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Friday, February 08, 2019

## Crack found on wanted person in LC



Kasi Hoover

see Crack pg. 2

## Domestic charge for Loudon man



Michael Boyd

see DV pg. 3

### Jessica James sentenced to serve 180 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine

*James has prior felony drug trafficking convictions in Hamblen County*

On February 6, 2019, Jessica James, 30, of Morristown, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, Senior U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 15 years in federal prison. James pleaded guilty in October 2018 to conspiring with Trin-

ity Scott Johnson, 39, of Morristown, Tennessee; Truman Lee Smith, 24, of Russellville, Tennessee; Colby Scarlett, 20, of Morristown, Tennessee; and others to distribute over 50 grams of methamphetamine in east Tennessee in 2017

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### The Good News The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter Scripture: Luke 4:21-30

As a senior in high school, I volunteered at the local retirement center. One of the doctors there once said to me, "The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong with the world." For Jesus, healing was done wherever it was needed, without favoritism.

(see TGN pg. 5)

### Hackers Targeted Universities Cooperation Helps Bring Down International Cyber Thieves

Two men who were citizens of Nigeria, living in Malaysia, and conducting their crimes from behind computers likely assumed they were safe from the reach of American law enforcement when they hacked into university computer systems

to steal paychecks and tax returns.

But through strong partnerships with the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), the Department of Justice, and Malaysian authorities, the FBI was able to identify, arrest, and extra-

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#### Verse of the Day

Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.  
—James 1:21

#### Wazzup

Enjoy the warm weather while we can it's supposed to get cold again!

#### Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy. High of 45F.  
Tonight: Overcast. Low of 27F.

Saturday: Cloudy. High of 45F. Low of 31F.

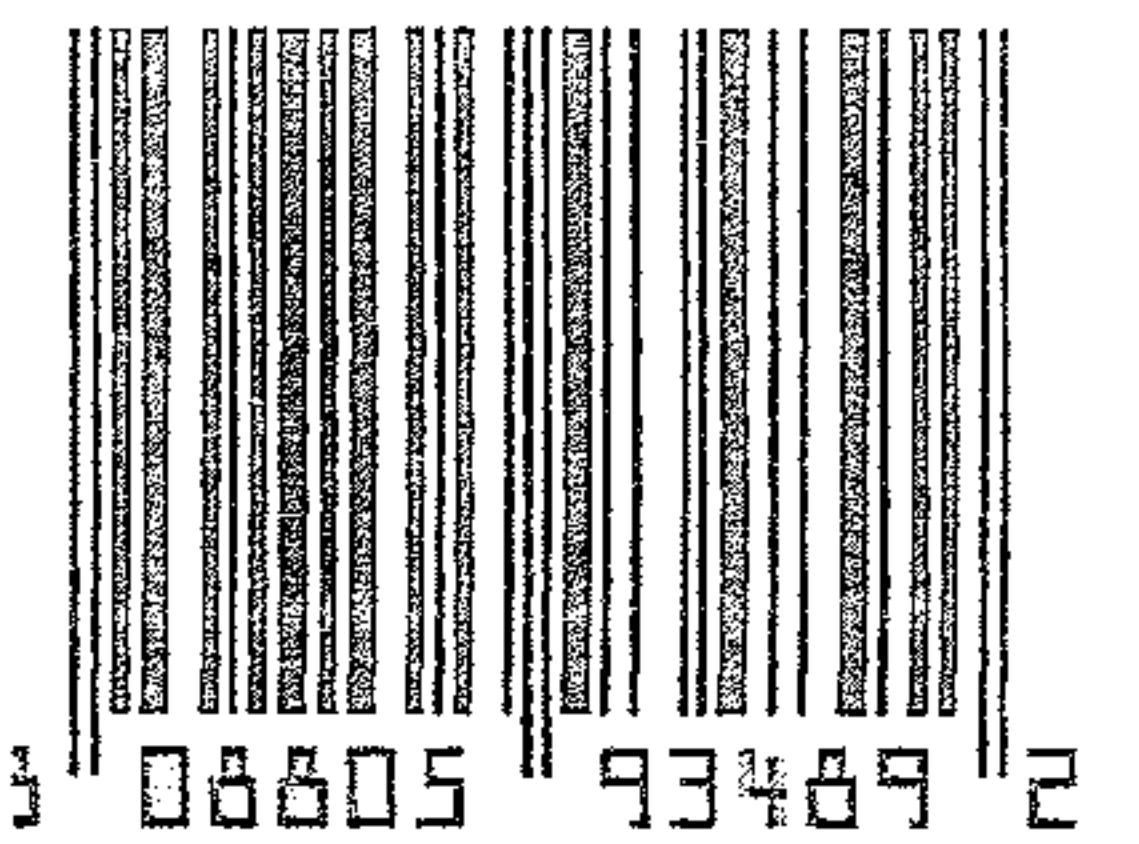
Sunday: Rain expected. High of 44F. Low of 41F.

#### Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18  
Your budget is set by your altruism today. If left to your own devices you

might never make a fiscal plan at all, and ride on the hope that everything will work itself out. This financial spontaneity is partly supported by your network, which is more

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## Crack

Kasi Hoover, 33, Shubert Street Loudon, was charged with Simple Possession, Violation of Probation, and Contraband in Penal Institution. Officer Green LCPD, made contact with 2 individuals occupying a green vehicle

parked outside a residence on Karmadale Drive via consensual encounter. As the driver exited the vehicle, Officer ask if he could speak with him which he agreed. While speaking with the driver Officer ask for identification from both the driver and passenger identified

as Kasi Hoover. Officer requested warrant check through dispatch which advised Kasi Hoover had an active Lenoir City warrant for VOP, with the original charged being of dangerous drugs. Officer took

Hoover into custody, before placing Hoover in his patrol vehicle he ask Hoover if she had anything illegal on her person advising her it would be a felony once at the jail.

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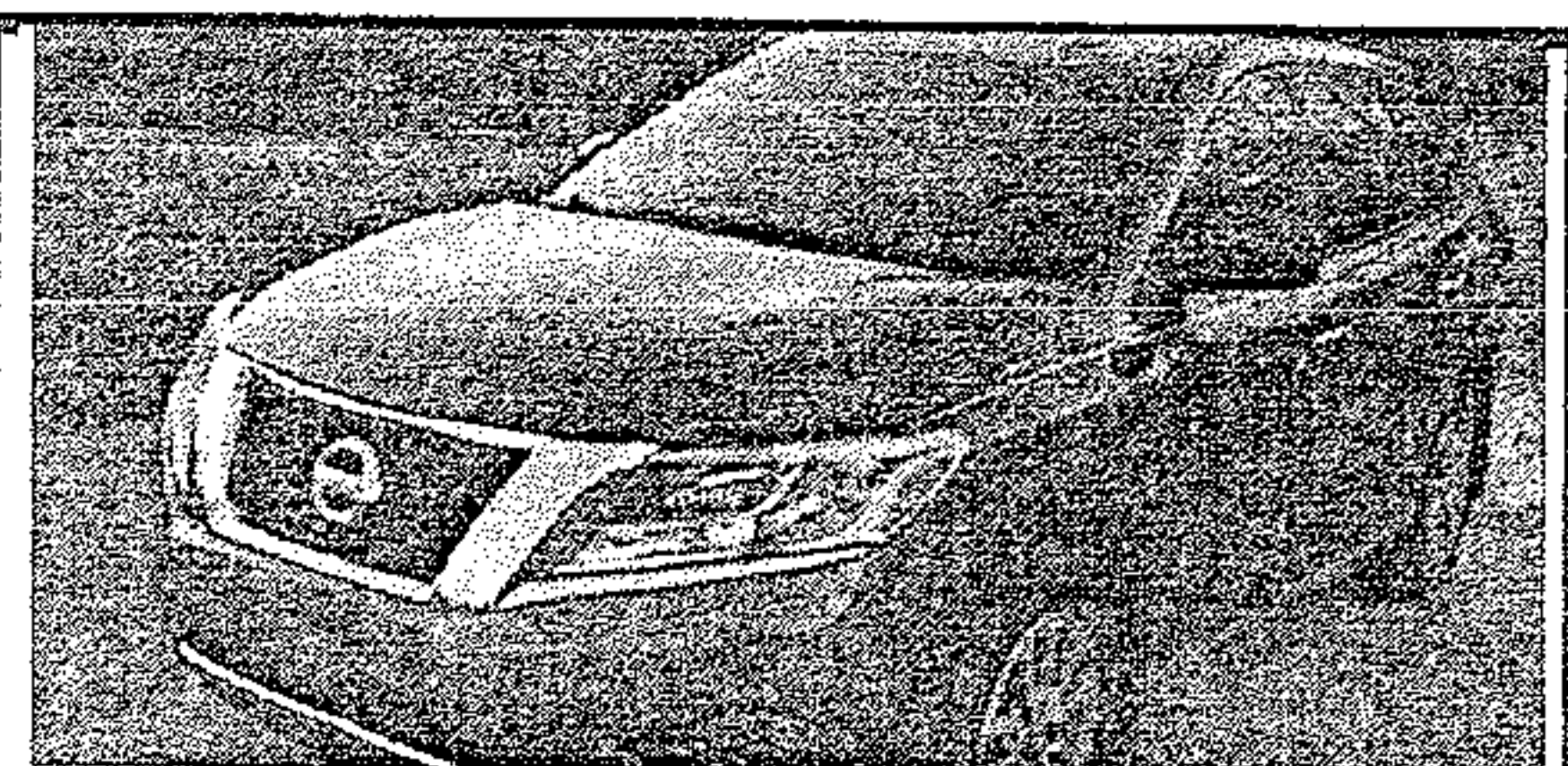
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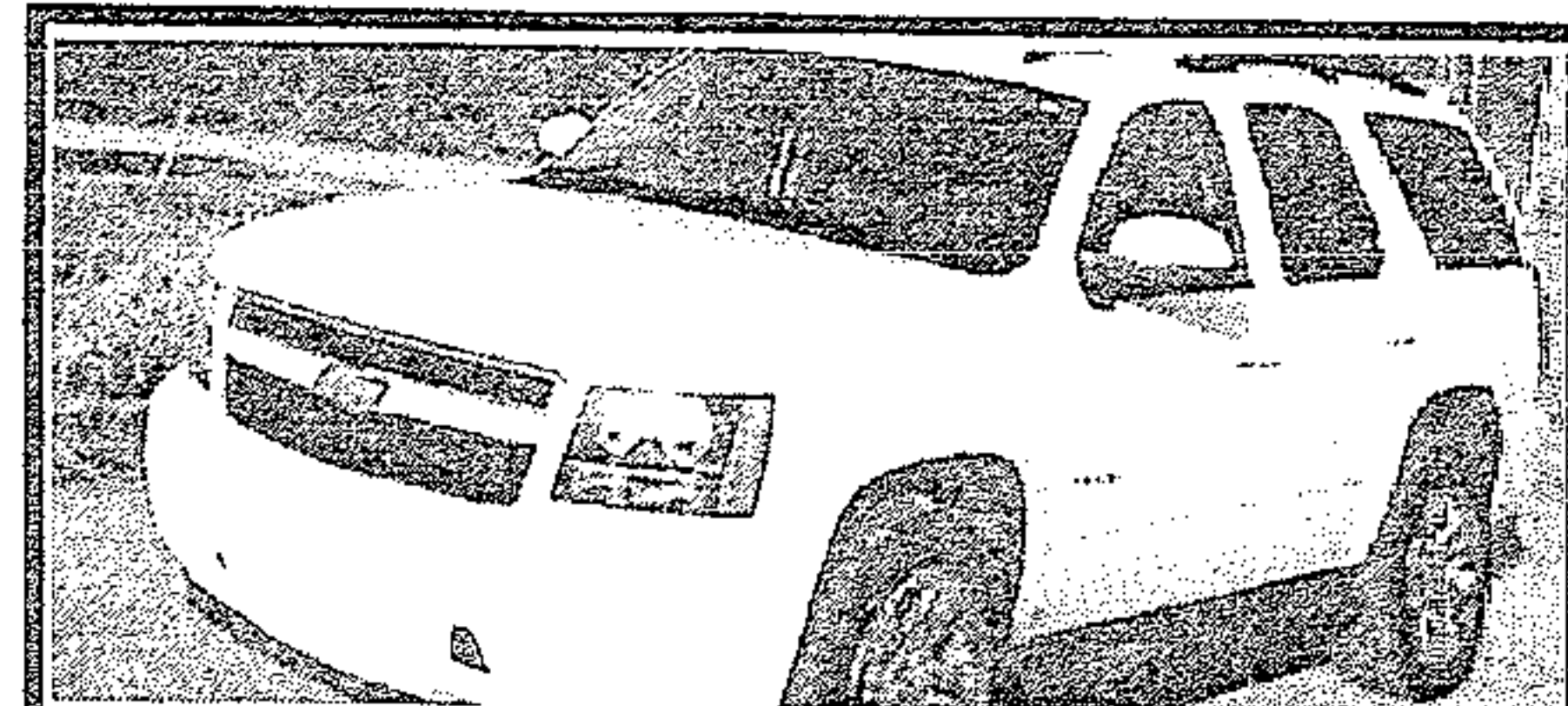
