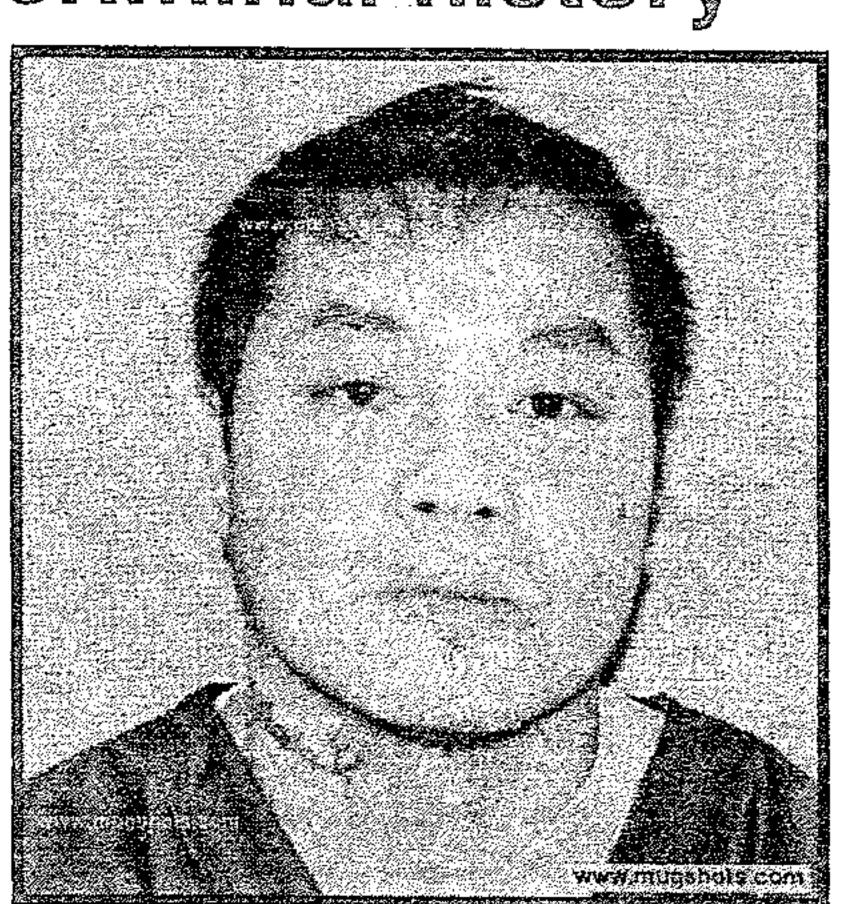
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Friday, January 29, 2016

Update on Officer Involved Shooting in Loudon County resulting in death of driver after wreck subject with violent criminal history

Note – This information is being released in follow-up to last night's joint press conference at the Loudon County Justice Center given by Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider and District Attorney General Russell Johnson. Some of the information will be a reiteration but some, most importantly the identification of the now deceased subject, is in addition.

At approximately 3:30 pm on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 four investigators of the Loudon County Sheriffs' Office (LCSO) were at a residence located on Grand View Drive in the Martel Estates East subdivi-



Thongsavanh Vandarack

Speeding driver charged with DUI in Philly

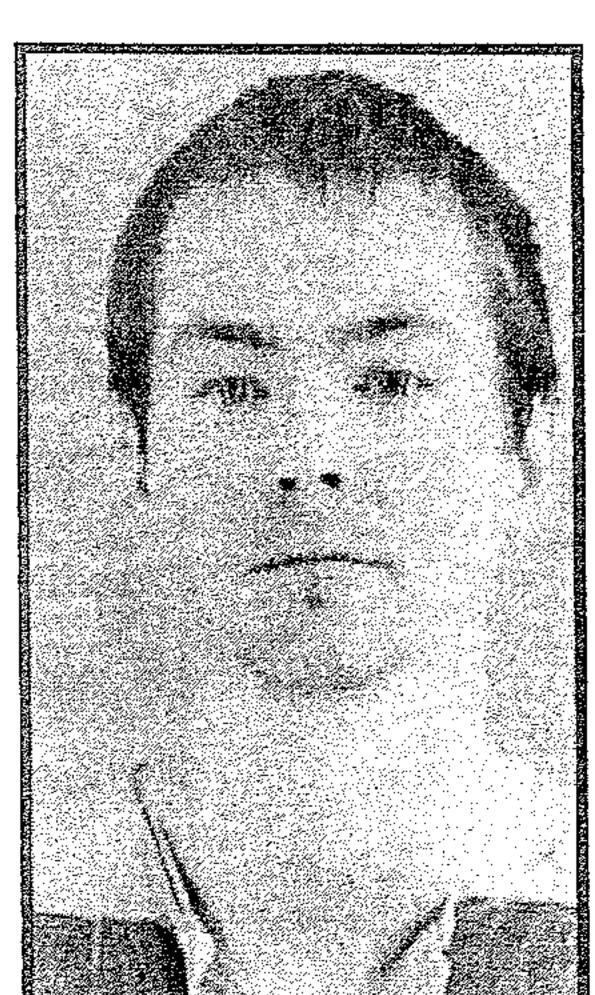
Michael Arp, 26, Gose Lane Sweetwater, charged with was DUI.

