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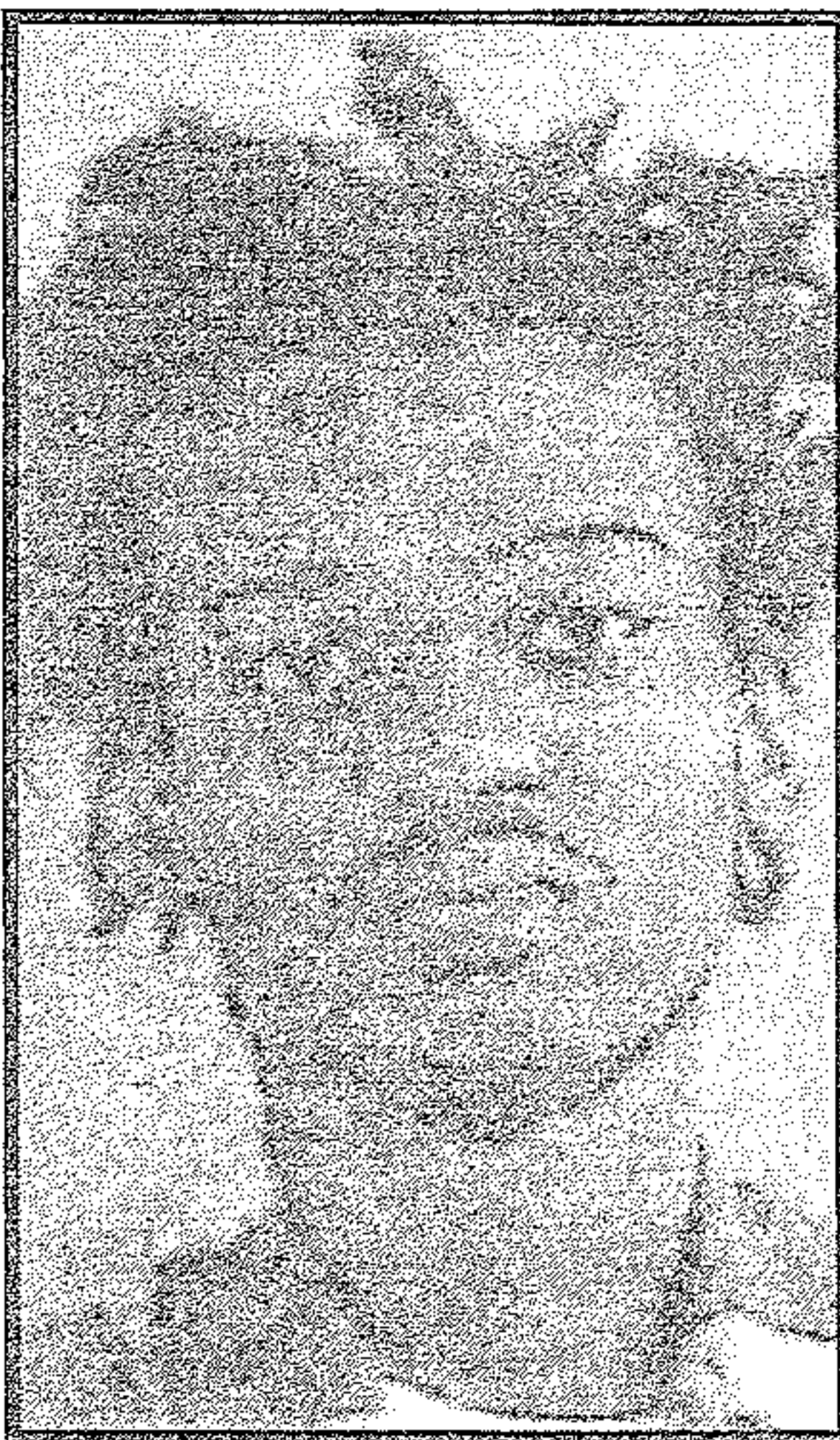
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Friday, December 20, 2019

