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Teardrop Patterson indicted for 1st Degree Murder and Arson

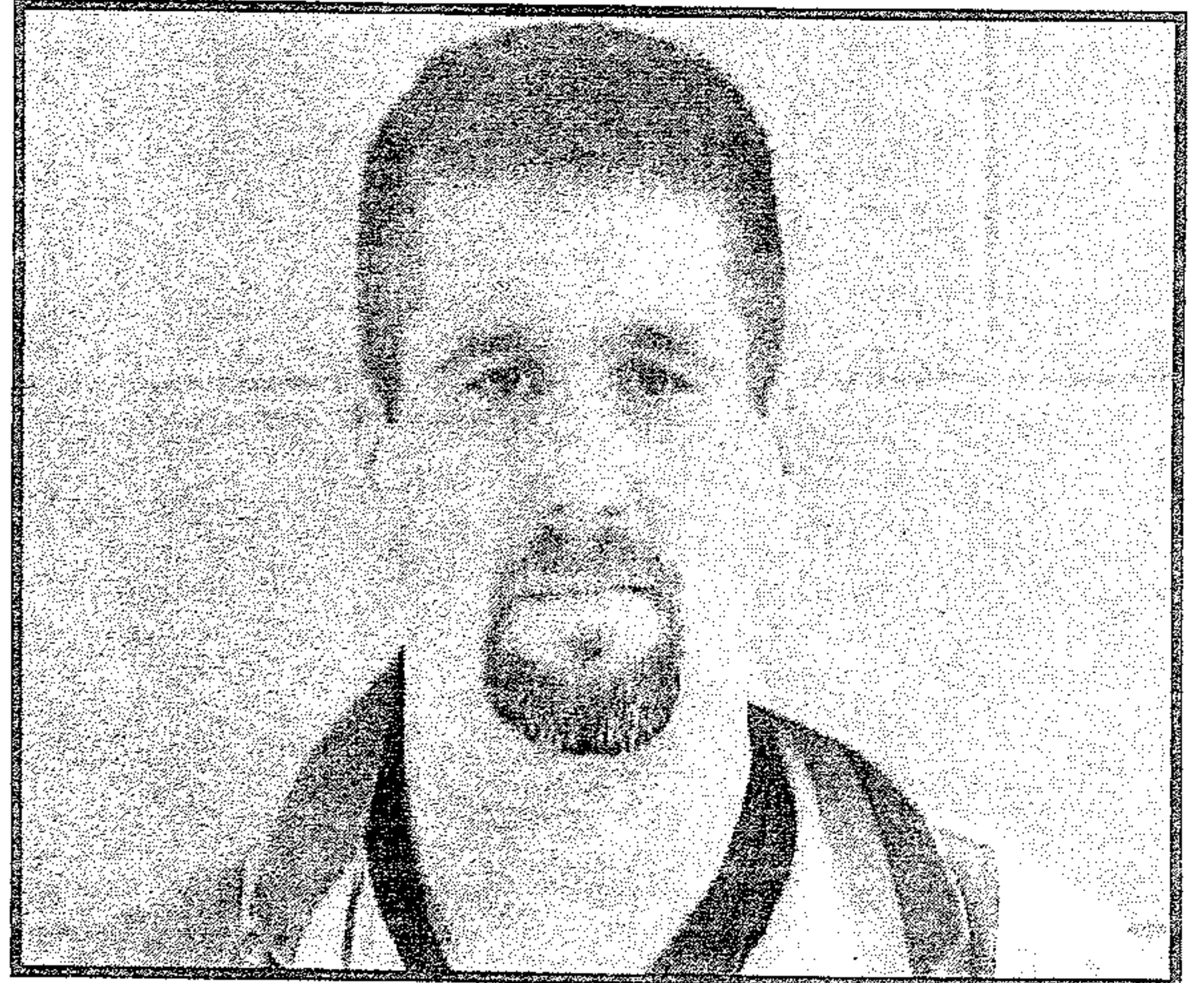
Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider today announced the indictment and arrest of Timothy Michael Patterson of Vonore Road in Loudon following the investigation of a house fire at 17735 Vonore Road that resulted in one fatality. (See attached press release) The back half of the residence was found fully engulfed in flames and upon the fire being contained, the body of