Deputy Robbie Lane LCSO, was on patrol on Hwy 11 in Philadelphia when Deputy observed a Red Dodge pull into a driveway then pull right back out and went towards Sweetwater at a high rate if speed. The Dodge pulled into the parking lot at the Post Office in Philadelphia. Deputy made



Verse of the Day

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Michael Arp

Obituaries see inside

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sion in Loudon County (which subdivision is City). The investigators were there to serve an arrest warrant on a male subject who was known to be living at the residence with his girlfriend. The residence belonged to Three minor children, who were the children

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3rd DUI for revoked



Albert Rhyne

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an extensive marijuana,

oxycodone and money

laundering distribution

conspiracy centered in

the Eastern District of

Tennessee and the West-

located off of Martel Morris Anthoney Phillips sentenced to 144 months in marijuana, money laundering and oxycodone conspiracies

On Jan. 19, 2016, Morris Anthoney Phillips, 39, of Culver City, Cal., was sentenced by the girlfriend's father. the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 144 months in federal prison (see shooting pg. 2) | for his leadership role in

ern District of Virginia. Phillips was the primary source of supply responsible for the distribution of these drugs from the Los Angeles, California area to Tennessee and Virginia.

According to the plea agreement on file with the U.S. District Court

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Saturday Sunny skies. High

Saturday Night Mostly clear.

Low 39F.

Sunday Partly cloudy skies in the morning will give way to cloudy skies during the afternoon. High 62F.

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Sunday Night Cloudy in the evening, then off and on rain showers after midnight. Low 53F.

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shooting

ject also lived there.

The warrant that was being served was for an aggravated statutory rape charge and it was the intention of the investigators to locate the subject and effectuate and arrest. The charge for which the subject was to be arrested is a Class D felony and was based on information recently developed wherein the 40 year old male subject was determined to have had a sexual encounter with a 13 year old female minor. [The victim of this encounter is NOT one of the children of the subject's girlfriend].

The 40 year old male subject is: THONGSAVANH VANDARACK, whose address listed on his TN DL is 2385 Brookhill Drive, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. dob is 10/1/1975. He is listed as 5'7" and 190 lbs. According to booking information his race is ASIAN and he is apparently of Laotian de-

cent. Vandarack has previous convictions in the State of the girlfriend, but who of Wisconsin for Attempted were not children of the sub- Homicide (X2) and two other related felonies that apparently, according to records available to this office, netted him a prison sentence of up to 49 years. He served a large portio, but not all, of this sentence in prison in Wisconsin from 1993 until 2010.

At some point after his release from prison in Wisconsin his parole was transferred to Tennessee through the Interstate Compact which allows for transfers of parolees or probationers between states for the purpose or parole or probation supervision. Vandarack was monitored by the Tennessee Department of Corrections (TDOC) through a parole officer in Murfreesboro.

