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Thursday, March 17, 2016

## He's a runner! But LPD is a catcher!

Joshua Underwood, 29, Vale Street Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault, Evading Arrest, Failure to Appear, Violation of Probation, and Theft of Property. Officer James Cogdill LPD, was dispatched to Pine Top Street for a physical domestic, before Officer arrival dispatched warned the officer the domestic was between Joshua Underwood and a female victim. It was Officer knowl-  
(see LPD pg. 2)



Joshua Underwood

## Loaded gun found along with paraphernalia



Michael Coffman

(see gun pg. 5)

## Methamphetamine trafficker sentenced to 15 years in prison

On March 14, 2016, Tito Charles, 30, of Greeneville, Tenn., was sentenced to serve 15 years in federal prison by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, U.S. District Judge. Upon his release from prison, Charles will be supervised for 10 years by U.S. Probation.

Charles pleaded guilty to a federal indictment charging him with con-

(see meth pg. 7)

## Food Stamp Fraud Supermarket Owner Imprisoned for Multi-Million-Dollar Scam

Tessema Lulseged owned a supermarket in Decatur, Georgia, but he was selling much more than groceries. He was trafficking in food stamps, and, for a time, it made him a wealthy man.

Lulseged owned the Big T Supermarket, a convenience store just outside Atlanta. He routinely and illegally allowed his customers to exchange food stamp ben-

(see fraud pg. 5)

## Revoked and a little weed means a lotta trouble



Natasha Ramsey

(see revoked pg. 3)

### Verse of the Day

He appointed twelve — designating them apostles — that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority

to drive out demons. — Mark 3:14

### Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

The true shall prevail so no matter how many times you change the

story, the truth will always come out!

### Weather

Today: Sunshine and some clouds. High 69F.

Tonight: A few clouds from time to time. Low 43F.

Friday Plentiful sun-

shine. High 66F.

Friday Night A few clouds. Low 38F.

### Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

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LPD edge that Joshua had active warrants and that he would run. Officer came in contact with several witnesses who stated Joshua had ran through the neighbors yard. Officer was searching for Joshua and had stopped at several houses who stated a male matching his description just ran by. Officer Bobby Lankford

LPD spotted Joshua at Clyde Street and took him into custody. The victim stated that she was late picking Joshua up and he was upset cussing her, and grabbed her by the throat, and hit her in the face. Officer did see scratch marks on her face and bruising. Joshua was placed under arrest. Officer James Cogdill LPD, made the arrest.

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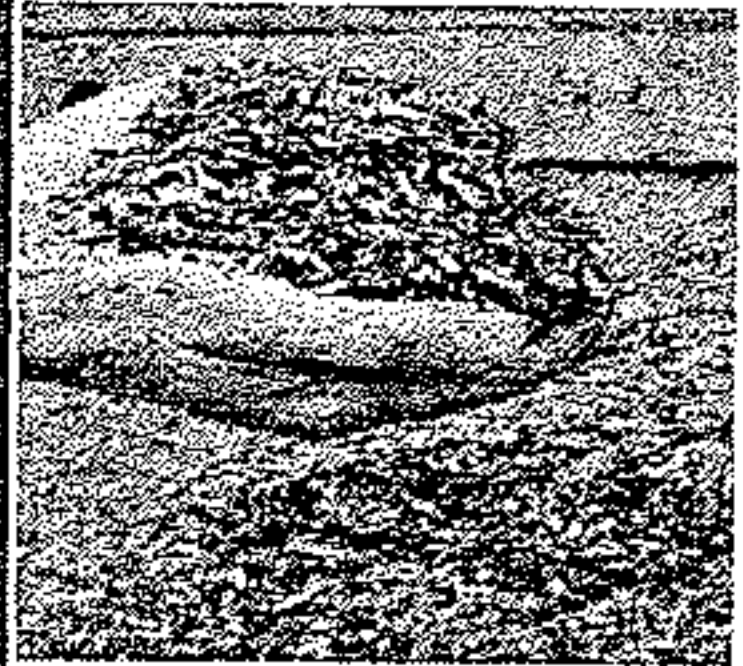
Natasha Ramsey, 23, Sunshine Private Lane Vonore, was charged with Simple Possession x2, Driving on Revoked License, and Poss. of Drug Para. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a

white vehicle traveling on Spring Street. Deputy identified the driver as Natasha Ramsey. Deputy had prior knowledge that Natasha's license were revoked, and Natasha was wanted for questioning on another case. Upon Deputy turning around Natasha accelerated at a high rate of speed before stopping on Donaldson Road. Deputy made contact with Natasha and ask if she had anything illegal on her or in the vehicle. Natasha stated she had some marijuana and a pipe. Deputy located a bag with .5 grams of marijuana, a pipe, and a cut straw. While searching

the vehicle Deputy also located in the middle console in a cigarette pack was a white pill identified as Suboxone. Natasha was placed under

arrest. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, made the arrest. once at the jail Natasha was placed on a investigation hold by Detective Charlie Cosner.

