# The Daily Edition 50

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Monday, June 16, 2025

### GB Man Charged After Reportedly Firing Gun and Trespassing on Neighbor



Cody Hamilton

see GB pg. 2

### Otis Elevator Company Agrees to Pay More Than \$600,000 to Settle False Claims Act Allegation Related to Invoices for Elevator Maintenance

Worldwide Corporation, an international elevator services firm headquartered in Farmington, Connecticut. which is branded and doing business as Otis Elevator Company (Otis), has agreed to settle allegations under the False Claims Act (FCA) related to invoices for preventive maintenance services

submitted to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) that were not rendered pursuant to the terms of a Contract. Under the settlement, Otis will pay the United States \$616,987.02.

'A contractor, like Otis, has an obligation to submit invoices and seek reimbursement solely for work and services that have

see Otis pg. 3

State Agriculture Officials Tour Storm-Damaged Ar-

eas, Reaffirm Support for Recovery

Leaders from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture traveled to upper East Tennessee this week to witness firsthand the cleanup efforts underway and identify remaining needs following the devastation of Tropical Storm He-

Commission-Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M., Deputy

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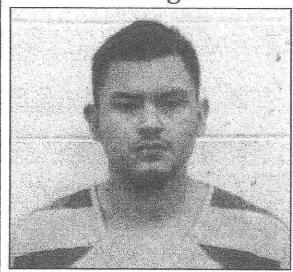
### Man Evades Arrest After Being Caught Trespassing and More



Ramon Gonzalez

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### **Call for Intoxicated Male Ends In Charge**



Kevin Maldonado

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sored by the Friends of the Community is Sunday, June 22, Noon-6pm at Loudon Pool! Free Entry and More! Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. High of 85F.

Tonight: Overcast. Low Tuesday: Partly cloudy.

High of 86F. Tuesday night: Overcast. Low 70F. Horoscope

Gemini 5/21-6/20

What looks like solid ground may be quicksand, Gemini. Be careful where you step. There's an element of misunderstanding to the day that might make it difficult to get through to people. The good news is that your

### Verse of the Day

Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." —James 4:15

Wazzup

Free Pool Day spon-

GB

Coast Tellico Parkway Greenback, with, Criminal Trespassing, Resisting Arrest, and Assisting other Agency.

Deputy B. McCall, relico Parkway regarding a trespassing complaint. Upon arrival, the deputy made contact with the victim and property owner, who reported ongoing issues with her neighbor, Cody Hamilton. She stated that on the evening of 06/09/2025, Mr. Hamilton was in his vard shouting obscenities and firing a gun while yelling, "Shots fired." Shortly afterward, she discovered one of her rear property cameras displaced and lying near the end of her driveway-approximately a quarter mile from its original

position. The victim provided video footage of the inci-Cody Hamilton, 28, East dent. While Mr. Hamilton's full body wasn't visible, was charged his distinctive brown leather cowboy boots-marked with black electrical tape on the toes-were clearly seen. She noted that Loudon sponded to East Coast Tel- County deputies previously responded and took a report. The victim further reported that around 0700 hours on 06/10/2025, shortly after her husband left for work, Mr. Hamilton again shouted obscenities and appeared to fire a gun. She recorded the incident but was unable to capture a clear image of the suspect or weapon. Later that morning, while tending to her farm, the victim discovered approximately 250 feet of cable fencing—used to contain her horses-had been cut near the same area as the displaced camera. Due to pre-

vious damage to her camera system, she couldn't record the act itself, but footage did capture the suspect from the waist down. The individual wore blue jeans and the same brown boots with black tape. The victim confirmed that the individual was on her property without consent and stated she wished to press trespassing charges. Corporal Sartin, Sergeant Smith, Deputies Lewis, Parks, and McCall attempted contact with Mr. Hamilton at his residence. Though he was heard inside, he refused to answer the door. It was confirmed Mr. Hamilton had an active warrant for Failure to Appear on a domestic assault charge out of Blount County. At the time of this report, the victim were installing new security cameras. Deputy Lewis and McCall remained on

scene for further monitoring. While at the rear of the residence with the victim and their two minor children, a loud "pop" believed to be a gunshot was heard coming from Hamilton's property. Deputies moved toward the front of the property to investigate. While standing near the victim's barn, Deputy Lewis observed Mr. Hamilton walking to his mailbox. Cpl. C. Bengel and Sgt. B. Smith intercepted him and. after a brief struggle, took him into custody. At the time of arrest, Hamilton was wearing the described brown boots with black tape. Priority EMS responded to evaluate Mr. Hamilton, but he refused treatment. The deputy transported him to the Loudon County Detention Center without further inci-

### **Public Notice**

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2025 in the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone Tax Map 036F, Group B. Parcel 002.00, Located at 706 Gilbert Lane, situated in the 3rd Legislative District, from A-1 Agriculture Forestry District to A-3, Developing Agriculture District.

