

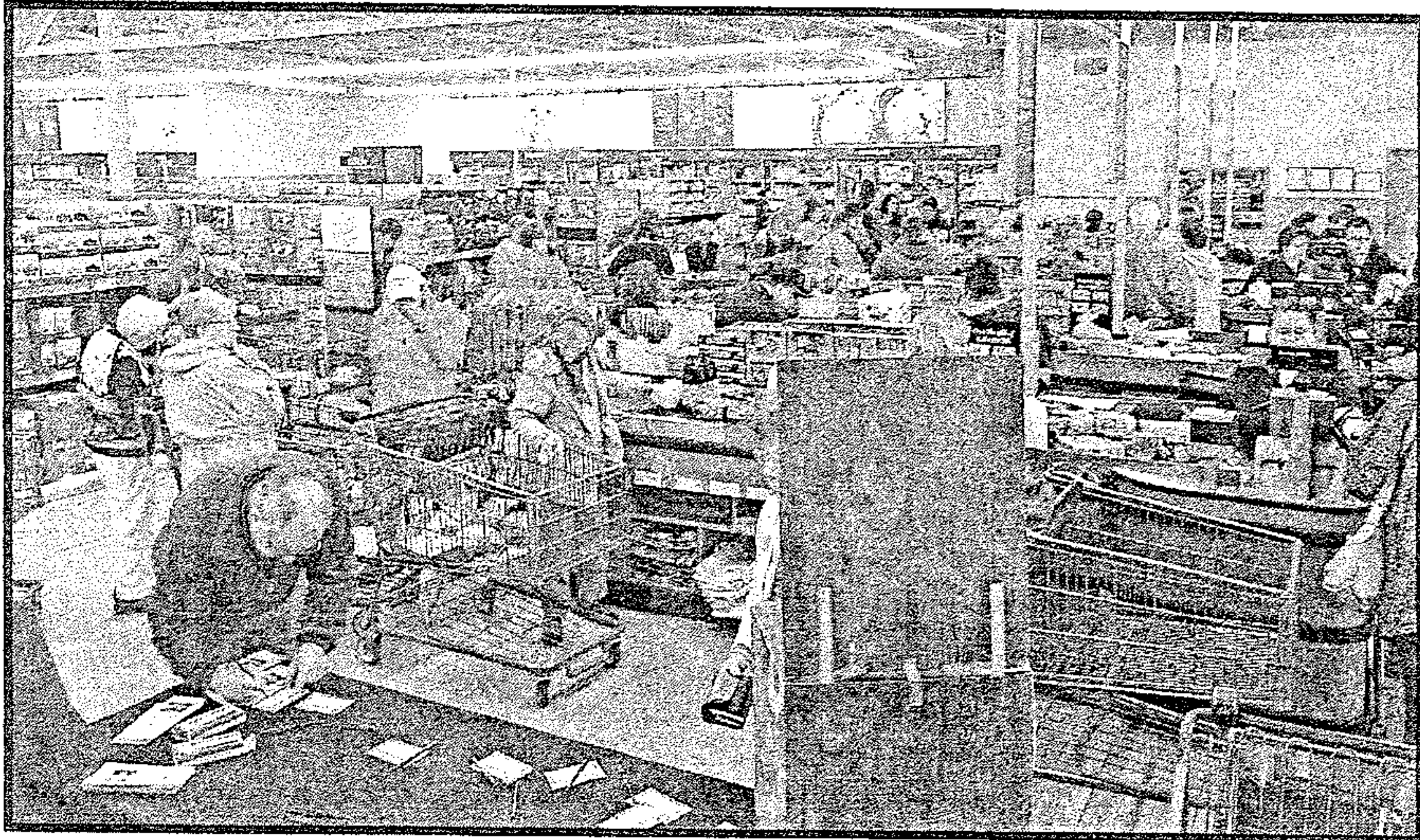
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