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**Fraud**

efits for cash—taking a substantial cut for himself. From 2009 until 2014, Lulseged's crimes netted him approximately \$6.5 million.

"He didn't even have to know you to trade food stamps for cash," said Special Agent Will Filson, who investigated the case out of the FBI's Atlanta Division along with agents from

the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Inspector General.

The federal food stamp program, administered by the Department of Agriculture and supported by taxpayer dollars, is intended to offer low-income citizens nutritional assistance. Recipients are issued debit cards pre-loaded with monthly benefits that range from hundreds to thousands of dol-

lars depending on the number of dependents in a household. Stores that participate in the program are prohibited from exchanging cash for food stamp benefits or accepting benefits for alcohol, tobacco, or other non-food items. Lulseged allowed customers to exchange benefits for cash if they purchased groceries valued at 10 percent of the amount of cash they wanted. For ex-

ample, if a customer wanted \$200 in cash, he or she was required to buy \$20 worth of groceries. The person would then get their money, and Lulseged would pocket \$150 for himself. A total of \$350 would be deducted from the food stamp debit card.

"If you were shopping at a big-box grocery store and spent \$800," Filson said, "you would be push-

ing five big carts out to the parking lot. At the Big T Supermarket, people allegedly spent that amount and were walking out with their items in a single plastic bag."

The investigation began in 2013. Sources and undercover operatives were used to make controlled exchanges, and investigators also compared the amounts of products Lulseged bought from vendors with the amounts redeemed using food stamp benefits.

"When we compared actual vendor purchases against submitted food stamp redemption amounts, it was outrageous," Filson said. "It was something like \$500,000 worth of products purchased and \$8 million reported in food stamp redemptions. The figures were completely skewed."

Search and seizure

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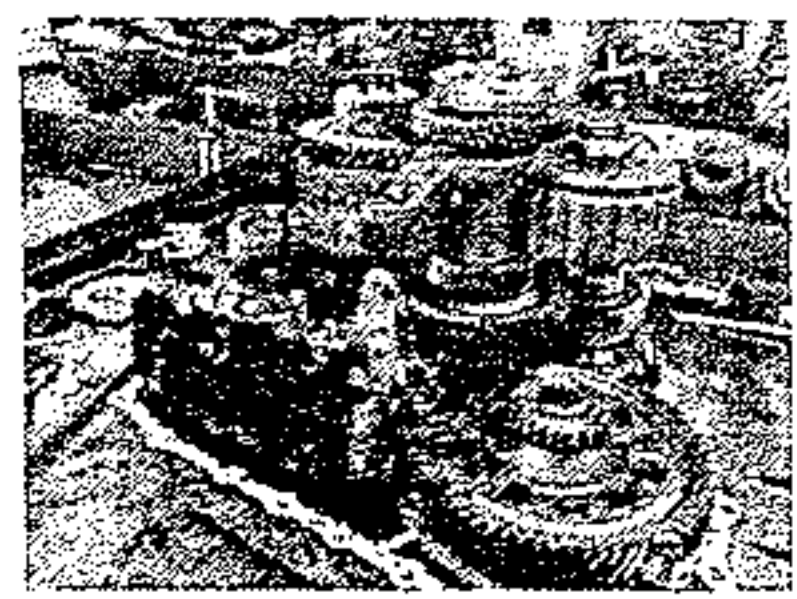
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Michael Coffman, 28, Kingston Street Lenoir City, was charged with Violation of Community Correction, Criminal Impersonation, Poss. of Firearm during a Dangerous Situation, and Poss. of Drug Para. Sgt. Jerramie Bowen LCSO, noticed a vehicle with the hood up in the parking lot of

the Subway at the junction. Deputy made contact with the driver identified as Michael Coffman. Deputy ran the tag that came back to a different vehicle it was displayed on. Deputy ran Coffman date of birth he came back with revoked license. Deputy walked around the vehicle and noticed a gray backpack with needles sticking out. Deputy then read

Coffman his rights. Deputy ask Coffman who the backpack belonged to he stated it was his. Deputy found a pipe with residue believed to be meth. Deputy also found several items that could be stolen property a loaded Smith and Wesson .357. Deputy did take the weapon into evidence. Deputy also located several bags with cartons of ciga-

rettes, tool set, sentry safe, phones with the cards attached, several blank checks, phone chargers, car radios, and laptop. Sgt. Jerramie Bowen LCSO, made the arrest.

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warrants were executed against Lulseged in 2014, and more than \$700,000 was recovered from his various bank accounts. The

government also seized Lulseged's supermarket building and his personal residence. In 2015, Lulseged pled guilty to trafficking in food stamps. Last month, a federal judge sentenced the 49-year-old to four years and three months in prison.

