

The Grand Jury Report Inside Daily Edition

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2 White males trafficking drugs from Michigan charged

Driving down the road asleep



Christopher Langlois



James Pearson

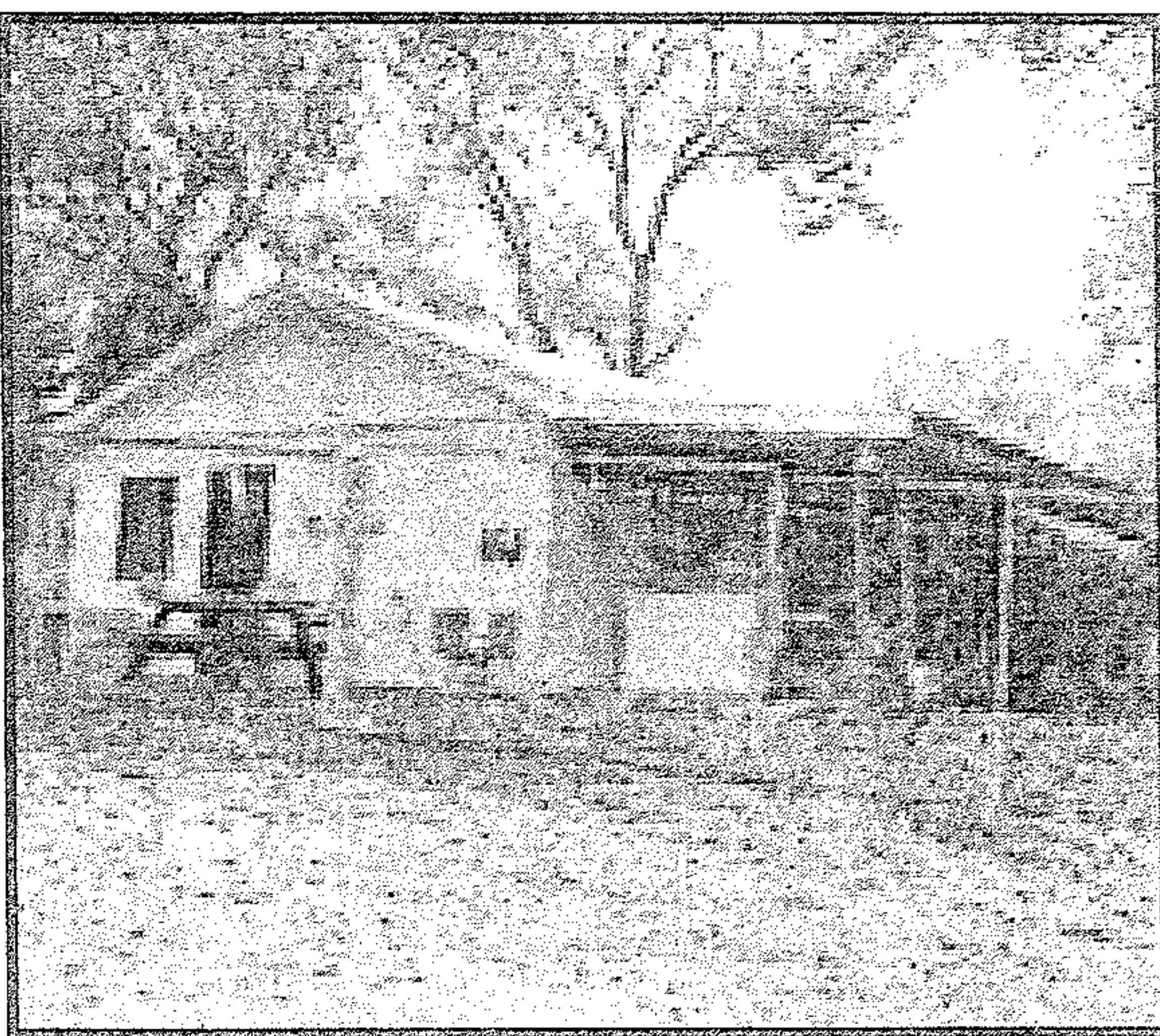
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Lisa Lorig

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Former Giles County Rabies Control Officer Indicted for Theft



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William Eric Brownlow get 87 year sentence in child rape cases

Today was the sentencing hearing for Eric Brownlow to learn his fate after being convicted by a Roane County Jury on October 30, 2019 of three counts of Rape of a Child. Brownlow was prosecuted by District

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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

[As the prophet has written:] "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my peo-

ple Israel."

—Matthew 2:6

Wazzup

Merry Christmas From our Family to yours!!!

Weather

Today: AM showers. High of 58F.

Tonight: Cloudy. Low of

39F

Tuesday: Mostly Sunny. High of 63F.

