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Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Couple tries to pass off stolen tools



William Mudd



Chelsea Sigala

LC man leads chase around Wal-Mart and Hwy 321 only to be captured by LCSO and LCPD



Zachary Long

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DUI charges to follow driving on the rim after margaritas



Randy Miles

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The Good News The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Psalm 67

"If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. ... If you're happy and you know it, then your life will surely show it..." I remember singing this chorus as a child; it has more verses than I recall now. The psalmist could have written, "If you're blessed and you know it, sing God's praise." Praise rises out of an awareness of receiving the un-

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Records Reveal Arson Plot, Couple Sentenced for Arson and Fraud in Fire That Resulted in First Responder's Death

A Kentucky couple nearly escaped prosecution for setting a fire that burned their rented home to the ground and led to the death of a firefighter until a new FBI agent's search for fresh evidence helped bring them to justice. Steve Allen Pritchard, 44, was found guilty by a federal jury of

arson and insurance fraud and was sentenced on November 1, 2018, to 30 years in prison. His wife, Brandi Pritchard, who was his girlfriend at the time of the fire, was sentenced to 121 months after pleading guilty to the same crimes.

"This case has stayed

See FBI P.4



Verse of the Day

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

—Psalm 79:9

Wazzup

Be sure to check out Kris Bell @ Kinfolk Cafe Friday at 8:00pm. FREE Show!!!

Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy.

High of 91F.

Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 66F

Thursday: Partly Cloudy. High of 90F.

Thursday night: Clearing. Low of 66F.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/20

No one needs to remind you to keep your ears open because its your natural state of being. Youre ever alert for hints about the next big trend, practical advice, and the latest

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Theft

William Mudd, 41, Lake Vista Drive Greenback, was charged with Theft of Property.

Chelsea Sigala, 42, Homeless, was charged with Theft of Property.

The victim did report to the Loudon County Sheriff Office the theft of sev-

eral tools over the course of the past several months from his residence located at Lake Vista Drive. The victim stated that he had a Bostitch Nailer and a Campbell Orbital Sander that was taken among other items. During the course of an investigation, Investigator M. Branam LCSO, did find where

William Mudd and Chelsea Sigala had sold the items at Money To Go in Maryville. The victim had a photograph of the items that was sold. Warrants were issued, both were later arrested.

