

Camera shows attack with fan blade



Regina Helton

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Roundup Charges Continued



Jennifer Helton



Jessica Gilpatrick
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Suspended driver charged with DUI after LCPD stop



Christy Howell

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Larry Steven Covington Jr. Sentenced to 15 years in prison for Assaulting a Federal Officer, Illegally Possessing a Firearm and Failure to Surrender

Larry Steven Covington Jr., 40, of Knoxville, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable Thomas W. Phillips, Senior U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 180 months in federal prison. Covington pleaded guilty on May 28, 2019, to an information
see Prison pg. 4

Stolen Secrets Saved

FBI Investigators Thwarted Transfer of Trade Secrets to China

Wenfeng Lu was seemingly living the American dream—a comfortable life in Irvine, California, with his family and a career in medical device research and development.

Yet Lu's secret goal was to use trade secrets stolen from his

employer to strike it rich in his native China. However, thanks to an FBI investigation, his plan was thwarted, and Lu is now serving a 27-month prison sentence.

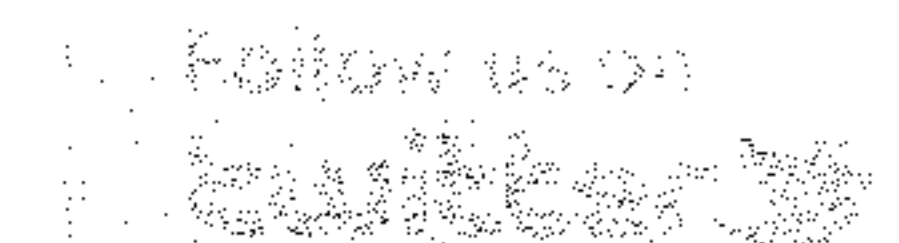
Lu worked for several different U.S. companies, all of which developed high-tech medical equipment, such as clot

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David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

— Psalm 78:72

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this week for a drive. Get out and see the country this summer! Even if it's not that far away.

Weather

Today: Thunderstorms. High of 78F.

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Tuesday: Overcast. High of 78F

Tuesday night: Clear. Low of 69F.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/20

Going above and beyond to heal a situation or help

someone doesn't always guarantee everyone's satisfaction. Perhaps a friend wants more from you than you're able to offer today. Or you're saddened that you didn't obtain the outcome

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Attack

Regina Helton, 39, Abbott Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Deputy A. Parton LCSO, responded to Abbott Road in reference to a breaking and entering. Deputy C. Gray arrived on scene first and detained the victim. Upon

Deputy Parton arrival he spoke with the victim who stated that he had stood up on the bed and hit his head on the ceiling fan. Deputy then went inside and observed that the ceiling fan had a layer of dust on all blades. Deputy Bengel and Cpl. Fagina went to the address across the street

to review camera footage. Deputy then spoke with Regina Helton she stated she called Loudon County Dispatch because victim was outside of her door saying that he was calling the cops and telling them

that she was going to commit suicide. While on the phone with dispatch Helton stated that victim had kicked in her door. Deputy ask Helton how victim got the cut on his eye she See Attack ctd to pg. 3

