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Friday, April 22, 2016

Couple charged after aggravated assault at Eaton crossroads

Victim beaten and robbed; assailant takes vehicle



Daniel Duggan
(see assault pg. 2)



Stacy Duggan



Bevan Thompson

(see Robbed pg. 5)

Man indicted for criminal homicide



Brian Leach

(see capias pg. 3)

Man Gets 16 Years for Attempting to Purchase Ricin

Use of Stolen Identity Adds to Length of Sentence

It was a very scary scenario: Chinese national Cheng Le, living in New York City, attempted to order ricin through the so-called dark web.

Ricin, of course, is a highly potent and potentially fatal toxin with no known antidote. And the dark web includes a number of extensive, sophisticated, and widely used online

(see FBI pg. 4)

Aggravated assault for local man



Johnny Kelley

(see charged pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. — Philippians 4:20

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Looks like the wear your seatbelt or get stopped drive is going on in LC!

Weather

Today: Showers and thunderstorms. High 76F.

Tonight: Thunderstorms in the evening will give way to clear skies overnight. Low 53F.

Saturday Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. High 78F.

Saturday Night Clear skies. Low around 50F.

Sunday A mainly sunny sky. High near 85F.

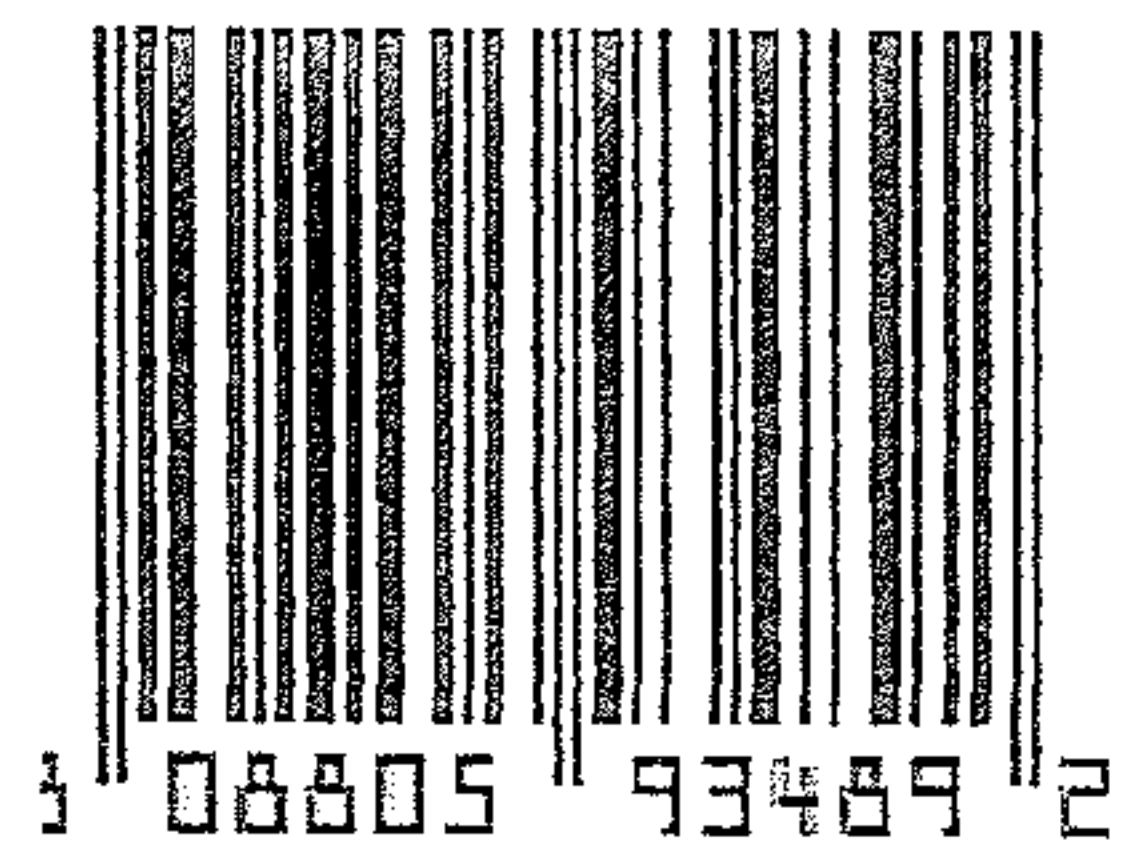
Sunday Night A mostly clear sky. Low 58F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

The tried-and-true method that enables you to finish

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assault

Daniel Duggan, 41, Parkway Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias(Aggravated Assault x2).

