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Monday, July 31, 2023

Wanted Man Found at Local Restau-|Fight Over Being Late to Work rant; Charges Follow



Alex Frye



Michael Sonnier

Failure to Maintain Lane Leads to **DUI** Charge



Tara Moshier

(see DUI pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

To all who received Ithe Word, that is Jesus Christl, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God children born not of natural descent, nor

of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:12-13

Wazzup

Get Out This Weekend The Highway 127 Sale Officially Starts This week!!!

see Wanted pg. 2

FBI Director Addresses Black Law Enforcement Executives on Role of Partnerships in Fighting Violent Crime, Other Threats

Ends with Charges

Bureau

ner agencies like theirs ecutives from threats including in Cleveland. violent crime, drugs, cybercrime.

"From where I sit, it would be nearly im-

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 87F. Tonight: Clear. Low of 64F. Tuesday: Mostly sunny. High of 86F.

Tuesday night: Clear. Low of 69F.

Wray also encour- possible to overstate aged partners to share just how critical partmore data with the nerships are to really everything we do in In a meeting with today's threat envi-Black law enforce- ronment," Wray said ment executives, FBI during a keynote ad-Director Christopher dress at the National Wray reaffirmed the Organization of Black FBI's reliance on part- Law Enforcement Ex-(NOBLE) to succeed in mak- Training Conference & ing the country safer Exhibition on July 24

Wray also stressed counterterrorism, and the value of data-sharing between our state and local partners and the FBI, which could

Horoscope

Leo 7/23-8/22

Today is one of those days in which prosperity is much closer than you think, Leo. You may know what you seek, but it's up to you to take the first step toward going after it.

improve the quality of crime reporting. He also underscored the importance of officer mental health and wellness, and encouraged increased participation in the FBI's Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection.

see DV pg.3

During a July 24, 2023, address to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives' Annual Training Con-

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see FBI pg 5



Wanted

Alex Frye, 20, Homeless Lenoir City, was charged with Assisting other Agency, and Contraband in Penal Institution.

Officer McGinnis LCPD, received a call from dispatch stating that a third party caller Summary advised dispatch that a wanted person out of Blount County was at 541 Hwy 321 N (Hardees). While in route, dispatch had confirmed that the subjects name was Alexander Frye, and that he was wearing black pants, a black hat, and a dark t-shirt. Upon arrival officer made contact with the subject and verified him by name and date of birth through dispatch, which

confirmed his active warrant out of Blount County. The officer then placed Mr. Frye under arrest, and transported him to Loudon County Jail, where Blount County Sheriffs Office was advised of his arrival.

Deputy Holmes LCSO, met Officer McGuiness with the Lenoir City Police Department in the Sally port of the Loudon County Detention Facility to bring in Inmate Alex Frye. Deputy then advised Inmate Frye to exit the vehicle and asked if he had anything on or in his body that the deputy needed to know about to which he stated "no". the deputy then brought Inmate Frye into the pat down room and conducted his search. Upon search-

Brannon arrived they iden- Detention Facility, TN.

ing Inmate Frye's wallet, tified the Pills using Drug. Deputy located a small com and they were identified baggie containing 7 white as Hydrocodone. Sgt. Branpills. Deputy then notified non and Holes then pictured Sgt. Brannon who advised the pills and secured them in him he would be en-route an evidence bag. The deputo his location. Deputy then ty charged Alex Frye with asked Inmate Frye what the Introduction of Contraband pills were to which he stated into a Penal Facility. This did "Hydrocodone". Once Sgt. occur in the Loudon County

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DV

Michael Sonnier, 47, North C Street Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officer R. Miller, with the Lenoir City Police Department, responded to a call of service regarding a possible domestic situation taking place in the Tractor Supply parking lot, involving the victim and Michael Sonnier. While in route officers on scene advised that prior to their arrival the victim had left the area on foot. The officer was able to quickly locate the victim inside Burger King just across the street from Tractor Supply. While speaking with the victim the officer noticed what seemed to be a fresh open wound on her shoulder. When asked about the wound, the victim stated that her boyfriend Michael Sonnier "football tackled" her in the back parking lot of Tractor Supply and

began punching her several times. The victim stated that SONNIER became upset with her because he was running late for work at which time the two of them began verbally arguing, the victim stated that SONNIER let her up and that she proceeded by walking around to the front of the store attempting to get her kid that was inside of the van that SONNIER was driving. The victim stated that she then walked over to Dollar General to buy medical supplies for her shoulder. During the investigation, SONNIER stated that the two of them had been verbally arguing but denied any physical contact. The officer did observe fresh cuts on SONNIER'S knuckle. SONNIER stated that the cuts on his knuckles were from the railroad ties in the back of the store. SON-NIER does work at Tractor Supply, but stated during the investigation that he was not working at the time