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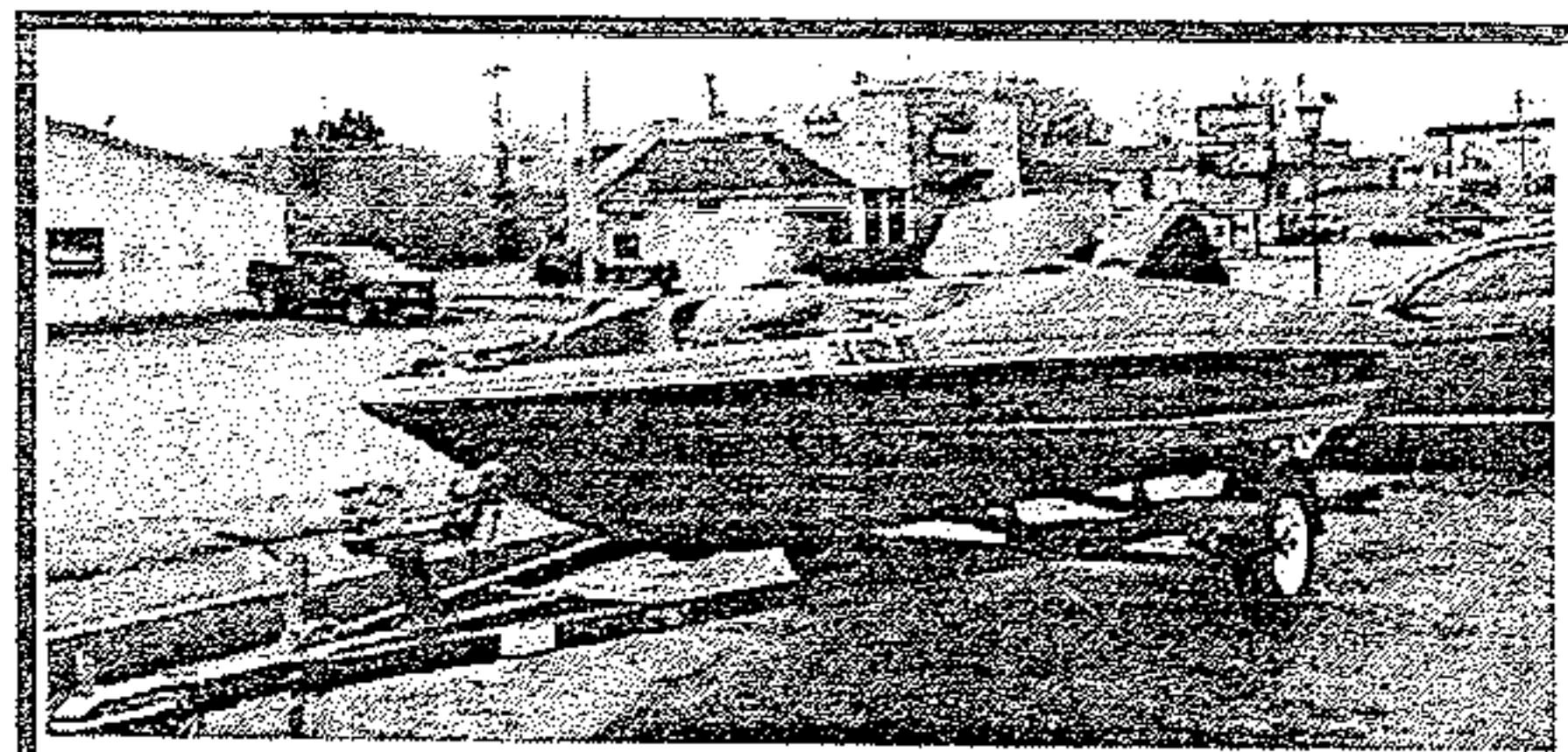
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DUI

Cristy Howell, 48, Turkey Valley Way Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Violation of Implied Consent, and Financial Responsibility. Officer Andrew Lee LCPD, was assisting Officer R. Miller on a call at City Park Drive. When following Officer Miller he advised Officer Lee

that a a BMW was in his lane of travel and coming at his vehicle head on. Officer Lee observed the vehicle and turned around and conducted a traffic stop. When asking the driver Cristy Howell for her driver license, registration and proof of insurance she appeared to look around the vehicle confused and could only locate the registration. Officer ask Howell to exit the

vehicle and observed her to have bloodshot watery eyes, an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from her person, and unsteady on her feet. Officer ask Howell to perform sobriety test, which she did poorly on. Howell had expired insurance. Dispatch advised her license were suspended. Cristy Howell was placed under arrest.

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stated where he kicked the door in. Deputy ask Helton why there was a fan blade laying on the porch she stated she didn't know. Deputy then went across the street and watched the camera footage.

Deputy observed victim standing at the door not moving and Helton come out the door with a fan blade hitting victim several times. Victim did appear to push Helton away while she was hitting him. Regina Helton was placed under arrest.

