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Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Early Morning Drug Operation in Loudon County/Lenoir City Leads to 6 Arrests and a significant Meth Seizure



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Man Charged with Escape and More After Leaving Rehab Program



Jason Roberts

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Woman Charged After Attack on Sleeping Victim



Pamela Smith

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Man Charged After Wanted Man Found on Scene of Medical Call



Joseph Duggan

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Senior US Officials Impersonated in Malicious Messaging Campaign

FBI is issuing this announcement to warn and provide mitigation tips to the public about an ongoing malicious text and voice messaging campaign. Since April 2025, malicious actors have impersonated senior US officials to target individuals, many of whom are current or former senior US federal or state government officials and their contacts. If you receive a message claiming to be from a

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Verse of the Day

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.
—Proverbs 31:8

Wazzup

A Big Shout Out to Ryan Roberts of Oak

Ridge for Stepping Up and Playing a Benefit at the Eagles for Memorial Day!!!

Weather

Today: Showers. High of 78F.
Tonight: Overcast. Low of 64F.

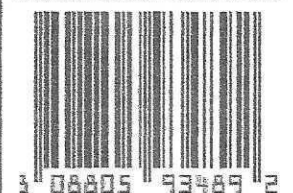
Thursday: Cloudy. High of 76F.

Thursday night: Overcast. Low 63F.

Horoscope

Gemini 5/21-6/20
You may wonder why all the attention isn't

focused on you, Gemini. Perhaps you feel cheated and irritable. The more annoyed you get, the more you will drive others away instead of draw them to you. Rather than get up-



9th DTF

While most of Lenoir City was still asleep this morning, agents with the 9th Judicial Drug Task Force (9th JDTF), and assisting law enforcement, were already on the move. Long before sunrise, they quietly stepped out of their homes, careful not to wake their families, and headed out to execute a planned search warrant on a residence that had become a hub for drug activity in our community.

This house, located on Bird Road in Lenoir City, had been under surveillance for some time. Covert operations con-

firmed that methamphetamine was not only being sold there but that it had become a common meeting point for individuals looking to purchase and use drugs. Today, that stops!

Law Enforcement served the warrant just after dawn. Inside the residence, they encountered four individuals who were taken into custody on various methamphetamine, firearm, and drug paraphernalia charges.

One of the primary targets of the investigation was not at the residence at the time of the warrant. However, our team remained focused. Within hours, agents located and arrested Matthew Bridges,

one of the key suspects, as he attempted to discreetly pump gas at a local station in town. His quiet morning routine ended in handcuffs.

In all, six individuals were arrested, and a significant amount of methamphetamine was seized. Two of the six individuals arrested today are currently on felony probation—a second chance meant to help them turn things around after being sentenced to prison. Instead, they chose to stay in the game. Seems like they misunderstood the assignment. The residence has now been shut down as a location for drug activity.

These operations don't happen overnight—except, sometimes, they quite literally do. Our agents spend countless hours preparing and coordinating, often sacrificing time with their own families, to keep il-

legal drugs off the streets and protect the communities they serve. Today's success was the result of that dedication—and of strong partnerships with local law enforcement.

We want to thank the Loudon County Sheriff's Office SWAT and Patrol Divisions, as well as the Lenoir City Police Department, for their support and assistance during this morning's operations.

The 9th JDTF remains committed to identifying and dismantling drug networks and improving the safety and quality of life for all residents in our region.

***The 9th JDTF is composed of agents, officers, and analysts from the Loudon Police Department, Lenoir City Police Department, Federal Partners, National Guard Counter Drug, and the 9th District Attorney General's Office.

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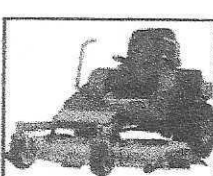
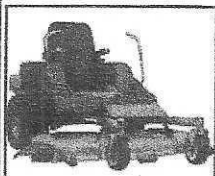


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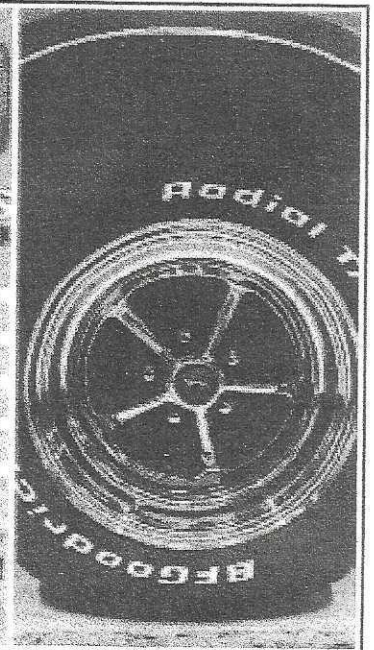
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Escape

Jason Roberts, 37, Summer Street Loudon, was charged with, Escape, and Violation of Order of Protection.

