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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

FBI Director Talks Partnerships with Sheriffs

Director Wray spoke with the sheriffs of the U.S.'s most populous counties about violent crime, extremism, border security, election security, and swatting during their 2024 Winter Conference on February 9 in Washington, D.C., to discuss threats facing law enforcement and strategies to address them.

FBI Director Christopher Wray spoke with the sheriffs of the U.S.'s most populous counties about violent crime, extremism, border security, election security and swatting. Wray emphasized partnerships as the key to better protecting the American people. "Partnerships are how we leverage our respective strengths and capabilities," he told the sheriffs.

Director Wray met with the Major County Sheriffs of America. The association includes the more than

100 sheriff's offices in counties or parishes with a population of 500,000 or more. Wray spoke with the group about violent crime, extremism, border security, election security and swatting.

Violent Crime

Though the surge in violent crime during the pandemic has leveled off or dropped in some places, Wray said, "it's still high-

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It's Best To Remain Silent When Authorities Arrive



Courtney Brown

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Domestic Charge Filed After Authorities Respond to Disturbance



Kevin Ochoa Suarez

(see DV pg. 3)

Pennsylvania Man Arrested For Stalking And Possession Of A Silencer

Michael Charles Hoffpowier, 46, of Middlebury, Pennsylvania, was charged via federal criminal complaint with stalking in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2261A, and Possession of a Silencer in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d). The complaint was issued by the Honorable Debra C. Poplin, Unit-

ed States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. If convicted, Hoffpowier could face imprisonment of up to 10 years and other penalties.

According to documents filed with the Court, it is alleged that over the course of a few months, Hoffpowier tracked the alleged victim from Pennsylvania, to Texas, and finally to Knoxville,

Tennessee. On February 12, 2024, the victim disclosed to law enforcement that Hoffpowier attempted to contact him/her through his/her employer by using a false name but using his actual phone number. The victim's employer contacted Hoffpowier and cancelled his appointment. Hoffpowier responded by

see Stalker pg 5

Verse of the Day

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body. I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

—Galatians 2:20

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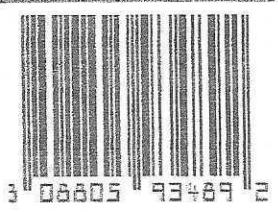
Looks Like We Got Plenty of Misinformation in our own local election! Don't Believe It Til You Know It Yourself! And remember the Guilty Dog always barks the loudest!

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 63F.
Tonight: Clear. Low of 42F.
Thursday: Cloudy. High of 64F.
Thursday night: Evening showers. Low of 47F.

Horoscope

Aquarius 1/20-2/18
If you've got something you're trying to study, Aquarius, this isn't the day to do it. Your concentration is likely to be off, and what you're reading



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FBI

er than anyone in this room would like." Partnerships have helped reduce it.

In western Pennsylvania last summer, the FBI and its partners arrested 58 members of a violent gang that trafficked fentanyl and methamphetamine. In the months after, violent crime dropped by 20% there.

In Los Angeles, the FBI and its partners targeted an organized crime syndicate that trafficked fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine across North America. Charges were brought against the Mexican-based suppliers, the Canada-based truck drivers, and the distributors in the United States.

FBI-led task forces are working cases like these nationwide, Wray said, and they include more than 6,000 officers from hundreds of departments and agencies, "including many from the departments represented in this room."

And the Bureau doesn't take task force officers for granted, he added. With it comes security clearances; access to our systems, intelligence, and training; and contacts that allow for easier deconfliction and coordina-

tion.

Juvenile Crime

Calling the surge in juvenile crime "an alarming trend," Wray said, "more and more we're seeing some of the offenders responsible for some of the worst violence are minors."

And this includes not just carjackings, shootings, and assaults, he continued, but many who are radicalized by foreign terrorist organizations or other extremists to commit violence.

"So, we've looked for ways to bring together law enforcement, community partners, mental health professionals, schools and social workers to deter juvenile offenders," he said.

This multidisciplinary approach diverted at least two juveniles in Dallas who were "on dangerous paths toward carrying out shootings," he said, but added he would still continue to press the Department of Justice and federal prosecutors to make criminal prosecutions an effective deterrent.

"There are repeat violent offenders who have to be held accountable, even if they're minors," he said.

Border Security

Threats that cross the border don't stop there, Wray

said. Dangerous drugs, like fentanyl, make it into our neighborhoods, as does the violence that follows drug and gang activity.

Another concern is the increase in recent years of KSTs—known or suspected terrorists—who've attempted to enter the country, and the possibility that some

KSTs won't be caught at the border.

The seriousness of the KST threat stems from our border vulnerabilities, Wray said, and the heightened risk since October 7, 2023, of a terrorist attack, given "the rogue's gallery of foreign terrorist organizations out there who are all calling for attacks."