Stacy Duggan, 39, Parkway Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, And Criminal Court Capias(DORL).

Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, responded to the Eaton Food Market to the report of a possible aggravated assault. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the 2 victims/witness, who stated they were getting gas, and they observed a male and female possibly snorting pills. Witness went in to pay for the gas and told

the store clerk. A third party with the male and female was in the store and left and got in the vehicle. The vehicle then attempted to leave the business and turned back around and when witness walked out

of the business. The female driver identified as Stacy Duggan, who does not have a valid license got out from the driver seat and confronted witness. Stacy was cursing the

(see assault ctd. pg. 3)

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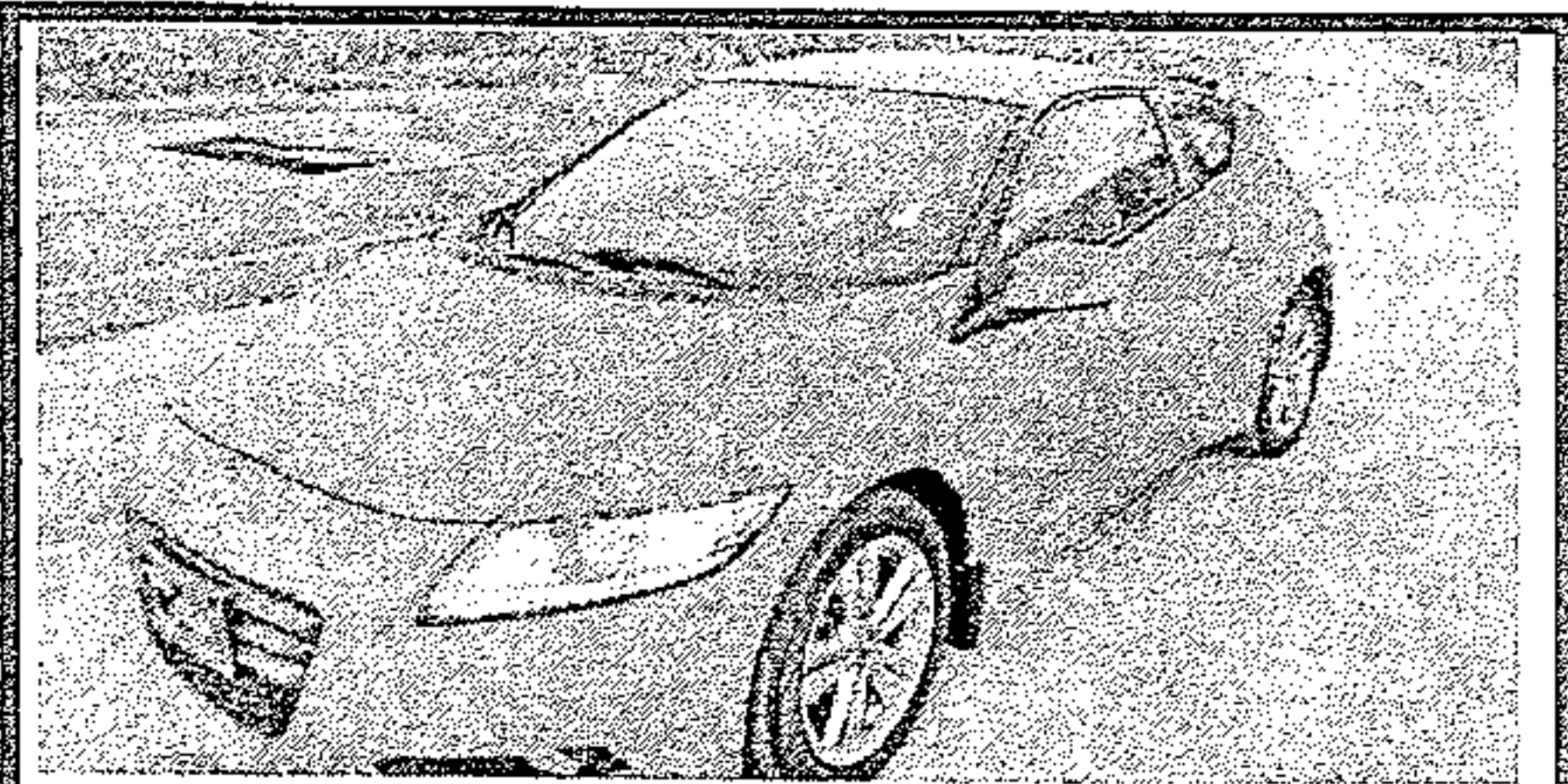
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capias

