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3rd DUI for Loudon woman after LCPD traffic stop



Kenda Jenkins

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Irate and Intoxicated a Bad Mix for Loudon man charged by LPD



Matthew Harris

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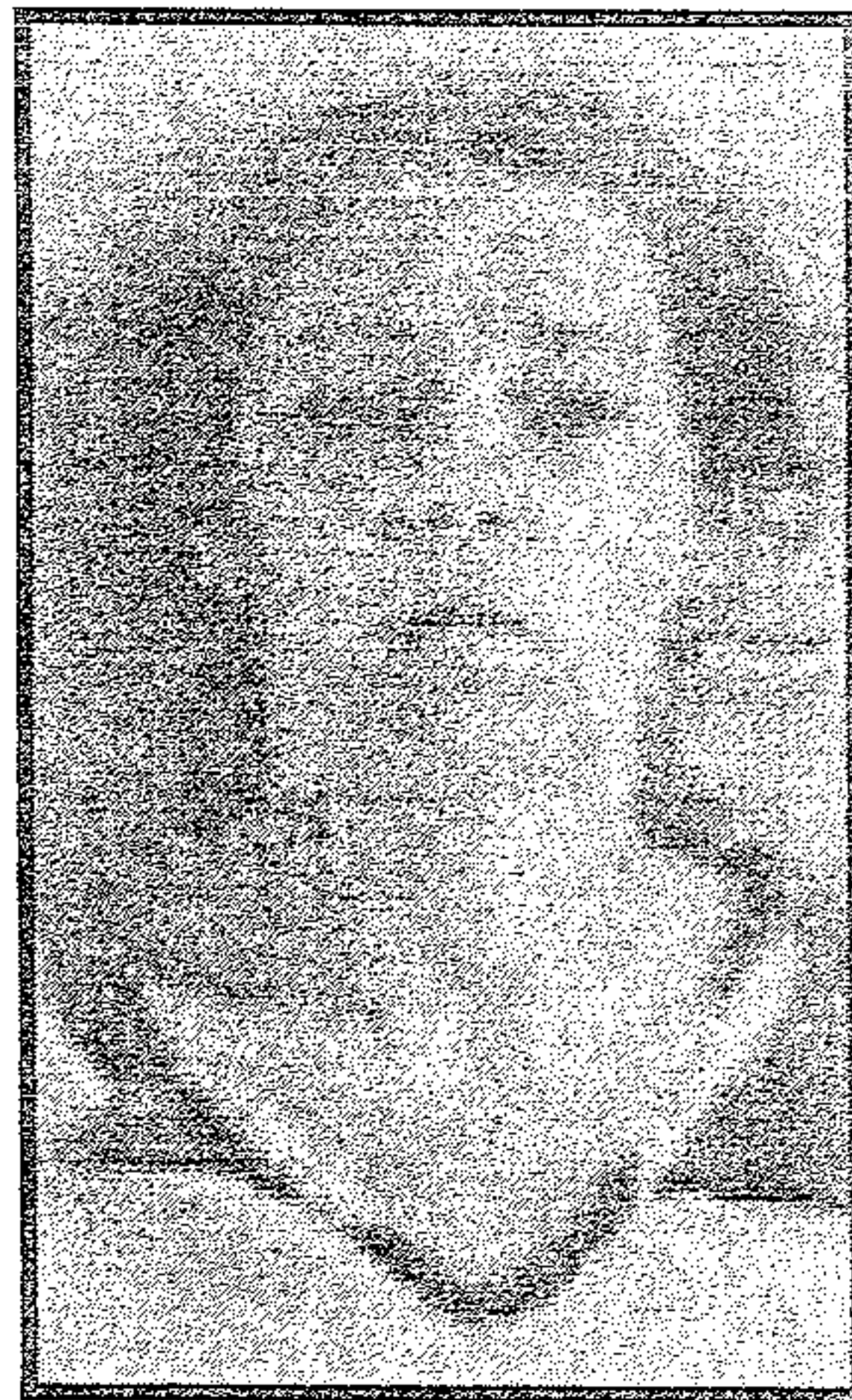
2019 Preliminary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report Released

Violent and Property Crime Show Decrease from 2018 Statistics Preliminary statistics show overall declines in both violent and property crime in the first half of 2019 compared to the same time frame the previous year, according to FBI

crime statistics released today. The Preliminary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report covers January through June 2019. It contains data from more than 14,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide that voluntarily submit-

