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Monday, May 27, 2019

Man charged with drugs after causing problems at convenience store with a passed out passenger in the car



Steven Hubbard

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LC woman charged with assault and vandalism after hitting victim with dog leash, and burning their clothes



Regina Helton

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Splash into Summer with Safe Swimming Tips

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer and the official opening day for many public pools. The Tennessee Department of Health is celebrating Healthy and Safe Swimming Week leading into the holiday with reminders about simple steps everyone can take to enjoy the fun of swimming and help keep our swimming areas safe

and healthy. "The best way to prevent illnesses associated with swimming is to keep germs out of our swimming areas," said TDH Medical Epidemiologist Mary-Margaret Fill, MD. "We can all help do that with simple precautions like not swimming when

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The Good News The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5
"And in the Spirit he carried me away." Wow! The magnificence of this vision amazes me. I see the river of the water of life with the tree of life on either side yielding fruit for every month. I see the leaves on the tree of

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Three Parents in College Admissions Case Plead Guilty

Three parents charged in the college admissions case pleaded guilty today in federal court in Boston. Gregory Abbott, 68, and Marcia Abbott, 59, of New York, N.Y., and Aspen, Colo., and Peter Jan Sartorio, 53, of Menlo Park, Calif., pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud

and honest services mail fraud. U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani scheduled the Abbotts' sentencing for Oct. 8, 2019, and Sartorio's sentencing for Oct. 11, 2019.

At today's hearing, Gregory and Marcia Abbott acknowledged paying Rick Singer \$125,000 to participate in the college entrance

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Verse of the Day

"... I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.
—Jeremiah 9:24

Wazzup

Hope everyone has a safe and happy Memorial Day!

Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of 95F.
Tonight: Clearing. Low of 70F

Tuesday: Sunny. High of 95F.

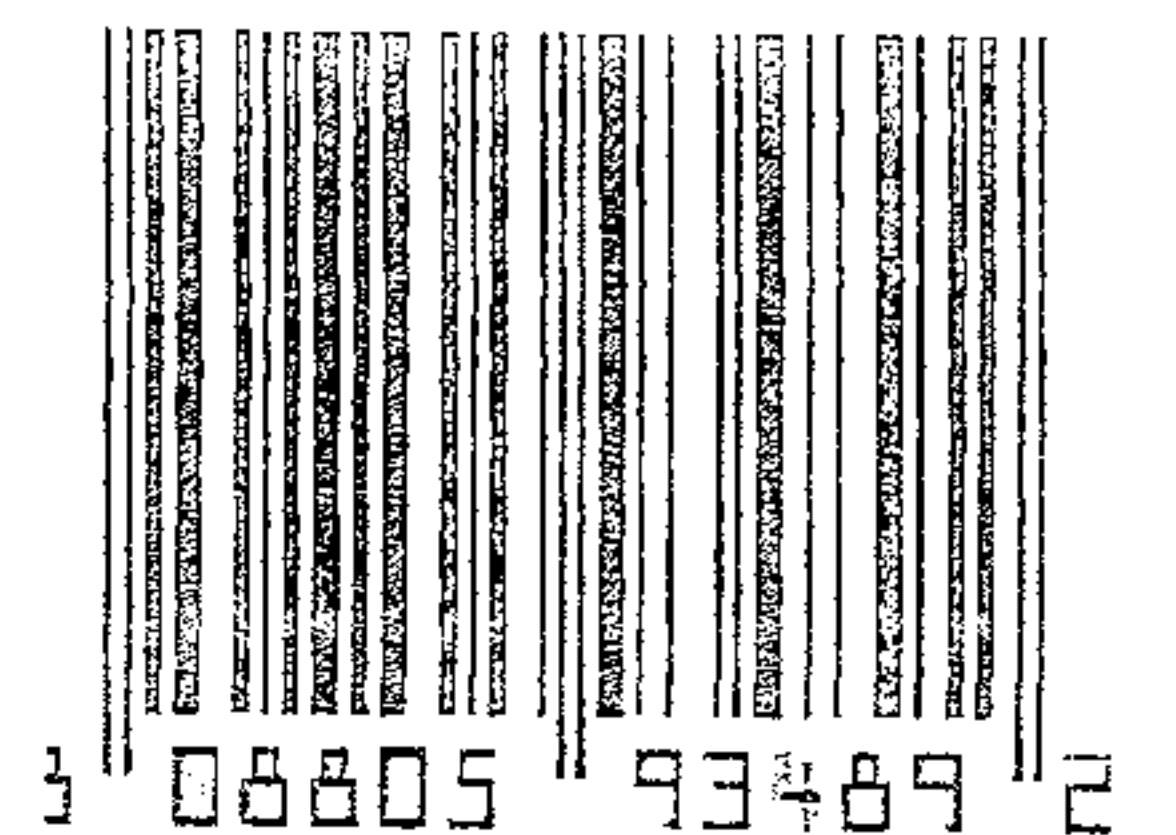
Tuesday night: Cloudy. Low of 71F.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/20
Sort carefully through your colorful bag of ideas today. By mea-