(see murder pg. 2)



Michael Patterson

Update: Another charged in burglary of seized vehicles



Otto Flachbart

(see Update pg. 5)

US Nuclear Engineer, China General Nuclear Power Company and Energy Technology International Indicted in Nuclear Power Conspiracy against the United States

A two-count indictment was unsealed today in the Eastern District of Tennessee charging Szuhsiung Ho, aka Allen Ho, a citizen of the United States; China General Nuclear Power Company (CGNPC), formerly known as the China Guangdong Nuclear Power Company and Energy Technology International (ETI) for conspiracy to unlawfully engage and participate in the produc-

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50" TV stolen in aggravated burglary



Dustin Herin

(see burglary pg. 4)

Duo charged after using victims credit card



Joshua Rucker



Delilah Caldwell

(see duo pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. — 1 Thessalonians 4:14

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**
Murder, theft and general mayhem lead the headlines in Today's Daily Edition! 30 Years and Still Rolling!

Weather

Today: Cloudy skies. High 83F.
Tonight: A few clouds. Low 57F.
Thursday Partly cloudy skies early. A few showers developing later in

the day. Thunder possible. High 78F.
Thursday Night Rain showers in the evening will evolve into a more steady rain overnight. Thunder possible. Low 58F.

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murder

Mr. Todd Dirksen was found inside the home at the back door area of the residence. After the scene was processed by Loudon County Investigators, along with investigators from the State Fire Marshal's office, it became apparent that arson was involved. Upon talking to neighbors and con-

ducted interviews with potential witnesses, it was learned that the victim's truck, which was missing, had been found burned near the McMinn Monroe county lines. Also, during those interviews, Patterson, who was a neighbor, gave statements that led to his becoming a suspect in the incident. After further inter-

views with Patterson, it was determined that Patterson was involved with the death of Dirksen, arson, theft from the residence, and also theft and arson of the missing vehicle.

The case was then for-

warded to 9th Judicial District Attorney General Russ Johnson's office, who presented the case to the Loudon County Grand Jury on April 11th. Mr. Patterson was indicted by

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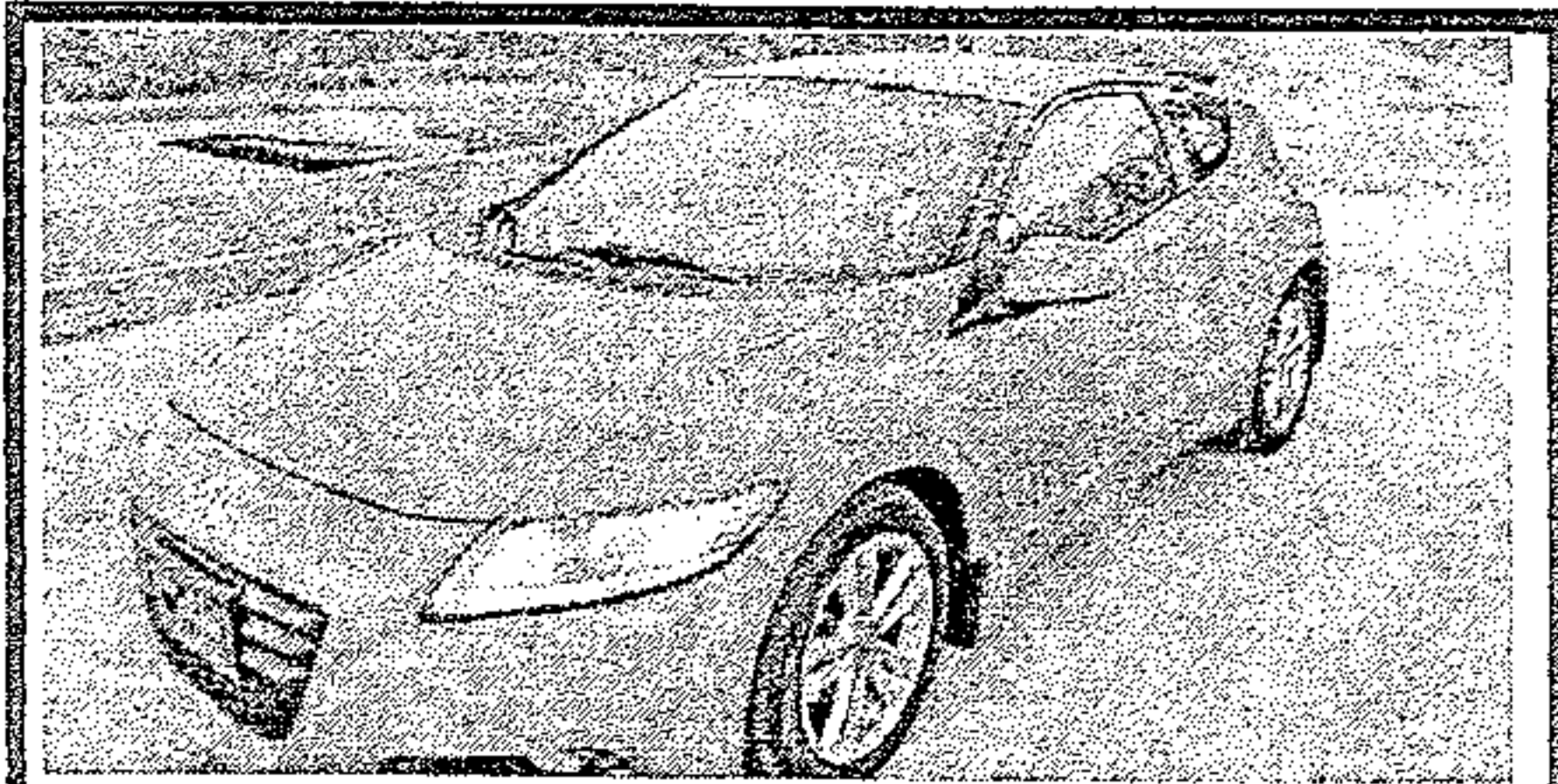
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Legion