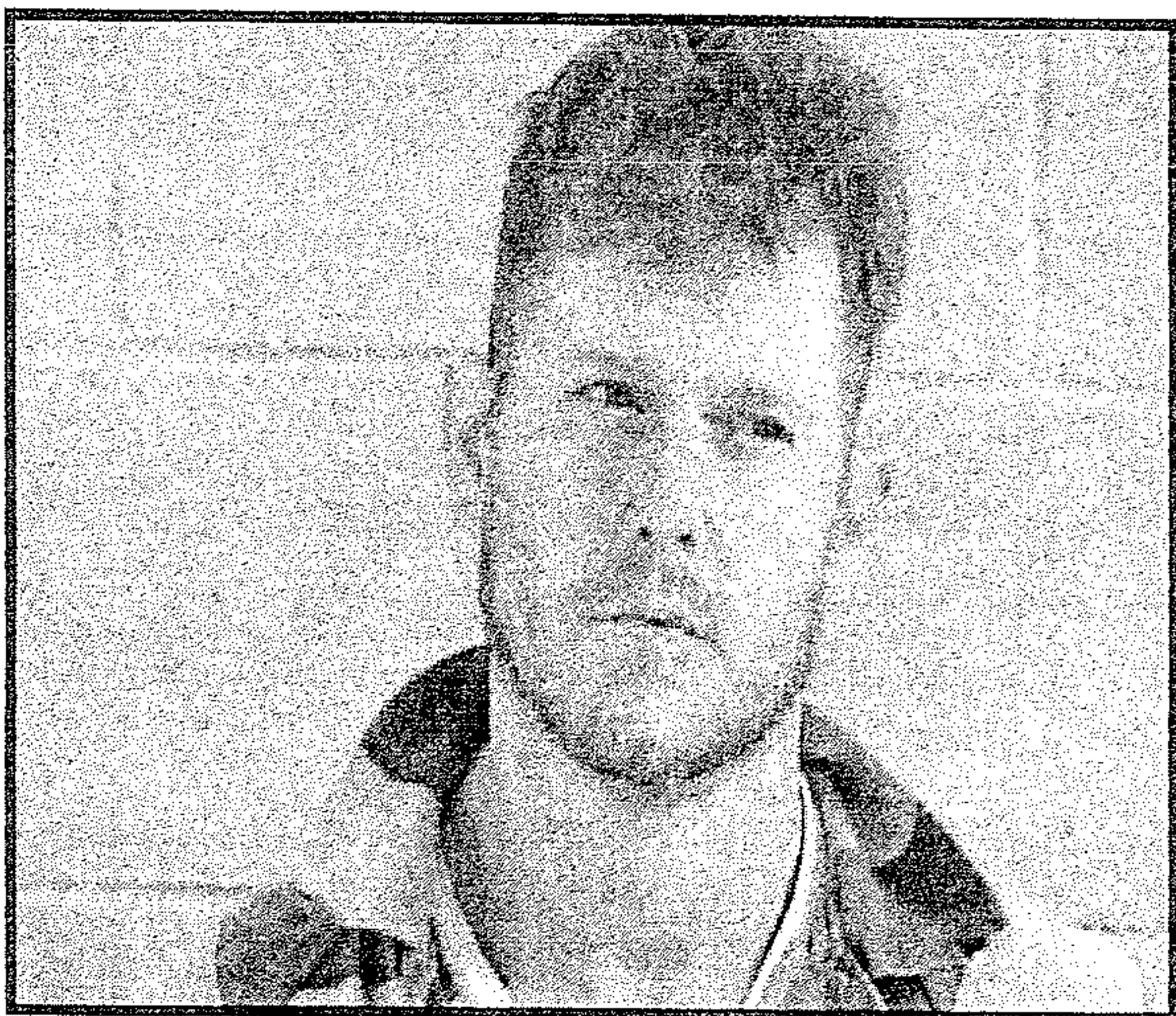
Aldi officially opens the doors in LC



