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Friday, January 10, 2020

Dog at large starts altercation between neighbors ending in arrest



Brooklyn Wood

see Dog pg. 2

LSCO find meth and heroin in the purse of woman possibly involved in domestic violence



April Munsey

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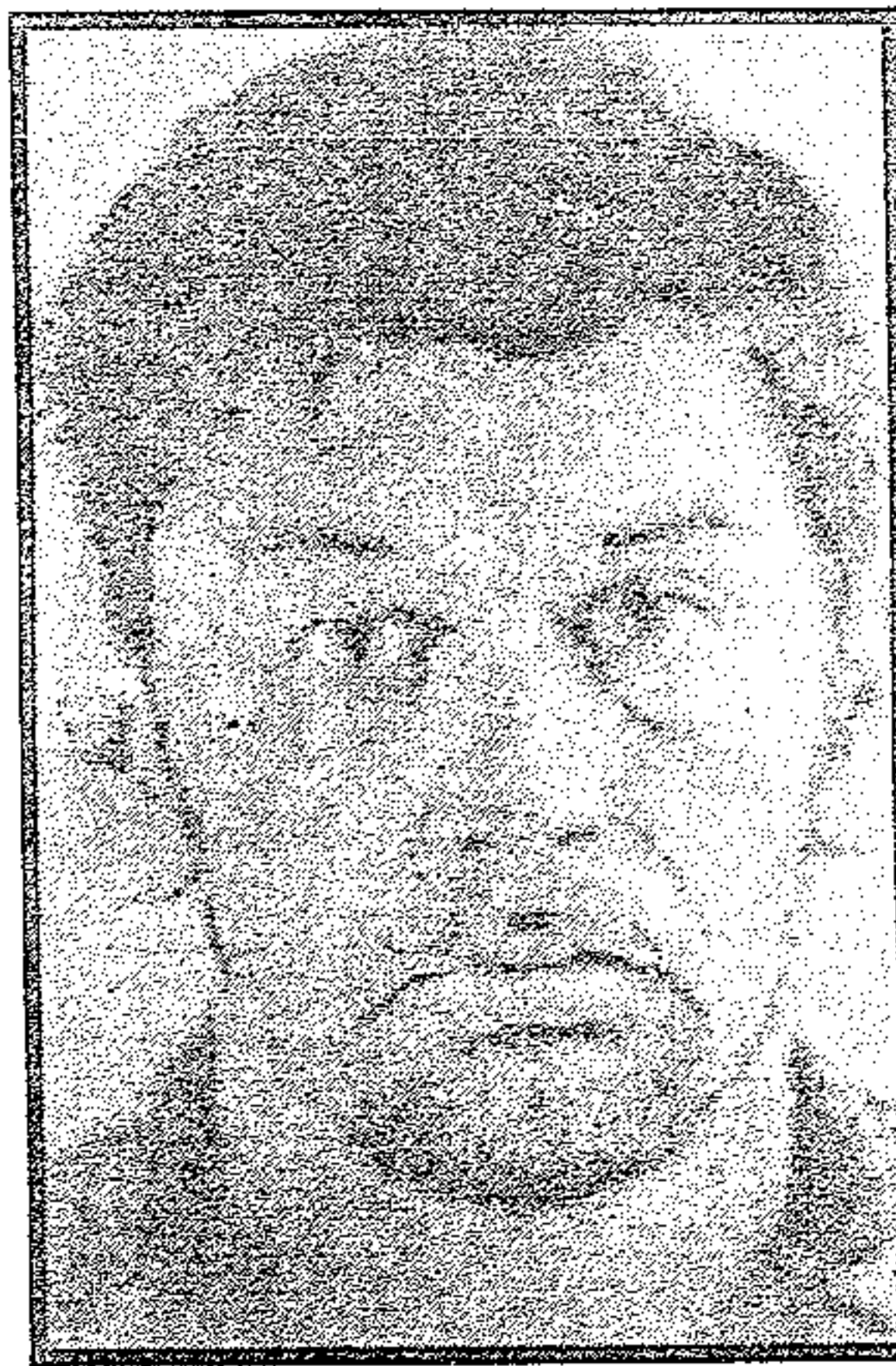
Man arrested at visitation



