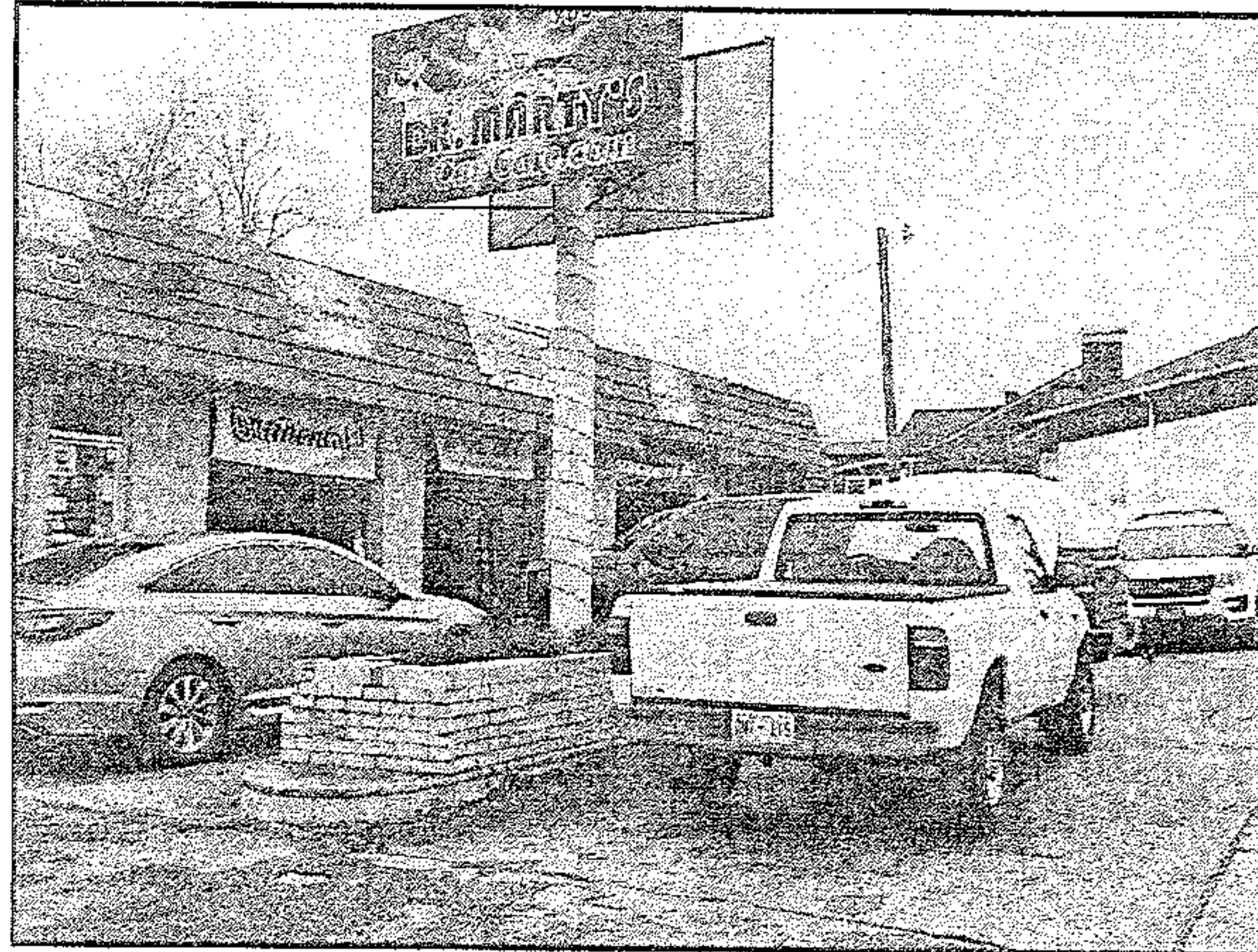


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Wednesday, February 26, 2020

## Major Marijuana Grow Operation Bust- ed in LC; house and business raided



9th DTF Raided the shop and the home of John Rebori Tuesday morning. Lt. Shane Ezell, 9th DTF (right) goes through evidence as it is brought outside by other agents