Deputy Ezell LCSO, responded to Highway 72 South for reports of an unwanted guest. Once the deputy arrived at the residence he made contact with complainant identified/victim who stated her husband identified Jason Roberts had left rehab and was not supposed to be that residence. While at the residence Deputies were able to locate a court order that ordered Jason to complete his remaining sentence in the custody of the Miracle Lake inpatient program. The order also states if Jason voluntarily leaves the program he has to return to the Loudon County Jail to turn his self or he will be charged with escape and

Jason is also not allowed to have direct or indirect contact with the victim Due to Jason failing to turn his self in and being in direct contact with the victim in regards to docket number (25-CR-17) and docket number (24-CR-356). Jason was placed into custody and transported to the Loudon County Detention Facility without incident. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

FBI

senior US official, do not assume it is authentic.

SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN DETAILS

The malicious actors have sent text messages and AI-generated voice messages — techniques known as smishing and vishing, respectively — that claim to come from a senior US official in an effort to establish rapport before gaining access to per-

sonal accounts. One way the actors gain such access is by sending targeted individuals a malicious link under the guise of transitioning to a separate messaging platform. Access to personal or official accounts operated by US officials could be used to target other government officials, or their associates and contacts, by using trusted contact information they obtain. Contact information acquired through social engineering schemes could also be used to impersonate contacts to elicit information or funds.

“Smishing” is the malicious targeting of individuals using Short Message Service (SMS) or Multimedia Message Service (MMS) text messaging. “Vishing”, which may incorporate AI-generated voices, is the malicious targeting of individuals using voice memos. Both smishing and vishing use tactics similar to spear phishing, which uses email to target specific individuals or groups.

SMISHING, VISHING, AND SPEAR PHISHING ARE COMMON CRIMINAL TACTICS

Traditionally, malicious actors have leveraged smishing, vishing, and spear phishing to transition to a secondary messaging platform where the actor may present malware or introduce hyperlinks that direct intended targets to an actor-controlled site that steals log-in information, like user names and

passwords. For smishing, malicious actors typically use software to generate phone numbers that are not attributed to a specific mobile phone or subscriber to engage with a target by masquerading as an associate or family member. For vishing, malicious actors are more frequently exploiting AI-generated audio to impersonate well-known, public figures or personal relations to increase the believability of their schemes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following guidance can be used to identify a suspicious message and help protect yourself from this campaign.

Spotting a Fake Message

Verify the identity of the person calling you or sending text or voice messages. Before responding, research the originating number, organization, and/or person purporting to contact you. Then independently identify a phone number for the person and call to verify their authenticity.

Carefully examine the email address; messaging contact information, including phone numbers; URLs; and spelling used in any correspondence or communications. Scammers often use slight differences to deceive you and gain your trust. For instance, actors can incorporate publicly available photographs in text messages, use minor alterations in names and contact information, or use AI-generated voices to masquerade as a known contact.

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Public Notice

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025, in the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone Tax Map 058, Parcel 054.00, Located at 20745 Vonore Rd, situated in the 1st Legislative District, from A-2, Rural Residential District, to

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

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DA

Pamela Smith, 38, Friendship Road Lenoir City, was charged with, Domestic Assault.

Deputy Edgmon, and Deputy Lewis LCSO, responded to Friendship Road in regards to a domestic assault. Upon arrival, the deputy made contact with the victims. Victim 1 stated her daughter, Pamela Smith, had jumped on her as she was lying in bed and started to hit, yell, and threaten her. Victim 2 stated that his girlfriend, Pamela, woke him up yelling, slapping, and punching him. The deputy observed a bruise on victim 2 forehead and a mark under his right eye. A witness, stated she was asleep in her bedroom and was woken by banging and yelling. Ms. Smith was

placed under arrest for Domestic Assault and transported to Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

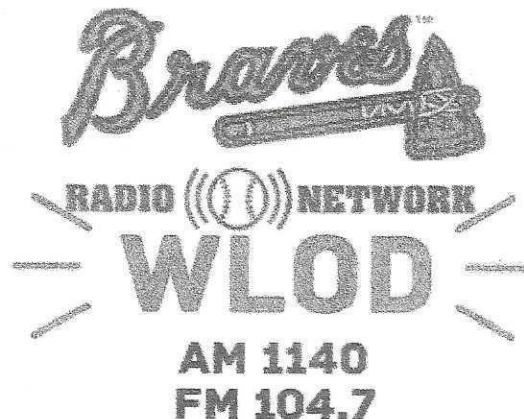
Wanted

Joseph Duggan, 48, Waller Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with, Violation of Probation, and Resisting Arrest.