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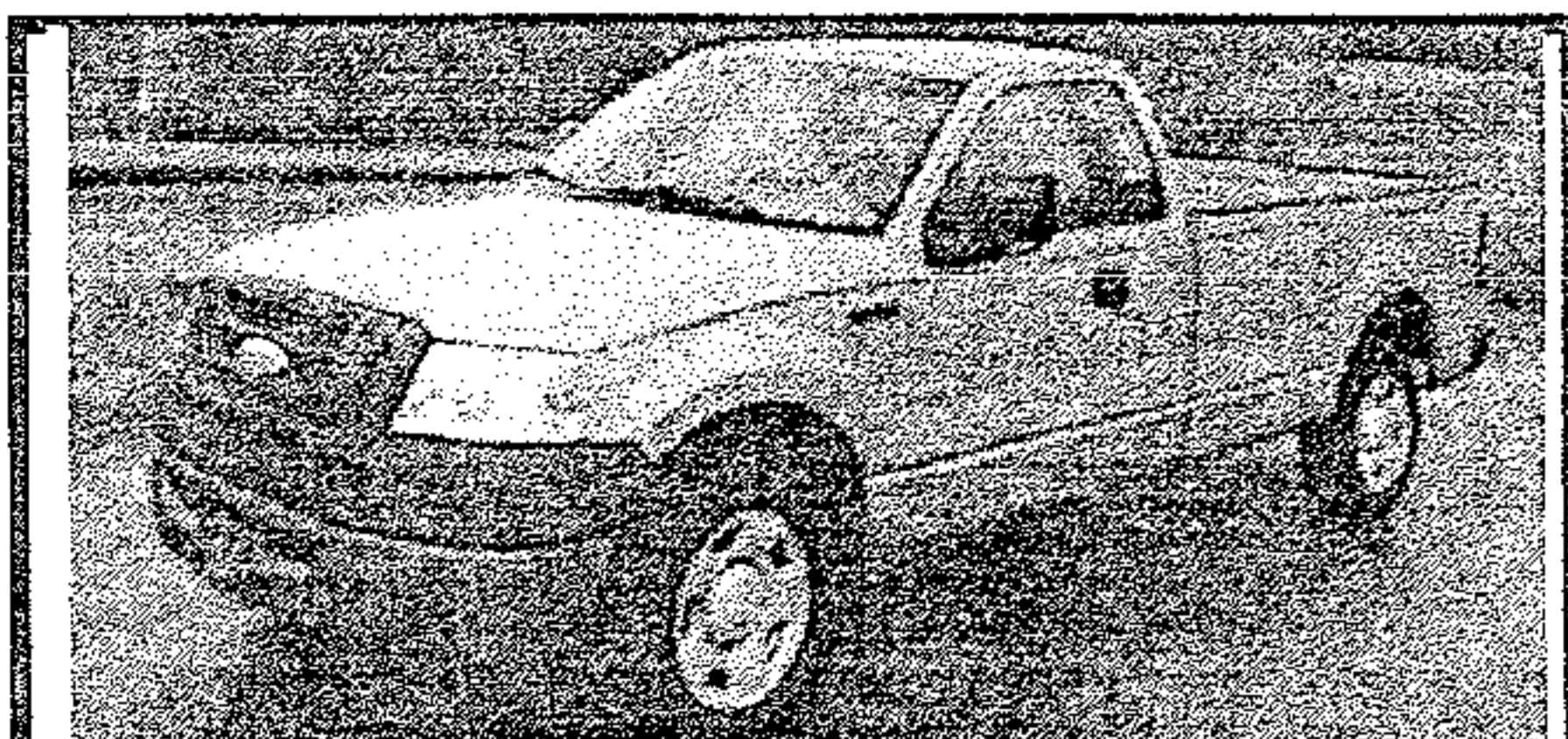
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