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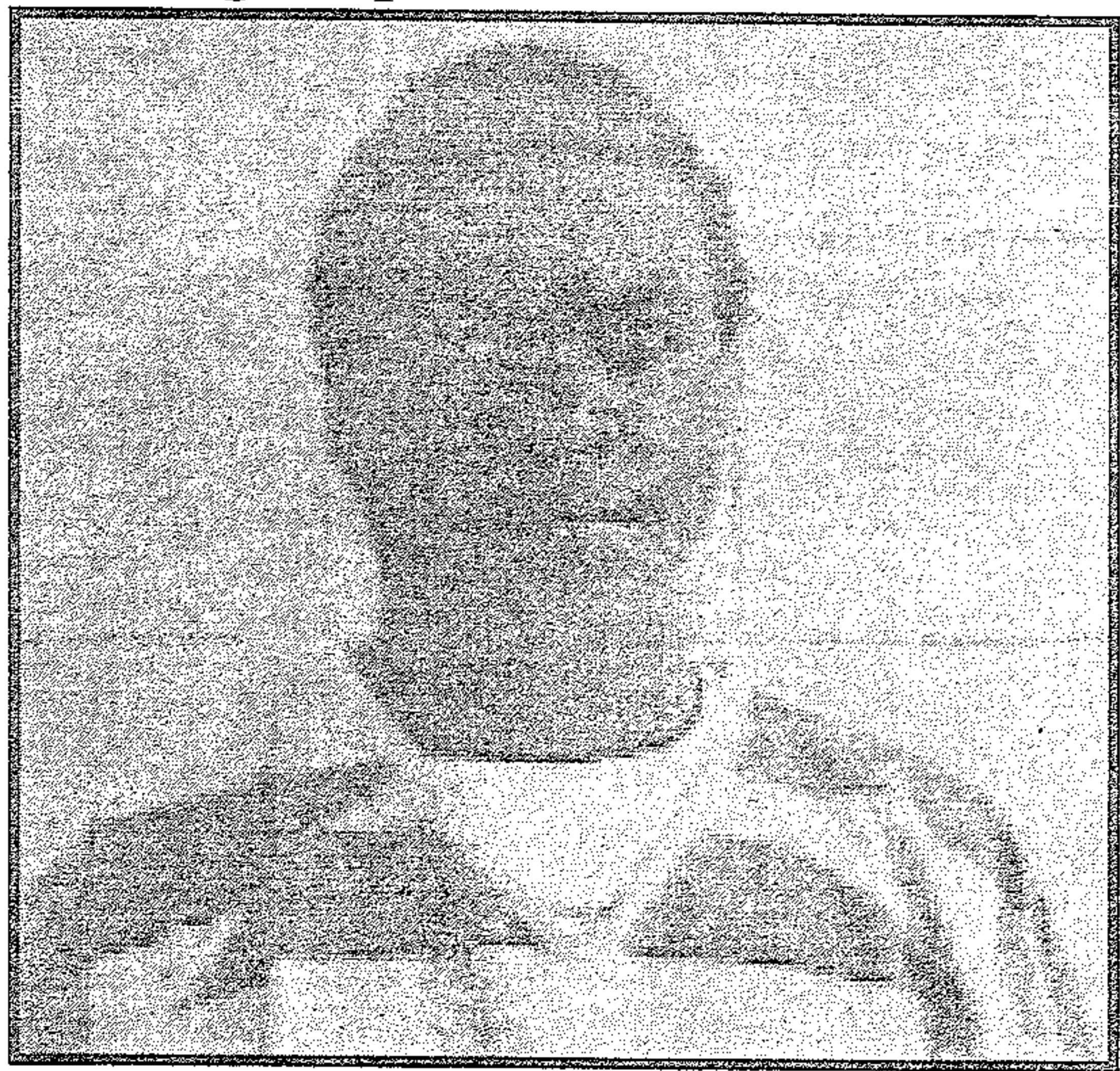
## Man charged with assault then fights with officers and busts his head in patrol car



Richard McCollum

see Assault pg. 3

## Resale charge for LC man in LCSO speeding stop



Atticus Hull

see Charged pg. 5

## Chinese Military Hackers Charged in Equifax Breach

### Intrusion Affected Nearly Half of All Americans

FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich speaks at a February 10, 2020 press conference at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., announcing charges against four Chinese military-backed hackers in connection with the 2017 cyberattack against Equifax.

During a February 10, 2020 press conference at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich joined other officials in announcing charges against four Chinese military-backed hackers in connection with the 2017 cyberattack against Equifax.

