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Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Two State Chase Ends in Loudon County; Driver Charged with Kidnapping and More

James Mitchell, 28, Christine Westland, Mi, was charged with Kidnapping, Felony Evading Arrest, Reckless Endangerment, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

According to the report, Trooper R. Woody THP, was dispatched to a possible kidnapping suspect traveling north on I-75. The vehicle was



James Mitchell

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Prior Knowledge of Revoked License Leads to Charges



Jeremy Kerr

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Mayor of Henning Indicted for Theft and Official Misconduct

Baris Douglas, the mayor of Henning in Lauderdale County, has been indicted for theft and official misconduct after an investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.

Investigators determined that Douglas used the town's debit and Walmart credit cards to steal at least \$2,237.74 from the

town and its taxpayers. Douglas used the cards to make a variety of unauthorized purchases for his own benefit including meals, medication, food products, and a laptop with accessories.

Comptroller investigators also identified \$4,151.51 in questionable transactions. These included travel expenses that were not

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DOJ Charges 500+ Domestic Violence-Related Firearm Case In FY20

The Department of Justice announced it has charged more than 500 domestic violence cases involving firearms during Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. A Department priority since 2019 when Attorney General William P. Barr created the Department of Justice's first ever-Domestic Violence Working Group, these charges are the result

of the critical law enforcement partnership between United States Attorneys' Offices and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, led by Acting Director Regina Lombardo, who has made domestic violence firearms-related investigations a priority.

"Keeping firearms out of the hands of dangerous criminal of-

fenders is one of the Department of Justice's top priorities," said Attorney General Barr. "This is especially important when it comes to individuals with prior domestic violence convictions. The statistics are clear that when domestic violence offenders have access to

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Verse of the Day

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can

bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

—1 Corinthians 10:13

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Horoscope

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **Pattie Jean Stroud**, deceased DKT# 6182

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 187, Public Acts of Tennessee 1879 As Amended by Public Chapter 876 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st DAY OF OCTOBER 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **Pattie Jean Stroud** who died on the 6th day of SEPTEMBER 2020 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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(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 1st DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
Joanne McNeal

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publication dates October 7, 2020 and October 14, 2020

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **Viola Mae Morgan**, deceased DKT# 6191

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 189, Public Acts of Tennessee 1899 As Amended by Public Chapter 896 on 05/09/2012)

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publication dates October 14, 2020 and October 21, 2020

Chase

described as a black Cadillac Escalade with Michigan tags. The vehicle was suppose to have a female and two children in the vehicle. There was suppose to be a weapon in the vehicle as well. The vehicle had already been in one pursuit from Georgia into Tennessee. While stationary at the 76 mile marker, Trooper observed the suspect vehicle traveling 85 mph in a 70 mph zone, that was confirmed by radar. Trooper pulled out and activated his emergency lights and sirens. The vehicle did not stop and a pursuit

was called. Speeds ranged from 80 mph to 105 mph. The vehicle continued north to the 81 mm where Trooper Saterfield used spike strips to slow the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop and a felony stop was conducted. Two adults including the suspect were secured. The suspect identified as James Mitchell was holding the victim and a 1 and 2 year old in the vehicle and refused to let them out. The victim stated she tried to get Mitchell to let them out several times. James Mitchell was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Public Library.

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Charges

Jeremy Kerr, 43, Newton Road Lenoir City, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Poss. Of Drug Para., Possession of Meth, and Simple Possession x2. Officer Jamie Ketner LCPD, observed Jeremy Kerr operating a motor vehicle. Officer had prior knowledge that Kerr license were suspended. While speaking with Kerr, he advised Officer he had 2 crack pipes inside the vehicle. Officer located the pipes near the driver door. While searching Kerr a wooden box fell out of his pants, 1.5 grams of marijuana, less than .5 grams of meth, and 105 suboxone pills were locat-

ed. Jeremy Kerr was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Mayor

supported with receipts or other documentation, and other purchases of meals, lawn fertilizer, and printer ink that could not be substantiated for the town's benefit.

The investigative report also questions a \$48,000 contract awarded to a financial consultant for the town's financial matters at a rate of \$2,000 per month.

Mayor Douglas entered into the contract, and it was retroactively approved by the town's alderman. Investigators were unable to verify that the consultant provid-

ed any of the services to the town that were outlined in the contract.

In October 2020, Baris Clayton Douglas was indicted by the Lauderdale County Grand Jury on one count of theft over

\$2,500 and two counts of official misconduct.

"The Town of Henning must take immediate steps to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "The town does not have a purchasing

policy, guidelines governing the use of credit cards, and it does not maintain inventory records for capital assets. Town officials have pledged to address these problems, and I'm hopeful they will take action."

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guns, their partners and their families are at much greater risk of falling victim to gun violence. In fact, in some communities across America, roughly half of the homicides are related to domestic violence. The Department of Justice is committed to keeping guns out of the hands of those who are prohibited from having them, and we will continue investigating and prosecuting all domestic violence firearms related crimes.”

