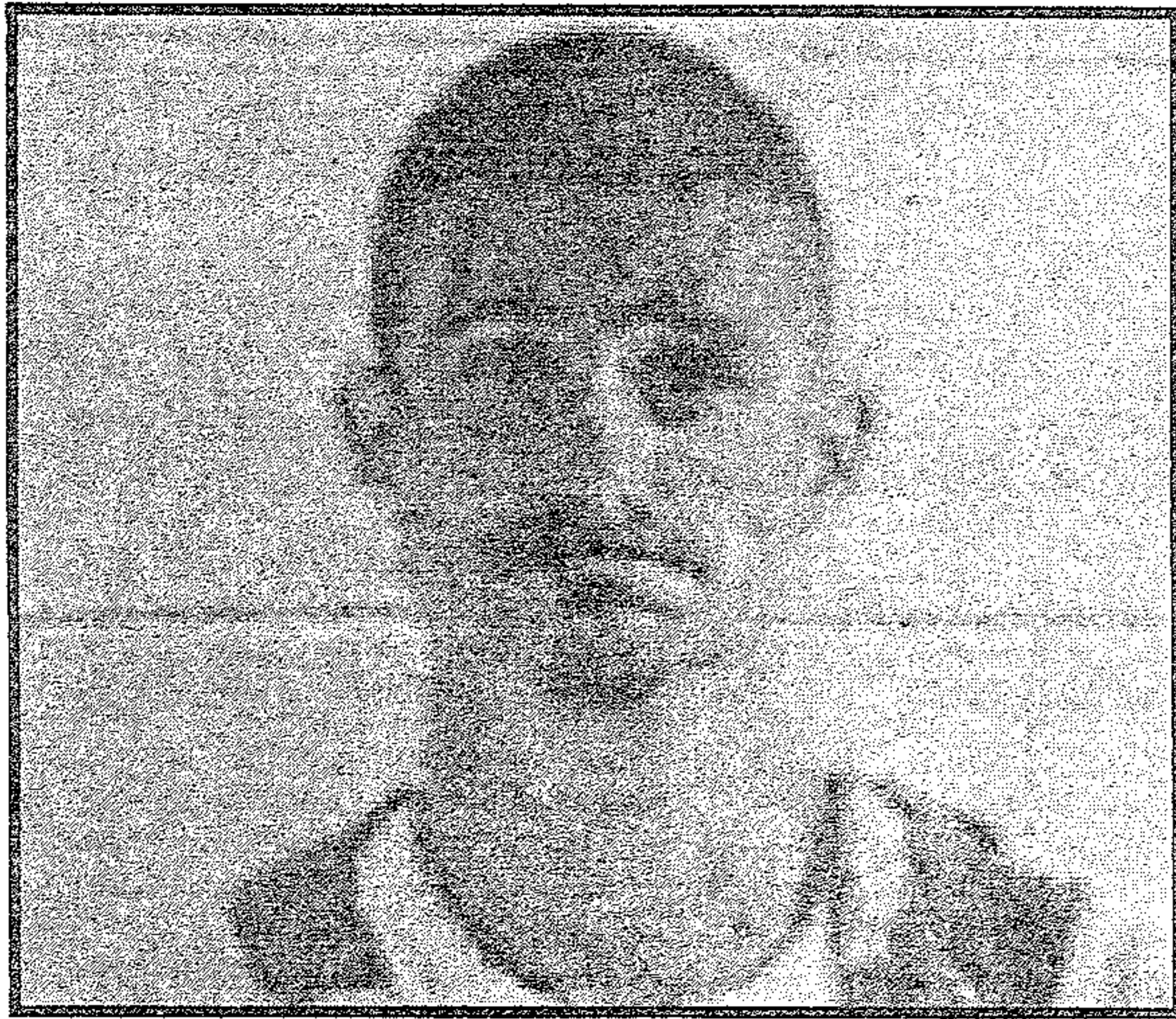


Motorcycle driver charged after no mirror or tag creates stop by LCPD

Christopher Coleman, 36, County Road Englewood, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Poss. Of Drug Para., Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Simple Possession, and Criminal Impersonation. Sgt. R Reagan LCPD, observed a black motorcycle pull from the shoulder of the roadway on

