

Woman screams for help at Inn of Lenoir after being choked and assaulted



Dustin Plemons

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Man steals from Wal-Mart and flees on foot



Coy Best

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Man ask officer which way to go in traffic stop with open container in console



Charles Morgan

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Federal Jury convicts Morristown resident for methamphetamine trafficking

In February, following a two-day trial in the U.S. District Court, before the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, Senior U.S. District Judge, a jury convicted Brandon Lee Alexander, 36, of Morristown, Tennessee, of possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphet-

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Preliminary Semiannual Crime Statistics for 2018 Released Report Shows Overall Crime Declined in First Half of Last Year

Preliminary statistics show declines in both violent crime and property crime in the first half of 2018 when compared to statistics from the first half of the previous year, according to the FBI's Preliminary

Semiannual Uniform Crime Report, released today.

The report contains data from more than 14,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide that voluntarily submitted crime data to the Uniform

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Verse of the Day

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

— Psalm 95:1

Wazzup

Prayers go out to all affected by the flooding.

Hope everyone is safe and sound with minor damages.

Weather

Today: Mostly Sunny. High of 66F.

Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 49F.

Thursday: Showers. High

of 60F. Thursday night: Rain. Low of 47F.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your work receives some public exposure today. However, the amount of recognition is not the im-

portant issue; rather, its about the sheer feeling of unknown eyes watching what you do. You may shapeshift like a chameleon in a new environment. Although trying to

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Choke

Dustin Plemons, 37, Cedar Street Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Officer Green LCPD, was dispatched to the Inn of Lenoir in regards to a possible domestic. A guest at the Inn of Lenoir heard a female in the room beside theirs screaming for somebody to

call the police. Officer arrived on scene and observed a male standing at the front door of the room which appeared out of breath. This subject rushed back into the room once he observed Officer pull into the parking lot. Officer made contact with the occupants of the hotel room which granted him access to enter the

room. Officer asked the individuals if everything was ok in which the male, Dustin Plemons, stated him and his girlfriend, victim, had been involved in a heated argument. Officer separated both individuals and spoke to the victim, which stated she was

informed her boyfriend was using Methamphetamine behind her back. She confronted him and stated she wanted to leave the hotel for the night. Mr. Plemons became livid and threw a beer

