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Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Two in custody on Kidnapping and Abuse charges of child after body found

Two Subjects were taken into Custody in a Child Abuse on Neglect Case (more charges likely in near future) and now have been charged with aggravated kidnapping and child abuse after arraignment.

Kingston, TN - (May 25, 2020) The 9th District Attorney General's Office announces that two suspects are in custody

as part of an ongoing investigation involving Michael Anthony Gray, Sr. (63 YOM) and Shirley Gray (60 YOF) of 1275 Dry Fork Valley Road, Ten Mile (Roane County), Tennessee. The investigation is being conducted by the Roane County Sheriff's Office and the 9th District Child Crimes Unit with the coopera-

tion of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and other law enforcement agencies. The 9th District Attorney General's Office emphasizes that, even though arrests of the two named individuals have been made, there is still more to be done. District Attorney General Russell Johnson stated that he does anticipate further charges and see Kidnapping pg. 2

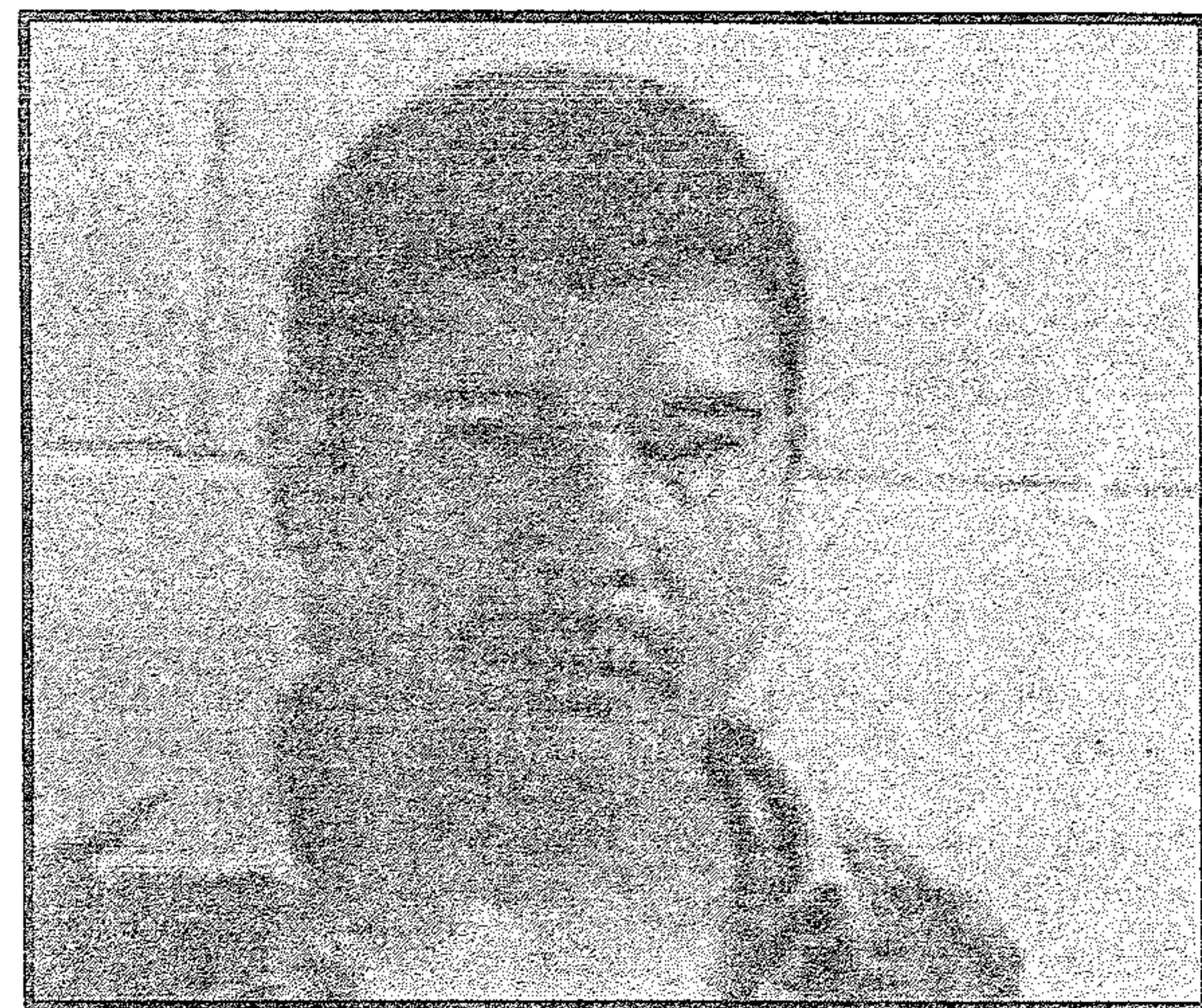
Child Abuse Charges Follow after Wandering Child Found



Clare Ferguson

see Abuse pg. 3

Very bad situation thwarted by Deputies Rogers and Gray in LC



Serafin Herrera

see LCSO pg. 3

DA and community sad about fishing death at dam over holiday weekend

District Attorney General Russell Johnson stated "Unfortunately there was another fatality below the Fort Loudoun dam today due to fishing boat operators 'charging the dam' with the spill gates open. I hate getting these calls and having to go through the protocol of blood tests on surviving operators and the question of whether we bring criminal charges when the conduct was clear-

ly someone wanting to enjoy great fishing, but putting themselves and their fishing partner in incredible danger. In this case my heart goes out to the family of the deceased who was someone's husband, father and friend. I wish that fisherman, the fishing guides, TWRA and TVA could come up with legislation or some effective measure that would still allow those to continue to responsi-

bly enjoy this unique type of fishing but, at the same time, remain safe. We have had far too many when even one fatality is too many - and preventable."

