

## You really stole not 1 but 2 Bibles? Cody Chastain charged

Cody Chastain, 24, Vale Street Loudon, was charged with Burglary of a Motor Vehicle<sup>2</sup>, Theft of Property <sup>x3</sup>. On 3/5/16, victim reported the burglary of his Dodge truck while it was sitting in the driveway of his residence on Ward Ave. in Loudon. Items taken from the vehicle was a Handgun. Two other vehicle were also broken into that were in the driveway, (see thefts pg. 2)



Cody Chastain

## Pills found during DUI stop of Ldn man



Kenneth Dunn

(see pills pg. 5)

I will not drink with you in this house or anywhere else!



Christopher Kissior

(see Nope! pg. 3)

## Jacqueline Stanfill sentenced to 9 years in federal prison for fraud and money laundering

On April 4, 2016, Jacqueline J. Stanfill, 58, of Knoxville, Tenn., was sentenced by the Honorable Leon Jordan, Senior U.S. District Judge, to serve 108 months in federal prison for wire fraud, mail fraud and money laundering. In January 2016, Stanfill pleaded guilty to these charges that were included in a July 2015 indictment.

In addition to her prison sentence, (see Stanfill pg. 5)

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT Warns Public to Beware of FRAUDULENT TAX RETURN PREPARERS AND TAX SCHEME PROMOTERS, Urges Taxpayers to Pay Federal Income Taxes On Time and In Full

With tax season in full swing, the Justice Department urged the public today to avoid dishonest tax-return preparers who fleece their customers and illegally drain the U.S. Treasury. Noting that every taxpayer is ultimately responsible for the contents of his or her own return, Acting Assistant Attorney General Caroline D. Ciralo of the Tax Division also warned the public to be wary of anyone who guarantees a refund or who claims to sell a sure-fire way to reduce your taxes. (see taxes pg. 4)

### Verse of the Day

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. — Psalm 4:1

### Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**  
Construction is coming along very well it appears on the New Lenoir City Hall. Looks like it gonna be an awesome place to

be! Can't Wait to See the end results!

### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy in the morning. Increasing clouds with periods of showers later in the day. High near 65F.  
Tonight: Showers in the

evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 41F.  
Friday Partly cloudy skies during the morning hours will give way to occasional showers in the afternoon. High around 60F.  
Friday Night Generally fair. Low 36F.

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**thefts**

out of one items taken were a nine west purse and wallet checkbook and credit cards, and a Bible. Other vehicle a personalized Bible and small items were taken.

The report further noted, On 3/16/16 Detective Brian Jenkins LPD, went to a residence on Vale Street to fol-

low up on a lead in reference to this burglary and others. Officer Jonathan Yates LPD, and Det. Jenkins, were given consent to search the residence of a suspect.

During the search several items that were stolen were located in the residence. Both parties at the residence stated Cody Chastain had brought

the items in the residence. A warrant was issued for Cody. On 3/31/16 Deputy John Carter LCSO, placed Cody under arrest at the Knox Co. Jail and transported to Loudon Jail.

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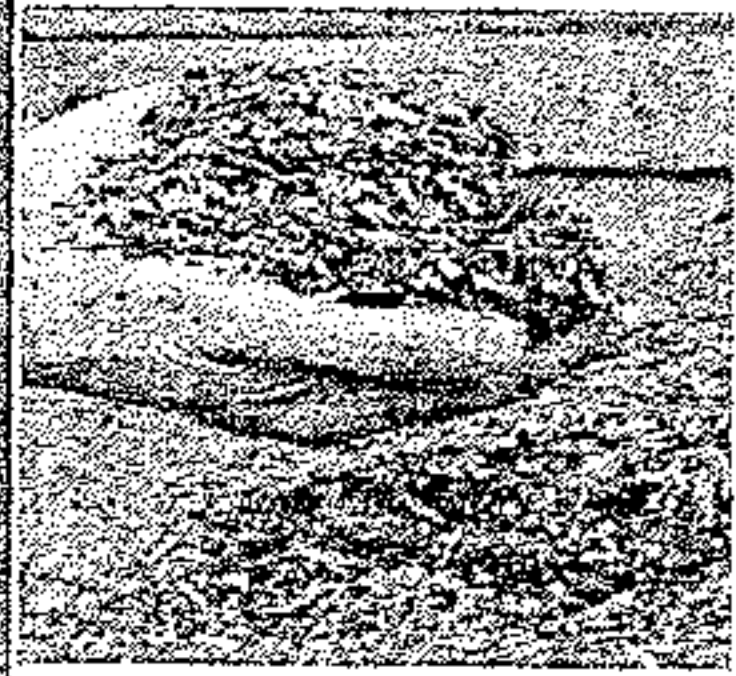