Lined up for hours waiting for the doors to open and after they did this was the result. Full checkout lines and people signing up for future sales and events.

(see ALDI pg. 2)

Known drug user found to have meth after stop



Jeremy Byrd

see meth pg. 4

Comptroller Finds More Problems Within DHS Food Programs

Comptroller Justin P. Wilson has released investigations detailing serious issues within two organizations working under the Tennessee Department of Human Services' Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program respectively.

The Comptroller's Office worked in conjunction with the U.S.

see DHS pg. 5

Business E-Mail Compromise Cyber-Enabled Financial Fraud on the Rise Globally

Outline of how the business e-mail compromise is executed by some organized crime groups, from identifying a target to grooming to exchanging information to receiving a wire transfer from the victim.

Since 2013, when the FBI began tracking an emerging financial cyber threat called business e-mail compromise (BEC), organized crime groups have tar-

geted large and small companies and organizations in every U.S. state and more than 100 countries around the world—from non-profits and well-known corporations to churches and school systems. Losses are in the billions of dollars and climbing.

At its heart, BEC relies on the oldest trick in the con artist's handbook: deception.

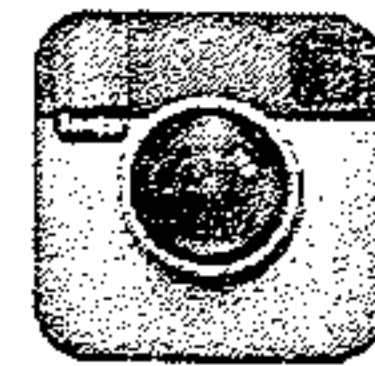
see e-mail pg. 7

Update: Trooper gets more than 1 after known revoked driver stopped



(see Update pg. 4)

Joel Lynn



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Verse of the Day

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. — Psalm 143:8

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

The storm was a bad one but not enough to kill off the bugs, like the cold would have, they are gonna be aw-

ful this year just saying...

Weather

Today: Sunny. High near 55F.

Tonight: Clear skies. Low 33F.

Friday A mainly sunny

sky. High 49F. Friday Night Clear skies Low 27F.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

A misty sheen coats the world today, making the ordinary magical and the facts slip-

(Continued on page 6)



ALDI

The weather held off for a great opening day for the New ALDI in Lenoir City, located on Highway 321. The store had a line wrapped around it several hours before opening and they gave out all kinds of great stuff to a slew of peo-

ple. The store also held drawings and offered discounts on just about everything in the store. The sales tax collected will be great for our city for sure because the lines were packed and the registers were ringing!

The store is filled with just a load of super cool items at

great prices. The items you find at the Aldi range from produce to meats to chips and canned items. So whatever you need stop in the Aldi and check em out.

A special thank you to the store workers, and manage-


ment for a great store opening and the really really nice bag of welcome items we received.

Our great city just got A Lot Darn nicer, welcome ALDI!