suring each thought according to a consistent set of realistic standards, an excellent sense of which is the keeper emerges. In the same inexplicable way

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Drugs

Steven Hubbard, 41, Meadowview Lane Bean Station, was charged with Simple Possession x 5, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, and Poss. Of Drug Para. Officer John Yates LPD, was flagged down at the Exxon on Hwy 72 about a male acting errat-

ic and causing problems in the store. Officer then made contact with the vehicle that was parked in a no parking spot. Officer stated the passenger in the vehicle appeared to be passed out. Officer stated he smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and ask the

passenger to exit the vehicle. The passenger was pated down and Officer located Methadone and Alprazolam in his pocket. Upon Officer searched the vehicle and located a baggy of Marijuana 5 grams

in the center console along with rolling papers, 4 baggies and a marijuana grinder. Also located in the vehicle was a prescription bottle to the driver

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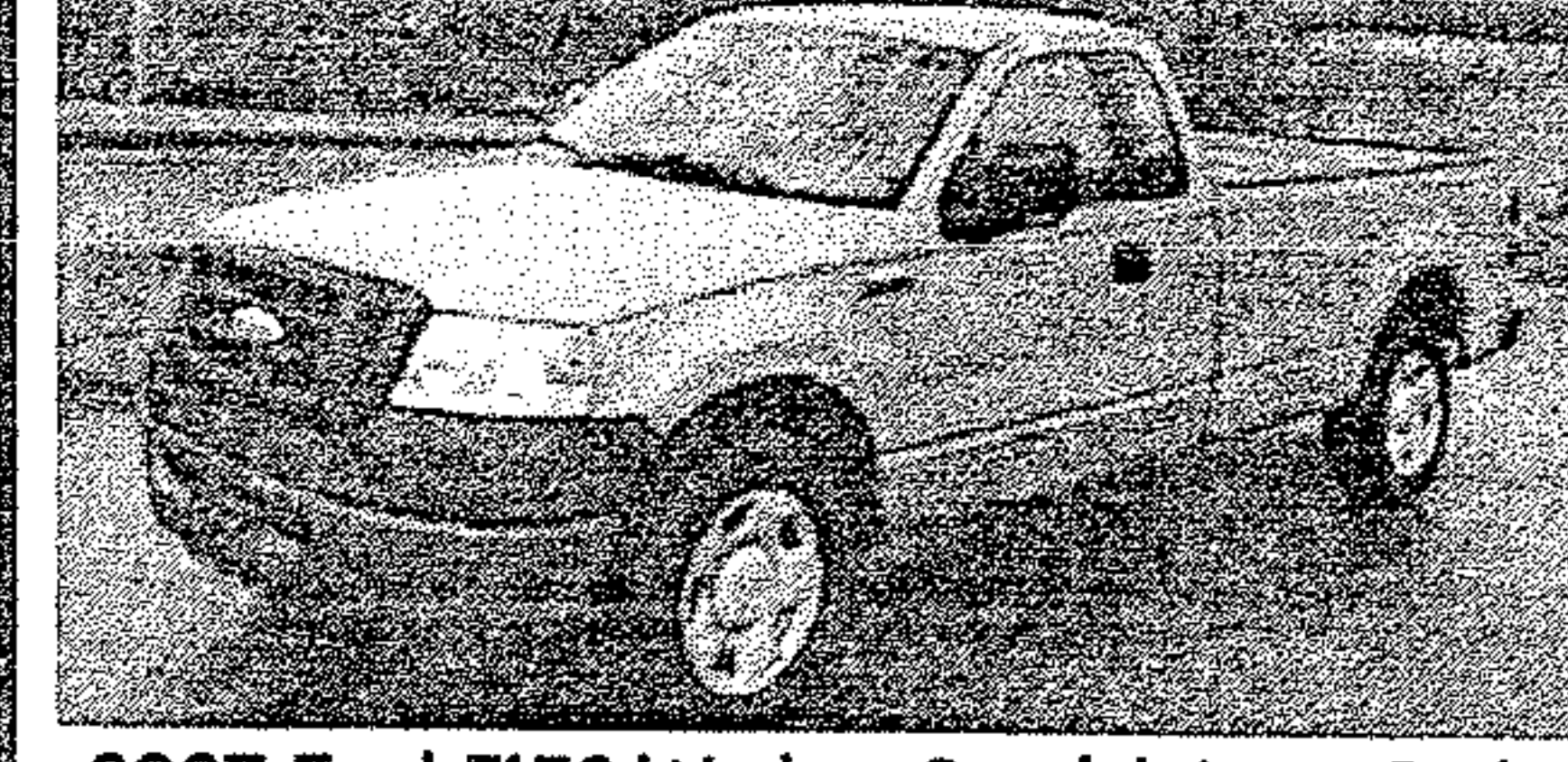
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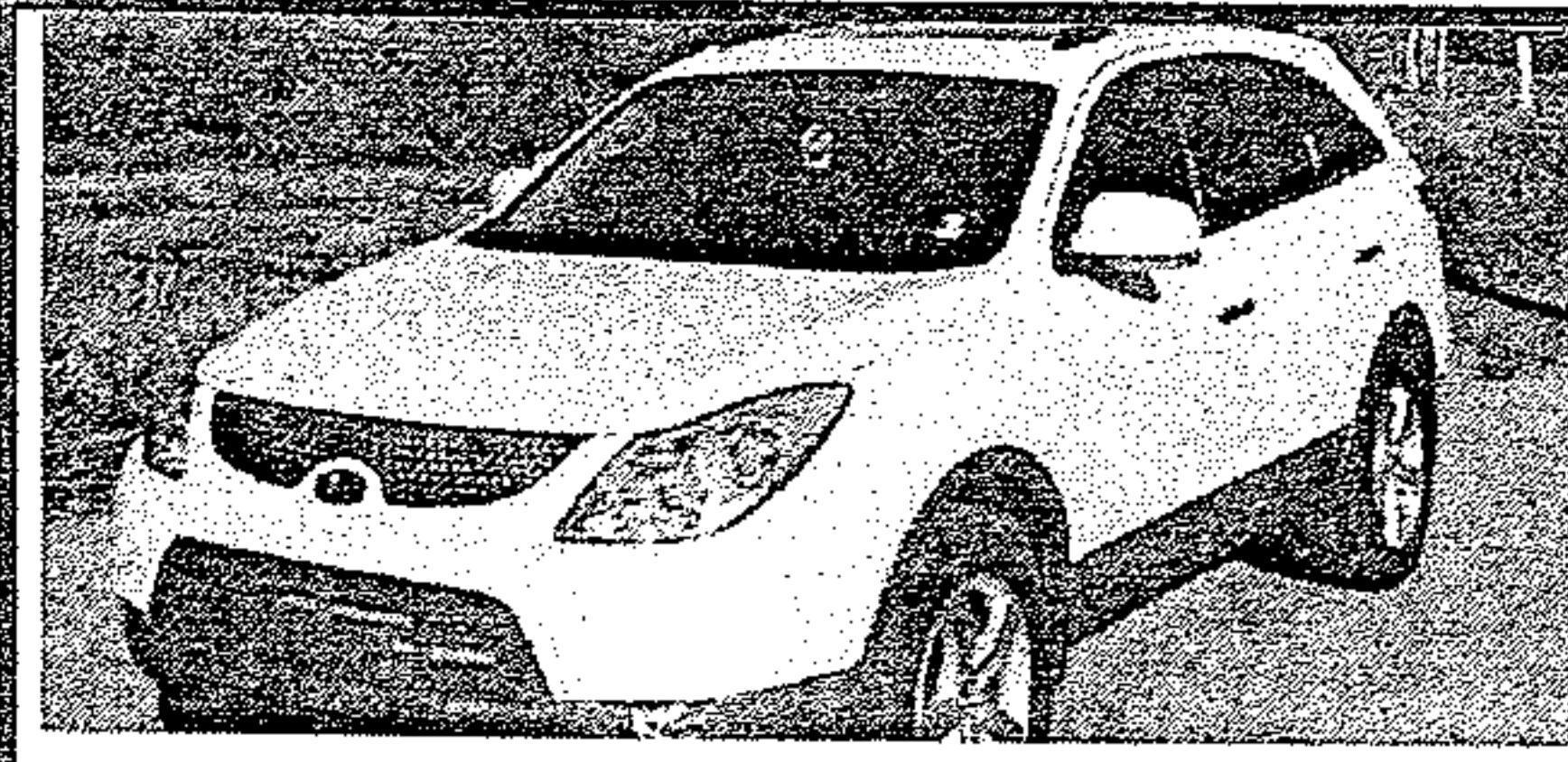
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Steven Hubbard for 30 mg Amphetamine. The bottle contained multiple amphetamine 30 mg along with 20 mg and Vyvanse capsules. Hubbard did not have a script for the 20mg and Vyvanse. One of Hubbard methadone bottle contained Clonazepam. Hubbard also had a plastic container that contained more 20mg amphetamine and Vyvanse. Officer