Delilah Caldwell (Rucker), 26, Shaw Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Fraudulent use of a Credit Card.

Joshua Rucker, 32, Pine Crest Circle Lenoir City, was charged with Fraudulent use

of a Credit Card.

Delilah Caldwell, did use a credit card belonging to the victim at Walmart, without the owners consent or knowledge. Delilah did use the card twice, to purchase 2 gift cards at 210.00 each for a total of 420.00. Delilah then sold the card for a reduced price to CM Games in Knoxville. The credit card had been given to the co-defendant Joshua Rucker to be used for fuel to make a delivery for the victim business. Instead Delilah and Joshua took the card to Walmart and made unauthorized purchases. Capt. Kevin Condee LCPD, made the arrest.

Reunion

2016 Browder School Reunion will be on Sat, April 23rd from 10:00 - 3:00 at the Highland Park Ruritan Club

on Hwy 321.

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murder ctd. from pg. 2 the Grand Jury on two counts of 1st Degree Murder, Arson, and Felony Theft, (Theft over \$10,000). The two counts of 1st Degree Murder are a re-

sult of the Felony Murder Law in which the actions of at least two of Patterson's felonies resulted in the death of Dirksen.

Patterson was served with the warrants at the Loudon County Jail, where he was already incarcerated for both Violation of Community Corrections and Failure to Ap-

(see murder conc. pg. 4)

