

# The Daily Edition

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Friday, October 27, 2017

## Man found passed out with meth and needles near Christian Academy in LC

Christian Bennett, 21, Corinth Church Road Loudon, was charged with Mfg/Del/ Sale or Poss. of Meth in a Drug Free School Zone, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Cpl. P. McGinley LCSO, was dispatched to the Red Top Market located at Hwy 11E in Lenoir City, TN. The



Christian Bennett

(see Meth pg. 2)

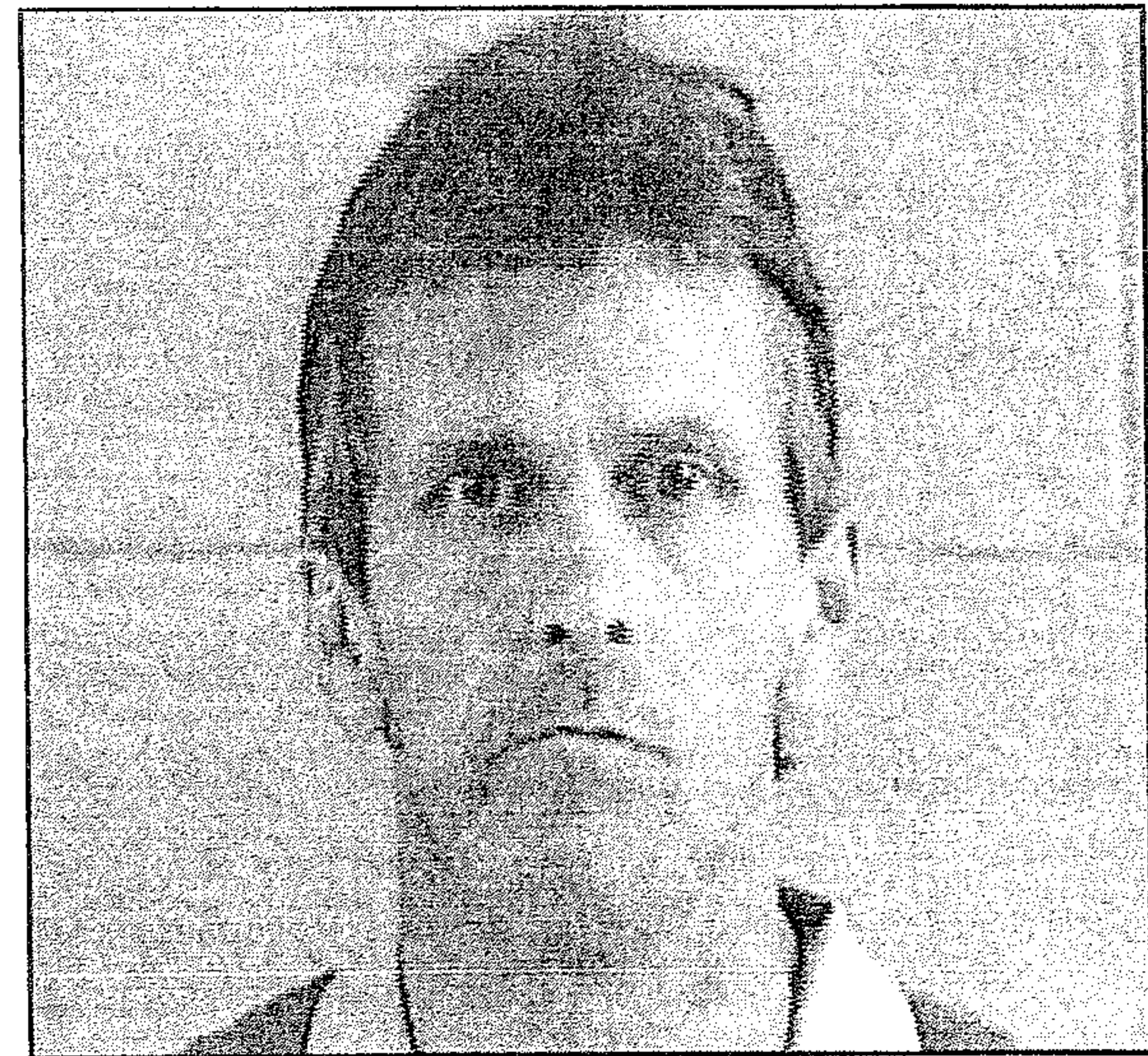
## Impaired shopper charged and has items unpaid for as well



Becky Viars

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## Victim reports behind held against her will; accused says otherwise



Cheynn Hamby

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## Sweetwater resident sentenced to serve thirty months in prison for extortion via snapchat

On October 24, 2017, Brandon Douglas Shanahan, 23, of Sweetwater, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable Pamela L. Reeves, U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 30 months in federal prison for extortion using the computer application SnapChat.