found more clonazepam 1 and 2 mg in the vehicle. The passenger was cited and Steven Hubbard was placed under arrest.

Charged

Regina Helton, 39, Abbott Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault, and Vandalism. Deputy Clay Jenkins and Cody Bengel LCSO, responded to Abbott Road for a physical domestic. Upon arrival

Deputy made contact with the victim who advised he and Regina Helton got into a verbal argument when Helton ask him to leave. Victim advised he was getting his things to leave and Helton threw a glass alcohol bottle at him and hit him in the back of the neck with a dog leash. Deputy did observe red marks on the back of victim neck it was swollen and had whelps. Victim advised that Helton took his backpack and threw it in the yard to set it on fire. Victim advised that him and his girlfriend had been living at Helton residence for a month. Deputy spoke with Helton who stated she did not hit victim but did argue with him. Due to observing marks on victim Regina Helton was placed under arrest.

Swim

sick, not swallowing swim water, showering before swimming and following directions for pool chemical use, which also helps prevent chemical injuries." **Prevent Chemical Injuries** This year's theme for Healthy and Safe Swimming Week is "Pool Chemistry for Healthy and Safe Swimming." Chemicals like chlorine added to pool water kill germs and stop them from spreading, which helps keep swimmers healthy. However, mishandling pool chemicals leads to an average of 4,000 emergency room visits in the U.S. every year. Operators of public and private pools, hot tubs, spas or water playgrounds can take these steps to help prevent pool chemical injuries:

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A pre-construction conference is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 1:30 PM at the Loudon County Office Building, Office of the Purchasing Agent, 100 River Road, Loudon, TN for the awarded contract PIN: 120807.00 State Project No. 53LPLM-F3-044 Intersection Street Lighting at the Intersection of SR 72 & SR 444 (Tellico Parkway).

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TGN

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.