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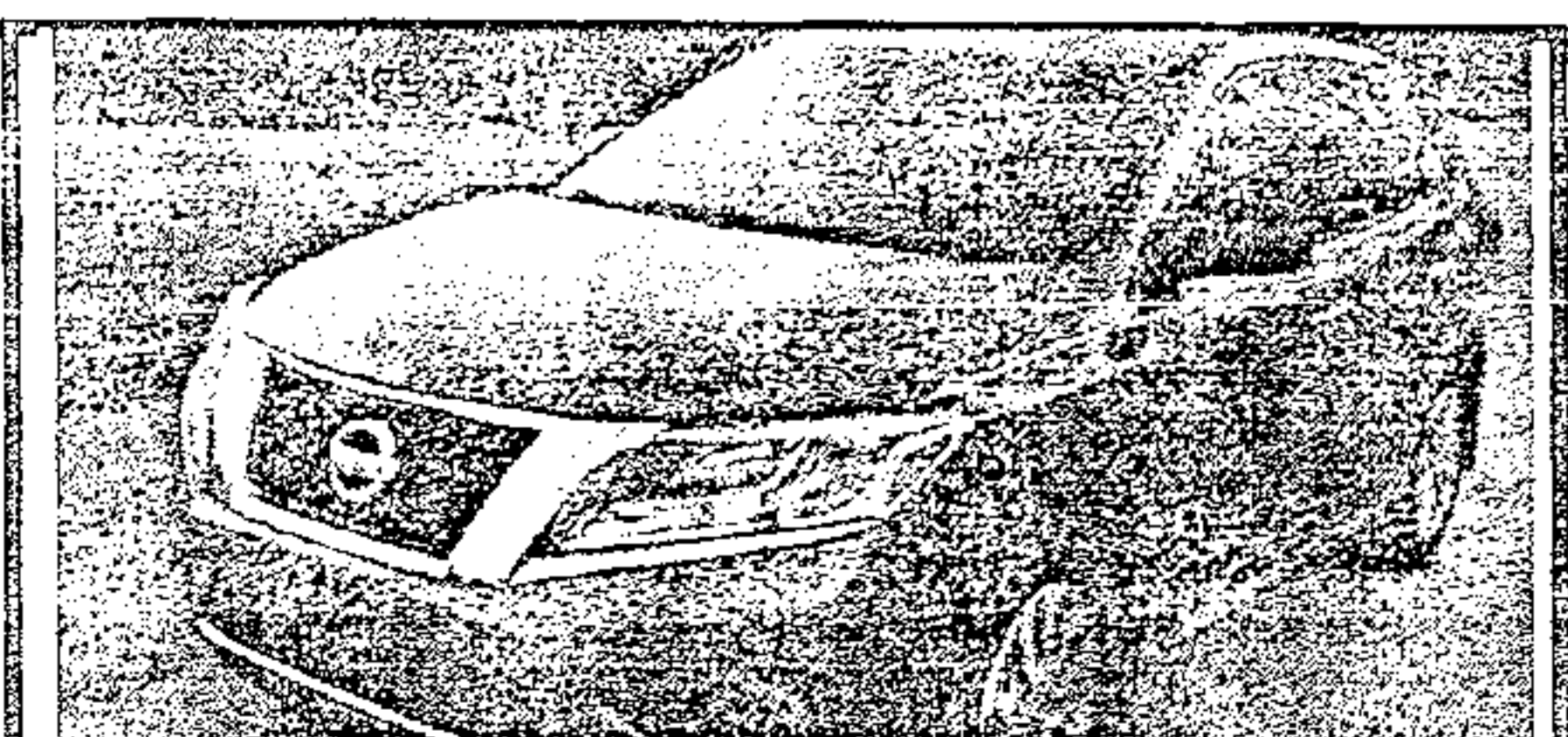
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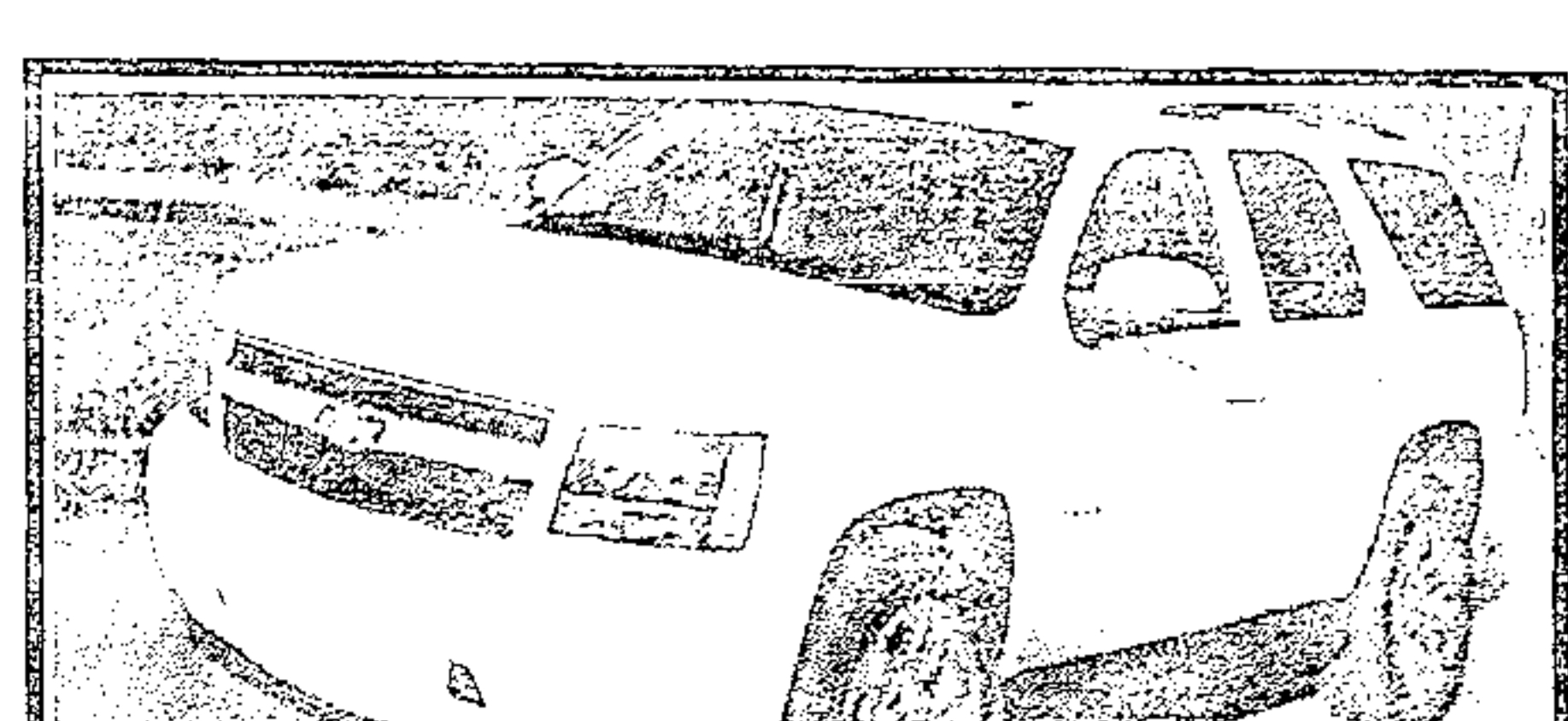
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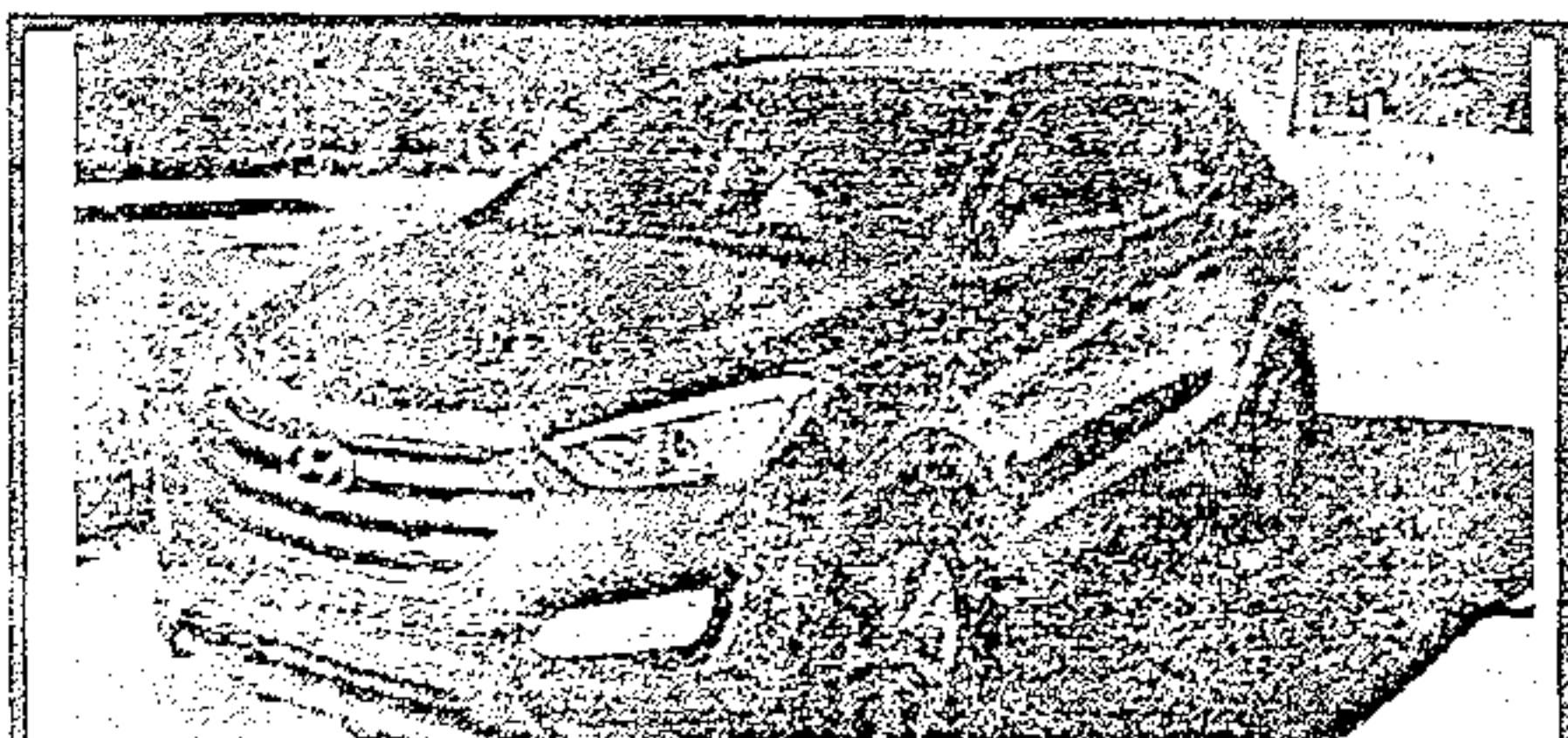
