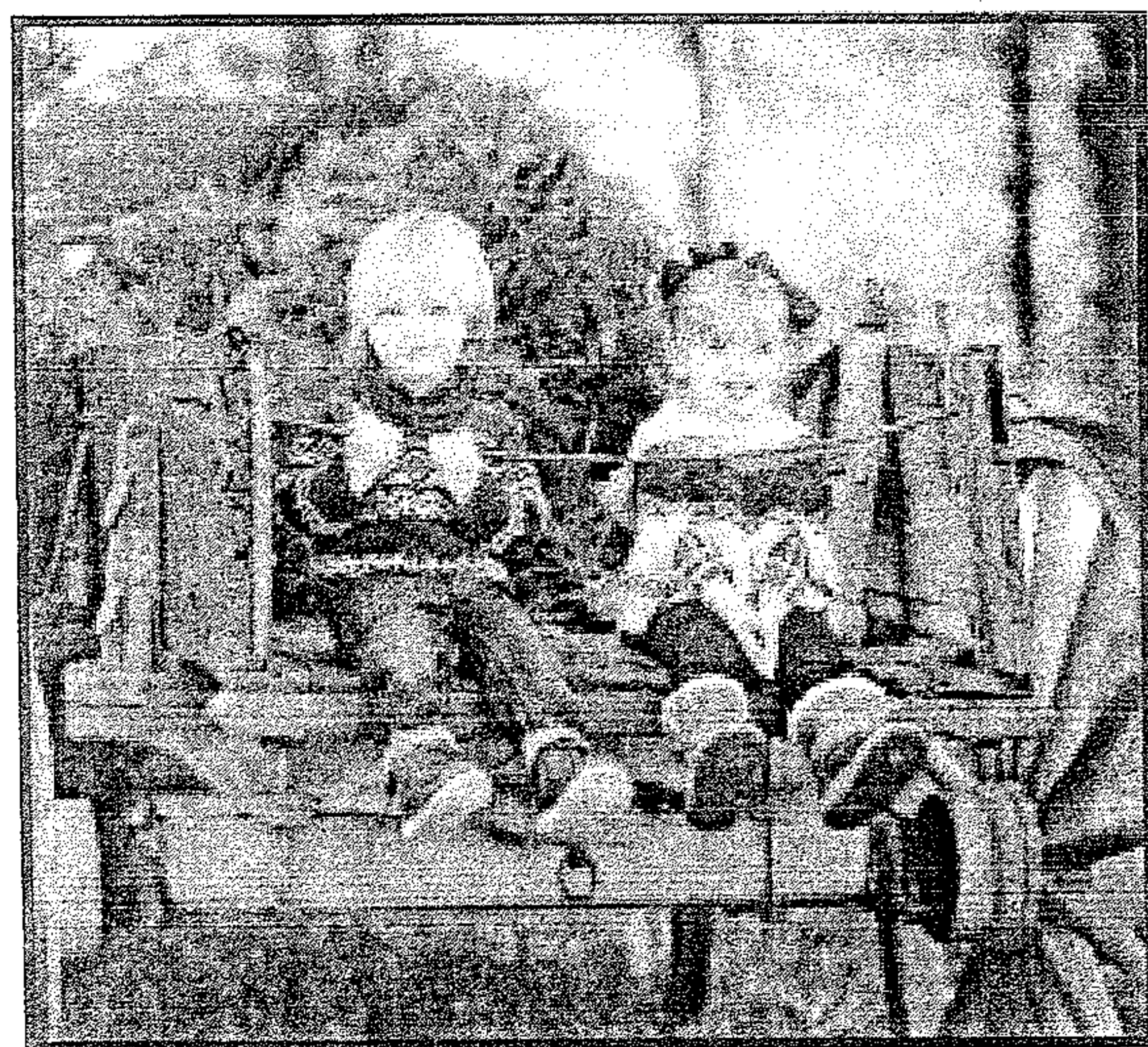
Isaac Pennington

Jerry Estes receives Tennessee District Attorneys highest honor



Jerry Estes and Garry Brown see Award pg. 3

Find the Holiday Spirit at Tennessee Christmas Tree Farms



see Trees pg. 5

Tipton Co. Man Charged with TennCare Fraud

A Tipton County man is charged with TennCare fraud and theft of services in connection with unlawfully obtaining benefits through the state's healthcare insurance program. The Office of Inspector General (OIG), in a joint effort with the Tipton County Sher-

See Fraud P.4

Hacker Sentenced

A hacktivist who overwhelmed the websites of a city and its police department with DDoS attacks has been convicted and sentenced to prison.