Domestic charge

Eric Tipton, 30, Nichols Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault x2, Violation of Probation, and Violation of Order of Protection x2. Cpl. Chad Estes LCSO, was dispatched to Nichols Road on an unwanted guest. Upon arrival Deputy spoke with the complainants/victims. Both stated that they have an Order of Protection on Eric Tipton. Both victims stated Eric had showed up at the residence they both ask him to leave, Eric became belligerent and aggressive toward both victims. Eric was throwing things in the residence putting both victims in fear. Eric also has an active warrant for VOP. Eric had ran in the woods prior to Deputy arrival. Deputy did locate Eric in the woods and placed him under arrest.



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 Loudon County Budget Committee will meet at the County Office Building as follows:
 Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 2:00 PM
 Monday, June 17, 2019, 4:00 PM
 Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 10:00 AM

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Prison

charging him with assault upon a federal officer, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and failure to surrender for service of sentence. According to the plea agreement on file with U.S. District Court, in April 2018, Covington was sentenced in U.S. District Court to serve 46 months in federal prison. He was released on bond pending designation by the federal Bureau of Prison (BOP). A few days after his sentencing hearing, he received a letter from BOP instructing him to report to FCI Berkley in West Virginia on May 2, 2018. Covington signed the letter at the U.S. Marshals Service acknowledging his report date. However, on May 2, 2018, Covington failed to report to FCI Berkley and a warrant was issued for his arrest. On July 2, 2018, Covington and his girlfriend, Pennie Smith, drove to the U.S. Post Office on Weisgarber Road in Knoxville to pick up a package. Smith had been harboring Covington since he failed to report to BOP custody. Deputy U.S. Marshals had previously received a tip that Covington would be at the post office and were surveilling the parking. Smith went into the

post office to retrieve the package while Covington waited in the vehicle. Deputy U.S. Marshals surrounded the vehicle, identified themselves as law enforcement, and ordered Covington out of the car. Instead of exiting, Covington drove forward onto the sidewalk in an attempt to get away. A Deputy U.S. Marshal blocking the sidewalk was forced to jump out of the direct line of the vehicle to avoid being struck. Covington fled in the vehicle and drove at speeds close to 100 mph until he reached his mother's neighborhood and fled to a friend's house who allowed him to hide in his crawl space. Covington was ultimately located in the crawl space by law enforcement and taken into custody. A search of his vehicle turned up three guns and ammunition.

This investigation was conducted by the U.S. Marshal Service and FBI. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Kolman represented the United States in court proceedings.

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Secret

retrieval tools and balloon-guide catheters. In each job, Lu signed a non-disclosure agreement for his research and development work. Despite signing the confidentiality agreement, Lu routinely did "data dumps" from his various medical research employers for about three years until his arrest in 2012. Lu transferred all of the data he could get his hands on to a personal laptop. Many of the hundreds of documents Lu stole had nothing to do with his own research; he took as much information as he could access, including proprietary information.

"He had access to so many files, not just for his own projects, and he downloaded files for a variety of different projects and took them home and to China," said Special Agent Gina Kwon, who investigated this case out of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office.

One of Lu's former employers noticed the unusual activity on their systems and reported

the results of their internal investigation to the FBI. Investigators quickly proceeded to build their case and arrested Lu, just before he boarded a plane to China with the files.

"These cases are important for the economic prosperity of our country."

