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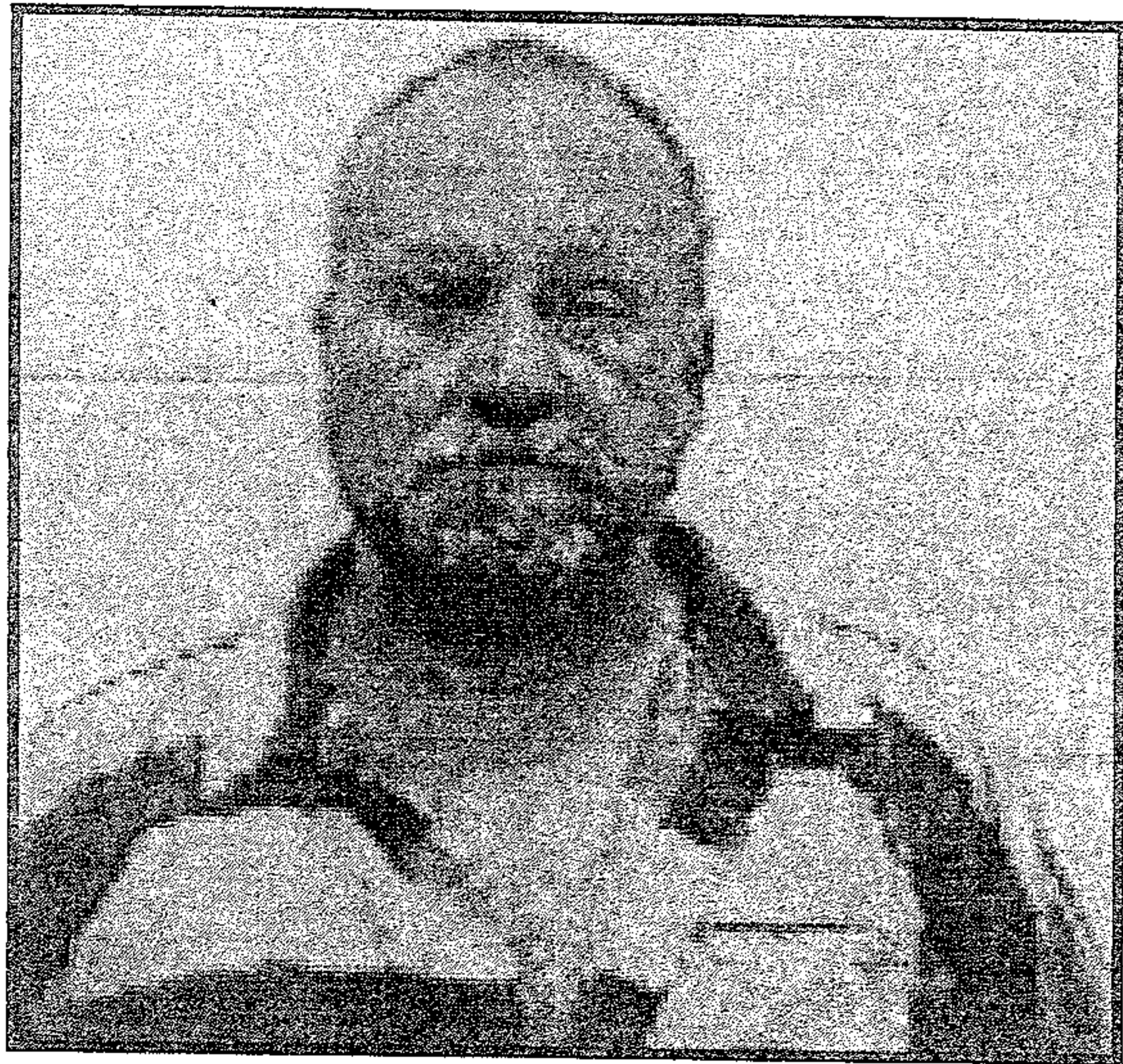
Friday, October 23, 2020

Man Hits Barn and Then Tries To Run Victim Over in Aggravated Assault

Kenneth Shackelford, 53, Mossy Grove Lane Maryville, was charged with DUI, Violation of Implied Consent, Aggravated Assault, Evading Arrest, Vandalism, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Open Container, and Resisting Arrest.