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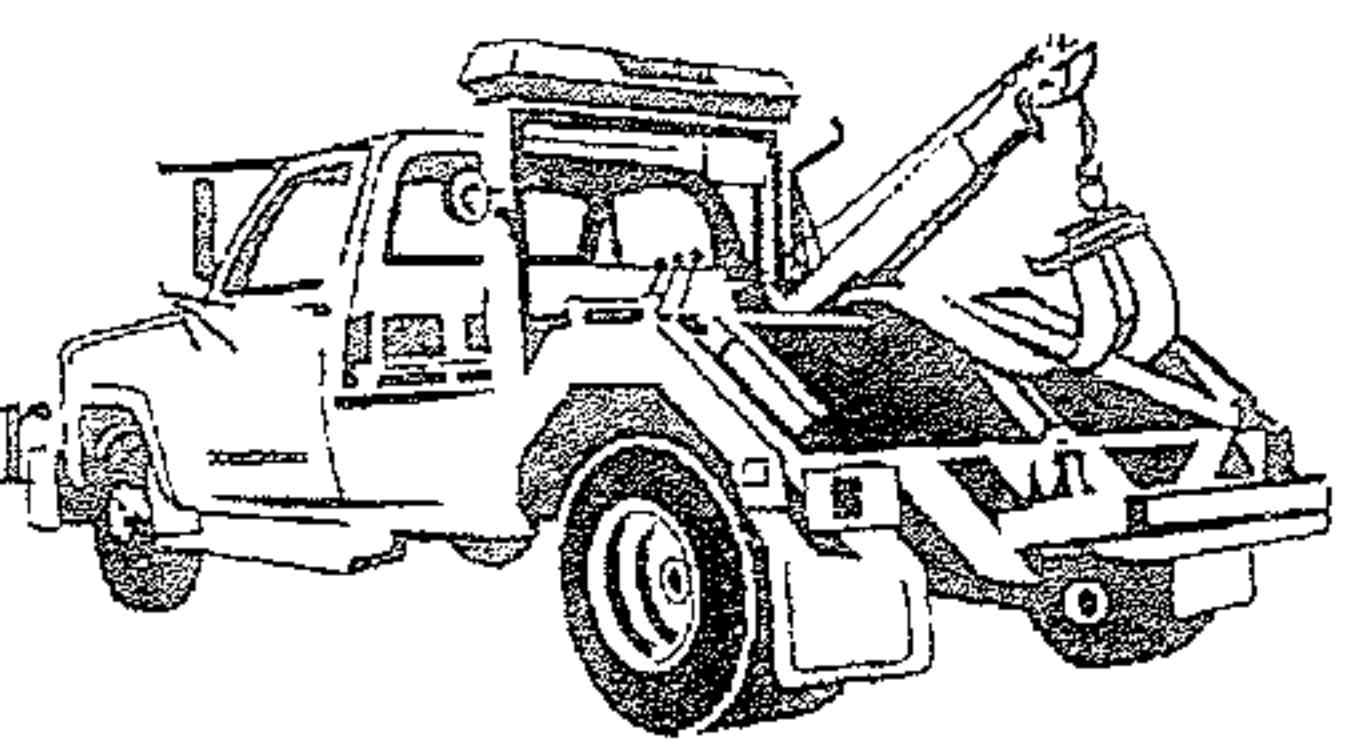
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burglary

Dustin Herin, 22, Calderwood Hwy Tallassee, was charged with Aggravated Burglary, and Theft of Property. Dustin did enter a residence on Big Hill Road without the owners consent. Dustin broke a glass in the sliding door of the home. After gaining entry to the residence Dustin did take a 50" TV belonging to the victim. Det. Charlie Cosner LCSO, made the arrest.

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pear charges. He is currently being held in Loudon County with a total bond of over \$300,000.00.

Guider credited the Loudon County Sheriff's Office investigators, State Fire Marshal's Office, Loudon County Fire and Rescue, and the District Attorney's office for the investigation and quick apprehension of the suspect.

nuclear

tion and development of special nuclear material outside the United States, without the required authorization from the U.S. Department of Energy. This authorization is required by U.S. law and is robustly observed through frequent legal U.S.- China civil nuclear cooperation. Ho was also charged with conspiracy to act in the United States as an agent of a foreign government.

The announcement was made by Assistant Attorney General for National Security John P. Carlin, Acting U.S. Attorney Nancy Stallard Harr of the Eastern District of Tennessee and Executive Assistant Director Michael Steinbach of the FBI's National Security Branch.

Acting U.S. Attorney Harr affirmed the importance of this case by stating, "The prosecution of individuals who potentially endanger our U.S. citizens by violating laws enacted to ensure our national security, has been and will remain a priority

for the U.S. Attorney's Office in eastern Tennessee."

"Allen Ho, at the direction of a Chinese state-owned nuclear power company allegedly approached and enlisted U.S. based nuclear experts to provide integral assistance in developing and producing special nuclear material in China," said Assistant Attorney General Carlin. "Ho did so without registering with the Department of Justice as an agent of a foreign nation or authorization from the U.S. Department of Energy. Prosecuting those who seek to evade U.S. law by attaining sensitive nuclear technology for foreign nations is a top priority for the National Security Division."

