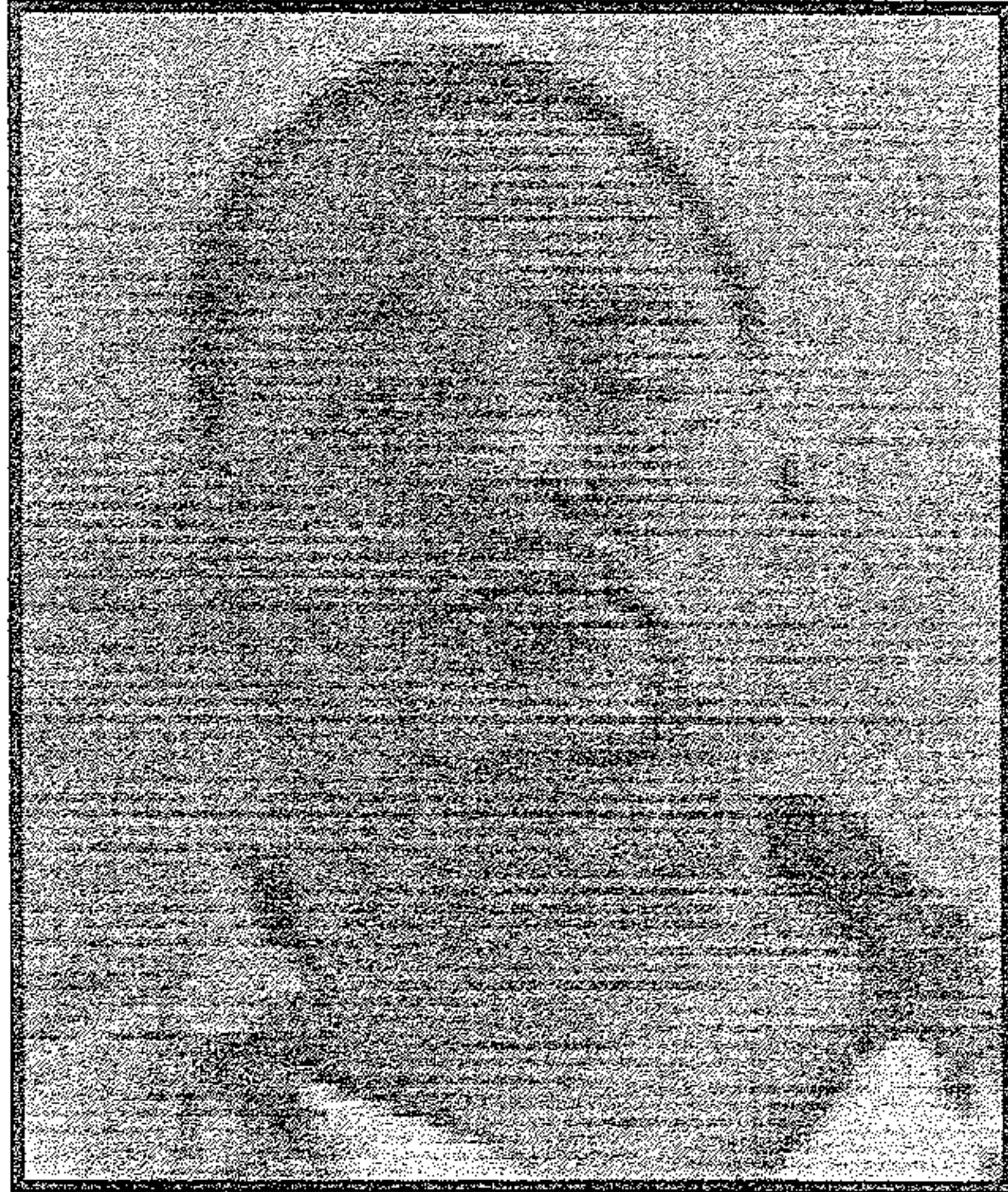


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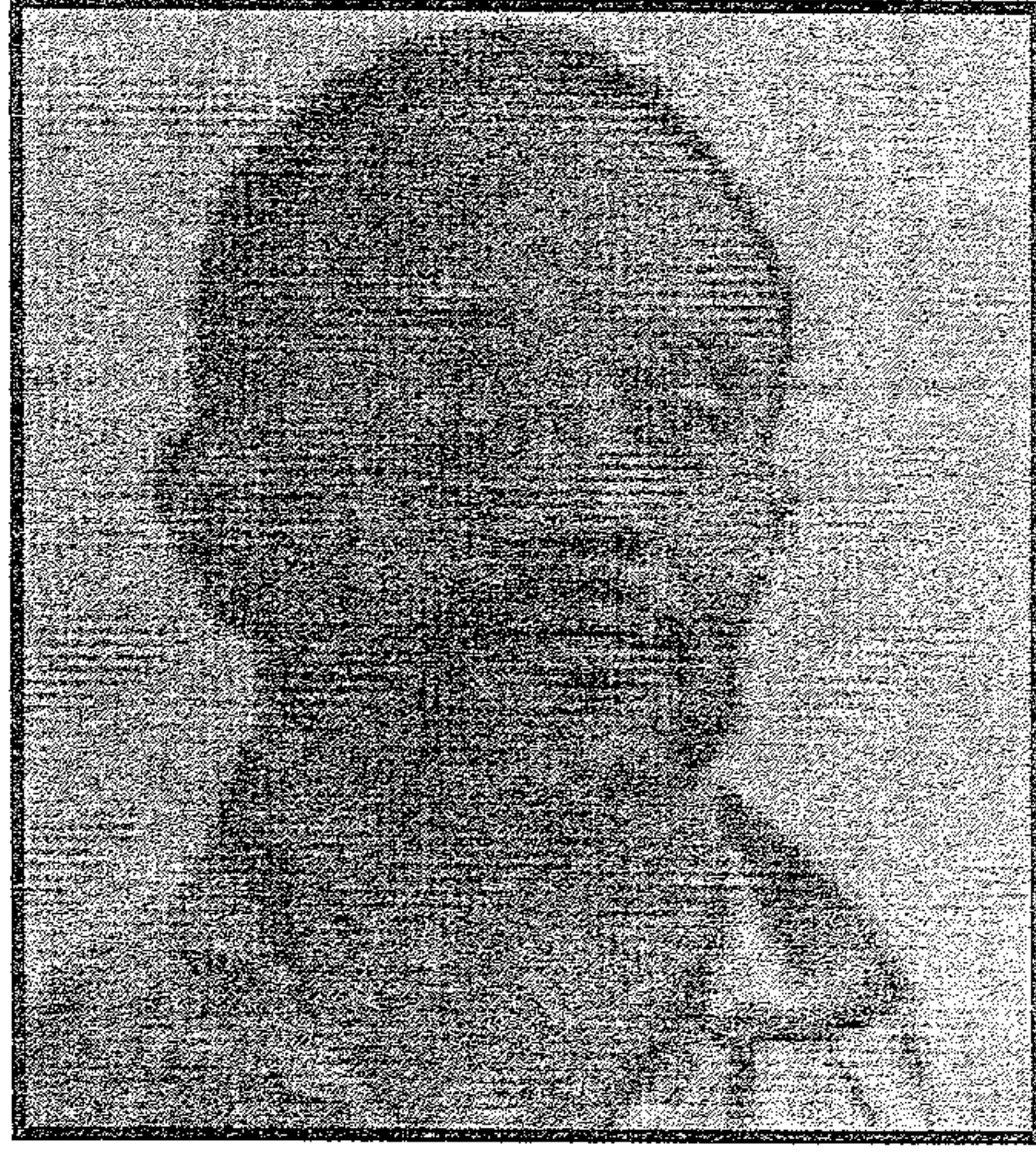
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9th DTF Raid Riverview Home; One charged after destroying phones; another charged with resisting