In October of 2012 Vandarack picked up a DUI charge in Loudon County which was disposed of by his submitting to a parole violation that returned him to prison for two more years. Vandarack was

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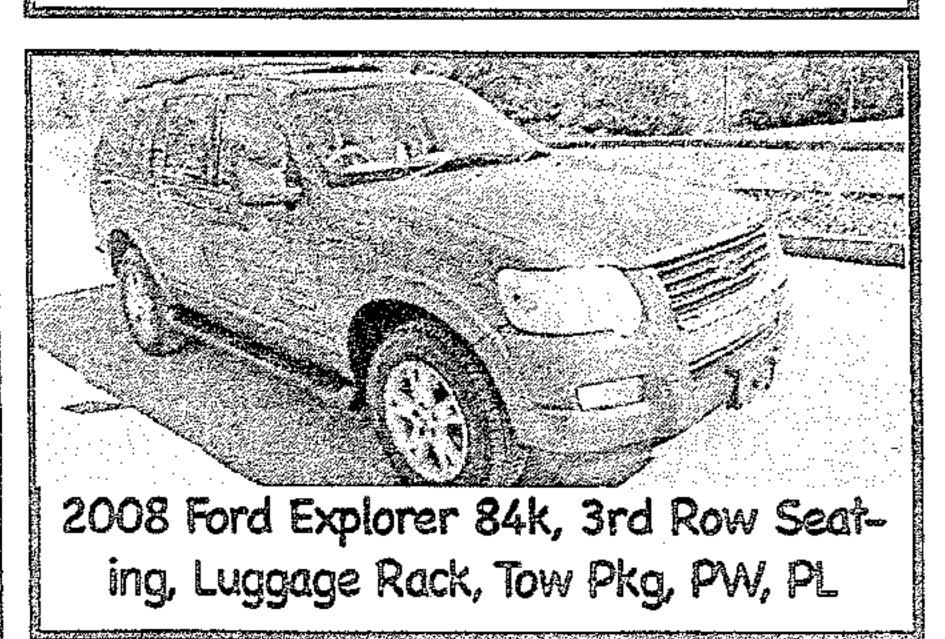
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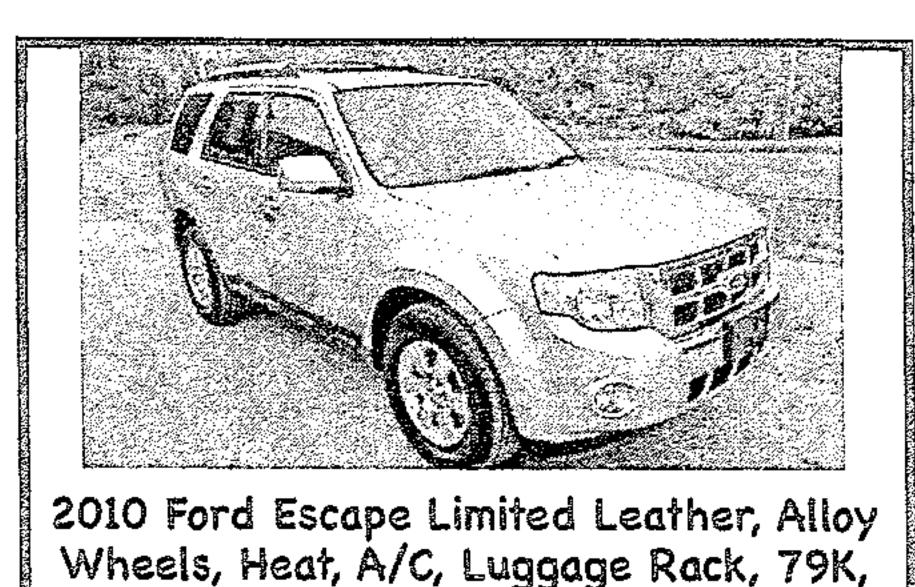
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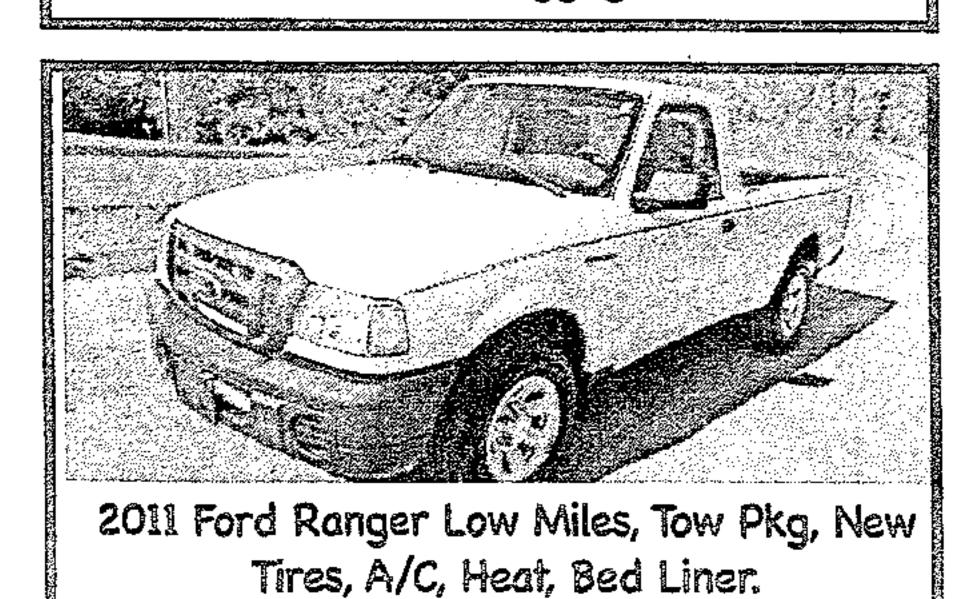
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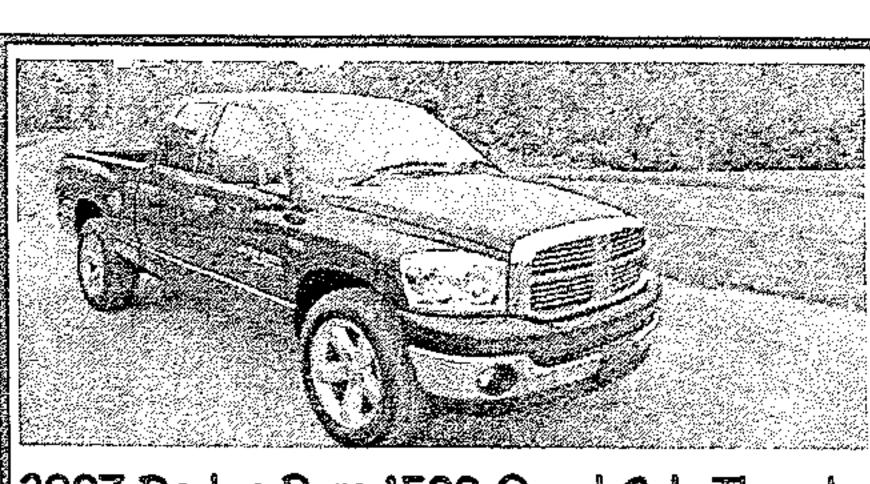