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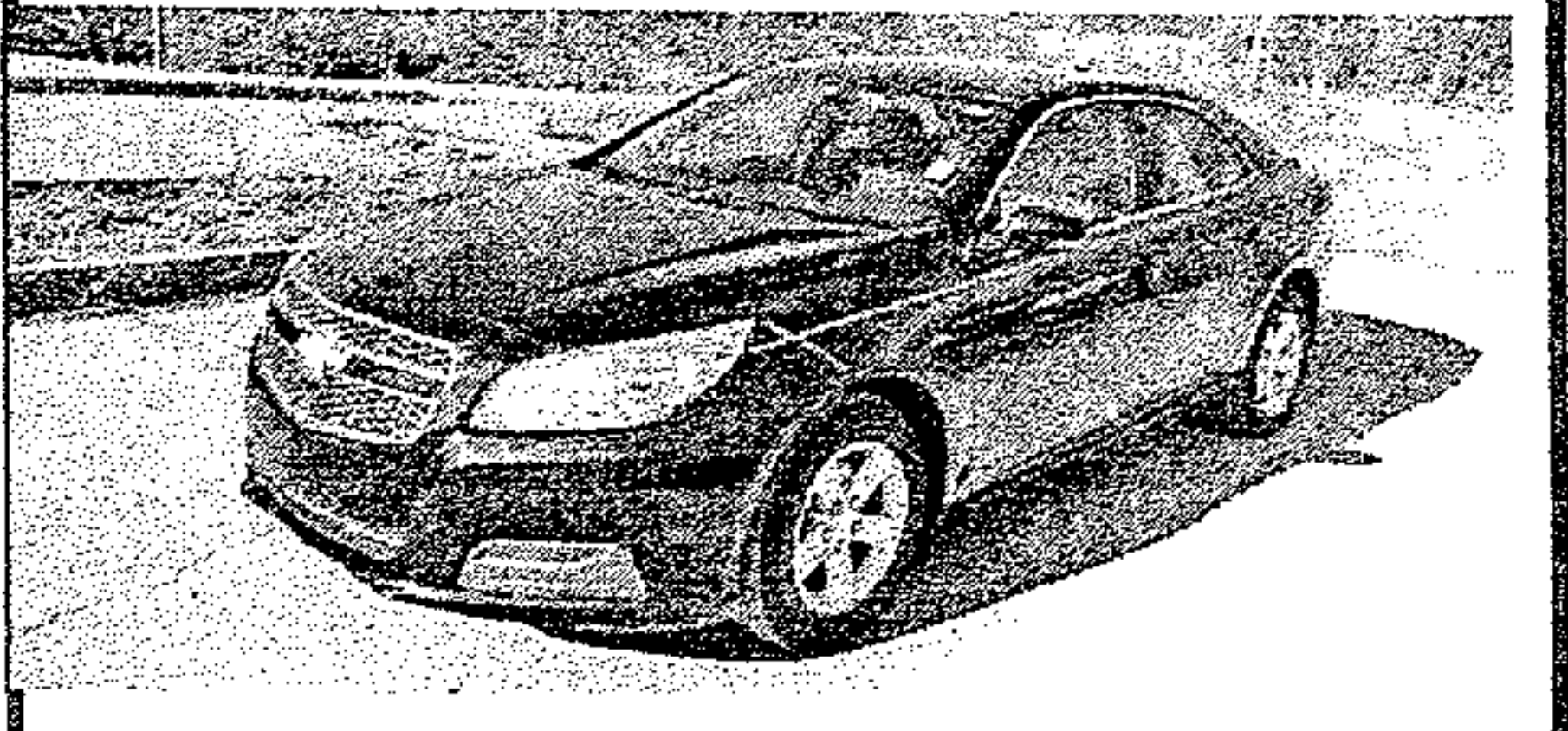
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Update

Joel Lynn, 30, Pond Creek Road Philadelphia, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para., and Possession of Sch. II.

Trooper Rodney Best THP, observed a silver vehicle with a female driver that was known to have suspended license. Trooper traffic stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Whitney Lynn, and passengers Jennifer Bahr, and Joel Lynn, who appeared to be real nervous. After running the individuals through dispatch Whitney came back suspended, Jennifer had two warrants out of Bradley Co. Trooper ask if there was anything illegal in the vehicle Whitney stated no Trooper ask for consent to search and was given consent. While searching Joel Trooper located a clear bag of meth in his pant pocket. While searching the vehicle located were a prescription bottle belonging to Whitney with 5 blue pills and 6 suboxone

strips, the pills were clonazepam which matched the label. Located in the back seat were two needles and a pipe with white residue. Joel stated items were his. Whitney did poorly on sobriety test.

All three subjects were placed under arrest.

Meth

Jeremy Byrd, 35, Main Street Loudon, was charged with Man/Sell/Poss. Controlled Substance. Officer B

DeBoer LPD, observed a white vehicle traveling on Grove Street. Officer was familiar with the driver Jeremy Byrd whom he knew to be on Community Correction for drug offenses. The vehicle Byrd was driving had illegal window tint, and the county displayed on the license plate was not visible. Officer conducted a traffic stop and spoke with the driver Jeremy Byrd.

During the conversation Byrd admitted to having a meth pipe in the vehicle and retrieved it from the visor and handed it to Officer. Officer ask Byrd if he had anything else in the

vehicle and reminded him of his correction rules, and Byrd then produced a bag from his right pocket of the shorts he was wearing under his pants. The bag contained approx. 1/2 ounce of a substance that tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. Byrd was placed under arrest.