Ivan Melian



Eric Stegall

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Dustin Richards Sentenced to 97 Months in Prison for Child Pornography Offenses

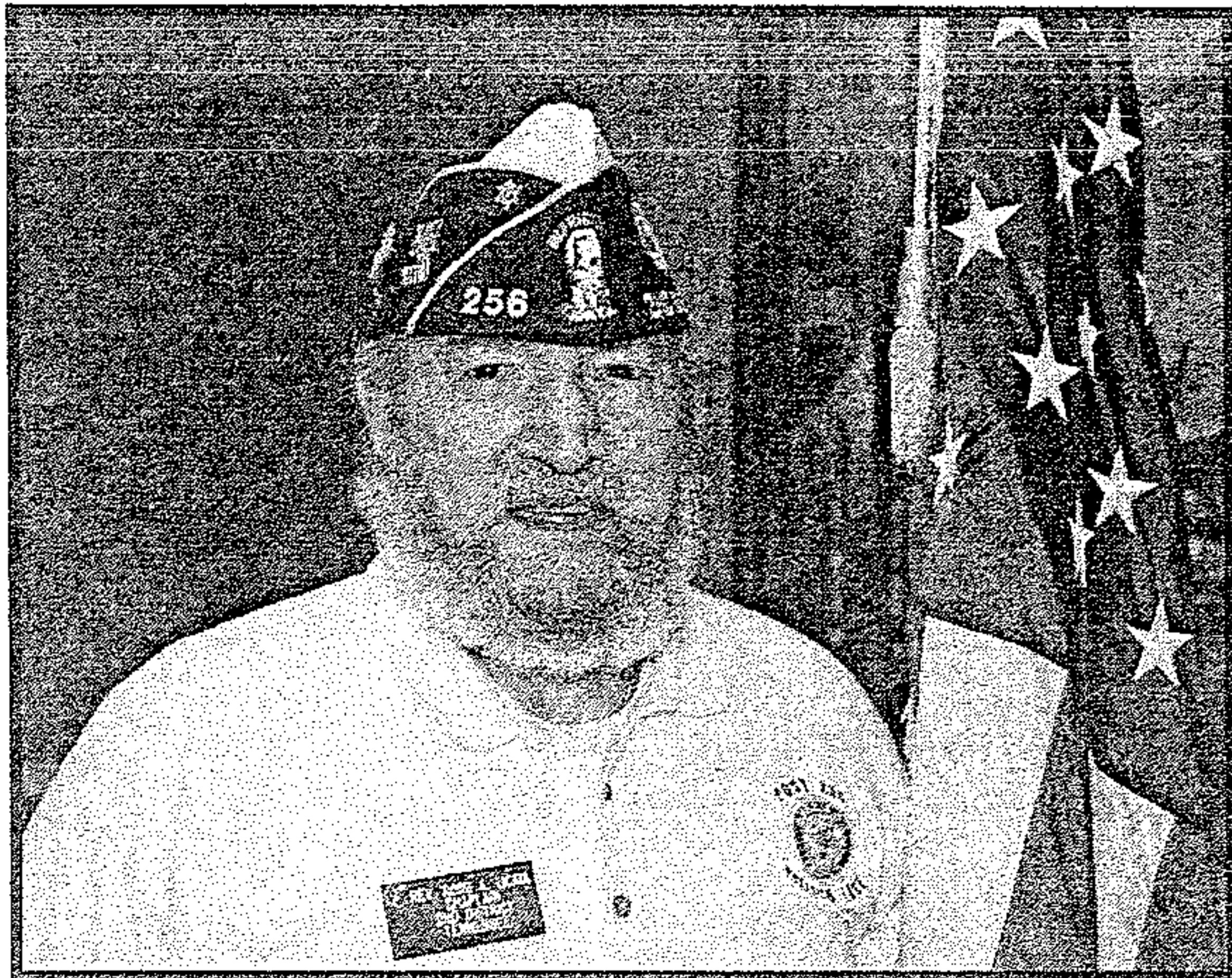
Dustin Ray Richards, 26, of Knoxville, Tennessee, was sentenced by United States District Judge Thomas A. Varlan to serve 97 months in federal prison for receiving and possessing child pornography. Following his imprison-

ment, Richards will be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for 10 years and will be required to register with the state sex offender registry in any state in which he lives, works, or attends school.