"The arrest and indictment in this case send an important message to the U.S. nuclear community that foreign entities want the information you possess," said Executive Assistant Director Steinbach. "The federal government has regulations in place to

oversee civil nuclear cooperation, and if those authorities are circumvented, this can result in significant damage to our national security. The U.S. will use all of its law enforcement tools to stop those who try to steal U.S. nuclear technology and expertise."

According to the indictment, Ho is a nuclear engineer employed by CGNPC as a senior advisor and is also the owner and president of ETI. Born in China, he is a naturalized U.S. citizen with dual residency in Delaware and China. CGNPC, which is owned by China's State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, is the largest nuclear power company in China and specializes in the development and manufacture of nuclear reactors. ETI is a Delaware corporation headquartered in Ho's home in Wilmington, Delaware.

According to allegations in the indictment, which was returned on April 5, 2016, begin-

ning in 1997 and continuing through April 2016, Ho, CGNPC and ETI allegedly conspired with others to engage and participate in the development and production of special nuclear material in China, with the intent to secure an advantage to China and without specific authorization to do so from the U.S. Secretary of Energy, as required by law. In particular, the defendants allegedly sought technical assistance related to, among other things, CGNPC's Small Modular Reactor Program; CGNPC's Advanced Fuel Assembly Program; CGNPC's Fixed In-Core Detector System; and verification and validation of nuclear reactor-related computer codes.

The indictment further alleges that Ho, under the direction of CGNPC, identified, recruited and executed contracts with U.S.-based experts from the civil nuclear industry who provided technical assistance related to the development

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update

Otto Flachbart, 38, Shaw Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Burglary x3 and Theft of Property x3. Deputy Brad Rayfield LCSO, responded to HWY 11 East on the burglary to several vehicles. Deputy arrived on scene at the rear of the lot, and made contact with the

complainant/victim. DTF agent Brendan Deboer advised Deputy that 30 seizure vehicle had been gone through, and most of them had the keys taken. The rear fence of the seizure lot had been cut and vehicle had been gone through. Several items were taken. An investigation was conducted and it was determined that Otto

Flachbart, did commit the offence. Detective Charlie Cosner LCSO, made the arrest.

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and production of special nuclear material for CGNPC in China. Ho and CGNPC also allegedly facilitated the travel to China and payments to the U.S.-based experts in exchange for their services.

The indictment further alleges that during this same period of time, Ho conspired with others to knowingly act as an agent of China without prior notification to the Attorney General, as required by law. On or about Oct. 4, 2009, Ho allegedly told experts who he was attempting to recruit that, "China has the budget to spend," and that he needed assistance so

that, "China will be able to design their Nuclear Instrumentation System independently and manufactur[e] them independently after the project is complete." In further correspondence with nuclear experts in the United States, Ho made clear that he was charged with obtaining necessary expertise from the United States at the direction of the CGNPC and the China Nuclear Power Technology Research Institute, a subsidiary of CGNPC, and that he was to do so surreptitiously.

If convicted, the charge of conspiracy to unlawfully engage and participate in the production and development of special nuclear material outside the United States carries a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The charge of conspiring to act in the United States as an agent of a foreign government carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison along with fines and supervised release.

