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Monday, May 29, 2017

## Driver charged with resale after speeding stop in Loudon

Gregory Brown, 54, Naples Street Ca., was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI., Poss. of Drug Para. x2. Officer Benny Houser LPD, observed a green vehicle traveling on Hwy 72 in front of Honda Plant going 63 mph in a 45 zone. Officer traffic stopped the vehicle and made contact with

(see LPD pg. 2)



Gregory Brown

## Meth for resale on revoked driver



Bradley Hopper

see Meth pg. 3

## Speeding stop ends with DUI charge



Elizabeth Watt

see DUI pg. 5

## Jason Anthony Knight sentenced to serve 7 years in prison for illegally possessing a firearm

On May 25, 2017, Jason Anthony Knight, 45, of Telford, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable Leon Jordan, U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 84 months in federal prison. Knight pleaded guilty on June 21, 2016, to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

In his guilty plea on file with U.S. District Court, Knight admitted that in May 2016, he inspected two firearms and purchased one of them, while possessing and

see firearm pg. 7

## Recovering Missing Kids

### FBI's Role Part of a Coordinated Response

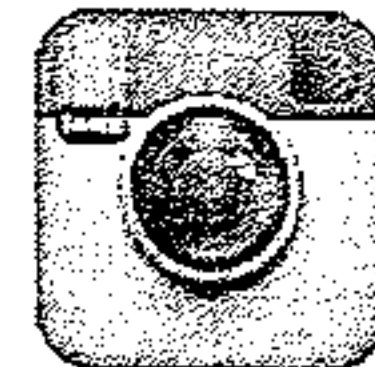
An investigator with the FBI's Violent Crimes Against Children Unit at a workstation at a command center in Maryland.

An investigator in the FBI's Violent Crimes Against Children Unit works at a command post in Maryland during a rescue operation last summer.

The disappearance of a Virginia teenag-

er—and her successful rescue, within days, hundreds of miles away—provides a glimpse into the FBI's role when kids go missing and are believed to be in danger.

Police were called when the girl was believed missing, setting in motion an intense process that relies on the resources, expertise, and partnerships (see FBI pg. 4)



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## Verse of the Day

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. — Acts 16:25

## Obituaries

see inside

## Wazzup

Hope Everyone has a safe and happy Memorial Day. Be Sure to Thank A Veteran for their service.

## Weather

Today: Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High around 80F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy during the evening followed by cloudy skies overnight. Low 61F.

Tuesday Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. High 82F.

Tuesday Night Some clouds early will give way to generally clear conditions overnight. Low near 60F.

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**LPD**

the driver Gregory Brown. There was a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Brown stated to Officer it was in the compartment of the door in a plastic container. There was 13 half smoked marijuana cigarettes in the container. While doing a vehicle inventory Officer discovered a Camel cigarette pack with 3 hand rolled marijuana cigarette in it. The odor of marijuana was stronger in the back seat where there was a black travel bag. In the bag was a marijuana pipe and

rolling papers, a carton of Camels with 4 packs of cigarette with 12 had rolled marijuana cigarette in each one.

**FBI**

of local, state, and federal agencies, including the FBI. Also alerted was the non-profit National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), which last year assisted with more than 20,500 cases of missing children—90 percent of them endangered runaways.

Having determined the girl might be endangered—sus-

ceptible to human trafficking, child prostitution, or possibly the victim of abduction—local police referred the case to special agents in the FBI's Washington Field Office (WFO). It was a smooth transition be-

cause the agencies work cases together on the region's Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force.

"We have a robust task force that includes most of the local agencies," said Ray Duncan, (see FBI ctd. pg. 4)

