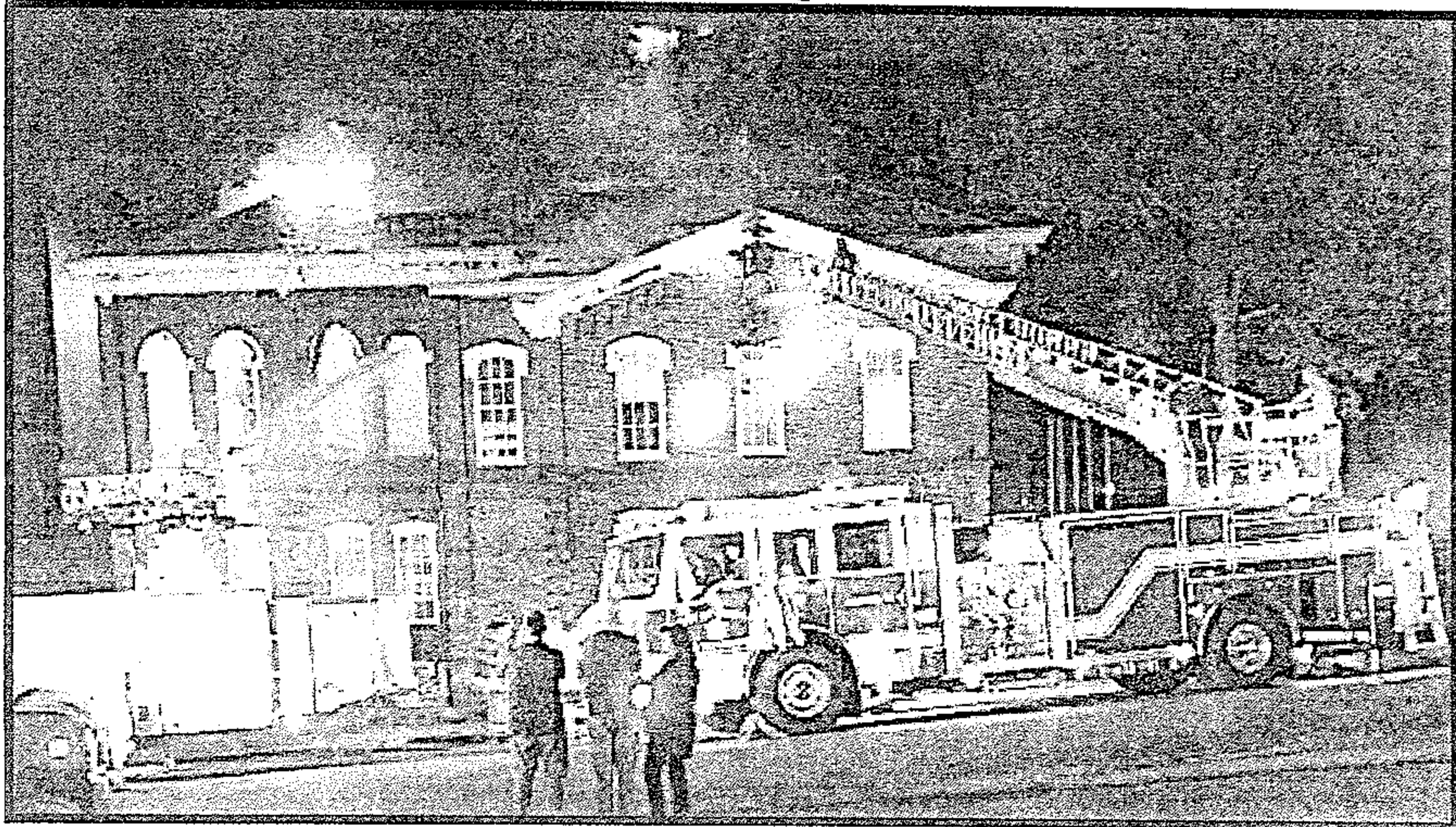


Daily Edition

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Friday, April 26, 2019

Historic Loudon County Courthouse burns Greenback woman jailed for assault with a knife



The fire began just after 6pm and had fully engulfed the top floor rapidly as firefighters fought the blaze