The charges con-

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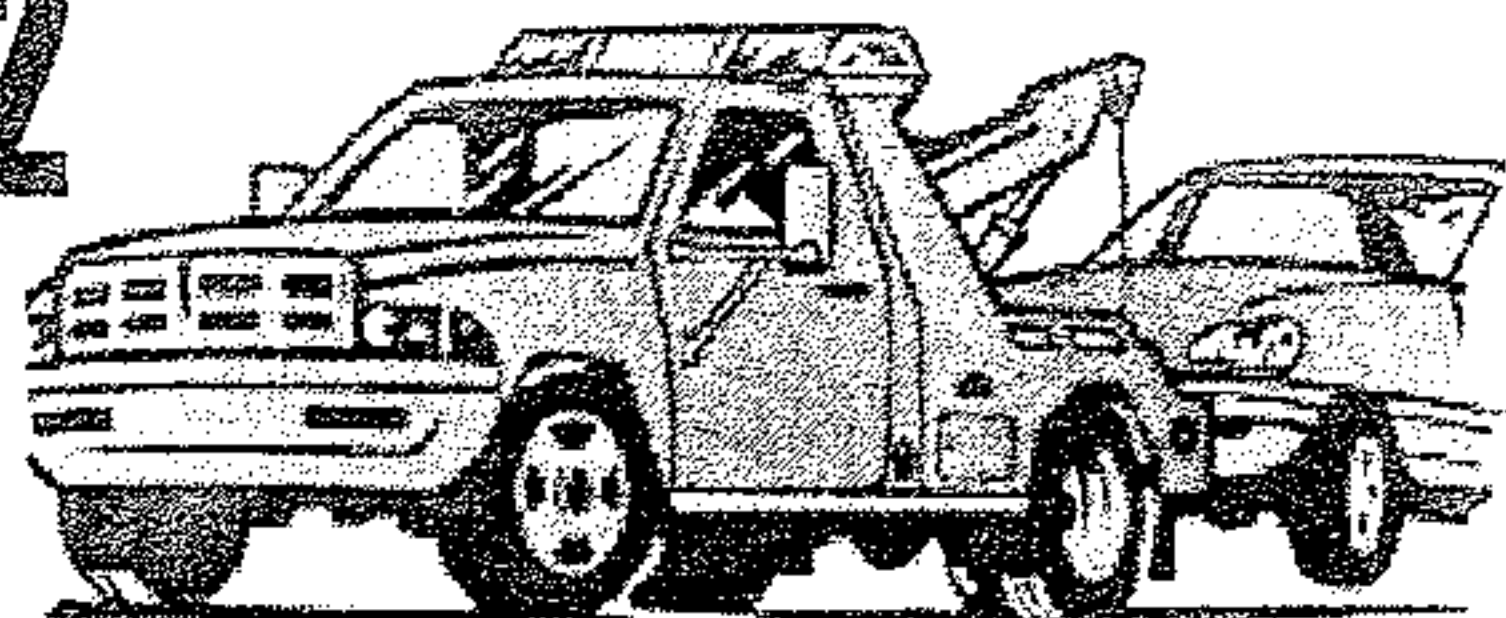
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 tained in the indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case is being investigated by the FBI, the Tennessee Valley Authority-Office of the Inspector General, the Department of Energy-National Nuclear Security Administration and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations, with assistance from other agencies. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles E. Atchley Jr. of the Eastern District of Tennessee and Trial Attorney

Casey T. Arrowood of the National Security Division's Counterintelligence and Export Control Section.

Former Lawrence County Fire and Rescue Treasurer Stole \$265,000

A special investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has found that former Lawrence County Fire and Rescue treasurer Jeffrey Hughes stole at least \$265,066 from two organizations. This investigation was completed in conjunction with the 22nd Judicial District Attorney General's Office.

Lawrence County Fire and Rescue, Incorporated is an umbrella organization for the 13

volunteer fire departments in Lawrence County. The organization receives public funds from Lawrence County and distributes them accordingly.

Investigators determined that from May 2009 through March 2016, Mr. Hughes stole \$254,266 while serving as treasurer for Lawrence County Fire and Rescue. He stole most of that money by writing more than 80 checks to "cash" and cashing them for his personal benefit. Mr. Hughes also wrote more than 80 fire and rescue checks to Walmart to purchase gift cards. Additionally, Mr. Hughes made other improper withdrawals to obtain cash

or pay personal bills. Jeffrey Hughes also served as treasurer for the Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department in Lawrence County. Investigators found that from October 2013 through November 2015 he wrote additional unauthorized checks from the Crossroad's bank account made payable to cash or Walmart. These checks totaled \$10,800 and Mr. Hughes used the money for his personal benefit.

On April 15, 2016, Jeffrey Hughes was indicted by the Lawrence County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$250,000, one count of theft over \$10,000, and 136 counts of forgery. "A key contributing

factor to these thefts was the failure to separate money handling responsibilities," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "One person shouldn't prepare and sign checks and review bank statements without oversight. When one person has too much control, theft can go on for years."

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>

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