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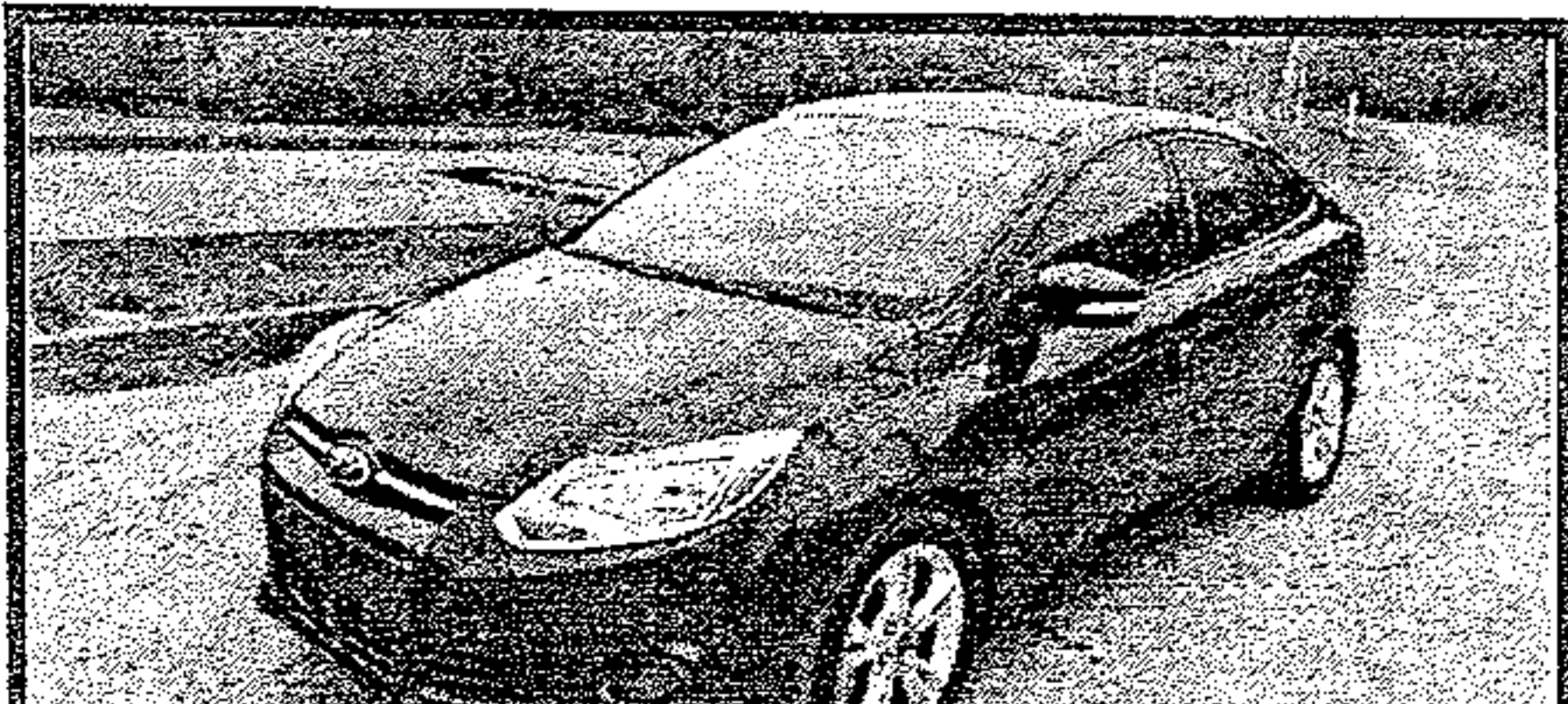
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**Meth**

Bradley Hopper, 34, Peterson Road Greenback, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Financial Responsibility, and Display of Registration Plate. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a white vehicle traveling on

East Tellico Parkway. The tag in the back window was partially block. Deputy ran the registration on the dodge it came back to a Toyota. Upon stopping the vehicle the driver was identified as Bradley Hopper, checking Hopper through dispatch revealed his license were revoked license. Deputy

was given consent to search and located under the driver seat cover was a green baggy with a small amount of crystal methamphetamine, Hopper stated that it was his. Hopper was placed under arrest.