Timothy Wright

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Man involved in wreck was found with meth



Kenny Ball

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Asylum Seekers Extorted Men Sentenced for Scheme Targeting New Immigrants

It was easy for the criminals to spot their targets as buses off-loaded passengers into the din of New York City's Port Authority bus terminal. The men looked for people who had recently entered the United States to seek asylum—distinguishable by the monitoring

bands on their ankles or the immigration paperwork they held in their hands.

Francisco Betancourt, Pascual Rodriguez, or Lucilo Cabrera would then move in on these vulnerable individuals. Rodriguez sometimes claimed to be an immigration official; the oth-

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Verse of the Day

Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

—Colossians 1:9

Wazzup

Happy Birthday Marissa Cox hope you had a great birthday!!

Weather

Today: Mostly Cloudy. High of 66F.
Tonight: Cloudt. Low of

73F

Saturday: Rain. High of 50F.

Saturday night: Thunderstorms. Low of 50F

Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/22-01/19
Managing expectations with a business partner

or a loved one is critical work now. Someone might ask for more from you than you're prepared to give or vice-versa. Prioritizing clear communication is key rather than running on assumptions

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Dog

Brooklyn Wood, 24, Huntsville Hollow Road Lenoir City, was charged with Allowing Animals to run at Large, Domestic Assault, and Criminal Trespass. Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, responded to Huntsville Hollow Road in reference to a dog at large. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with a victim and witness. Both stated their neighbors pit bull had ran in their yard and chased them up their

deck. They described the dog as brown and white and it belonged to Brooklyn Wood. Victim stated they grabbed a knife and ball bat to protect themselves. Both stated that Brooklyn came into the yard and started swinging her hands at the female victim in an attempt to start a fight. Both victim stated they told Brooklyn to retrieve her dog or they would kill it. Victim stated when Brooklyn retrieved her dog and gave it to her father she started throwing

rocks at the victims. Deputy Deputy determined Brooklyn did observe red marks on lyn Wood to be the primary victim from the rocks. Some aggressor and was placed witness stated the same as under arrest. Brooklyn was the victims. Brooklyn father advised 30 min prior to this incident to keep her dog off Brooklyn with the knife and the neighbors property. bat. After an investigation