Tuesday night: Clear. Low of 40F

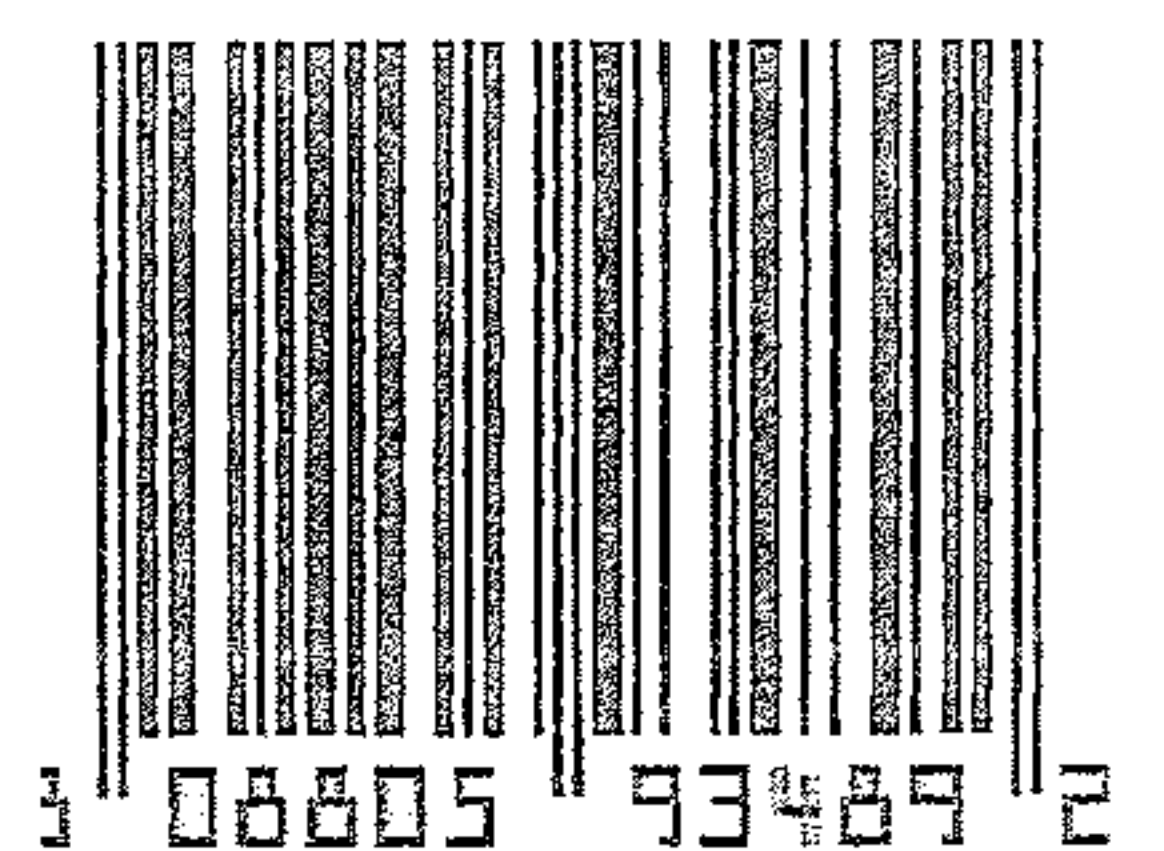
Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

The nuts and bolts of your job may steal a chunk of

your undivided attention today. Regardless of whether you lead the charge or respond to the demands of others, you want to receive acknowledgement for your con-

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Drugs

Christopher Langlois, 35, Syracuse Street MI., was charged with Man/Sell/Possession of Controlled Substance x7. James Pearson, 28, Syracuse Street MI., was charged with DUI., Man/Sell/Possession of Controlled Substance x6, and Possession of Drug Para. Trooper Brendan Decker THP, was informed about a Tennessee Bureau Investigation case regarding a white male trafficking drugs from Michigan in a black vehicle. The vehicle was seen traveling on I-75 in Loudon County. The vehicle was observed driving erratically. The vehicle was observed following another vehicle less than a car length, then made an improper lane change darting from left lane to the 81 exit ramp. The vehicle then

turned left at the exit and was traffic stopped. Upon contact Trooper observed nervous behavior from the driver and a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. When asked about the marijuana smell the driver handed over a small bag of marijuana very quickly to the Trooper. The driver was asked to step out of the vehicle, he appeared to be very nervous he was detained due to the possession of illegal drugs. The driver stated he was traveling to the Lost Sea Cave attraction, yet he got off at the wrong exit. There were no luggage in the vehicle and the passenger stated they were traveling to see the mountains. The passenger was asked to step out of the vehicle due to the marijuana being in the vehicle. The vehicle was then searched. Located in

the right rear seat was a bag containing 115.9 grams of marijuana, set of scales, 2 medical marijuana labeled rolls, and a marijuana pipe. Also a small bag containing Ketamine. On the right rear

floorboard there was a boot box containing edible candies in various flavors grenades, 4 blue squares, were confirmed by Tru Narc Scan. LSD and a white

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crystal substance was also recovered. Both subjects were identified as Christopher Langlois, and James Pearson. Pearson stated to the Trooper that he was a drug dealer. Both were placed under arrest.