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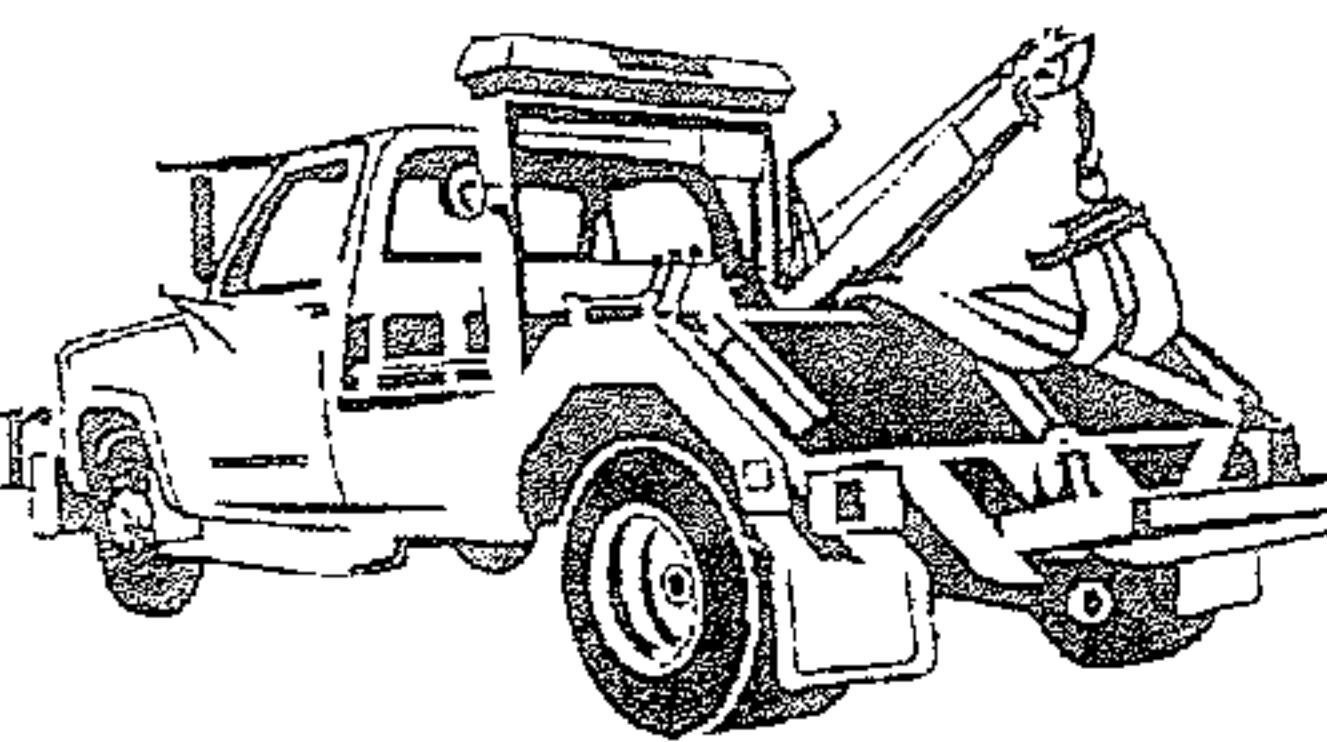
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assistant special agent in charge of the WFO Criminal Division.

Once reported, the missing girl's description was entered into the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC), an index of criminal justice information available to every law enforcement agency in the country. Last year, there were 465,676 reports of missing kids, according to NCIC, which automatically notifies NCMEC when kids go missing. While not all NCIC reports necessitate federal involvement, the FBI is the lead investigative agency if a missing juvenile is in danger or when children 12 or under disappear.

"Then we will try

to step in as soon as possible because we believe those kids are clearly endangered," said Special Agent Rob Bornstein, who supervises WFO's Crimes Against Children squad. "Timing is critical. The earlier we get involved the better."

In the Virginia case, agents and analysts traced the juvenile's actions from the moment she arrived home from school, dropped off her backpack, and left the house again. Investigators coordinated with local and regional public transit agencies to collect video footage of the girl's movements across the region, and then out of the state. They were able to determine that the girl had been sent a bus ticket, which revealed her destina-

tion—more than 1,000 miles away from home. The ticket ultimately led to the identity and location of a subject. Using other sophisticated techniques, the FBI was able to locate the subject that led to the missing child.

WFO investigators, including one of the Bureau's specialized Child Abduction Rapid Deployment Teams, reached out to FBI agents in the field, as well as local authorities, to rescue the girl and make the arrest.

"That's why this worked so well," said Timothy Slater, special agent in charge of the Criminal Division at WFO. "We leverage our 56 field offices across the country—and our 64 legal attachés around the world—to work as a force multiplier. The amount of resources we bring to bear is intrinsic to solving these cases quickly. If we develop information that is outside our area of responsibility, we can contact our agents there to assist."

The number of re-

ports of missing kids last year rose by about 5,000, according to NCIC figures. Investigators said the confluence of kids using cell phones and their easy access to social media has made them more susceptible to preda-

tors.

The number of children reported missing has declined significantly since NCMEC was established in 1984 following the 1981 abduction of Adam Walsh, founder John see FBI ctd. pg. 5

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**DUI**

Elizabeth Watts, 37, Greenland Way Knoxville, was charged with DUI. Deputy Robbie Lane LCSO, observed a black vehicle traveling on Beals

Chapel Road. The vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed, 50 in a 35 mph zone. The vehicle crossed the center line while Deputy was behind it. Deputy traffic stopped the vehicle at Mash-

burn Road and made contact with the driver Elizabeth Watts. Watts had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person.

Watts had red watery eyes and Deputy

ask if she had anything to drink, she stated 2 beers.

Deputy had Watts exit the vehicle and perform sobriety test which she did poorly on. Watts was placed under arrest.

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Walsh's 6-year-old son. Robert Lowery, vice president of the Virginia-based agency's Missing Children Division, said reports of brazen abductions have gone down significantly over the years, largely replaced by online predators.