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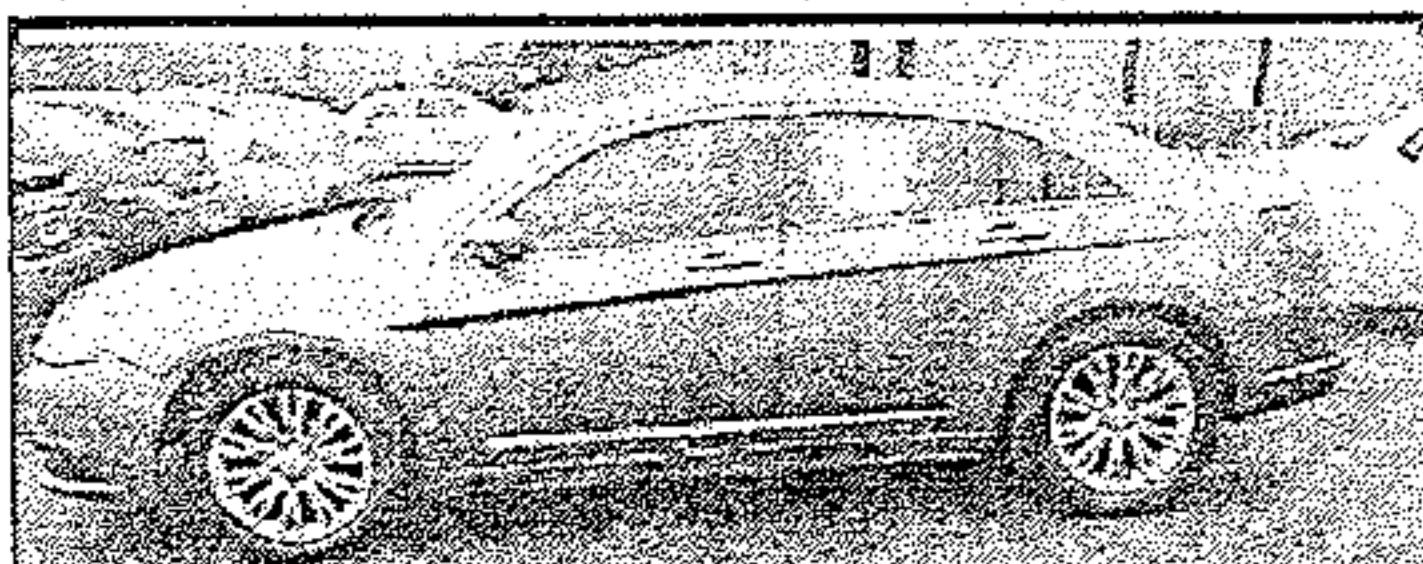
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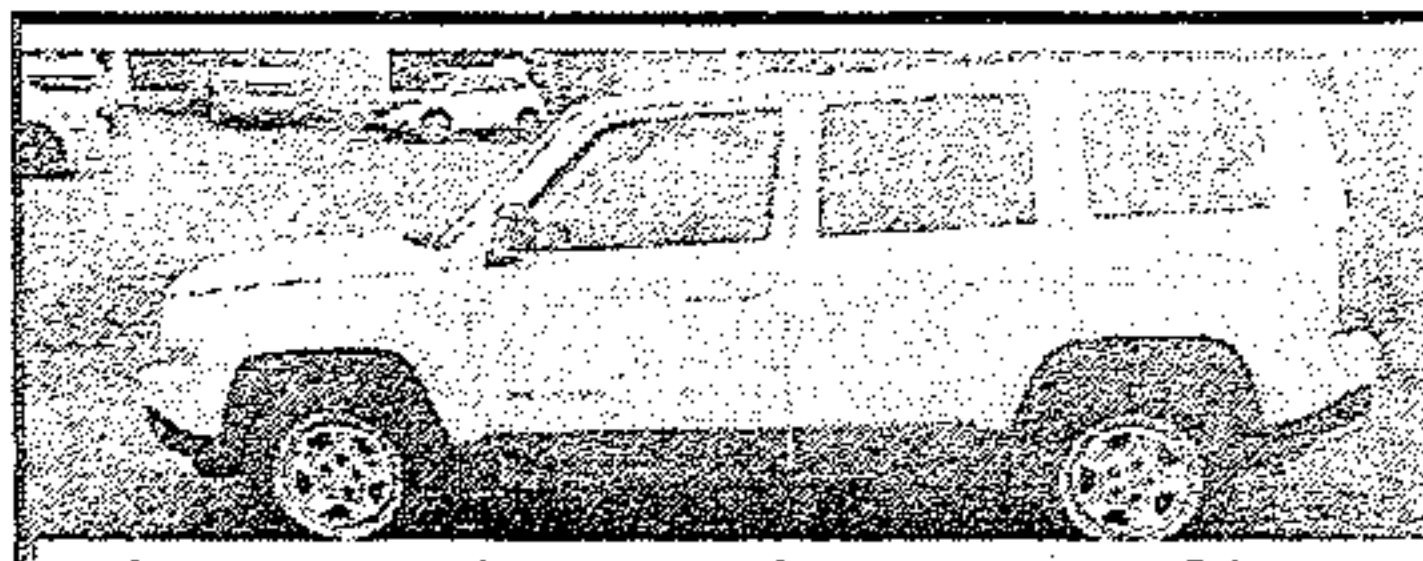
