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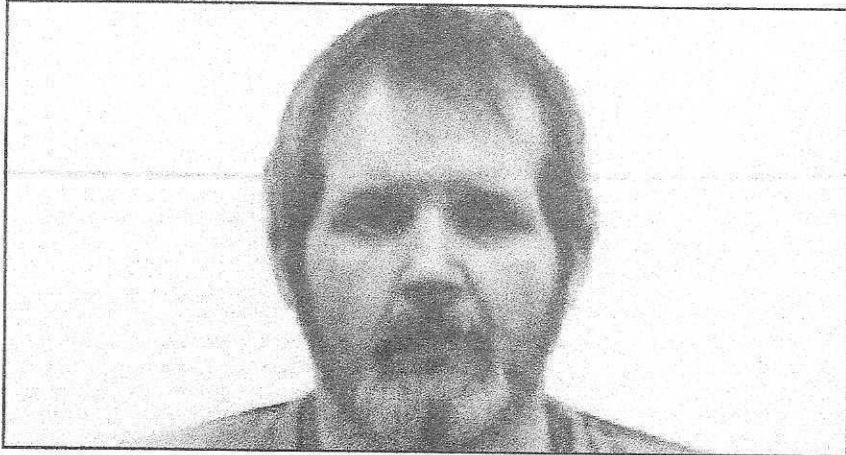
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Monday, May 27, 2024

Man Charged after Using Counterfeit Bills Adds to Charges

DUI and Meth Charge Follows Traffic Stop



Thomas Lowe

see Charged pg. 2



Mathew Sartin

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Alert Deputy Rescues Runaway Juvenile in Traffic Stop



Joshua Workman

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Former State Employee And Her Husband Sentenced To Prison For Conspiring To Unlawfully Produce Tennessee Driver's Licenses

Cheryl Huff, 49, of Knoxville, and Mario Paz-Mejia ("Paz"), 51, of Knoxville, who are married, were sentenced by the Honorable Katherine A. Crytzer, United States District Judge, in the United States District Court at Knoxville. Huff was sentenced to 37 months in prison followed by one year of supervised release. Paz was sentenced

to 30 months in prison followed by one year of supervised release.

As part of their plea agreements filed with the court, Huff and Paz agreed to plead guilty for conspiring to produce over one hundred false Tennessee driver's licenses and identification cards for individuals who were not lawfully qualified to receive them, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028(f).

As set forth in the

filed plea agreements, Huff was a District Manager for the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDSHS), which issues Tennessee driver's licenses and identification cards at various Driver Service Centers (DSC) across Tennessee. Huff managed and supervised DSC em-

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Verse of the Day

Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."
—Luke 5:26

Wazzup

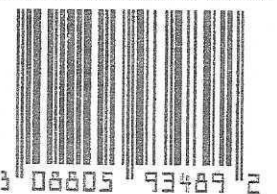
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Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. High of 82F.
Tonight: Storms. Low of 60F.
Tuesday: Sunny. High of 83F.
Tuesday night: Clear. Low 58F.

Horoscope

Gemini 5/21-6/20
Things may not be as obvious as they first seem today, Gemini. Don't get started on a project until you understand the full scope of



Charged

Thomas Lowe, 43, Boyd Ford Road Harriman, was charged with Simple Possession x2, Public Intoxication, and Criminal Simulation.

Officer Carroll LCPD, was dispatched to Food City on Hwy 321 N in reference to a male subject who was attempting to pay with Counterfeit bills. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with the manager at Food City, who advised that a male subject had attempted to purchase some groceries using 2 counterfeit \$100 bills. The officer, then made contact with the male subject, who was identified as Thomas Shawn Lowe. Mr. Lowe had a strong odor of

marijuana emitting from his person, as well as red, blood-shot eyes. The officer observed Mr. Lowe to be very unsteady on his feet, noticed he had slurred speech, and pinpoint pupils. While speaking with Mr. Lowe he advised that he had only taken his prescribed Methadone today, and admitted to smoking "a joint." While speaking with Mr. Lowe, the officer asked him if he had anything illegal inside his pockets, and he advised "no, you are more than welcome to check." The officer observed a baggie sticking out of Mr. Lowe's wallet, and when the officer asked him what it was he pulled it out, and the baggie contained 7 pink pills, that were identi-

fied as Adderall. Mr. Lowe admitted that he did not have a prescription for the Adderall, and that they were given to him by a friend. Mr. Lowe was placed into custody, and

transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. Mr. Lowe did enter the store with the intent to deprive Food City with the use of the counterfeit bills.