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Jessica Gilpatrick

see Assault pg. 3

DUI called in after driving all over the road on the rim of the tire



Tammy Dalziel

see DUI pg. 3

Former Grundy County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Deputy charged with civil rights offense and making false statements

Gregory Higgins, 42, was indicted today for using excessive force against an arrestee while Higgins was a deputy with the Grundy County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office, announced Assistant

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Federal grand jury indicts 15 individuals for heroin and fentanyl conspiracy in Knoxville and surrounding counties

On April 16, 2019, a federal grand jury in Knoxville returned an eight-count indictment against Damion Knox, 34, Darnez Turner, 30, Jeremiah Johnson, 23, and Papa Diop, 23, all of Detroit, Michigan; Joshua Cooper, 37, Virgil Crawford,

45, Jessica Bouvier, 30, Stephen Bouvier, 38, Jama Collier, 23, and Tina Berry, 55, all of Knoxville, Tennessee; and, five individuals not yet in federal custody at the time of this release. This case has been set for trial on July 1, 2019.

See Jury P.4



Follow us on 

Verse of the Day

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

—Acts 2:41

Wazzup

Pray for our Firefighters

and police who were involved in the courthouse fire. Thanks for your hard-work!

Weather

Today: AM Thunderstorms. High of 69F.

Tonight: Clearing. Low of 44F

Saturday: Sunny. High of 74F.

Saturday night: Clear. Low of 57F.

Sunday: AM Showers. High of 76F.

Sunday night: Cloudy. Low of 51F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

You are not usually one to demonstrate heel-kicking enthusiasm on a regular basis. Your earthy nature lends you to express a

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Fire

Firefighters descended on the historic courthouse, at 601 Grove St. in downtown Loudon, after a woman who lives nearby reported seeing smoke coming from the building shortly before 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Investigators have not said what may have caused the fire. The fire department had crews on the scene but could not initially confirm the severity. After three hours of fighting the fire, officials said the historic structure could be a total loss.

"I've talked to a few of the firemen that have been inside," stated Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw. "Right now it's almost looking like it's going to be a total loss. And that's heart-breaking.... We're going to try and save our courthouse. This is a lot of history in this building and hopefully were going to be able to save it and make it as good as new." "It wasn't just a building to us," County Mayor Rollen "Buddy" Bradshaw said at a news conference after the flames had been extinguished. "This was a staple of our community and our county.

And we're going to miss it, but we're going to rebuild it. Make no doubt about it. We will rebuild better, and at the end of this stuff, we'll be better for it."

"It's still unknown about what is salvageable," he said. "Hopefully in the next few days we'll be able to get inside and look around and see what we can do, but not until it is deemed safe." Bradshaw said he has no idea whether the county will try to rebuild the burned courthouse or will have to start from scratch. Either way, the process will cost millions of dollars and will take between 18 months to three years, he said.

The historical structure was initially built as a courthouse in 1872. The Annex was built in the 1990s. According to the National Register of Historic Places, the courthouse was registered as a historic landmark in 1975.

The fire sent officials searching for a suitable place to hold court, and by the end of the day Wednesday, they had come up with a plan.

The Loudon County Clerk and Master and the Loudon County

Circuit Court Clerk will resume services Monday in the old city hall building at 201 Alma Place. Child support hearings will take place at the justice center, 12680 Highway 11 in Lenoir City. Criminal court will be held next week at the justice center before moving May 6 to the old city hall building. Jury

trials will be held in the new city municipal building on Highway 72.

We here at the Daily Edition would like to thank all 6 of the surrounding county Firefighters and all the Officers and Deputies that helped with this terrible fire. Our County will be in our prayers.

