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Monday, April 6, 2020

Gov. Lee Requires Tennesseans to Remain at Home as Data Shows Increased Activity Among Citizens

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee will sign Executive Order 23 requiring that Tennesseans stay home unless they are carrying out essential activities as data shows an increase in citizen movement across the state.

“Over the last few weeks, we have seen

decreases in movement around the state as Tennesseans socially distance and stay at home,” said Gov. Lee. “However, in recent days we have seen data indicating that movement may be increasing and we must get these numbers trending back down. I

have updated my previous executive order to clearly require that Tennesseans stay at home unless they are carrying out essential activities.”

Data from the Tennessee Department of Transportation analyzed traffic patterns for March 2020. While safer at home

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Op-Ed: Tennessee’s Top Prosecutors Urge The Public To Report Coronavirus And Disaster-Relief Fraud

The United States Attorneys for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Tennessee together with Tennessee’s Attorney General Make Prosecuting Fraud Schemes Top Priority

Tennessee’s top prosecutors—three United States Attorneys and the Tennessee Attorney General—are coordinating their efforts to prevent Tennesseans from being victimized by fraud schemes and other un-

lawful acts during disaster-relief efforts and the coronavirus pandemic and will investigate and prosecute all instances of coronavirus-related fraud schemes targeting Tennesseans.

Sadly, many Americans fall victim to fraud schemes every day. Our offices are working to investigate and prosecute all schemes related to the coronavirus that are designed to defraud Tennesseans. Our mission is

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U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey Announces More Than \$60 Million In Grants Available To Support Prisoners’ Successful

U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey of the Eastern District of Tennessee today announced that nearly \$60 million in Department of Justice grants is available to help communities address public safety by supporting

Reentry Into Their Communities

successful reentry of adult and juvenile offenders into their communities.

“Our nation is facing difficult public safety challenges that demand strong and immediate action. The high rate

of recidivism poses a dire threat to community safety and is being met with a robust response by this Administration,” said Katharine T. Sullivan, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney

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Verse of the Day

It is God’s will that you should be sanctified; that you should avoid sexual immorality...

--1 Thessalonians 4:3

Wazzup

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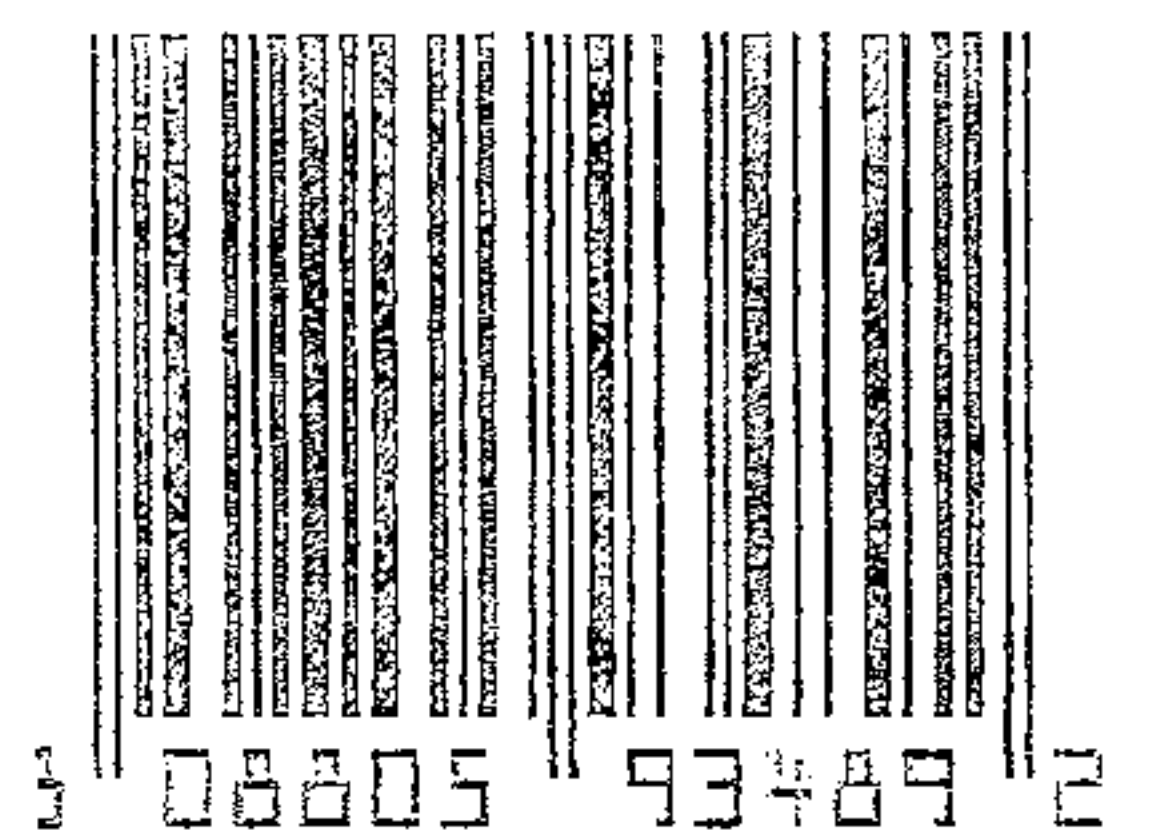
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Today: Sunny. High of 57°F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 52°F

