

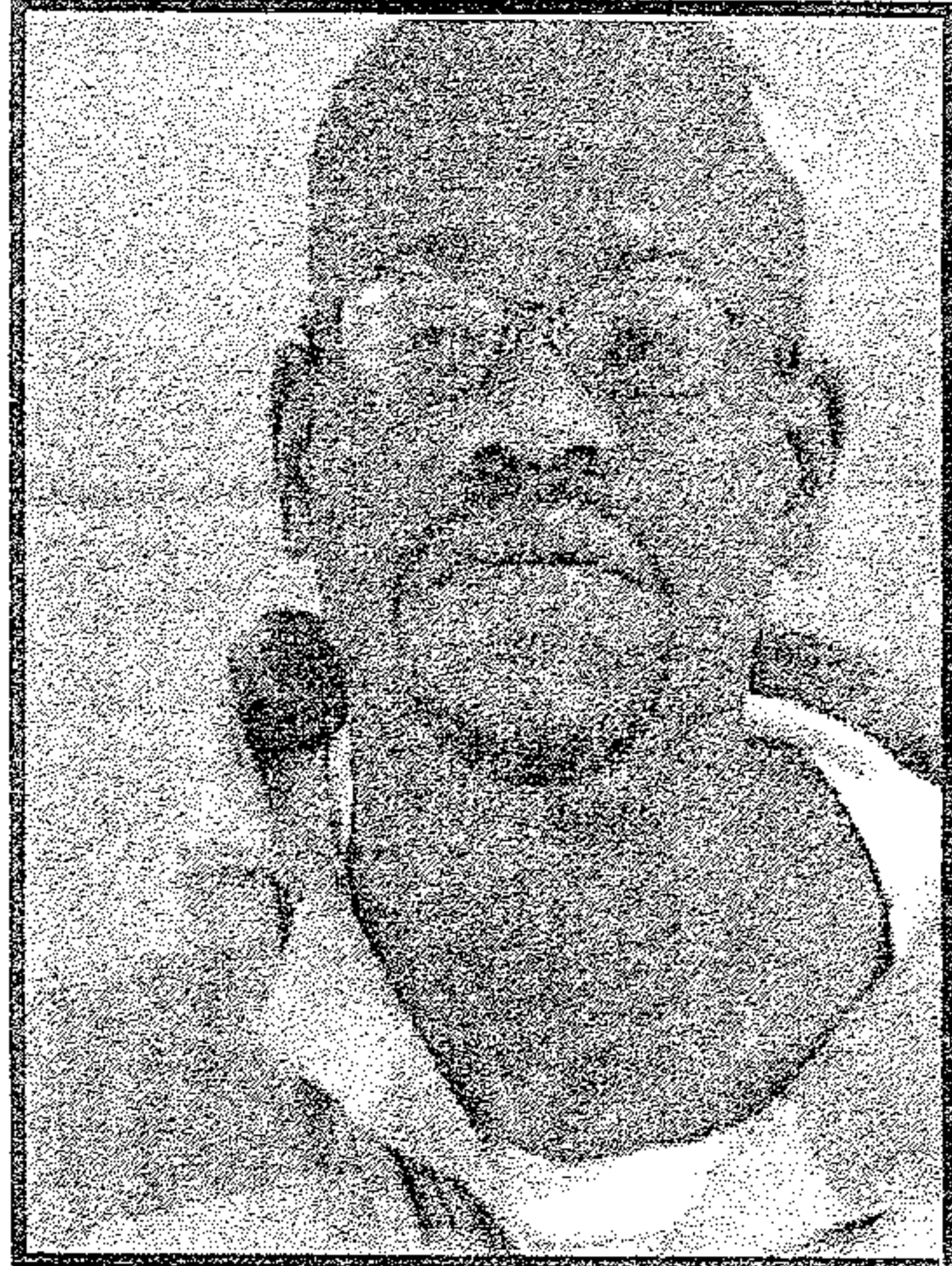
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Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Armed robber charged after high speed chase ends in crash



Dennis Ross
(see robbery pg. 2)



The suspects car following the crash. The armed robbery took place just moments earlier at Time Savers Cleaners in LC.

Charged with pills for resale



Ahmad Souman
(see pills pg. 4)

FBI Deploys Cyber Experts to Work Directly with Foreign Partners

Globe in Front of Laptop Computer
Last month, FBI Director James Comey told a congressional committee that "the pervasiveness of the cyber threat is such that the FBI and other intelligence, military, homeland security, and law enforcement agencies across the government view cyber security and cyber attacks as a top priority."