Gina Kwon, special agent, FBI Los Angeles

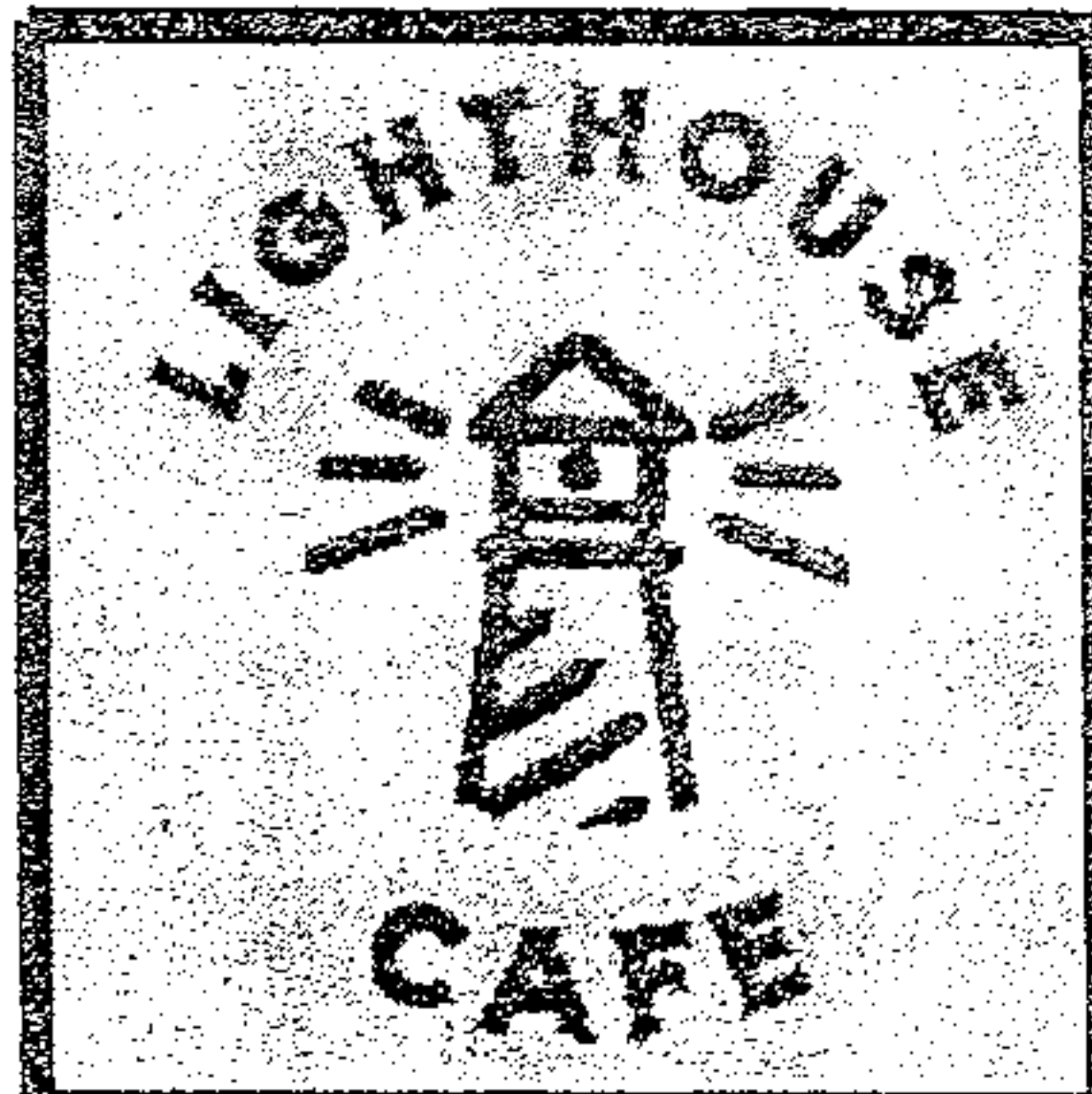
The investigative team learned that Lu had planned to create and run his own medical device manufacturing company in China using the stolen technology and Chinese government funding. He had even applied for Chinese patents using technology stolen from the American compa-

nies. (China's government creates policies that disadvantage American businesses, and hacking against American companies and interests is a common tactic.)

"Lu wanted his own business, and he thought there was a great market in China for this technology," Kwon said.

Kwon said the American company's quick response to the unusual activity on their systems was key to the successful investigation. That's why the FBI works closely with private sector companies to build relationships and promote information sharing. Kwon

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encouraged the victim companies in this case—and all companies who have trade secrets—to compartmentalize access to files so each employee only has access to what is needed for his or her job. “These cases are important for the economic prosperity of our country,” Kwon said. “China and others are doing what they can to cut corners by stealing technology from American companies. It’s detrimental to U.S. companies because they’ve spent years and money to develop the technology, and it undercuts their ability to sell it competitively.”

Roundup

Jennifer Helton, 34, Church Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias, and Mfg/Del/Sale or



Laurie Fitzgerald

Poss. Of Meth. Jessica Gilpatrick, 35, Homeless, was charged with a Criminal Court Cpias.