See Hackers P.3



## Attorney General William Barr holds National Press Conference on Sanctuary Cities

On February 10, 2020, Attorney General William Barr announced the filing of 3 lawsuits against California, New Jersey and Washington State, alleging that sanctuary city municipal jurisdiction policies interfere with lawful federal

See Barr P.4

**Verse of the Day**  
Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

—Proverbs 2:1

**Wazzup**

A Big Shout Out to Alan Williams, sure do

appreciate the umbrella helps keep me dry!

**Weather**

Today: Rain. High of 66F.

Tonight: Rain. Low of 42F

Thursday: Rain. High of 67F.

Thursday night: Rain. Low of 40F.

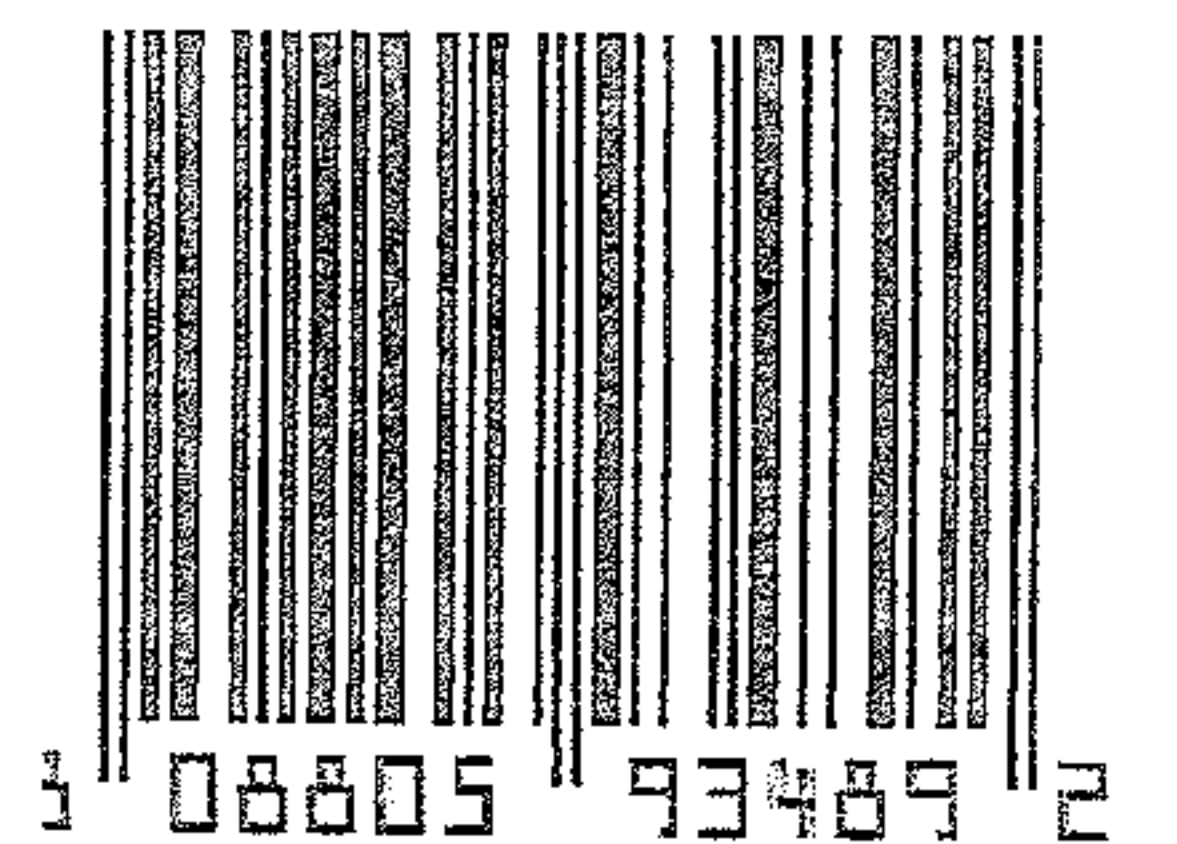
**Horoscopes**

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Plans with friends can go haywire today or you may have a strong emotional reaction to someone within your social circle.

Its time to get to the truth of this matter by way of a thorough investigation. You may discover that a loved one is experiencing tremendous personal difficulties that they have kept

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**Raid**

On Tuesday morning officers with the 9th DTF, LCPD served search warrants on two locations at the same time 911 West Broadway a residence where the accused lived and 400 East Broadway the business where the accused sold the product.