Operationally, the Bureau is responding to this global threat in a variety of ways—including through our Cyber Threat Team model, the FBI-led National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force, our Cyber Action Team, and regional cyber task forces in all 56 field offices.

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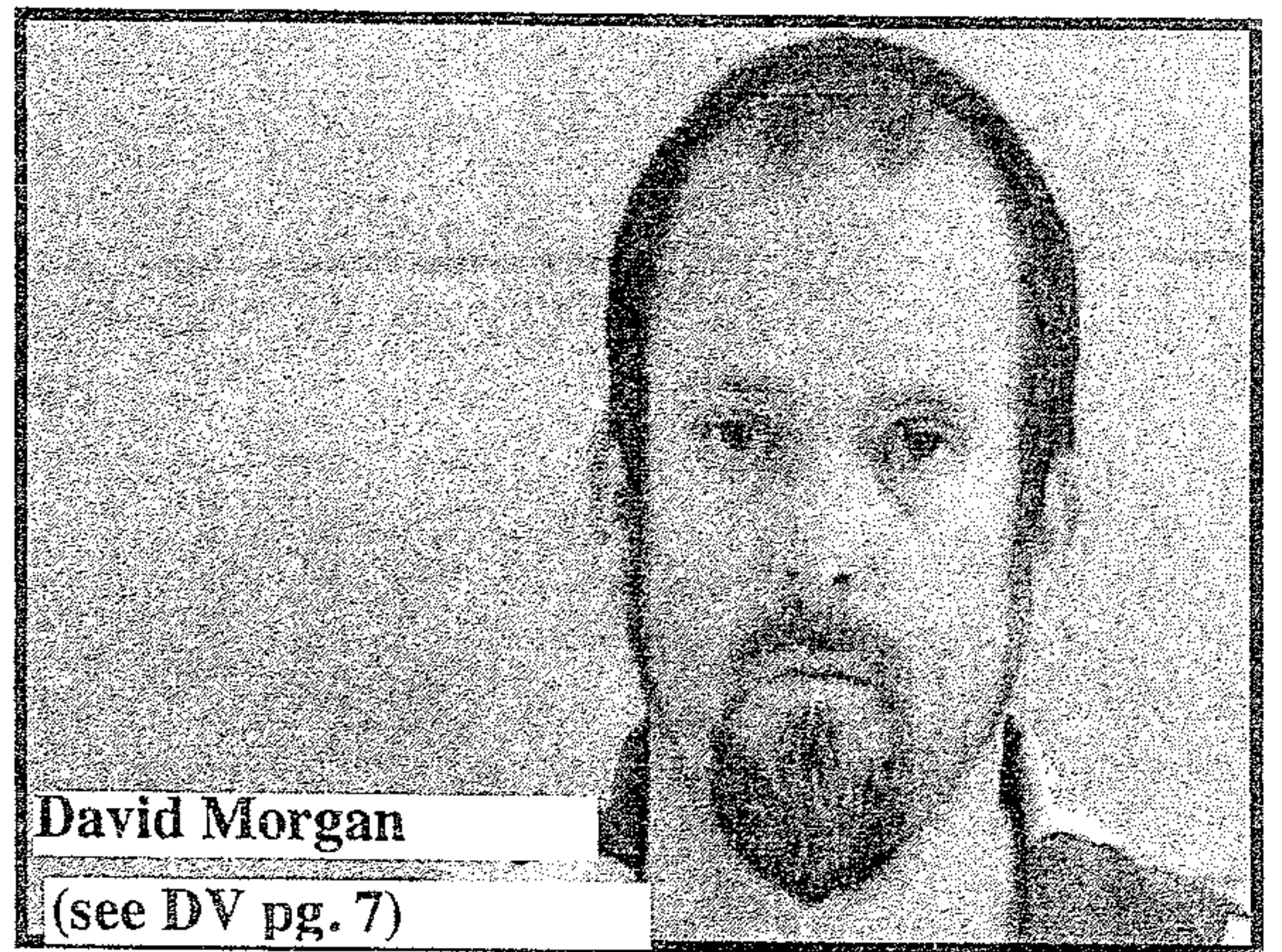
Knoxville couple sentenced for tax fraud and money laundering

Bertha Del Pilar Vargas, 48, and her husband, Martin Ayala, 45, both of Knoxville, Tenn., were sentenced on Oct. 26, 2016, by the Honorable Thomas A. Varlan, Chief U.S. District Court Judge, for their participation in tax fraud and money laundering conspiracies. Vargas was sentenced to serve 34 months in federal prison. Ayala received a prison sentence of 37 months. Both were ordered to forfeit to the United States, more than \$40,000 in currency seized by federal investigators and a money judgment of \$2.4 million.