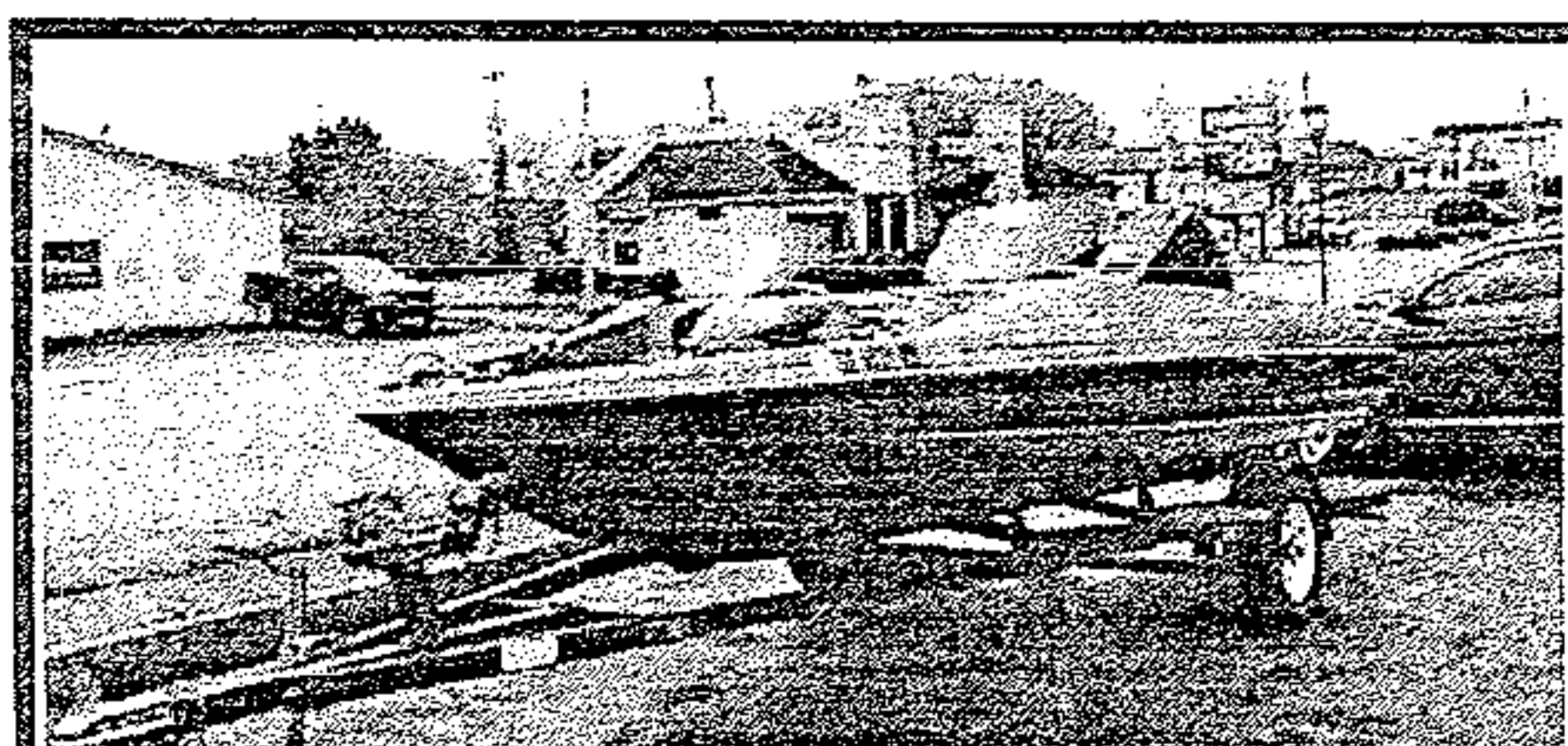
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Chase