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DUI+

Mathew Sartin, 43, Hickory Creek Road Lenoir City, was charged with, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Violation of Implied, DUI, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Deputy Watson LCSO, observed a vehicle traveling toward me on Highway 11 crossing over the double yellow divider into my lane. The vehicle corrected into its lane and then crossed again after passing me. The deputy turned around and caught up to the vehicle just prior to Ford Road and observed the vehicle cross into the oncoming lane again. The deputy stopped the vehicle for failure to maintain lane. The deputy made contact with Mathew Sartin (Offender/Arrestee) in the drivers seat, he was the sole occupant of the vehicle. Mr. Sartin appeared to be very animated and jittery.

Mr. Sartin first handed me his debit card before correcting himself and handing him his license. It appeared that Mr. Sartin's speech was accelerated when he was answering my questions.

The deputy asked Mr. Sartin to exit the vehicle and he agreed to perform SFSTs/ARIDE testing. Mr. Sartin performed poorly and was placed into custody under suspicion of driving under the influence. Loudon County Dispatch advised me that Mr. Sartin had a suspended license. While preparing to inventory Mr. Sartin's vehicle, the deputy opened the passenger door and a glass pipe with drug residue fell to the ground from inside the vehicle. Deputies then performed a probable cause search of the vehicle and recovered approximately 4.0 grams of a crystal like substance believed to be meth. Deputies recovered another glass pipe with drug residue and two cut straws with what is believed to be drug residue. Deputies placed the items into evidence. Mr. Sartin was read the implied consent and refused a blood draw. Mr. Sartin's vehicle was towed by Malones Wrecker Service and Mr. Sartin was transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. This did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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Runaway

Joshua Workman, 19, Homeless Loudon, was charged with Harboring or Hiding a Runaway Child, Violation of Alcoholic Law, and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

Deputy Parks LCSO, observed a black Honda Civic, GA registration SFL6723, fail to maintain lane on Interstate 75 northbound. The deputy got behind the vehicle and it abruptly exited without sig-

naling intention at the 68 exit. The vehicle then proceeded to pull into a closed gas station. The deputy initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle in the parking lot of the Marathon on Pond Creek Road. The deputy approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Mr. Joshua Workman, and the juvenile passenger, and informed them of the reason for stop. Dispatch advised the registration had an NCIC hit for a missing juvenile, out of Geor-

gia. The deputy approached the vehicle and asked for the juvenile's name and date of birth, and asked the two where they were going. They advised they were traveling from Athens, Georgia to Cleveland, Ohio to visit family for a few weeks. Other units arrived on scene and the deputy asked Mr. Workman to exit the vehicle. The deputy informed him of the situation, and asked if there was anything illegal in the vehicle. He advised there was not and gave consent to search the vehicle. The search yielded a bottle of Pink Whitney alcohol. Dispatch was able to confirm the NCIC hit and she was taken into custo-

dy as an endangered juvenile, and transported to the Loudon County Juvenile Center. Corporal Wallen made contact with the parents of the juvenile, who then picked up the juvenile at the Loudon County Juvenile Center. Mr. Workman was placed under arrest due to him taking the juvenile without the consent of her parents and knowing he did not have the consent of her parents, as well as the possession of alcohol under 21. Mr. Workman was transported to jail without incident. The alcohol evidence was photographed and disposed of it on body-worn camera. All of the above occurred in Loudon County, Tennessee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lenoir City Council Meeting Cancelled

The Lenoir City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 27, 2024 has been cancelled in observance of Memorial Day. City Council will meet again at its regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Thank you,
Tony R. Aikens
Mayor

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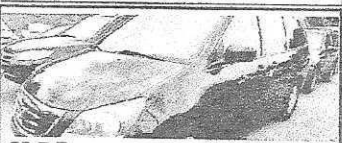
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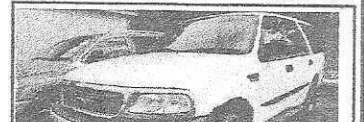
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Sentenced

ployees in the Greater Knoxville area and had authority to issue driver's licenses and application cards.

Paz recruited individuals who were neither citizens of the United States nor residents of Tennessee who wanted to acquire a Tennessee driver's license or identification card. Using his association with Huff, Paz represented to his customers that, in return for \$2,500, he could obtain for them a Tennessee driver's license or identification card. Paz also assisted his customers in obtaining false citizenship and residency documents—two requirements to obtain a Tennessee driver's license—including fraudulent lease agreements to establish proof of Tennessee residency, and false birth certificates, Social Security cards, and driver's licenses from other states and U.S. territories to establish proof of

citizenship or legal residency in the United States.

Huff knew, or deliberately ignored a high probability, that Paz was helping his customers obtain false citizenship and residency documents and that Paz charged his customers money to obtain a Tennessee driver's license or identification card.