Shanahan pleaded guilty in November 2016 to one count of a

see extortion pg. 3

## Common internet of things devices may expose consumers to cyber exploitation

In conjunction with National Cyber Security Awareness Month, the FBI is re-iterating the growing concern of cyber criminals targeting unsecure Internet of Things (IoT) devices. The number of IoT devices in use is expected to increase from 5 billion in 2016 to an estimated 20 to 50 billion by 2020. Once an IoT device is compromised, cyber criminals can facilitate attacks on other systems or networks, send spam e-mails, steal

personal information, interfere with physical safety, and leverage compromised devices for participation in distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks.

IoT refers to a network of physical devices, vehicles, buildings, and other items (often called "smart devices") embedded with electronics, software, sensors, actuators, and network connectivity enabling these objects to collect and exchange (see IoT pg. 4)



### Verse of the Day

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. — 1 Thessalonians 3:12

### Obituaries

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### Wazzup

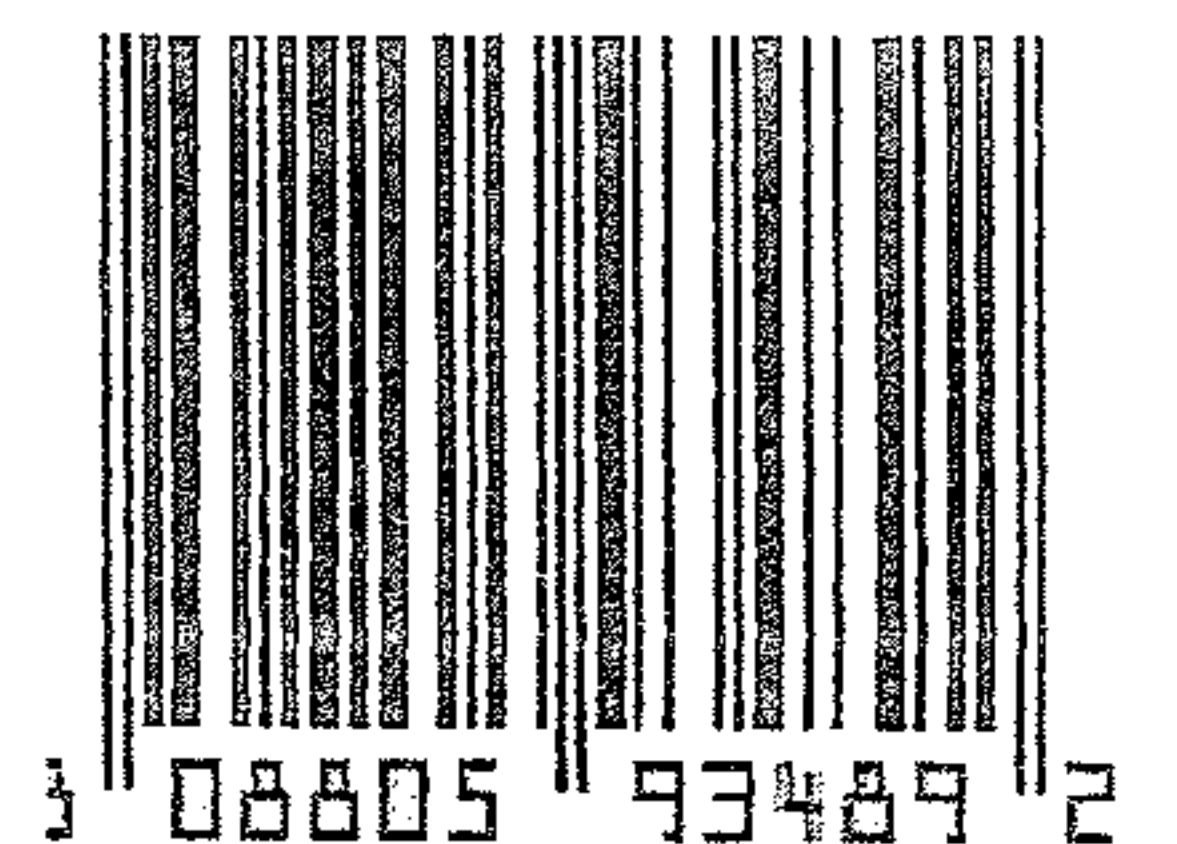
What a great World Series this one has turned out to be! Out of Nowhere New Names are Emerging during the series. Awesome. Go Dodgers!