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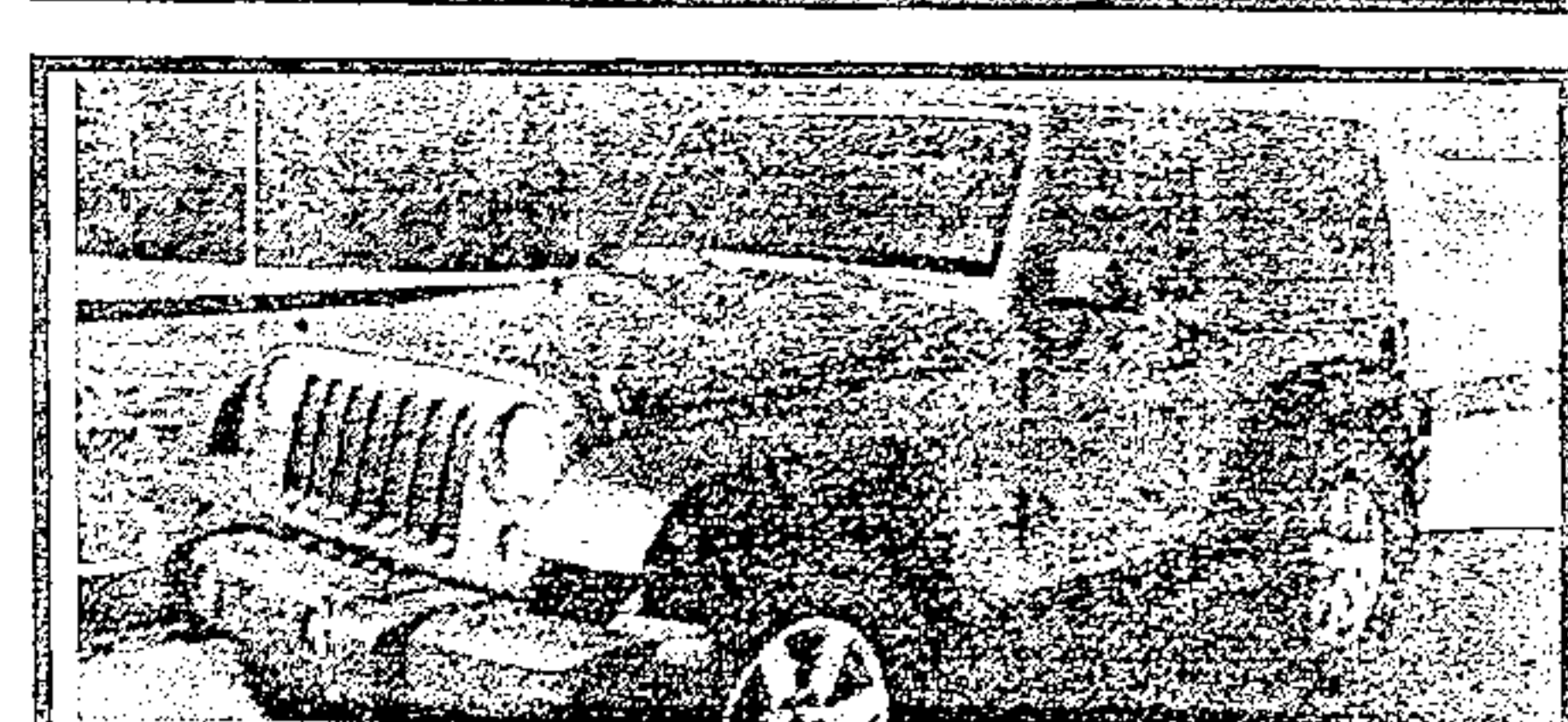
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 can against the wall, he proceeded to grab the victim by the throat and choke her while dragging her around the room and pinning her in the corner continuing to choke her. Victim stated she was unable to breathe at different points during this encounter. Mr. Plemons would not allow victim to leave the hotel prior to his

