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Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Collaborative efforts of law enforcement efforts leads to a lengthy prison sentence for Rufus Ragland who injured LCSO Deputy JC Schultz

Background on Ragland incident: On August 22, 2014, a black Chevy Tahoe stolen out of Knox County was reported to be in Loudon County on I-75 Southbound when the vehicle was spotted by LCSO Deputy Craig Brewer. Brewer confirmed it to be the stolen vehicle through the use of the stolen Tahoe's OnStar system. The OnStar operator communicated with Loudon County dispatch and remotely flashed the vehicle's lights so Brewer could confirm that it was indeed the stolen vehicle. Deputy Brewer then pursued the stolen vehicle off the Hwy 72 exit ramp where the OnStar operator intentionally disabled the vehicle, slowing it down. LCSO Deputy JC Schultz and Corporal Marty Branham joined the pursuit as the vehicle continued slowly on Hwy 72 toward Loudon before turning into the Shell gas station and then into the Weigel's parking lot. LCSO Sergeant Michael Watkins saw the vehicle circling the gas pumps at Weigel's watched a black male

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Gerald Wayne Jackson sentenced to 14.5 years in federal prison for attempted armed jewelry store robbery

On April 20, 2016, Gerald Wayne Jackson, 27, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was sentenced by the Honorable Curtis L. Collier, Senior U.S. District Judge, to serve 175 months in federal prison. Jackson pleaded guilty to an attempted Hobbs Act robbery and discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence in October 2015.

In April 2013, Jackson and his as-

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Child Abuse and neglect charge for LC man



Christopher Hart (see charge pg. 4)

Heroin and needles found on intoxicated driver



Mallory Davis (see heroin pg. 5)

Indicted for aggravated sexual battery!



Kenneth Stenzel

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Verse of the Day

And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. — 1 John 4:21

Obituaries

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Wazzup

A Big Shout Out to Kenny Ridings, You're just everywhere Man!

Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. High 86F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with late night showers or thunderstorms. Low 63F. Thursday Thunderstorms likely in the morning. Then the chance of scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. Potential for severe thunderstorms.

High around 85F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Sharing your feelings with your peers sounds like a good idea today, but your current work environment might not be as support-

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prison (later identified as Rufus Ragland) jump out of the stolen Tahoe and attempt to flee on foot. Navigating around the pumps, so as to be in a position to deploy his K-9 if needed, Watkins began to get out of his patrol car when the suspect jumped into (coincidentally) another Black Tahoe.

Ragland then sped towards Sgt. Watkins ramming his patrol car, slammed into the driver's door of the cruiser, before backing up and hitting a support pole. Ragland then accelerated the Tahoe forward again in Watkins direction in the process striking Deputy JC Schultz who was by then out of his car, striking Schultz

sending him over the left side fender of the Tahoe in a summersault and onto his head on the concrete. The Ragland vehicle then sped towards and onto Hwy 72 before being eventually stopped by Ten-

nessee Highway Patrol and Ragland was placed under arrest. The 9th District Drug Task Force Agent recovered a .38 caliber revolver, approximately 3 grams of cocaine,