Deputy Owens LCSO, was dispatched to White Wing Road for a breathing difficulty call where a male was on scene with an active warrant for probation violation on the original charge of driving under the influence. Dispatch confirmed the warrants on Joseph Duggan through the Loudon County Jail. Deputy Willis and Owens arrived on the scene and noticed that

the residence's front door was locked while the EMS personnel were inside giving aid to a patient. Deputy Willis continued to knock on the door, and it was finally opened. As EMS and the patient exited the house, Deputy Willis asked if the Duggan subject was inside, and EMS said he was in the back. Deputy Willis yelled for Duggan, and we could hear the back door slam. The deputy exited through the front door and ran around the left side of the house. The deputy observed a White male in the backyard. The deputy yelled at the male to come to him, and he began to ask questions and refuse to comply. The deputy repeatedly told the male to come to him. Duggan began to run towards the back door of the residence in an attempt to go back inside. As he ran up the

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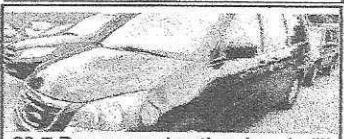
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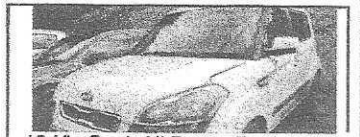


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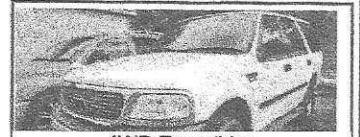
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steps, the deputy gave commands to stop again, which he ignored. The deputy deployed his taser in an attempt to stop Duggan and keep him from returning inside the residence. The taser was not effective. Duggan entered the home and shut the back door. The deputy ran to the front of the house, remembering the front door was unlocked. As the deputy made it to the front of the house, Duggan was exiting the front door. Duggan then jumped over

the railing in an attempt to flee. The deputy was able to grab Duggan and wrestle him to the ground. Duggan was placed into custody without further incident. Duggan was checked out on scene, and no taser prongs were attached. Duggan was transported to the Loudon County Jail. All of the above did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

Police Beat
Kellie McGraw, 32, Mealer Road Lenoir City, was charged with, Violation of Probation x2.

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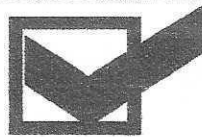
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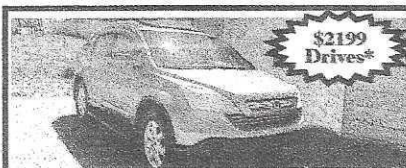
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Horoscopes

set or angry because attention isn't coming your way, join with the prevailing happy-go-lucky mood.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

This is a climactic time for you, Cancer. You may feel like many difficult issues are coming to a head. You may lash out and snap at people who don't deserve it. Your actions may make the issue even more difficult to deal with. The key today is to bring more balance into your life.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Get into the spotlight where you belong instead of letting someone else take credit for something you did, Leo. Don't be shy about strutting your stuff. You may usually turn away from people who act this way because they seem shallow and self-centered.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Today can be a wonderfully

productive day for you, Virgo, if you learn how to compromise. If you insist on doing things your way only, you will run into difficult emotional conflicts. Realize that this can easily be avoided by joining hands with your partner and working together toward a common goal.

Libra 9/23-10/22

You will most likely be hungry for attention today, Libra. You will look at others who are on center stage and adjust your appearance or attitude in order to be more like them. Be careful of getting obsessed with attention.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

This is a great day to strut your stuff, Scorpio. You're on top of the world, so enjoy it, your family, and the people around you. You're at the forefront of the action and you don't miss a beat, regardless of the conversation buzzing around

you.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

You may feel tense, Sagittarius, perhaps because someone close to you disregards the way you feel. You feel as if this person is more concerned with his or her own issues and not concerned about you. Meanwhile, your sensitive, caring heart is well aware of everyone else. You support others and are thoughtful.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Take extra time to tend to your appearance and show off a bit today, Capricorn. Keep your shoulders back and head high. Be the proud person you are.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You may be called upon to host a gathering in your own home, Aquarius. At first this could throw you into a panic because you don't think your house is clean enough. Don't worry. It's probably impeccable.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You feel confident. People can't help but notice as you radiate a loving, peaceful calm, Pisces. Eyes will turn your way, and complete strangers may come up to you and tell you how attractive you are.

Aries 3/21-4/19

You may be running into obstacles associated with your goals. You may feel you aren't getting the support and cooperation you deserve. Today you may sense that people are emotionally distant, with shallow views on certain issues.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

This is a great day for you, Taurus. Unexpected reunions are possible, thanks to the lighthearted aura you radiate. You don't need to work very hard to bring everything your way. Your sunny personality attracts the fun and good fortune that you most certainly deserve.