arrival. Officer did observe fresh, bright red hand prints around the victims neck. Officer also observed the beer that had been thrown against the wall. Mr. Plemons has been convicted of Domestic assault on 11/14/2018. Officer took Mr. Plemons into custody and transported him to Loudon County Jail without incident. Officer charged Mr. Plemons with aggravat-

ed domestic assault. All the above did occur in Lenoir City, TN.

vised Best had 2 active warrants out of Lenoir City.

Wal-Mart

Coy Best, 32, South Far-num Street Friendsville, was charged with Theft of Property x2, Criminal Trespassx2, and Evading Arrest. Officer Espinoza LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart in regards to a shoplifter. Upon arrival Loss Prevention office advised a male was walking out of Walmart with stolen merchandise. When Walmart personnel made contact with the male identified as Coy Best outside he fled on foot. Officer ran after Best and identified himself as police officer. Best did not comply with Officer commands to stop. Best was caught in the Starbuck parking lot. Dispatch ad-

DUI

Charles Morgan, 33, Willington Manor Loudon, was charged with DUI, Open Container, Violation of Implied Consent, and Selling/Bartering/Giving Away/Obtaining. Deputy K Palmer LCSO, was on Vonore Road directing traffic for a prior incident causing the road to be shut down. While directing traffic a silver vehicle pulled up with his window down. The driver Charles Morgan asked where he needed to go. While speaking with Morgan Deputy could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. Deputy observed Morgan to have red glassy eyes. Deputy ask Morgan if he had anything to drink he stated 2 beers. Deputy had

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Morgan pull behind his vehicle, and ask for Morgan license, registration and insurance. Deputy observed an open can of beer in the console, Deputy had Morgan to exit the vehicle and could smell an alcoholic beverage emitting from his person. Deputy had Morgan perform sobriety test which he did poorly on. Deputy located a pill bottle with 7 orange pills and 7 yellow pills identified as Venlafaxine 150mg and 75 mg. Morgan did not have the pills in a bottle with a prescription. Morgan refused breath sample. Morgan was placed under arrest, and transported to the Loudon Jail.

Meth

amine; possession with the intent to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine; possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Sentencing is set for 9:00 a.m., June 3, 2019, in U.S. District Court in Greeneville.

Alexander faces a minimum sentence of 15 years to a maximum of life in prison. There is no parole in the federal system.

Evidence presented at trial revealed that as a result of a traffic stop by the Morristown Police Department in April 2017, Alexander was found to have 28 grams of methamphetamine in his waistband and also possess \$11,580 cash and a

loaded semi-automatic pistol. Alexander was arrested and released on bond the following day. In May 2017, Alexander was again pulled over by law enforcement and had 100 grams of methamphetamine in his possession.

Alexander was part of a 20-defendant indictment returned by the federal grand jury in February 2018 charging various offenses related to methamphetamine trafficking, firearms, and money laundering. All defendants except Alexander pleaded guilty. The investigation leading to the indictment was the product of a partnership between the Morristown Police Department, Hamblen County Sheriff's Department, Grainger County Sheriff's Office, Cocke County Sheriff's Office, Newport Police Department, Third Judicial Drug Task Force, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Appalachian High

Intensity Drug Trafficking Area - Rocky Top Task Force, Third Judicial District Attorney General's Office, U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and FBI. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Thomas A. McCauley and J. Christian Lampe represented the United States at trial.