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Threats with knife lead to arrest



Jessica Hamilton

See Knife P.4

Comptroller's Office Discovers 62 Opioid Prescribers with Abnormal Prescribing Patterns

The Comptroller's Office has released a new report that examines the opioid prescribing patterns of Tennessee's doctors, nurses, dentists, and other licensed practitioners. Comptroller researchers worked to identify prescribers whose patterns were

"significantly statistically abnormal," and to investigate what disciplinary responses, if any, were taken by the licensing boards in response. The Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) identified

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Verse of the Day

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.
— 1 Peter 1:23

Wazzup

Wazzup with all these Tennessee Earthquakes? Never heard about so many in a short period of time, have you?

Weather

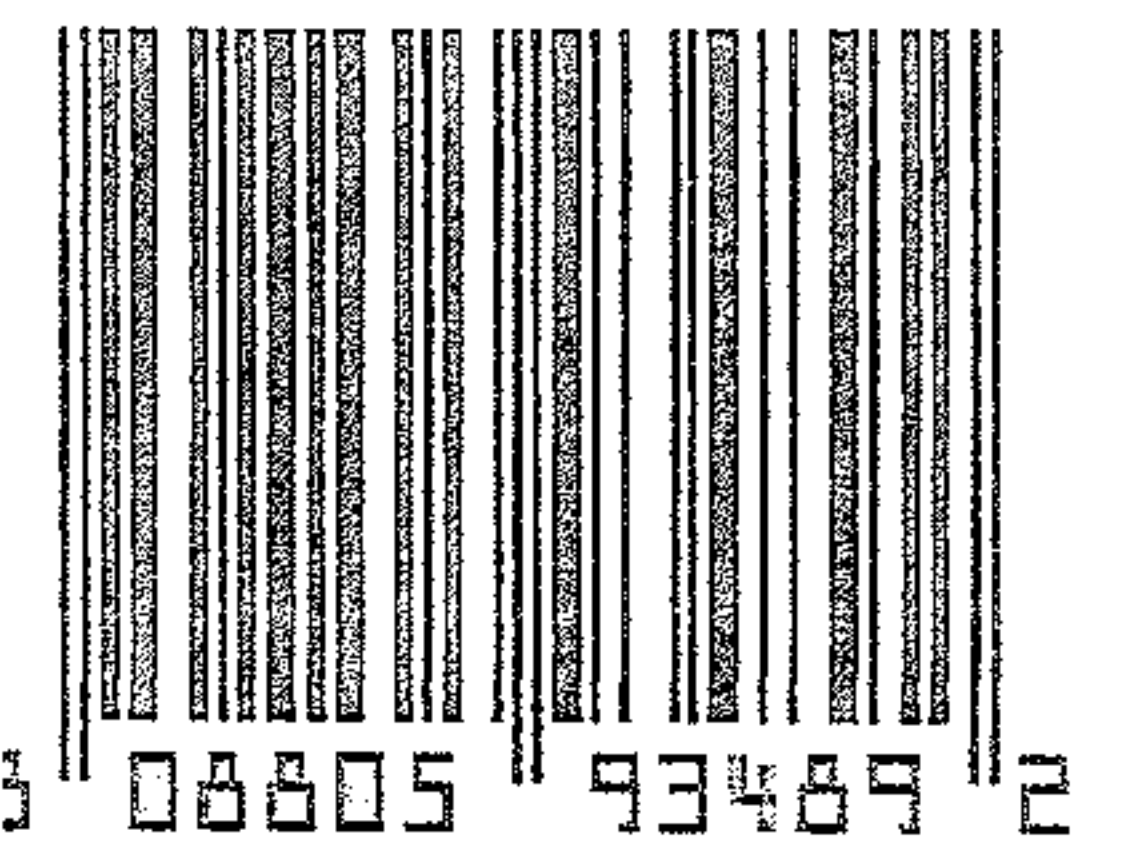
Today: Rain. High of 47F.

Tonight: Rain. Low of 39F
Saturday: Cool. High of 40F.
Saturday night: cold. Low of 34F.
Sunday: Clear and cool. High of 48F.
Sunday night: Cold. Low of 28F.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18
The atmosphere is charged with the anticipation of change. If you're seeking something new and different, this is your chance to grab the golden ring.