Public Notice

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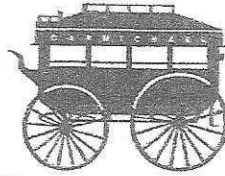
DV

Kevin Ochoa Suarez, 25, Paisley Reece Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officer Gallo LCPD, was dispatched to a report of domestic assault that had just occurred. Lt. C. Dragon relayed information to dispatch that a physical altercation between two male cousins had taken place at Paisley Reece Ln. in Lenoir City. Officer arrived on scene and all parties were already separated. Officer spoke to the victim, he told him the following: said his cousin Kevin Alexander Ochoa Suarez slapped him with an open hand across the right side of his face due to an argument they had over laundry. Victim said at no point did he physically assault Kevin. Officer spoke to Kevin; he said the following: Kevin said he and

victim argued over victim use of the washing machine and a smell of urine left behind after he used it. The comment angered victim and an argument ensued in which victim took an assaultive stance in front of Kevin and Kevin Slapped victim with his left hand across victim right side of the face. Kevin said victim never physically assaulted him. Officer spoke victim wife, who witnessed the Assault. the wife corroborated both victim and suspect statements of what occurred. Victim had no visible injury and only complained of soreness to the right side of his face. Based on the result of his investigation, officer concluded Kevin was the primary aggressor and arrested him for TCA 39-13-111, Domestic Assault and transported him to the Loudon County Jail without incident. The incident took place in Loudon County, TN.

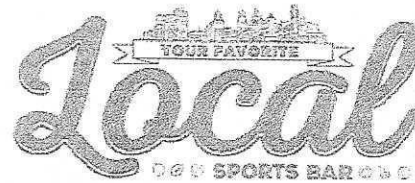
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PI

Courtney Brown, 38, Donaldson Road Philadelphia, was charged with Public Intoxication.

Deputy Willis LCSO, arrived at Donaldson Road for a juvenile problem. Upon arrival Deputy observed a juvenile accompanied by the Offender Courtney Brown outside in the yard. As Ms. Brown approached the deputy he could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from her person. Deputy then made contact with the Complainant. While trying to speak with the com-

plainant about the events that took place Ms. Brown kept interrupting and not making sense with her sentences. The complainant did say Ms. Brown was yelling, cussing and becoming irate towards him. Deputy then tried speaking with Ms. Brown but her sentences were not making any sense. Deputy took Ms. Brown into custody for Public Intoxication due to her being a danger to herself and others. Deputy then transported her to the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County Tennessee.

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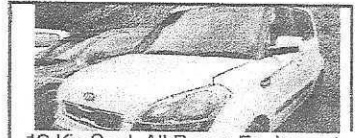


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Stalker saying, "I'll see you at 9:00." The employer contacted the police. On February 14, 2024, witnesses watched Hoffpouwer drive around the Knox County business. Knox County Deputies located Hoffpouwer in a nearby parking lot minutes later. Following Miranda warnings, Hoffpouwer admitted to making the appointment under a false name to surprise the victim. With Hoffpouwer's consent, Deputies found text messages on his phone from the victim instructing him to cease contact with him/her. Deputies arrested Hoffpouwer, searched the car he was in, and found two firearms, one with an attached silencer, two sets of binoculars, and a key to the victim's car.

U.S. Attorney Francis M. Hamilton III of the Eastern District of Tennessee, and ATF Resident Agent in

Charge, Keith Jordan, made the announcement. This prosecution is the result of an ongoing investigation by the ATF and the Knox County Sheriff's Office, with support from the Knox County District Attorney General's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Miriam Johnson will represent the United States.

Members of the public are reminded that a complaint constitutes only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until their guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

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 face.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911. Contact your local police department to report stalking and stalking-related incidents and/or threats. Immediate and confidential support is available 24/7 through the National Domestic Violence Hotline by visiting thehotline.org, call-

ing 1-800-799-7233 (TTY 1-800-787-3224), or texting "START" to 88788. You can also call the National Center for Victims of Crime hotline at 855-4-VICTIM (855-484-2846) or the Strong Hearts Native Helpline at 844-762-8483.

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Horoscopes

will probably look like Greek to you. Unless it's really necessary, it would be best to put the books aside until tomorrow, since you probably won't absorb much today.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Dark, depressing dreams could plague your sleep tonight, Pisces, probably alternating with silly ones that make you laugh out loud. You could wake in the morning totally confused by these images, and your tendency might be to dismiss them. Don't do this. Your dreams are trying to tell you something about yourself.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Have you been invited to a party that's supposed to take place today? If you think you haven't, Aries, you'd better check your calendar again. All signs suggest that you could forget a lot of important things right now and one might be a social event, per-

haps business related.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Too much mental or physical exercise could have you feeling a bit burned out today, Taurus. You could be considerably slower on the uptake than usual, and those around you could be surprised that you, normally very energetic, seem to be moving like a snail.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

Although your partner may be feeling very sensual at this time, Gemini, you might not feel much like getting passionate. You've had a stressful few days and can barely move, so your response to sexual overtures is apt to be lukewarm at best.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Your home could be a gloomy place today, Cancer. A member of the household is likely to be away, and this person's presence is apt to be very sorely missed.