For a few days in 2017, visitors to the websites for the city of Akron, Ohio, and its police department received error messages instead of the municipal webpages. A hacker had over-

whelmed the sites with traffic. City officials spent about four days in a game of whack-a-mole with the hacker, restoring the sites only to have them attacked again. In this type of attack, See Hacker P.4



Verse of the Day

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
—2 Corinthians 5:21

Wazzup

Hope everyone is ready for Thanksgiving!! Enjoy your loved ones and be safe next week!

Weather

Today: Rain. High of 56F.
Tonight: Cloudy. Low of

52F

Saturday: Rain. High of 63F

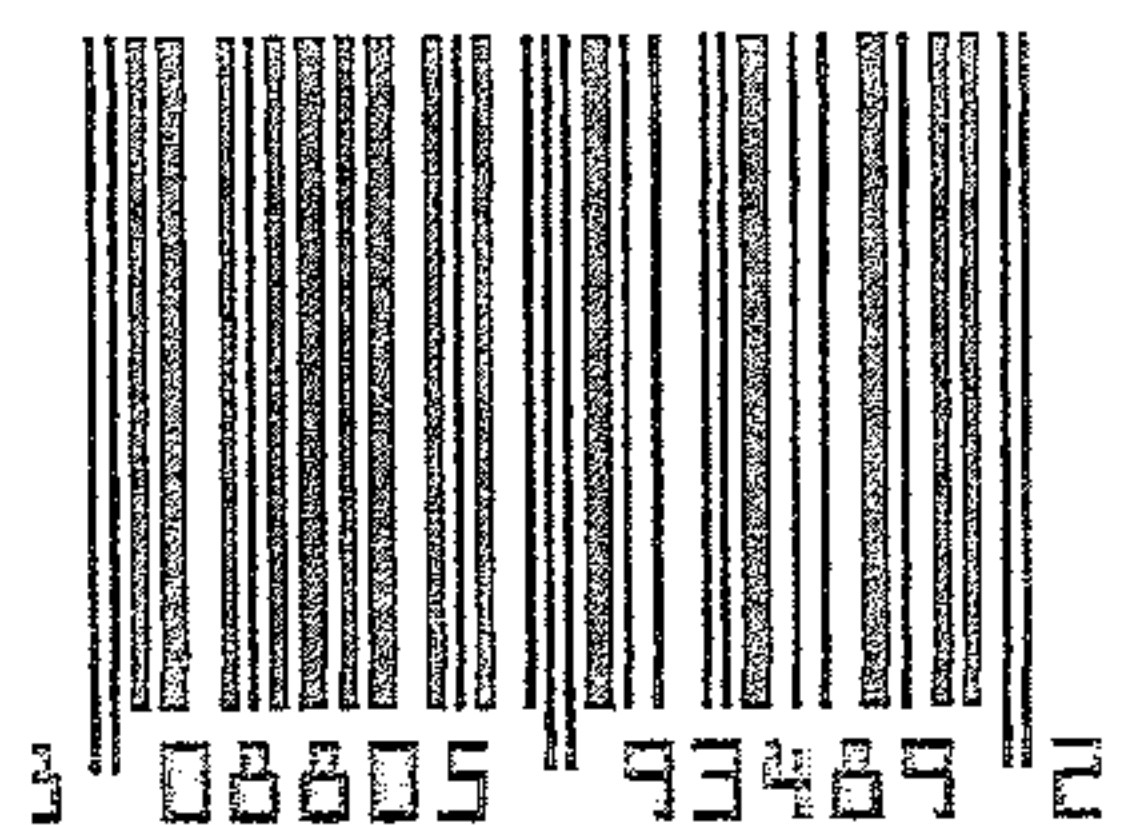
Saturday night: Cloudy. Low of 37F

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
The art of restraint is a test of your self-discipline. It

might be true that there is no substitute for firsthand experience. But there is no excuse for charging ahead unprepared, especially when entering uncharted territory. Exercise caution