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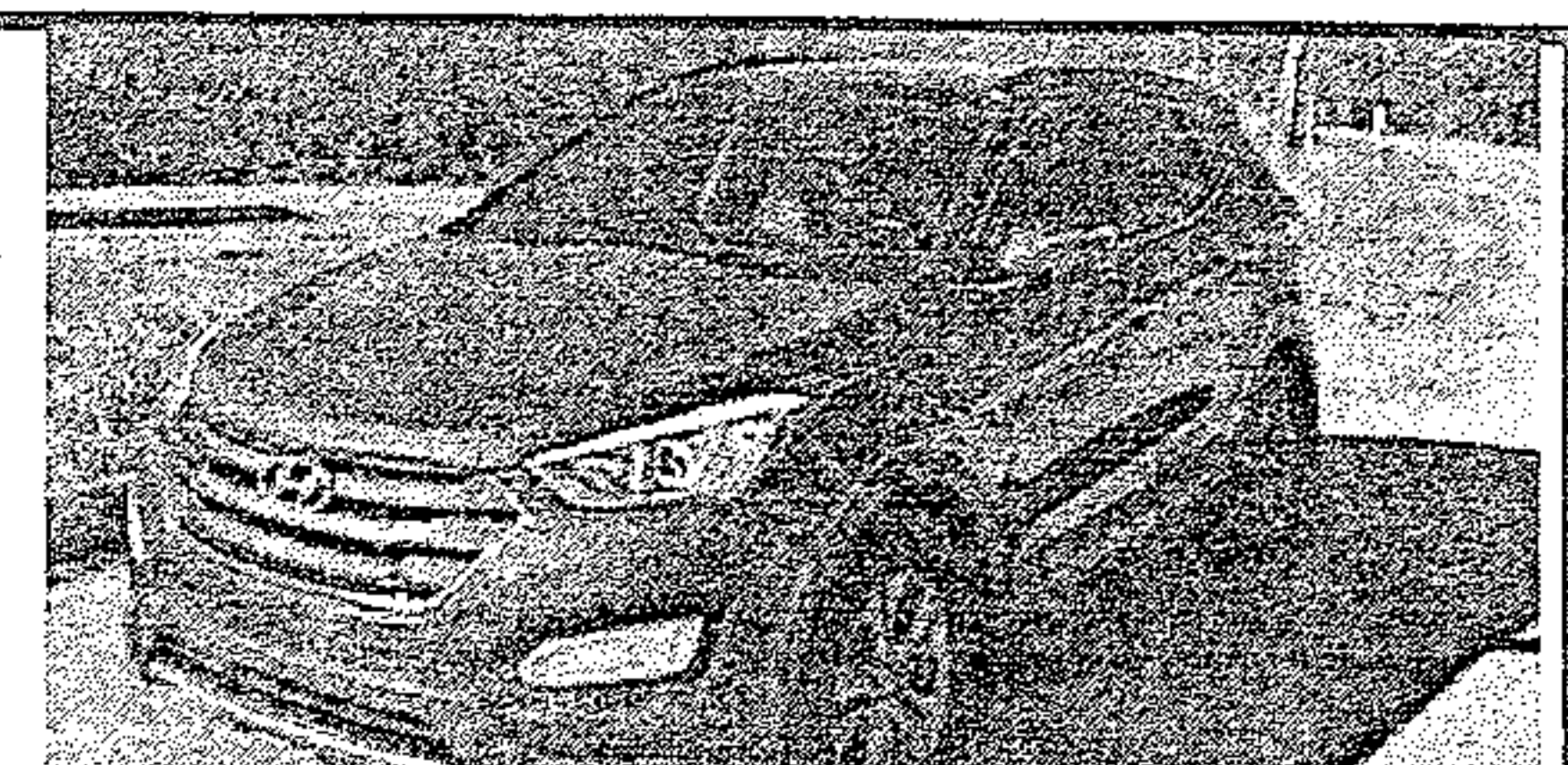
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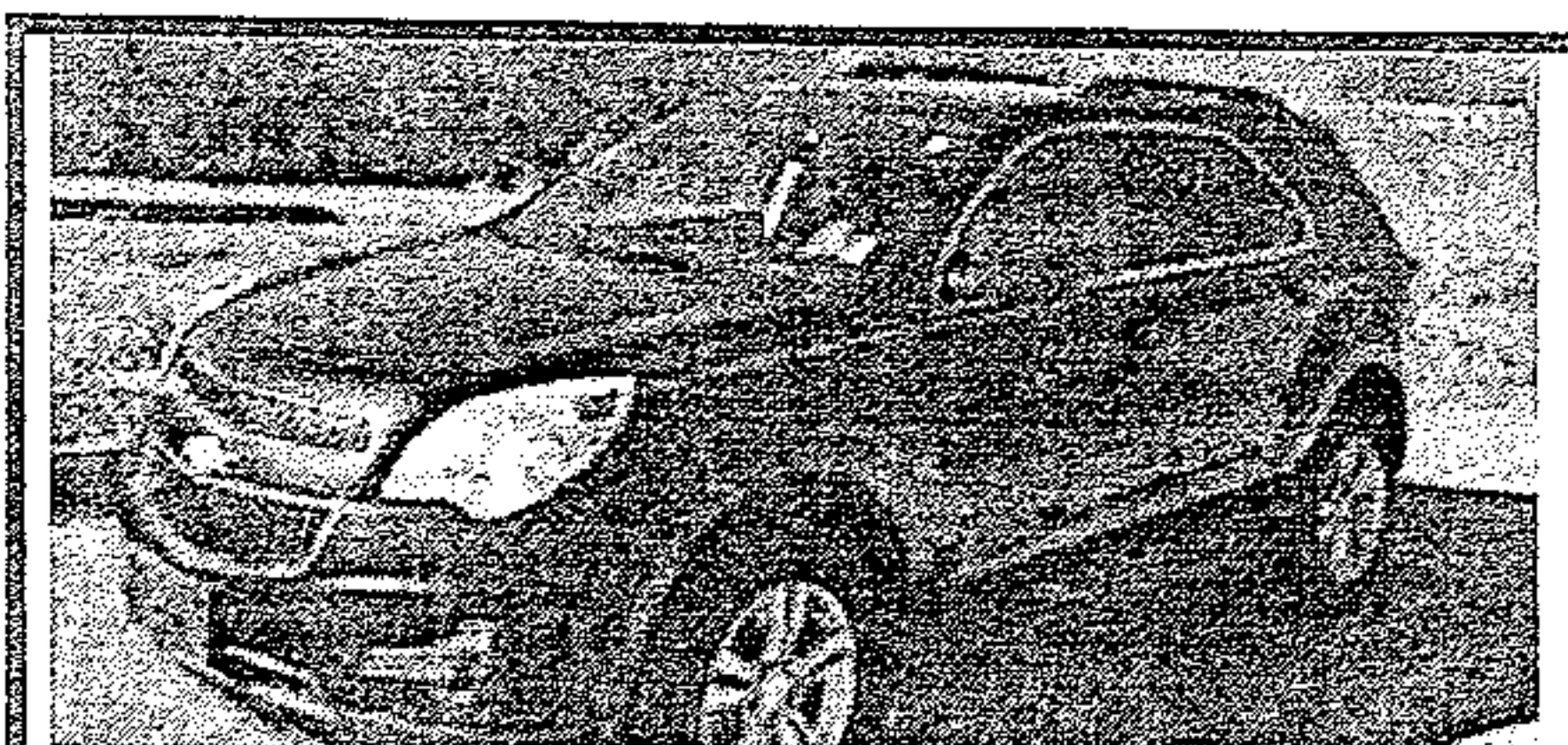
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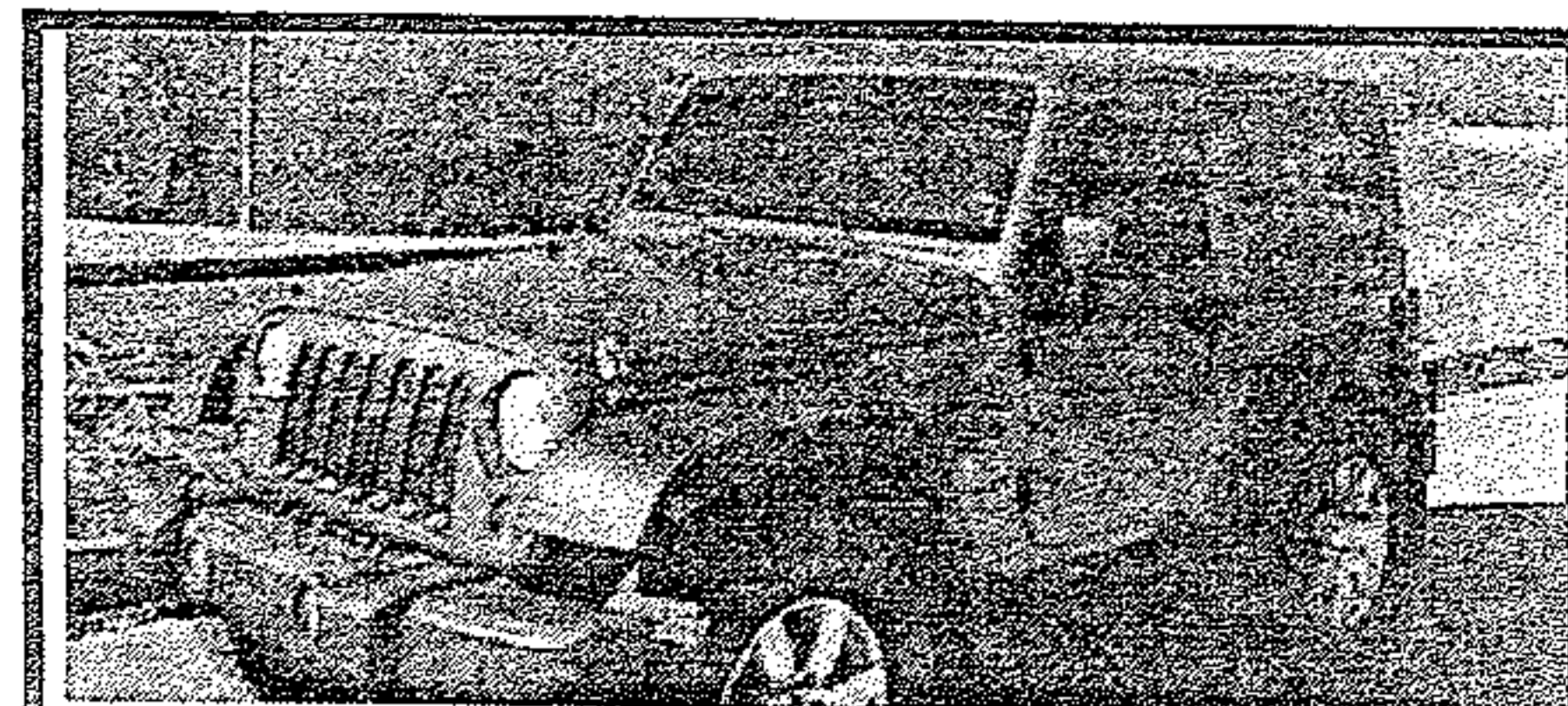
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DV