Pills

Lisa Lorig, 53, Cape Drive Maryville, was charged with DUI, Driving on Roadways laned for Traffic, Legend Drugs, Contraband in a Penal Institution, and Simple Possession. Cpl. Z. Frye LCSO, observed a black vehicle on Hwy 11 near Browder Hollow School Road failing to maintain its lane of travel. Once behind the vehicle Cpl. Observed it to cross the center white lane and completely drive into the oncoming traffic lane. Cpl. Frye initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle in the area of Browder School Road, and made contact with the driver Lisa Lorig. Ms. Lorig appeared very lethargic and was having trouble staying awake. On Cpl. second approach to the vehicle he observed Lorig to be asleep in the driver seat. Cpl. Frye ask Lorig to exit the vehicle, and she was very unsteady on her feet while walk-

ing to the patrol vehicle. Lorig was ask to perform sobriety test which she did poorly on. Lorig was placed under arrest. Lorig was ask if she had anything illegal on her or in the vehicle, and she stated she had a small pill bottle in her bra, she was ask to retrieve it and it contained 1 Gabapentin, 10 Oxymorphone, and 11 Clonazepam pills. Lorig stated she had a prescription for all pills but could not produce one. Located in the vehicle was a pill bottle containing 36 Gabapentin pills that also did not have a correct prescription for. Lorig was ask several times before entering the jail if she had anything else illegal on her person. Once in the jail a small baggie containing 2.7 grams of marijuana was located in her bra.

Giles

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office, working in conjunction with the Office of the District Attorney General of the 22nd Judicial District, has resulted in the indictment of John Murray, a former Giles County Rabies Control Officer.

A house with trees in the background Description automatically generated Investigators determined that Murray

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
Eloise Alexander Smith, deceased
DKT# 5969

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 11th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of Eloise Alexander Smith who died on the 21st day of February 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 11th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019
Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
Renee Halbert

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SMALL ESTATE**

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 6000
Irmgard Dishner, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, Tennessee

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of December 2019, a Small Estate Affidavit was filed in the Loudon County Probate Court in respect of the estate of IRMGARD DISHNER who died on the 18th day OF NOVEMBER 2019. Affiant(s) elect(s) to give Notice to Creditors pursuant to TCA § 30-2-306-321 in which all provisions and compliance shall apply;

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 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK
BY: Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk Attorney for the Estate
Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By: Affiant(s)
MICHAEL DISHNER

Disclaimer: Pursuant to TCA 30-2-307(d), The clerk shall return any claim submitted before the appointment of a personal representative or received more than twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

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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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stole at least \$3,780 from Giles County Rabies Control for his personal use. The money was taken from 2015 through 2018. Murray took money that was collected as animal adoption fees and fees charged to dog owners through animal control efforts.

Murray attempted to conceal the theft by discarding carbon copies of cash receipts. Due to the loss and lack of documentation, investigators were unable to definitively deter-

mine any additional stolen money.

Giles County terminated Murray's employment on November 27, 2018.

In December 2019, the Giles County Grand Jury indicted John Murray on one count of theft over \$2,500.

"This county employee was given total control of the funds and financial records of the rabies control office," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "This situation creates an invitation for fraud, waste, and abuse. The county has indicated that it will now provide more oversight, which is absolutely necessary."

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
 ERNEST MYRL GILES, deceased
 DKT# 6007

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 ERNEST MYRL GILES 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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 (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)
 Kristy Reed
 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 37771

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
 PHYLLIS JEAN MARCH, deceased
 DKT# 6004

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THIS THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019
 Steve Harrelson, Clerk
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By Personal Representative(s)
 Nancy H. Kent
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DA Attorney General Russell Johnson's Office with ADAs Alyson Kennedy, who is the Office's child sex abuse prosecutor, ADA Jed Bassett. The trial lasted two days in October in front of Special Judge Sandra Donaghy from the 10th District who was appointed to oversee the criminal trial in place of 9th District Criminal Court Judge Jeff Wicks who recused himself because he was the judge on cases as a former General Sessions Court Judge involving Brownlow's child custody case and his divorce. Brownlow was given 27 years to serve in prison on each of the three child rape convictions. ADA Alyson Kennedy convinced Judge Donaghy to run the sentences consecutively for a total sentence of 81 years to serve in with an argument

that caused her trial partner, ADA Jed Bassett to text his colleagues, "In my 12 year career, I have been moved to tears exactly 2 time by an attorney's argument. Today, at the Brownlow sentencing, was the second." ADA Kennedy reiterated the bravery of the victim during her testimony at trial and praised her for coming forward to bring Brownlow to justice. She also focused in on the depravity of Brownlow's conduct and control over the victim, pointing out how his actions earned Brownlow every day in prison that he will serve. ADA Kennedy also read the victim's written heart wrenching 'victim impact statement' to the Court. Among other things, the victim wrote, "I felt like I have been behind bars, ... This man took my childhood. It's something I can never get back."