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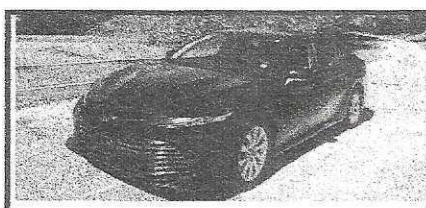
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Obituaries

Jerry Allen Sitzlar, age 81 of Lenoir City formerly of Manassas, Virginia passed away May 26, 2025. He was retired from the U. S. Air Force. Jerry enjoyed working on cars and especially loved his Volkswagen Beetles. Preceded in death by his wife, Sherry Sitzlar; sons, Jeff Sitzlar and William Julian II; parents, Henry and Geneva Sitzlar of Loudon. Survived by his son, Chris Sitzlar; grandson, Tyler Sitzlar; granddaughter, Van Luong; brother, Tony "Slim" Sitzlar along with several nieces and nephews. No public services will be held at Jerry's request. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

James L. "Jimmy" "Uncle Mo Mo" Pace - age 79 of Lenoir City formerly of Sweet Home, OR passed away May 25, 2025. He was a proud veteran of the U. S. Army. Jimmy enjoyed many hobbies which included weather forecasting, motocross racing, and was a talented musician. He enjoyed driving his Corvette and his motorcycles. Jimmy was his family's "go to" technology person. Preceded in death by his parents, Lush A. Pace and Tina M. Johnson Pace; brothers: Alton, Billy, Hayden, Mark, Tommy, Richard and Jeffrey, and one infant sister. He is survived by his sisters, Diane Pace Bell and Benda Pace Helton; brothers, Donald Pace (Sandra) of Lenoir City, Reginald Pace (Dena), Jerry Pace of Sweet Home, OR along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews who loved their "Uncle Mo Mo" along with other beloved family members and good friends. Family and friends will gather at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 1st at Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services. Military honors will be conferred by the Loudon County Veterans Honor Guard.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **KEN-NETH HAYWARD PURDY**, deceased DKT# 7376

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 20TH DAY OF MAY 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **KEN-NETH HAYWARD PURDY**, who died on the 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, 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:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

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

THIS THE 20TH DAY OF MAY 2025

Steve Harrelson, Clerk

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative **LORI KENETTE PURDY**

Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$20.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12699 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771

published May 21, 2025 and May 28, 2025

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **JOAN LAWSON HELM**, deceased DKT# 7375

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By Personal Representative **RAYMOND HELM**

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, 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 any 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.

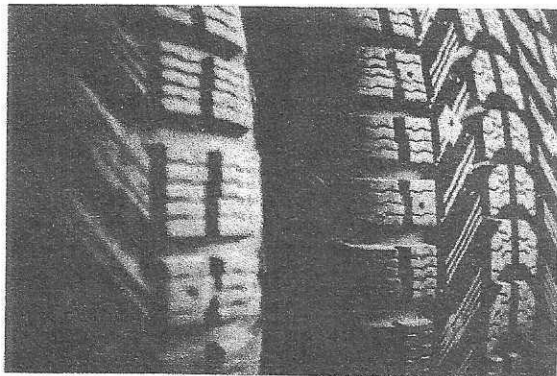
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PUBLIC NOTICE

WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING PROGRAM

The Lenoir City Utilities Board (LCUB) and Lenoir City Fire Department will be conducting our semi-annual water distribution system wide flushing program per Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation Water Quality Control Requirements. The Flushing Program will occur for LCUB customers on Sunday, June 1, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. thru Saturday, June 7, 2025, until 3:00 p.m. The program goals are to identify problems in the water system and ultimately have them corrected. When fire hydrants are flowed, iron deposits in the water lines become agitated. This may cause a brown discoloration to the water in the area which is being flushed. This condition is only temporary and will normally correct itself in a number of hours. During this period of flushing, LCUB recommends that you flow your cold water prior to use to determine if there is any discoloration. While the water is still safe for consumption, we recommend not laundering white clothes without first testing the water for discoloration. If your water is discolored, it will clear up on its own under normal usage over a period of time. It is also best to limit the use of your hot water until the water flows clear as this will keep the iron deposits from going into your water heater. You may also notice a drop in water pressure during these times; however, the water pressure should return to normal within a short period of time. If you continue to experience difficulty with your water pressure or continue to have discoloration of water on Monday, June 9, 2025, please contact LCUB at 1-844-OUR-LCUB (687-5282) to report the problem.

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