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Christopher Kissior, 21, Avery Circle Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Trespass, and Vandalism. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, was dispatched to a disturbance on Avery Circle. Upon arrival

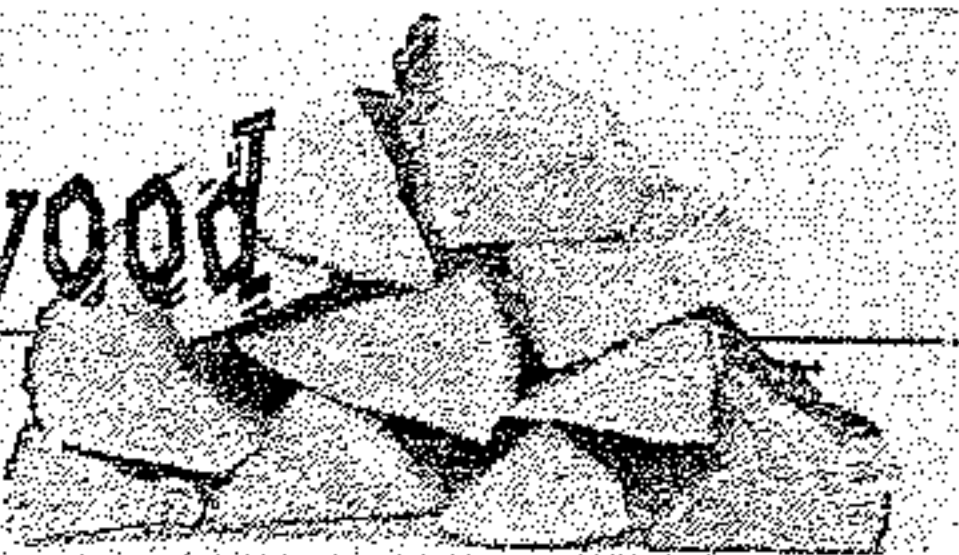
Deputy knocked on the door, the door came open and Deputy noticed Christopher Kissior laying face down on the living room floor, intoxicated and stated he was allowed to be at the residence. Deputy Charlie Parker had previously evicted Christopher from the address, Dispatch confirmed this. Witness stated that Christopher became upset because he would not get drunk with Christopher. Christopher then slammed the door against the wall busting a softball size hole in the wall and busted a light switch. Christopher was highly intoxicated with blood shot eyes, and a alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Christopher was placed under arrest. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, made the arrest.