In June, 2016, Vargas and Ayala each pleaded guilty to conspiracy

see money pg. 4

Altercation continues through the night; man charged



David Morgan
(see DV pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. — Hebrews 11:1

Obituaries

see inside
Wazzup

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Cherokee this month the World Series of Poker circuit event makes one of its annual stops. There are hundreds from our area that play in the events so good luck to everyone and follow us on Facebook to let us know how

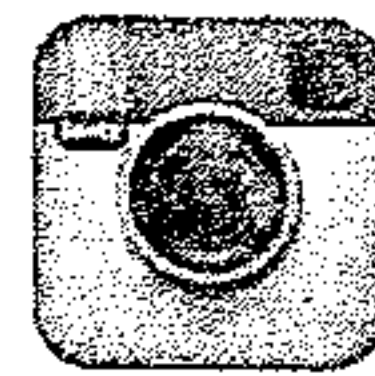
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Weather

Today: Mostly sunny skies. Near record high temperatures. High 81F.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Low near 55F.
Thursday Some clouds

early with showers likely in the afternoon, and a thunderstorm is possible. Near record high temperatures. High 78F.
Thursday Night Evening clouds will give way to clearing. Low 49F.

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robbery

On Friday, October 28th, 2016, Lenoir City Police Department Officers responded to an armed robbery at Time Saver Cleaners on E Broadway. The suspect was observed by Officers, fleeing the scene in a silver Mitsubishi Eclipse. Lenoir City Officers, and Loudon County Sheriff's Office Deputies engaged in a

short pursuit of the suspect vehicle, before it crashed on Hwy 11 at Browder School Road. The suspect, identified as Dennis Wayne Ross, age 42, of Knoxville, TN, was taken into custody without incident. Ross was transported to Fort Loudoun Medical Center, where he was treated and released. After being interviewed at the Lenoir City Police Department, Ross was

transported to the Loudon County Jail. Ross now faces charges of Aggravated Robbery, Felony Evading Arrest, and Reckless Endangerment. Ross is suspected of committing similar offenses in Knox County and the city of

Alcoa.

Dennis Ross, 42, Merchant Road Knoxville, was charged with Aggravated Assault, Evading Arrest, and Aggravated Robbery. A male entered the Time Saver Cleaners on East Broadway, (see robbery ctd. pg. 7)