LCPD Chief Don White along with Lenoir City Mayor Tony Aikens held a press conference to let

the public know the details of the raids. Mayor Aikens stated "no matter who you are just know that if you are selling drugs in Lenoir City you will be arrested."

Chief White reported John Nicholas Rebori, 38, has been detained and will be charged within a few days of numerous charges after being involved in what authorities are calling a major grow operation at 911 West Broadway

where they seized some 85+ plants estimated to produce about a pound each with a value of between 3000-4000\$ per pound. Investigators were still searching both loca-

tions throughout the day so after gathering the evidence charges will be placed. The business at 400 East Broadway is a mechanic shop known at Dr. Marty's which

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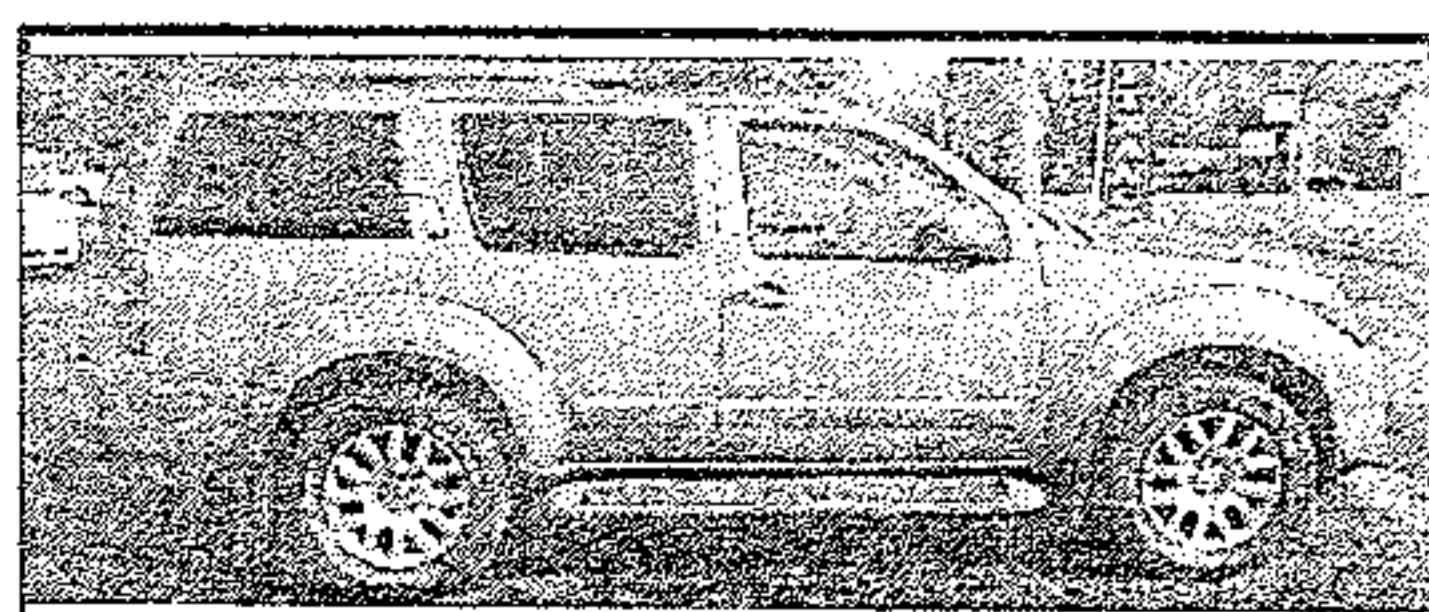
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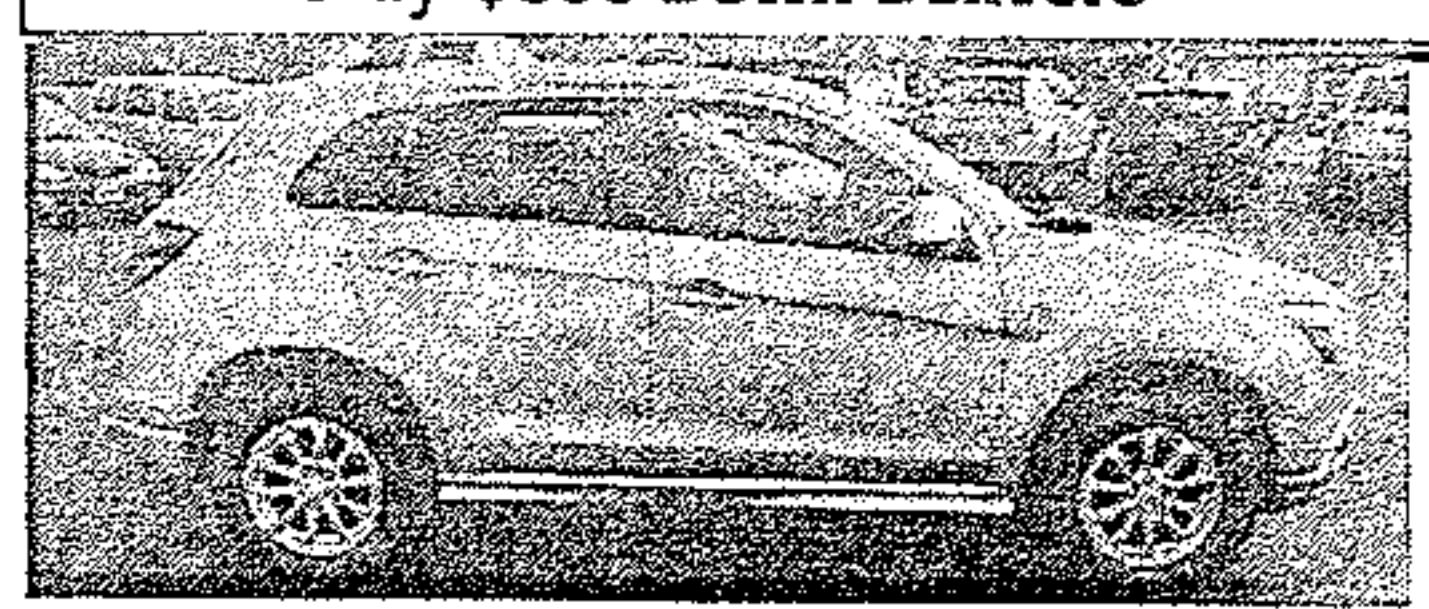