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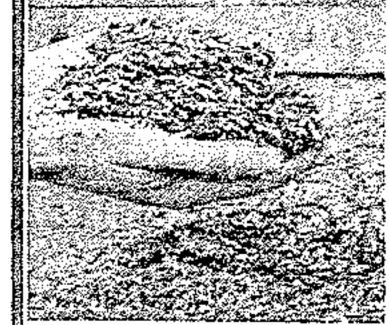
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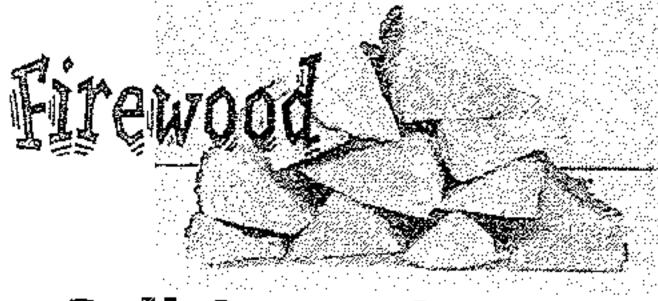
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Both nationally and in Tennessee, large numbers of students who graduate from high school are not adequately prepared or "ready" for postsecondary education. In 2014, based on an OREA analysis of





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available ACT scores, 75 percent of Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) community college freshmen, and 48 percent of TBR university freshmen, did not meet the TBR criteria for college readiness in math, reading, and/or writing. Approximately 28 percent of University of Tennessee freshmen did not meet the criteria set by their campuses for college readiness in math, reading, and/or writing in 2014.

Remediation, also known as developmental education or learning support, generally refers to academic requirements for students assessed as underprepared. Remediation is designed to address students' weak reading, writing, and/or math skills so they are more academically successful in credit bearing entrylevel college courses.

Several current K-12 initiatives focus on reducing the need for remediation by addressing students' academic weaknesses prior to post-secondary education. Postsecondary reform initiatives are underway to increase the effectiveness of learning support.