Filson praised the partnership between the FBI and the Department of Agriculture investigators. "This case was a big success not only because of the prison term but also because of the nearly \$1.5 million in cash and property forfeited to the government," he said.

As for the food stamp recipients who illegally received cash back, Filson said the individual amounts were not substantial enough for state or federal charges to be filed. But the food stamp program has an administrative process, and those who abuse the system are subject to having their benefits suspended.

"Food stamp fraud can be a significant drain on the federal budget," Filson said. "This \$6.5 million case was just one store. If you add up all the fraud across the country, it would likely run into the hundreds of millions."

Case in point: Earlier this month, another Atlanta convenience store owner pled guilty to eight counts of wire fraud for illegally exchanging food stamp benefits for cash over a nearly five-year period. The scheme allegedly netted the man nearly \$2 million.

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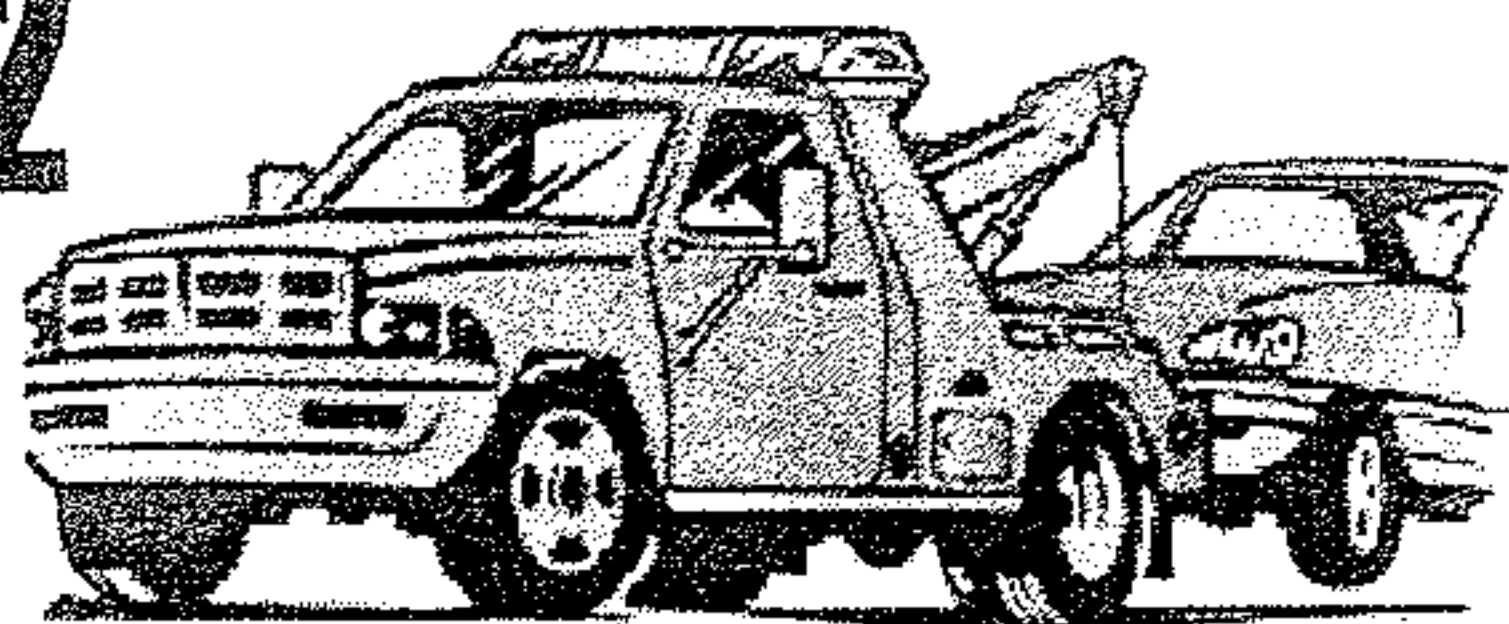
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 spiring to distribute methamphetamine. He was obtaining high purity methamphetamine from sources of supply near Atlanta, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn., and distributing the drug in east Tennessee. In February 2015, Greene County deputies arrested Charles in a parking lot in Greenville, Tenn., with approximately one pound of methamphetamine and \$31,391 in cash. He was released on bond later that same day. In March 2015, a multi-agency team investigating the drug

trafficking network that Charles was a part of and arrested him again as he was transporting an additional pound of methamphetamine into Greene County via Highway 172.

This investigation was a collaborative effort of several law enforcement agencies including the Greene

County Sheriff's Office, Hawkins County Sheriff's Office, Third Judicial Drug Task Force, Greeneville Police Department, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Homeland Security Investigations, and Drug Enforcement Administration. The

Third Judicial District Attorney's Office also provided assistance in

the prosecution of the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Christian Lampe represented the United States.

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