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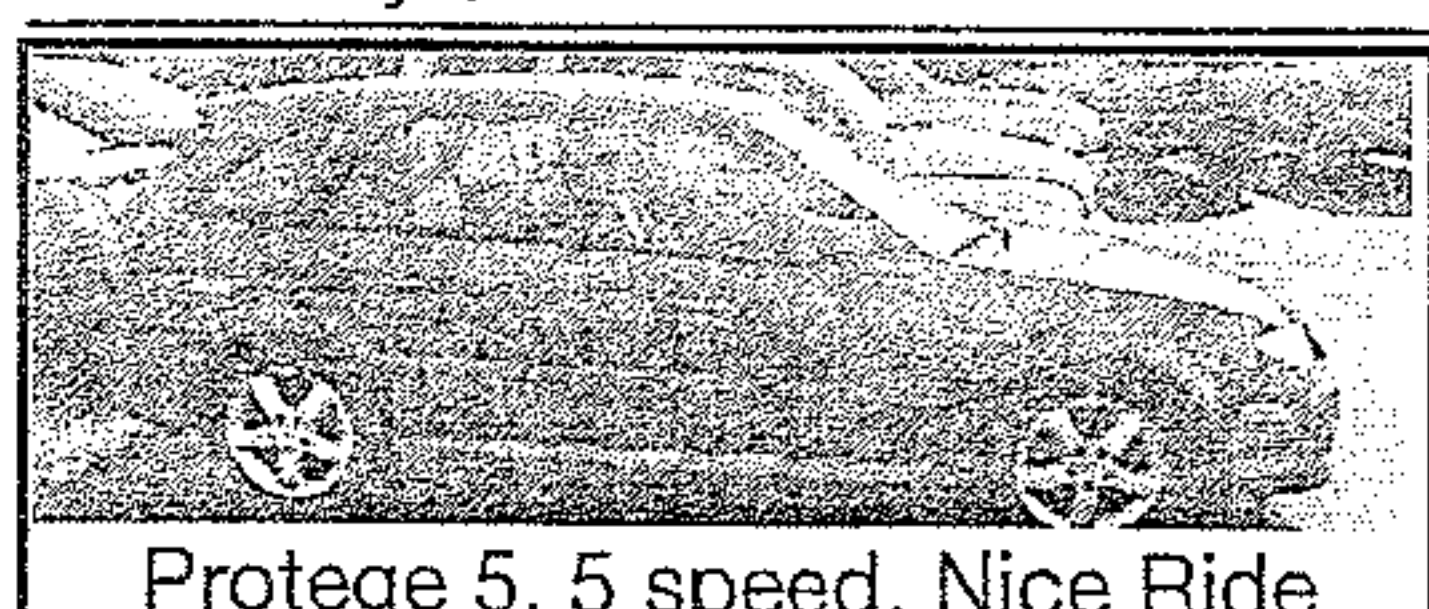
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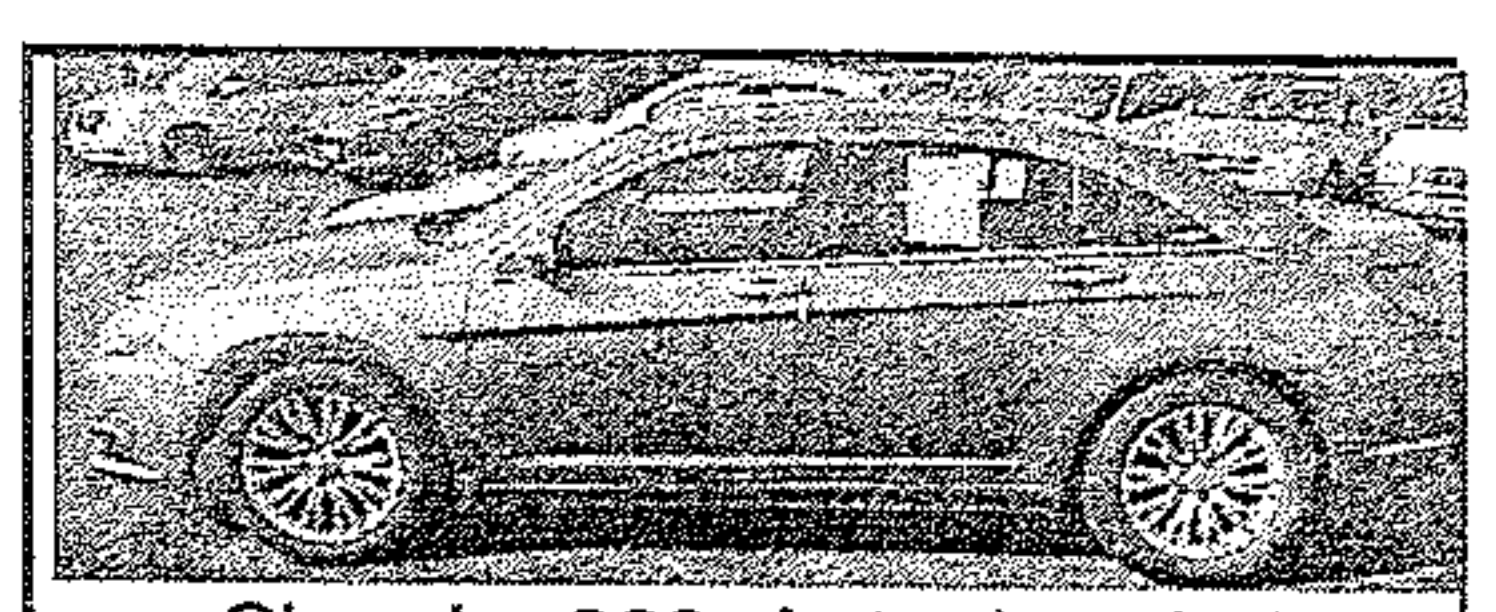
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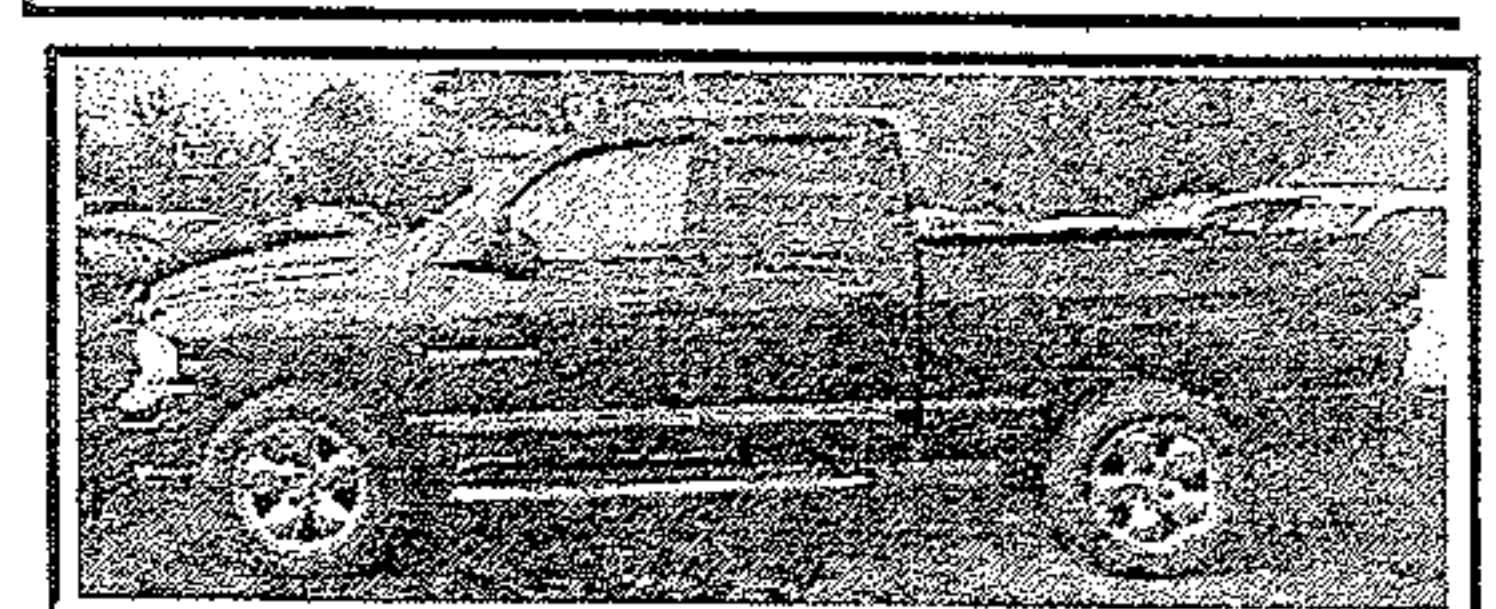
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was purchased from the previous owner by Mr. Rebori during the past year and he was renting the building.