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### Otis

been performed as claimed," said U.S. Attorney Francis M. Hamilton III for the Eastern District of Tennessee. "This settlement with Otis demonstrates that the United States Attorney's Office and federal partners like TVA's Office of the Inspector General are using all tools available to address fraud, waste, and abuse and protect public funds."

"The TVA Office of the Inspector General is committed to identifying and investigating instances where vendors fail to fulfill contractual obligations as well as false claims and overpayments that negatively impact ratepayers throughout the Tennessee Valthe United States Attorney's support of such efforts," said (TVA-OIG). Assistant Inspector General, Investigations D. Eric Beals of the Tennessee Valley Authority Office of Inspector General.

The United States' investigation focused on an August 2017 Contract between Otis

and TVA. The United States contended that the Contract required Otis to provide turnkey modernization and specified monthly preventative maintenance services related to certain elevators in the TVA Knoxville Office Complex. The United States maintained that it has certain civil claims against Otis arising from its performance of the Contract. Specifically, the United States contended that Otis submitted false claims for payment to TVA for preventive maintenance services that were not rendered.

The resolution obtained in this matter was the result of a coordinated effort between the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District ley. We would like to thank of Tennessee and the TVA Office of the Inspector Gen-Office for their dedicated eral - Office of Investigations

> The investigation and resolution of this matter illustrates the government's emphasis on combating waste, fraud, and abuse impacting federal agencies. One of the most powerful tools in this effort is the False Claims Act. Tips and

complaints from all sources about potential fraud, waste, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Alan and mismanagement of TVA G. McGonigal and Alexa Orresources can be reported to tiz Hadley for the Eastern Dis-TVA-OIG at 1-855-882-8585 trict of Tennessee. or www.oigempowerline.com

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A-3, Developing Agriculture District. Approximately one acre only.

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### **Public Notice**

The Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Emergency Services Building. The items on the agenda are as follows:

- Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 20250609
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#### Damage

Commissioner Andy Holt, and State Forester Heather Slayton were joined by State Representatives Renea Jones and Rebecca Alexander in Unicoi and Washington Counties.

The visit underscored the state's commitment to supporting farmers and forest landowners as they continue to recover and rebuild from the storm, which hit the region in September 2024.

"We're dedicated to helping our agricultural community repair the damage caused by Tropical Storm Helene and restore their operations," Hatcher said. "Seeing the damage and hearing from those affected helps us understand the full scope of their needs. We're also actively pursuing additional federal funding to ensure no one is left behind in this recovery."

TDA has petitioned US-DA's Farm Service Agency for a block grant to cover losses caused by Tropical Storm Helene. TDA is working with state and federal partners on solutions for losses not covered by insurance or aid programs.

In Unicoi County, they visited Miller Farm, Hilemon Ranch, Willis Family Farm, Lipman Family Farms, and Shelton-Rice Forest. In Washington County, they visited Scott's Strawberry and Tomato Farm and Chris Renfro's farm.

Hurricane Helene's economic impact to Tennessee farmers and forestland owners is now estimated at \$547 million to \$1.8 billion. This includes farm and residential structure losses, fencing and non-building infrastructure losses, direct and indirect losses, debris and damaged structure removal, and longterm reclamation

more than 150,000 acres created the Governor's Rein Carter, Cocke, Grainger, sponse and Recovery Fund, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, a \$100 million initiative to Johnson, Unicoi, and Wash- provide flexible financial ington Counties.

of Agriculture Division of Forestry estimates a loss of 74,238 cubic feet of timber Helene. Recipients of the valued at \$59,902,544.

The state of Tennessee has taken a multi-pronged apand the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency

assistance for current and The Tennessee Department future unmet disaster recovery needs, including those caused by Tropical Storm first round of funding will be notified in July.