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Christopher Coleman

Revoked driver charged after fleeing accident scene



Timothy Russell

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Woman charged after fighting officer and taking victims oxygen tank



Sandra Finch

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Health Care Fraud Ring Busted

Youth Football Coach Set Up After-School Programs to Bilk Medicaid

Matthew Harrell appeared to be the owner of several mental health businesses that treated young people. But he wasn't a mental health provider; he was a youth football coach.

"He got kids' information when they signed up for football camp and other after-school activities he sponsored," said Special Agent Gregory

Peacock, who investigated this case out of the FBI's Atlanta Field Office. "He used that information to bill Medicaid for mental health services that were never provided."

Although he started in Georgia, Harrell, 44, eventually expanded his business into Florida and Louisiana.

In Louisiana, Harrell bought a list of 13,000 stolen identities of

children who were on Louisiana's Medicaid program. Harrell used the data to bilk Louisiana's Medicaid program out of more than a half-million dollars in mental health services never provided.

He tried to make his companies look legitimate. Harrell had offices and employees, although those employees didn't pro-

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Verse of the Day

Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. — Ephesians 5:15

Wazzup

It appears people across the

country are fed up with the stay at home for some and not others and are getting out in droves.

Weather

Today: Rain. High of 73F. Tonight: Rain. Low of 53F Tuesday: Overcast. High of 74F. Tuesday night: Rain possible.

Low of 59F.

Horoscope

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Pursuing your dreams may become an obsession while driven Mars is urging you to realize your tremendous potential. Unless you're involved with work that truly captivates your soul, you could

feel listless and irritable. Instead of mindlessly checking things off your to-do list, focus on a creative project, fitness goal, or career objective that gives you excitement. You may even get what you want through sheer charisma with the Sun moving through your 1st House of Self.



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LCPD

Simpson Road onto Simpson Road at the intersection of Hwy 321, and the motorcycle did not have a mirror, or visible registration.

According to the report, Officer initiated a traffic stop and made contact with Christopher Coleman who could not provide a motorcycle license. Coleman stated his name was Leslie and gave the wrong birthdate to Officer. Dispatch advised Coleman license were Suspended.

The officer further reported, A pat down on Coleman Officer located a baggie with a white powder substance believed to be meth, a baggie with a green substance believed to be marijuana, and 3 other baggie with a white powder residue.

Christopher Coleman was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Fraud

vide care—they simply engaged in fake billing. Harrell even kept patient “charts” sitting on the shelf at his offices in case of an audit.

Harrell interviewed medical providers for non-existent jobs, asking them to provide their credentials and Medicaid provider numbers. Harrell didn’t hire the providers, but he used their Medicaid billing numbers without their knowledge.

Neither the parents of the children nor the providers knew Harrell was using their information fraudulently.

From 2012 through 2015, Harrell’s companies received about \$2.5 million in reimbursements—all of which were fraudulent.

“There is only so much money to go around, and this money was meant to be used for kids who really need help.”

Gregory Peacock, special agent, FBI Atlanta The scheme was un-

ered when Georgia Medicaid fraud personnel made an unannounced site visit to one of Harrell’s companies. This evolved into a multi-agency investigation involving the FBI, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General, and Medicare fraud investigators from Georgia, Florida, and Louisiana.

The partnership among the agencies was key to investigating and prosecuting the case.

“Every health care fraud case we work, we work alongside these agencies,” Peacock said. “Our relation-

ships are excellent, and it was beneficial to have them working with us on this case.”

In December 2019, Harrell pleaded guilty to health care fraud and aggravated identity theft charges. In March 2020, he was sentenced to 11 years in prison. Two of the Georgia participants in the scheme were also convicted on similar federal charges. Another five were convicted on state charges in Florida and Louisiana.