Brian Leach, 21, Short Street Kingston, was charged with Criminal Court Capias(Criminal Negligent Homicide, &

Agg. Assault/Reckless). Deputy Cody Bengel LCSO, served Brian with the Capias Warrant at the Loudon Jail.

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2016 Browder School Reunion will be on Sat, April 23rd from 10:00 - 3:00 at the Highland Park Ruritan Club on Hwy 321.

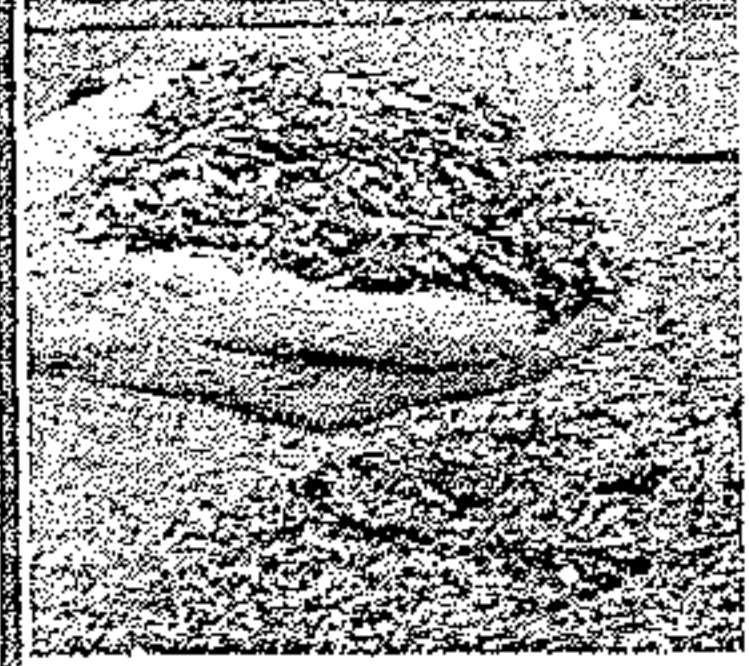
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assault ctd. from pg. 2 victim and pushed her. The male victim then exited the vehicle to see what was going on, when the male identified as Daniel Duggan exit his vehicle pulled a firearm from his

person, putting both victims as well as children in fear for their life. Deputy obtained statements and video surveil-

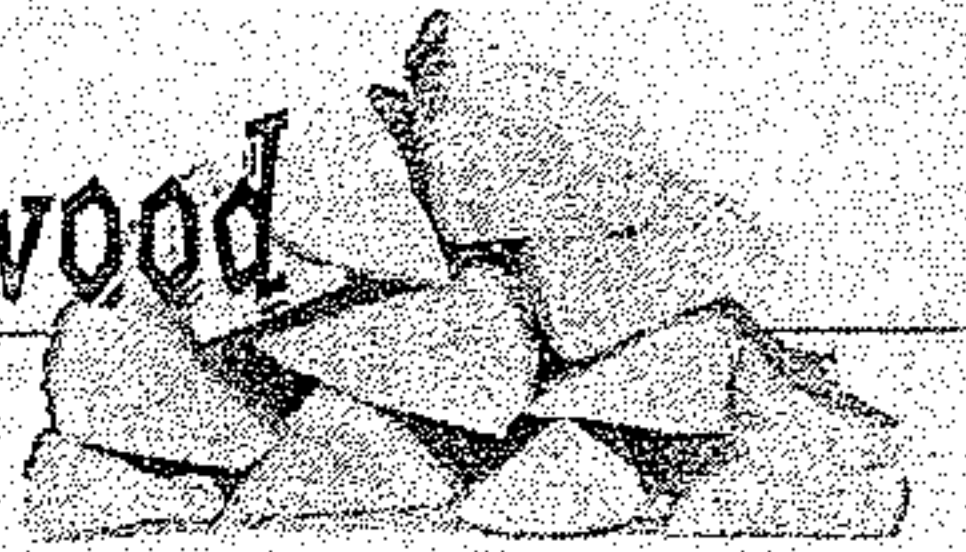
lance. Both Stacy and Daniel Duggan was placed under arrest. Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, made the arrest.