Zachary Long, 26, Homeless Lenoir City, was charged with Evading Arrest, Reckless Endangerment, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, Poss. Of Drug Para., Reckless Driving, Simple Possession and DUI. Deputy Pesterfield LCSO, witnessed a vehicle traveling on Hwy 321 towards Walmart. Deputy wit-

nessed the vehicle had its bright light activated with in 500 ft. of multiple vehicle. The vehicle made a left turn into Walmart parking lot, was in the left turning lane but continued straight. Deputy activated his emergency equipment the vehicle then accelerated and began to flee. The vehicle stopped and the passenger open the door and jumped out and ran on foot. Deputy continued behind the vehicle

as it continued on the access road in front of Murphy Gas Station, the vehicle ran several stop signs. The vehicle made a circle back through the Walmart parking lot and went back towards Hwy 321 where the vehicle did not stop for any traffic signals, traveling to speeds over 90 mph. LCPD was set up on Hwy 321 where the vehicle went over the median into the left lane of traffic where LCPD Unit was at. The vehicle missed the LCPD unit and wrecked at the intersection of Town Creek Road. The driver exited the vehicle and began running on foot, into the parking lot of the Ankle Clinic. After a short search Zachary Long was taken into custody. Located inside the vehicle was 1.3 grams of a white rock substance believed to be cocaine, and 3 white pills believed to be alprazolam, smoking pipe and 3 digital scales. Zachary was taken to the hospital where he

was treated and released, and transported to the Loudon Jail.

DUI

Randy Miles, 47, Hotchkiss Valley Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Possession of a Handgun while Under the Influence, and Violation of Implied Consent. Sgt. Jerramie Bowen LCSO, responded to a reckless driver on Hotchkiss Valley Road near Cornett Road. The vehicle had ran off the road and busted a tire. Upon contact with the vehicle it was all over the roadway driving on the rim. Deputy made a traffic stop near Brezealle Road and made contact with the driver Randy Miles. Deputy could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. When ask where he was coming from and if he had been drinking, Miles stated that he had been to a Mexican restaurant and had a Margarita. Miles did poorly on sobriety test and placed under arrest.