For the investigative team, taking down this ring of fraudsters sends an important message.

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“There is only so much money to go around, and this money was meant to be used for kids who really need help,” Peacock said. “It’s a really important thing to be working on, and we take health care fraud very seriously.”

Accident

Timothy Russell, 57, 186th Street Lansing, was charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License. Officer Jonathan Yates LCPD, observed a green vehicle failed to yield the right of way while enter-

ing Hwy 321 from Northside Drive. Russell actions caused his vehicle to strike another vehicle that was traveling north on Hwy 321. The vehicle pulled into the Inn of Lenoir. Mr. Russell took off on foot, and was located 100 feet away by LCSO Deputy Gray. Dispatch advised Timothy Russell’s license were revoked for a prior DUI. Timothy Russell was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Fighter

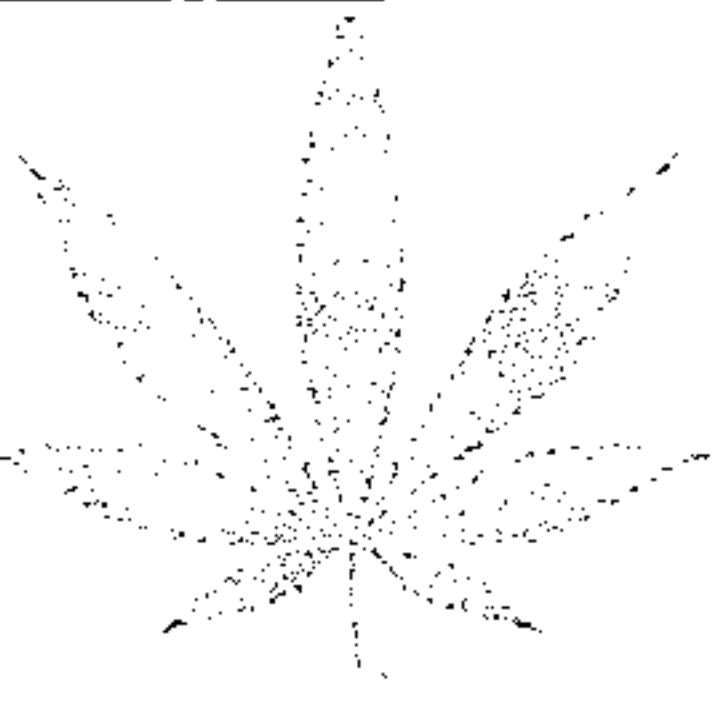
Sandra Finch, 54, Hill Street Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting Arrest. Officer Jonathan Yates LCPD, responded to Hill Street for a report of a domestic. Upon arrival Officer located the victim hiding in a bush off the porch. The victim was in fear of Sandra Finch. Officer made contact with Finch in the back yard

and found her to be intoxicated. Officer attempted to interview Finch, but she was loud, belligerent, and very uncooperative. Officer attempted to calm Finch down with no avail. Officer attempted to place Finch under arrest, when she came combative and was fighting Officer. Finch was taken to the ground and cuffed. Officer interviewed the victim, and witness who stated Finch took victim’s oxygen machine away from him, cursed him, victim was defenseless due to poor health. Victim was transported to the hospital for treatment. Sandra Finch was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

cle at Shaw Ferry and Simpson Road when it stopped and a passenger exited the right side of the vehicle the passenger who exited was the person they were looking for. The driver of the vehicle continued on Shaw Ferry and Deputy conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver Chelsea Townson, who had a blank stare and smelled strongly of alcoholic beverage. Townson stated she had had 3 margaritas and snorted a Xanax. Townson still had a yellow powder residue on her nose. Townson did poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest Chelsea Townson was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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DUI for local woman
 Chelsea Townson, 26, E Hwy 11 Lenoir City, was charged with DUI. Deputy C. Rogers LCSO, was advised of a subject in a black vehicle in the area of Hwy 11 at Shaw Ferry that had attempted to overdose. Deputy made contact with the vehi-



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