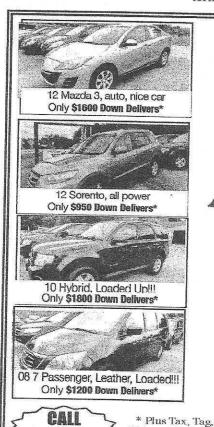
UTIA is hosting a free field proach to help the recovery day for farmers, producefforts. Governor Bill Lee ers, and citizens who need strategies and solutions for

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recovery. The event is Aug. 20, 2025 at Runion Farm. 269 Bent Road in Limestone, Tenn. For more information on UTIA's Report on Flood Recovery Initiative and field day, visit utianews.tennessee. edu/ut-institute-of-agriculture-to-report-on-flood-recovery-initiative/.

#### Evading

Ramon Gonzalez. 41. Street Loudon, Mulberry was charged with, Criminal Trespassing, Evading Arrest, and Violation of Bond Conditions.

Cpl. B. Everett LPD, received a call of an intoxicated male in the area of Highland Ave. Dispatch relayed the male subject was wearing black pants, no shirt, with several tattoos. A search of the area was conducted and no contact was made. Due to past history and acknowledgment of the subject, the

officer made a pass by the subjects known residence at Mulberry Street. Contact was made with Mr. Adame Ramon Gonzalez, who was located at the back of the property. As the officer anproached Mr. Ramon began to walk further away from the officer walking across the railroad tracks. The officer gave loud verbal commands for Mr. Ramon to stop and he took off running. The officer, Sgt. Bo Cogdill, and several other LPD officer searched the area and was unable to locate Mr. Ramon. On 04-17-2025 Mr. Ramon was arrested for domestic assault at the Mulberry Street address. The victim and resides at 816 Mulberry Street. Mr. Ramon's information was ran through dispatch, and bonding conditions were located keeping Mr. Ramon from returning to the property, or contact with the victim. This did occur in Loudon City TN.

### Charged

Kevin Maldonado, Reservoir Avenue MA., was charged with Public Intoxica-

Officer Eldridge LCPD. was dispatched to the Marathon at 527 Hwy 321, in regards to a intoxicated male calling into 911. Dispatch informed officers that the male stated that he had consumed 12 (40's) but did not specify why he wanted officers to respond. The male was located behind the store and appeared to have urinated on himself,

had blood shot watery eyes, and a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his person. The male (Kevin Maldonado) was later identified after finding his wallet laying in the wood line along with a key to a Toyota Corolla. Maldonado had to be helped to his feet by officers and was then placed in scustody. Officers asked about the vehicle and Maldonado stated that he was unaware of where he left the vehicle parked. Maldonado was then transported to the Loudon Co jail and this incident did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon Co, TN.

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### Horoscopes

emotions are quite solid. Cancer 6/21-7/22

You may have your head in the clouds today, Cancer. At the same time, there's a need for you to keep your feet on the ground. This contradiction of energies might make it difficult to find peace, but you should find comfort knowing that this will soon end. Deal with conflicting issues the best you can.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Your emotions may be playing tricks on you, Leo. You may find it hard to deal with reality. Take the day to relax and unwind. Don't worry about the details. Concentrate more on your general state of mind. Things will go smoothly when you focus on radiating positive energy to others. Virgo 8/23-9/22

You might find it hard to make progress with your projects today, Virgo, especially if you need others' help. There's a stubborn quality to the day that's causing things to get jammed up. When neither party budges, the result is chaos. Libra 9/23-10/22

This should be a pretty good day.

Libra. You will find a greater than usual sensitivity to your needs. One thing to be aware of is fast talkers who might make elaborate promises that they have no intention of keeping. Slow and steady wins the race, and you're the master of this technique.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Scorpio, you may have recently built fanciful scenarios in your head regarding how you think things should be, in either a romantic, business, or family situation. It's likely these images will conflict with reality as you discover that you need to take a much more analytical approach to what you have going. Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

The place you arrive at today may not be quite what you expected, Sagittarius. Once you get there, you will find that there is sudden opposition in your camp. Things may not always be exactly what they seem, so check your facts before you make any major deci-

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Your actions might be a bit strained today, Capricom. People aren't going to cooperate in the way you might like them to.