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DHS Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General in its investigation of All About Giving, Inc. All About Giving, a nonprofit organization

formerly located in Nashville and Knoxville, assisted daycare homes by submitting meal reimbursement requests to DHS for meals provided to children.

Investigators ques-

tioned several large cash withdrawals and expenditures made by All About Giving. Questionable expenditures included money spent on Xbox, Google Live, Big Fish Games, Shoe Carnival, Perfume

Paradise, and in-state and out-of-state hotel charges. Investigators analyzed \$230,569.33 of expenditures and found documentation to support only \$19.60 for postage stamp purchases.

Investigators also found that DHS did not verify the legitimacy of 23 daycare feeding sites that were being sponsored by All About Giving. 15 of these feeding sites included apartment buildings, and eight address locations had no dwelling of any type. One of the eight was a road embankment. Several of All About Giving's listed daycare homes appeared to be owned by family members of the CEO.

On January 3, 2017, the Chief Executive Officer of All About Giving, Inc., LaShane Hayes, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud in federal court. She will be sentenced on April 12, 2017.

The second investigation involved Heal Thyself Deliverance Temple (HTDT) in Memphis. This organization operated a Summer Food Service Program for low-income children in 2015. DHS referred HTDT to the Comptroller's Office in May 2016 after DHS determined there was a need for additional investigation.

Comptroller investigators determined that HTDT staff withdrew \$12,910 in cash from the organization's official bank account without any documentation to support the money was used for the food service program.

HTDT was also paid an extra \$13,047.81 after it filed reimbursement claims for more meals than were actually served to children. Additionally, several HTDT employees told (see DHS ctd. pg. 7)

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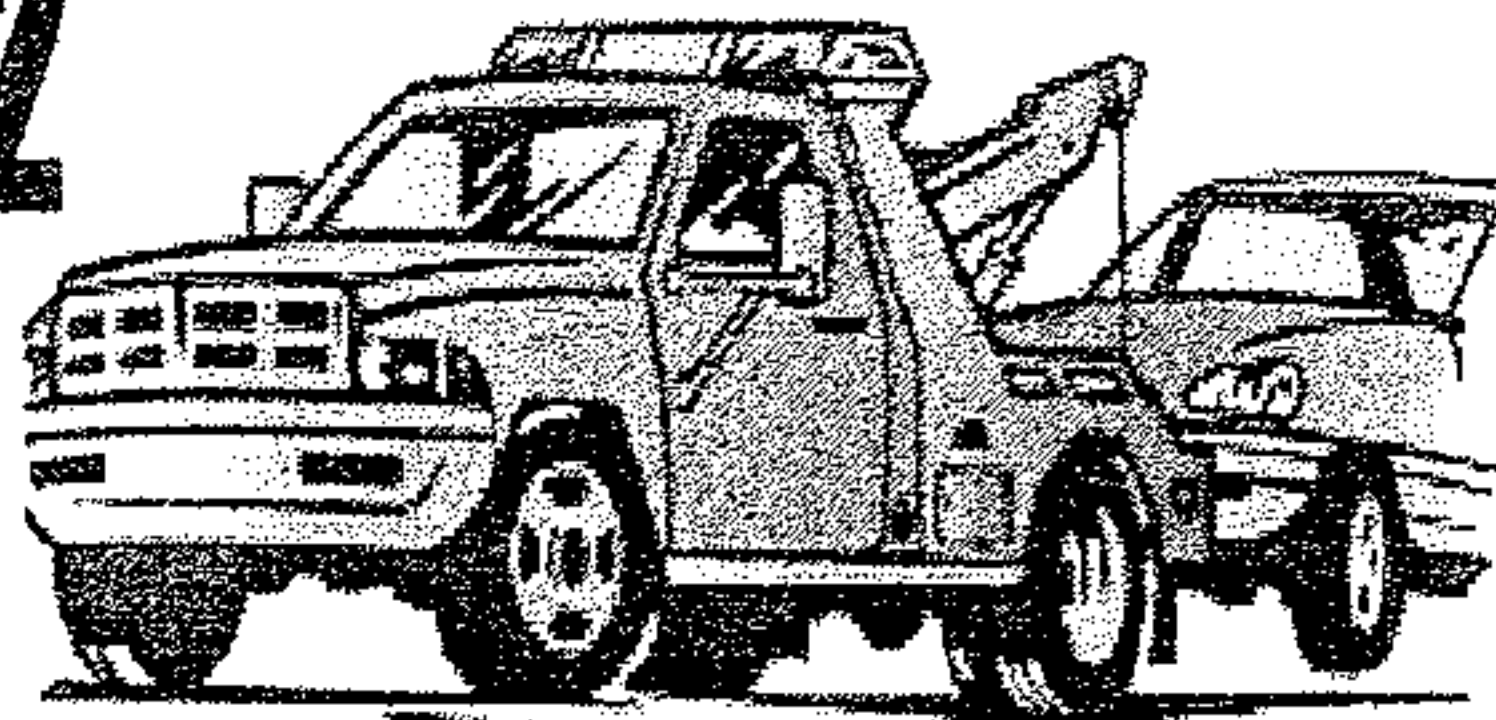
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But the level of sophistication in this multifaceted global fraud is unprecedented, according to law enforcement officials, and professional businesspeople continue to fall victim to the scheme.