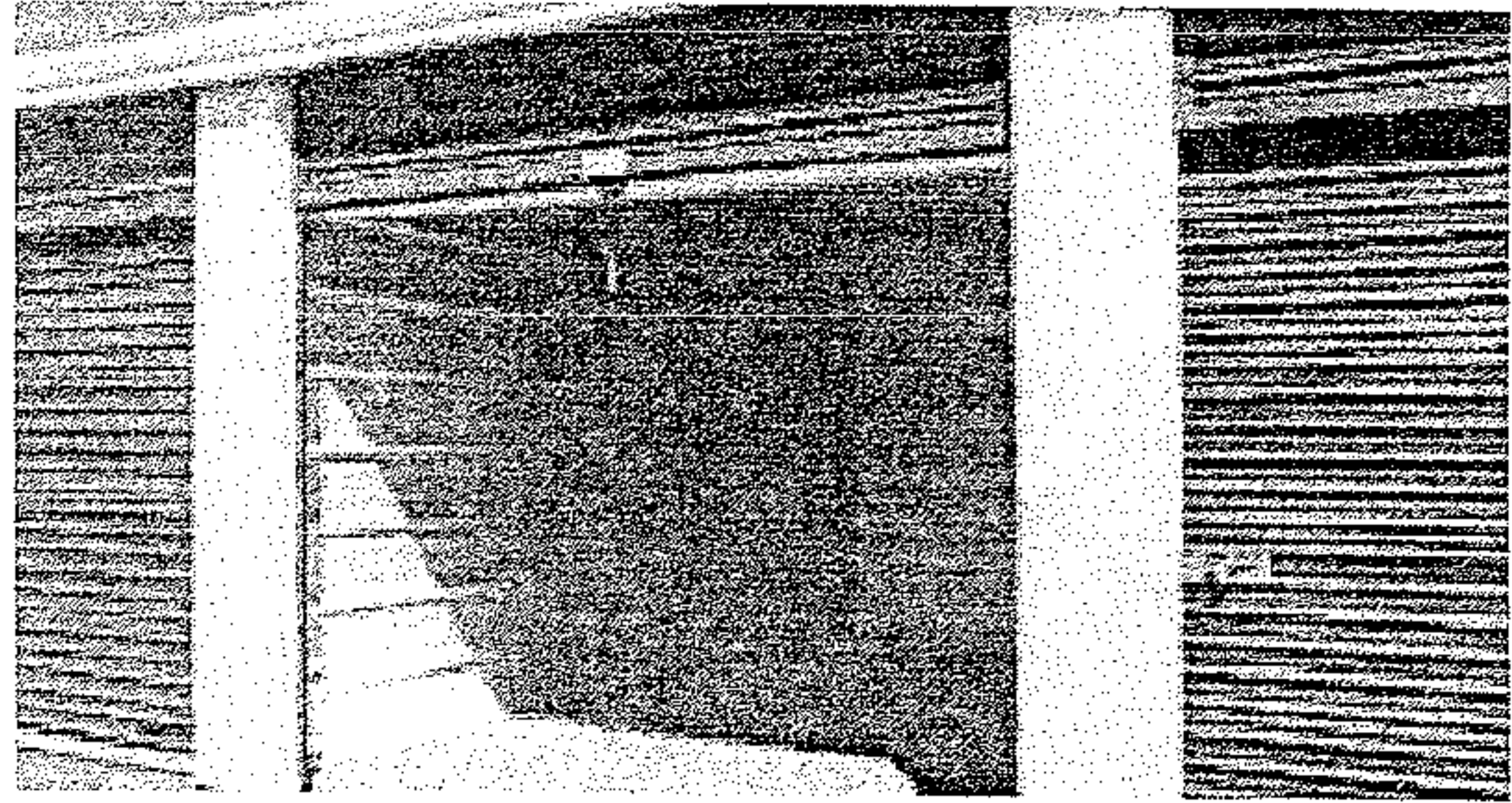
The firefighter's death prompted an investigation of the fire, but "because the house burned to the ground, any forensic evidence that could have pointed to an arson was destroyed," said Kurtz. Immediately after the