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Public Meeting Notice

The Pension Administrative Committee of the Lenoir City Utilities Board will meet in open, regular session on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room at LCUB, 7698 Creekwood Park Boulevard, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37772. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and consider approving the following matters:

1. Trustee's Quarterly Report.

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DIT

Tara Moshier, 51, Lanesborough Way Knoxville, was charged with DUI, Violation of Implied Consent, and Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic.

Officer Parmer LCPD, was on patrol when he observed black Toyota 4Runner, bearing TN tag BKT0959, traveling SB on Hwy 321 N, passing Town Creek Road W. While behind the vehicle the officer observed it fail to maintain its lane by crossing over the center line multiple times. While following the vehicle, the officer observed it make harsh and quick corrections in an attempt to correct its failure to maintain. Officer initiated a stop on the vehicle at Walmart, 911 Hwy 321 N, and while turning into the parking lot, the vehicle ran over a curb, and when coming to a stop in a parking stall, half of the vehicle was protruding into a travel lane. Upon stopping, the officer approached the vehicle and made contact with the driv-

er, identified as 51-year-old Tara Moshier. While speaking with Ms. Moshier, the officer observed her to have slurred speech, and struggle to answer simple questions. Officer requested that Ms. Moshier perform SFST's, to which she consented. During HGN, Ms. Moshier performed poorly and displayed all 6 clues and signs of Ver-Nystagmus. During Walk and Turn, Ms. Moshier performed poorly, could not keep balance, started too early, used her arms for balance, stepped off the line multiple times, missed every heal to toe step, and did not count her steps aloud. During One Leg Stand, Ms. Moshier performed poorly, swayed, used her arms for balance, put her foot down, and when the officer reached 30 seconds, Ms. Moshier was at 15 seconds. Deputy Wallen was dispatched to my location to perform ARIDE, and after conducting all 3 tests, Deputy Wallen stated that Ms. Moshier performed poorly

was placed into my custody and read Tennessee Imrefused to provide a blood city, Loudon County, Tensample for chemical testing.

on all tests. Ms. Moshier Ms. Moshier was transported to Loudon County Jail without further incident. The plied Consent, to which she above did occur in Lenoir

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FBI

ference & Exhibition, FBI Director Christopher Wray discussed how the Bureau's law enforcement partner- firearms seizures from vioships help us counter threats lent offenders like violent crime, counterterrorism, drugs, and cybercrime; encouraged partners to share more data with the Bureau; and asked them to prioritize officer mental health and wellness.

Violent Crime

Wray said the theme of the conference, "Stronger Together," was fitting given how much the FBI relies on partner agencies for task force officers-more than 5,000 from hundreds running well over 300 inof agencies and departments across the country—to fight violent crime within American communities.

"The drivers from place to place are varied and at times hard to pinpoint, but what is clear is that the best wayreally the only way-to effectively tackle the violent crime problem is the same across the board, and that's less American lives. by working together, leveraging our collective strengths, resources, and authorities to better protect our communities," Wray said.

According to Wray, the FBI's collaboration with violent crime task forces helped the Bureau achieve multiple milestones in 2022, includ- Opioid Darknet Enforcement explosive device], or even ing:

Arresting 20,000 violent criminals and child predators Seizing more than 9,600

Dismantling 370 gangs and violent criminal enterprises

Cutting into the capabilities of 3,500 additional gangs and violent criminal enterprises

Drugs and Fentanyl

also helping it to combat drug trafficking within the United States, especially as the frequency of fentanyl seizures rises, Wray said.

"Working together, we're vestigations targeting the leadership of the cartels trafficking dangerous drugs into this country," he said. "This year alone-this year alonewe've already seized hundreds of kilograms of fentanyl, stopping deadly drugs from reaching their intended destinations in states across the U.S., and saving count-

He said our collaborative efforts to get drugs off American streets include:

Partnering with U.S. Customs and Border Protection "to advance border-related investigations to further disrupt the supply chain

Leading the Joint Criminal

Task Force, which works to derail the efforts of darknet-based drug traffickers

Taking part in 17 Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Strike Forces across the U.S.

