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Monday, January 18, 2016

They Are Coming For You!!! Known drug activity house nets 4 arrests



Lacy Hickman



Amanda Wells



April Fox



Lindsey Marks
(see Busted pg. 2)

Son charged with burglary and theft of Dad's dental business

Johnathan Elrod, 25, Trigon Road Greenback, was charged with Burglary, Theft of Property, and Vandalism.

Deputy Kevin Dailley LCSO, was dispatched to Highway 95 South (dentist office) in reference to a burglary alarm going off. Upon arrival Deputy observed the front door (400.00) to be kicked in laying on its (see burglary pg. 7)



Johnathan Elrod

Man uses truck to attempt to run down victim during assault



Christopher Hermosillo (see assault pg. 5)

Transnational Gangs Part 3: Investigators and Prosecutors Join Forces

The success of the Central American Law Enforcement Exchange (CALEE) program hinges on bringing together U.S. and Central American law enforcement officers who share a common cause in the fight against violent transnational gangs. During the

most recent CALEE, an important new partner was added to the group—prosecutors.

“We have seen that when prosecutors and investigators work together from the outset, cases tend to have more successful outcomes,” said Special Agent Grant Mann, who helped plan and administer CALEE 2015, the sixth session since the program began in 2009.

In the U.S, it is typical for FBI agents and prosecutors to sit down at the

Ronnie Lee McCall convicted of sexual exploitation of minors

On Jan. 14, 2016, after a trial in U.S District Court, a jury con-

victed Ronnie Lee McCall, 60, of Limestone (see convicted pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. — Titus 1:15

Obituaries

see inside
Wazzup
If you haven't tried out the We're Cooking on Hwy 321 yet, you need to check it out. Ask about the food challenge too!

Weather

Today: Sunny skies. High 31F.
Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low near 15F.
Tuesday A mainly sunny sky. High near 35F.
Tuesday Night Mainly clear skies. Low 21F.

Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/22-1/19
The fevered pace remains steady all day, making it nearly impossible to find respite. Although you're inspired by all the action you may feel frustrated because you can't resolve (Continued on page 6)

(see gangs pg. 4)



busted

Lacy Hickman, 27, o Street Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH II x2, Criminal Impersonation, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Amanda Wells, 27, Riggs Chapel Road Harriman, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH. II, and poss. of Drug Para.

Lindsey Marks, 30, Cecilia Avenue Maryville, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para.

April Fox, 35, Chrisman Road Lenoir City, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para, and Failure to Appear.

Officers with LCPD, and Agents with 9th DTF were at O Street looking for an in-

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convicted

and Johnson City, Tenn., of four counts related to the sexual exploitation of three minor girls. The convictions include: permitting a child in his custody and control to travel in interstate commerce

to produce child pornography; production of child pornography; production of child pornography by a parent; and using a means of interstate commerce to induce a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity (child rape under Tennessee law).

Sentencing has been set for June 6, 2016, before the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, U.S. District Court Judge. McCall faces a mandatory minimum term of 30 years in prison. His wife, Connie Stout McCall, 40, who was charged with the same offenses, pleaded guilty in February 2014 to production of child pornography by a parent. Both have been in federal custody since October 2013.

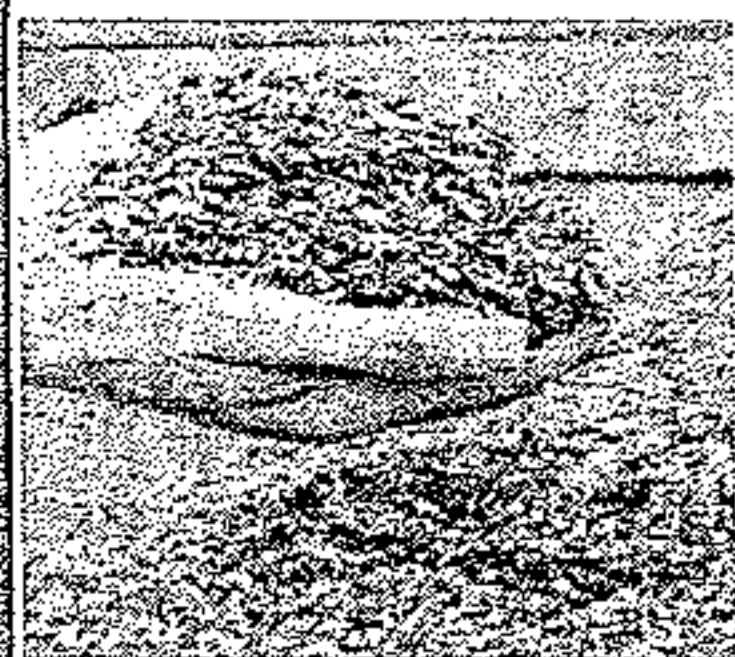
Nancy Stallard Harr, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, noted,