"Offenders are still there and the threat still exists," said Lowery. "Now they're online enticing children."

"There are bad people out there trying to prey on children," said Bornstein, adding that advances in technology, including encryption, are making it harder to find the bad guys. Parents, meanwhile, just want to keep their kids safe while "there are more and more ways for parents not to know what their children are up to," Bornstein said. This underscores the importance for parents to know who their children are communicating with, what they are posting, and what they are looking at on the Internet.

NCMEC encourages responsible use of social media—rather than fully restricting it, which may have a counter-effect—and honest communication between parents and their kids.

"The key to that is we want parents to not be judgmental with their children if they bring something to their attention," Lowery said. "Sometimes there's a propensity for parents to be judgmental and blame the child for inappropriate

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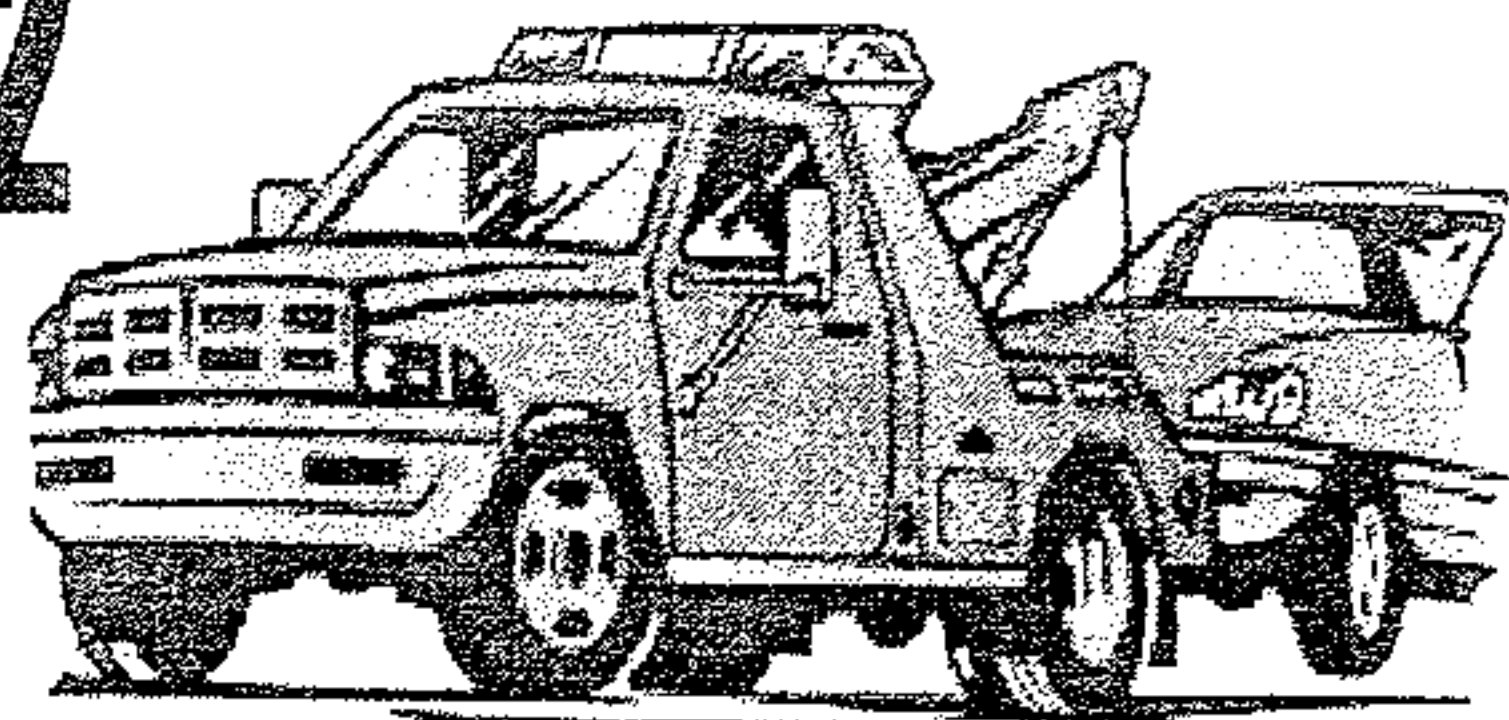
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controlling both. Authorities later found and seized a Smith & Wesson .40 caliber semi-automatic firearm in the ceiling above Knight's bed. Knight also admitted that he was a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing a firearm.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office conducted the investigation leading to the charges, guilty plea and today's sentence. Assistant U.S. Attorney Helen C.T. Smith represented the United States.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a comprehensive national strategy that creates local partnerships with law enforcement agencies to effectively enforce existing gun laws. It provides more options to prosecutors, allowing them to utilize local, state, and

federal laws to ensure that criminals who commit gun-crime face tough sentences. PSN gives each federal district the flexibility it needs to focus on individual challenges that a specific community faces.