He also touted a recent interagency collaboration in the Cleveland area that led to a large-scale fentanyl sei-

"The Cleveland Strike The FBI's partnerships are Force, made up of a whole slew of state and federal partners, recently took down a transnational drug trafficking organization that was delivering fentanyl and other drugs across the country by the truckload," he said. "This group, associated with the Sinaloa Cartel, was sending trucks laden with drugs from California to Missouri, Pennsylvania, Ohio, with those trucks then returning to California full of illicit cash. In this one case, we seized about 30 kilograms of fentanyl-that's enough lethal doses to kill more than the entire population of Ohio."

Counterterrorism

Wray said the evolving nature of the terrorism threat demands stronger bonds between the Bureau and state and local law enforcement agencies.

He explained that lone actors-whether they be jihad-inspired homegrown violent extremists or ideologically or domestic-issue-driven domestic violent extremists—tend to act soon after they're radicalized. This, combined with the fact that they tend to act alone or with few co-conspirators. doesn't "leave a whole lot of 'dots' for those of law enforcement to connect, or a whole lot of of time for us to connect them," Wray said.

"And to make matters worse, we often see them using easily-obtainable weapons like a firearm, a knife, crude IED [improvised something like a car against 'soft targets' - which, of course, is just Intelligence-Community-speak for everyday people, living their everyday lives," he said.

According to Wray, the ability for "angry, disaffected" individuals to find and network with like-minded people on the internet is giving would-be lone actors an unprecedented "sense of community and validation."

"In a sense, social media serves as a sort of accelerant. facilitating access to propaganda and training materials. and providing a means for recruitment, target selection, incitement, and even operational planning," he added.

The complexity of this threat underscores the importance of the FBI's cooperation with local law enforcement, since local partners have an innate understanding of their communities, and thus, are "the eyes and ears in the fight against terrorism."

Cyber

Wray also underscored the importance of the Bureau's Cyber Task Forces, which unite the FBI with state and local partners to combat these threats. He said the FBI aims to train-up more state- and local-level experts, and to better equip the law enforcement to combat cybercrime.

"The cyber threat can't be adequately addressed without collaboration across all levels of law enforcement, which is why we've set up Cyber Task Forces in all 56 of our field offices, a lot like the Joint Terrorism Task Forces you're familiar with and that your folks may have been a part of for some time now," he said. "The task force model allows us to share information more quickly, surge resources where they're most needed, and collaborate with our partners more effectively."



Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Indecision may leave you helpless at a crossroads today, Virgo. Others may be just as undecided regarding which way to go.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Latch on to the expansiveness that comes when you connect with others in a social arena, Libra. Communication is a key aspect of the day.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Connect with the stable, grounding energy of the day, Scorpio, but beware that tension may come in the form of fast talk and misinformation. People could be fickle and frantic.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Any expansive feeling you experience may be rained on today. You could get the feeling that you've lost touch with reality. Make sure you connect with real life, Sagittarius.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Walk to the beat of your own drum, Capricorn. If you try to latch on to the smooth-talking, fast-paced information of the day, your voice could get lost in the crowd.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Connect with the fellow sitting next to you or perhaps the woman behind you in line at the store. He or she could share a piece of wisdom that changes your life forever. Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your self-esteem may be challenged today by a fast talker or unpleasant situation, Pisces. Don't accept things at first glance. Aries 3/21-4/19

Jump on board the fast train and see how far it takes you, Aries. You'll be surprised at how far you can go with minimal effort.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Flexibility is an important part of today, Taurus. Take a relaxed, laid-back approach. Trying to ram your ideas through isn't the best tactic.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

Things coming at you from all sides are forcing you to make a move, Gemini. Don't be pressured into something you don't want to do.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Lock into the practical, grounding force of the day that is not only realistic but also flexible. Attend to details and organize yourself, Cancer.



