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Friday, December 13, 2019

Colby Cannon Pleads to Two Life Sentences in 2017 Shooting Deaths of Fiance' and Sister



Photo above shows Loudon County Sheriff's Court Officer Kevin Parks and Corrections Officer Rodney Cathy leading Colby Cannon out of Court past court reporter Mary Gooch and Judge Jeff Wicks with Attorney Robert Kurtz partially out of frame. see Deaths pg. 2

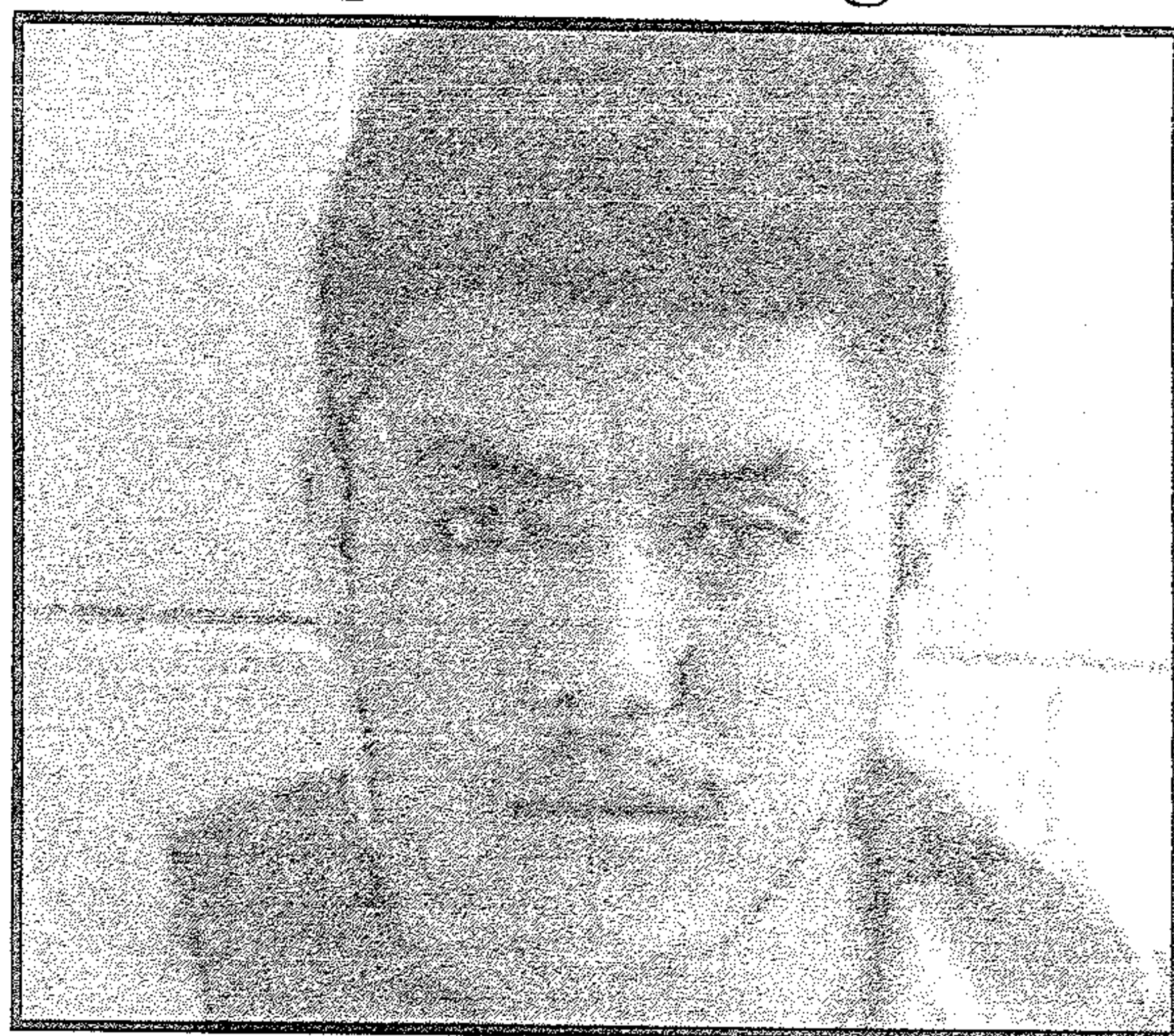
21 MPH over the speed limit and "she's been drinking all day"