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Assault

fendant Isaac Pennington fled the scene prior to Officer arrival. The victim and Pennington have been in a relationship and have a child together. Officer read threatening text messages from Pennington to the victim. Victim refused to see Pennington due of her fearing for her safety and was stay-

ing at the West 5th Ave. residence to prevent Pennington from causing her harm. Pennington did arrive at the residence and threatened the household. Pennington then used a baseball bat and smashed the victim's car windshield, damage totaling over a 1000.00 dollars. Pennington did cause the victim to be fearful for her safety. Isaac Pennington

was stopped on I-75 by Deputy Dishner approx. 8 minutes after being reported. Isaac Pennington was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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Award

The state's 31 elected District Attorneys General have recognized Jerry Estes, Executive Director of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference (TNDAGC), with the McCutchen Award, the group's highest honor.

"The McCutchen Award is presented annually to a prosecutor who improves the quality of justice for all Tennesseans," said TNDAGC President and 7th District Attorney General Dave Clark (serving Anderson County). "Executive Director Estes has made Tennesseans safer by increasing the standards by which the Conference is managed, and how DAs engage with other organizations throughout the state. He has improved transparency and accountability, emphasized strategic goal setting, and strengthened our relationships with elected officials and law enforcement partners ranging from chiefs of Police to TBI."

The McCutchen Award was established 19 years ago in memory of Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference Director Pat McCutchen, and is given annually to a prosecutor for his or her efforts to improve the quality of justice

for all Tennesseans and who advances the Conference as Tennessee's definitive voice for criminal justice.

"God has truly blessed me with a career of service supported by a loving family," Estes said. "This recognition is so special because Pat McCutchen was our dear friend. All Tennesseans have benefited from his vision and the dedication of Tennessee's elected District Attorneys General."

In June 2015, Estes was elected Executive Director of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference for one year in an unexpired four-year term. In June 2016, he was reelected to a full four-year term. Beyond that role, he has served the Conference as President (1996-98), Vice President (1995-96) and Secretary-Treasurer (1994-95) and on various committees stretching from 1985 to 2004. Estes also held notable positions within the Tennessee Bar Association, Board of Governors, National Crime Victims Law Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School, International Association of Prosecutors, American Bar Association, and McMinn/Meigs Bar Association. Additionally, he is a Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellow.

Estes is a 1973 graduate

of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a 1976 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law. He began his career as the McMinn County School Board attorney in 1976. By 1982, Estes was serving as the District Attorney General for Bradley, McMinn, Monroe and Polk counties, making him the youngest District Attorney in Tennessee at the time. He was reelected to this position in each subsequent election until he decided not to seek reelection in 2006. In 2007, Estes founded a law firm in Athens, where he stayed until leaving private practice in 2016 for his current role. Estes and his wife have two adult children and live in Nashville.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
CLARENCE (L.V.) WARD, deceased
DKT# 5988

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 170, Public Acts of Tennessee 1709 As Amended by Public Chapter 706 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of CLARENCE (L.V.) who died on the 22ND day of OCTOBER 2019 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
Jay C. Craig

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All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$11.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12670 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37770