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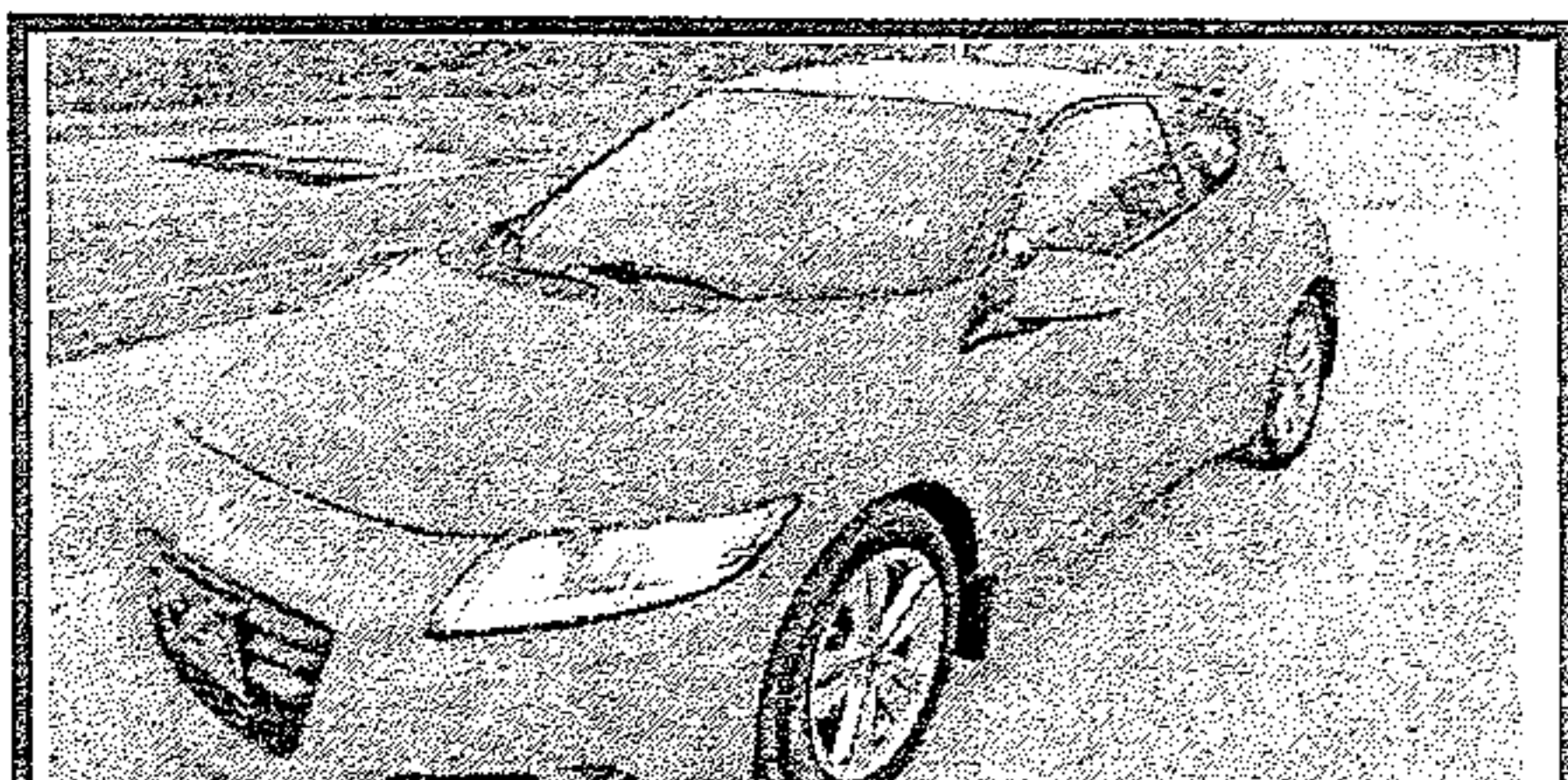
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capias

Kenneth Stenzel, 59, Main Street Loudon, was charged with Criminal Court Capias(Agg. Sexual Battery).

Officer made contact with Kenneth Gregory Stenzel at his residence of Main St. Apt 13 Loudon TN with a Capias for Aggravated Sexual Battery.

He was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident.

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digital scales and 162 individual baggies of packaged marijuana from the initial stolen vehicle black Tahoe. The suspect was affirmatively identified as Rufus Lamar Ragland, age 19, of Knox County.

Through combined efforts of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office, the Loudon Po-

lice Department, the 9th District Drug Task Force and the 9th District Attorney General's Office and the Tennessee


Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Ragland was indicted December 8, 2014 on the following