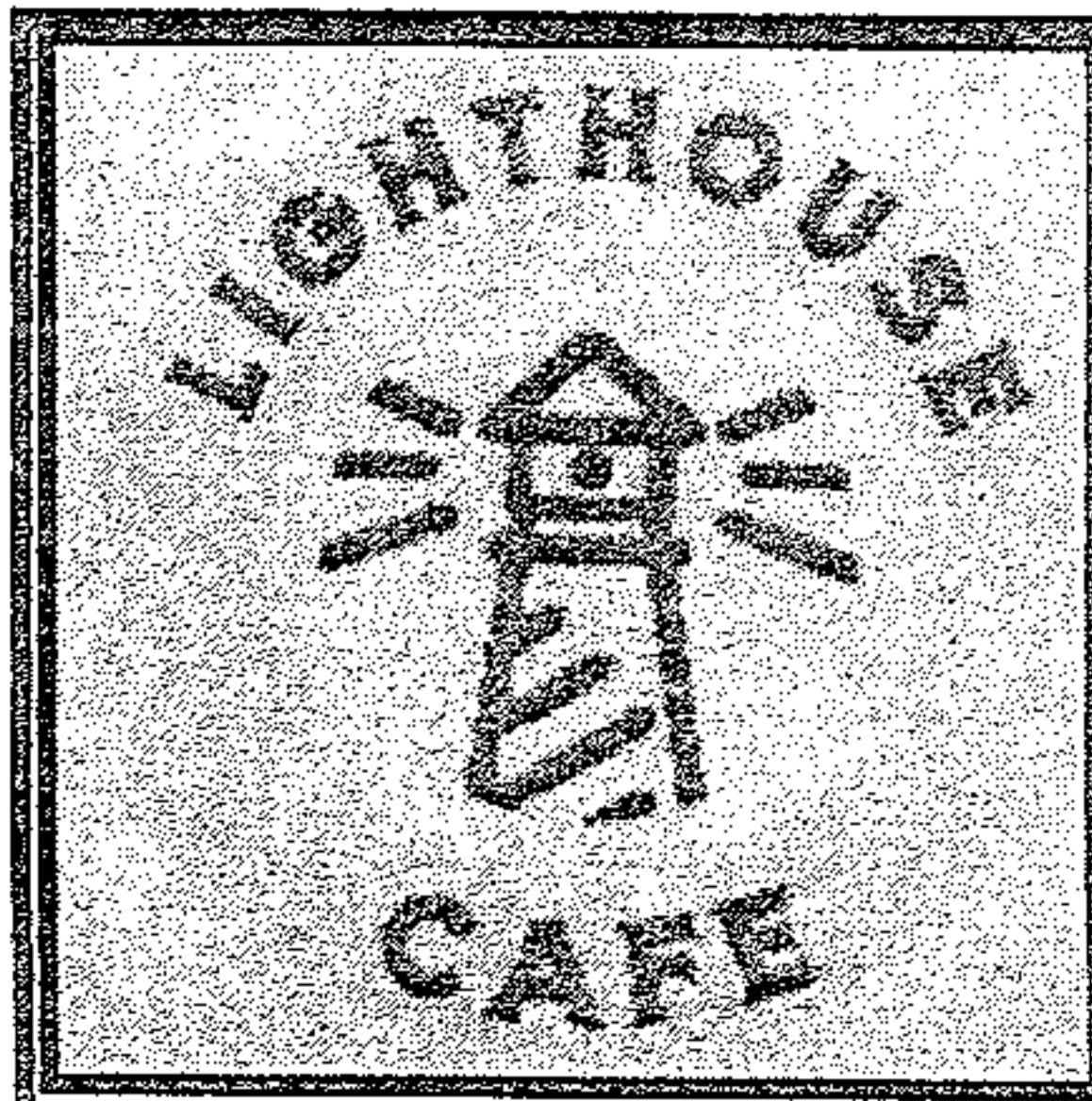
The investigation was a result of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's drug supply reduction strategy. OCDETF was established in 1982 to conduct comprehensive, multi-level attacks on major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. Today, OCDETF combines the resources and expertise of its member federal agencies in cooperation with state and local law enforcement. The principal

mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt, and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking and money laundering organizations and those primarily responsible for the nation's drug supply.

This case was also part of the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program. The HIDTA program enhances and coordinates drug control efforts among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The pro-

gram provides agencies with coordination, equipment, technology, and additional resources to combat drug trafficking and its harmful consequences in critical regions of the United States. The program began in 1988 when Congress authorized the Director of The Office of National Drug Control Policy designate areas within the United States that exhibit serious drug trafficking problems and harmfully impact other areas of the country as HIDTAs.