Huff used her access to TDSHS's internal software to confirm that the names and information on the false citizenship and residency documents used by Paz's customers could be used to obtain a Tennessee driver's license or identification card. For example, on June 23, 2021, Paz-Mejia texted Huff the name, date of birth, and personal information used on false identification documents, asking Huff to "check that please." Huff responded, "All of these are not on file. They're good."

After Paz's customers acquired false citizenship and

residency documents, Paz arranged to meet them at a Knoxville-area DSC before business hours. With Huff's assistance, Paz escorted his customers into DSCs before business hours, including through a backdoor employee-only entrance. Once Paz and his customers were inside, Huff initiated driver's license applications using TDSHS software. Huff also instructed subordinate DSC employees to complete applications and issue driver's licenses to many of Paz's customers.

U.S. Attorney Francis M. Hamilton III of the Eastern District of Tennessee made the announcement.

This prosecution was the result of an ongoing investigation by the Tennessee Highway Patrol's Criminal Investigation Division, the United States Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the United States Secret Service.

William A. Roach, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney, represented the United States.

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Horoscopes

what you're getting into. Otherwise, you may find yourself caught in the middle of an emotional drama that leaves you little room for escape.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Don't try to force your ideas on anyone, Cancer. It's important to maintain neutrality so you can act from a stable state of mind when someone brings you an issue that needs to be dealt with right away. The key is to act rather than react to a situation. If you know you're right about something, keep it to yourself.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Your intuitive nature is especially strong, Leo. You won't have to think about things because you'll have the ability to just know the answers. If any penetrating detective work needs to be done, this would be an excellent time to do it. Your caring, sensitive nature will get you through any door you want to walk through today.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Any argument you start today is likely to erupt into a brutal emotional battle, Virgo, so beware. Try not to tread on anyone else's turf, because you'll find that he or she is likely to be possessive and rather belligerent about defending what is rightfully theirs. Avoid volcanic eruptions of energy.

Libra 9/23-10/22

You may find that people are likely to challenge your mental process today, Libra. Don't be surprised if they seem to argue with your ideas left and right. Your heart may be especially tender, and any sort of belligerent dispute could affect you deeply. On the other hand, you can use your sensitivity to calm a situation that needs to be remedied.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

The key for you today is to use your heart more than your head, Scorpio. Base your actions on your feelings and your inner knowing of the situation. Facts may deceive you. It could be that you've come to rely so much on a linear, log-

ical way of thinking that you can't see any other way.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Things should go especially well for you today, Sagittarius, so don't worry about a thing. Life doesn't necessarily get easier as you get older. You just learn how to deal with things. You'll find this to be true right now as your incredible sensitivity and wisdom are making it possible for you to attain a clearer perspective.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

The more attention you try to get from other people today, Capricorn, the more people are going to ignore your fancy displays and grandiose ideas. Take a much more sensitive approach. You'll be able to lead people better when you walk behind them.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Take care of the people around you, Aquarius. Service to others is an important part of the day, as compassion and caring are at the forefront of your mind. Take this opportunity to become

a reassuring caregiver for someone close who needs a nurturing shoulder.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You may feel as if you're sinking into an emotional vortex, Pisces. Be careful about assuming that things are yours when they aren't really. It's important that you not accuse someone of being a thief when you have no facts to back up this claim.

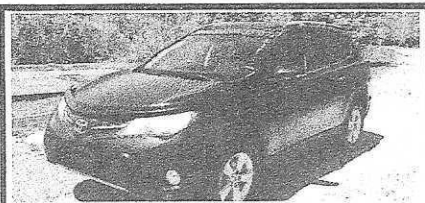
Aries 3/21-4/19

Your thinking is quite clear, Aries, and you'll find that your emotions support your mental processes. Your psychic nature is also strong, so you should trust any hunch you have.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

You may need to keep your spaceship idle today and perform a safety check for your crew, Taurus. Make sure everyone on board is informed of the destination. It could be that you just picked them off the street without really telling them where they'd end up.

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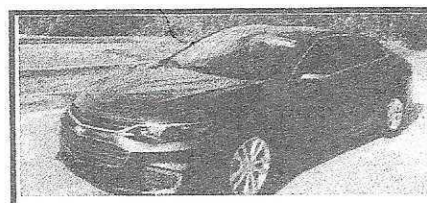
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Notice is hereby given that on the 15TH DAY OF MAY 2024 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of BETTY FAYE RAMSEY who died on the 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2024 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. 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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THIS THE 15TH DAY OF MAY 2024

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
MACK ALLEN RAMSEY

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
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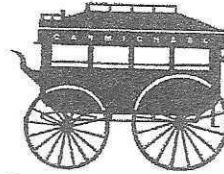
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