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expected and unearned. Some years ago, I was undergoing treatment for a type of bone cancer. Each day of my treatment, I'd hear Vivian, in the midst of her own cancer struggles, singing from across the room. Most days, she'd sing happy popular jingles from the 60s and 70s. But in her own way, her calm resolve to remain joyful in her circumstances taught me much about singing God's praises, even when the chips are down.

Prayer: Generous God, you give us far more than we realize. Open our eyes and our hearts to see and receive your generous blessing, and move us to praise you with our lives as well as with our lips. Amen.

FBI

with me because it was just so senseless," said FBI Special Agent William Kurtz of the arson investigation he supported through the FBI's Bowling Green Resident Agency out of the Louisville Field Office.

According to case records, on June 24, 2011, Brandi Pritchard purchased a \$50,000 renter's insurance policy for the furniture and possessions within the rented Columbia, Kentucky, home she shared with Steve Pritchard. In the early morning hours of June 30, 2011, prosecutors charge that one or both of the Pritchards set fire to the home and then fled

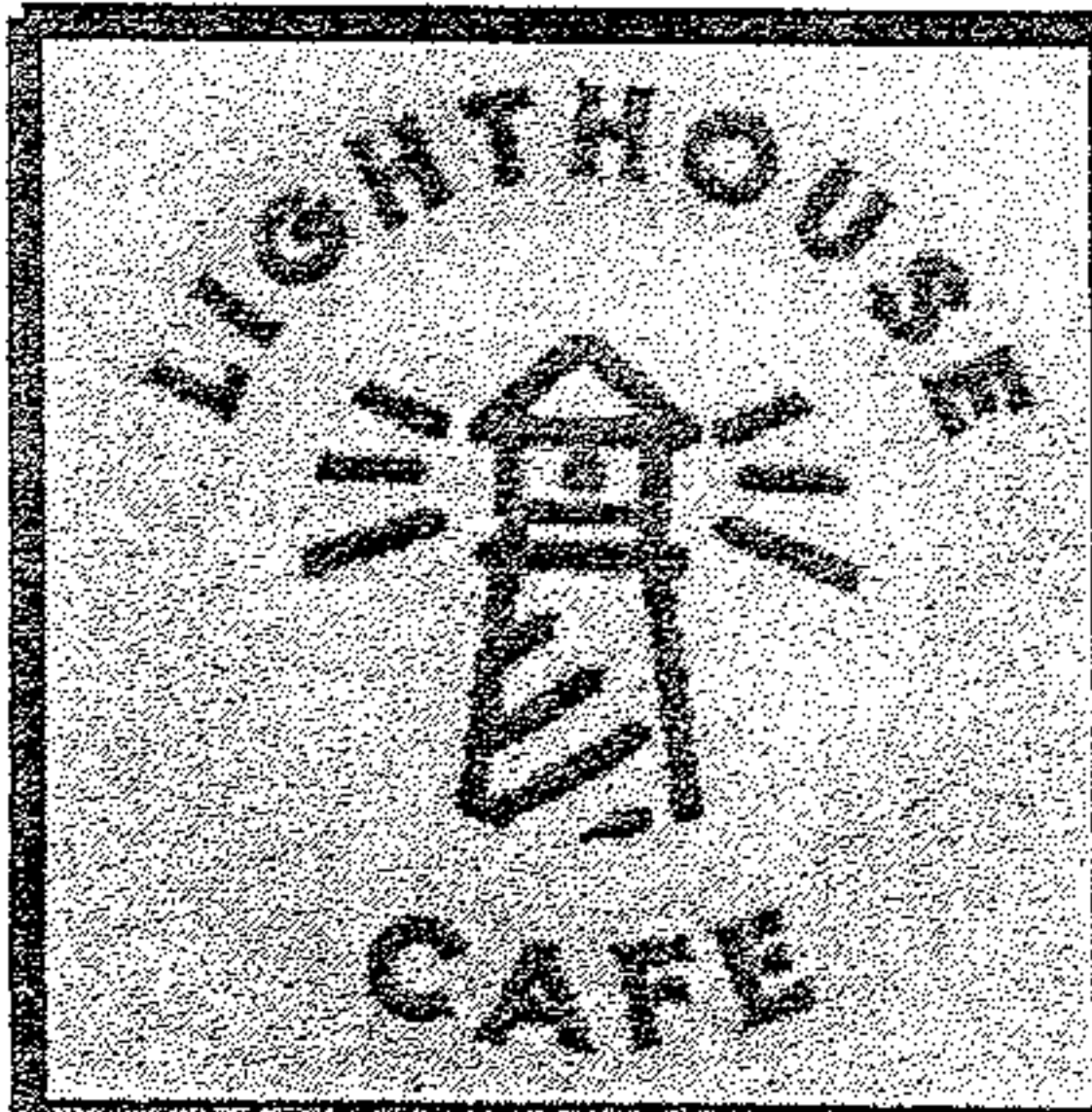
the scene. As firefighters arrived just past 3 a.m., the structure was engulfed in flames. First responders had just succeeded in bringing the fire under control when Columbia/Adair County Fire Department Assistant Chief Charles Sparks, 49, suffered a heart attack. When firefighters turned their focus to aiding their ill colleague, Kurtz reported, "the fire rekindled and burned the house to the ground." Sparks died eight days later at a Louisville hospital. Firefighter fatality investigators determined the physical exertion involved in responding to the fire may have triggered his heart attack.