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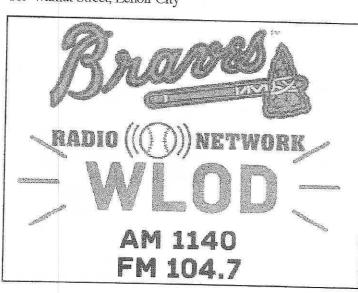
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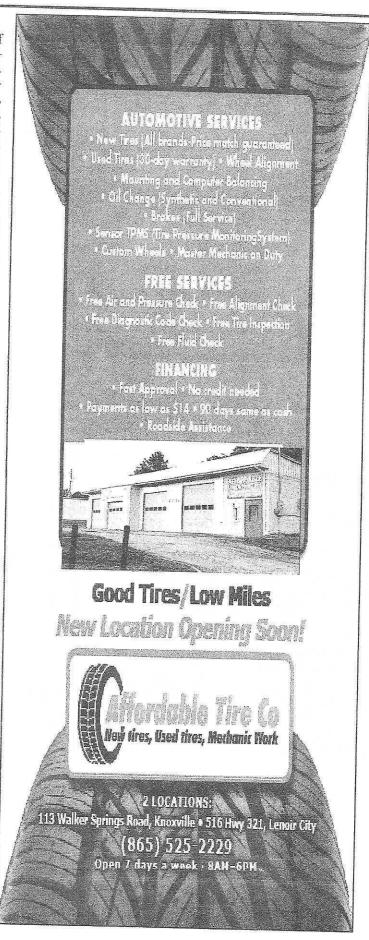
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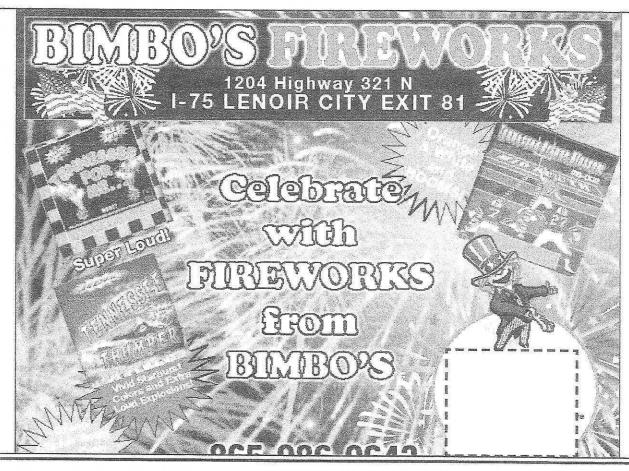
Deveria Renee Chambers White, age 55 of Lenoir City went home to be with the Lord on July 27, 2023. Renee was a member of Hickory Valley Baptist Church. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and daughter. Renee spent most of her career in management and logistics before dedicating her full time to her family. She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Chambers; grandparents, W. G. and Naomi McCall, Ethel Matov all of Lenoir city, and Clifford Chambers of California as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins. Renee is survived by her husband of 20 years, Glenn White; daughter, Melinda; mother, Sharon Chambers; brothers-in-law, Gary White (Missy) and Greg White along with numerous aunts, uncles. nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Charlie Carpenter officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the Hickory Valley Cemetery for graveside services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hickory Valley Baptist Church. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City

is in charge of arrangements.

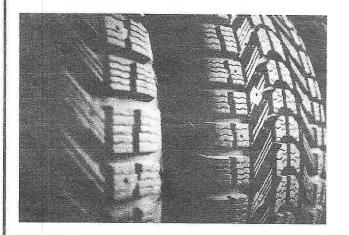
Lana Shubert Lee age 81 of Lenoir City passed away Friday, July 28, 2023 at her home. Preceded in death by her husband, Don Lee Sr.; grandson, Devin Strunk; granddaughter, Kimmy Lee; parents, John and Saranelle Shubert. Survived by her sister, Regina Latham; daughters, Ginger Strunk, Sissy Scoppa and husband, Pete; son, Don Lee, Jr.; grandchildren: Olivia Lee, Roger Lee Strunk (Stacy), Megan Scoppa-Seidel (Adam), Morgan Reno (J.C.), Mallory Scoppa, McKenzie Scoppa; great-grandchildren: Katlyn Brown, Austin Farmer, Alyssa Farmer, Korbin Farmer, Jayvin Farmer, Braylen Sherrill, Doryen Sherrill, Adalene Strunk, Michael Seidel, Benjamin Seidel, James Reno, and Emma Reno along with several nieces and nephews. A special thanks to the Gary Watkins Family. Friends may come by the funeral home between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 30th to pay their respects. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, July 31st at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. We will then proceed to the Davis Cemetery in Loudon for graveside services with Rev. Eddie Click officiating. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.







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