Tennessee has shown progress in reducing the percentage of college

freshmen assigned to postsecondary remediation. In 2014, 68 percent of community college freshmen in Tennessee were assigned to remediation courses, a decline from 77 percent in 2011. In 2014, 33 percent of TBR university freshmen were assigned to entry-level college courses that included some form of learning support, a decline from 43 percent in 2011.

Continued data development and research are needed for policymakers to track the college readiness of Tennessee students at the secondary and postsecondary levels and to evaluate the impact of recent re-

form initiatives.

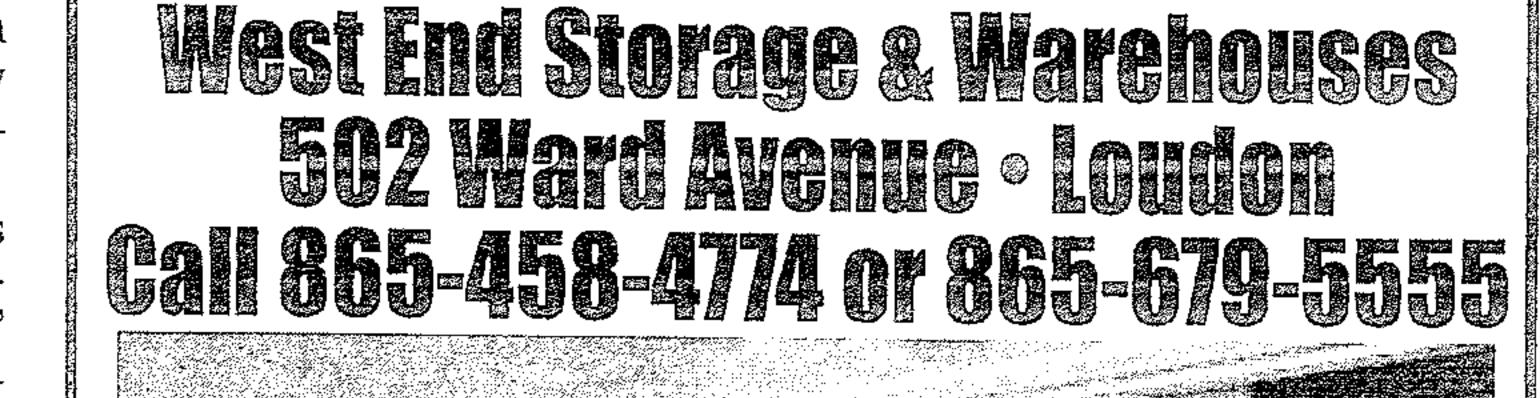
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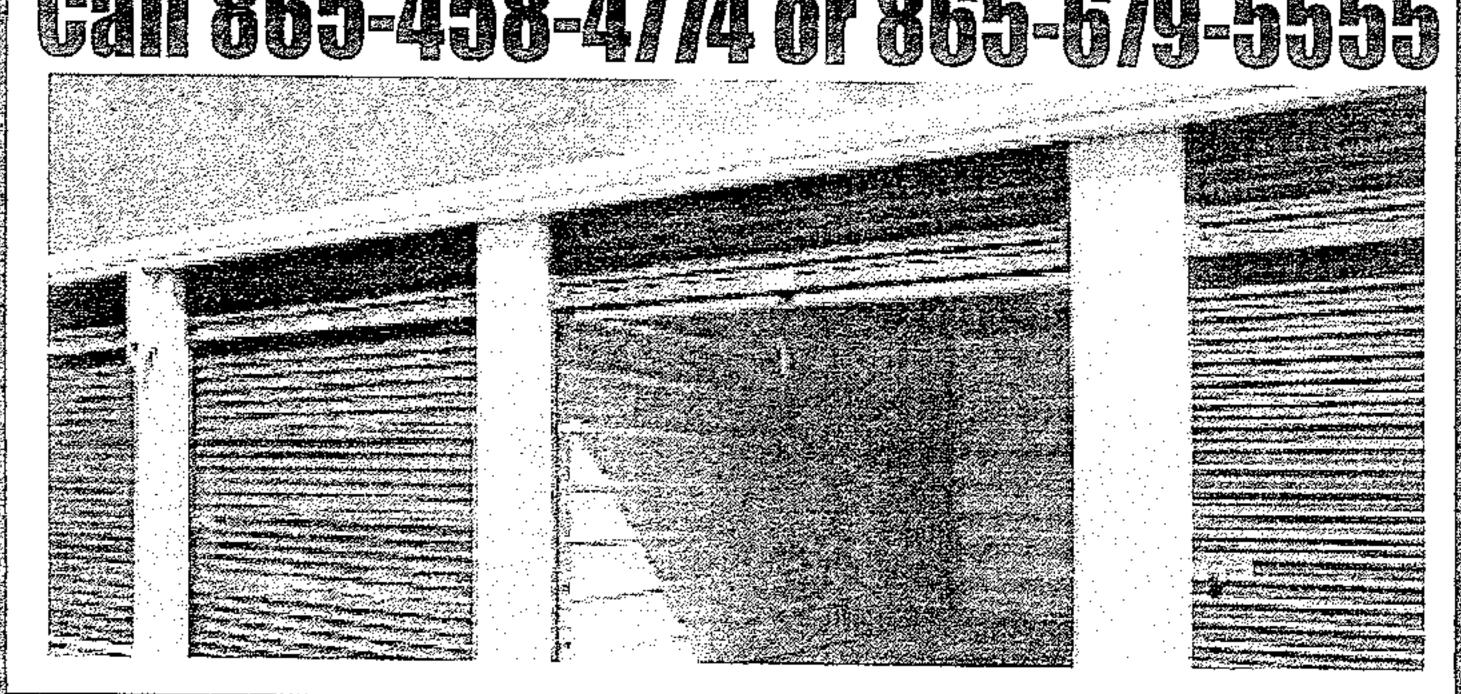
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Clerk, Phillips admitted that he was accountable for at least 954 kilograms of marijuana and 1,000 (30 mg) oxycodone pills. In July 2011, law enforcement officers coordinated a 500 pound marijuana reversal operation with Phillips in California. Upon weighing the marijuana, it turned out to be 562 pounds, instead of 500 pounds. Phillips sent another individual to retrieve the money for the additional 62 pounds of marijuana. The other individual was later pulled over for a traffic stop and a search of his vehicle revealed a quantity of cash commensurate with the price for 62 pounds of marijuana (approximately \$34,590.00). Officers subsequently knocked on the door of Phillips' residence and he attempted to flee. Upon seeing officers surrounding the residence, he went back inside the residence and barricaded himself for a