David Morris, 50, and Michael Hopkins, 39, were fishing from a boat below Ft. Loudoun Dam when the engine failed to start. The boat was

See Death P.3

Verse of the Day

Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today." — Luke 5:26

Wazzup

Slowly but surely we are starting to open back up but Sevier County just didn't

wanna wait they had a no holds barred arm to arm door to door visitation fest this weekend. Let's see what happens with the Chinese Virus after this weekend all over the country where mass parties were held everywhere!

Weather

Today: Storms possible. High of 75F.

Tonight: Clearing. Low of 66F
Thursday: Storms possible. High of 80F.

Thursday night: Rain possible. Low of 66F.

Horoscope Gemini 5/21-6/20

When you do what you love, the money will follow. Recent weeks have proven that

conventional wisdom isn't always relevant. Taking a whole different approach to work could be profitable for you, and starting your own business may be your best bet for cultivating wealth. You might want to get your entire family involved in the process.



Kidnapping

that “there is still more forensic evidence to be analyzed by the investigators and forensics experts which will still need to be reviewed by the prosecutors”. This statement obviously refers to the situation as described in the warrant narrative (and that abuse of corpse charge) concerning the father’s statement about burying a deceased daughter in the backyard at the Roane County residence. Here

is the situation as of Monday, May 25th at 3:00 pm: Charges have been taken by warrant against Michael Anthony Gray, Sr. by the Roane County Sheriff’s Office for two counts of Especially Aggravated Kidnapping, two counts of Aggravated Child Abuse, three counts of Aggravated Child Neglect, and a single charge Abuse of a Corpse. Charges have been taken by warrant against Shirley Gray by the Roane County Sheriff’s Office for two counts of Especially

Aggravated Kidnapping, two counts of Aggravated Child Abuse, three counts of Aggravated Child Neglect, and a single count of Abuse of a Corpse. Especially Aggravated Kidnapping is a Class A felony and carries a sentence of 15 to 60 years. Under Tennessee law this charge, if it results in conviction, requires 100% day for day service with 15% sentence credit for ‘good time’ – effectively 85% with the ‘good credit’, if achieved. Aggravated Child Abuse, as charged in this instance under the portion of the statute commonly referred to as Haley’s Law, is a Class A felony

(if the child is 8 years of age or less) and carries a sentence of 15 to 60 years; and is a Class B felony (if the child is more than 8 years of age) and carries a sentence of 8 to 30 years. Under Tennessee law this charge, if it results in conviction, requires 100% day for day service with 15% sentence credit for ‘good time’ – effectively 85% with the ‘good credit’, if achieved.

Aggravated Child Neglect, as charged in this instance under the portion of the statute commonly referred to as Haley’s Law, is also a Class B felony and carries a sentence of 8 to see Kidnapping ctd. pg. 3

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Death

pulled into the spillway.

Both men, who were wearing life jackets, entered the water at different times before the boat sank.

Bystanders rescued Hopkins, however, Morris did not survive and his body was recovered 3/4 of a mile downstream by the Loudon County Rescue Dive team.

Hopkins was treated at Ft. Loudon Medical Center and released

Abuse

Clare Ferguson, 37, Watson Road Loudon, was charged with Child Abuse or Neglect, Child Endangerment, Poss. Of Drug Para. X2, Simple Possession, Violation of Probation, and Public Intoxication. Officer Law LPD, was dispatched to the area of McCollister Street in reference to a female subject wandering around the area while her child was left in a unoccupied vehicle that was turned off with the windows rolled up. Upon arrival Officer observed a female identified as Clare Ferguson who was unsteady on her feet, bloodshot eyes, and slurred speech. Ferguson was confused on where she was and very incoherent.

A witness stated Ferguson parked her vehicle left it unattended with the windows up for approx.. 15 min. Witness noticed a baby was left in the vehicle.

Upon consent to search Officer located a container with half cut straw with orange residue, and a pill bottle belonging to someone else containing 12 clonazepam. A family member was called to get the child. Clare Ferguson was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

LCSO

Serafin Herrera, 40, Hall Street Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault x3, Violation of Bond Restriction, and DUI. Deputy C. Rogers LCSO, was dispatched to a unauthorized use of a vehicle at Hall Street. Deputy arrived on scene at the residence matching the vehicle a red truck pass him on Hill Street.

Upon traffic stop the driver Serafin Herrera, had blood shot eyes, and smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage. Deputy Gray LCSO, responded to the residence where the victims stated that Herrera had been arrested prior for domestic at this residence and showed back up. The victims stated that Herrera came through the back door because he knew it was not locked, and began arguing with the victims.

Victim two came through the door where he found victim one knocked down on the floor. Herrera pushed victim two then threw victim three down to get past them. Victims stated that Herrera stated he was going to get a gun and coming back to kill them. Herrera backed into a tree and drove through a ditch before passing Deputy.

The Deputy did observe damage to the truck. E911 did confirm condition of bonds where Herrera was not to be in contact with the victim. Serafin Herrera was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **BRENDA SUE YARBER**, deceased DKT# 6088

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 (As required by Chapter No 180, Public Acts of Tennessee 1809 As Amended by Public Chapter 806 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st DAY OF MAY 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **BRENDA SUE YARBER** who died on the 18th day of February 2020 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 21st DAY OF MAY 2020

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
 BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
MICHAEL S. HAMLETT

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **ROBERT NEIL STEPPE**, deceased DKT# 6084

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