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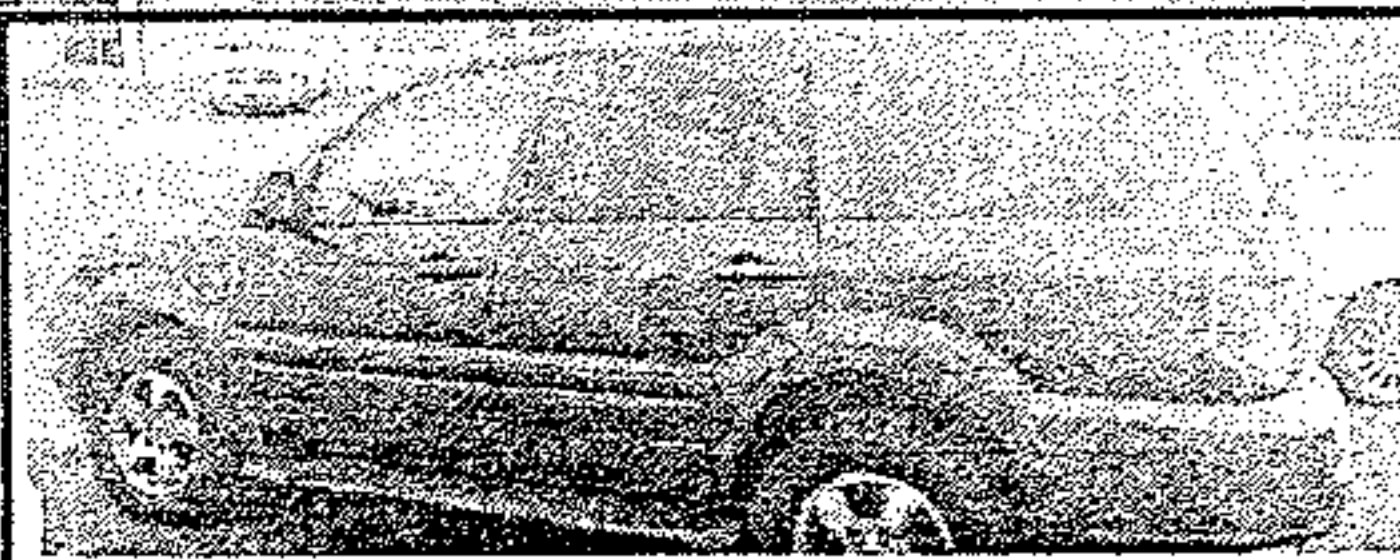
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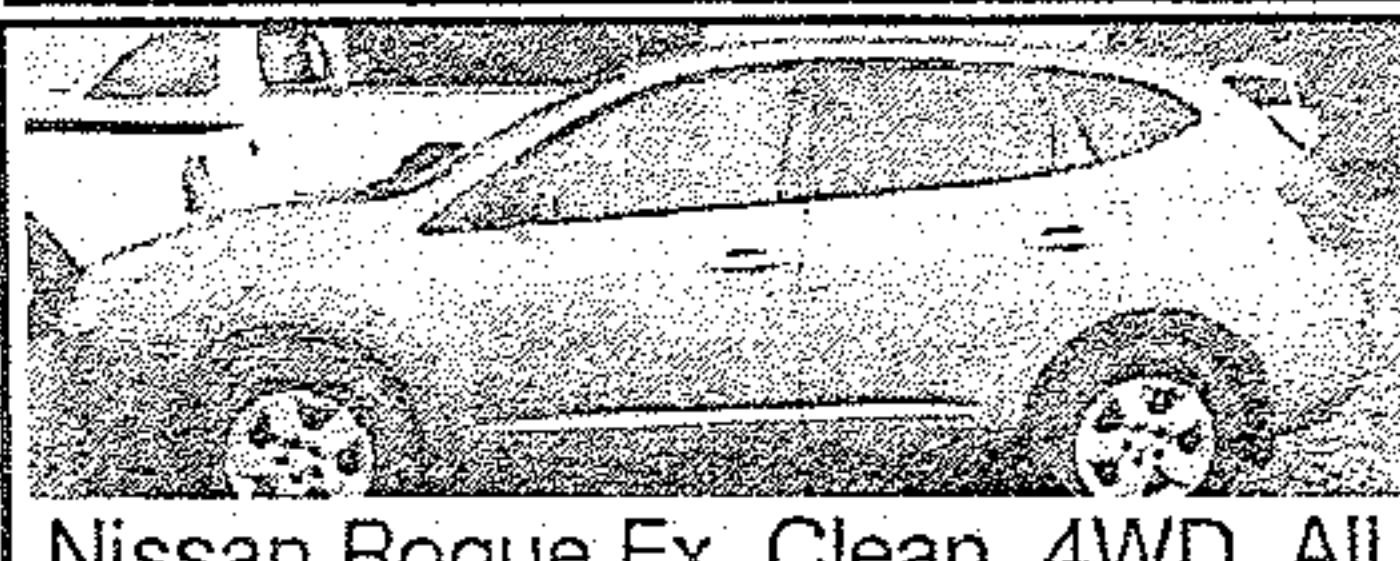