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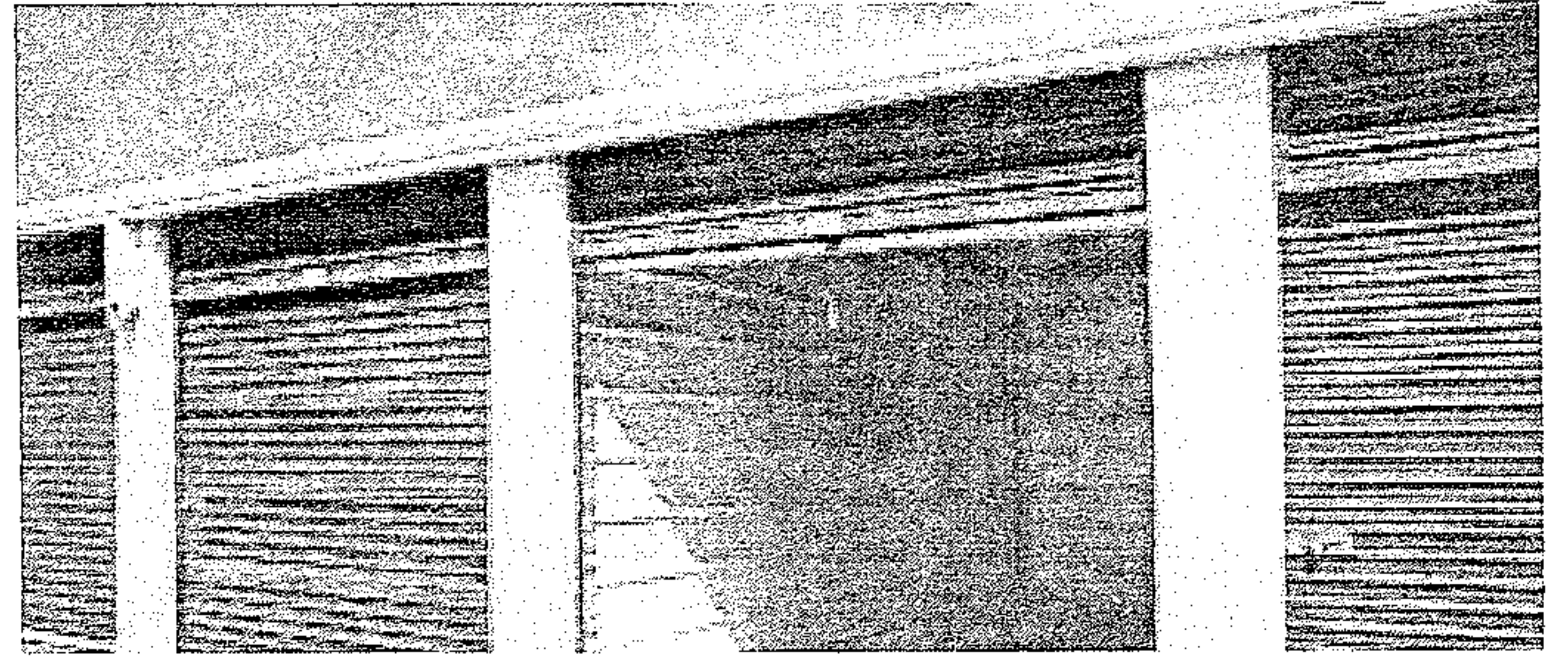
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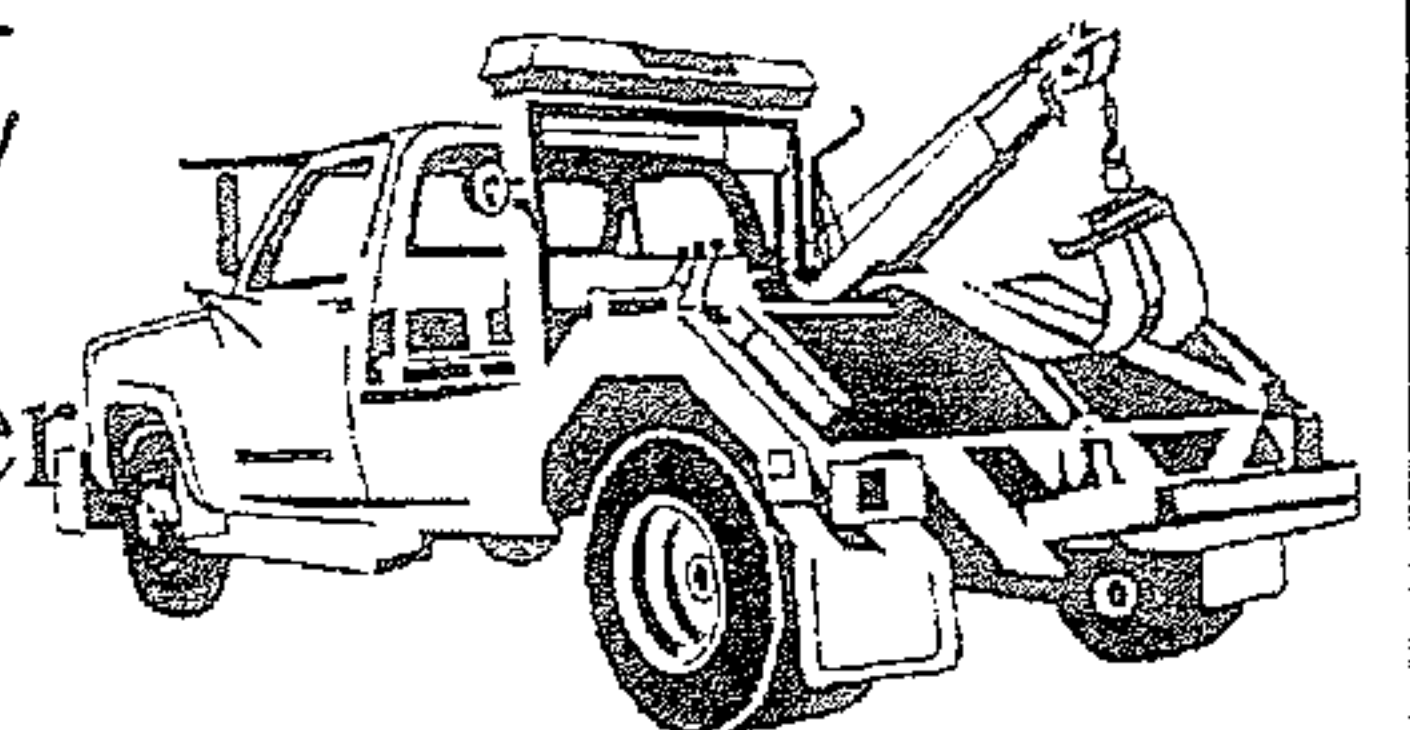
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charged