Dep. L. Hawkins LCSO, was dispatched to Maple St. in reference to a wreck with no injury. The Loudon County Dispatch then

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Kenneth Shackelford

Put That Thing Up Man! LPD Makes Indecent Exposure Arrest



Donald Lambert

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DUI Follows Wreck After Turn Missed



Payton Jaynes

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Pain Clinic Owner Sentenced For Role In Operating Pill Mills In Tennessee And Florida

Defendant Sylvia Hofstetter, was sentenced today to 400 months in prison for her role in operating several pill mills in Knoxville, Tennessee and Hollywood, Florida.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Brian C. Rabbit of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney J.

Douglas Overbey of the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Special Agent in Charge Joseph Carrico of the FBI's Knoxville Field office made the announcement.

Sylvia Hofstetter, 56, of Miami, Florida, was sentenced by United States District Judge Thomas A. Varlan. Judge Varlan also

ordered the defendant to pay \$3.6 million in forfeiture. Hofstetter was found guilty by a jury on February 13, 2020, of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) conspiracy, two counts of drug conspiracy, money

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Verse of the Day

All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.
—Matthew 10:22

Wazzup

Great Job Loudon County!!! Keep Up The Good Work This Election Will Be Unprecedented For Sure!!!

Weather

Today: Clear. High of 78F.
Tonight: Clear. Low of 59F.
Saturday: Clear. High of 70F.
Saturday night: Clear. Low of 60F.
Sunday: Clear. High of 75F.
Sunday night: Clear. Low of 57F.

Horoscope

Scorpio 10/23–11/21
Too much pressure on the job could have you feeling like chucking it all and going somewhere by yourself.



IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **Arthur Metzger, deceased**
DKT# 6195

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 20th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of Arthur Metzger who died on the 22nd 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:

(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 20th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

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

By Personal Representative(s)
Annemarie Jane Spain

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 37971

publication dates October 23, 2020 and October 30, 2020

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **John David Harrell, deceased**
DKT# 6186

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 172, Public Acts of Tennessee 1729 As Amended by Public Chapter 726 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of John David Harrell who died on the 10th 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

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By Personal Representative(s)
Richard D. Harrell

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Agg. Assault

advised Deputy the caller, stated a green Buick LeSabre, with a tag of CJN-106, crashed into her neighbors barn and then left the scene, and that it then drove back onto the property and attempted to run her neighbor over. While Deputy was in route to the dispatched address, a vehicle matching the description passed him on Highway 95 at sinking creek road. Deputy noticed the vehicle had heavy front end damage and had a tag matching the one victim gave. Deputy then attempted to stop the vehicle on Highway 95 at National Camp ground. The vehicle was driving across the center dividing line and then across the fog line. The vehicle failed to stop and Deputy pursued. At Highway 95 the vehicle stopped and Deputy made contact with the driver, Kenneth Shackelford, Deputy attempted to placed him in handcuffs and he began to resist by pulling his arms

away. Deputy advised him to stop resisting and he refused, continuing to pull his arms away. He was then placed on the ground and placed into custody. While talking to Mr. Shackelford, Deputy noticed he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person along with watery, bloodshot eyes. He was slurring his words and could not keep his balance. Deputy asked him if he had been drinking and he replied, "I'm scared of life". Deputy asked him if he would consent to S.F.S.T. and he refused, he was then read implied consent and he also refused. While doing a vehicle innovatory a empty alcoholic beverage was found in the driver side floorboard. Deputy asked Mr. Shackelford if he believed he was ok to be driving and he replied, "No, I was too drunk." Dep. M. Stanley then made contact with the victim at Maple St. He spoke with her and she advised she

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Pill Mill

laundering offenses, and maintaining drug-involved premises.

The evidence at trial proved that the pill mills owned and operated by Hofstetter and her co-defendants distributed over 11 million tablets of oxycodone, oxymorphone, and morphine that generated over \$21 million in revenue, with a corresponding street value of \$360 million. The conspiracy involved four separate clinics in Tennessee, each of which the jury determined were drug-involved premises, i.e., pill mills. Before coming to Tennessee, Hofstetter worked at a pill mill in Hollywood, Florida owned by three of her co-defendants. The evidence at trial demonstrated that, as law enforcement shut down hundreds of pill mills in South Florida during that time-period, Hofstetter and her co-defendants planned

the move to East Tennessee where many of these clinics' opioid-addicted customers lived.

Hofstetter's role in Tennessee was to run the pill mills and ensure that patient volume remained high, thus guaranteeing enormous profits for Hofstetter and her co-defendants. Once in Tennessee, however, Hofstetter opened her own pill mills in secret from her Florida employers and went into competition against them. Hofstetter personally reaped over \$4 million dollars from her role in these offenses.