Tuesday: Sunny. High of 74°F.

Tuesday night: Clear. (Continued on page 6)



Gov. measures and further restrictions on businesses showed a steep drop-off in vehicle movement from March 13-29, data beginning on March 30 indicates travel is trending upwards, again.

The Administration also analyzed data from Unacast to understand cell phone mobility and determine movement trends among people. Unacast

indicates the movement of Tennesseans is trending toward pre-COVID-19 levels.

“The month of April stands to be an extremely tough time for our state as we face the potential for a surge in COVID-19 cases,” said Lee. “Every Tennessean must take this seriously, remain at home and ensure we save lives.”

The executive order remains in effect until April 14, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Gov.

Lee will address these measures in the press briefing today at 3 p.m. CDT. **COVID-19 Unified Command Announces Actions Taken in the**

Gallatin Center for Rehabilitation COVID-19 Outbreak

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee's COVID-19 Unified Command announced

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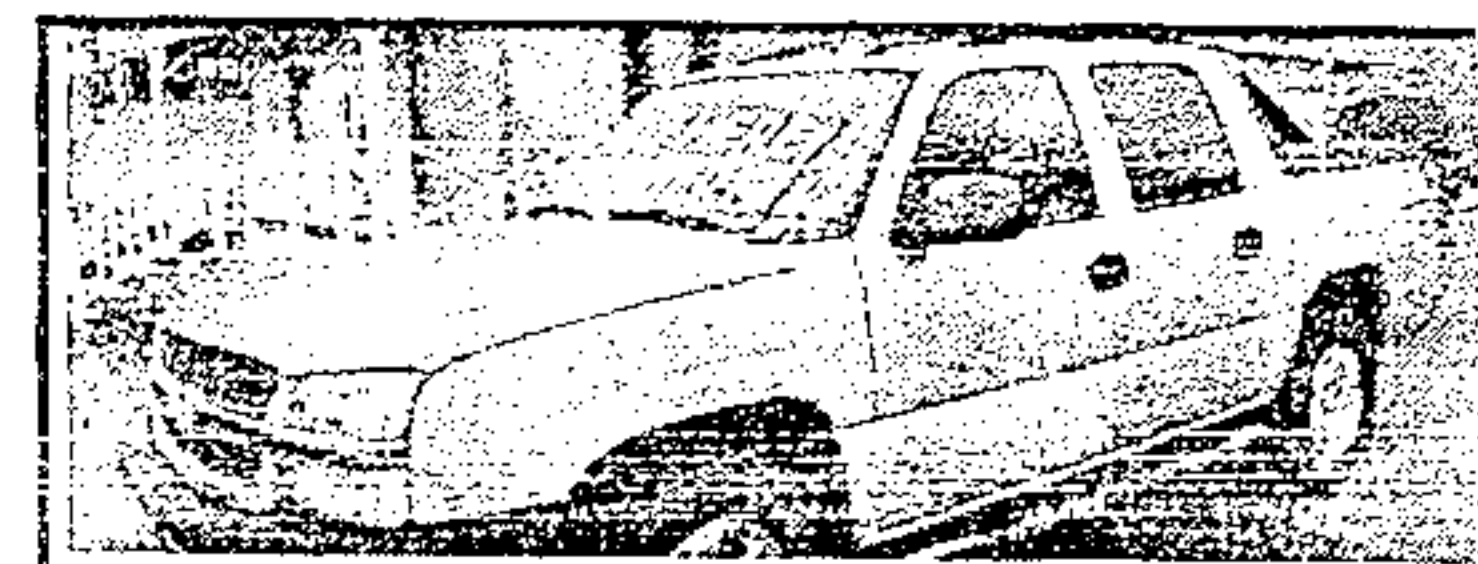
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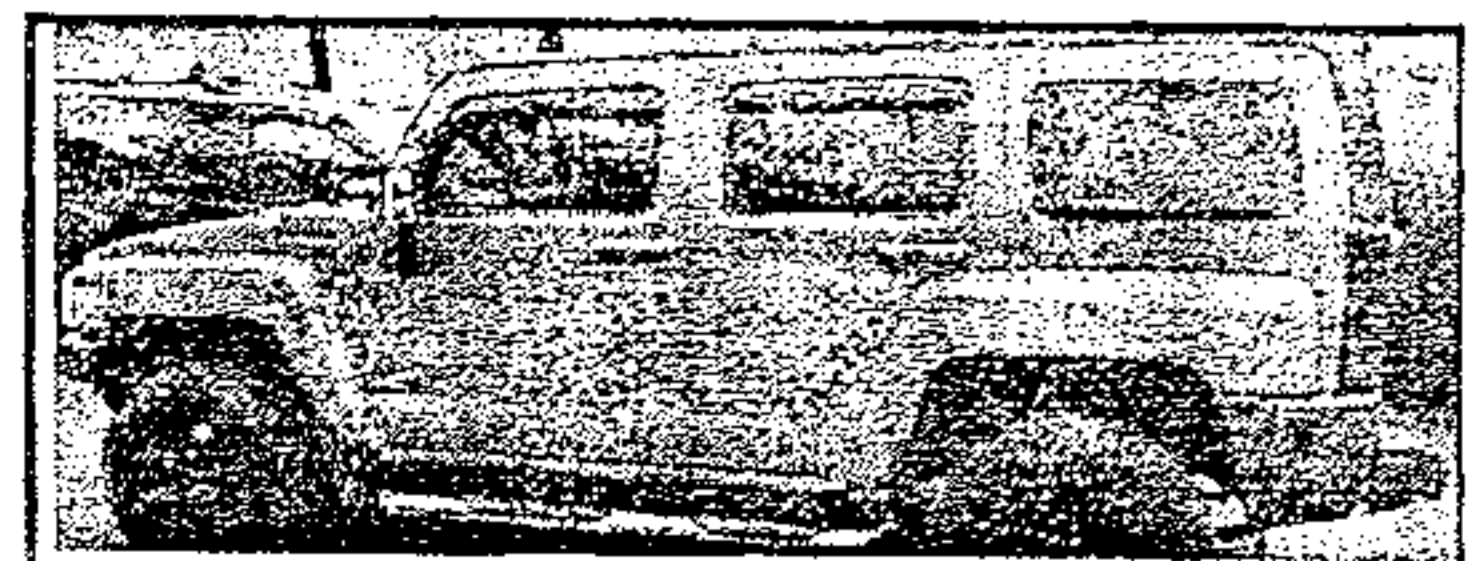
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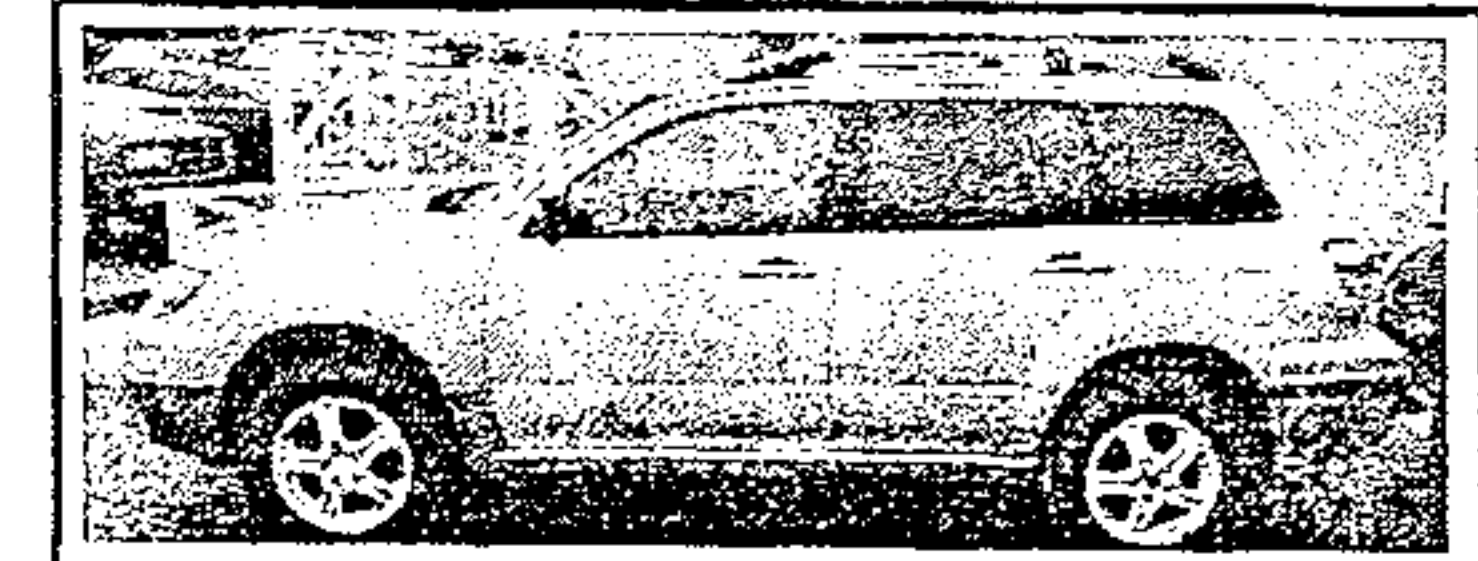
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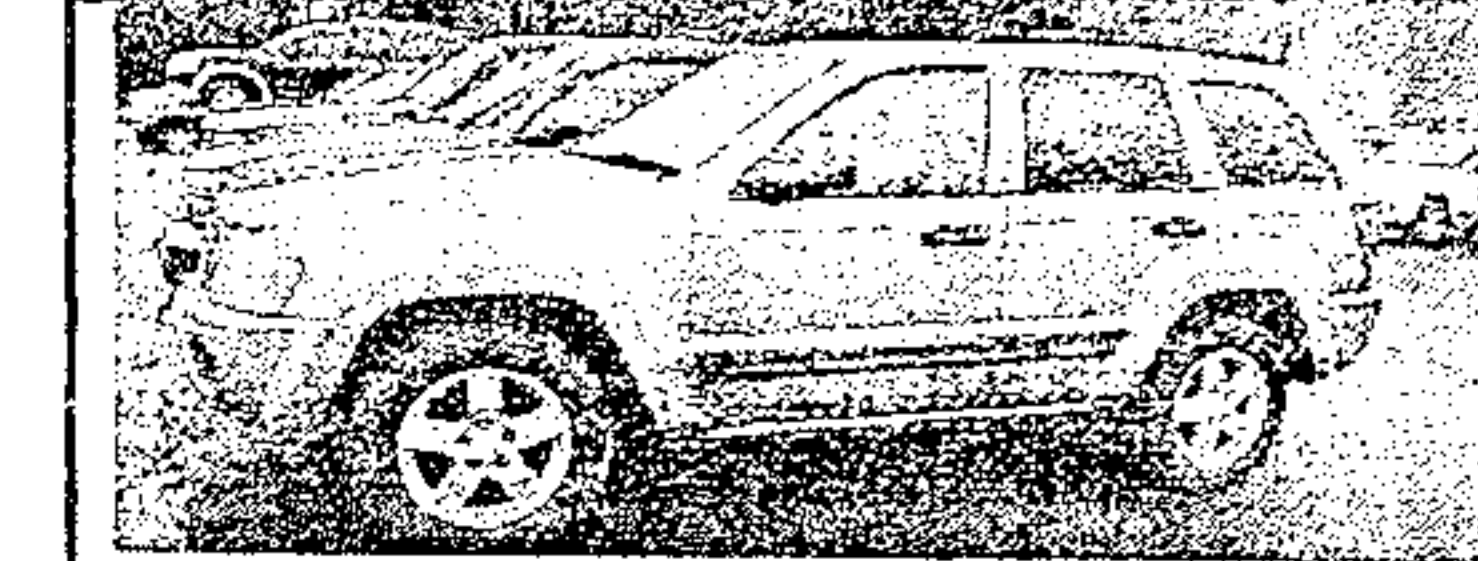
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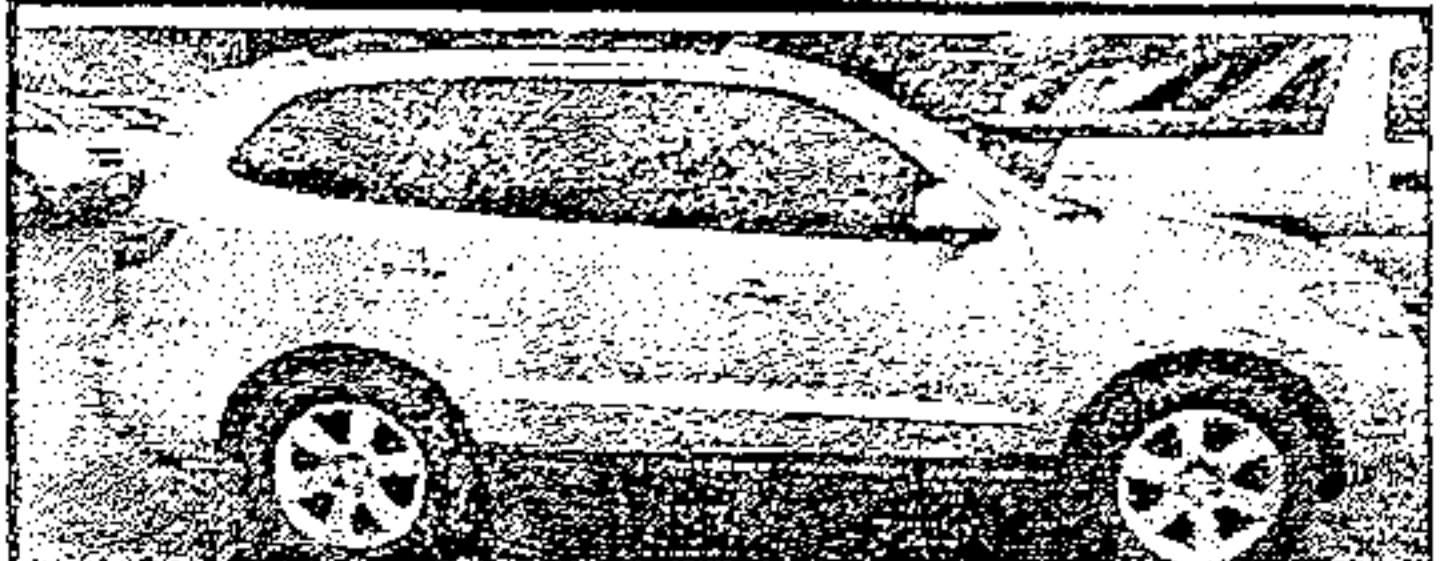