### Weather

Today: Mostly sunny. High of 71F.  
Tonight: Overcast and cool. low of 51F.  
Saturday: Rain. High

of 55F.  
Saturday night: rain. Low of 45F.  
Sunday: Mostly cloudy. High of 49F.  
Sunday night: Clear and cold. High of 32F.  
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**Meth**

caller stated there was male asleep in the vehicle and that he had been there for approximately one hour and that it looked suspicious. The vehicle was backed in to a parking space and had hit the yellow barrier pole. Cpl. McGinley and Lt. Upton made contact with the subject inside the vehicle. Cpl. McGinley stated

that the driver appeared to be "passed out" and had his arm caught in the seatbelt. Cpl. McGinley woke the driver up. The driver was confused, lethargic and unable to answer simple questions. The driver was identified as Christian Peyton Bennett. Bennett was asked to step out of the vehicle. Once Mr. Bennett stepped out of the vehicle, Lt. Upton noticed a blue bag

with a crystalline substance, which field tested positive as methamphetamine, on the seat where Bennett was previously sitting. The crystalline substance weighed approximately 3.8 grams. Lt. Upton then contacted the Narcotics

Unit. Inv. Ketner, Lt. Ezell and , Inv. Marty Stanley, arrived on scene. Mr. Bennett stated that he was going to get cigarettes, but he had no cash on his person. There was also one ski mask in the passenger

