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Wednesday, December 27, 2017

Elderly driver, 73, drunk and on wrong side of interstate

Ross Raburn, 73, Maple Lane Madisonville, was charged with DUI, Reckless Driving, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Deputy Pesterfield LCSO was dispatched to the area of Interstate 75 and mile marker 68. Monroe County E-911 stated they had received multiple 911 calls in ref-



Ross Raburn

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Criminal court capias filed on two individuals



Chad Ridings



Charity Ridings

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Hit and run ends with two charged after traffic stop



Jeremy Bogle



Brenda Marsh

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Domestic charge in Loudon after call



Judy Bivens

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Civil Forfeiture

Sale of Child Abusers' Home Benefits Organization that Serves Victims

The home of Jack and Jerry Cassidy, who were convicted of sexually abusing children, was subject to civil forfeiture because their home was "used to commit or to facilitate" their crimes.

The unique arrangement emerged following the investigation of twins Jack and Jerry Cassidy, of Lex-

ington, who pleaded guilty in 2015 to state charges of child pornography and sexual abuse of minors. The brothers were longtime Boy Scout leaders and trusted members of the community, and many of their criminal acts were committed in the house where they held their meetings. Because the property

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Verse of the Day

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.' — Luke 2:14

Obituaries

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Wazzup

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Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 25F. Tonight: Overcast. low

of 14F. Thursday: Sunny. High of 21F.

Thursday night: Clear. Low of 12F.

Horoscopes Capricorn 12/21-1/19

Your approach to life may be (Continued on page 6)



Robbery

erence to a vehicle traveling north in south bound lanes of I-75. Loudon County dispatch stated they were receiving multiple calls in reference to this as well. Upon arrival to the area Loudon City Police Officer S. Harrison had performed a traffic stop on the vehicle on I-75

at the 72 entrance ramp. Deputy then made contact with the driver of the vehicle a Mr. Ross Raburn who was unsteady on his feet and was holding on to his vehicle with a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person.

While speaking with Mr. Raburn Deputy also noticed he had slurred speech and blood

shot watery eyes. Deputy asked Mr. Raburn to walk back to the front of his vehicle to which he did. While walking to the front of my vehicle Mr. Raburn had to be helped to the vehicle to keep him from falling. Officer Houser LPD stated there was a large pack of Miller Light in the

backseat of the vehicle that appeared to have about 6-8 beers missing. Due to Mr. Raburn's intoxication level and fear for his safety Deputy did place him in custody at that time. Deputy read Mr. Raburn his Miranda rights and placed him in the see Robbery ctd. pg. 3

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back of my vehicle. upon arrival at the jail Deputy asked Mr. Raburn to perform a series of sobriety task inside the jail sally port to which he agreed. Mr. Raburn performed HGN but could not complete any other task. Deputy asked Mr. Raburn how many alcoholic beverages he had consumed to which he stated he had about 4-5 miller light beers. Deputy read Mr. Raburn the implied consent to which Mr. Raburn stated "I had to much to drink to give me a breath sample" and refused. Deputy am charging Mr. Raburn with driving under the influence 2nd offense (TCA 55-10-401), violation implied consent law (TCA 55-10-406), and driving on the right side of the road (TCA 55-8-115). All the above actions occurred in Loudon County, TN.