9th Judicial task force take down 4 North Carolina thieves

Search for phone lands man in jail



Bryant Slade

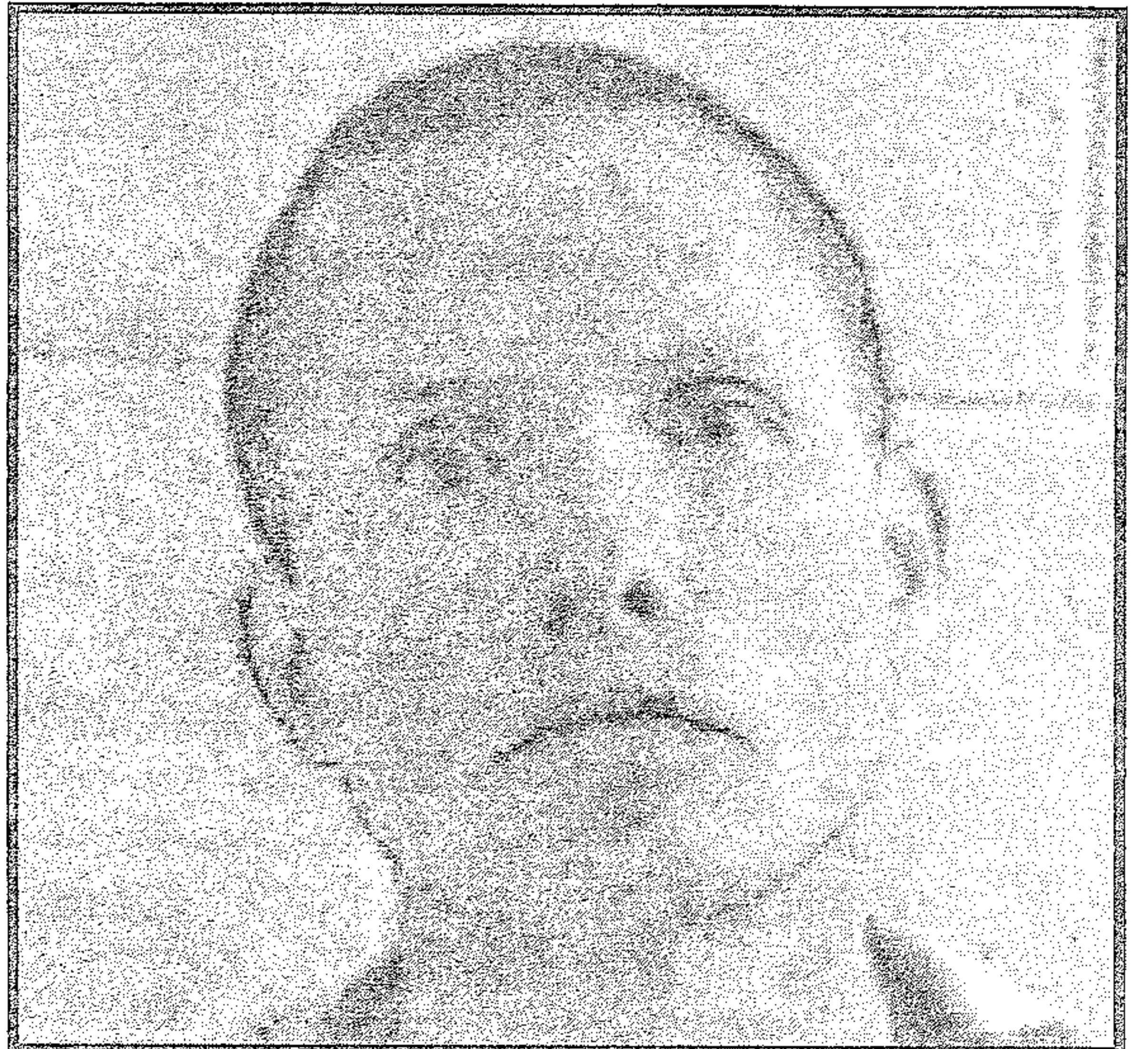


Damien Averett



Janon Cooper

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Justin Hood

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Sweetwater Police deploy "stop sticks" to stop DUI driver



Stephanie Holt

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Athens man charged with theft and evading



Randall Carter

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Attorney Sentenced for Fraud Scheme: Prominent Lawyer Stole Millions from Client Estates

Albany-area families had every reason to trust attorney Albert Hessberg III with their wills and estates. A partner at a major law firm for decades, Hessberg came from a prominent family and had deep ties to the community.

But when some families of Hessberg's clients tried to access trust funds after their relatives' deaths, Hessberg gave them the run-around. He encouraged them to be patient, saying he needed more time to handle complex

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Verse of the Day

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

—Galatians 4:4-5

Wazzup

Be sure to check out the Market Square Ice skating!! Its a blast!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 50F.
Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 33F

Saturday: Cloudy. High of 54F.