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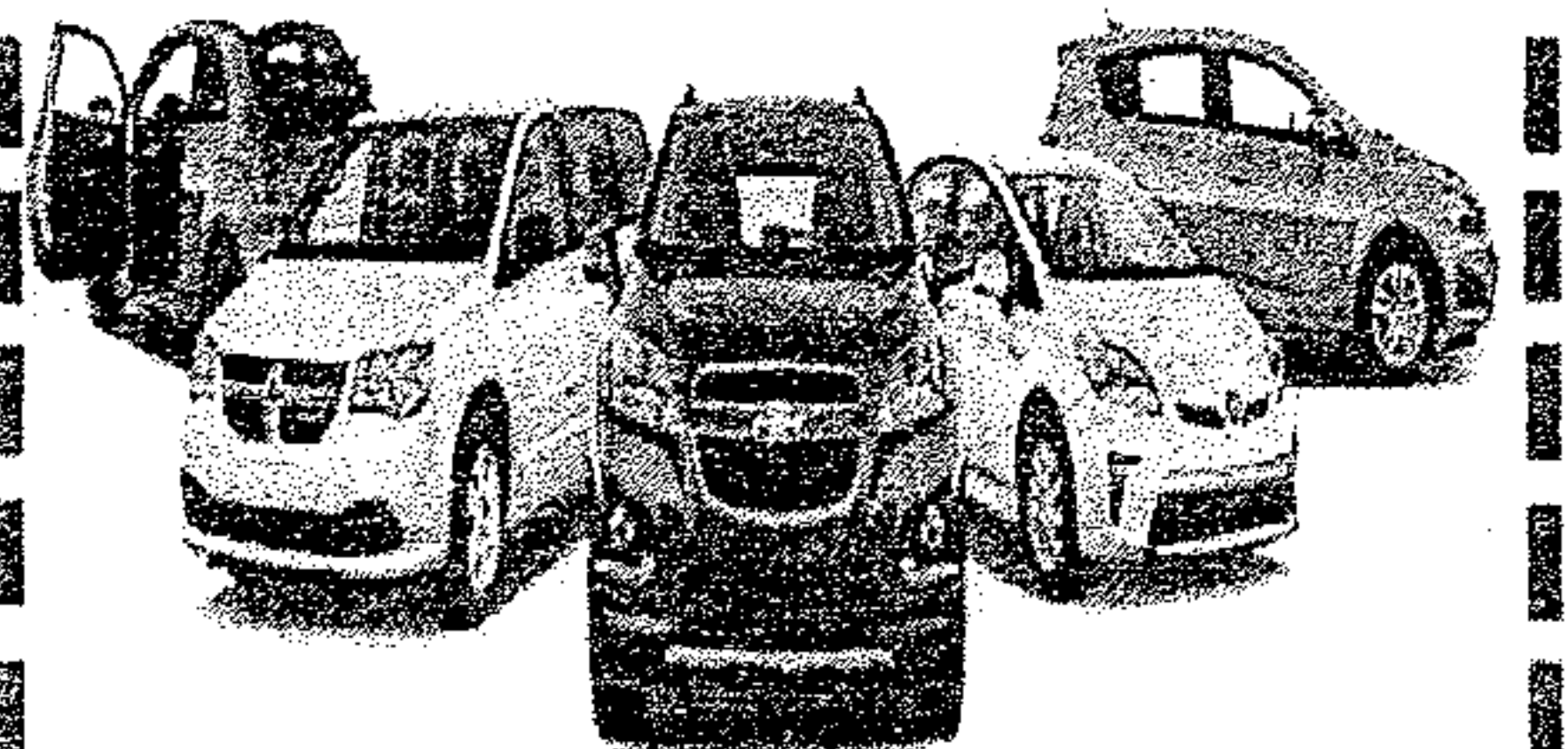
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pills

Ahmad Souman, 28, Pacifica Street NJ, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH. IV.

According to the report, Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, was observed a gray vehicle traveling North at a high rate of speed. The vehicle speed was checked by certified radar at 91 mph in a 65 mph zone. Deputy conducted a traffic stop for speeding and identified the driver as Ahmad Souman. A check of Souman license through dispatch revealed them to be suspended. Deputy was given consent to search the vehicle. Located was 2 pill bottles one with an un-readable label contained 3 white rectangle pills with Xanax, and 2 marking believed to be Xanax 2mg along with 2 oval pink pills also believe to be Xanax. Inside the other bottle was 7 and 17 white pills believed to be Alprazolam. Souman could not produce a prescription for the pills.

money

to defraud the United States through the submission of fraudulent federal income tax returns and conspiracy to commit money laundering. Their offenses were part of a scheme that involved the use of phony identification documents for the submission of fraudulent federal income tax returns in order to obtain refundable tax credits. The scheme resulted in the theft of more than \$10.8 million from the U.S. taxpayers.

Agencies involved in this investigation included the Internal Revenue Service, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Tennessee Highway Patrol Identity Crimes Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Frank M. Dale, Jr. and Jennifer Kolman represented the United States.

NANCY STALLARD HARR SWORN IN AS U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

Nancy Stallard Harr was administered the oath of office as U.S. Attorney for the East-

ern District of Tennessee by Chief Judge Thomas Varlan on Friday, Oct. 28, 2016 at the James H. Quillen Federal Courthouse in Greeneville, Tenn. Harr had served as the Interim U.S. Attorney by appointment of the Attorney General of the United States, Loretta Lynch. Pursuant to their statutory authority, the federal district judges selected Harr to serve until the nomination and confirmation of a Presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed successor.

Harr is a native of Bristol, Va., and former prosecutor with the Second Judicial District Attorney's office in Blountville. She joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1995 in Knoxville, and returned to northeast Tennessee as supervisor of the Greeneville branch office in 2001. In 2011 she was named First Assistant U.S. Attorney, and later became the Acting United States Attorney upon the retirement of William C. Killian in 2015. Her husband, Paul A. Harr is an at-

torney in private practice in Blountville, Tenn.