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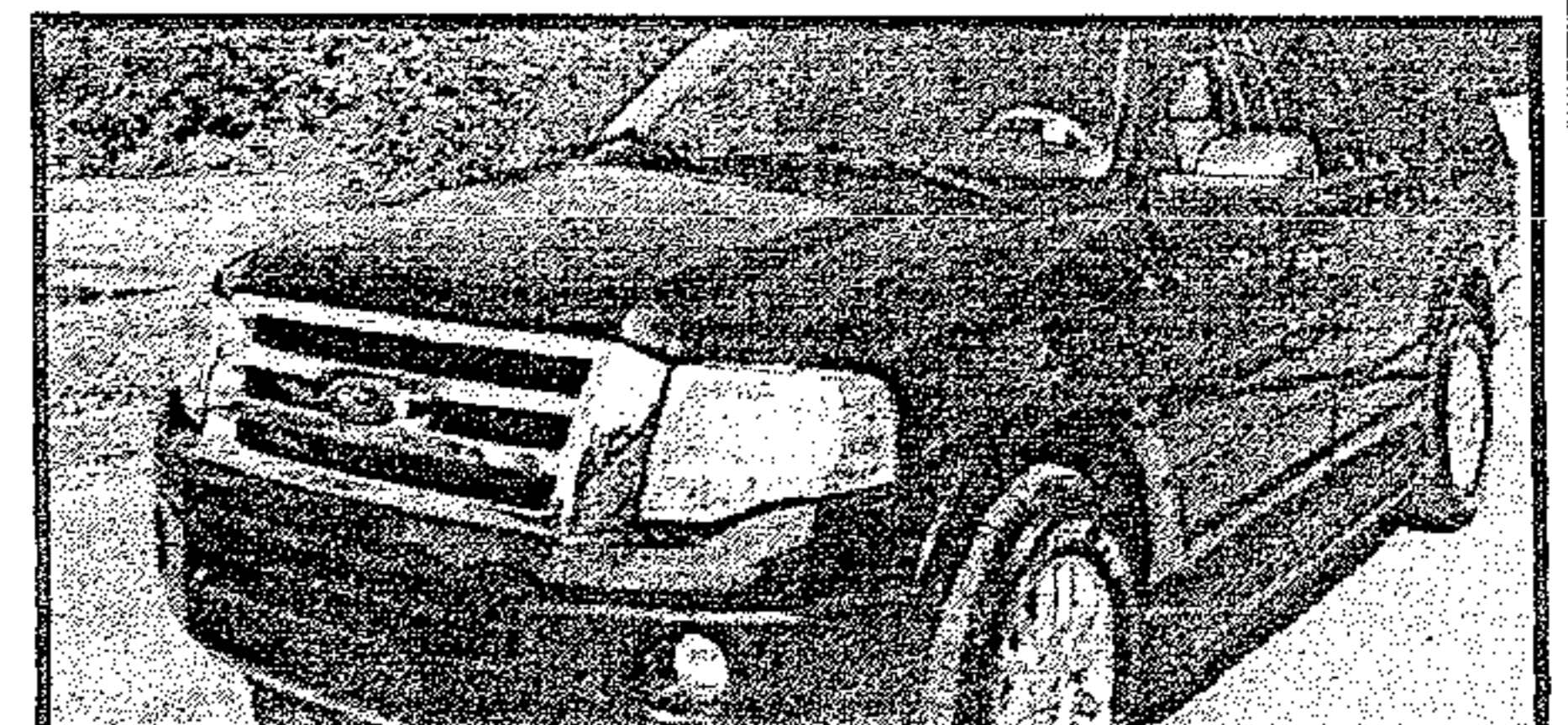
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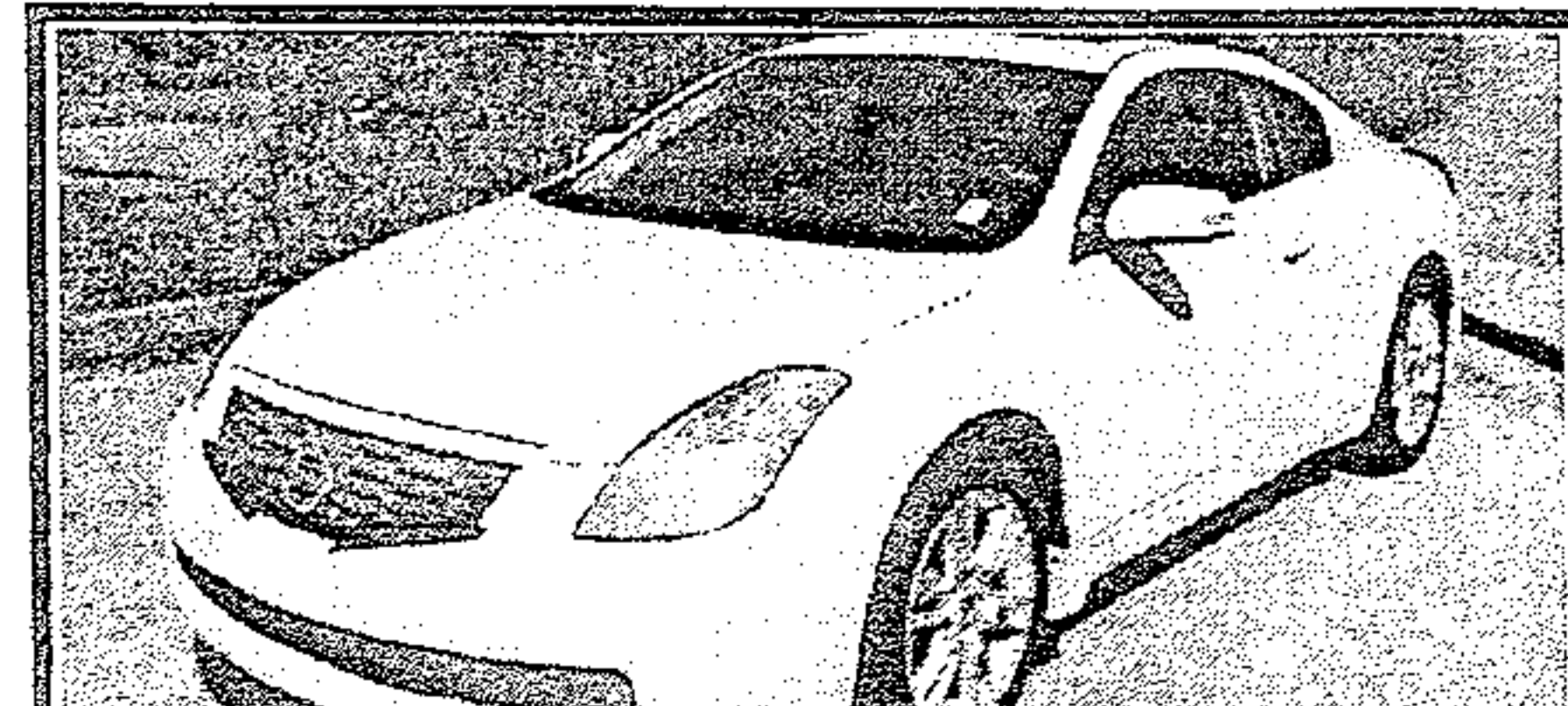
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### Impaired