Saturday night: Cloudy. Low of 38F

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
Every conversation gives you permission to evolve today. Deciding what you

want is essential for progress. The centerpiece of what you wish for might include leaving a favored plan behind. Ask yourself how the participants of the past didnt live up to ex-

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Task Force

Bryant Slade, 23, Willow Road NC., was charged with Identity Theft, Money Laundering, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI, and Possession of a Firearm. Damien Averett, 24, Willow Road NC., was charged with Identity Theft, Money Laundering, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI., Criminal Simulation, and Possession of a firearm. Janon Cooper, 22, Killashee Ct. NC., was charged with Identity Theft, Money Laundering, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI., and Poss. Of a firearm. Christian Gardner, 23, Holden Road NC., was charged with Identity Theft, Man/Sell/De;/Re-sale of Sch. VI., Money Laundering, and Poss. of a Firearm. Agents from the 9th DTF were conducting

surveillance at Walmart when an Agent working with Asset Protection observed several black males attempting to make purchases at several different points of sale locations for Visa Gift Cards. Agent and AP personnel identified the behavior consistent with fraudulent transactions and began to focus on the individuals. Agents identified the vehicle they arrived in with North Carolina tags began to leave the parking lot area, Agents then made contact with the occupants. Agents immediately detected the overwhelming odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle, and drug detecting K9 Dante was deployed for a free air search of the vehicle which gave a positive result. Agents searched the vehicle and occupants and located 25

grams of marijuana in cards they were purchasing using an app which was attached to a credit card number. Agents found that at least 5 different credit cards numbers were consistence with the Task Force ctd. to P. 3

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Christian Gardner

that were used by the individuals to either successfully purchase or attempt to purchase gift cards. Agents were able to identify at least 5 credit union that these cards numbers were attached to, and at least one of these numbers that completed five purchases totaling over 1600 dollars, was a compromised number from a victim that did not authorize the transaction. One of the cards was altered and had two card numbers attached to the data strip with showed Criminal Simulation the possession of Damien Averitt. All four defendants, Christian Gardner, Janon Cooper, Damien Averett, and Bryan Slade were in possession of gift cards that are believed to be purchased by the use of comprised credit card numbers in an attempt to make funds legitimate. All four were placed under arrest.

DUI

Stephanie Holt, 46, Vermont Ave Knoxville, was charged with Evading Arrest, and DUI. Deputy Green LCSO, observed a white vehicle traveling southbound on I-75 near mm 73.5. This vehicle crossed into the other lane of travel and traveled in the middle of both lanes for a long period of time. Deputy initiated a traffic stop but this vehicle failed to stop. Deputy initiated a pursuit on the vehicle near the 72.5 mm, to the 62 mm reaching speeds of 75 mph, where Sweetwater Police Dept. deployed stop sticks which were successful. Deputy placed the driver identified as Stephanie Holt into custody, and transported her to the Loudon County Jail where he had Holt perform sobriety test. Holt perform poorly on test. Holt did give a blood sample.

Drugs

Justin Hood, 36, Orchid Street Florida, was charged with Simple Possession, and Driving without a valid License. Deputy Charlie Huskin LCSO, observed a white vehicle I-75 South swerving in its lane of travel causing other vehicle on the interstate to swerve to avoid it. Deputy made a traffic stop at the 76mm for a welfare check on the driver.

See Drugs ctd. to P. 4

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:

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- (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

Notice to Creditors:
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Run Date 12-13-19 & 12-20-19

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:

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This the 9th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
Kaitlyn Cole

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

Scheme

estates. He accused them of being greedy and pitted family members against each other.

Eventually, one client's family member grew suspicious enough to alert his law firm, which, in turn, brought in the FBI.

Investigators soon learned that Hessberg had stolen more than \$2 million from his clients over a period of 12 years.

Financial documents backed up what the victim told investigators. After poring through Hessberg's records, investigators discovered the fraud went back more than a decade. He had stolen from at least 15 trusts during that time. There were numerous victims, since many trusts had multiple beneficiaries.

FBI agents spoke to one victim who tried to access his deceased parents' trust. He needed the funds to pay for medical care for his sister who had cancer. Hessberg used delay tactics, and the sister died before the family received any money. If Hessberg had disbursed the

funds, the sister may have been able to pursue other cancer treatment options, the victim told the FBI.

"She had a medical necessity for this money. The parents set this money aside for their children years ago," said Special Agent Vinesh Manglavil, who investigated this case out of the FBI's Albany Field Office.

"The victim passed away and never got the treatment she could have had. That's when we knew there was a real emotional impact in this case, not just financial."

"They trusted this attorney to navigate the legal system for them, and he abused their trust and the personal relationships."

Vinesh Manglavil, special agent, FBI Albany Hessberg used the money to pay for his own high-end living expenses, like vacations, country club fees, and his children's tuition and weddings.

He got away with it for years because of his reputation and personal relationships with the families who were his clients. He'd even inherited many of his clients from his father,

who was a lawyer at the same firm.

"A lot of the victims did not know their rights to these funds that their parents and grandparents had set up for them," Manglavil said. "They trusted this attorney to navigate the legal system for them, and he abused their trust and the personal relationships."