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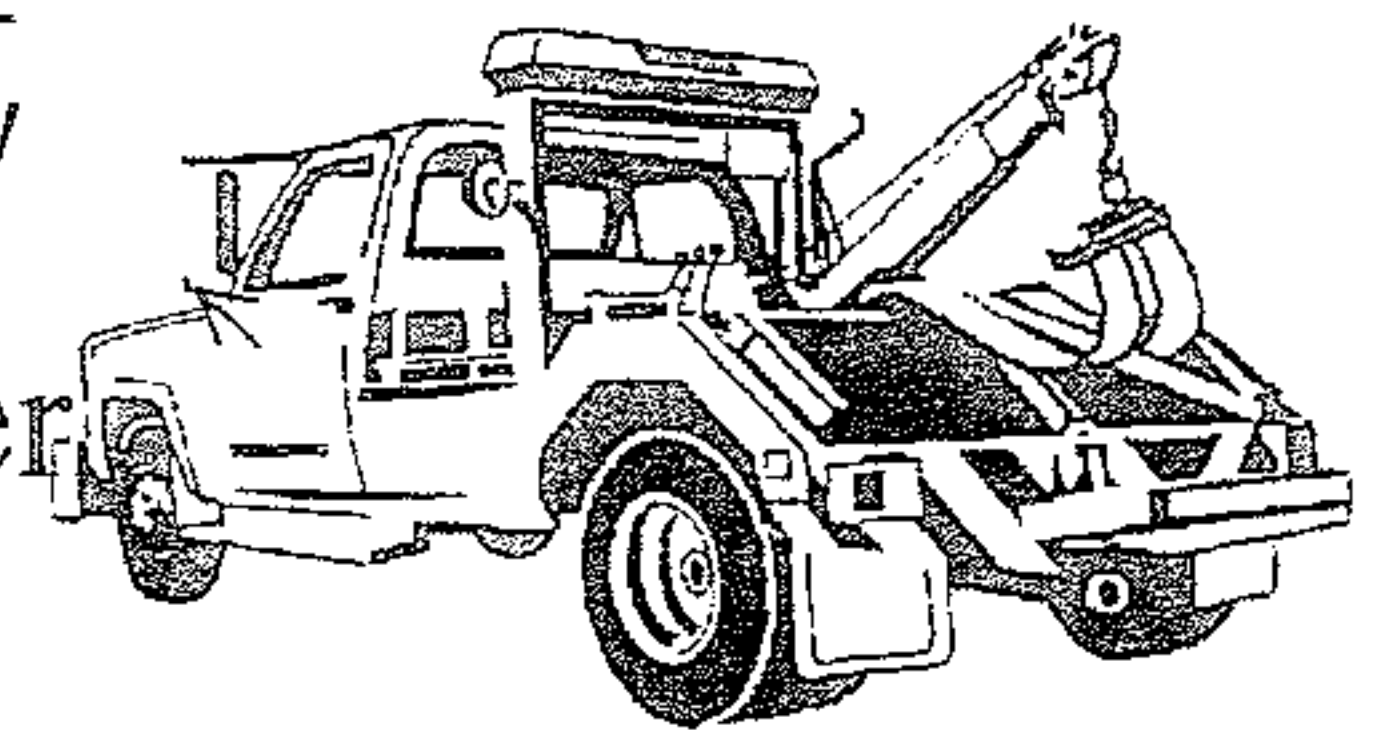
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taxes

**Dishonest Return Preparers Cost Their Clients and the United States**

U.S. taxpayers filed approximately 150 million returns in 2014. According to statistics available from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) identified more than 2.1 million of those returns that claimed fraudulent refunds totaling more than \$15.7 billion. As in past years, the IRS has designated return preparer fraud as one of 2016's "Dirty Dozen" tax scams to avoid during return filing season. In 2015, the Tax Division permanently shut down more than 35 fraudulent tax-return preparers located all over the United States. The defendants in those cases spanned the spectrum from large-scale return preparation franchises to small, independent return preparers.

"Every year, thousands of federal income tax returns

are prepared by people who care much more about making a quick buck than about preparing accurate returns," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Ciraolo. "Most tax return preparers are honest. But some preparers who charge clients a percentage of their tax refund intentionally prepare false returns to increase their clients' refund, and thus their own fees. Likewise, some preparers who charge by the form will intentionally prepare incorrect forms that their clients don't need in order to increase their compensation. Taxpayers might think that they're getting a good deal on their taxes, or that as long as someone else prepares the return, they're not responsible. They're wrong. Taxpayers who have their return prepared incorrectly are required to pay the tax they owe, or pay back the refund they weren't entitled to get. These clients might also owe interest and penalties, which can be substantial. Fortunately, there are red flags that taxpayers

can look for and avoid when choosing a return preparer."