Becky Viars, 47, Pinetop Street Loudon, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Shoplifting.

Deputy Anderson LCSO, along with Deputy Parton, responded to the Dollar General at Mialaquo Rd. in reference to a impaired person. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with Becky Viars, the offender, in aisle 22.

While speaking with the offender Deputy observed a large multi color bag concealing a large quantity of over the counter medications and store merchandise. The offender stated she had concealed the items with the intent of stealing them. The combined value of the property was approximately \$163

dollars. The offender stated she had driven herself to the location in a gold Mazda Protege TN tag 9F1-5C1 and had possession of the vehicle's keys. Deputy did observed the vehicle parked in the parking lot. Deputy had prior knowledge the offender's TN drivers license was revoked, which was confirmed by dispatch.

Deputy spoke with management with Dollar General and they did want to pursue charges. Investigator Lt. Upton 921 was notified. The offender was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. The vehicle was left at the scene per owner's request. All occurred in Loudon County, TN.

### Extortion

federal indictment charging him with using interstate communications with the intent to extort contained in a federal indictment. Shanahan used Snapchat to extort

women into sending nude photographs of themselves to him. After entering his guilty plea, it was discovered that Shanahan engaged in new conduct which could have been charged in a sub- see Extortion ctd. pg. 7

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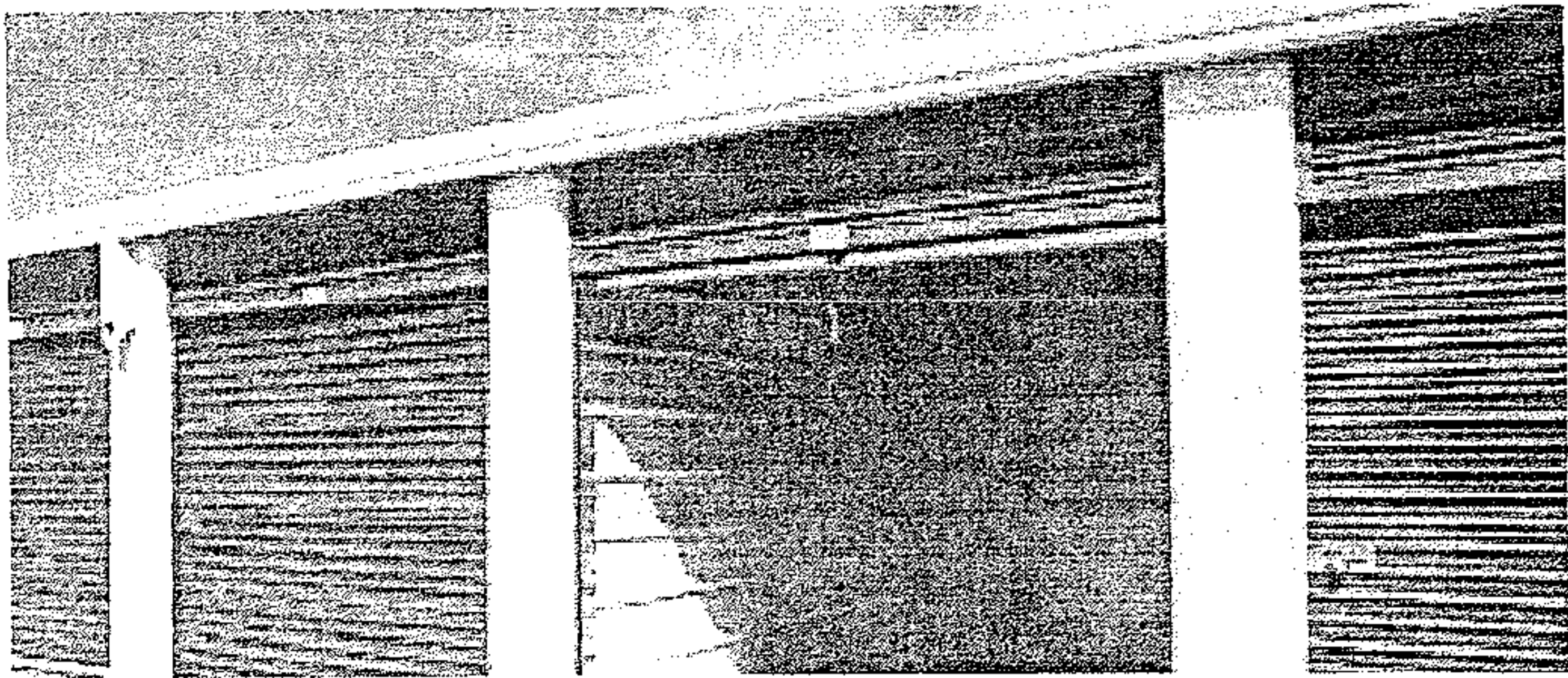
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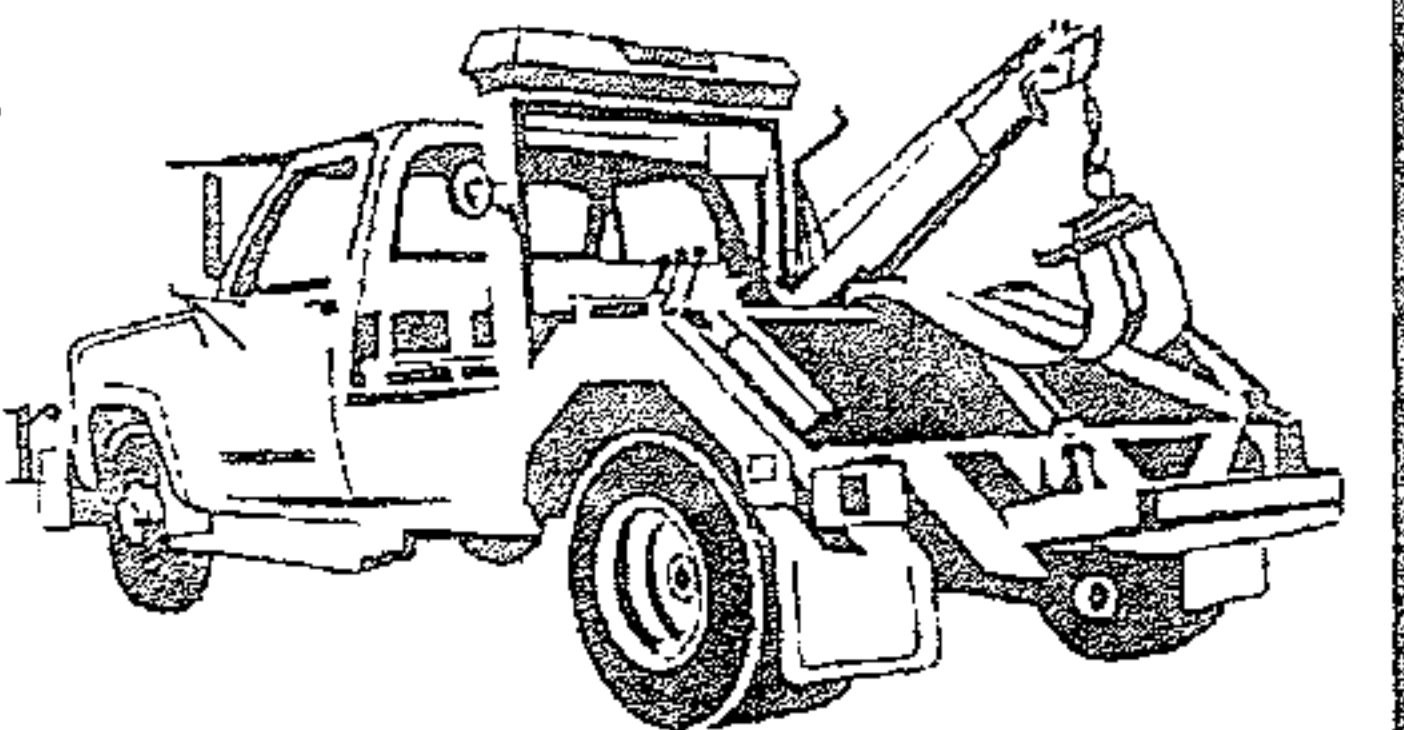
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**IoT**