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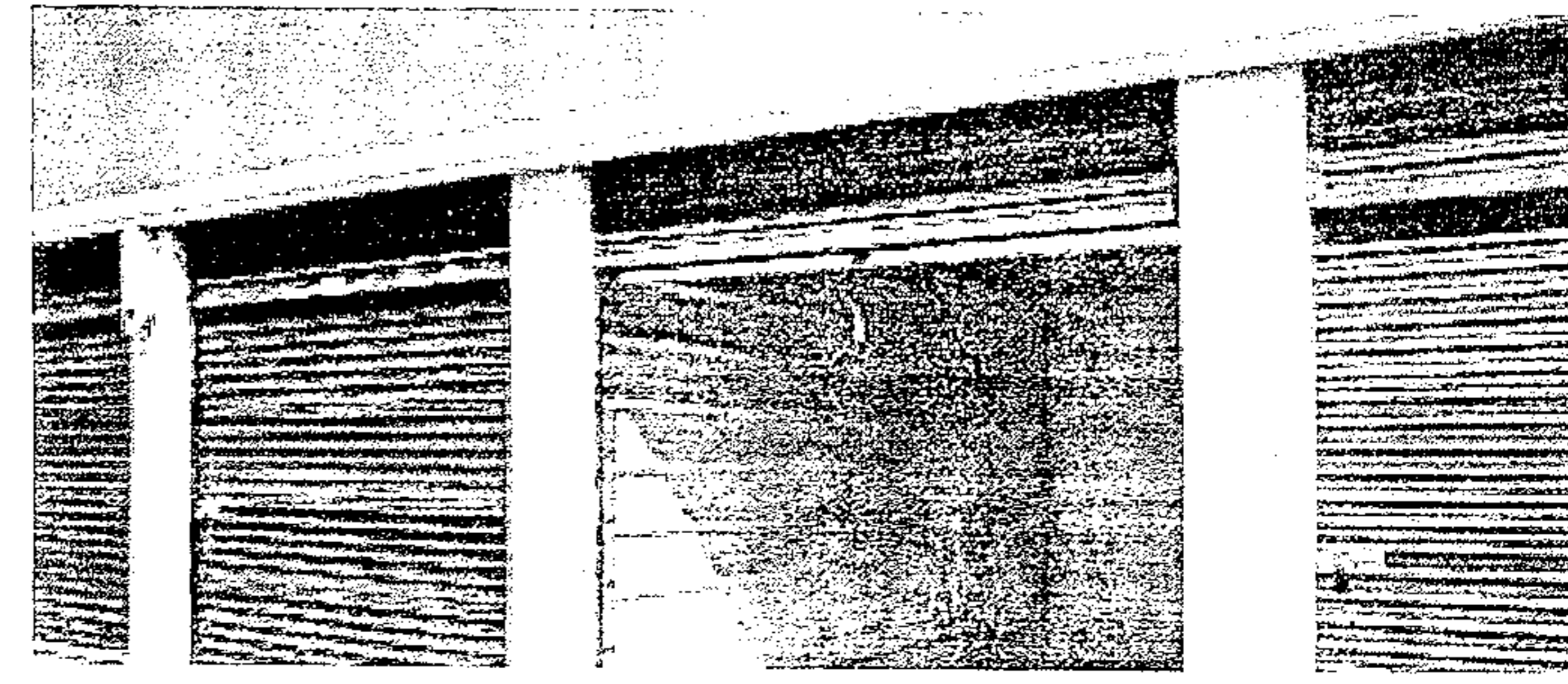


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charge

Christopher Hart, 36, Hines Valley Road Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias (Child Abuse/Neglect).

Deputy Chance Gray was advised by the control room that there was a male in the visitation lobby turning himself in. Deputy then went to the visitation lobby of the jail and arrested Mr. Christopher Shwan Hart on a active criminal court Capias warrant Docket#2016-CR-37-B without incident. This did occur at the Loudon County Jail, in Loudon County Tennessee.

robbery

sociate Diontre Danforth, 21, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who was also charged in this case, attempted to commit an armed robbery of the Kennedy Jewelry Store in Chattanooga, Tenn. Jackson entered the jewelry store wearing a mask covering his face and armed with a .223 caliber Saiga assault rifle loaded with a magazine. Jackson immediately fired the rifle toward the back of the store where several employees and a customer were standing. He demanded the employees hand "all of it" over to Danforth, who had entered the store with his face covered carrying a laundry basket and pillow case. But, before

they had time to take any merchandise, one of the store managers heard gunfire, grabbed his 9mm handgun and returned fire. Jackson fired several shots toward the manager before he and Danforth left the store. Jackson proceeded to fire several more shots into the store. In total, seven .223 caliber shell casings were recovered from the scene. Several days later, an alert Chattanooga police officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by Danforth and Jackson, which matched the description of the vehicle used in the robbery. Subsequent investigation of evidence recovered from the crime scene and a residence further linked both Danforth and Jackson to the robbery. Danforth previously pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve nine years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Chattanooga Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith Edwards

represented the United States.

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charges:

- 1 count of Attempted Second Degree Murder

- 2 counts of Aggravated Assault

- 1 count of Felony Reckless Endangerment

- 2 counts of Felony Evading

- 2 counts of Theft (\$10k or more but less than \$60K)

- 1 count Possession of Schedule II, Cocaine, with Intent to Sell/Deliver

- 1 count Possession of Schedule VI, Marijuana, with Intent to Sell/Deliver

- 1 count Possession of Paraphernalia

- 1 count Possession of Firearm During Commission of a Dangerous Felony

The US Attorney's Office took a separate but parallel prosecution on the drug (see prison ctd. pg. 5)

Golf to help Cancer Event slated May 6

On Friday May 6th the Rarity Bay community again joins with the Prostate Cancer Foundation and Arnold Palmer to fight prostate cancer.