Your refund should never be deposited directly into a preparer's bank account.

In *United States v. Elton L. Barnes*, No. 2:14-cv-05621 (C.D. Cal.), the court barred a return preparer who caused other people's tax returns to be deposited to bank accounts in his name.

Never sign a blank return or a blank form, or sign a return or a form without reading it first.

By law, a return preparer must provide a client with a completed copy of the return no later than the time the customer is asked to sign the return. In *United States v. Syed N. Ahmed et al.*, No. 2:15-cv-11461 (E.D. Mich.), the United States alleged that the defendants' Liberty Tax Service franchises asked customers to sign blank forms that stated that the customers had non-existent businesses, which were then used to maximize the customer's refund. Although the defendants did not admit to the allegations in the complaint, they agreed to an order from a federal court permanently shutting down the stores.

Don't use a preparer who mischaracterizes your expenses.

In *United States v. Lawrence Preston Siegel*, No. 3:15-00643 (S.D. Cal.), the defendant prepared returns that falsely characterized personal purchases as deductible expenses. For instance, one customer's return deducted purchases at Tiffany & Co., Louis

Vuitton, and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines as "medical expenses." The court permanently barred Siegel from preparing tax returns or providing tax advice for compensation.

Do not use a preparer who fabricates business expenses or deductions, or who claims bogus credits to which you are not entitled, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, the child care credit, or the education credit.

One of the most common dishonest return-preparation practices is to prepare returns that include non-existent businesses, sometimes based on a client's hobbies. In 2015, for example, federal courts shut down tax return preparers in Kahului, Hawaii; Appleton, Wisconsin; and Chicago, Illinois, who fabricated supposed "businesses" for their clients. Federal courts have also ordered return preparers in Miami, Florida, and Memphis, Tennessee to submit to third-party monitoring at their own expense to make sure they are not preparing returns with fraudulent "businesses."

Some other fraudulent schemes and practices that have been stopped through injunction orders entered by federal courts throughout the country include:

- Fabricating fake Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) information;
- Claiming bogus education and first-time home-buyer credits;
- Claiming phony child and dependent care credits

or residential energy credits;

- Claiming fraudulent fuel tax credits;
- Falsely exempting foreign earned income;
- Inflating unreimbursed employee business expense deductions; and
- Fraudulently inflating or decreasing a client's income or deductions to maximize the Earned Income Tax Credit.

In January 2016, a federal court in Orlando, Florida entered a preliminary injunction against Jason Stinson, who ran a series of tax return preparer storefronts under the name "Nation Tax Services," requiring him to shut down the stores pending resolution of the case. As part of its explanation for why it was ordering Stinson's stores to shut down in the middle of the case, the court said that Stinson's business "exposes . . . [his] customers to individual tax liability. Both the Government and Stinson's customers will suffer irreparable harm if an injunction is not granted. Moreover, it is in the public's best interest to protect vulnerable customers from the inaccurate preparation of their taxes, not to deplete Government resources, and to maintain the public trust in the tax system." The case is *United States v. Jason Stinson et al.*, No. 6:14-cv-1534 (M.D. Fla.).

The IRS advises taxpayers who ask a tax professional to prepare their return to be careful in the profession (see taxes ctd. pg. 7)

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pills

Kenneth Dunn, 50, Rosedale Ave Loudon, was charged with DUI, Violation of Implied Consent, and Poss. of SCH. II x2 & III. Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, observed a black vehicle on Mulberry Street cross the fog and center line several times. The vehicle was then recorded on Hwy 72 from

Mulberry where the vehicle crossed the fog line several times and continually rode the fog line. Upon traffic stop at HWY 72 and Holt Drive. Deputy made contact with the driver Kenneth Dunn, who appeared nervous with a slightly slurred speech. Deputy had Kenneth exit the vehicle where he was unsteady on his feet. Kenneth performed

poorly on sobriety test, and was placed under arrest. During a vehicle inventory, located in the back floor board was 3 different pill types in a clear sandwich bag. The pills were identified as Buprenorphine Sublingual, Oxymorphone 20mg and 10mg. Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, made the arrest.

fraud

Stanfill was ordered to pay over \$8 million in restitution to the victims of her crimes.