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3rd DUI

Kenda Jenkins, 34, Vale Street Loudon, was charged with DUI 3rd. Cpl. Z. Frye LCSO, observed a vehicle traveling west on Broadway with no headlights on. Upon traffic stop of the vehicle Cpl. Frye identified the driver as Kenda Jenkins, who appeared very lethargic, and slurring her words. Cpl. Could smell

the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. Jenkins stated he had consumed 2 Jack and Cokes at a friends house prior to operating the vehicle. Jenkins did poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest.

Former Controller Stole Nearly \$120,000 from a Sweetwater Assisted Living Facility

An investigation by the

Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Mariam Renee Wells, the former Controller of Wood Presbyterian Home, Inc. in Sweetwater, Tennessee.

Wood Presbyterian Home is an 89-bed nonprofit assisted living facility that is funded by Medicare, Medicaid (TennCare), private insurance, and personal payments. The Controller

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LPD

Matthew Harris, 30, Lakeview Drive Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Christopher Law LPD, was dispatched to a domestic call. Upon arrival Officer met with the victim who stated Matthew Harris came home irate and intoxicated. The victim stated he tried to talk to Matthew he became irate and threw his house keys striking the victim with the keys in the face. A witness stated the same events happen that the victim stated. Officer observed a red mark on victim face and Matthew Harris had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage

about his breath, red bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. Matthew Harris was placed under arrest.

Report

ted information to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

According to the report, all categories of violent crime offenses decreased between the first half of 2018 and the first half of 2019, including:

Robbery (-7.4 percent)

Rape (-7.3 percent)

Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter (-3.9 percent)

Aggravated assault (-0.3 percent)

Property crime also declined during the same period, specifically:

Burglary (-11.1 percent)

Motor vehicle theft (-6.7 percent)

Larceny-theft (-4.2 percent)

The full Crime in the United States, 2019 report will be released later this year.

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is responsible for accounting records and financial reporting.

Comptroller investigators determined that Wells stole at least \$118,768 between March 1, 2014 and May 31, 2018. Wells was able to steal the money by keeping cash that she was supposed to deposit in the facility's bank account. Because Wells was also responsible for the reconciling bank statements with the accounting records, she was able to avoid detection for more than four years.

In May 2018, Wells became concerned that her theft was about to be discovered. She informed the facility's Executive Direc-

tor that she had embezzled at least \$20,000. During that same meeting, she tendered a \$20,000 personal check and resigned from her position effective May 31, 2018. Wells later admitted to Comptroller investigators that she stole cash for her personal use and further admitted that the Comptroller's calculation of \$118,768 in stolen money was "probably correct."

In January 2020, the Monroe County Grand Jury indicted Mariam Renee Wells on one count of theft over \$60,000.

"It's vital that government entities, nonprofits, and other organizations separate financial responsibilities between more than one individual," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "In this case, the same person responsible for the accounting records was also involved in preparing cash for deposit, taking the cash to the bank, and performing bank reconciliations."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board conducts their monthly Board Meetings on the third Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the Hamby-Smith Memorial Board Room of LCUB located at 7698 Creekwood Park Blvd., Lenoir City, Tennessee 37772. The schedule for 2020 is as follows:

February 17, 2020 (Cancelled in Observance of President's Day)

March 16, 2020

April 20, 2020

May 18, 2020

June 15, 2020

July 20, 2020

August 17, 2020

September 21, 2020

October 19, 2020

November 16, 2020

December 21, 2020

Opioid

62 prescribers for further investigation based on their 2017 prescribing patterns. It is important to note that identification by OREA for further investigation alone did not indicate inappropriate prescribing. Prescribing data can be used as a tool to find potentially inappropriate prescribing, but a fuller range of information is necessary to determine if an identified prescribing pattern is inappropriate.

Forty-nine of the 62 prescribers identified by OREA (79 percent) have not been disciplined by their licensing board since the start of 2017 and are not currently under investigation by the department. Eight of the 62 prescribers identified by OREA received some level of discipline since the start of 2017, and the department is developing cases against the remaining five prescribers.

The report's key conclusions include:

• For half (31 of the 62) of prescribers identified by OREA, no query had been opened by the Department of Health. This suggests that an area of potential

improvement for the department is the monitoring of specific types of prescribing patterns, such as monitoring prescribers with a high number of patients on concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine prescriptions.

• Consultants play a significant role in determining the ultimate course of the Department of Health's investigations into prescribers.