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Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The report showed nearly all offenses in the violent crime category declined. Robbery offenses decreased 12.5 percent, murder and nonnegligent manslaughter offenses decreased 6.7 percent, and aggravated assault offenses declined 2 percent. Rape (revised definition), however, increased 0.6 percent.

When comparing data from the first six months of 2018 with the first six months of 2017, all property crime categories showed a decrease. Burglaries were down 12.7 per-

cent, larceny-thefts decreased 6.3 percent, and motor vehicle thefts declined 3.3 percent.

The full Crime in the United States, 2018 report will be released later this year.

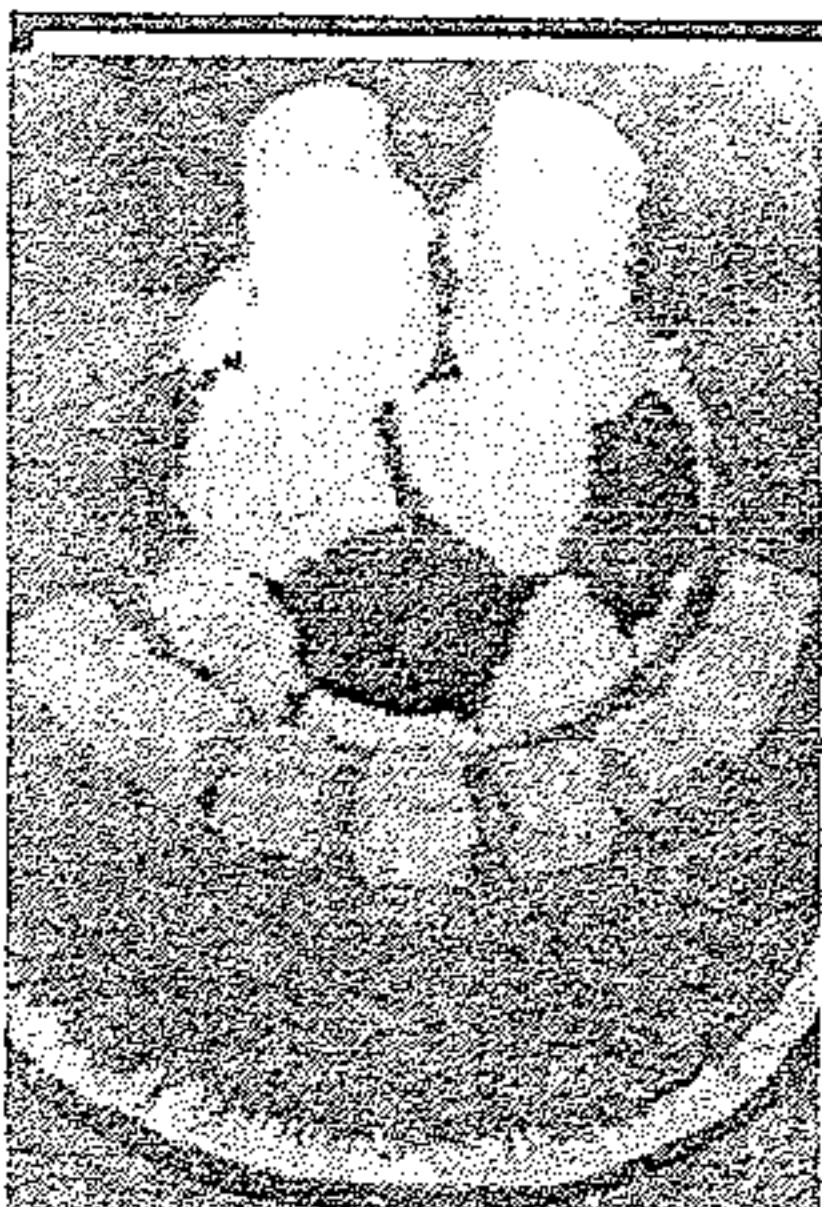
Transferred for Reckless Endangerment from Blount County

Earnest McDonald, 23, Iredell Road Knoxville, was charged with Reckless Endangerment. Deputy McGinnis LCSO, came in contact with Earnest Mc-

Donald at Blount County Jail, and transported him to Loudon County Jail on an active warrant for Reckless Endangerment.



Earnest McDonald



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