“This prosecution underscores the importance of our partnership with local and state authorities, social service agencies, and others in protecting children, who are some of the most vulnerable members of our community. While we cannot reclaim the children’s lost childhoods or innocence, we will hold people who sexually victimize children accountable for their conduct.”

The Tennessee Department of Child Services, Child Protective Services, Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Johnson City Police Department, Washington County Child Advocacy Center, Youth Villages, a bail bondsman and Federal Bureau of Investigation worked together to ensure justice for the victims of Ronnie McCall. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Helen Smith

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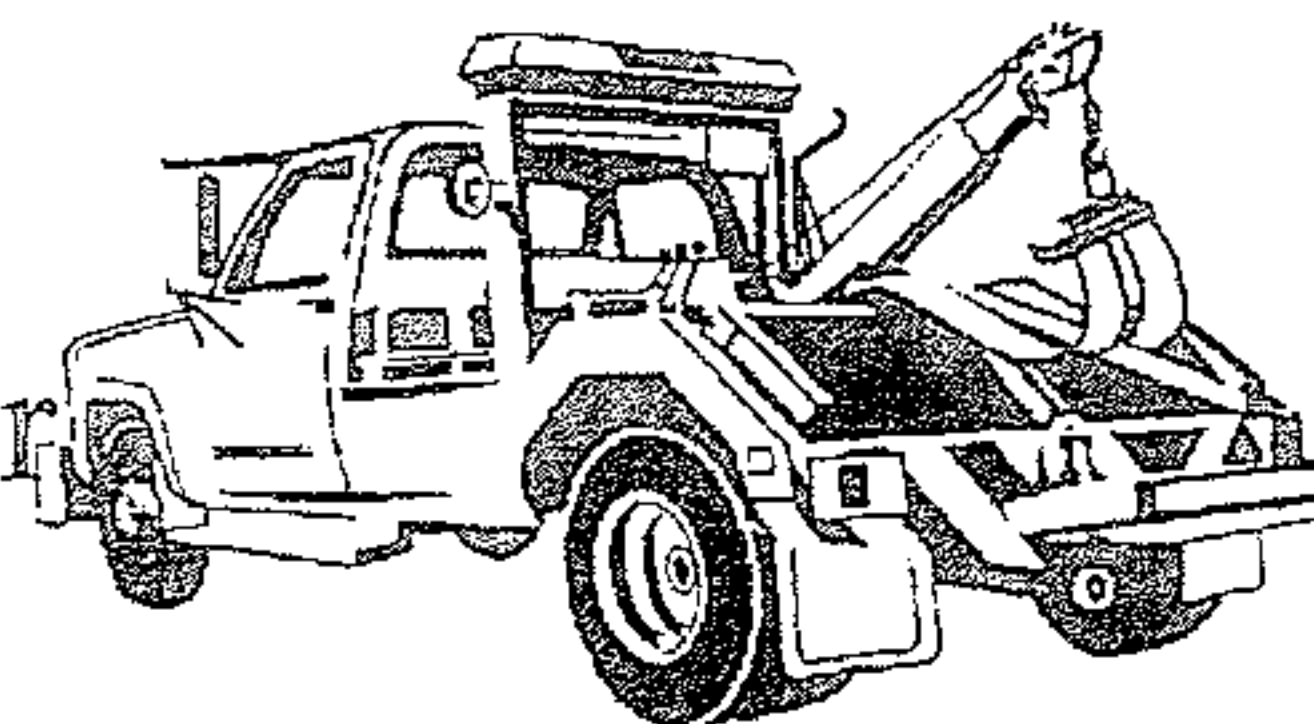
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gangs beginning of an investigation to discuss possible charges and investigative strategies. Historically, that collaborative process is less common in Central America—but thanks to programs such as CALEE, it is gaining acceptance.

