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Friday-Monday, July 5-8, 2019

Domestic assault charges after he was refused alcohol



Adam Winters

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Man charged for driving on revoked license with drugs in his pocket



Christopher Johnson

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Workers' Compensation Fraud Fraudsters Took Advantage of Injured Workers

Injured workers in California thought they were calling a hotline to help them navigate the workers' compensation system. What they got instead was more pain. Rather than getting the help they needed, callers were set up with a group of corrupt doctors, attorneys, and patient brokers who lined their own pockets at the expense of injured workers. Injured workers in California thought they were calling a hotline to help them navigate the workers' compensation system. What they got instead was more pain. Rather than getting the help they needed, callers were set up with a group of corrupt doctors, attorneys, and patient brokers who lined their own pockets at the expense of injured workers. They also subjected

For years, dozens of marketers, doctors,

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Football Coach Indicted For Theft

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Cortney Braswell, the former head football coach at Central High School in Chattanooga. Braswell is currently a quality control assistant for the University of Louisville football

team. Comptroller investigators determined that Braswell pocketed at least \$2,480 in payments he received from two semi-pro football teams that had paid to use the high school's football field for their home games. The money should have been turned over

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A Fourth of July message from Attorney J. Douglas Overbey

This Thursday brings with it our annual reminder of the inception of our great nation. It began with a statement of unity, a gathering of citizens banding together to put a deeply American sentiment to paper. It was a declaration that our country, belonging to no one

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Verse of the Day

I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know

that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I show myself holy through you before their eyes.

Wazzup

This will be a double edition due to Holiday!! Hap-

py Independence Day!!

Weather

Today: Storms. High of 89F.

Tonight: Thunderstorms. Low of 71F

Saturday: Storms. High of 87F

Saturday night: Rain. Low

of 71F.

Sunday: Storms. High of 86F

Sunday night: Rain. Low of 71F.

Monday: Storms. High of 89F

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Assault

Adam Winters, 45, Crescent Drive Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy Scarborough LCSO, and Sgt. Hutchens was dispatched to a domestic disturbance at Crescent Drive. Dispatch advised that Adam Winters had come home

drunk. Dispatch advised that Winters had hit the victim vehicle and pushed her into the support wall of the garage. Winters then went into the residence and started cursing and telling the victim he was going to kill her. Victim advised she was able to grab a kitchen knife

and told Winters to back off and victim retreated to the bedroom and locked the door and called 911. Winters was found to be highly intoxicated. Victim also stated Winters was irate because he went

to buy beer and the store refused to sell him any. Victim stated Winters was telling her it was her fault. Adam Winters was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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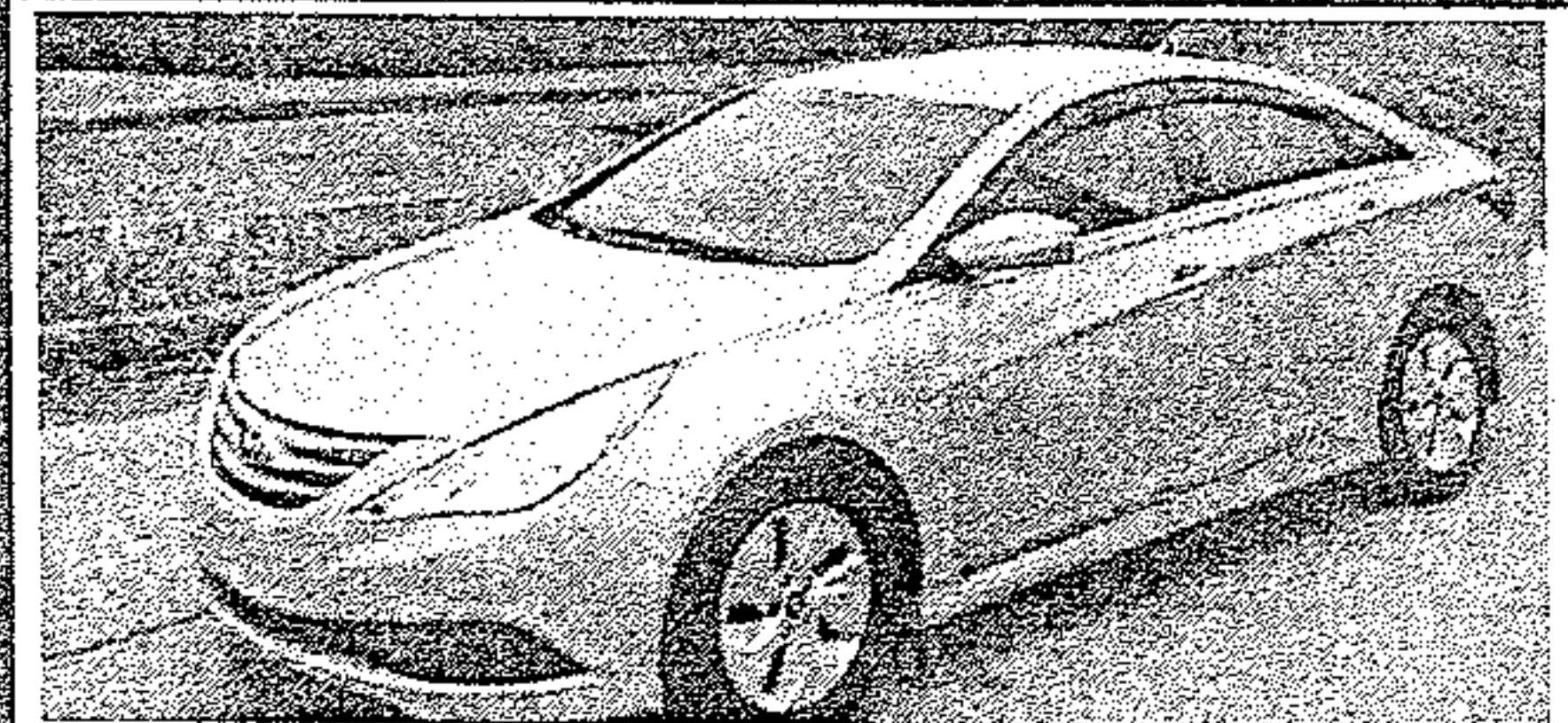
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Fraud