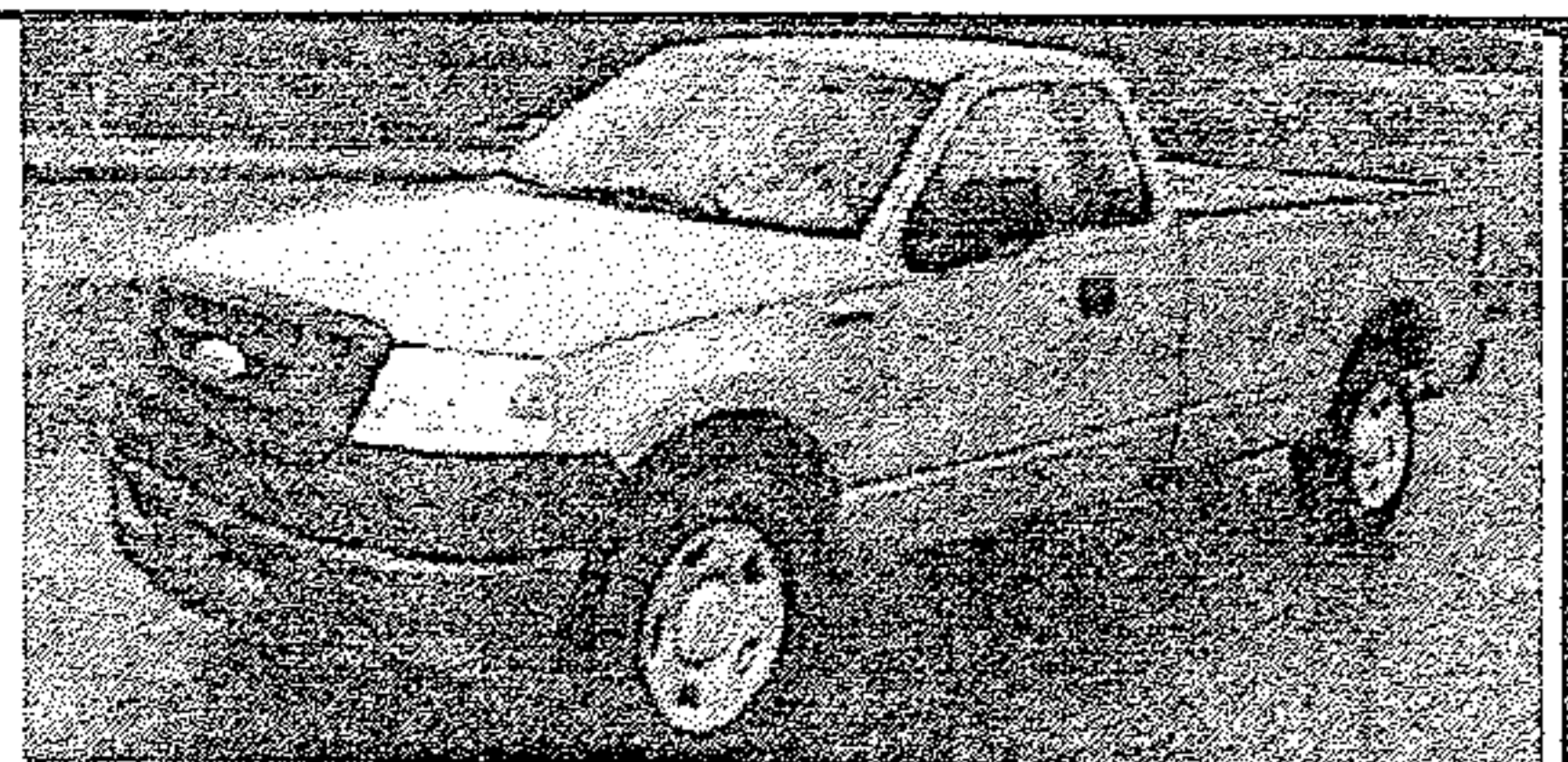
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