Morgan Vittatoe, 23, Cavendale Drive Rockhill, was charged with DUI, Speeding 21 MPH Over Limit, and Violation of Implied Consent. Deputy C. Rogers LCSO, observed a vehicle at a high rate of speed while in from of his patrol vehicle. Deputy paced the vehi-

Morgan Vittatoe see Day Drinking pg. 3

Crossing the line while drinking and driving



Antonio Palacios see DUI pg. 3

More Than \$3.5 Million in Misused Public Money Remains Uncollected

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office remains committed to uncovering and tracking the theft and misuse of public money. Two new reports show that local governments continue to be short millions of dollars.

The 2018 Report of

See Misuse P.5

FBI Director Christopher Wray's Response to Inspector General Report

Director Christopher Wray provided the following letter to the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General in response to the report titled "Review of Four FISA Applications and Other Aspects of the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane Investigation," released today. December 6, 2019
The Honorable Michael Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Inspector General Horowitz:
Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Report titled, "Review of Four FISA Applications and Other Aspects of the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane Investigation" (Report).
The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) appreciates the OIG's crucial independent oversight role and the thoroughness and professionalism

See Report P.4



Verse of the Day

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?
—2 Corinthians 6:14

Wazzup

Thanks to Refuge Church for all the great things you are doing for the community!!!

Weather

Today: Rain. High of 45F.
Tonight: Showers. Low of 42F

Saturday: AM Rain. High of 45F.

Saturday night: Cloudy. Low of 37F

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
Your good-natured acceptance and flexibility accomplish more than

stubbornly standing your ground. Reaching new understandings can infuse your life with renewed vigor, and should take precedence over your original plans. Its not so important

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Cannon

Our office obtained guilty plea convictions with accompanying life in prison sentences on Colby Cannon for the shooting deaths of his fiancée, Bethany McKenzie, and sister, Taylor Creamer, at Cannon and McKenzie's White Wing Road home outside of Lenoir City on June 21, 2017. Loudon County Criminal Court Judge took the guilty pleas in Kingston today and sentenced Cannon (age 30) to serve two life sentences in prison (at a minimum of 51 years before he is eligible for parole).

At the hearing the mother of the now deceased Bethany McKenzie, Vickie Rogers, looked directly at Cannon from the witness stand to passionately tell Cannon and explain to the Court and the lawyers and press that

were present how Cannon's premeditated action took two mothers away from five children leaving Nick Creamer to work and care for his family without a wife and a mother to raise their children and how Cannon took Rogers' daughter away from her and her grandchildren. There were tears from the family members and everyone else watching in the courtroom during Rogers' testimony.

For his part Cannon rose to address the Court and the families to say that his actions were split second and that he could not, as much as he wanted, take back his actions now. He went on to say that he did not expect to be forgiven but that he apologized to the children first and then Nick Creamer and Vickie Rogers and the rest of the family members as he accepted his fate.

From our office's standpoint in looking at this case, Cannon has been in custody since his arrest the day of the shooting. Most of that time has been in Deberry Special Needs Prison in

Nashville where he could be more closely watched, monitored and better evaluated. Through his attorney and others Cannon has always insisted on his guilt

See Cannon ctd to P. 3

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Day Drinking

cle at 60 mph in a 45 mph zone. Upon traffic stop Deputy made contact with the driver Morgan Vittatoo who had bloodshot watery eyes and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person, and slurring her words. Deputy ask Vittatoo to exit the vehicle and perform sobriety test. While speaking with Vittatoo she stated that she had been drinking all day and had a few alcoholic beverages at a couple of bars before heading home. Vittatoo failed sobriety test, and was placed under arrest.

DUI

Antonio Palacios, 27, Cecil Road Philadelphia, was charged with DUI. Trooper Lael Justice THP, observed a black vehicle traveling 60 mph in a 45 mph zone on Hwy 11, Trooper observed the vehicle hit the double yellow line twice almost striking another vehicle head-on. The vehicle then hit the fog line multiple times. Trooper traffic stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver Antonio Palacios. Trooper noticed a obvious odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Palacios, he also had bloodshot red watery eyes. Trooper had Palacios perform sobriety test and performed poorly.