Stanfill was the owner and operator of Stanfill Wealth Management in Knoxville. In her plea agreement on file with the U.S. District Court Clerk, she admitted to claiming to invest her clients' money with legitimate

investment companies. However, Stanfill converted these funds to her own personal use. In order to maintain the confidence of her clients, she created phony documents that had the appearance of account statements and correspondence from Charles Schwab and Co., Inc. She further attempted to maintain the confidence of her clients by making payments either under the guise of returning invested funds and accumulated earnings, and/or by sending funds to the Internal Revenue Service to maintain the illusion that the client's fictitious investments were tax-deferred.

This investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue Service. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Frank Dale and Jennifer Kolman represent the United States.

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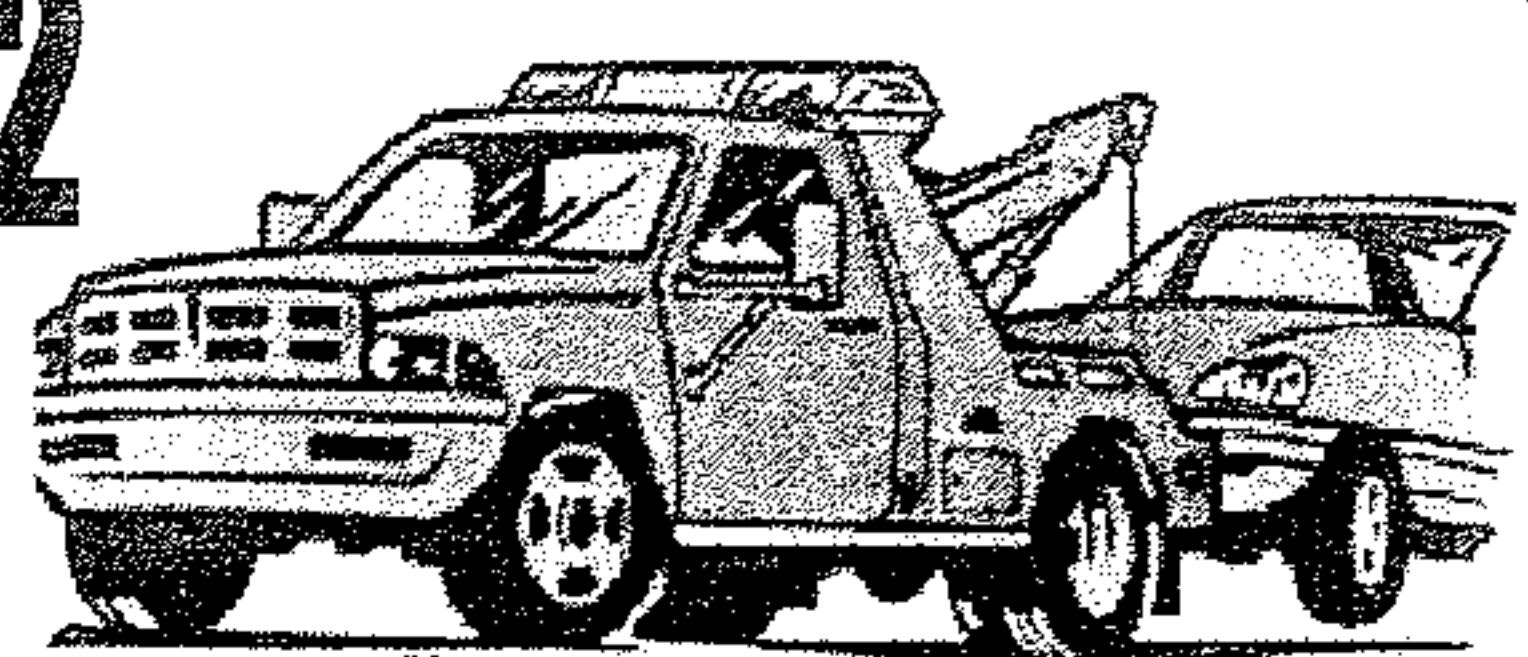
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**Taxes ctd. from pg. 4**  
sional they select. The IRS offers some basic tips and guidelines to assist taxpayers in choosing a reputable tax professional and is also offering taxpayers a number of instructional YouTube videos to help them prepare their own taxes for the upcoming filing season. Several options, including free assistance with preparation and electronic filing for the elderly and individuals making \$50,000 or less, are available to help taxpayers prepare for the current tax season and receive their refunds as easily as possible.