Our closest to the pin contest will take place at hole #17 and feature a three tier contribution program; Silver = \$20, Gold = \$50, and Platinum = \$100 family donation. All participants will receive a sleeve of golf balls, golf accessories, a one year subscription to Golf Digest and other gifts. And they will be eligible to win a \$250 travel voucher, rounds of golf, a \$100 Callaway on-line gift certificate, plus other prizes in the closest to the pin contest. Sil-

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Public Notice

Meeting Notice

There will be a Loudon County Audit Committee meeting on May 2, 2016 at 5:30 at the Annex to discuss the 2015 Audit.

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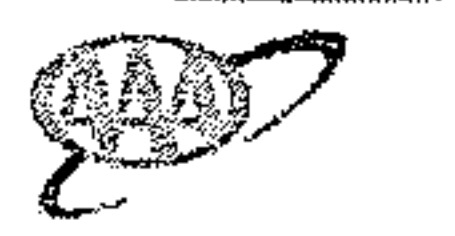
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heroin

Mallory Davis, 27, Tallassee Road Tallassee, was charged with Man/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance.

Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, responded to Highway 411 South Greenback Tennessee to a report of a female parked in the parking lot slumped over

the steering wheel. On arrival a person had gotten Mrs. Mallory Davis out of the vehicle and had her standing outside. On talking with Mrs. Davis she had slurred speech, blood shot eyes, a white film coming around her mouth and was unsteady about her balance. On asking if she had taken anything today she stated

she had shot heroin earlier in the day and taken her suboxen. On asking her if there was any narcotics in the vehicle she told me there was heroin in her purse and needles and the kit to use the narcotic. On searching her vehicle found that there where 7 aluminum foil bundles of heroin, a schedule 2 narcotic, in her purse,

in the black bag she told me about weighing 13.84 grams. On further searching her purse found 6 blue round pills that was identified as 10 MG Diazepam, schedule 4 narcotic, Mrs. Davis said she did not have a prescription for. This did happen in Loudon County Tennessee. Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, made the arrest.

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charges based on local law enforcement's investigation. As a result the Rufus Ragland was sentenced to 180 months in federal prison. The sentence imposed by the federal court was ordered to run concurrently with any anticipated terms of imprisonment in the Loudon County prosecution on the state indicted charges.

On April 18, 2016, the District Attorney General's Office drug prosecutor, Kristin Kelley, concluded the state case when Ragland entered guilty pleas on his state charges as follows:

Guilty to:

- Attempted Second Degree Murder
- Aggravated Assault
- Felony Reckless Endangerment
- Felony Evading
- Theft (over \$10,000 but less than \$60,000)

Ragland was sentenced to a total state sentence of 15 years. He will serve the federal time first and then be transferred to state prison on the remainder of the state sentence.

In the events of August 22, 2014, Deputy JC Schultz was seriously injured. He has had a long road of recovery and remains a valuable member of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

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Bay Hill Resort in Orlando (125 yard minimum distance - first shot only, as part of a full round of golf).

While the prizes are nice, more importantly you will be contributing to a very worthwhile cause and fighting a disease that has affected a number of Rarity Bay residents.

To participate, please show up at hole #17 on May 1st between 9 AM and 4 PM; we may stay open after 4 PM if we have sufficient numbers of players on the course. You do not need to play a round of golf. If you cannot participate or are not a golfer, we encourage you to make a

contribution and designate someone to hit for you.

Designated hitters will be limited to a maximum of 8 total shots. Since this is an amateur competition, professional players are not eligible to be designated hitters. If you need help finding a designated hitter, please contact one of the committee members listed below. Ladies and men are invited to participate. Limit of one prize per entry in each contest. Rain date will be Saturday 5/13/2015.

Contributions can be made now; please make your check payable to "Prostate Can-

cer Foundation", put "Rarity Bay" in the memo field, and give it to one of the committee members listed below. Checks can also be left in the Rarity Bay Pro Shop or mailed to the Treasurer: Bob Cepek, 150 Cormorant Dr. Vonore, TN 37885. If you would like your Golf Digest subscription as a renewal, please email your subscription number and address to Jim Wiese prior to the event. This will simplify the sign-up process at the tee.

If you have any questions please contact a member of the committee or call Jim Wiese at wiesejames@gmail.com or 615-604-5688.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this very worthwhile cause.

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- Nick Farrell, Phil Maxey, Bob Cepek, Harvey Phillips, Jim McCoy, and Jim Wiese

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