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FBI

Another way we're working to combat the cyber threat is by placing Bureau cyber experts in FBI legal attaché (legat) offices in strategic locations around the globe—a critical step because cyber threat actors can and do operate virtually anywhere in the world, crossing national and international borders with a few strokes of a keyboard to reach their victims.

Our experts are called cyber assistant legal at-

tachés, or ALATs, and they work on a daily basis with law enforcement in host countries, sharing information, cooperating on investigations, and enhancing our relationships overall. Sometimes, they even work in the same physical space alongside their foreign counterparts.

The cyber ALAT program began in 2011, when several FBI Cyber Division personnel were deployed to a handful of legat offices to address

significant cyber threats in those regions impacting U.S. interests and FBI investigations.

Five years later, there are eight permanent cyber ALAT positions—two in London and one each Bucharest, Romania; Canberra, Australia; The Hague, Netherlands; Tallinn, Estonia; Kyiv, Ukraine; and Ottawa, Canada. And currently, the Bureau maintains nearly a dozen temporary duty (TDY) cyber ALAT positions—their loca-

tions determined by the cyber threat environment and the host nation's capabilities in working with the FBI in identifying, disrupting, and dismantling cyber threat actors and organizations.

Observed each October, National Cyber Security Awareness Month is the perfect time of year for individuals, businesses, and other organizations to reflect on the universe of cyber threats and to do their part to protect their networks, their devices, and their data from those

threats.

Related stories:
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 FBI Deploys Cyber Experts to Work Directly with Foreign Partners
 The work of cyber ALATs provides a number of benefits for the Bureau, including improved working relationships with our partners to further FBI investigations and initiatives; assistance with the differences in countries' jurisdictional issues, cyber laws, and legal processes; and a fuller picture of particular cyber threats.

The host nation also benefits from the presence of a cyber ALAT in the way of technical assistance offered in support of cyber investigations as well as information-sharing efforts that often eliminate the duplication of resources expended to investigate the same threat actor groups. Cyber ALATs can also facilitate requests from our foreign partners for cyber training.

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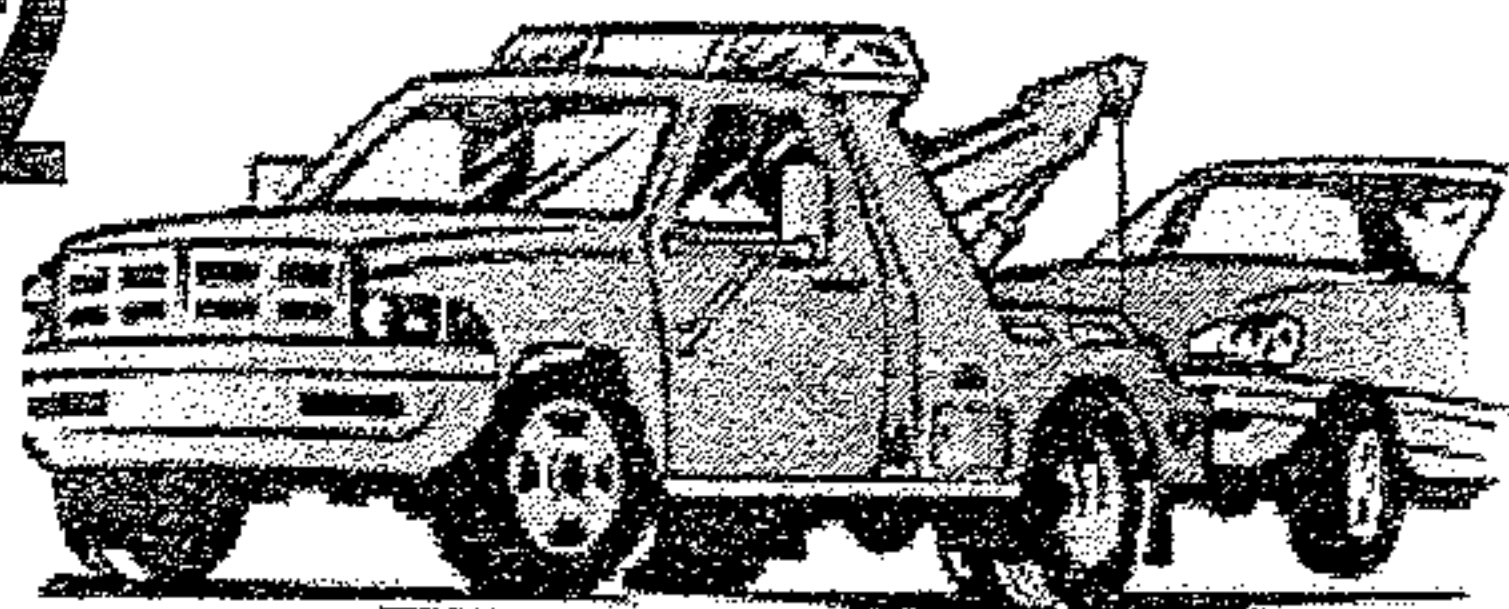
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DV