Carried out by transnational criminal organizations that employ lawyers, linguists, hackers, and social engineers, BEC can take a variety of forms. But in just about every case, the scammers target employees with access to company finances and trick them into making wire transfers to bank accounts thought to belong to trusted partners—except the money ends up in accounts controlled by the criminals.

“BEC is a serious

threat on a global scale,” said Special Agent Martin Licciardo, a veteran organized crime investigator at the FBI’s Washington Field Office. “And the criminal organizations that perpetrate these frauds are continually honing their techniques to exploit unsuspecting victims.”

Those techniques include online ploys such as spear-phishing, social engineering, identity theft, e-mail spoofing, and the use of malware. The perpetrators are so practiced at their craft that the deception is often difficult to uncover until it is too late.

According to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), “the BEC scam continues to

grow, evolve, and target businesses of all sizes. Since January 2015, there has been a 1,300 percent increase in identified exposed losses, now totaling over \$3 billion.”

Although the perpetrators of BEC—also known as CEO impersonation—use a variety of tactics to fool their victims, a common scheme involves the criminal group gaining access to a company’s network through a spear-phishing attack and the use of malware. Undetected, they may spend weeks or months studying the organization’s vendors, billing systems, and the CEO’s style of e-mail communication and even his or her travel schedule.

“The best way to avoid being exploited is to verify the authenticity of requests to send money by walking into the CEO’s office or speaking to him or her directly on the phone. Don’t rely on e-mail alone.” -Martin Licciardo, special

agent, FBI Washington Field Office

When the time is right, often when the CEO is away from the office, the scammers send a bogus e-mail from the CEO to a targeted employee in the finance office—a bookkeeper, accountant, controller, or chief financial officer. A request is made for an immediate wire transfer, usually to a trusted vendor. The targeted employee believes he is sending money to a familiar account, just as he has done in the past. But the account numbers are slightly different, and the transfer of what might be tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars ends up in a different account controlled by the criminal group.

If the fraud is not discovered in time, the money is hard to recover, thanks to the criminal group’s use of laundering techniques and “money mules” worldwide that drain the funds into other accounts that are dif-

ficult to trace.

“The ability of these criminal groups to compromise legitimate business e-mail accounts is staggering,” Licciardo said. “They are experts at deception. The FBI takes the BEC threat very seriously,” he added, “and we are working with our international partners to identify these perpetrators and dismantle their organizations.”

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investigators that numerous meal count sheets were falsified, and some forms included forged signatures.

The findings related to HTDT have been reviewed with the district attorney general for the Thirtieth Judicial District.

“We continue to see fraud, waste and abuse within DHS food programs,” said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. “I am hopeful DHS is beginning to recognize the scope of this problem, and is taking meaningful steps to address these serious issues.”


To view both investigations online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>

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