Consultants decide whether the department will begin an investigation and, after an investigation, whether discipline will be sought against a prescriber and the level of discipline that will be pursued. Of the 62 prescribers identified by OREA, queries opened by the department were closed for 16 prescribers based on a consultant's opinion, while six prescribers reached a settlement with the department based on the disciplinary recommendations of a consultant.

• From opening a query to receiving a ruling from a board, the disciplinary process can take years to complete. For example, four of the five prescribers whose cases are currently being developed by the department have been under investigation for at least two years and have not yet been brought before the relevant board.

The report includes three policy considerations that address the Department of Health's use of data to identify potentially inappropriate prescribers and the role of consultants in determining whether to seek discipline against practitioners with potentially inappropriate prescribing patterns.

To read the report, please visit the Comptroller's OREA website at: <http://comptroller.tn.gov/orea>
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
DOUGLAS CANDLER SWAYNGIM, deceased DKT# 6024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(As required by Chapter No 180, Public Acts of Tennessee 1809
As Amended by Public Chapter 806 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of DOUGLAS CANDLER SWAYNGIM who died on the 4th day of May 2019 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 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 (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 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2020
Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
ANDREW J. TAYLOR

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

Run date: 01-24-19 & 01-31-19

Gov. Bill Lee Introduces Comprehensive Pro-Life Legislation

Bill includes prohibition of abortion where a fetal heartbeat exists

Gov. Bill Lee announced that he will submit comprehensive pro-life legislation to the Tennessee General Assembly this year, including the prohibition of an abortion where a fetal heartbeat exists. This legislation would make Tennessee one of the most pro-life states in the country.

"I believe that every human life is precious, and we have a responsibility to protect it," said Gov. Bill Lee. "Today, Tennessee is taking a monumental step in celebrating, cherishing, and defending life at every stage. I'm grateful to be joined by so many leaders in our state who are boldly standing up for our most vulnerable."

This legislation would build upon successes in other states while incorporating innovative approaches to enhance existing law, including provisions such as:

- Prohibiting an abortion where a fetal heartbeat exists;
- Requiring a mother to undergo an ultrasound prior to an abortion;
- Prohibiting an abortion where the physician is aware that the decision to seek an abortion is motivated by the race, sex, or health or disability diagnosis of the unborn child.

To protect against legal challenges, the new law would also include a creative "ladder" provision, modeled after Missouri law, of sequential abortion prohibitions at two-week gestational age intervals, along with severability clauses for each step of the ladder.

"As someone who takes seriously the cause of life, I am ecstatic to support this legislation. The many provisions of this bill represent great leaps forward

for the cause of life in Tennessee. The destination has always been clear. The issue has been identifying the proper vehicle. We now have the proper vehicle. This comprehensive, tiered approach is our best chance of advancing the cause of life without sacrificing the gains we have made. I appreciate the great work of Chairman Bell and the Judiciary Committee for their contributions to this effort. And my deepest thanks go to Governor Lee for bringing forth this much-needed, common-sense legislation. I support this initiative wholeheartedly and without reservation," said Lt. Governor Randy McNally.

"The General Assembly has been committed to making Tennessee a very strong pro-life state over the last decade. Obviously, we are very supportive and appreciative of the Governor's dedication to pro-life principles. We are looking forward to working with him and his team on this issue, as well as his legislative vision. I know members of the House and the chairmen are eager to review the proposed language and continue their strong support for life," said Speaker Cameron Sexton.

"This comprehensive legislation is a powerful step forward in our efforts to protect the life of unborn children in Tennessee. I commend Governor Lee for his leadership on this important issue and look forward to doing everything possible to ensure its passage," said Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson.

"I applaud Governor Lee for his ambitious thinking on this unprecedented initiative that will further enhance Tennessee's status as a national pro-life leader. I strongly support this initiative, and I will never stop fighting to provide a voice for and to protect our unborn children," said House Majority Leader William Lamberth.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
RICHARD JOHN PETERSEN, deceased
DKT# 6022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(As required by Chapter No 180, Public Acts of Tennessee 1809 As Amended by Public Chapter 806 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of RICHARD JOHN PETERSEN who died on the 14th day of November 2019 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 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 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2020

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
KATHRYN PETERSEN SCHNELL

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Run date: 01-24-19 & 01-31-19

Public Notice

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2020 in the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone Parcels 024.02, 24.04 & 24.05, Loudon County Tax Map 068, located at Chatuga Drive in the 7th Legislative District from R-1, Suburban Residential District to R-1, Suburban Residential District with PUD/2.5 units per acres overlay, approximately 13.74 acres.