patients to unnecessary, and sometimes painful, medical procedures and corrupted the doctor-patient relationship.

Yet thanks to an investigation by the FBI, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, and the California Department of Insurance, many of the fraudsters have been convicted and sentenced.

The network preyed predominantly on seasonal, migrant workers who travel back and forth between Cal-

ifornia and Mexico. Their work in heavy labor industries, such as agriculture, can sometimes result in injuries.

Fermin Iglesias and Carlos Arguello set up various patient recruiting and scheduling companies in Central America and Mexico to direct patients to medical service providers. Arguello operated several patient recruitment entities, including one called Centro Legal. Through billboards, flyers, advertisements, and business cards, Centro Legal recruit-

ed workers to seek workers' compensation benefits. When an injured worker called the number on the billboard or card, a scheduling company took over to maximize the profits from that individual worker.

"The corrupt attorneys and doctors had the same goal—to bill as much as possible," said Special Agent Jeffrey Horner, who investigated the case out of the FBI's San Diego Field Office. "The attorneys wanted to get the largest possible settlement by any means necessary, which was traditionally based on total medical billing. The doctors wanted to make as much money as possible, without regard for the well-being of their patients."

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Jeffrey Horner, special agent, FBI San Diego

Once the worker was di-

rected to a corrupt doctor, that "gatekeeper" physician repeatedly referred that patient for tests and medical equipment, even if it was not medically necessary. For example, a patient with a simple knee injury might be referred for urine tests, DNA tests, sleep studies, unnecessary medical equipment, and numerous MRIs on body parts in addition to the injured knee. This happened with hundreds of patients.

In infiltrating the group, the investigative team learned this criminal operation operated like many others—with secrecy and money flowing in all directions.

Iglesias and Arguello required corrupt doctors to prescribe a certain minimum quota of medical goods and services, on average, for each patient. To conceal the quota, Iglesias and Arguello re-

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Public Notice

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019, in the boardroom at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex, 101 Mulberry St., Loudon, TN, to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone approximately 20.18 acres, Parcel 004.00, Tax Map 078, 10616 East Coast Tellico Parkway, in the 3rd Legislative District, from R-1, Suburban Residential District to R-1, Suburban Residential District with Planned Unit Development (PUD) overlay, 2.5 units per acre.

Public Notice

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the City of Philadelphia will meet in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Philadelphia

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quired the doctors to enter into sham "marketing agreements." If the doctor failed to live up to the quota, Iglesias and Arguello would cut off the flow of new patients to the doctor. Attorneys made money from their patients' settlements, and they, too, paid kickbacks to patient brokers for new clients. Medical providers billed insurance and workers' compensation at exorbitant rates—one provider billed nearly \$6,000 for a single hot/cold pack for pain.