"This defendant reaped millions of dollars in personal profits by operating destructive opioid pill mills in multiple states, inflicting lasting harm on multiple communities," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Brian C. Rabbitt of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. "This prosecution demonstrates the Depart-

ment of Justice's steadfast commitment to combatting the opioid crisis and holding responsible the unscrupulous individuals who seek to profit from it."

"The Eastern District of Tennessee remains at the forefront in the battle against illegal pain clinics and the mass-prescribing of opioids," said U.S. Attorney Overbey. "Through the cooperation and hard work of our local, state, and federal agencies, we continue to pursue and prosecute those who seek to endanger our communities by illegally

distributing prescription pain killers. Let this sentencing serve as a deterrent for those who seek to profit from fueling a tragic cycle of addiction and pain killer abuse."

"The nation remains in the midst of a drug crisis that is often fueled by pill mills. Drug addiction destroys lives and devastates families. The FBI will work tirelessly with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners to investigate, arrest and hold accountable those who use illegal means and criminal

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Exposure

Donald Lambert, 55, Angel Row Loudon, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, and Indecent Exposure.

Officer Kelley LPD, was dispatched to Angel Row in regards to a male screaming for help at 02:15. Upon arrival Officer found Donald Lambert on top of his roof yelling for help.

Donald Lambert stated his ladder fell and he was on his roof trying to fix his TV antenna. Officer placed Donald's ladder against the house to get him off the roof. After

checking on Donald Lambert Officer cleared from the call. At approximately 03:44 Officer was dispatched back out to Angel Row for a male in the middle of the road naked screaming for help saying he is wanting to go to jail. Upon arrival at 03:47 Officer seen Donald Lambert in the area of Collins Street naked with his hands up stating someone is after him and not to shoot him. Donald Lambert was Placed under arrest. The above actions occurred in the city limits of Loudon.

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behavior to take advantage of others," said FBI Special Agent in Charge, Joseph Carrico.

This sweeping prosecution, which has resulted in approximately 140 convictions so far, results from an investigation by the United States Attorney's Office for

the Eastern District of Tennessee, the Organized Crime and Gang Section, U.S. Department of Justice, and the FBI High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), comprised of investigators assigned to the task force by the Loudon County Sheriff's Office, Knoxville Police

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Request for Bids

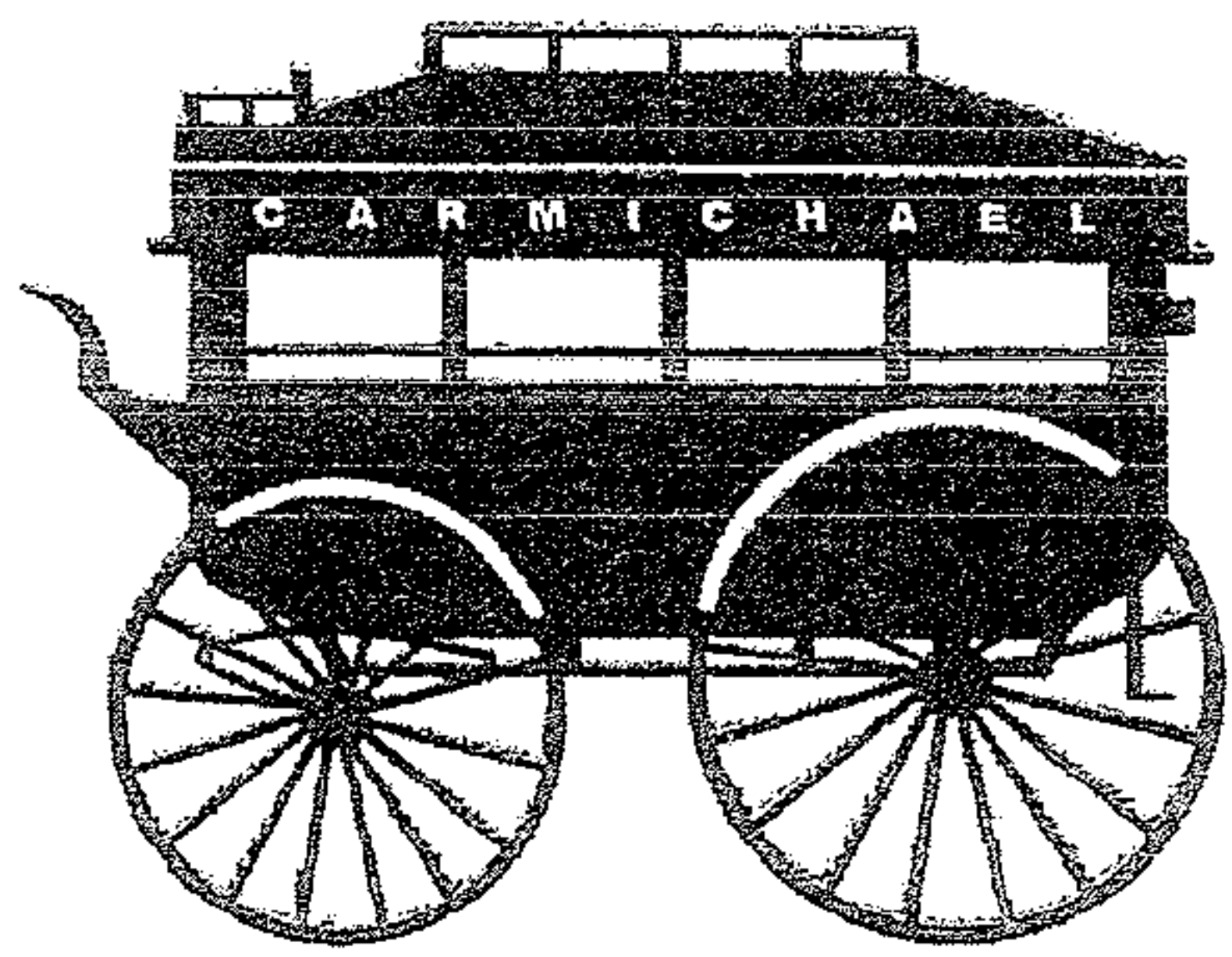
Loudon County Government is soliciting sealed bids for a Steel Building and Building Election. There is an on-site pre-bid meeting on November 5, 2020 at 10 AM. Bid Opening is November 19, 2020 at 3:00 PM. Interested bidders should contact Susan Huskey or Matt Kleinschmidt at 865-458-4663. Loudon County Government will not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, or disability.