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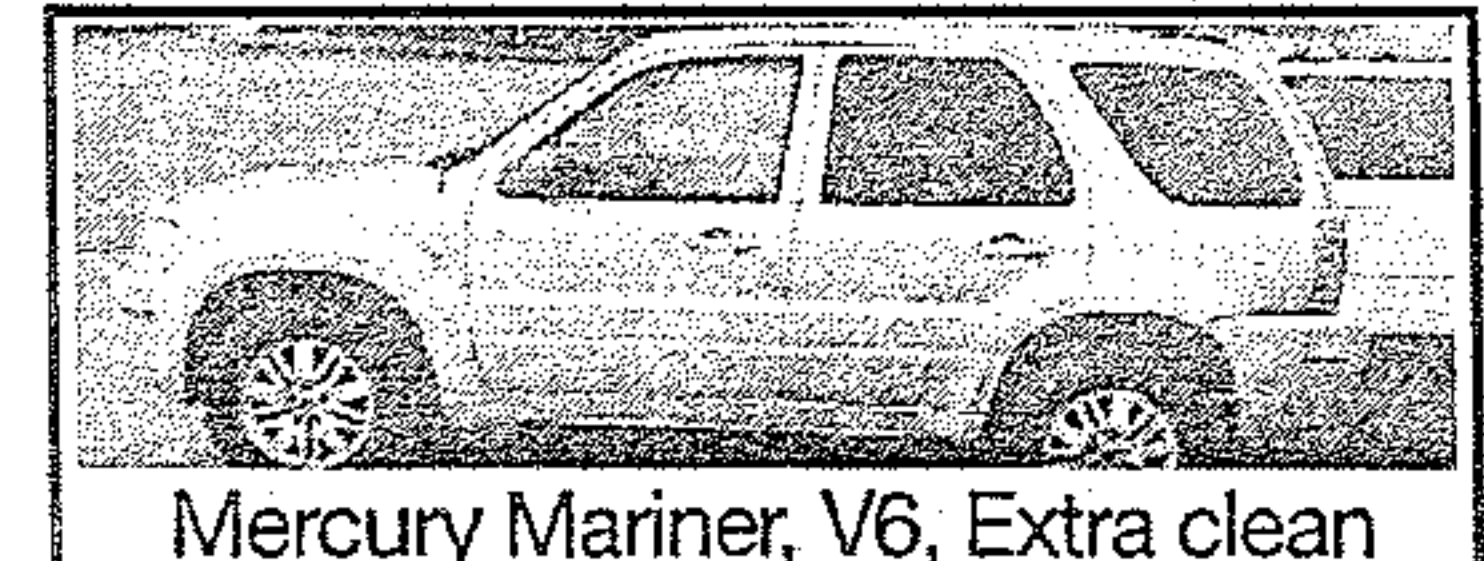
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Heroin