In May, Hessberg pleaded guilty to mail fraud, wire fraud, and filing a false tax return. He was sentenced to five years and eight months in prison in November.

The victims were able to recoup some of their lost funds. Hessberg's brother-in-law, singer James Taylor, and his sister, Caroline "Kim" Taylor, agreed to pay the \$1.7 million court-ordered restitution that Hessberg owed his victims.

While much of the money was recouped, the emotional turmoil remains for Hessberg's victims. In the victim impact statements given to the judge in this case, victims described shattered dreams and damaged family relationships stemming from Hessberg's crimes.

"Hessberg intentionally misled us, over a period of many years, and intentionally planted seeds of distrust among our family members by

varying the stories he told each of us," one victim wrote in an impact statement. The victim went on to say that Hessberg was "portraying himself as a reliable authority figure and casting us as 'greedy grandchildren.'"

For the FBI investigators, bringing some closure to the victims was the key focus of this case.

"We wanted justice to be served for these victims," said FBI Special Agent Christopher Murphy, who also worked on the case. "Anyone could find themselves in a similar situation, and we just wanted to make them whole as best we could. Hopefully, the justice system did that for them."

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Deputy made contact with the driver identified as Justin Hood. Deputy ask Hood why his driving was so poor, Hood stated he was looking at his cell phone and not paying attention. Deputy ask Hood if there was anything illegal in the vehicle, and he stated yes marijuana. Deputy did recover the marijuana, and 2 capped syringes. Hood's license were expired. Justin Hood was placed under arrest.

Tennessee Highway Patrol Graduates 37 State Troopers

Today, Commissioner Jeff Long of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security welcomed the newest troopers of the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP), Cadet Class 1219. The graduation ceremony took place at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church in Nashville. The 37 cadets earned their badges and delivered their oaths of office after completing 20-weeks of intense physical and classroom training at the THP Training Center.

"It's a great honor to join Governor Bill Lee today as we graduate the first trooper class under his administration," Commissioner Jeff Long said. "This class went through extensive training and preparation during their 20-weeks of training. This job isn't easy, nor are the requirements to become a Tennessee State Trooper. They have worked hard and earned their place among Tennessee's finest."

The 37 graduates of Cadet Class 1219 included 10 Veterans, 13 have a Bachelor's degree, six have an Associate's degree, one was an EMT and eight had various other backgrounds.

"Each time that we graduate a class of new troopers, I feel extremely proud and honored," Colonel Dereck R. Stewart said. "Our troopers play a significant role in keeping Tennessee safe and secure. Our training is challenging and is not easy. Our goal is to prepare our troopers for the challenges that today's law enforcement face daily. Today, I am proud to call them Tennessee See Trooper ctd. to pg. 5

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There will be a Loudon County Government Salary & Benefits Committee meeting January 7th, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the County Office Building.

Theft

Randall Carter, 36, Brown Street Athens, was charged with Evading Arrest, and Theft of Property. Agents with the 9th DTF, were notified by Asset Protection at Walmart of a male that stole items from the store and was leaving in a black vehicle. The vehicle passed the Agent in front of the Doller Tree. The vehicle was traveling at an extremely slow speed and Agent DeBoer stepped into the roadway and identified himself with a visible badge and commands to stop Police. The vehicle then took off at a high rate of speed and began driving through the parking lot in an extremely reckless manner. The vehicle got caught in traffic near the Murphy Gas and stopped in the Murphy parking lot. The driver was taken into custody, and identified as Randall Carter. The items recovered totaled \$74.34 dollars.

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State Troopers. There is no doubt they are

going to face increasing challenges. But I am confident they will approach their duties with honor, pride, service, and as professional law enforcement officers." Bethel University presented a \$5,000 scholarship to Trooper Bradley Wilson. Trooper Wilson will serve in Moore County in the Lawrenceburg District. Trooper Alexander Carrick of Lawrence County was named top cadet, and presented the Calvin Jenks Memorial Award for Excellence for his leadership, work ethic and academics. The award was named in honor of the late Trooper Jenks, who was killed in the line of duty in January 2007. As part of a class community service project, Class 1219 participated in a blood drive with the American Red Cross, collecting 29 units of blood. Class 1219 also collected \$412 dollars to go along with toys that will be donated to Toys for Tots program. The new graduates will continue their training with troopers classified as Field Training Officers, totaling more than 400 hours of hands-on experience in the field.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
JAMES CLIFFORD PETERS, deceased
DKT# 6006

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 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of JAMES CLIFFORD PETERS who died on the 17th 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 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
Cheryl Veal

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Run date 12-20-19 & 12-27-19

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: 6003
MABLE RUTH CLABOUGH, deceased,
a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MABLE RUTH CLABOUGH, who died on the 3rd 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:

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

This the 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
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