Participants met surreptitiously, often in parking lots, to exchange hidden cash—not the way aboveboard medical professionals and attorneys typically do business.

"A doctor was given cash stuffed in a children's magazine," Horner said. "An attorney received an envelope of cash for a spine surgery referral in a coffee house. Another doctor received a wad of cash concealed in a baby shower bag during a meeting in a

restaurant parking lot. These trusted professionals were operating like street criminals." To date, 32 people and companies in the scheme have pleaded guilty and five have been convicted by a jury, receiving prison sentences as high as 10 years. In February, Iglesias was sentenced to five years in prison, and in April, Arguello was sentenced to four years. To date, more than \$1.2 billion in suspect billings have been frozen.

As a result of this case and similar ones, California passed a state law that went into effect in 2017 that requires the state's workers' compensation system to suspend bills submitted by medical providers who are charged with fraud or abuse.

"The victims in this case were the injured workers who were denied honest services from their doctor. The judgement of these corrupt doctors, and the medical care they provided, was compromised by the kickbacks or prospect of kickbacks," Horner said.

Coach

to the school. The investigation revealed that Braswell was paid a total of at least \$1,480 by a women's semi-pro team in 2016 and 2017. He was paid \$1,000 by a men's semi-pro team in 2017. Hamilton County Department of Education policy requires groups seeking to use school facilities to complete a use form and have it approved by the principal and the Office of Risk Management. The form also requires applicants to submit proof of general liability insurance. Neither team submitted this information to the high school in 2017; instead, they stated there was a verbal agreement with Braswell regarding the use of the football field and rental payments. This created a liability risk for Central High School and Hamilton County Schools. Investigators made numerous attempts to meet with Braswell. The coach initially

spoke with investigators by telephone; however, the coach stopped returning investigators' calls.

In May 2019, Cortney Braswell was indicted by the Hamilton County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$1,000.

4th

but its own citizens, would not quell before the threat of tyr-

anny and of foreign powers. On the fourth of July, we, a nation undivided, were willing to stand together in pursuit of our own freedom and the freedom of generations to come. The signing of the Declaration of Independence was not the first step towards freedom, nor was it the last, but it serves even today as a resounding moment that the United States of

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America can still look towards for strength and guidance and remember the ideal of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It was a brief moment in history with an impact that can be felt even today, and together, as a nation, we celebrate the Declaration of Independence as a milestone, a reminder that the United States is not a country that can be divided. On this Fourth of July, we as a nation celebrate that unity, that independence from those who would tear us apart. We are America, land of the free and home of the brave. In the words of former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Oliver Wendell

Holmes, Jr: "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation forever, more."

Meth

Christopher Johnson, 39, C Street Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Simple Possession, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License. Agent C Fritts, observed Christopher Johnson traveling in a black vehicle on Broadway near A Street. Johnson was not wearing a seatbelt, and Agent had prior knowledge that Johnson license were revoked. Agent observed Johnson park and enter a business. Johnson then returned to the vehicle and drove away on A street before being traffic stopped by Officer Arden LCPD. While speaking with Johnson Agent ob-

served Johnson to have restricted pupils. Agent read Johnson his Miranda Rights and Johnson stated he understood. Agent ask Johnson if he had anything illegal in the vehicle or on his person, Johnson started crying. Johnson stated he had some meth in his front pocket. Johnson gave Agent permission to search his person located were 3 bags of meth weighing approx.. 45 grams and 2 bags containing approx.. 2 grams of marijuana. Found in the vehicle were digital scales. Christopher Johnson was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

The Good News
 Scripture: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
 Jesus sent seventy disciples on an urgent mission. Their timeliness was so imperative that they didn't get to pack a bag or even stop

to chat with fellow travelers on the road. They were to quickly reach new populations, teach them about the Kingdom of God, minister to their needs and return to Jesus. Do we sense the same evangelistic urgency? Certainly we live in frantic times. We often struggle to balance the needs of our families, home, and work as they all place urgent demands upon us. While all of our God-given tasks are holy, how often do we remember those who have yet to meet Jesus? When was the last time spreading the good news of Jesus Christ commanded our best attention and energy? Maybe today we can make sharing Jesus our #1 priority – at the top of our list – and become a blessing

to somebody we have yet to meet. Jesus, we know you send us out every day to bless the world in your name. Today put us into the path of somebody who needs to meet you and give us the inspiration to share the good news of your love. Amen.

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