“According to the CDC, data suggests that about one in six homicide victims are killed by an intimate partner,” said ATF Acting Director Lombardo. “Nearly half of female homicide victims in the U.S. are killed by a current or former male intimate partner. ATF is committed to aggressively pursuing prohibited possession of firearms due to domestic

violence convictions and certain protective orders. It is another way we prevent violent gun crime within our communities.”

“The U.S. Attorney’s office for the Eastern Tennessee is a staunch advocate of national domestic violence awareness month. Domestic violence consists of depraved persons forcing their victims, under threat of pain, suffering, or death, to commit unthinkable acts. Talking about what happened to them and how they suffered can be one of the most difficult things for the victims of domestic violence, and those who care for and support them, to talk about. Nonetheless, we encourage everyone to find their voice and speak up against domestic violence. We must work together to break the silence and end the violence,” said U. S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey.

Under federal law, individuals with domestic violence misdemeanor and felony convictions, as well as individuals subject to domestic violence protective orders, are prohibited from possessing firearms. The data shows

that offenders with domestic violence in their past pose a high risk of homicide. In fact, domestic violence abusers with a gun in the home are five times more likely to kill their partners.

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Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia. Oaths of Office will be given by Mayor Buddy Bradshaw prior to the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

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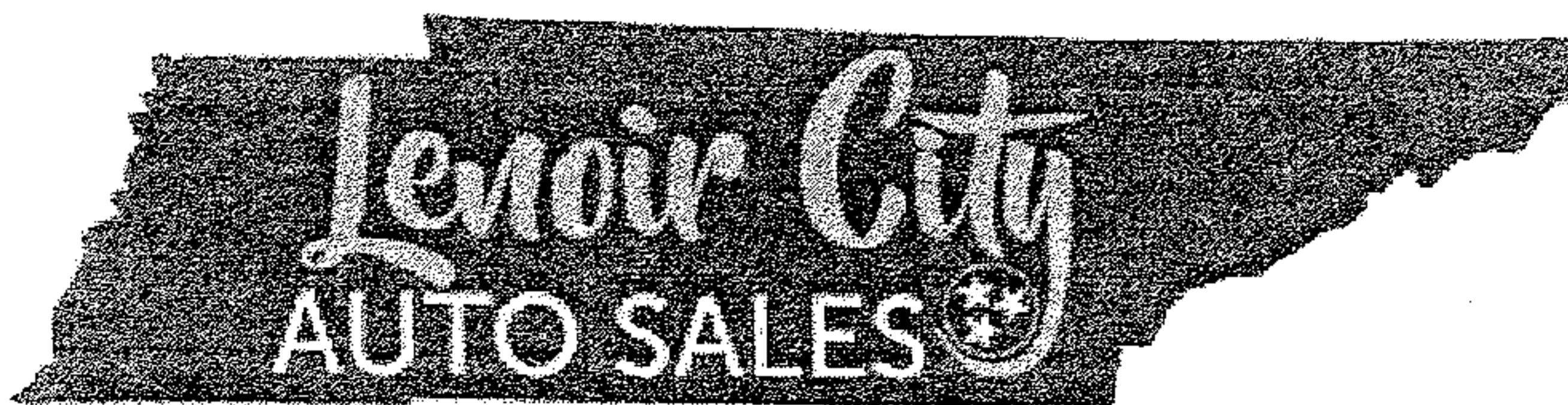


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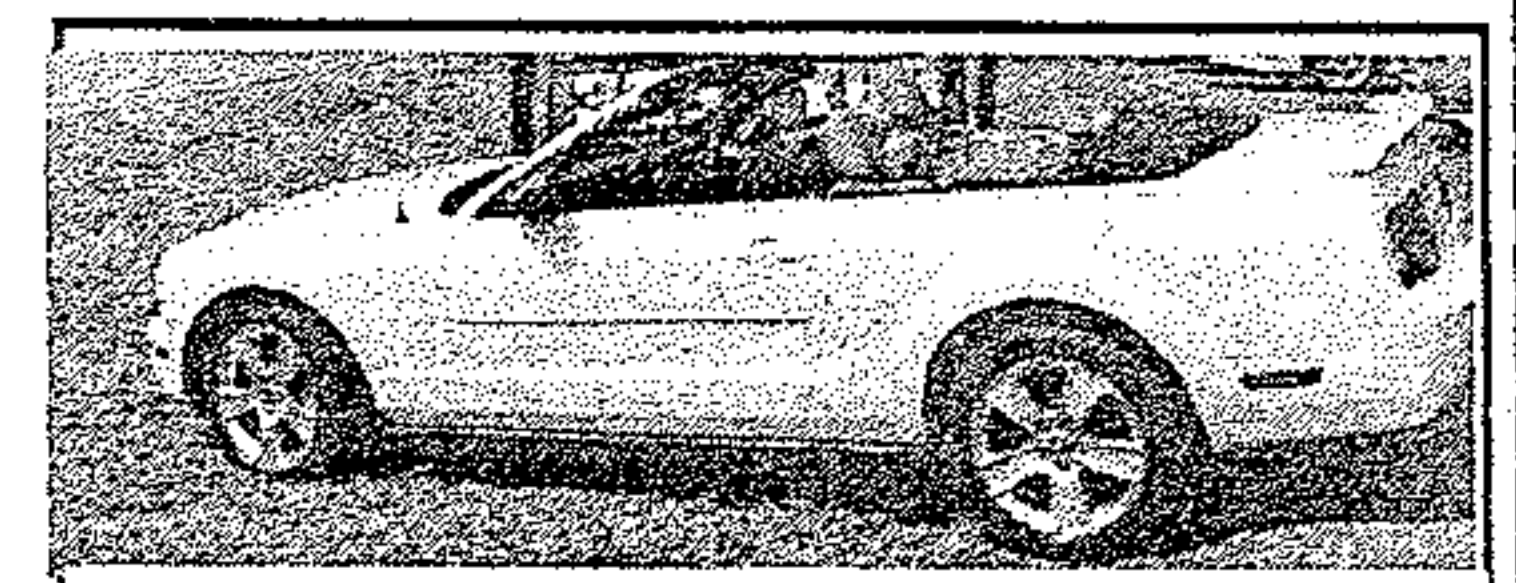
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The Working Group, chaired by U.S. Attorney Erin Nealy Cox, of the Northern District of Texas, disseminates legal guidance on keeping guns out of the hands of domestic violence abusers using three federal statutes:

18 USC § 922 (g)(1), felon in possession of a firearm

18 USC § 922 (g)(9), possession of a firearm by a prohibited person (misdemeanor crime of domestic violence)

18 USC § 922 (g)(8), possession of a firearm while subject to a domestic violence protective order

Based on the Working Group's guidance, in FY 2020, U.S. Attorneys' Offices nationwide brought 337 domestic violence felon-in-possession charges, 54 possession while subject to a protective order charges, and 142 possession by a prohibited person charges.

For more information on domestic violence or to get help, visit the National Domestic Violence Hotline website or call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

Former PTSO Treasurer Stole from Nashville Middle School Group

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Adlenita Leshay Shute, the former treasurer of the Isaiah T. Creswell PTSO in Nashville. The investigation began after PTSO officials discovered and reported that funds had been misappropriated from the PTSO bank account.

Shute stole at least \$2,605 from the PTSO between January 2019 and March 2019.

Investigators determined that Shute used a PTSO debit card to make unauthorized cash withdrawals for her personal benefit.

Shute served as treasurer during the 2017-2018 school year, but she kept the PTSO's debit card after her term expired. Shute was no longer as-

sociated with the PTSO board or its activities when she stole the money.

In August 2020, Adlenita Leshay Shute was indicted by the Davidson County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$2,500 and one count of fraudulent use of a credit card.

"It's important and required that basic oversight is in place to safeguard the funds of all

school support organizations," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "In this case, officials did not promptly reconcile bank statements or update authorized bank signatures. The former treasurer remained an authorized signer on the PTSO's account for almost a year after she stepped down from the board."

To view the investigative re-

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
Carol Ann Abshire, deceased
DKT#6189

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Notice is hereby given that on the 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of Carol Ann Abshire who died on the 26th day of MAY 2020 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
Sandra Denise Abshire Rees

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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 862 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 6183

Ada Frances Morgan, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN Notice is hereby given that on the 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of ADA FRANCES MORGAN, who died on the 25th DAY OF JANUARY 2020, 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 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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(B) Sixty (62) 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 (62) 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 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
SHIRLEY HEIFNER

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CDC investigating Salmonella outbreaks linked to pet bearded dragons, pet hedgehogs

CDC is investigating two separate multistate Salmonella illness outbreaks, one linked to contact with pet bearded dragons and one linked to contact with pet hedgehogs. It's important to always wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling your pet, especially animals that are commonly known to spread Salmonella to humans such as small mammals and reptiles.

Salmonella infections linked to contact with pet bearded dragons

Key Points

CDC and multiple states are investigating an outbreak of 13 Salmonella Muenster infections in 8 states.

Seven ill people, out of 11 people with information, have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

Investigation findings link these outbreaks to contact with pet bearded dragons. Ten of 13 ill people interviewed (77%) reported contact with a bearded dragon before getting sick.

Ill people reported purchasing bearded dragons from various

pet stores in multiple states, but a common supplier has not been identified.

This investigation is ongoing and CDC will provide more information as it becomes available

Salmonella infections linked to contact with pet hedgehogs

Key Points

CDC and multiple states are investigating an outbreak of 32 Salmonella Typhimurium infections in 17 states. Five people were hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

Investigation findings link the outbreaks to contact with pet Sixteen of 23 ill people interviewed (70%) reported contact with pet hedgehogs before becoming sick.

This outbreak strain is the same as outbreaks linked to hedgehogs in 2012 and in 2019.

A common source of hedgehogs has not been identified. Ill people reported buying hedgehogs from various sources, including pet stores, breeders, and

This investigation is ongoing and CDC will provide more information as it becomes available.

Safe handling of pet bearded dragons and hedgehogs:

Always wash hands thoroughly with soap and water right after touching your pet or anything in its environment.

Don't kiss or snuggle your pet because this can spread Salmonella germs to your face and mouth and make you

Keep your pet out of your kitchen and other areas where you eat, store, or prepare food.

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