Johnny Andrew Kelley, 27, of Kennedy Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with aggravated assault.

Officer Bruce Padgett LCPD, responded to Kennedy Drive on a possible assault call. Upon arrival Officer made contact with the complainant/victim. Victim stated him and his friend who was identified as Mr. Johnny Kelley, got into a verbal argument when Mr. Kelley struck victim in the head with an unknown blunt object. The blow caused victim to have a medium size gash on his forehead, once EMS

arrived on scene they determined that victim would need stitches for his injuries, victim was transported by EMS to Fort Loudon ER. Mr. Kelley's wife stated, she did see the incident and did write a written statement as to what she witnessed. Mr. Kelley did flee the scene prior to Officers arrival, Upon my arrival to the Fort Loudon ER victim did write a written statement as to what happened.

FBI

criminal marketplaces that allow participants to buy and sell all kinds of illegal and often dangerous items, including drugs, fire-

arms, and hazardous materials, like ricin.

What did Le plan to do with the ricin? Nothing good. According to U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara, "In Le's own words, established at trial, he was looking for 'simple and easy death pills' and ways to commit '100 percent risk-free' murder."

While on a particular dark web marketplace in early December 2014, Le asked, "This might sound blunt but do you sell ricin?" Fortunately, the individual at the computer on the other end was not a trafficker in lethal poisons—instead, it was an undercover FBI employee.

For the next couple of weeks or so, Le and the undercover employee exchanged more than 20 encrypted messages. Some of Le's communications included:

"If [the ricin's] good quality, I've already had buyers lining up."

"Does ricin have an antidote? Last I check there isn't one, isn't it?"