David Morgan, 34, Allison Town Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

According to the report, Officer Nack Halsey, LCPD responded to Kelly Lane in reference to a domestic assault. Upon arrival Officer made contact with the victim who stated her boyfriend David Morgan, had multiple friends over. The victim continued to say that Mr. Morgan and one of his friends got into a verbal altercation and then a physical fight.

Victim reported she told them they both needed to leave and be gone by the time she returned from her walk to cool down. Upon victim arrival back home at approximately 2:30am, she was entering the back door of her residence and Mr. Morgan reportedly grabbed her, pulled her inside then threw her down, causing her to spill her drink on the floor. Mr. Morgan then told the victim to get his clothes out of her closet upstairs. She advised him to get his own clothes. Mr. Morgan then reportedly dragged the victim up the stairs and into the bedroom. The victim went on to state Mr. Morgan head butted her on the forehead and then hit her in the mouth with a closed fist. There were visible marks present on the victim the report noted.

After the attack, the

victim went downstairs to get away from Mr. Morgan.

At 8:36am the two individuals began verbally arguing again. This is when the complainant/witness that was staying with victim call 911. Officer did attempt to get a statement from Mr. Morgan and he chose to plead the 5th. Mr. Morgan did have blood on his forehead, a scratch on his nose, a scratch on his left arm and a scratch on his right leg. Mr. Morgan was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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through an open back door and pointed a bb gun at the victim/employee while standing at the counter.

The male ask if there was any other employee's in the building. The victim turned around and pulled out a Taurus revolver and pointed it at the male who fled the scene immediately.

The victim fired one round in the air to scare the male who fled in a silver vehicle. Officer Eddie Range identified the vehicle immediately and turned around and activated his emergency equipment. The male accelerated fleeing at a speed of at least 119 mph in a 30 mph, passing LCSO patrol vehicle on West Broadway.

The male wrecked on Hwy 11 at Browder School Road and was taken into custody and identified as Dennis Ross.

FBI ctd. from pg. 5

ture of the work, cyber ALAT positions are highly competitive. Only those FBI agents with proven leadership skills, a wealth of task force and liaison experience, plenty of initiative, and top-notch computer intrusion knowledge are selected for the permanent and TDY jobs.

When all is said and done, what impact can cyber ALATs actually have on the overall cyber threat picture? "By building relationships, cyber ALATs can identify common threats and find unique opportunities to mitigate those threats with our international partners," said one recent cyber ALAT. "Historically,

law enforcement agencies ask each other to provide specific information to forward domestic investigations. But the global nature of cyber threats requires that the FBI and its foreign partners learn each other's strengths, priorities, and gaps. Cyber ALATs create the bridge that allows the Bureau and its partners to address both individual cyber cases and global cyber threats with the most impact."

Our cyber ALAT program is one more tool the FBI is using to protect the nation from sophisticated cyber threats coming from state-sponsored hackers, hackers for hire, organized cyber syndicates, and terrorists.

Bristol resident sentenced to serve 235 months in federal prison for child pornography production


On Oct. 26, 2016, David Earl Taylor, 50, of Bristol, Tenn., was sentenced by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 235 months in federal prison. Taylor was also ordered to remain under supervised release by the U.S. Probation Office for the remainder of his life, to comply with special sex offender conditions of supervised release, to register with state sex offender registries, pay \$100 special assessment, and pay restitution to the victim of his offense.

Taylor pleaded guilty in April 2016 to producing child pornography while he resided in Bristol, Tenn. According to the plea agreement on file with the U.S. District Court, Taylor used a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct in order to produce child pornography in 2014.

Agencies involved in this investigation included the Bristol, Tennessee Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Helen Smith, Assistant U.S. Attorney 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.projectsafchildhood.gov.

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