Laurie Fitzgerald, 33, Flora Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Matthew Spurling, 24, Breazeale Road Lenoir City,

was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

William Roberts, 38, White Wing Road Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias x2, and Man/Sell/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth.

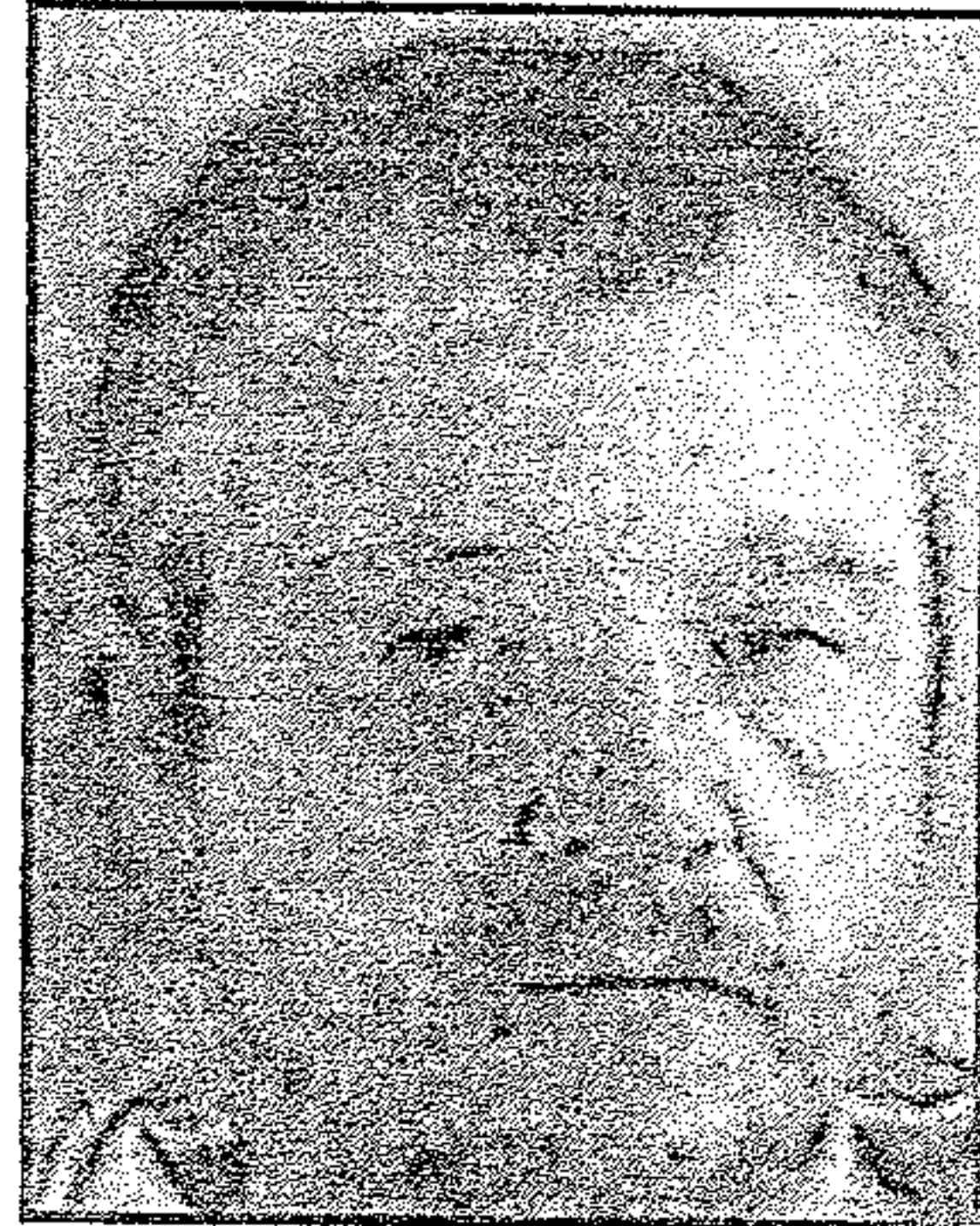
Amanda Porstner/Stinnett, 37, Breazeale Road Lenoir City, was