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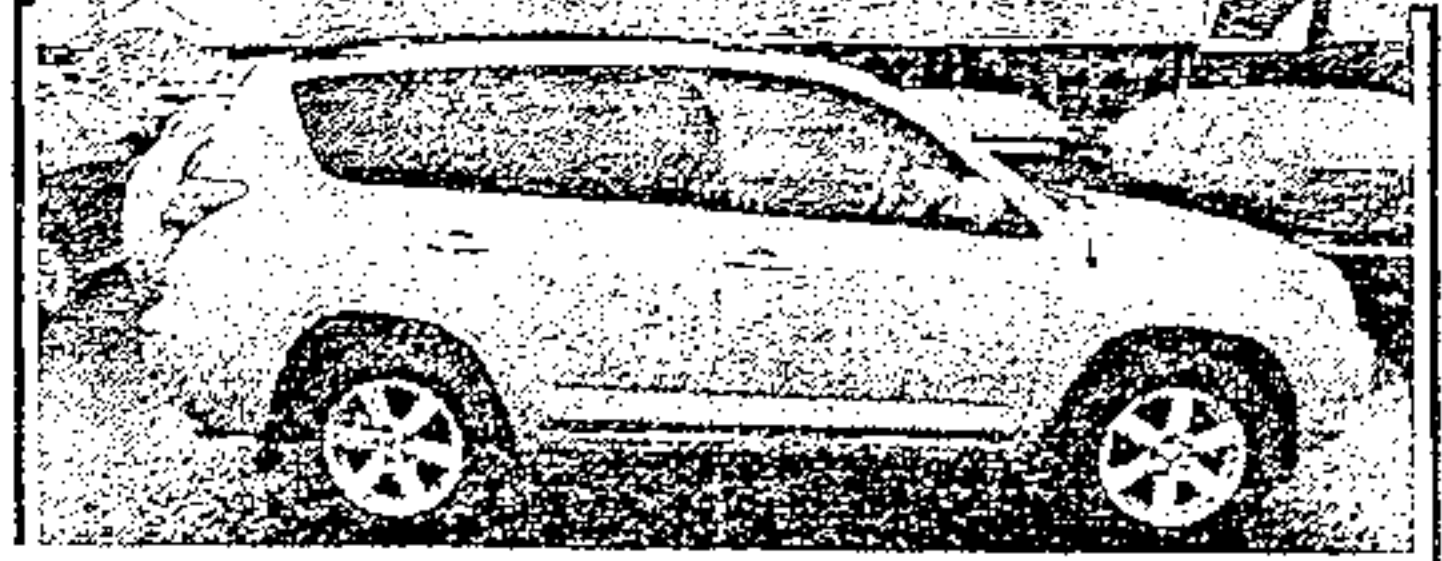
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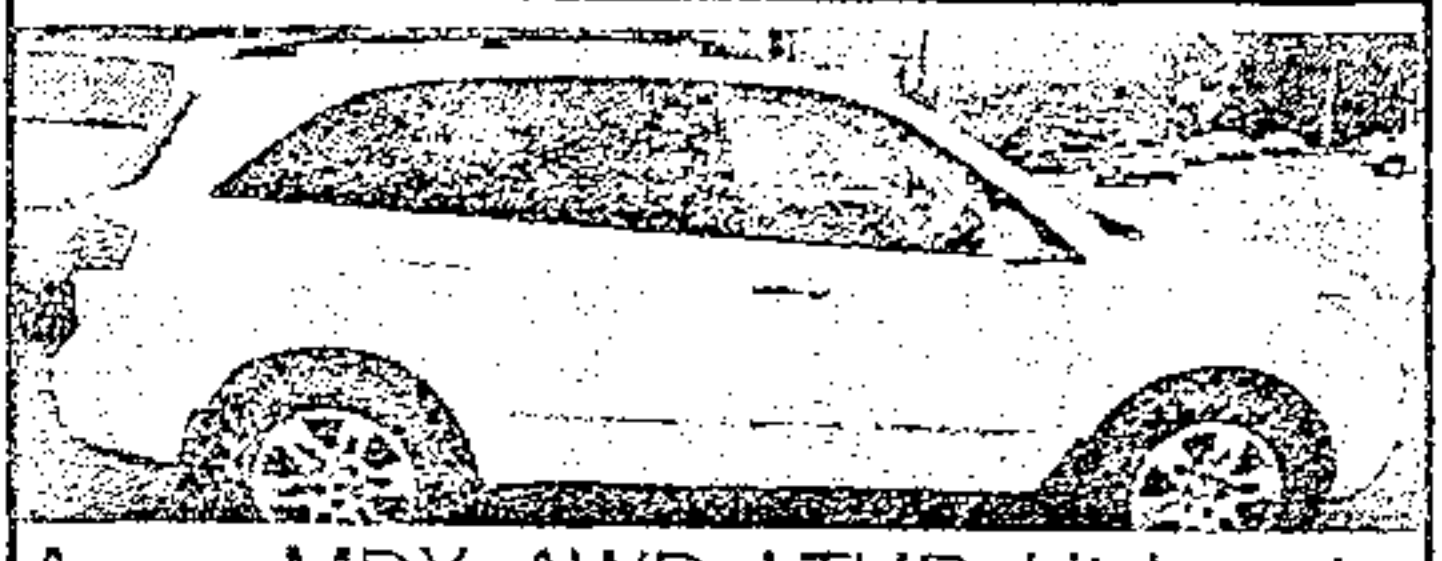
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the following actions taken for a COVID-19 outbreak at the Gallatin Center for Rehabilitation and Healing. Unified Command is a joint operation between the Tennessee Department of Health, Tennessee Department of Military and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