Authorities reported they had made purchases at both locations as well. We will keep you up to date with any new developments. Also check out press conference on our facebook page The Daily Edition.

### Assault

Officer Sam Harrison LPD, responded to Summer Street in reference to a possible domestic assault. Upon arrival Officer made contact with the victim and Richard McCollum who recently had a child together.

Victim advised that her and McCollum got into a heated argument. Victim advised that McCollum then became physical and began to physically assault her, putting her into a headlock.

Victim advised at one point during the incident that McCollum hit her in the chest and on the leg with a

hammer. Victim also advised that McCollum threw a hatchet at her but did not make contact with her person.

Victim showed Officer the damage in the bedroom wall caused by the hatchet. Witnesses confirmed the incident and Richard McCollum was placed under arrest. McCollum became combative, and actively resisting arrest.

Once placed in the police vehicle McCollum began hitting his head on the partition and tried breaking the window with his feet and head. McCollum was transported to the emergency room for the self-inflicted injuries and then to the Loudon County Jail.

### Hackers

tary-backed hackers in connection with the 2017 cyberattack against Equifax.

Today, the U.S. Department of Justice announced charges against four Chinese military-backed hackers in connection with carrying out the 2017 cyberattack against Equifax, a consumer credit reporting agency. The intrusion led to the largest known theft of personally identifiable information ever carried out by state-sponsored actors.

Investigators had previously discovered and announced the type of malware that allowed the hackers to harvest addresses, birth dates, Social Security numbers, and other data on approximately 145 million Americans. Today's indictment charges that members of the People's Lib-

eration Army—the armed forces of the People's Republic of China—were behind that malware attack.

According to the indictment, Wu Zhiyong, Wang Qian, Xu Ke, and Liu Lei exploited a vulnerability in the dispute resolution website within the Equifax system. From that initial access point, the hackers used a number of techniques to force their way into the company's network and back-end databases.