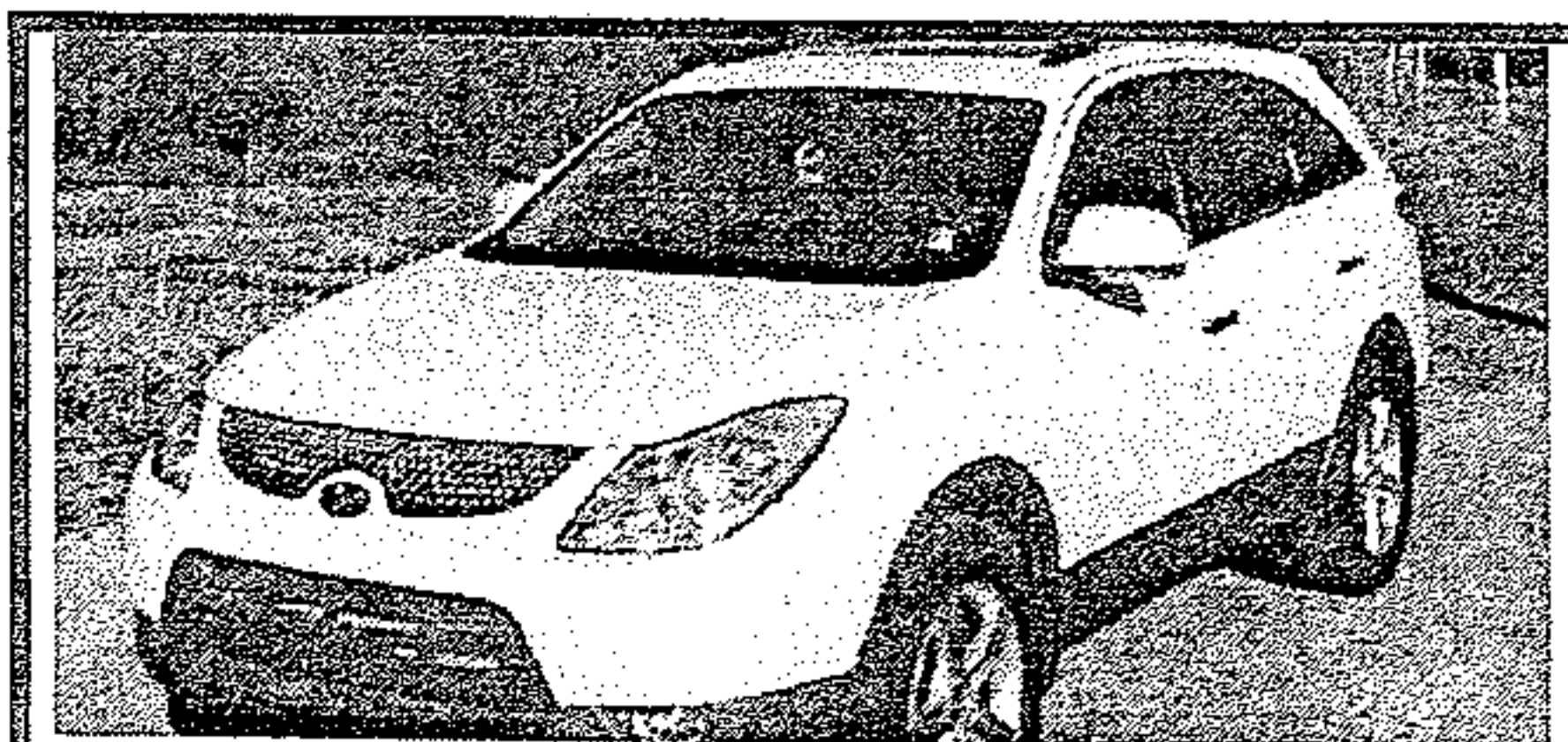
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Deputy