period of time. A search warrant was executed which resulted in the seizure of 562 pounds of marijuana, packaging materials, two 40 caliber pistol magazines, a black holster, and a paper bag with \$11,000 in U.S. currency. A 12 year old child was also present in the residence with Phillips during all of these activities. A search warrant was then obtained for the address in Burbank, where Phillips' co-con-

spirator went to get additional monies for the remaining marijuana, and which was operated as a stash house. A search of that residence revealed \$249,015.00 in two suitcases. One of these suitcases had a hidden compartment built into it to hide the money. Another suitcase contained \$519,920.00 in cash. A black bag was also found in the residence containing \$70,700.00. In total, approximately 1.2 mil-

lion dollars was seized from the residences and vehicles searched at the Los Angeles and Burbank addresses.

Phillips took over dealing to his Tennessee coconspirators in approximately 2010 after their former Jamaican source of supply was deported back to Jamaica. Phillips flew from Los Angeles to either Nashville or Knoxville on at least 14

separate occasions dating back to March 2012 to meet with co-defendants Glenn Draughn, 69, and James Wright, 59, both of Kingsport, Tenn., and pick up bulk cash for drugs he was delivering to them and others. By 2013, Phillips involved his brother, co-defendant Antonio Barrington Parsley, 24, of Culver City, Cal., in the criminal

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The Lenoir City Utilities Board conducts their monthly Board Meetings on the third Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 600 East Broadway, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771. The schedule for 2016 is as follows:

January 18, 2016 February 15, 2016 (Cancelled in Observance of President's Day)

March 21, 2016

April 18, 2016

May 16, 2016

June 20, 2016

August 15, 2016 September 19, 2016

October 17, 2016

November 21, 2016

December 19, 2016

3rd DUI

Albert Rhyne, 45, Watt Cemetery Road, was charged with DUI 3rd, Driving on Revoked License, Failure to Appear, and Violation of Probation. Trooper Rodney Best THP, was dispatched to a crash on Hwy 444 in front of the Dollar General Store. Upon arrival Trooper observed a vehicle in the ditch and unable to lo-

cate the driver at the scene. The Dollar store stated the person walk up to the store said he had wrecked then started walking down Hwy 444. Trooper notified Cpl. Marty Branam LCSO, of the traffic. Deputy was able to locate the driver identified as Albert Rhyne and transported him back to the scene. A check of Albert through dispatch revealed him to have 2 active warrants. A search of Albert Trooper located the keys to the vehicle in his front pocket. Albert failed sobriety test and was placed under arrest. Trooper Rodney Best THP, made the arrest.