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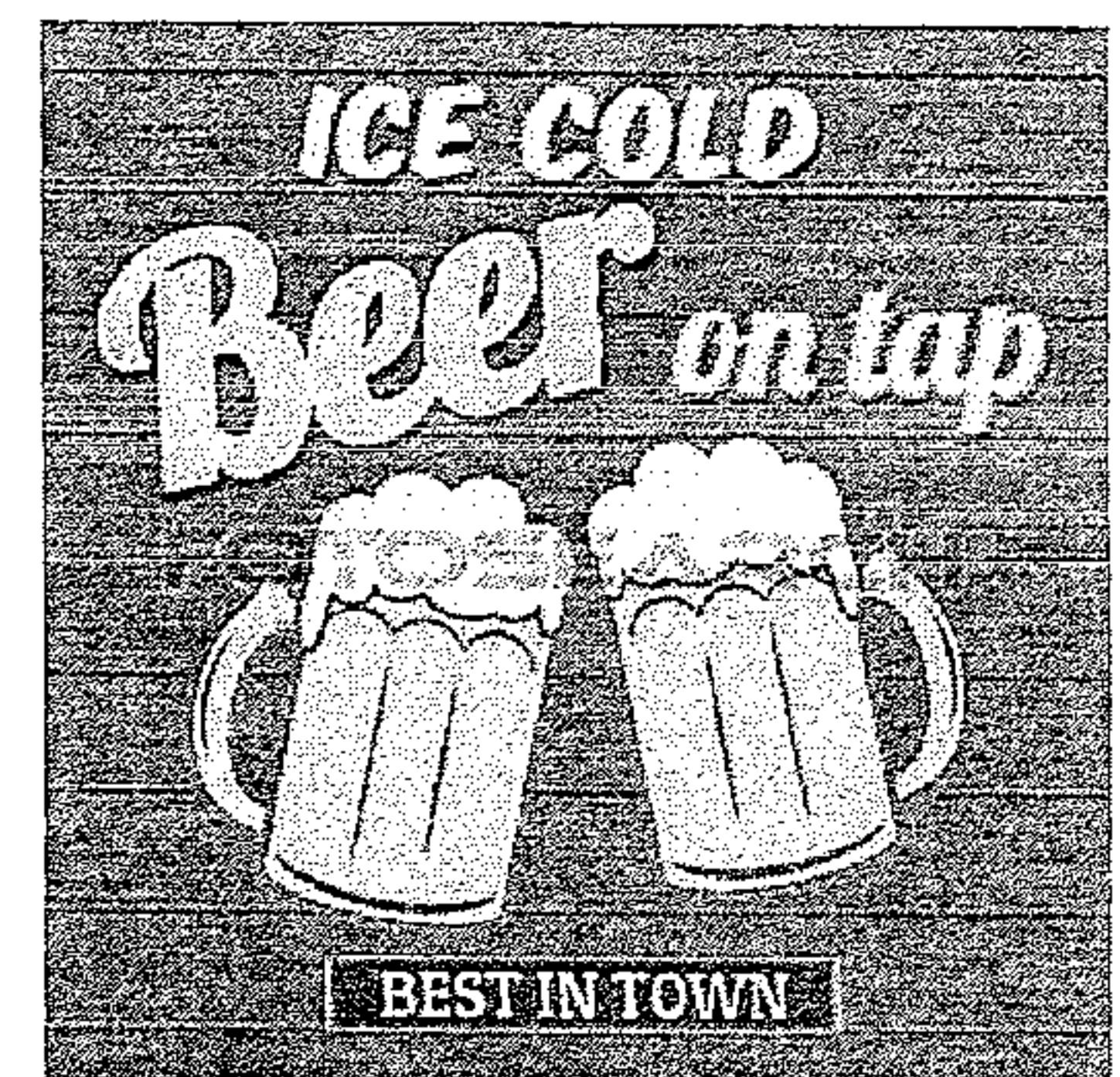
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Department, Blount County Sheriff's Office, Roane County Sheriff's Office, Harriman Police Department, and Clinton Police Department. Other agencies provided invaluable assistance, including the Rome attaché of the Office of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Justice, FBI's liaison in Rome, FBI's Miami Field Office, the Hollywood, Florida, Police Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Tennessee Department of Health, and the Drug Enforcement Administration's Knoxville Diversion Group.