In announcing the charges, U.S. Attorney General William Barr said the Equifax intrusion is among other efforts by the Chinese government to steal the personal data of Americans. The Justice Department believes the Chinese were also responsible for breaching systems controlled by the Office of Personnel Management, Marriott hotels, and the health insurance company Anthem.

"This data has economic value, and these thefts can feed China's development of artificial intelligence tools as well as the creation of intelligence-targeting packages," Barr said. "In addition to the thefts of sensitive personal data, our cases reveal a pattern of state-sponsored computer intrusions and thefts by China targeting trade secrets and confidential business information."

"We in law enforcement will not let hackers off the hook just because they're halfway around the world."

FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich To uncover the actors behind the Equifax theft, a broad and multina-

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 The Loudon County Electronic Roll Call Committee will meet at the County Office Building on February 27th at 5 PM for a vendor presentation.

**Public Meeting Notice**  
 The Loudon County Surplus Property Authority Committee will meet Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM at the Loudon County Office Building, 100 River Road, Loudon.



## Barr

immigration and enforcement activities.

Sanctuary jurisdiction policies jeopardize public safety by preventing the federal government from locating, arresting, and prosecuting removable aliens inside the United States. While jurisdictions are not compelled by federal law to take part in federal immigration enforcement activities, they are not permitted to actively obstruct the enforcement of federal law. The consequences of cities establishing themselves as sanctuary cities impact more than just the communities of the sanctuary jurisdiction where heinous, violent crimes have been committed by those in this country illegally.

Past examples of federal prosecution of violent persons who were illegally present in the Eastern District of Tennessee include the cases of Martinez Rubi and Gama Bahena.

• Rubi has been removed from the United States a total of seven times and has twice been prosecuted for illegal reentry in this district. His criminal history includes six prior felony convictions, one of which was for aggravated assault when he threatened to kill a woman at knifepoint. His most recent illegal reentry conviction netted him a 78-month sentence in prison.

• Bahena has a criminal history that includes stabbing his wife in the stomach. He later committed another aggravated assault when he pointed a loaded gun at her and their daughter while threatening to kill them. That conduct was the basis for his federal conviction for possession of a firearm and ammunition by an illegal alien, which resulted in a 65-month sentence in federal prison.

“These two defendants highlight the need for the aggressive stance the Eastern District of Tennessee takes in the prosecution of violent persons who are

in the United States illegally. By working closely with our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, we are able to identify and remove dangerous offenders from our communities,” said United States Attorney J. Douglas Overbey.

Cases are investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (“ERO”).

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tional investigative team led by the FBI’s Atlanta Field Office tracked the crime’s digital breadcrumbs back to the four co-conspirators—who allegedly used servers in multiple countries and approximately 40 different IP addresses to disguise the origin of the attack.

FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich said today’s announce-

ment is “a testament to the hard work and determination of everyone involved in this investigation.”

Bowdich also said that although these types of breaches have become disturbingly common, businesses cannot become complacent about protecting data and consumers. “And as American citizens, we cannot be complacent about protecting our sensitive personal data,” Bowdich emphasized. “We in law enforcement will not let hackers off the hook just because they’re halfway around the world. We’ve got to do everything we can to keep people safe, secure, and confident online.”

You can find additional information about the Equifax data breach through the Federal Trade Commission at [ftc.gov/equifax](http://ftc.gov/equifax).

Learn more about protecting your personal and business systems and reporting cyber-enabled crime at the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center.

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## Charged

Atticus Hull, 20, Columbus Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI. Deputy C. Rogers LCSO, observed a dark color vehicle pass him at a high rate of speed while traveling on Hines Valley Road. Deputy in car radar confirm the vehicle was traveling 65 mph in a 45 mph zone. After turning around Deputy followed the vehicle, and observed it did not come to a complete stop at the intersection of Hines Valley and Hwy 70. Deputy traffic stopped the vehicle at Weigles and Hwy 321. Deputy could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle before he got to the driver. Upon contact with the driver Atticus Hull Deputy ask him how much marijuana was in the vehicle. Hull stated 2 grams and retrieved a bag from the center console. Deputy ask Hull several more times if there was any more in the vehicle, he finally stated there were 2 ounces in his backpack. Deputy located a mason jar full of marijuana, along with multiple baggies, and a set of scales. The marijuana weighed 70 grams. Atticus Hull was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail. Hull was also cited in on speeding and Poss. Of Drug Para.

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