"The client would like to know...if it is wise to use ricin on someone who is hospitalized...Injection will leave needle holes on the body which could be found in regular forensic examinations. But hospitalized people already have needles in them so it wouldn't be suspicious..."

"I'll be trying out new methods in the future. After all, it is death itself we're selling here, and the more risk-free, the more efficient we can make it, the better."

"Also, besides that one bottle of pills with one poisonous pill in there, can you send some extra loose powder/liquid ricin? I'd like to test something."

Sometime during these exchanges, Le revealed to the undercover employee that he had a specific victim in mind: "Someone middle-aged. Weight around 200 pounds."

Ultimately, Le placed his order, paying with bitcoins, a virtual currency. Bitcoins themselves are not illegal and have known legiti-

mate uses. However, they are also a common form of payment for illegal goods and services on the dark web because of the anonymity they provide.

On December 18, 2014, Le directed his contact to send a quantity of ricin to a rented postal box at a Manhattan shipping store (investigators later determined that Le had rented the postal box using the name of an individual whose identity he had stolen).

The Bureau prepared a mock shipment exactly as Le had requested—with one small difference: the "ricin pill" concealed in a pill bottle and the loose "ricin powder" were fake. And on December 23, the sham shipment was delivered to the requested postal box. Le, wearing latex gloves, retrieved the package, opened it, and took it to his apartment. Agents, armed with a search warrant, entered the apartment, collected the evidence, and arrested Le.

Le was tried by a

(see FBI ctd. pg. 7)

Public Notice

Meeting Notice

There will be a special called meeting of the Loudon County Capital Projects Committee April 28, 2016 at 4:00 PM at the County Office Building to discuss capital funding request.

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robbed

Bevan Thompson, 23, Poplar Spring Road Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault, Robbery, and Theft of Property x2.

According to the report, Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, was dispatched to Poplar Spring Road to take a report for vehicle theft.

Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the victim. The victim stated that Bevan Thompson wanted victim to give him some money.

Victim stated she told Bevan no and he became upset. Victim stated that Bevan grabbed her phone and threw it on the ground causing it to shatter. Victim stated Bevan grabbed

her by the arm and started twisting it, he then grabbed victim by the neck and headlock and pushed her on the bed.

Bevan then noticed victim purse on the bed post and took it. Bevan took money out of the purse then left in victim vehicle.

Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, made the arrest.

Governor Haslam, Commissioner Boyd Announce Harry's Fresh Foods to Locate Production Facility in Davidson County

Premium refrigerated and frozen foods manufacturer to invest \$34.3 million, create 302 new jobs

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd along with Harry's Fresh Foods of-

ficials announced today the company will locate a new production facility in Nashville. The premium refrigerated and frozen foods manufacturer will invest \$34.3 million and create 302 jobs in Davidson County.

"We thank Harry's Fresh Foods for choosing Tennessee to locate its new production facility and creating more than 300 jobs in Davidson County," Haslam said. "Our state's central location is an incredible advantage when we're recruiting businesses to locate and grow here. Today's announcement brings us another step closer to our goal of making Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs."

"There are over 1,000 registered food and beverage manufacturers in Tennessee, and we are excited to have Harry's Fresh Foods be a part of this growing sector," Boyd said. "I want to thank Harry's Fresh Foods for creating these jobs for our workforce and welcome them to Team Tennessee."

Harry's Fresh Foods produces premium refrigerated and frozen soups, entrées, sides and desserts and has been doing so since 1977. Harry's products are prepared using the highest-quality ingredients, then packaged using a state-of-the-art quick-chill process to lock in flavor and freshness.

"This expansion increases Harry's capacity on both sides of the country and enables us to

(see Haslam etd. pg. 7)