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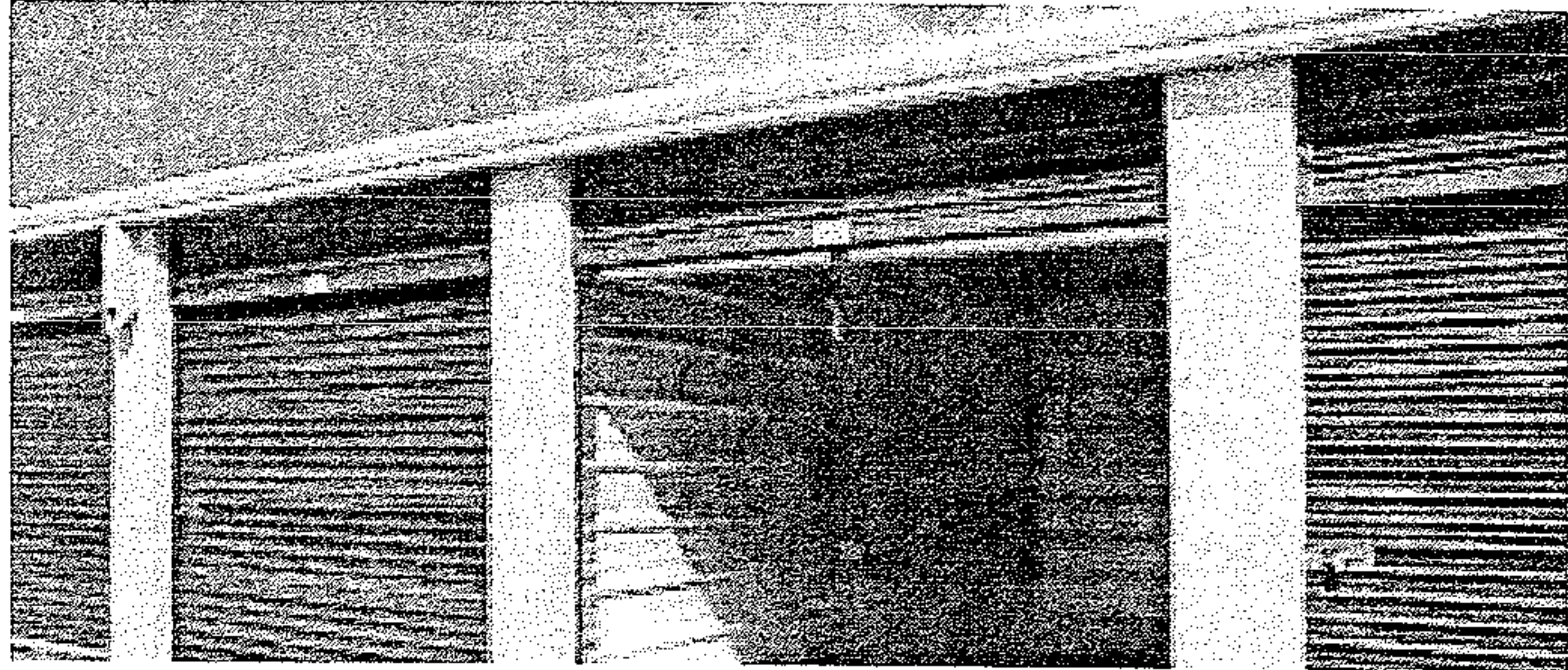
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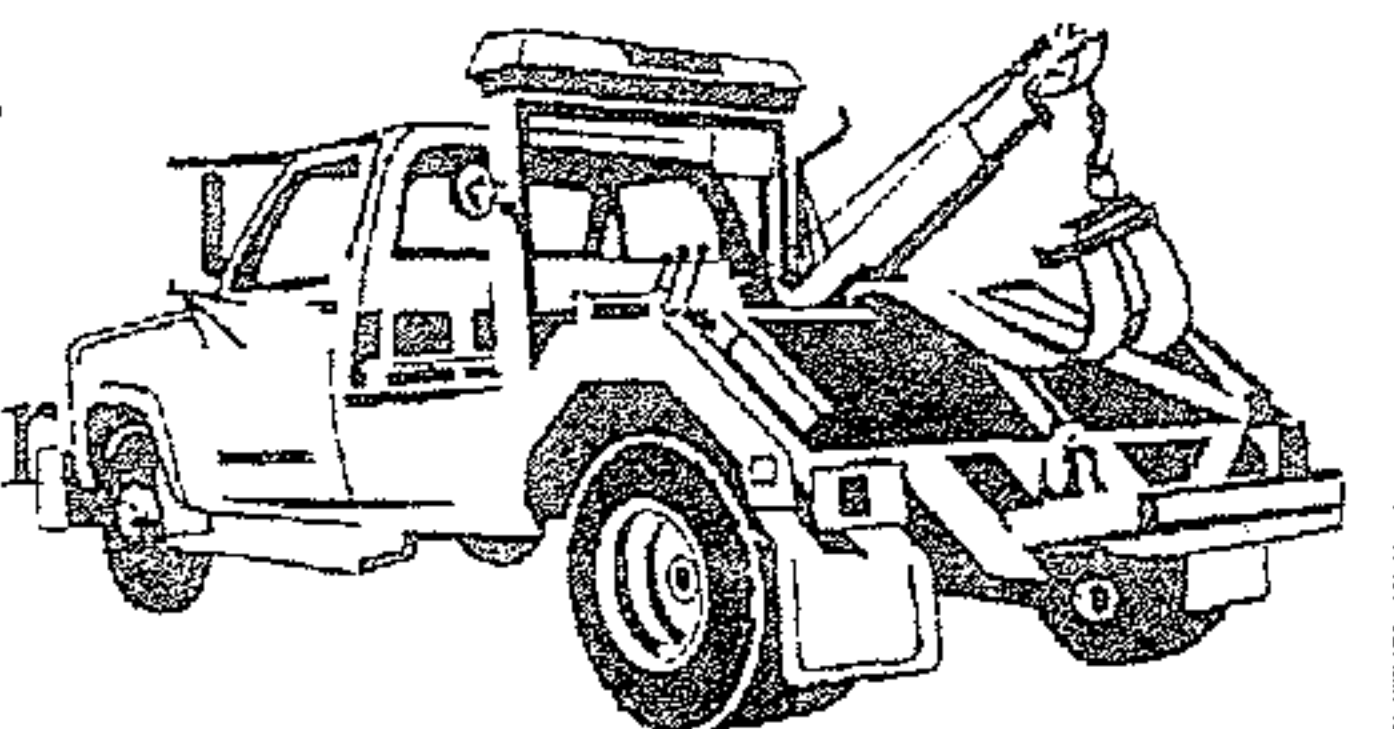
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Forfeiture