In March 2018, Knoxville Po-

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Reverend Ross Licata Appointed Chaplain of American Legion District 2



Reverend Ross

see Legion pg. 5

Rock Springs Football Coach Stole Funds Raised by Middle School Students

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has determined that former Rock Springs Middle School football and golf coach Ryan Trotter stole \$8,045 that he collected from students and fundraisers between July 2017 and October 2018.

The investigation began after Rutherford County Board of Education officials reported possible missing funds.

Trotter failed to turn over the money to school officials. Instead, he kept the money for his personal benefit. Investigators identified three sources of stolen money: Trotter stole at

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Woman charged after harassing customers at store



Rose Lambert

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Verse of the Day

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
—Genesis 2:18

Wazzup

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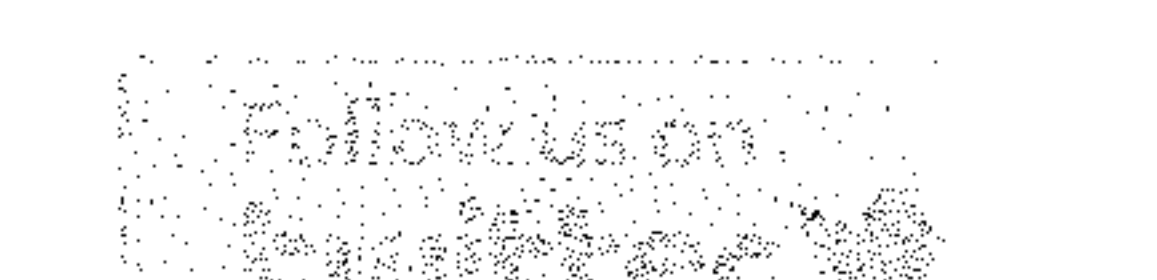
Weather

Today: 50/50 chance of rain. High of 50F.
Tonight: Rain possible. Low of 42F
Thursday: Rain possible. High of 43F.
Thursday night: Rain ending. Low of 35F.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20
Disputes can arise among friends or in a social circle that you frequent. At the moment, people are on edge and are taking things too per-

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9th DTF

Ivan Melian, 38, Industrial Blvd. Lenoir City, was charged with Tampering/Fabricating with Evidence, Resisting Arrest, and Simple Possession. Agents with the 9th DTF, LCSO, and K9 Unit conducted a search warrant at Riverview Road. Once Agents made entry into the residence Agent Fritts, came in contact with Ivan Melian, in the

back bedroom, where Melian had broke one phone in half and another broken already on the floor. Agent told Melian to put his hands behind his back Melian ran to the back corner of the bedroom, Agent grabbed ahold of Melian and he continued to resist arrest. It took several Agents to take control of Melian. Once the room was searched Agents recovered approx.. 3 grams

of marijuana in the floor. Agents recovered several boxes of ammo, empty magazines, 3 broken cell phones, and shotgun shells. Melian stated to Agent he broke the

phones to keep them from going through them. Ivan Melian was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail. Eric Stegall, 44, N D