April Munsey, 36, Snodderly Road Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch.I, and Poss. Of Drug Para. Deputy K. palmer LCSO, was dispatched to a female walking down Snodderly Road who had possibly been involved in a domestic. Deputy made contact with the female on Snodderly Road and identified her as April Munsey, who stated that her boyfriend ask her to leave the residence. Munsey stated that she didn't want any confrontation so she had left the residence before he arrived home. While speaking with Munsey Deputy noticed her to be very nervous and continued to lie about what was taking place. Deputy ask Munsey if she had anything illegal on her person or purse. Munsey stated that she might have some heroin in her purse. While searching her purse Deputy located a clear baggie inside a cigarette pack that had crystal like substance believed to be meth inside. Inside the baggie was also a rolled up white piece of paper that contained heroin. April Munsey was placed under arrest. Deputy was unable to make contact with the

male at the residence.

Arrest

Timothy Wright, 18, N G Street Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault, and Interfere with Emergency Call. Deputy Moore LCSO, came in contact with Timothy Wright in the visitation lobby at the Loudon County Jail. Wright had an active warrant out of Lenoir City. Officer J. Arden LCPD, served Timothy Wright with said active warrant.

Wreck

Kenny Ball, 38, Paradise Lane Kingston, was charged with DUI, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License. THP, was dispatched to a vehicle crash on I-40 in Loudon County, the driver was identified as Kenny Ball who license were revoked. Upon contact with Ball Trooper located a small clear baggie containing .75 grams of meth in Ball hand. Trooper observed Ball's pupils were constricted and had hyper motor skills indicating possible drug s in his system. Ball failed sobriety test and was placed under arrest.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SMALL ESTATE

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF:
DOCKET NO: 6009

Charles Terry Bosquez, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, Tennessee

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of January 2020, a Small Estate Petition was filed in the Loudon County Probate Court in respect of the estate of CHARLES TERRY BOSQUEZ who died on the 19th DAY OF MAY 2019. Petitioner(s) elect(s) to give Notice to Creditors pursuant to TCA § 30-2-306-321 in which all provisions and compliance shall apply;

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:

- (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
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A);
- or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2020

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK
BY: Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk
Attorney for the Estate
Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By: Petitioner(s)
Reta M. Leggett

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Asylum

ers claimed to be helpful strangers. In all events, the men would extort money from these newcomers by making up fees or forcing them to accept unnecessary services. Their most common scheme involved forcing victims into an unneeded and unwanted taxi ride from drivers who were also involved in the plot.

Many of the victims were sent on harrowing, hours-long car rides and were held until their family members could scrape together enough money to pay an exorbitant fare—often more than \$1,000.

“They knew they were able to take advantage of these victims,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney Vanessa Richards, who prosecuted the case for the District of Connecticut. She explained that because the victims were hoping to have their petitions for asylum or entry into the country accepted, there was tremendous fear that any interaction with law enforcement put them at risk. So the perpetrators “knew their victims would not call the police,” she said.

The crimes were only uncovered because one

individual reached out to police after being victimized by Betancourt and Cabrera and hearing about another new immigrant experiencing the same scheme years later. “This brave woman came forward to tell us: ‘I think something really bad is happening here, and it’s been going on for a long time,’” Richards said.

That person’s tip and the subsequent investigation led to the arrests and convictions of Betancourt, Rodriguez, and Cabrera, as well as one of the drivers, Carlos Hernandez. Each was sentenced to serve between eight and 14 years in prison for kidnapping and extortion in a scheme they had been running for years. “They knew they were able to take advantage of these victims.”

Assistant U.S. Attorney Vanessa Richards, District of Connecticut “They would put people in the taxis and drive for hours—they would drive through Pennsylvania before going to Connecticut—and relatives were told they had to pay for that taxi fare,” said FBI Special Agent Jennifer Wagner, who investigated this case from the New Haven

Field Office. She said people were forced to borrow money from neighbors and friends or go with the criminals to an ATM to get enough money to pay for the safe return of the victim.