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conspiracies and introduced him to Draughn and Wright, among others. Usually, these meetings occurred every two

months and involved at least \$100,000.00 in cash each time. Phillips and/or Parsley took the money they received from Draughn, Wright and others and put it in a hidden compartment in their luggage to conceal and transport back to Los Angeles.

In July 2014, Parsley, Wright and Draughn were all arrested in Nashville, Tenn., at a meeting in a local motel room near the airport. Parsley conducted this transaction for Phillips. A search of

the motel room resulted in the seizure of approximately \$100,000.00 in cash, which was payment for another marijuana shipment from California to Tennessee, in addition to \$10,500.00 for approximately 100 oxycodone pills. The pills had been hidden in a Skittles candy bag, re-sealed and placed inside Parsley's suitcase.

Others who have been previously sentenced in this prosecution include Draughn, Parsley, Larry Williams, 68, of Mendota, Va., and Kenny Russell, 57, of Kingsport, Tenn., who were sentenced to 63 months, 46 months, 140 months and 60 months, in federal prison respectively. Wright is scheduled to be sentenced in February 2016.

"These sentences send a clear message that drug and money laundering violations are serious IRS Criminal crimes. Investigation is proud to work with our law enforcement partners, by providing our financial investigative expertise, to stop the flow of illegal drugs into our communities," stated Tamera Cantu, Acting Special Agent in Charge.

enforcement agencies participating in this investigation include: the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; IRS, Criminal Investigation Division; Second District Judicial Drug Task Force; Kingsport Police Department; Russell County, Virginia Sheriff's Office; and, LA IMPACT (Los Angeles Interagency Police Apprehension Crime Task Force), which includes the Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Alhambra, Pomona, Inglewood and Culver City Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Taylor represented the United States.



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contact with the driver Mr. Michael Arp. A strong odor of a alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle. Deputy asked Mr. Arp to step out of the vehicle at which time he was unsteady on his feet. Mr. Arp was very nervous and was talking fast and slurred. Deputy could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from Mr. Arp's person. Deputy asked Mr. Arp if he had been drinking and he stated no. Deputy asked Mr. Arp to perform Standardized Field Sobriety test which he performed poorly one. Mr. Arp was placed under arrest for Driving Under The Influence. Deputy Made contact with the

Mr. Justin Bran-Brannon. non had a strong odor of a alcoholic beverage coming from his person red watery eyes and slurred speech. Mr. Brannon was asked to exit the car and was unsteady on his feet. Deputy asked Mr. Brannon if he had been drinking and he stated he had a 40 Ounce. Mr. Brannon is only 18 years old and was placed under arrest for under age consumption. Mr. Arp was read Tennessee Implied Consent and agreed to blood draw. Mr. Arp was transported to Fort Loudon Hospital for blood draw without incident. Mr. Arp was transport to the Loudon County Jail without incident. Deputy Robbie Lane LCSO, made the arrest.

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then released from prison in late 2014.

We are awaiting confirmation of Vandarack's suspected gang affiliation from the Wisconsin authorities as well as from the TDOC and/or TBI.

The LCSO investigators knew of Vandarack's violent history when they went to the Grand View Drive residence to effectuate the arrest. Two investigators took up positions outside the residence to guard against any potential attempt by Vandarack to flee from the arrest. Two investigators were let inside the residence by the girlfriend who called for Vandarack to come into the front room where she was located with the officers. According to statements from both investigators Vandarack stepped out of the kitchen area with both hands in his pockets. He was ordered to take his hands out of his pockets. Vandarack brought his hands up with what appeared to be a handgun and both investiga-

tors opened fire shooting multiple times at him. Vandarack was struck multiple times by the gunfire. Emergency medical services where called for and EMS personnel attended to Vandarack until the medical helicopter transported him to UT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board will have a Special Called Meeting on Friday, January 29, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.. The meeting will be held at City Hall located at 600 East Broadway, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. Consideration of approving the First Amendment to the Lenoir City Utilities Board Employees' Retirement Plan (to the Plan Document amended and restated effective December 21, 2015.