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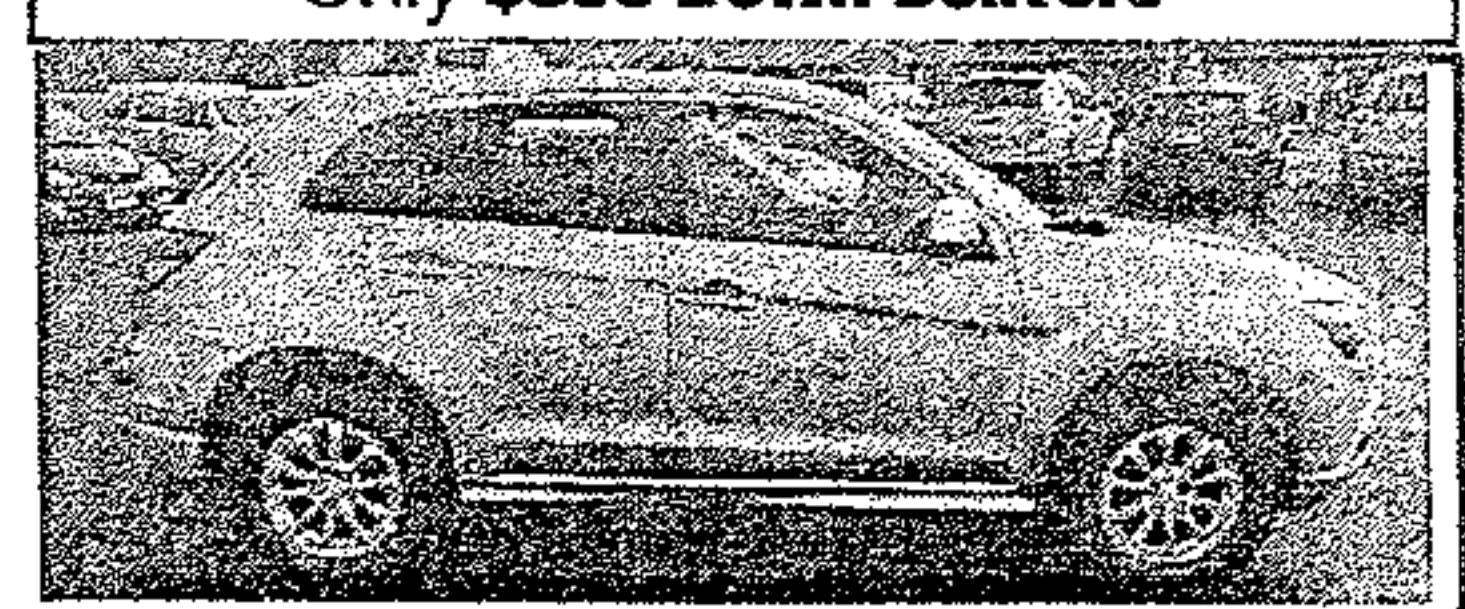
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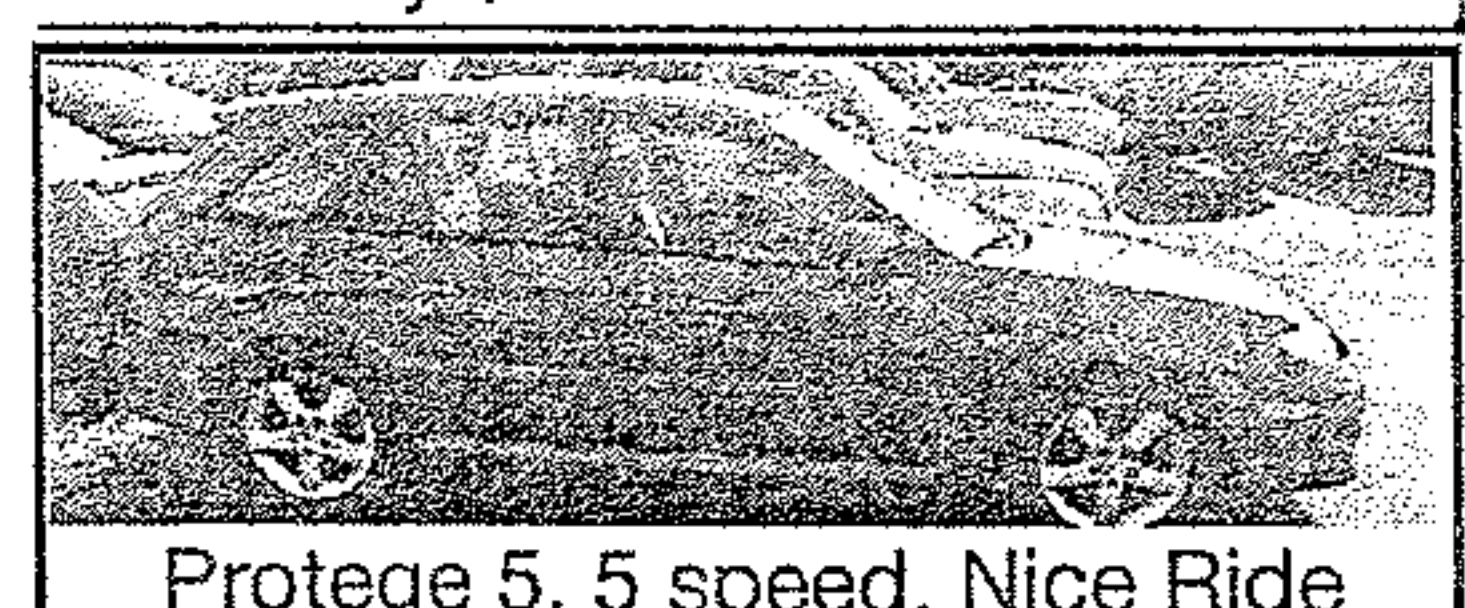
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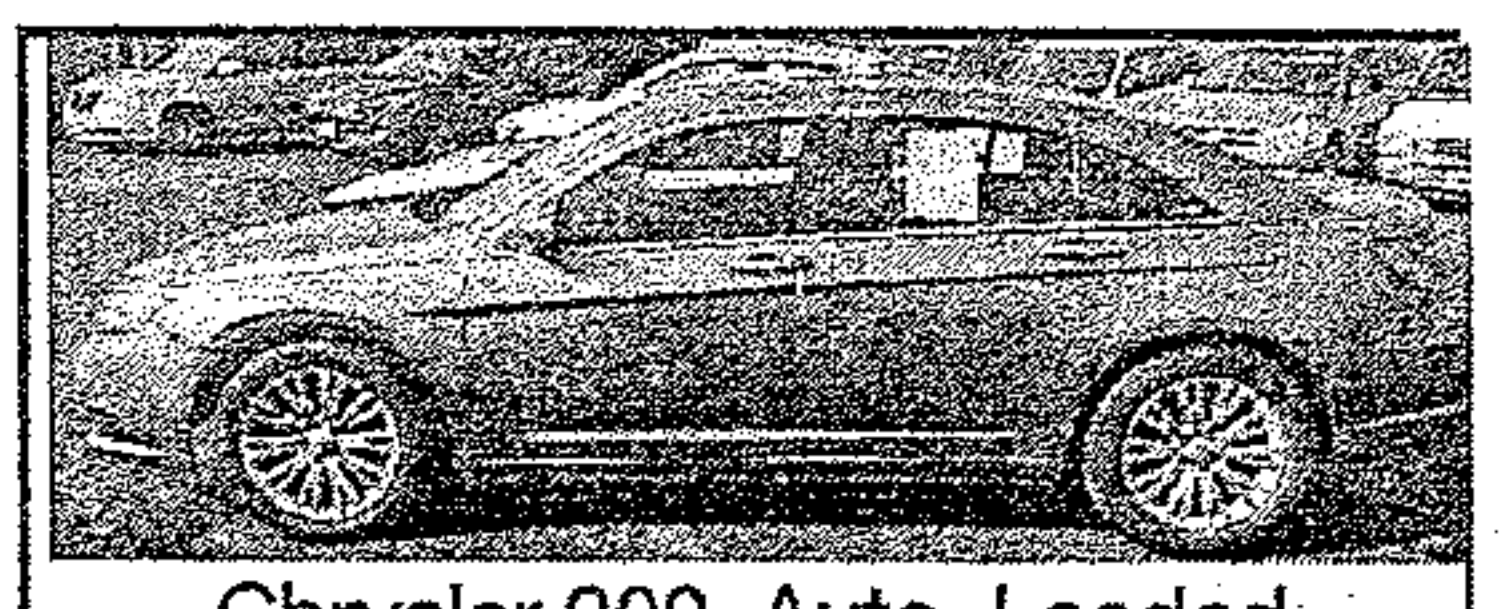
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Street Lenoir City, was charged with Resisting Arrest. Agents with the 9th DTF, LCSO, and K9 Unit, conducted a search warrant at Riverview Road. Upon arrival Deputies made contact with Eric Stegall inside a pick-up truck on the property of Riverview Road. Stegall was sitting in the passenger side of the vehicle. Stegall was advised several times to exit the vehicle in which he refused. Stegall was also digging in the seat and would not show his hands. Deputies broke the window to gain entry and took Eric Stegall into custody.