**Tax Division Sues to Shut Down Promoters of Fraudulent Tax Schemes**

In addition to return preparers who deliberately falsify returns, the Tax Division targets those who peddle schemes that purportedly reduce taxes—but in fact rely on false statements or financial sleight-of-hand.

In *United States v. Wayne Reeves et al.*, No.

12-cv-1916 (D. Nev.), the court found that defendants Wayne Reeves and Diane Vaoga advised their clients “to set up sham trusts and have their wages directed into accounts for those trusts as a way to improperly reduce their tax liability.” They advised their clients that the income the clients received from the trusts was “nontaxable and did not need to be reported on tax returns.” The court further found that Reeves prepared tax returns that “willfully attempted to understate his clients’ correct tax liabilities,” and that Vaoga assisted him in doing so. In January 2015, the court permanently barred both Reeves and Vaoga from preparing returns or giving tax advice to others.

In November 2015, the Tax Division sued to shut down an alleged tax scheme based on a purported solar energy generation facility in Utah. The case is *United States v. RaPower-3 LLC et al.*, No. 2:15-cv-00828 (D. Utah). The United States’

complaint alleges that the defendants purportedly sell “solar thermal lenses” to customers, and tell their customers that they are entitled to claim depreciation expenses and the solar energy credit for the lenses—even though the defendants allegedly know or have reason to know that their customers are not in the business of producing and selling solar energy and that the defendants’ purported solar energy facilities do not actually produce solar energy in a manner that meets the Internal Revenue Code’s requirements for claiming the credit.

And in the same month, in *United States v. James Tarpey et al.*, No. 2:15-cv-00072 (D. Mont.), the Tax Division sued to shut down an alleged timeshare donation scheme. According to the United States’ complaint in that case, the defendants have their customers give rights in a timeshare to “Donate for a Cause,” a tax-exempt entity operated

by Tarpey. The complaint alleges that the customers receive an appraisal that grossly overvalues the donated timeshare rights and use that appraisal to claim a large charitable donation deduction, even when the true market value of the timeshare right is a small fraction of the appraised value.

“The Tax Division is committed to stopping those who promote fraudulent tax shelters and other schemes or who prepare false returns,” Acting Assistant Attorney General Ciraolo said. “Along with our colleagues at the IRS, we will find dishonest preparers and fraudulent tax-scheme promoters and work to shut them down. We will hold accountable those who willfully assist taxpayers to file false returns. And in appropriate cases, we will prosecute them. But everyone can help stop fraud and protect our public finances. Pay attention to your tax return and make sure that

it’s right. If you think that a tax return preparer is deliberately preparing incorrect returns, or you suspect someone is selling a phony tax-loss scheme, report that person to the IRS.”

The IRS website has information about how to report a dishonest return preparer, as well as information about how to report other types of tax fraud. The Justice Department’s website has a list of tax-return preparers and tax-scheme promoters whom the courts have shut down.

In addition to the civil enforcement through injunctions that stop their illegal actions, many return preparers and promoters also face prosecution. Examples of those investigations can be found for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

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