played a central role in the crimes—including facilitating the movement of minors across state lines—local investigators and prosecutors worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office to seize the property under federal asset forfeiture laws. The effort set in motion a novel approach to supporting a program for young victims like those the Cassidy brothers abused from 1963 to 1986.

"It's a good example of what can be done for the good of the community," said Wade Napier, an assistant U.S. attorney who helped implement the civil forfeiture.

The "good" in the case was how officials used a powerful federal law enforcement tool to punish criminals and benefit the community where so many—at least 30 victims—were affected.

Here's how it worked: Proceeds from the auction of the Cassidy brothers' house went to the FBI, which shared the funds with its partners in the case—the Lexington Police Department, which led the criminal investigation, and the Fayette Commonwealth Attorney's office, which prosecuted the state criminal case. The sharing framework is outlined under the federal government's asset forfeiture equitable sharing program, which says the FBI can transfer up to 80 percent of forfeiture

proceeds to local law enforcement who assist in a case, and partners can then share up to \$25,000 a year with community-based organizations that serve a law enforcement purpose. In this case, the beneficiary was the Lexington-based Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, a non-profit serving abuse victims across 17 counties in Central Kentucky.

"The civil asset forfeiture was directly applicable to the terrible conduct we saw from the defendants in this case," said Napier, who serves in the Eastern District of Kentucky.

The Cassidy brothers' crimes were uncovered on August 11, 2014, when police responding to a 911 call by a concerned friend found Jack Cassidy at the front door of the rambler, refusing their entry, and his brother on the floor bound and motionless—apparently the result of a consensual game. When they finally got inside, police saw framed photographs of young, semi-naked boys in suggestive poses, many with taped-on labels of "sweet," "pretty," and "wow." Police also discovered the brothers' hand-written journals documenting their victims and the abuse that occurred in the house and on Scout trips.

"This is a great example of how we can work together as one for the community." —Kimberly Kidd, special agent, FBI Louisville

Special Agent Kimberly Kidd, who investigated the case out of the FBI's Louisville Field Office, said "there was no question" of whether the brother's home should be seized. "It's not like the abuse happened just one time in this house," she said. "For decades, they were molesting children in this home."

As the investigation progressed, Lexington Police Department officers focused on the criminal case while Kidd traced the brothers' travels to determine if federal crimes occurred. The brothers, who were in their 70s at the time of their arrest, ultimately pleaded guilty to nine state charges, assuring they would spend the rest of

their lives in jail.

Meanwhile, the federal focus turned to seizing the home, since Kentucky state law doesn't have a pathway for real property seizures and forfeitures in child exploitation cases. For Kidd, who has had numerous cases that relied on the use of the Children's Advocacy Center, it seemed like a natural fit to

help fund the center with proceeds from the brothers' assets.