Richards

lice Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit investigated to identify individuals who were using peer-to-peer software to share child pornography within Tennessee. The investigation uncovered an Internet Protocol ("IP") address in Knoxville that was making child pornography files available for downloading. The IP address was traced to Richards and a federal search warrant was executed on his residence. The execution of a federal search warrant led to the discovery of over 10,000 images and videos containing child pornography stored on Richards's computer.

The case was investigated by

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the Knoxville Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew T. Morris represented the United States in Court.

This case was brought forward as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, PSC marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about PSC, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will have the second and final reading of the Ordinance No. 20200113 "Purchasing Policy" for the City of Philadelphia on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. located at the United Methodist Church of Philadelphia.

Public Notice

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

CDC Confirms 15th Case of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

CDC confirmed another infection with Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in the United States. The patient is among a group of people under a federal quarantine order at JBSA-Lackland in Texas because of their recent return to the U.S. on a State Department-chartered flight that arrived on February 7, 2020.

All people who lived or travelled in Hubei Province, China, are considered at high risk of having been exposed to this virus and are subject to a temporary 14-day quarantine upon entry into the United States. This is the first person under quarantine at JBSA-Lackland who had symptoms and tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is currently isolated and receiving medical care at a designated hospital nearby.

This brings the total number of COVID-19 cases in the United States to 15. There will likely be additional cases in the coming days and weeks, including among other people recently returned from Wuhan. While 195 people were discharged from quarantine on Tuesday, more than 600 people who returned on chartered flights from Wuhan remain under federal quarantine and are being closely monitored to contain the spread of the virus.

For the latest information on the outbreak, visit CDC's Novel Coronavirus 2019 website.

Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. located at the United Methodist Church of Philadelphia.

PI

Rose Lambert, 45, Kagley Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Public Intoxication. Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, responded to the Red Top Market in reference to a suspicious person. The complainant stated Rose Lambert was outside the store harassing customers and possible impaired. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with Rose Lambert, Deputy had prior knowledge that Rose was a regular drug abuser. Rose appeared to be under the influence of some type of drug. Deputy ask Rose if she had used any drugs she stated she pled the fifth, Deputy ask how she got to the store she stated she pleads the fifth, but I still love ya. Rose then started having a conversation about Jesus and an imaginary person. Rose then stated the DTF was trying to kill her. For the safety of Rose and the public Rose Lambert was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Coach

least \$5,540 in football player fees. Trotter kept \$2,205 that was received from a football discount card fundraiser. Trotter stole golf player fees totaling at least \$300. Trotter admitted the theft to Comptroller investigators, and he resigned from Rutherford County Schools effective November 30, 2018. In December 2019, Ryan Trotter was indicted by the Rutherford County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$2,500. "The former coach had a responsibility to provide the money he collected to the school bookkeeper and keep adequate records," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "The failure to do these things created a greater risk for this theft to go undetected. I am pleased to note that school officials have said they're working to correct these deficiencies." To view the investigative report,