Run 11-22-19 & 12-2-19

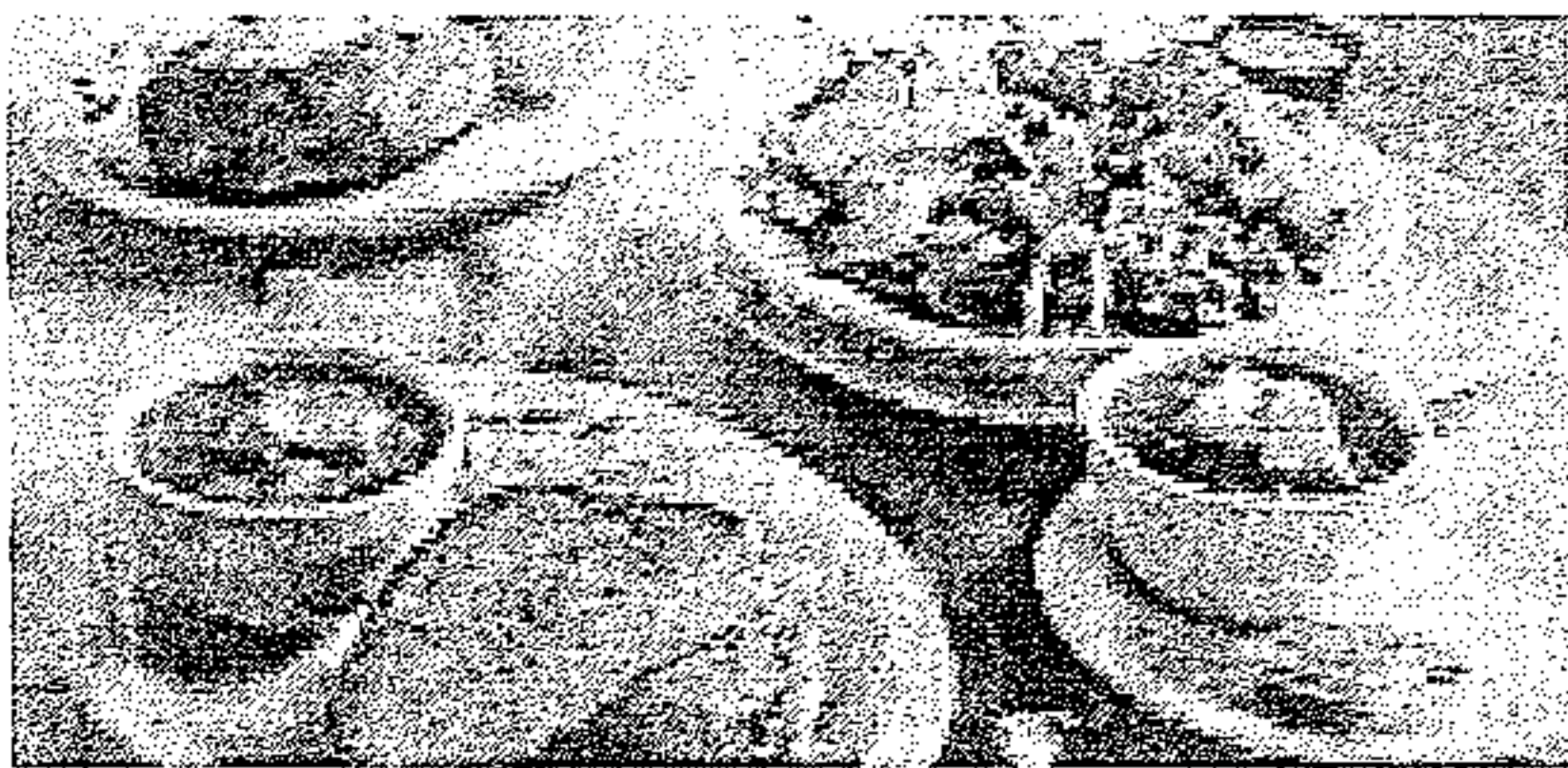
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Hacker

known as distributed denial of service (DDoS), bots or other computers overwhelm a single website with traffic until the site shuts down from lack of bandwidth. In addition to denying the public access to the websites, other city services were limited by the outage. After the initial four-day attack, hacking attempts directed at local and state government continued off and on for months.

The city quickly notified the FBI, which opened an investigation.

"When you have a persistent attacker going after a single site, the organizations have to spend a lot of time and effort handling it. There are also often effects on other systems besides the website," said the special agent who investigated the case out of the FBI's Cleveland Field Office.

This hacker was a "hactivist" who liked to brag about his work, helping investigators quickly find him. James Robinson, then 32, posted screenshots of the sites he'd taken down and of the tools he had used. When questioned by investigators, Robin-

son admitted to these attacks and to several previous DDOS attacks on more prominent websites, such as the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and the Department of the Treasury.

Robinson told investigators he had grudges against the city's police department. He was also involved in a hacking group and participated in hacks directed by that group.

"He was very vocal about what he was doing. He wanted to bring attention to his opinions," the agent said of the hacktivist.