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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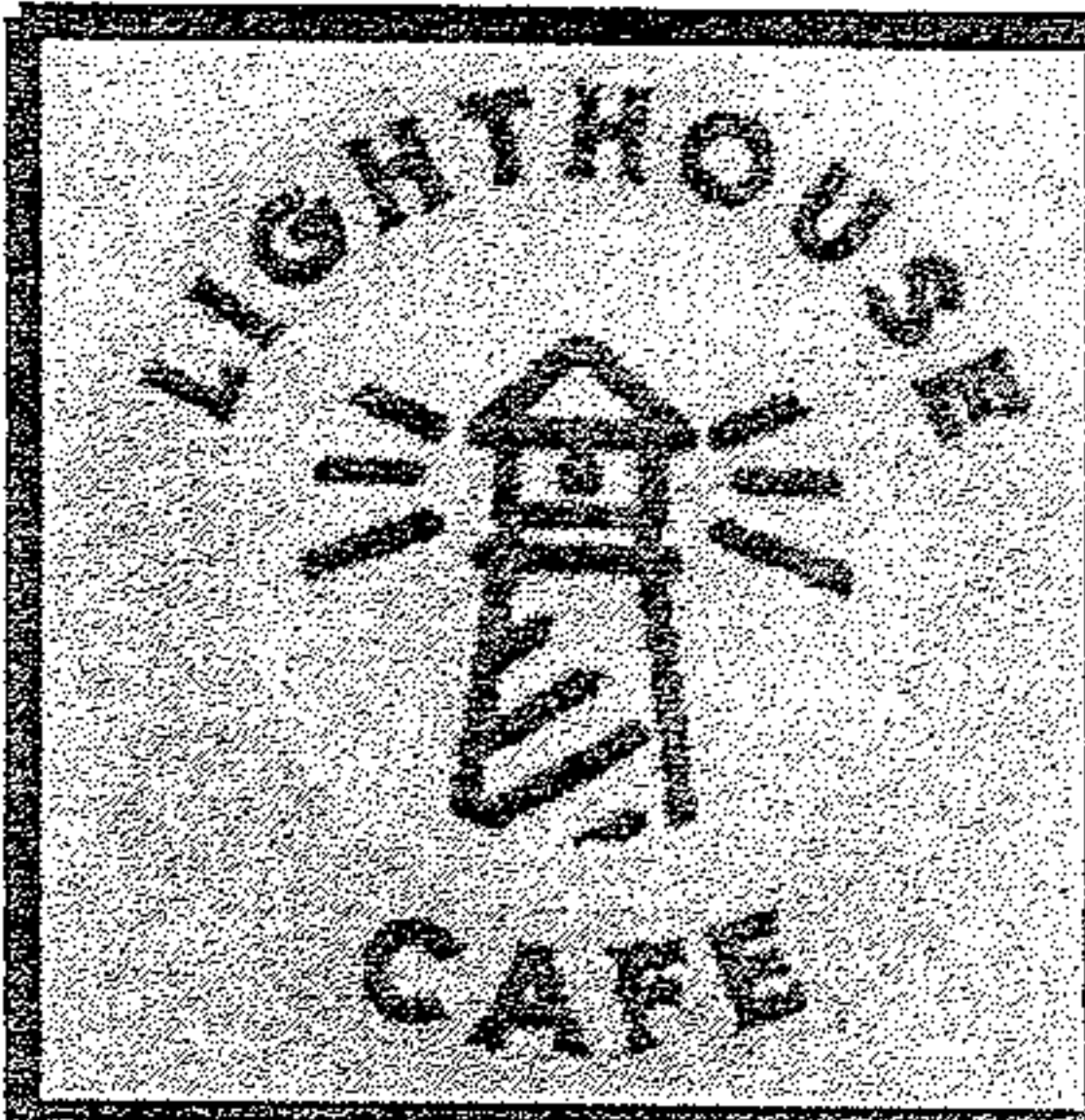


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 case and maybe shake out new information. Kurtz, who was previously an intelligence analyst with the FBI's Counterterrorism Division, had recently completed the FBI Academy and become an agent. Bowling Green was his first office of assignment.

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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God's image. Here and now all the nations--indeed all of us--need healing.
 Prayer: Glorious God, in your gracious care you desire the healing of the nations. Keep that vision before us and make us instruments of your healing grace in all our relationships. Amen.

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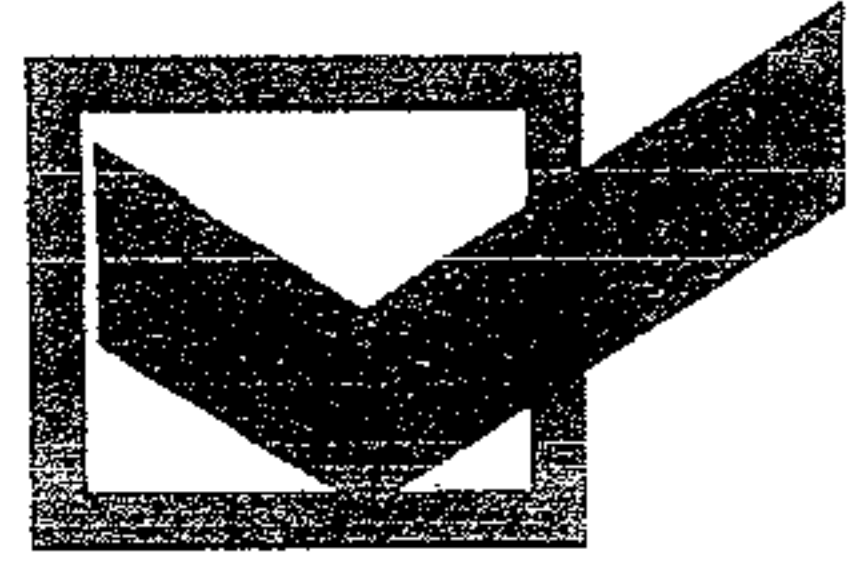
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