Attorney General Eric Dreiband of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee J. Douglas Overbey, and FBI Knoxville Special Agent in Charge Troy A. Sowers. Higgins is charged with one count of deprivation of rights under color of law and one count of making false statements to the FBI. The indictment alleges that Higgins used unreasonable force when he assaulted handcuffed arrestee A.L., resulting in bodily injury to A.L., and that Higgins then made false statements to the FBI about the assault. The first count carries a maximum penalty of 10 years of imprisonment while the second count carries a maximum penalty of five years. An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is pre-

sumed innocent unless proven guilty. This case was investigated by the Knoxville Division of the FBI, and is being prosecuted by Trial Attorney Kathryn E. Gilbert of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and Assistant United States Attorney Perry H. Piper.

*The Good News
The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter*

*Scripture: Philip-
pians 3:4b-14*
In high school and college, I didn't like the apostle Paul. I heard his words in arrogant tones: "If anyone else has reason to be confident ... , I have more." But a seminary professor helped me read more perceptively. Paul isn't boasting of his own achievements; he's saying that no matter how successful he was by

human standards, it's all garbage (actually, he uses a less polite word) compared to the value of life in Christ. He determines to leave the past behind and move forward in the new life to which God has called him.

I wonder, too, if Paul had to learn to lay aside the guilt of past sins--above all, his zeal in persecuting Christ's church. Who hasn't had difficulty letting go of guilt and trusting God's and others' forgiveness--and maybe even our own? "Forgetting what lies behind ... , I press on toward the goal ... of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." What if we let Paul's words be ours too? Prayer: Christ Jesus, please help me leave in the past anything for which

I might boast, and guilt for sins you have already forgiven. I want to press forward to know you and the power of your resurrection more deeply every day. Amen.

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Assault

Jessica Gilpatrick, 35, Kirkland Lane Greenback, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Deputy Pesterfield LCSO, responded to Kirkland Lane for a fight. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with a vehicle leaving the scene. The occupants stated they were leaving the scene but believed the fight was still occurring. Upon arrival at the residence Deputy made contact with the victim and complainant. The

victim had a small laceration on his hand that was caused by a large knife the offender possessed. The victim stated she was in the building around the back of the residence. Contact with the offender identified as Jessica Gilpatrick in the building and asked her where the knife was located she stated it was beside the bed. Deputy did locate the knife with a long blade. Deputy ask Jessica what happened to which she stated her and the victim had been arguing all

day and he cut off her power. Jessica stated victim told her to come in and get her stuff, she stated she went up to the door and had the knife for intimidation and laid it down on the porch. Jessica stated the victim came through the door and she grabbed the knife off the porch due to being afraid of falling back into it, and the victim went to grab her arm and he cut himself on the knife. Victim stated the offender came to the back door and began yelling and screaming when he went to the back door Jessica was standing on the porch with the knife. Victim stated he reached out for the knife and that's when it cut his hand. Jessica Gilpatrick was placed under arrest.

turned around and drove back towards Hwy 70 towards Lenoir City and wrecked her vehicle in a ditch close to Dutton Market on Hwy 70. The vehicle had the right rear tire on the rim. While on the phone with dispatch caller stated the vehicle was now on Town Creek Road turning onto Market Drive. Officer spotted the vehicle and observed a female driving making a right turn onto Market Drive with the rear tire on the rim and the rubber had shredded to pieces. Officer conducted a traffic stop at the Suntrust Bank. Upon contact with the driver Tammy Dalziel, who appeared to be heavily intoxicated. Officer noticed a strong odor of alcoholic beverage inside the vehicle and emitting from her person. Officer ask Tammy to exit the vehicle as she did she was unsteady on her feet and swayed while trying to stand almost falling several times. Tammy refused all test. Dispatch advised her license were suspended. Tammy Dalziel had prior DUI out of McMinn Co. and Sullivan. Tammy Dalziel was placed under arrest.

DUI

Tammy Dalziel, 45, Shubert lane Kingston, was charged with DUI 3rd, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Violation of Implied Consent. Officer S. Runyan LCPD, was notified by dispatch they received a second call of a possibly intoxicated driver in a white Nissan had

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Jury

The indictment, on file with the U.S. District Court, alleges that between May 2018 and April 15, 2019, the 15 individuals conspired to distribute and possessed with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing 400 grams or more of a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, and one kilogram or more of a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance. The indictment also alleges a money laundering charge and other drug related charges

for a number of the defendants.

If convicted for conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute these controlled substances, each faces a mandatory minimum of at least 10 years and up to life in prison, five years of supervised release, a fine of up to \$10,000,000, any applicable forfeiture, and a \$100 special assessment.

The investigation was led by the Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area's Drug Related Death Task Force and the Organized Crime Unit of the Knoxville Police Department

(KPD). Assisting in the investigation and seizure of evidence were various other divisions of KPD, Drug Enforcement Administration, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Knox County Sheriff's Office, Fifth Judicial District Drug Task Force, Knox County District Attorney's Office and Knox County Regional Forensics Center. Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent N. Jones will represent the United States.