It could be one of those days in which it's difficult to get things done simply because other people seem to get in the way. Try not to get angry.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

If you're prepared and well organized, Aquarius, today should go smoothly and pleasantly. Feel free to indulge in fanciful daydreams and things of a whimsical nature. You've earned the right to break from the normal routine. If you've been slacking off your tasks, however, you will now need to spend some time catching up and planning ahead. Pisces 2/19-3/20

Don't feel badly about things you have no control over, Pisces. To-

night it would be good for you to go out and have a nice time. Put aside your responsibilities and concentrate on fun.

Aries 3/21-4/19

You may find it hard to sit still today, Aries. People may pull your chain right and left in order to get a rise out of you. Whatever seems grounded and solid may end up being flimsy and detached. Beware of where you step.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Be careful who you trust today, Taurus. Instead of venturing out, you might prefer to stick close to home and enjoy the comforts you've worked so hard to attain. Don't entrust just anyone with your secrets.

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### STATE OF TENNES-SEE, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES v. APRIL JOHNSON

McMinn County Juvenile Court

Docket No.: 24-JV-13

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition in McMinn County Juvenile Court, regarding the child, Bryanna Johnson, b. 01/03/2025.

An adjudicatory hearing in this case is set for July 29, 2025 at 9:00 am. April Johnson must appear before this Court on that date to determine if the subject child should remain in foster care. The Court is located at 1319 South White Street, Athens, TN 37303.

If April Johnson does not come to the hearing, the State will ask the Court to allow it to proceed without contest. That means that the State will ask the Court to let it present proof without having any lawyer appear and defend the rights of April Johnson in Court.

You may obtain a copy of the Petition and subsequently filed legal documents or hearing dates in the McMinn County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office located at 1319 S. White Street Athens, TN 37303. This will constitute appropriate service on them for all future filings in this case.

published May 26, 2025, June 2, 2025, June 9, 2025, June 16, 2025

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: THEĽMA DIANE MURPHY, deceased DKT# 7390

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by, Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th DAY OF JUNE 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of THELMA DIANE MURPHY, who died on the 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2025, 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

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

THIS THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2025

Steve Harrelson, Clerk

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk By Personal Representative WILLIAM G. MURPHY, JR.

Notice to Creditors:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: CARL DAVID KLIMEK, deceased DKT# 7389

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(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th DAY OF JUNE 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of CARL DAVÎD KLIMEK, who died on the 21ST DAY OF MAY 2025, be issued to the undersigned by the London 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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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: MARGARET ANN COOPER, deceased DKT# 7381

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Notice is hereby given that on the 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2025. Letters of Administration With Will Annexed (C.T.A.) in respect of the estate of MARGAREI ANN COOPER, who died on the 19TH DAY of MAY 2025, 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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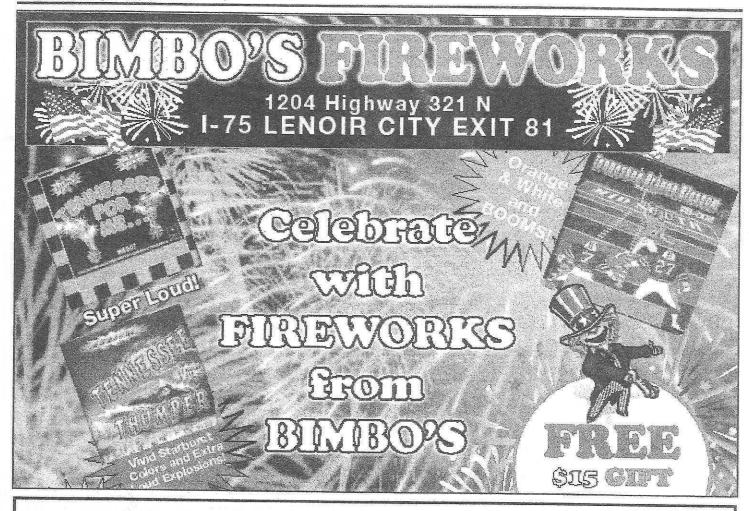
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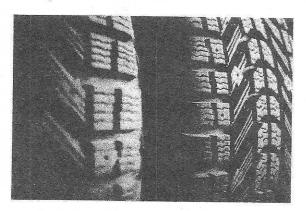
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