Antonio Palacios was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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and his willingness to accept the ultimate punishment for his actions. The facts of this case, no matter how aggregious they may seem, do not meet any of the criteria under Tennessee state law for the death penalty or life without parole, which requires prior criminal violent criminal history or other factors not present in this case. Also, the Loudon County Sheriff's investigation showed a thread of text messages from a Cannon family member that probably incited Colby Cannon to do harm towards his fiance' based on probably false information and stories the woman was telling Cannon about the fiance'. The recommendation from the Court as a result of this plea was for Cannon to return to Special Needs Prison, but it is likely that TDOC will house him in one of its regular prisons once he his processed at Bledsoe Correctional on Friday. ADAs Bob Edwards and Jonathan Edwards prosecuted this case for District Attorney General Russell Johnson's office. Attorney Robert Kurtz of Knoxville represented Cannon. Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider's Office handled the investigation of this case.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
GARY BRUCE ROSE, deceased
DKT# 5997

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 165, Public Acts of Tennessee 1659 As Amended by Public Chapter 656 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of GARY BRUCE ROSE who died on the 14th day of November 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:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 9th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk
By Personal Representative(s)
Kaitlyn Cole

Notice to Creditors:
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, 12665 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37765

Run Date 12-13-19 & 12-20-19

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 862 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 5998

EVELYN JEAN LYNN, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of EVELYN JEAN LYNN, who died on the 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019, were 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:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
JAMEY BRIAN LYNN

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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, 12680 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771

Run Date 12-13-19 & 12-20-19

Report

your office brought to this work. The Report's findings and recommendations represent constructive criticism that will make us stronger as an organization. We also appreciate the Report's recognition that the FBI cooperated fully with this review and provided broad and timely access to all information requested by the OIG, including highly classified and sensitive material involving national security.

The Report concludes that the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane investigation and related investigations of certain individuals were opened in 2016 for an authorized purpose and with adequate factual predication. The Report also details instances in which certain FBI personnel, at times during the 2016-2017 period reviewed by the OIG, did not comply with existing policies, neglected to exercise appropriate diligence, or otherwise failed to meet the standard of conduct that the FBI expects of its employees — and that our country expects of the FBI. We are vested with significant authorities, and it is our obligation as public servants to ensure that these authorities are exercised with objectivity and integrity. Anything less falls short of the FBI's duty to the American people.

Accordingly, the FBI accepts the Report's findings and embraces the need for thoughtful, meaningful remedial action. I have ordered more than 40 corrective steps to address the Report's recommendations. Because our credibility and brand are central to fulfilling

our mission, we are also making improvements beyond those recommended by the OIG. And where certain individuals have been referred by the OIG for review of their conduct, the FBI will not hesitate to take appropriate disciplinary action if warranted at the completion of the required procedures for disciplinary review.

Below is a summary of the actions we are taking, which we describe in more detail in the attachment to this letter.

First, we are modifying our processes under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), both for initial applications and renewals, to enhance accuracy and completeness. The FBI relies on FISA every day in national security investigations to prevent terrorists and foreign intelligence services from harming the United States. We are making concrete changes to ensure that our FISA protocols, verifications, layers of review, record-keeping requirements, and audits are more stringent and less susceptible to mistake or inaccuracy. These new processes will also ensure that the FISA Court and the Department of Justice (DOJ) are apprised of all information in the FBI's holdings relevant to a determination of probable cause.

Second, we undertook an extensive review of investigative activity based out of FBI Headquarters. The FBI is a field-based law enforcement organization, and the vast majority of our investigations should continue to be worked by our field offices. Moving forward, in the very rare instance

when FBI Headquarters runs a sensitive investigation, we are requiring prior approval by the FBI Deputy Director and consultation with the Assistant Director in Charge or Special Agent in Charge of the affected field offices.

Third, we are making significant changes to how the FBI manages its Confidential Human Source (CHS) Program. Many FBI investigations rely on human sources, but the investigative value derived from CHS-provided information rests in part on the CHS's credibility, which demands rigorous assessment of the source. The modifications we are making to how the FBI collects, documents, and shares information about CHSs will strengthen our assessment of the information these sources are providing.