data. Below are examples of IoT devices:

Home automation devices (e.g., devices which control lighting, heating and cooling, electricity, sprinklers, locks);

Security systems (e.g., alarm systems, surveillance cameras);

Medical devices (e.g., wireless heart monitors, insulin dispensers);

Wearables (e.g., fitness trackers, clothing, watches);

Smart appliances (e.g., refrigerators, vacuums, stoves);

Office equipment (e.g., wireless printers, computer mouse, outlets, interactive whiteboards);

Entertainment devices

(e.g., DVRs, TVs, gaming systems, music players, toys); and

Hubs (devices that control other IoT devices through a single app).

As more businesses and homeowners use Internet-connected devices to enhance company efficiency or lifestyle conveniences, their connection to the Internet provides new vulnerabilities for malicious cyber actors to exploit. In 2016 and 2017, cyber actors have demonstrated the ease in which IoT device vulnerabilities can be compromised and leveraged. Deficient security capabilities, difficulties in patching vulnerabilities, and a lack of consumer security awareness provide cyber actors

with opportunities to exploit these devices.

In September 2016, cyber actors using the Mirai botnet infected IoT devices—including routers, cameras, and digital video recorders—for the purpose of conducting DDoS attacks. The actors exploited openly accessible devices via the Internet with common default usernames and passwords.

In February 2017, a hacker compromised more than 160,000 printers with open connections to the Internet by scanning for those with specific open ports. The hacker claimed the devices were part of a botnet and sent print jobs to the affected printers.

In August 2017, a cyber actor released a list of over 33,000 usernames and passwords for IoT devices, including cam-

eras, DVRs, and routers. While the majority of these devices were located in Asia and China, many of the devices were also found in the United States. A researcher conducted a test against this list and discovered many of these devices were almost instantly exploited, often taking less than two minutes between discovery and infection.

Unsecured or poorly secured devices provide opportunities for cyber criminals to intrude on private networks and gain access to other devices and information attached to these networks. Cyber criminals often take advantage of default usernames and passwords to merge IoT devices with others into a large botnet. These botnets can facilitate DDoS attacks against popular Web sites or network resources. These attacks cause Web sites to run slow, prevent

users from being able to connect, or potentially take down multiple Web sites associated with the network under attack.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION AND DEFENSE**

It can be difficult to determine if an IoT device has been compromised. However, there are many reputable resources and tools available that search for vulnerable network devices. The following recommendations can be implemented to help secure IoT devices from cyber attacks.

Change default usernames and passwords. Many default passwords are collected and posted on the Internet. Do not use common words and simple phrases or passwords containing easily obtainable personal information, such as important dates or names of chil-

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**Public Notice**

The Loudon County Surplus Property Authority will meet on November 6, 2017 at 5:30 at the Courthouse Annex to discuss, but not limited to, properties obtained through delinquent tax sale and surplus boat motors

**Public Notice**

**Notice of Public Meeting**

Loudon County Government will hold a public meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 06:00 P.M. at County Office Building. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss eligible projects and expected funding levels for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program. The public is invited to attend and comment. All minority members of the public are encouraged to attend and comment. Loudon County Government does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d). The meeting will be handicapped accessible; however, anyone needing special assistance should contact Mitch Loomis at (865) 273-6003.