Michael Boyd, 38, Elm Street Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officer Mike Newman LPD, received a call of a domestic dispute at Elm Street. Once on scene Officer spoke with the vic-

tim who advised Michael Boyd had pushed her into the wall. Based on witness and a large pump knot on victim head Officer was able to confirm victim story.

The report noted, Michael Boyd was very intoxicated and placed under arrest.

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Hoover denied possessing any contraband. Once at the jail Deputy Bevins, located a small plastic baggie with .6 grams of a large white rock substance believed to be crack in Hoover private area. Hoover was charged with contraband.

Meth

and 2018. In October 2018, Johnson was sentenced to serve 204 months in pris-

on. Smith was sentenced in November 2018 to serve 10 years in federal prison. In January 2019, Scarlett was also sentenced to serve 10 years in federal prison.

Sentencing for codefendant Megan Gilliam, 25, of Morristown, Tennessee, is set for February 11, 2019. She also faces 10 years to life in federal prison.

Agencies involved in this investigation included the

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The Loudon County Commission will hold a special called meeting on February 19, 2019 at 5:30 at the County Office Building to discuss amending the motion made on February 4, 2019 regarding Allenbrooke Subdivision.



## Hackers

dite Olayinka Olaniyi and Damilola Solomon Ibiwoye to face charges of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, computer fraud, and aggravated identity theft.

Ibiwoye pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 39 months in prison. Olaniyi was convicted by a federal jury and is spending nearly six years in jail.

The sophisticated operation led by Olaniyi and Ibiwoye, who were living in Kuala Lumpur, specifically targeted U.S. colleges and universities, reported Special Agent Tyson Fowler from the FBI's Atlanta Field Office. "We found their computer folders with documents showing efforts to phish employees at 130 to 140 schools," Fowler said. "They would steal a logo and do the work to make it look legitimate."

The duo sent fraudulent emails to personnel at these institutions in an attempt to gain system credentials. These phishing messages appeared official but they took unsuspecting recipients to fraudulent sites that allowed the criminals to record user names and passwords. Armed with this information, the hackers could then enter the official school systems and use the stolen credentials to reroute employees'

paychecks and access financial documents. Fowler says the hackers were successful in obtaining access at about 20 schools.

When Olaniyi and Ibiwoye infiltrated Georgia Tech, however, the quick action of the university's information security team was key to uncovering the identity and methods of the criminals and putting an end to their efforts.

Fowler said Georgia Tech personnel began getting reports over the Thanksgiving holiday in 2014 that employees had not received paychecks. The university quickly determined their network had been compromised and many employees had their payroll direct deposit information changed. "Georgia Tech reported it to us," said Fowler. "We were on site the next day."

Sitting with the network team at Georgia Tech, FBI investigators were able to track and monitor the online movements of the hackers as they used the university's network to not only carry out their crimes but also to access their personal messaging applications and email accounts.

"By watching them online, we could see 20 people chatting. People from all over the globe," explained Fowler. "They had ties to many others. Some people were better at the phishing emails;

some had bank accounts lined up."

Fowler said that if the criminals had rerouted employee paychecks to international accounts, it would have immediately raised red flags. For this reason, the scammers needed a ready supply of U.S. bank accounts through which to funnel the stolen pay. They worked with other criminals, who through romance scams or other tactics, had convinced individuals to allow them to use their bank accounts.

The investigative team traced the computers used by the suspects to an Internet Protocol (IP) address in Malaysia. Then, granted search warrants for the suspects' email accounts, the FBI was able to positively identify the two suspects by name.

With answers to

who and where the hackers were, the question then became how to reach them. The United States does not have an extradition treaty with Malaysia, but the FBI's legal attaché in Kuala Lumpur has a strong working relationship with Malaysian authorities. When the FBI in Atlanta identified the hackers, the legal attaché's office shared the infor-

mation with the Malaysian Royal Police.