Fourth, I am establishing new protocols for the FBI's participation in Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)-led counterintelligence transition briefings (i.e., strategic intelligence briefings) provided to presidential nominees. The FBI's role in these briefings should be for national security purposes and not for investigative purposes. Continued participation by the FBI in these transition briefings is critical to ensuring continuity in the event of a change in administrations. The new FBI protocols about transition briefings will complement procedures already implemented by the FBI earlier this year to govern the separate category of defensive briefings. The FBI gives defensive briefings, which are based on

specific threat information, in a wide variety of contexts and for myriad federal, state, and other public and private individuals and entities. The procedures we recently established for defensive briefings regarding malign foreign influence efforts have brought a new rigor and discipline to whether and how such briefings should proceed. Fifth, I am mandating a specialized, semiannual training requirement for FBI personnel at all levels who handle FISA and CHS matters. This training will be experience-based, and it will cover specific lessons learned from this Report, along with other new and revised material. Earlier in my tenure as Director, I reinstated an annual ethics training program for all FBI employees, because I learned the training had been discontinued in prior years. While that training was not introduced in response to this Report, all current FBI employees involved in the 2016-2017 events reviewed by the OIG have since completed this additional training in ethics and professional responsibility. Finally, we will review the performance and conduct of certain FBI employees who were referenced in the Report's recommendations — including managers, supervisors, and senior officials at the time. The FBI will take appropriate disciplinary action where warranted. Notably, many of the employees described in the report are no longer employed at the FBI.

I want to emphasize that the FBI's participation in this process was undertaken with my express direction to be as transparent as possible, while honoring

our duty to protect sources and methods that, if disclosed, might make Americans less safe. Where protection of certain sensitive information is well-founded, I remain committed to upholding the laws and longstanding policies governing classification and public release. I am just as committed to the principle that possible embarrassment and chagrin to the FBI or its employees is not, and should never be, the basis of a decision not to divulge FBI information. The FBI has worked closely with the OIG and DOJ on the classification issues implicated by the Report. Our joint process with the OIG and DOJ has ensured all material facts could be presented in this Report, with redactions carefully limited and narrowly tailored to specific national security and operational concerns. I am grateful for the mutual assistance of the OIG and DOJ in responsible presentation of this extremely sensitive information.

Since becoming FBI Director in August 2017, I have emphasized to FBI agents, analysts, and staff the importance of doing things the right way, by the book. I am humbled to serve alongside these dedicated men and women, and I am confident that the actions we are taking will strengthen our historic institution, ensure that we continue to discharge our responsibilities objectively and free from political bias, and better position us to protect the American people against threats while upholding the Constitution.

Sincerely,
Christopher A. Wray
Director

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Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. located at the United Methodist Church of Philadelphia.

Misuse

Cash Shortages in Tennessee's 95 county governments updates the amounts of cash shortages and thefts as of June 30, 2018. The report details money that went missing during the 2018 fiscal year, as well as previous fiscal years.

The state's 95 counties began the 2018 fiscal year with \$972,608 in cash shortages that had not been recovered. During the fiscal year, \$276,522 worth of new shortages were detected. Counties

were able to recover or write-off \$179,674 through restitution payments, insurance claims or other means. That left a net unrecovered shortage of \$1,069,456 at the end of the fiscal year.

The Comptroller's office also released its report detailing cash shortages and other thefts for Tennessee municipalities, internal school funds, utility districts, housing authorities, nonprofits, and other governmental entities. These shortages were reported in fiscal year 2017

and earlier.

Fiscal year 2017 began with a cash shortage of \$2,783,851. During the year, \$985,967 in new shortages were detected. A total of \$1,316,145 was recovered or written-off during the fiscal year, leaving an unrecovered shortage of \$2,453,673 at fiscal year-end.

"Our Office takes its responsibility to uncover fraud, waste, and abuse seriously," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Tennesseans expect their leaders and public officials to take steps to protect public money and property. Our auditors and investigators make frequent recommendations to improve accountability. Following these recommendations will help make government work better."

Both reports provide explanations of how the shortages were discovered, methods used to steal money, and legal actions taken against those responsible.