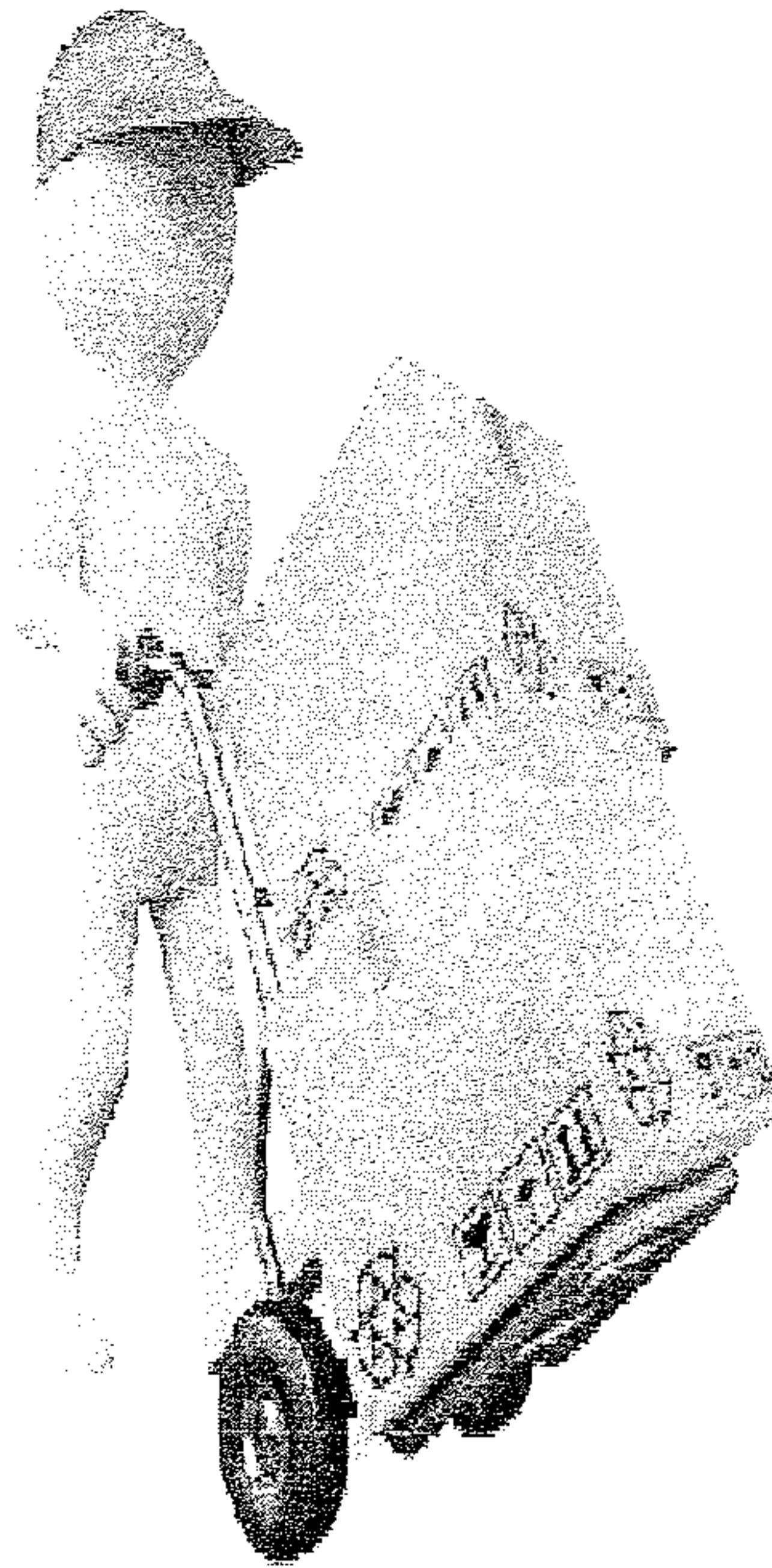
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conversation when, in fact, these offenders have set the stage for that conversation."

Investigators say resolve and relationships with law enforcement partners play a big role in the Washington Field Office's success rate in recovering missing kids. "We have a lot of priorities in the Criminal Division," said Slatner. "But crimes against children are among our highest priorities because these crimes play on the moral fabric of our society."

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