“Unified Command has worked in partnership with the Gallatin Center for Rehabilitation and Healing and local partners in testing residents, transporting the sick and further evaluating those at risk,” said Unified Command Director Stuart McWhorter. “This situation has escalated quickly and we urge nursing homes and assisted care facilities to reach out to us as soon as cases are identified within their populations.”

The following timeline outlines actions taken by the COVID-19 Unified Command. The Gallatin Center for Rehabilitation and Healing will undergo further investigation and is believed to have followed proper protocols at this time.

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Gov. Lee signs Executive Order

17 restricting outside visitors to assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

Friday, March 27, 2020

The State of Tennessee, through the Unified Command of TDH, Military, and TEMA, worked with the Gallatin Center for Rehabilitation and Healing to transport 23 residents to Sumner Regional Medical Center on Friday, March 27, 2020. On short notice, the State mobilized to arrange the transport of the residents through an ambulance strike team of EMS professionals from Sumner Co., Cheatham Co., Dickson Co., First Call, and MedicOne. EMS strike team members are highly-trained for these types of emergency health situations, and stand-up quickly to provide valuable life-saving care. The health emergency at the private Gallatin facility necessitated quick decision-making on the part of State and Local emergency professionals to act for the well-being of these residents.

Saturday, March 28, 2020

More than 20 National Guard personnel onsite assisted Gallatin Center with COVID-19 testing for all residents and staff. Residents exhibiting symptoms were isolated pending results. Further guidance was issued to all nursing homes and assisted care facilities across the state, outlining reporting expectations and best practices.