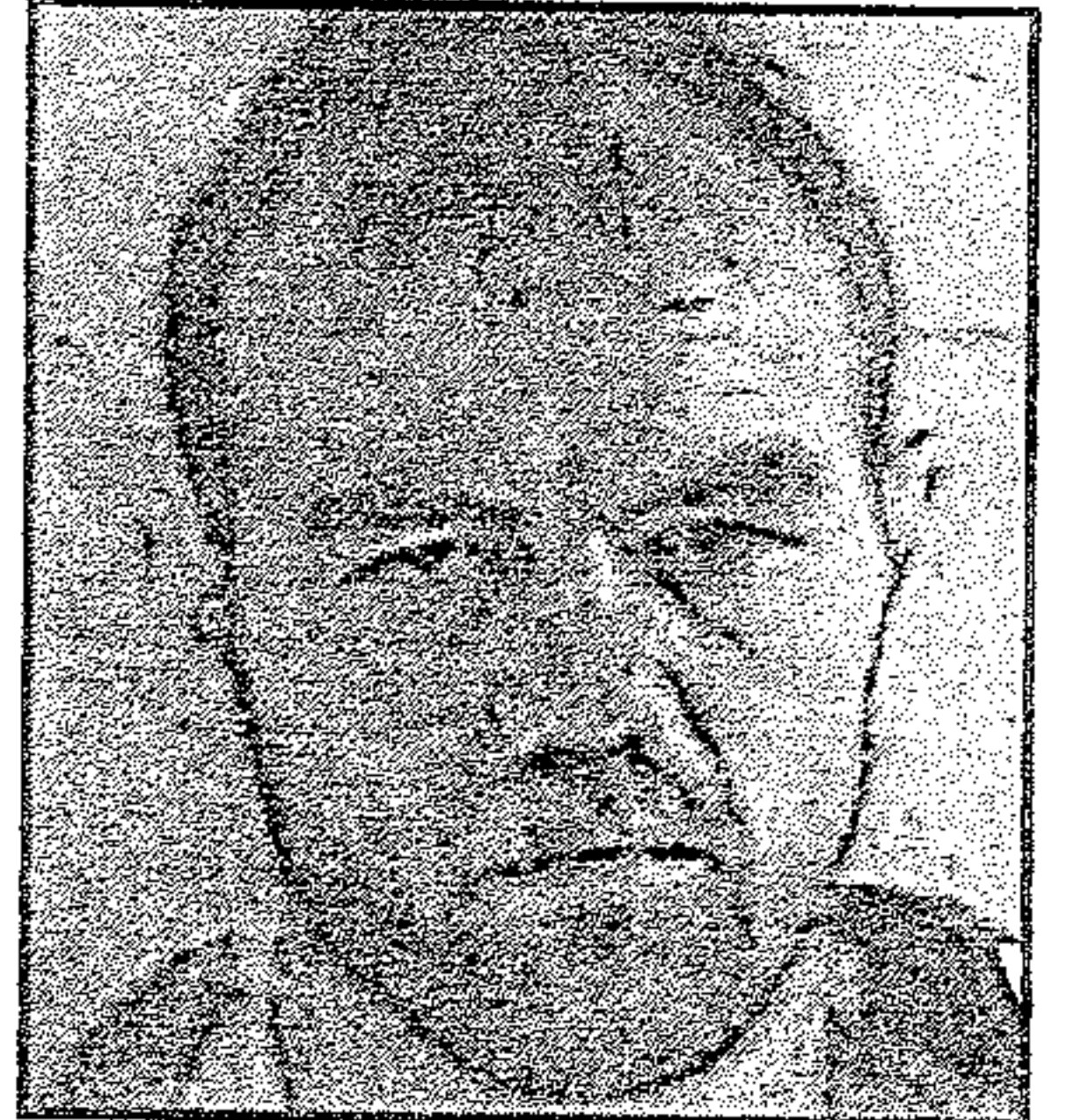
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William Roberts



James Newell

charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Shane Price, 29, Homeless Greenback, was charged with Criminal Court

Capias. James Newell, 33, Beals Chapel Road Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias, and Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth.

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