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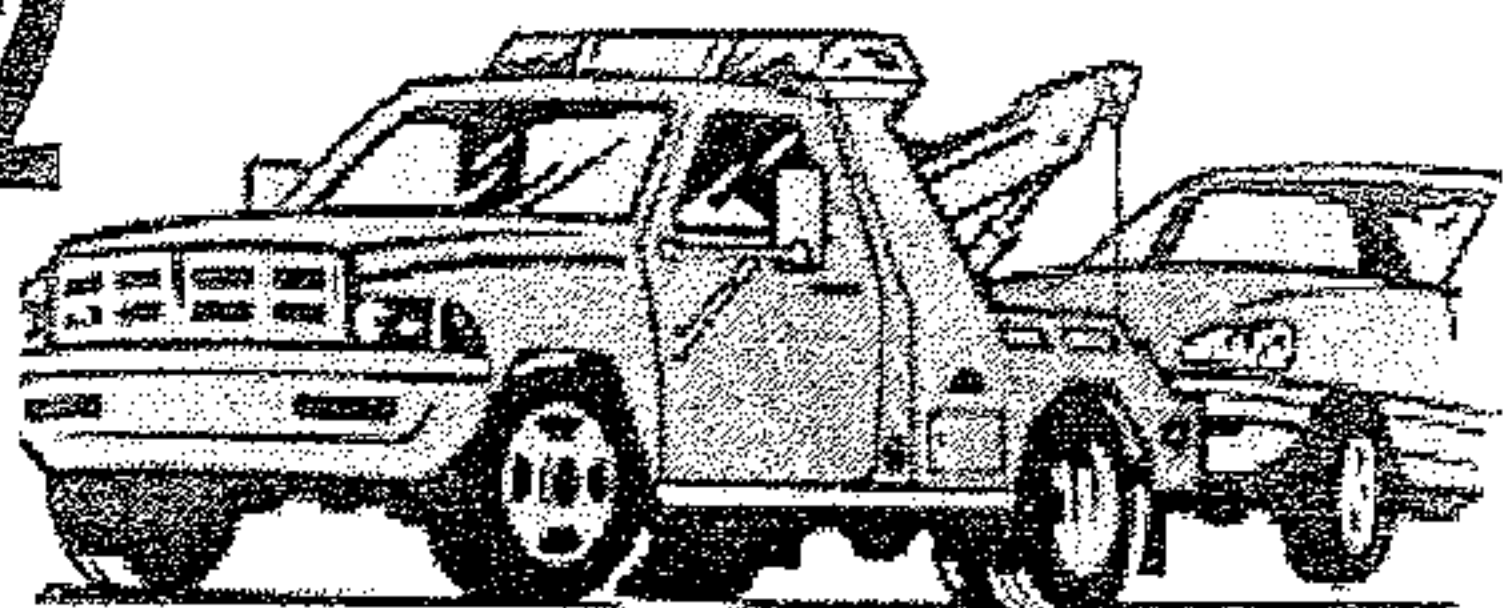
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federal jury and convicted in August 2015 of, among other things, attempting to possess a biological toxin for use as a weapon and aggravated identity theft in relation to a terrorism offense. Last month, he was sentenced to 16 years in prison, a term that had been enhanced by the aggravated identity theft charge.

And as a result of yet another successful joint law enforcement investigation—this one by the FBI, New York Police Department, and U.S. Postal Inspection Service—a criminal who posed a deadly threat to the public is behind bars.

Haslam ctd. from pg. 5

offer the same high-quality products with less distance to travel,” Harry’s Fresh Foods CEO Jamie Colbourne said. “Having a 200,000-square-foot facility east of the Rocky Mountains improves efficiency and available delivered shelf life on the company’s fresh, natural and organic products.”

Harry’s Fresh Foods CFO Michael Donovan added, “It has been a pleasure working with TNECD. The staff went out of their way to answer questions and provide the information needed to keep this project moving forward.”

Harry’s Fresh Foods will locate its new production facility in Nashville and is set to be opera-

tional by the third quarter of 2016. The new Nashville facility will produce branded and private-label products for club, retail and food-service customers. With this new facility, Harry’s Fresh Foods will be able to reduce travel distance for products, which will have an environmental benefit for all of its products.

Local leaders and partners expressed gratitude to Harry’s Fresh Foods for choosing Nashville as the location for its new production facility.

“I’m excited to welcome Harry’s Fresh Foods to the south Nashville area where their food manufacturing facility will be producing sustainable, locally sourced, environmentally-friendly products for

us all to enjoy,” Nashville Mayor Megan Barry said. “Harry’s Fresh Foods’ commitment to creating these jobs in Nashville is truly commendable and shows they will be great community partners in the years to come.”

“TVA and Nashville Electric Service congratulate Harry’s Fresh Foods on its decision to locate in Nashville,” TVA Senior Vice President of Economic Development John Bradley said. “We are proud to partner with Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to further TVA’s mission of service to help foster new

job opportunities in the Valley.”

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