Sunday, March 29, 2020

Results were returned with 59 additional residents testing positive for COVID-19. These residents are now being transported to Sumner Regional Medical Center for care. 33 members of the Gallatin Center staff have tested positive and are now isolated at home. The State of Tennessee is facilitating deep cleaning and disinfecting of the facility and providing supplemental support for residents who currently do not have COVID-19.

This is an ongoing situation and details will be provided as they are available.

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The next update for the three mayors will be at Loudon City at 9am on April 13, 2020. Please follow us on Facebook and we will try to keep you up to date with any and all information. Also listen to WLIL 102.7 for further up to date information.

We at the Daily Edition will not be printing during this time to allow our staff to also stay at home and keep them safe. We will be using the Facebook site for up to date information so please follow us at The Daily Edition Newspaper Loudon. We are going to try to start doing

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Grants

General for the Office of Justice Programs. "The Department of Justice is front and center in the fight to meet this persistent challenge. OJP is making historic amounts of grant funding available to ensure that our communities have access to innovative and diverse solutions."

"The U.S. Attorney's office will continue to make a concerted effort to cooperate with our law enforcement and community partners to be both smart and tough on crime. Our office components include crime prevention, prosecution of serious and violent criminals, and the successful reentry of ex-offenders," said U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey.

The funding is available through OJP, the federal government's leading source of public safety funding and crime victim assistance in state, local and tribal jurisdictions. OJP's programs support a wide array of activities and services, including adult and juvenile reentry initiatives and research projects designed

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to improve our knowledge of what works in reentry programming.

A number of funding opportunities are currently open, with several more opening in the near future.

Correctional Adult Reentry Education, Employment, and Recidivism Reduction Strategies Program:

<https://bj.a.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17104>

Total Available \$7.2 million
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Improving Community Supervision Outcomes Through Swift, Certain, and Fair Responses:

<https://bj.a.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17096>

Total Available \$3 million
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Improving Reentry for People with Substance Use Disorders Program:

<https://bj.a.ojp.gov/SCASUD20>

Total Available \$13.2 million
 Deadline 4/27/2020

Innovations in Reentry Initiative: Building System Capacity & Testing Strategies to Reduce Recidivism:

<https://bj.a.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17281>

Total Available \$4 million
 Deadline 5/4/2020

Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives :

<https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/nij-2020-17295>

Total Available \$6 million
 Deadline 5/5/2020

Review and Validation of the First Step Act Risk Assessment Tool:

<https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/nij-2020-fsa>

Total Available: Determined after selection
 Deadline 4/10/2020

Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program:

<https://bj.a.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17110>

Total Available \$13.5 million
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Second Chance Act Evaluation Participation Support:

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Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Program:

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Total Available \$7 million
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For more information regarding all OJP funding opportunities, visit <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/current-funding-opportunities>

Fraud

to make sure Tennesseans remain safe from fraudsters during these difficult times.

Although these crises have brought out the best in most Americans, there will always be some individuals who will attempt to profit during a time of emergency. Our offices will not tolerate those who exploit the fear of our most vulnerable citizens. Together we will protect the safety and security of our nation during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting any fraud scheme related to coronavirus. And, as the central Tennessee region recovers from the damage caused by the devastating tornados, our offices will also coordinate to investigate and prosecute any fraud schemes related to the ongoing disaster-relief efforts.

Unfortunately, during difficult times, bad actors attempt to capitalize on unsuspecting victims. We want these bad actors to know that taking advantage of these crises will not be tolerated. Any attempt to do so will quickly be investigated and prosecuted. To confront fraud schemes related to the coronavirus, U.S. Attorney General William Barr has directed the United States Attorneys and their offices to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of fraud schemes related to the coronavirus. The Tennessee Attorney General's office has made uncovering and prosecuting these sorts of schemes a priority for his office as well.

We have acted swiftly to pinpoint and address potential avenues of fraud. One avenue of fraud we are currently addressing is the hoarding of vital medical items and personal protective equipment, including N-95 facemasks, surgical masks and gloves, and disinfecting devices, for the purpose of reselling these items for windfall profits at the expense of public safety and the health and welfare of our fellow citizens. Hoarding and

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price-gouging frustrate the heroic efforts of our health care professionals who are fighting this epidemic on the front lines.

Likewise, we will not tolerate instances of fraud, including the selling of fake coronavirus test kits, social media scams, phishing emails asking for money, prescription drug schemes, or any other at-

tempt to prey on the vulnerability of our citizens. We cannot—and we will not—allow opportunists to spark fear in our citizens. As frightening as it may sound, everyone is a potential target. Please be assured, however, our offices will investigate and prosecute anyone who exploits or attempts to exploit our vulnerable citizens during this crisis.