The firefighter's death prompted an investigation of the fire, but "because the house burned to the ground, any forensic evidence that could have pointed to an arson was destroyed," said Kurtz. Immediately after the

fire, Brandi Pritchard made a claim against the renter's insurance policy. She admitted later that Steve Pritchard directed her to invent or inflate the value of items lost during the fire in order to receive the full \$50,000 in the policy. The Kentucky State Police opened an arson investigation after members of the community reported hearing Steve and Brandi Pritchard brag about setting the fire, but investigators had little to go on be-

yond hearsay. In their initial interviews with investigators, Steve Pritchard claimed he left the house around midnight on the night of the fire to drive to Louisville on a delivery for his employer. Brandi Pritchard said she had left for work hours before the fire started. Kurtz said the Kentucky State Police reached out to the FBI two and a half years after the fire in hopes that agents could provide a fresh set of eyes on the

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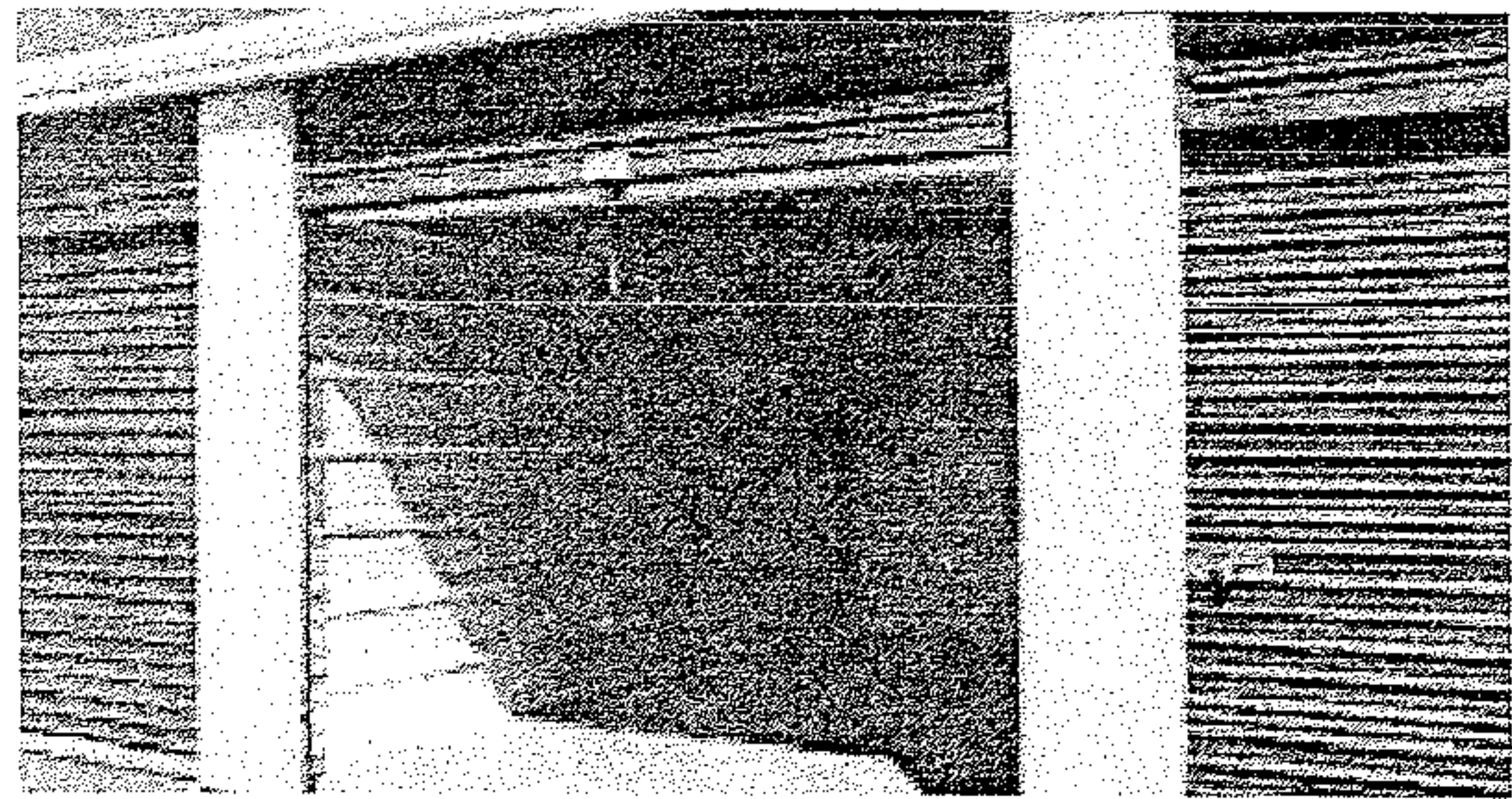
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case and maybe shake out new information. Kurtz, who was previously an intelligence analyst with the FBI's Counterterrorism Division, had recently completed the FBI Academy and become an agent. Bowling Green was his first office of assignment.

Something Kurtz learned in his FBI Academy training made the new agent consider whether he could prove or disprove the alibi Steve Pritchard had given as to his whereabouts on the morning of the fire.

"We were able to identify his cell phone at the time, and the carrier still had those cell phone records several years later," Kurtz explained. "Those records were key for the case. Pritchard was not in Louisville as he claimed he was."

The cellular records, which were acquired and analyzed by the FBI's Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST), supported Brandi Pritchard's later account that Steve

Pritchard drove her to work after setting fire to the home. She logged into her work computer system at 3:34 a.m., according to testimony. Further cell phone data analysis showed that Steve Pritchard then returned to the Columbia area after bringing Brandi to her workplace.

At trial, expert testimony from the CAST agent added key evidence to support statements by witnesses that they had heard the couple discussing setting the fire and claiming the insurance money. Prosecutors also introduced evidence that Steve Pritchard had been involved in several other insur-

ance-related arsons. Kurtz stressed that cooperation among agencies was invaluable in successfully prosecuting the case, but added that using the federal court was key to the long sentence Steve Pritchard received. The death of Assistant Chief Sparks during the fire added to the seriousness of the charges.

"While this 30-year sentence does not return a devoted public servant, friend, and family member to the Adair County community, it should give crystal clear notice

to those who would engage in arson for profit that the United States Attorney's Office will seek significant punishment for such conduct," said the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Russell M. Coleman, in a statement.

In reflecting on the case, Kurtz said that Steve Pritchard clearly thought about the insurance money and his plan to set the fire, but "he never once stopped to consider what could happen when the firefighters responded."

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