With the availability of "stressor" sites online that will cheaply conduct a DDOS attack on your behalf, Robinson didn't require any special technical skills to take down these sites. He was adept at using these tools.

Robinson pleaded guilty to damaging protected computers and was sentenced in October to six years in prison.

The FBI case agent stressed the importance of organizations protecting their websites and other online infrastructure as much as possible. Quickly notifying authorities of an intrusion or attack is also critical.

"The Internet is based

on trust, and it's like a network of roads. When you're driving, you trust other drivers will stop at stop signs. Occasionally, a driver doesn't stop, and someone gets hurt," the agent said. "When someone acts maliciously on the Internet, bad things happen, and there are real-world impacts. That's why we have to pursue these types of cases."

Fraud

iff's Department, today announced the arrest of Michael Champagne. He's charged with one count of obtaining benefits through TennCare despite not qualifying for the state health insurance program, and one count of theft of services over \$10,000. Champagne is accused of knowingly reporting an incorrect household income in order to obtain TennCare benefits for himself

and his two children. As a result, TennCare paid \$12,758.32 on behalf of Champagne and his children. Had Champagne properly reported his correct household income, he would not qualify for TennCare.

"The TennCare program is designed to provide benefits for the residents of Tennessee who rightfully qualify," Inspector Kim Harmon said. "The Office of Inspector General has demonstrated a proven commitment through our diligent investigation process to ensure that our taxpayer's money is being used properly. It is our duty to ensure that those who choose to commit fraud will be sought out and prosecuted." If convicted, Champagne could face penalties of up to a maximum of 27 years in prison for all charges. TennCare fraud is a Class

D felony and theft of services is a Class C felony. The case is being prosecuted by District Attorney Mark Davidson.

The OIG, which is separate from TennCare, began full operation in February 2005 and has investigated more than 5,760 criminal cases leading to more than \$10.8 million in restitution being ordered to TennCare and a total estimated cost avoidance of more than \$163.6 million, according to latest figures. To date, 3,128 people have been charged with TennCare fraud. Through the OIG Cash for Tips Program established by the Legislature, Tennesseans can get cash rewards for TennCare fraud tips that lead to convictions. Anyone can report suspected TennCare fraud by calling 1-800-433-3982, toll-free.

Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2019 at 400 Church Street to receive public comments regarding amending the 2007-01 Philadelphia Floodplan Ordinance be replacing it with the Amended Philadelphia Floodplan Ordinance. This will be the second reading of the amended Philadelphia Floodpan Ordinance. Questions can be directed to the Floodplan Administrator at 865-458-4470.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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(As required by Chapter No 171, Public Acts of Tennessee 1719 As Amended by Public Chapter 716 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of SANDRA MOSER who died on the 18TH day of OCTOBER 2019 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
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Trees

There is nothing quite like going to the farm to pick out the perfect Christmas tree, but that's not all you will find at the farm this year. With attractions like petting zoos, pictures with Santa, and gift shops, farmers are creating magical outdoor adventures that are drawing visitors back year after year.

Erin's Farm in Montgomery County offers free hot chocolate, hayrides, a toasty campfire to sit around, and a fun-filled gift shop. "We have a glass blowing studio set-up that runs the tree weekends following Thanksgiving," owner Linda Hamm said. "Folks can blow their own ornament and pick it up the next day to remember their one-of-a-kind farm experience."

Many Christmas tree farms will be open between Black Friday and Christmas Eve. Regardless of when you visit, local producers recommend you call for tree availability before you go.

Visitors can purchase pre-cut trees, or they can get the full experience and cut their own," Joseph Collins of Bluebird Christmas Tree Farm in Anderson County said. "We have trail paths around the farm, free hot chocolate and apple cider, and a gift shop with

locally handmade items." If you're not interested in a tree, you still have other on-the-farm decorating options. Lush, natural wreaths and garland for a home's exterior are a perfect solution for those who want to enjoy aromatic holiday greenery. Many Christmas tree growers have special equipment for wreath and garland making, and they will work with customers to create the wreath that is the ideal variety and size. Whether you're hoping to create the picture-perfect wreath, take a hike along the trails, or stroll through a gift shop, you will make extraordinary memories that will last a lifetime.

So, catch the holiday spirit at a local Tennessee Christmas tree farm this season.

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