The investigation that led to this prosecution, as described above, fall under the auspices of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's drug supply reduction strategy. OCDETF was established in 1982 to conduct comprehensive, multi-level attacks on major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. Today, OCDETF combines the resources and expertise of its member federal agencies in cooperation with state and local law enforcement. The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt, and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking and money laundering organizations and those primarily responsible for the nation's drug supply.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracy L. Stone, Deputy Chief Attorney Kelly Pearson, and Trial Attorney Damare Theriot, Organized Crime and Gang Section, U.S. Department of Justice, represented the United States in the prosecution of this case.

DUI cont. from pg. 5

Payton Jaynes, 20, Browder Hollow Road Lenoir City, was charged with Underage DUI. Officer J. Arden LCPD, responded to Hwy 321 and 11 to investigate a wreck. Upon arrival Officer observed a white vehicle sitting in the grass off the roadway, and a white male standing beside the driver door. Officer identified the male as Payton Jaynes who stated that he was driving on Martel and missed his turn and jumped the curb behind Lakeside Dental, and came to a rest to the right of Hwy 321. Jaynes stated that he had consumed 4 to 5 beers prior to the accident. Jaynes had red watery eyes and appeared unsteady on his feet. Jaynes did poorly on sobriety test but gave consent to blood draw. Payton Jaynes was placed under arrest for DUI.

Former Maury Regional Medical Center Employee Stole Nearly \$800,000 in Supplies

Tommy John Riker was indicted in March 2020

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office, working at the request of the District Attorney General of the 22nd Judicial District, has released an investigation detailing the theft of \$798,265 worth of medical supplies from Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, Tennessee.

Investigators determined that former System Coordinator Tommy John Riker stole the supplies between April 4, 2017 and September 1, 2019. He sold the supplies online and kept the cash for his personal benefit.

Riker worked in the hospital's Supply Chain Department and was responsible for purchasing and managing items in the hospital's inventory control system. His position allowed him to both

steal items from the hospital's inventory and then manipulate the inventory records to make it appear as if the supplies had been dispensed to staff.

Beginning in 2018, a hospital employee began alerting hospital officials to a potential problem, but hospital officials believed the issues were related to the inventory system. As a result, officials failed to investigate these issues until they received another report in July 2019. The failure to act allowed Riker's theft scheme to continue and remain undetected for several months.


The Comptroller's investigative report includes a more detailed breakdown of the types of supplies that were stolen by Riker. These

supplies included needles, wound dressings, and surgical dressings.

Tommy John Riker was terminated from Maury Regional on November 2, 2019. On March 11, 2019, he was indicted by the Maury County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$250,000 and 54 counts of money laundering.

To view the investigative report, go to: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/investigations/find.html>

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