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2019 Internet Crime Report Released Data Reflects an Evolving Threat and the Importance of Reporting

Internet-enabled crimes and scams show no signs of letting up, according to data released by the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) in its 2019 Internet Crime Report. The last calendar year saw both the highest number of complaints and the highest dollar losses reported since the center was established in May 2000. IC3 received 467,361 complaints in 2019—an average of nearly 1,300 every day—and recorded more than \$3.5

billion in losses to individual and business victims. The most frequently reported complaints were phishing and similar ploys, non-payment/non-delivery scams, and extortion. The most financially costly complaints involved business email compromise, romance or confidence fraud, and spoofing, or mimicking the account of a person or vendor known to the victim to gather personal or financial information.

Donna Gregory, the chief of IC3, said that in 2019 the center didn't see an uptick in new types of fraud but rather saw criminals deploying new tactics and techniques to carry out existing scams.

"Criminals are getting so sophisticated," Gregory said. "It is getting harder and harder for victims to spot the red flags and tell real from fake."

While email is still a common entry point, frauds are also beginning on text messages—a crime

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Legion

Reverend Ross Licata is the Chaplain for American Legion Post 256, Tellico Lake, Vonore TN and a resident of Madisonville, TN. Prior to moving to Madisonville in 2011 he had become an ordained minister and in 1997 became the Chaplain to American Legion Post 151 in New York. Recently Reverend Licata was approached by Tennessee's American Legion District 2 Commander, Hugh Turpin, to be the District 2 Chaplain, covering ten counties and as many Post Chaplains. Supported by his wife, Cheryl, Reverend Licata, at age 76, continues to be very active by also serving his local spiritual sector, performing services at funerals, meetings and church events.

As a veteran of the U.S. Navy, Reverend Ross Licata says, "Yes I'm very busy with the American Legion and with my local community, but I don't want to slow down; I want to continue to serve, "For GOD and Country". American Legion Post 256 extends an invitation to all Veterans to join us for our meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month at Little Italy of Tellico Village.

For directions and more information visit www.TellicoLakePost256.org.

Public Notice
 Loudon County Website Committee will meet February 19th at 5:00 PM at the County Office Building for a vendor presentation.

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called smishing—or even fake websites—a tactic called pharming.

"You may get a text message that appears to be your bank asking you to verify information on your account," said Gregory. "Or you may even search a service online and inadvertently end up on a fraudulent site that gathers your bank or credit card information."

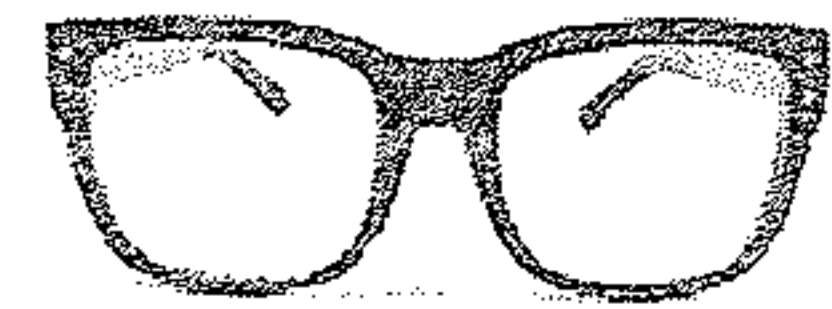
Individuals need to be extremely skeptical and double check everything, Gregory emphasized. "In the same way your bank and online accounts have started to require two-factor authentication—apply that to your life," she said. "Verify requests in person or by phone, double check web and email addresses, and don't follow the links provided in any messages."

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