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 57-7-105, notice is hereby given that Pramukhswami & Manhantswami LLC has made application to the Loudon County Beer Board for an on and off premises beverage permit for a business to be known as Lake Country Market, at 10490 Beals Chapel Rd. Lenoir City, TN 37772. The Board will consider said application at a special called meeting to be held on the 17th day of December, 2019, at 5:30 pm located at:
Roane State Community College
100 West Broadway
Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771

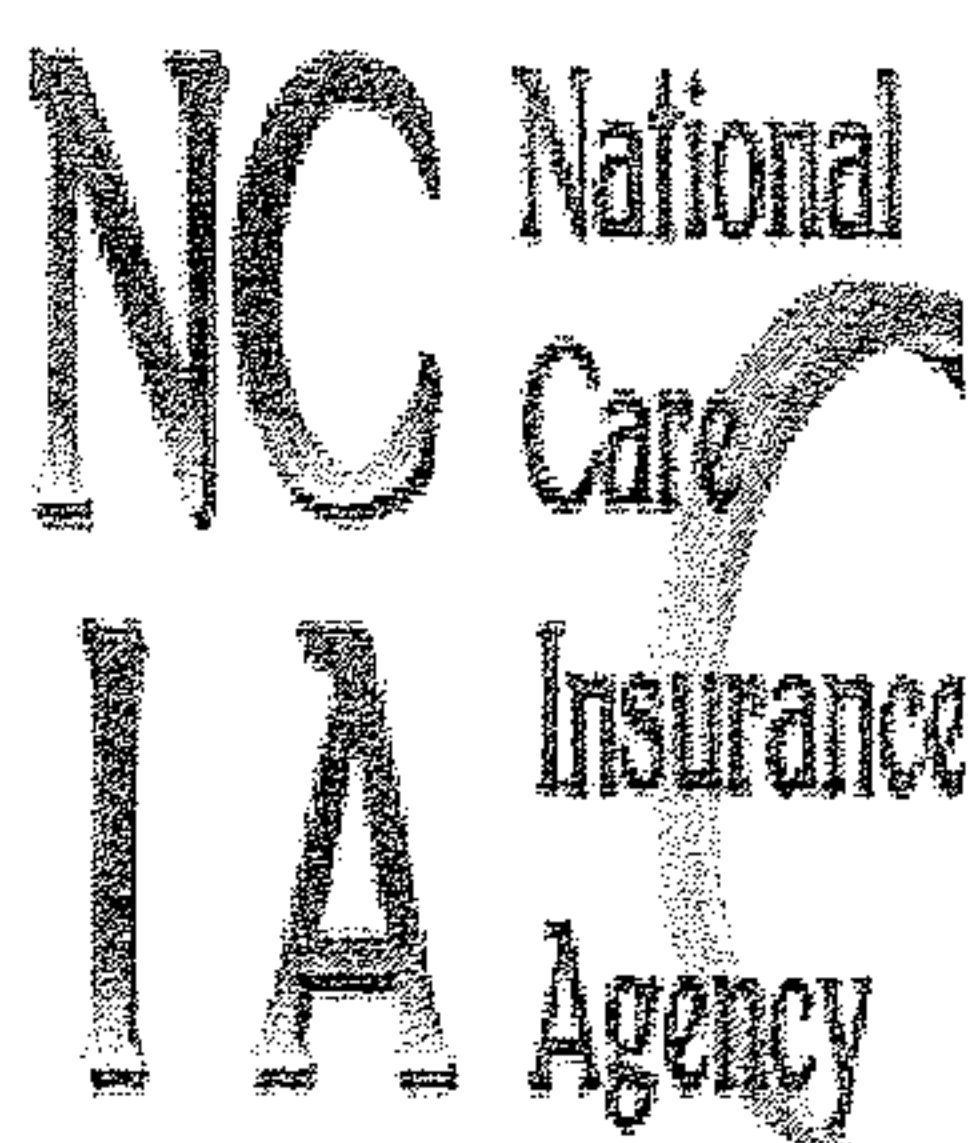
This the 6th day of December, 2019.
Loudon County Beer Board
Carrie McKelvey
Loudon County Clerk

Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 400 Church Street to receive public comments regarding amending the 2007-01 Philadelphia Floodplan Ordinance by replacing it with the Amended Philadelphia Floodplan Ordinance. This will be the third and final reading of the amended Philadelphia Floodplan Ordinance. Questions can be directed to the Floodplan Administrator at 865-458-4470

Public Notice

The Loudon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on January 6, 2020 in the boardroom at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Loudon County Zoning Resolution, Article 7. Administration and Enforcement



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