Today, the United States faces an unprecedented drug epidemic. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that more than 70,000 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2017. Many of these deaths are attributed to the increased abuse of potent and dangerous synthetic opioids like fentanyl. These charges are the result of investigations supported

by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) under the Attorney General-led Synthetic Opioid Surge (SOS)/Special Operations Division (SOD) Project Clean Sweep. This initiative seeks to reduce the supply of synthetic opioids in "hot spot" areas previously identified by the Attorney General of the United States, thereby reducing drug overdoses

and drug overdose deaths, and identify wholesale distribution networks and sources of supply operating nationally and internationally. Knox County, Tennessee, has been designated as one of those hot spots.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment constitutes only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until his or her guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

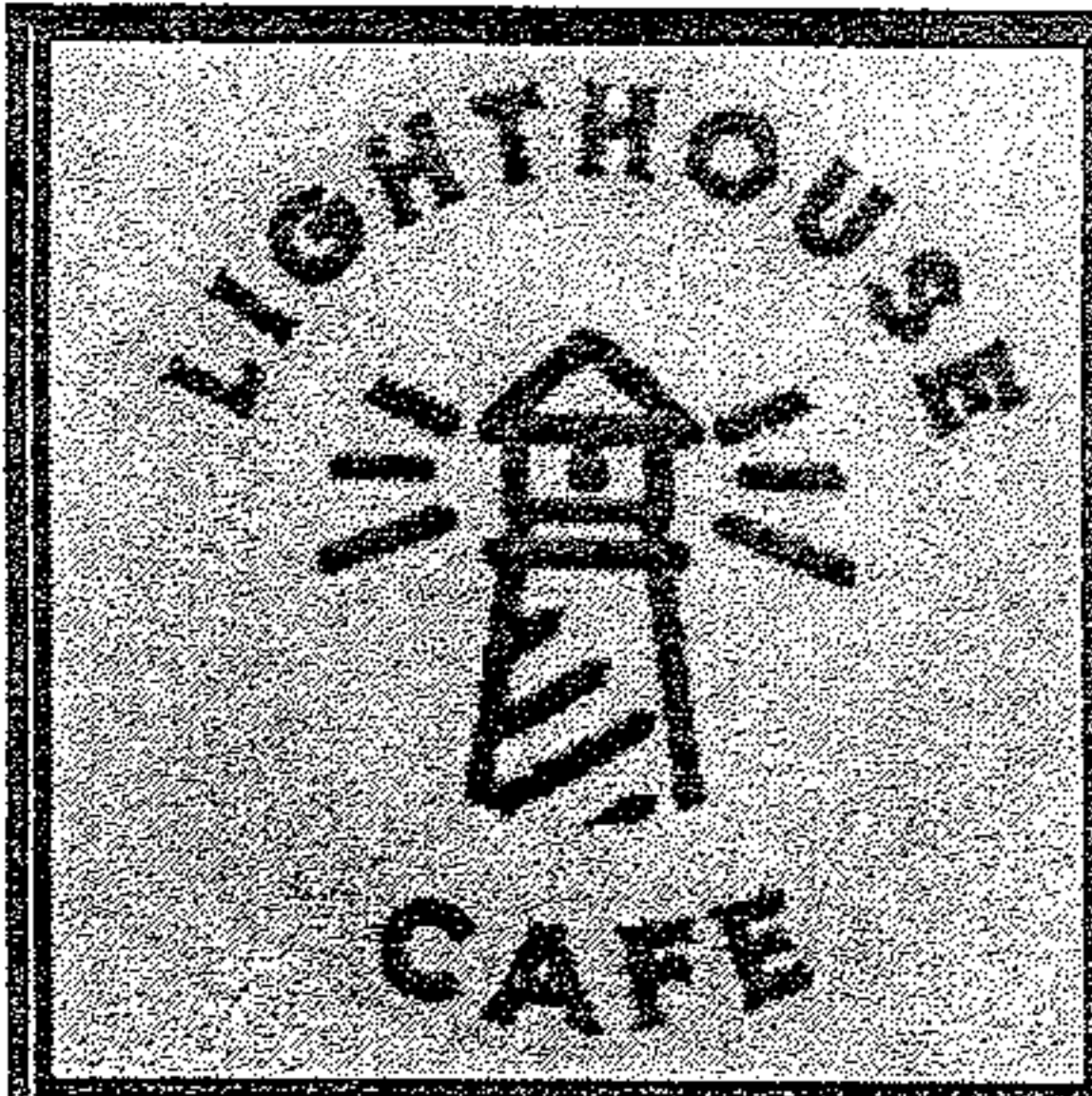
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