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DV

Cheynn Hamby, 48, Hwy 72 Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Marty Ward LPD, was dispatched to Hwy 72 on a Domestic call. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to Cheynn Hamby who advised the victim had slapped him in the face and left the residence. As Officer was taking the report the victim called and stated Cheynn had held her against her will and she had visible injuries. Cheynn stated victim was going ballistic and he had to hold her off that is why she had marks. Sgt. Bill Evans LPD met with the victim at another location and observed injuries on her arms. Cheynn Hamby was placed under arrest.

Toys for Tots 2017 Applications Now Available  
Applications for

the 2017 Toys for Tots program are now available at the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

ALL applications must be returned to the Loudon County Sheriff's Department by 4 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017. Applications must also include a copy of the parent or guardian's current income information. A current Tennessee Driver's License or State Issued ID is required from the parent, and a copy of the child's social security card is also required.

If you wish to take a name, they will be available beginning in mid-October through business and churches. Donations are also accepted at the Sheriff's office. If your business or church would be willing to

take names please call Debbie Hines, Toys for Tots Coordinator at 986-4823.

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seat, one open knife and one can cut open with residue on top commonly used to inject narcotics. Bennett was placed into custo-

dy. Bennett advised he had a motel room at the Inn of Lenoir. A search warrant was executed on Bennett's motel room where a set of digital scales with a crystalline residue were found. The Red Top Market is located within the 1,000 foot exclusion zone of the

real property of Crossroads Christian Academy located at Martel Road, Lenoir City, TN. Christian Peyton Bennett is charged with Manufacture, Delivery, Sale or Possession of Meth in a Drug Free School Zone and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

## Public Notice

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Lenoir City Utilities Board (LCUB) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as a Gas, Water, and Wastewater Serviceman Apprentice. This full-time, non-exempt position is accountable to the Working Foreman. The role of this person is to develop knowledge and skills necessary to install, maintain, and repair gas, water, and wastewater distribution systems and all appurtenances. This position does require physical labor and is subject to emergency call outs after training; therefore, the successful applicant must commit to living within the LCUB service territory within one year from date of hire. Applicants must possess a valid Tennessee Driver's License and be able to obtain CDL and other licenses as required.

Applications will be available at the main office of LCUB, 200 Depot Street, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or can be printed from [lcub.com](http://lcub.com). Completed applications must be returned to the same address or faxed to 865-988-0885. LCUB will only consider fully completed, original applications that are mailed, faxed, or hand delivered to ATTN: Director of Gas, Water, and Wastewater. Applications must be received by Friday, November 3, 2017. LCUB provides an excellent benefits package. LCUB is a Drug-Free Workplace, and drug testing is a condition of employment with LCUB. LCUB is an equal opportunity employer.

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 sequent indictment. However, the U.S. Attorney's Office agreed to allow Shanahan to plead guilty to an additional count in the indictment prior to his sentencing today. Details of this are outlined in the plea agreement on file with the U.S. District Court and available to the public.

Agencies involved in this

investigation include the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Knoxville Cyber Task Force, which includes the University of Tennessee Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Knoxville Police Department and Knox County Sheriff Office, assisted by the Sweetwater Police Department. Assistant

U.S. Attorney Cynthia F. Davidson represented the United States.

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dren or pets.

If the device does not allow the capability to change the access password, ensure the device providing wireless Internet service has a strong password and encryption.

Isolate IoT devices on their own protected networks.



Configure network firewalls to block traffic from unauthorized IP addresses and disable port forwarding.

Review and implement device manufacturer security rec-

ommendations, if available. Consider turning devices off when not in use.

Research your options when shopping for new IoT devices. When conducting research, use reputable Web sites that specialize in cyber security analysis, provide reviews on consumer products, and support consumer advocacy.

Look for products from manufacturers with a track record of providing security to their Internet-connected products. Look for companies that offer firmware and software updates, and identify how and when these updates are provided.

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