"They are always available to support law enforcement, and I would love to see law enforcement give back," Kidd recalled thinking. "This is a great example of how we can work together as one for the commu-

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hit and run

Brenda Marsh, 33, Carding Machine Road Loudon, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para.

Jeremy Bogle, 27, West 2nd Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Theft of Property, Violation of Probation, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Cpl. Chris Jenkins LCSO, along with Deputy Charlie Huskin and Deputy Chris Bowen conducted a traffic stop on a white Mustang on Hotchkiss Valley Rd at Happy Hollow Rd. that was possibly involved in a hit-in-run in Lenoir City city limits.

Deputy made contact with the driver and identified him as Mr. Jeremy Paul Bogle and the passenger/owner of the vehicle Ms. Brenda Michelle Marsh.

A run of Mr. Bogle's license through NCIC showed

Mr. Bogle to have a revoked license for failure to satisfy 11-09-2017.

Mr. Bogle also had local outstanding warrants for theft of property (17-CR-42) and Violation of Probation (16-CR-1785) for theft of property x 2. The owner of the vehicle Ms. Marsh gave verbal consent to a search of the vehicle.

Inside a black bag that Ms. Marsh did state was hers was a blue purse with several small baggies and 2 glass pipes used in consuming illegal narcotics. Also in the bag was approximately 10 syringes and neither occupants diabetic and used to consume illegal narcotics.

Both Ms. Marsh and Mr. Bogle was then placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon Co., jail. End of report.

This did happen in Loudon Co., Tn.

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nity. We're in this together and we recognize that."

The brothers were each sentenced to 20 years in jail; Jerry Cassidy died in September at age 79. Investigators documented more than 30 victims, but the case was cemented on the testimony of three individuals who told the court how they were exploited decades ago. Kidd described the case as unnerving because the Cassidy brothers were in positions of authority and trust in their own community. "They completely took advantage of that for three decades," Kidd said.

The auction of the Cassidy brothers' home netted proceeds of about \$84,000, which was distributed through the equitable sharing program with the Lexington Police Department and

commonwealth's attorney's office. Under the arrangement, the agencies are giving the money to the Children's Advocacy Center, which has already put the funds to work in the form of a new roof, upgraded technologies and new recording equipment in the center's forensic interview suites.

Winn Stephens, executive director of the center, said the funding and support from the FBI and the local agencies affirmed his organization's role with law enforcement.

"They have the option of expending those funds themselves or passing them through to an organization like ours," he said. "I think it really made us feel validated in the work that we do and the type of partners we are that they were so willing to share those funds with us."

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Domestic

Judy Bivens, 55, Clyde Street Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officer Jonathan Yates LPD, responded to a domestic violence call at Clyde St. Upon arrival, Officer could hear arguing coming from the apartment. Officer listened for a few minutes and could hear a female being loud, cursing and threatening someone. Then something smashed against the door. Officer knocked and was greeted by victim. The house was in total disarray. There were broken items, cigarettes, Christmas tree, ornaments and tobacco thrown all over the place.

A ceramic dish was what was thrown against the door. It was destroyed. Officer identified the female assailant as Judy Bivens. She

was extremely drunk and hard to deal with. Victim was calm and cooperative. Ms. Bivens and Walter live together and are dating. It was determined that Judy Bivens had caused the destruction and was found to be the primary aggressor. She placed the victim in fear for his safety and it is unknown what caused the argument. Ms. Bivens was escorted out of the

house and arrested for domestic assault. Said happened in Loudon Tn.

Capias

Chad Ridings, 35, Main Street Loudon, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Deputy Greg Malone LCSO, did transport Chad Alan Ridings from Main Street to the Loudon County Jail for

a Criminal Court Capias (53CC1-2017-CR-32-A) Simple Poss/Casual Exchange x4 and Maintain Dwelling For Drug Used. When Deputy Malone and Mr. Ridings arrived at the jail, Corporal Rondel M. Branam, did serve Mr. Ridings with the Criminal Court Capias.

Charity Ridings, 37, Pathkiller Trail Loudon,

was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Corporal Rondel M. Branam LCSO, did arrest Charity Morgana Ridings on a Criminal Court Capias (53CC1-2017-Cr-232-B) Simple Poss / Casual Exchange and Maintain Dwelling For Drug Use at the Goodwill Store in Loudon, TN.

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