During the recent three-week training program focusing on transnational gangs MS-13 and 18th Street, a federal prosecutor from Los Angeles who specializes in gang cases briefed the approximately 40 CALEE participants about recent prosecutions and investigative techniques in his jurisdiction, and he traveled with the group from Los Angeles to Houston and then to El Salvador.

El Salvador Attorney General Luis Martinez assigned prosecutors to brief the group in San Salvador and embraced the concept of his office and the police working together from the beginning of an investigation. “Gang members are terrorists who have penetrated our institutions,”

he said. “We have to fight this for a better future, for the well being of our families.”

Also in attendance during the El Salvador portion of CALEE was Sean Torriente, a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) prosecutor who is part of a special program in Central America. “I am in El Salvador working with the local police, prosecutors, and judges to help develop their judicial system,” he said. “The mission is to strengthen the rule of law

within El Salvador and also to establish partnerships with local police, prosecutors, and judges that will be beneficial to U.S. cases.”

Torriente is part of DOJ’s Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development and Training (OPDAT). “We work with anti-gang prosecutors in El Salvador on their cases,” he said. “We mentor them on techniques that have worked on our cases, with the idea that the things that work for us in the U.S. may work for

them. And they help us build our cases as well.”

There are currently three OPDAT prosecutors in Central America. “Most of the crimes here—whether drug trafficking, extortions, or murders—have some kind of gang involvement, Torriente said.” What the OPDAT program is doing, he added, “is setting a good example of how close relationships with police and prosecutors can help

benefit cases. So far, it’s been a great success.”

Since the first CALEE six years ago, approximately 300 U.S. and Central American police officers have trained together and become part of a network that share information and help each other with transnational gang cases. Now, with the addition of prosecutors, that network is

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assault

Christopher Hermosillo, 52, Skyline View Lane Kingston, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Deputy Jimmy Yoakum LCSO, was dispatched to Alexis Lane on a domestic problem. Upon arrival Deputy spoke with victim who stated that she and her boyfriend Christopher Hermosillo, had been

arguing while visiting her sister. The victim tried to leave the residence Christopher became extremely angry and threw a beer bottle at her face. Victim then stated Christopher got into his truck and attempted to run victim over in the front yard. Victim was able to evade the vehicle. Deputy observed several vehicle tracks in

the front yard which was consistent with victim story. A warrant was issued and Officer Brandon Gentry LCPD, made the arrest.

convicted ctd. from pg. 3 and Corey Shipley represented the United States.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative

to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit

children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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expanding.

Nearing the close of the most recent session, FBI Special Agent Julian Iguialada, who works gang cases in El Salvador, noted that CALEE participants "will depart El Salvador in a few days with a better understanding of what it takes to investigate these international criminal matters committed by the gangs. They will also have the ability to reach out to officers who do the same thing in Panama, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Mexico, and the United States," he said. "Being able to exchange information will help them disrupt and dismantle these criminal organizations."

Mauricio Ramírez Landaverde, director general of El Salvador's National Civilian Police, has participated in every CALEE session and is a strong supporter of the international alliance to fight transnational gangs.

Because of the cooperation among governments and FBI assistance with training and the Transnational Anti-Gang Task Forces, Landaverde explained, "there is an exchange of information going on constantly. Not only can we resolve our own cases, we can collaborate—for example, to search for fugitives and capture them—on whatever is important to each country."

"We are very thankful for this cooperation," he said, adding that in the fight against the gangs, "it is one of the most important tools that we have."