In November 2015, a year after Georgia Tech detected the intrusion, Fowler and another Atlanta-based FBI agent got on a plane to Kuala Lumpur.

"I can't give the Malaysians enough credit," said Fowler. "They truly wanted to help and they wanted

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## Public Notice

The City of Greenback Mayor and Aldermen will meet in a regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00pm located in the Greenback Community Center. The Board will be filling a recent Alderman vacancy.



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to address the issue.” When the FBI agents provided the Royal Malaysian Police with the IP address they had traced to the Georgia Tech intrusion, the local authorities confirmed that it was registered to the same two suspects the FBI had identified. It also turned out that the two were in Malaysia on expired visas. The Malaysians were able to arrest them for immigration violations.

By that time, the FBI had also uncovered that the payroll diversion was the beginning of a larger scheme: The hackers had also gone after hundreds of W2s and had switched over to fraudulently filing for tax refunds with the stolen documents. In total, they attempted to steal more than \$6 million.

With the cooperation of the Malaysians, the FBI issued an arrest warrant for the two men in the United States, which they asked the Malaysian authorities to honor. The Royal Malaysian Police were able to do so by citing the suspects on equivalent local violations.

On a second trip to Malaysia in November 2016, the agents flew back to Atlanta with the suspects in their custody.

Fowler notes that the entry point for the hackers in this case was a common one: human error. “You can have the best security in the (see hackers conc. pg. 7

**TGN**

When we encounter God in Jesus, the Savior of the world, how do we react to his radical inclusivity? With anxiety that we may not get preferential treatment? Or can we find the humility Christ himself displayed, to get on board with the mission to reach the least and the lost and share the good news of God’s love for all people?

Prayer: Healing Lord, help us to feel so secure in your love and salvation that we can be willing participants in the mission to share that love and grace with the whole world. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Hamblen County Sheriff’s Department and FBI. Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert M. Reeves represented the United States in court proceedings.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions reinvigorated PSN in 2017 as part of the Department’s renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S.

Attorney’s Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

This case was also the 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 compre-

hensive, 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.

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world, but then there is the human element." Fowler stressed that security teams at institutions and corporations should do phishing awareness training and testing for employees and institute two-factor authentication to prevent this kind of intrusion and theft.

The other lesson in this case is that the FBI needs the help of victims. "Come forward," Fowler emphasized. "We can only catch the criminals when someone reports the crime." Georgia Tech's early detection of the breach and will-

ingness to work with law enforcement made a huge difference, according to Fowler. "We would not have been able to see what we saw without Georgia Tech's support. They wanted to be a partner in holding people accountable."

**Obituaries**

**Barbara Spoon Gardner** age 87 of Lenoir City, passed away Wednesday morning, February 6, 2019. Barbara retired from First National Bank where she served as the Assistant Vice President for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Gardner; parents, Roy and Laura Spoon; sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Cecil Hartline, and brother, Glen

(Sonny) Spoon. Survived by her sister, Louise Dills of Franklin, NC; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 9th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery.

**Brenda Luttrell O'Dell**, age 65 of Lenoir City passed away Wednesday, February 6, 2019. BeBe was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, and in her later years, especially loved her iPad. She was a member of Highland Park Baptist Church. Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Bill Luttrell and Naomi Diggs Luttrell.

Survived by her husband of 46 years, Ike O'Dell; daughter and son-in-law, Amy and David Martin; son and daughter-in-law, Doug and LeeAnn O'Dell; 9 grandchildren, Noah and Hannah Rankin, Katie and John Martin, Major, Mallie, Moses, Mack and Mabel O'Dell; brothers and sisters-in-law, Howard and Anna Luttrell, Gilbert and Brenda Luttrell; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive

friends from 5 pm to 7 pm on Friday, February 8th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. A Memorial Service will follow at 7 pm with Dr. Tony Collins officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research. The family wishes to thank the caring staff at Summit View of Farragut and Tennova Hospice.

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