We ask for your help in

reporting any suspicious behavior. If you suspect fraud related to the coronavirus or the disaster-relief efforts related to the tornadoes in the central Tennessee region, please report it through the link at National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) or the NCDF Hotline at 866-720-5721. To contact the Tennessee Attorney General, call 615-741-4737 or email consumer.affairs@ag.tn.gov.

Reports of suspected price gouging should include details of the name and location of the merchant, date and time of purchase, method of payment, receipts, price of the item in days prior to the sudden price increase, and the price you paid. Please let your families and neighbors know about

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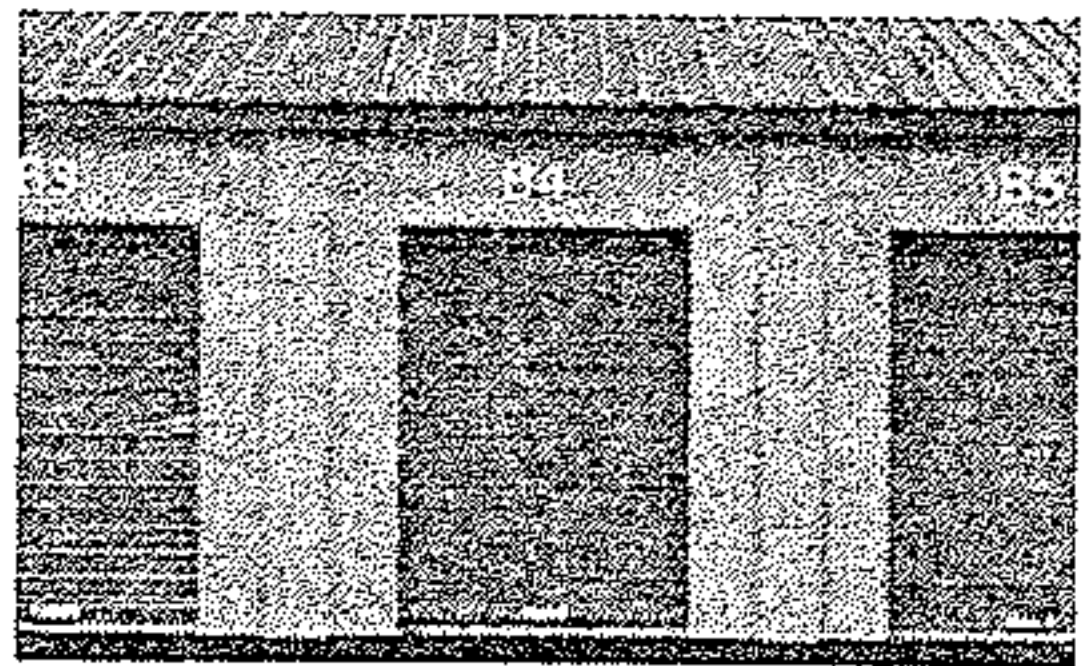
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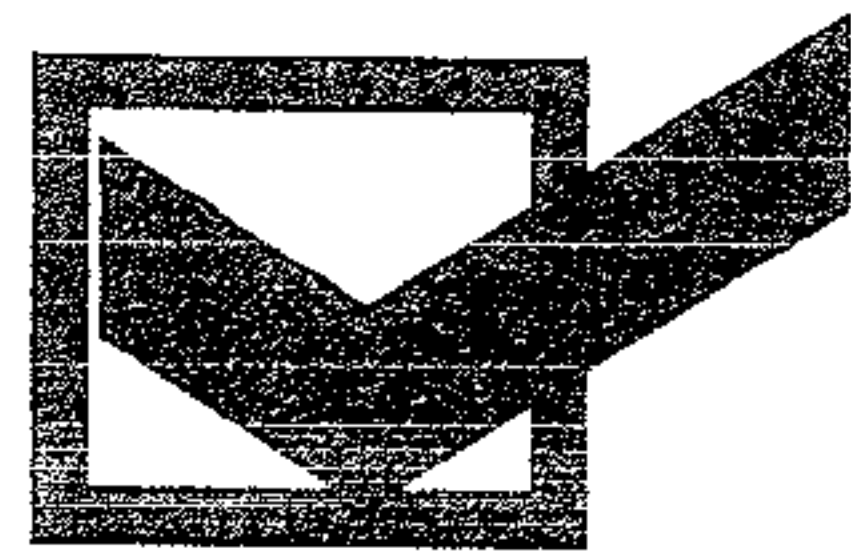
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