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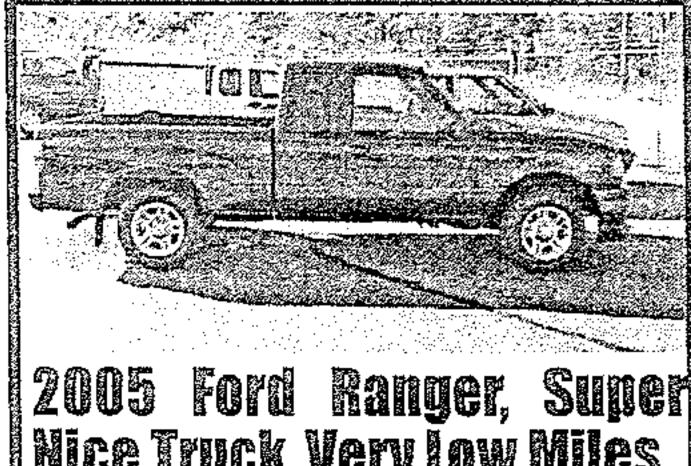
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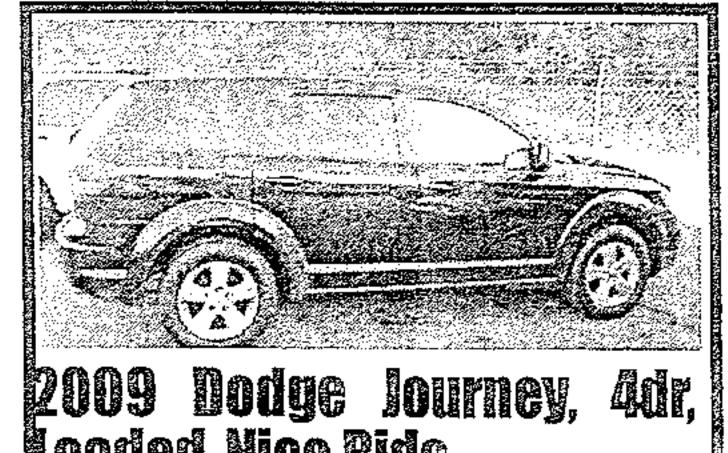
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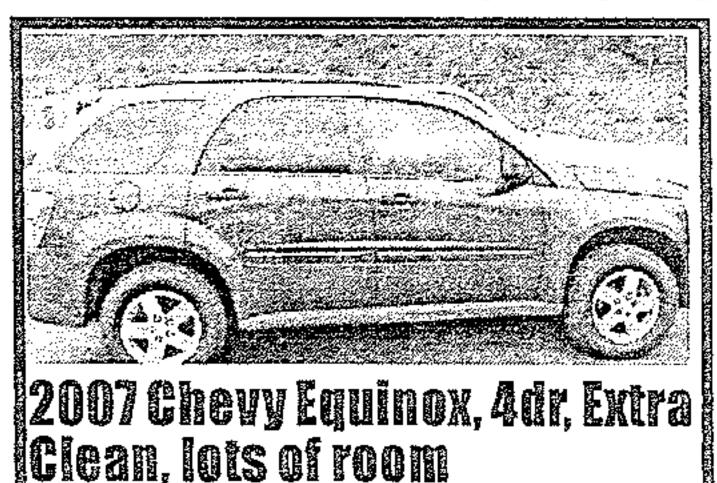


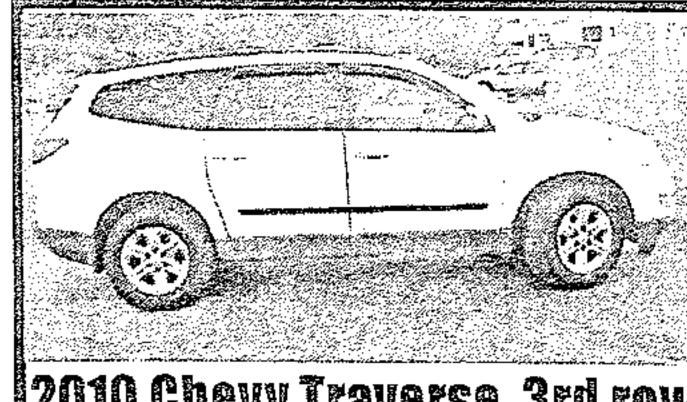
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