Leo 7/23-8/22

An older relative or neigh-

bor may need your assistance today, Leo. This is apt to be a very inconvenient time for someone to ask for help, because you have plenty of chores of your own. Nonetheless, you'll go to the rescue because that's your nature. Take care to plan your time carefully, pace yourself, and try not to do too much at once.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your creative talents could seem totally blocked today, Virgo. You may have a project you really want to work on. You have the mental focus, but the creative element just might not be there. This could prove so frustrating that you want to throw something.

Libra 9/23-10/22

This definitely isn't a good day to stay home and do household chores, Libra. If you do, some sad and rather irrational thoughts may plague you throughout the day. No matter what the weather's like, it would be

far better to get out and do anything that keeps your mind focused on something positive.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Some disappointing news could put you into a rather gloomy state at some point today, Scorpio. Someone close to you might suddenly have to leave town for several weeks and you'll be lonely without them.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

The fundraising activities of a group with which you're affiliated are going very well, Sagittarius, but today you're likely to find that things seem to be stalled.

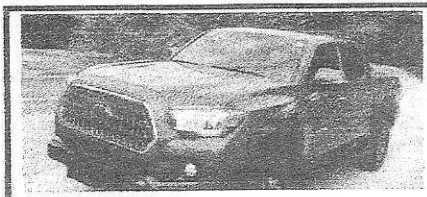
Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Career matters could move so slowly today that you just might be tempted to give up, Capricorn. Don't even think that way! It's just one of those days when nothing seems to go right, even though basically everything should still be going very well for you.

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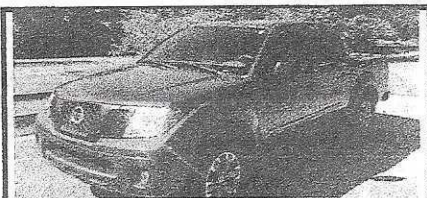
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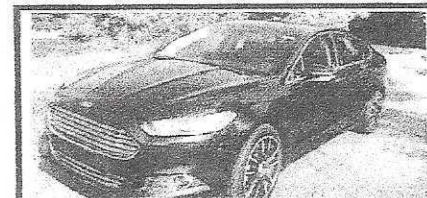
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We strategically planned this event, as this is the Judicial Conference week, and there is no court on our dockets.

Our office will be open as normal, however, our computers will not be functional. We will not be able to provide any research of cases, enter new process to the computer system,

or locate the docket numbers, etc. of any cases.

Law Enforcement Agencies can still submit warrants to Kim Nix, JC as normal during the daytime hours, they can be viewed on her tablet. (Laura Standridge will be out of the office on this date).

We apologize for this inconvenience, however, it is necessary for the efficiency of our office, and to better serve you.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Please feel free to pass on to your staff.

Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk
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Public Notice

The Lenoir City Beer Board will meet Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room.

1. Consideration of an On-Premises Beer Permit for:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 880 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 7000 SONJA NOEL BECKETT, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of SONJA NOEL BECKETT, who died on the 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

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THIS THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) MICHAEL JOSEPH SCHNEIDER

Notice to Creditors:
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published February 16, 2024 and February 23, 2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: CAROL GAYE ADZIGIAN, deceased DKT# 7028

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on THE 9th (st/nd/rd/th) DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of CAROL GAYE ADZIGIAN who died on the 11TH day of DECEMBER 2023 be issued to the undersigned by the LOUDON County PROBATE Court of LOUDON County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the CLERK of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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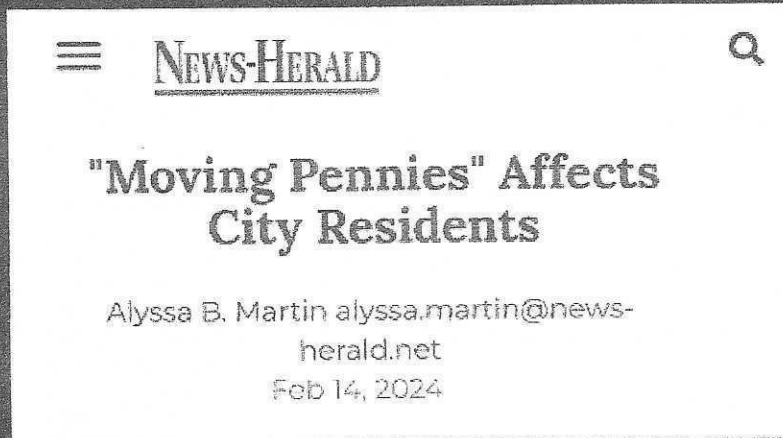
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