

Daily Edition

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Thursday, January 12, 2017

2 found asleep in stolen vehicle



Joy Moorefield



Aaron Isley (see stolen pg. 2)

Wrong time to be at the church! Yes That's What Meth Does To You!



Jamie Byrd see meth pg. 7

Yet More Roundup Arrests

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Alex Hughes, 20, Mount Zion Church Road Loudon, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.



Gina Morgan, 38, Covenant Circle Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

The Good News

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

For many years I shirked away from being called "holy". I could maybe "confess" I was a saint, but only if that truth remained in the words. To take on the mantle would be too fully confining. Yet it always felt delightful when my grandmother would mention her thankfulness, often using scripture. I am not

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Federal Funds Stolen from Non-Profit Health Care Clinic

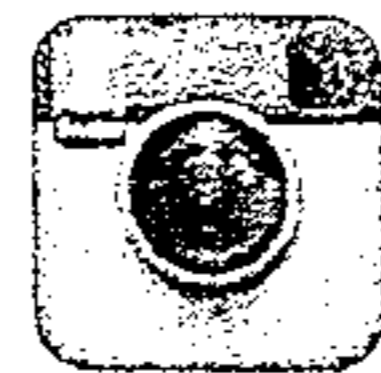
Investigation Leads to Former CEO

Shuttered clinic Jonathan Dunning used clinic money to buy this now-shuttered facility, titled the building in his company's name, and charged about \$20,000 a month in rent.

The staff of two non-profit health care clin-

ics diligently worked to offer critical medical care and services to the most vulnerable residents—young and old—of the Birmingham, Alabama, region. And to carry out its operations, the clinics received funds from a federal program specifically designed to

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Verse of the Day

...and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. — Ephesians 4:24.

Obituaries

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Wazzup

In only 8 days America is going to become a different country no matter how you voted or what you thought about the outcome of the election.

Weather

Today: Overcast. Slight chance of a rain shower. High near 65F. Tonight: Cloudy in the evening, then off and on rain showers after midnight. Low 54F. Friday Cloudy with

showers. High 64F. Friday Night Rain likely Low 51F.

Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/21-1/19 You might experience a eureka moment today that leads to the solution of a

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Stolen

Aaron Isley, 20, Ban Bridge Drive NC., was charged with Theft of Property.

Joy Moorefield, 35, Westover Terrace NC., was charged with Theft of Property.

Deputy Ben Everett LCSO, received a call of a disabled vehicle in the area of I-75 South Bound on the get on ramp of the 76 exit. Upon arrival Deputy came in contact with a Dodge Dakota, with NC tag. Inside the vehicle was a Aaron Ilsey, and Joy Morefield. Both subject were laying across the seat asleep. The vehicle was ran through dispatch and came back stolen. Both subject stated they were on there way to Chattanooga to see some relative when they ran out of gas and no money to get gas. Moorefield stated the vehicle belonged to her sister and she

gave her permission to use the vehicle. The registered owner of the vehicle was a male and the vehicle was reported stolen. The victim stated he went to work and came out for lunch and found the vehicle missing and filed a stolen report. The vehicle was confirmed through NCIC, stolen via dispatch/teletype. At this time both were placed under arrest.

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offer a community safety net for the uninsured, the poor, the homeless, migrant and seasonal farm workers, and public housing residents.

But enter Jonathan Dunning, former CEO of both non-profits who—while working for the clinics and even after he left—orchestrated and carried out a seven-year criminal scheme to defraud the clinics and the federal government out of more than \$16 million. The scheme severely affected the quality of care that clinic patients received.

After a joint federal investigation into his activities, Dunning was eventually convicted on nearly 100 counts of fraud and money laundering-related charges and was recently sentenced to a

federal prison term of 18 years. He was also ordered to pay \$13.5 million in restitution to the entities he defrauded, in addition to an order of forfeiture that divested him of any interest in real property he obtained through his criminal scheme.

The FBI portion of the investigation began in 2011 when the Birmingham FBI Field Office received an allegation that former CEO Dunning was taking money from the two clinics through seemingly illegal contracts with the group of for-profit businesses he had created. Our investigator soon learned that the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General (HHS-OIG) had recently opened up its own investigation into Dunning after re-

ceiving similar allegations, so both agencies joined forces. An agent from the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division (IRS-CID) rounded out the team.

As a result of the investigation, law enforcement learned that Dunning had begun his scheme to skim some of the federal funds earmarked for the clinics while serving as their CEO, and he was able to continue the scheme even after he left and formed his own businesses, known collectively as Synergy companies. Dunning selected the men who replaced him as CEO for each clinic and was able to steer a variety of contracts to his own companies.

The investigation was extensive—FBI forensic accountants painstakingly examined the clinics' and a related credit union's accounting records. Investigators reviewed Dunning's personal financials and the records of his for-profit businesses, as well as his electronic com-

munications. They also interviewed over a hundred witnesses, including Dunning's former employees from the clinics, persons af-

filiated with Synergy companies, and bankers associated with real estate transactions.

And investigators

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