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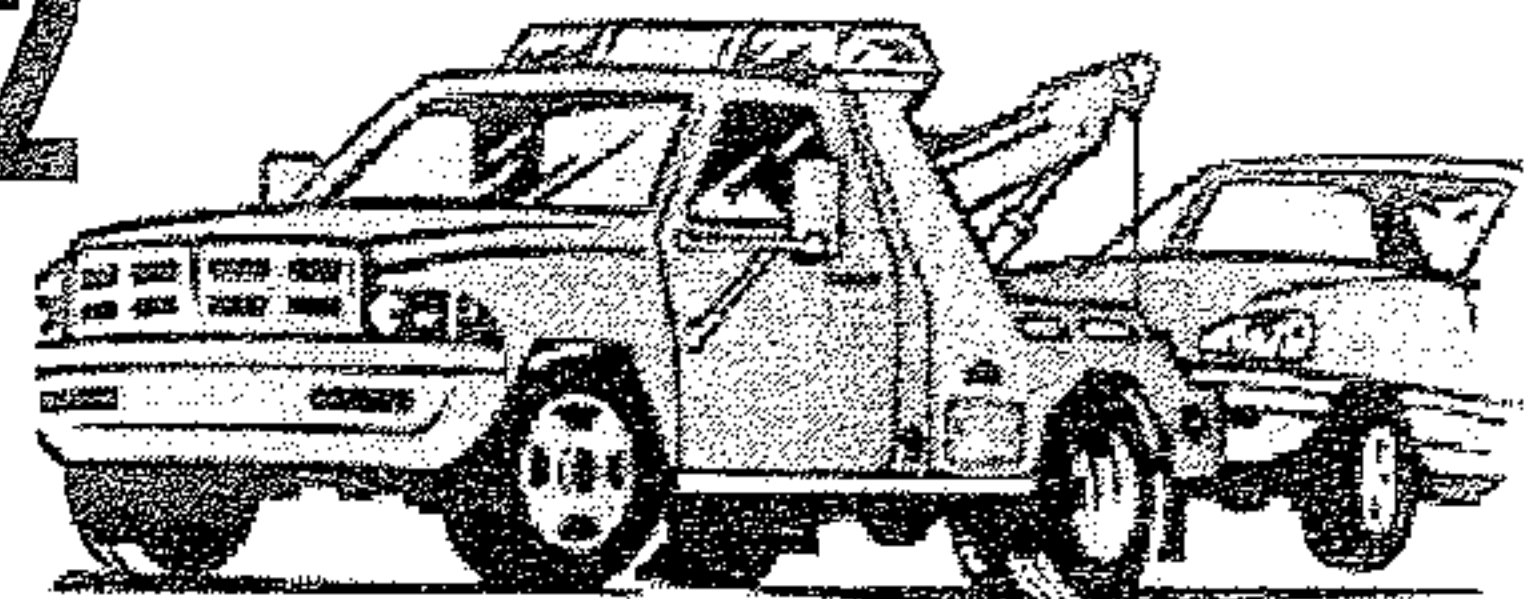
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burglary

backside in the waiting room, the office was then cleared with no one to be inside.

Contact was made with the neighbor who lives at Highway 95 South stated he saw a white male with a shaved head wearing dark clothes carrying what looked to be a dark box drive off in an early 2000's blue Volvo 4 door car with tape on the drivers side rear window. While speaking to neighbor the owner of the business arrived on scene, while discussing the situation victim advised that it sounds like his son Johnathan

Elrod was the offender based on the description of the vehicle and confirmed it to be his sons vehicle by looking at the picture witness took.

Victim advised his son was at his residence earlier around 0830 trying to borrow money, in which he did not give him any but stated his girlfriend was with him. Victim also confirmed the cash box was taken with around 10.00 dollars in it and the box was a dark charcoal color.

Further options were explained to victim where warrants will be obtained for Johnathon Elrod. Johnathan was

located and placed under arrest.

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dividual with active warrants. While at the address Officer made contact with a female that identified herself as Kacy. Officer had received several complaints of possible drug activity at this residence. Officer made contact with the owner of the residence who gave Officer consent to search the residence. Officer conducted a search and located several needles, and spoons containing white powder residue. Also located was a box containing several

plastic baggies commonly used to package narcotic along with a set of scales, and a bag containing 5 1/2 yellow pills identified as Adderal. While searching another room Officer located a syringe with a clear liquid in it identified as metham-

phetamine. The female was placed under arrest. While being booked at the jail the female told Agent that her name was actually Lacy Hickman not Kacy. Also arrested at this residence were April Fox, Lindsay Marks, Craig Warnack, and Amanda Wells.

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