“The fact that they were knocking on the doors of neighbors late at night shows how afraid these family members were for the victims,” stressed Richards.

The court paperwork told the chilling story of one woman from Honduras who, with her two small children, entered the U.S. at the Texas border and applied for asylum. Immigration authorities gave her permission to travel to Connecticut to stay with her sister until her asylum hearing.

When she arrived in New York City to board a connecting bus to Connecticut, Betancourt approached her and insisted there was no bus to Connecticut, but that he would help her. He then took her bus ticket, grabbed the arm of her small son, and asked for the phone number of a family member.

Betancourt called

the victim’s sister and said the victim and her children had ended up in upstate New York, not New York City, and no bus to Connecticut was available. He would put them in a taxi for about \$3 per mile, he told the sister. The victim’s sister explained that she didn’t have money for a taxi ride. She pleaded with Betancourt to tell her where her sister and the children were so she could drive to get them. Betancourt hung up on her.

The victim and her children were then brought by subway to Hernandez’s waiting car. Hernandez took the woman’s immigration paperwork

and identification and drove the family slowly to Connecticut. He ultimately demanded \$900 from the victims’ family members to drop her at an agreed upon meeting place. After the family was only able to pay him \$700, Hernandez locked himself inside the car with the victim’s older child and insisted the family pay another \$100 to free the child and reclaim the victim’s immigration paperwork. The family was forced to go with Hernandez to an ATM to withdraw the additional \$100.

Despite their fears about speaking to FBI agents about what they

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Public Notice

Loudon County Commission will hold a Special Called Meeting on January 21st at 6:00 at the County Office Building to discuss the ambulance contract, money allotment for study on new Annex placement, MOU between Loudon County and Lenoir City and TDOT Resolution. Workshop to follow.

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had been through, a number of victims provided details and identified the perpetrators. Wagner said that cell phone data was also instrumental in proving the case. After applying for warrants to view the suspects' cell phone records, investigators could see an incriminating pattern of regular calls and text messages among the co-conspirators and then a cluster of phone calls to their victims' family members on a single day.

Additional evidence, such as surveillance photos from ATMs and banks, helped solidify the case.

Richards said the long sentences the perpetrators received reflect the seriousness of their crimes and the length of time they had been victimizing people.

"It is important for everyone to know that law enforcement is looking after you regardless of your immigration status," said Wagner. "Something will be done to the people who break the law."

Prepare yourself against Hackers and Malware

Harry McDavid with his knowledge and background from Homeland Security provided his fellow legionaries with tips and detailed information on protecting their computers, media devices and identity. "A person needs a strong computer safety awareness to avoid the many pitfalls associated with being connected to the internet. There are so many threats you need to be aware of, just to name a few: malware, ransomware, worms, denial, botnet, trojans, scareware, spyware, phishing, viruses and hackers." In an open discussion with the members of Post 256;

McDavid emphasized, "You must practice good cyber hygiene. For example, use strong passwords (15 characters are now recommended), disable automatic logins, ignore unsolicited emails, and don't leave your computer on 24/7, turn it off when you're not using it." These were just a few smart practices suggested and discussed in his informative briefing. All veterans are welcome to visit Post 256 for their once a month meetings where guest speakers add selective and valuable information to the members. For additional information about the American Legion visit the Post 256 website: www.tellicolakepost256.org.



Pictured above: Post 256 Commander Robert Haldi presents a certificate of appreciation to Harry McDavid for his outstanding presentation to fellow American Legionaries

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 862 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF:
DOCKET NO: 6011
PAUL CONNATSER, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of PAUL CONNATSER, who died on the 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019, 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:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
Debra Connatser

Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements, in triplicate, with a fee of \$11.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12680 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771

Public Notice

There will be a Loudon County Public Records Commission Meeting

5:00 p.m.,

Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Loudon County Office Building