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Monday, October 9, 2023

# Missing Child Report Leads to Two Charged after Police Response "Mooning" the Cops Was Just a Bad Idea; Charges Follow







Becky Viars

Timothy Crawley see Charged pg. 2

Corey Peacock

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#### Two Charged After Being Found in Closed Building





Dreamah Mahala (see Closed pg. 3)

#### **Dental Provider And Associated Individuals Agree To** Resolve Allegations Of Improper Billing Of TennCare

The United States Attorney's Office announced today that Dr. Michael Sawaf and his affiliated company Premier Dental Group PLLC of Knoxville, f/k/a Orthodontic Designs by Michael Sawaf, PLLC ("PDG"). have agreed to pay \$985,541 to resolve allegations that they knowingly and improperly submitted false claims for dental services to Tenn-Care in violation of the False Claims Act ("FCA") and the Tennessee Medicaid False Claims Act ("TMF-CA"). Erin Ferdowsi and Reja Ferdowsi, both of whom were affiliated with PDG, also agreed to resolve similar allegations against them.

TennCare prohibits billing for services that are not provided, upcoding claims to receive higher reimbursements to which a provider is not entitled, and billing for unnecessary services. TennCare also requires that dentists apply for and receive approval to participate in the TennCare program before billing for services rendered to beneficiaries. The credentialing process is intended to ensure

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#### Verse of the Day

In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling Exodus 15:13

#### Wazzup

The guy in the Walmart Parking lot passed out behind the wheel got a PI? Why not a DUI? Asking for a bunch of friends!!!

#### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 72F. Tonight: Overcast Low Tuesday: Sunny. High of

Tuesday night: Overcast. Low of 60F

### Horoscope Libra 9/23-10/22

You're filled with joy! There's a tremendous wave of love coming your way. Everything involving romance could be taken to extremes. An extreme in the direction



#### Charged

Becky Viars, 53, Jim Hartsook Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Simple Possession x2, and Public Intoxication.

Timothy Crawley, 52, Prospect Church Road Public Intoxication.

Officers with LCPD, were dispatched to (Walmart) on a possible missing child. As officer was pulling up, Walmart called back and stated the child had been found. Employees showed this officer the car the little girl had gotten out of. This officer knocked several times on the window of the

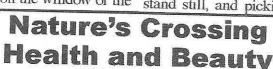
car in question to wake up a male (only occupant) sleeping in the drivers seat.

The male (later identified as Tim Crawley) had slurred speech and seemed confused and thought the little girl was in the car with him. LCSO Sgt. Cole (ARIDE Loudon, was charged with Certified) arrived to perform field sobriety on Crawley and stated that Crawley was in fact impaired. Crawley was placed into custody for Public Intoxication. Inv. Yates arrived and found the child with her grandmother (Becky Viars) inside the store where Viars appeared to be on some kind of narcotic, very fidigtey, couldn't stand still, and picking up/

moving backpacks on a shelf for no reason, giving signs of Meth use. Inv. Yates brought the child outside the store with Viars following.

Viars gave consent for Sgt. Espinoza to search her purse. Found in Viars eyeglass case was plastic cigarette pack plastic cover with what was believed to Meth and another plastic wrap with was appeared to the a full waffer of Methadone

in 3 pieces. It appeared to officers that Crawley and Viars was both was under the influence of narcotics, was a danger to themselves and the public and also the child. Both was arrested for Public Intoxication and transported to Loudon County Jail without incident. The child, Ariana Underwood, was transported to The Police Dept. where DCS was notified.



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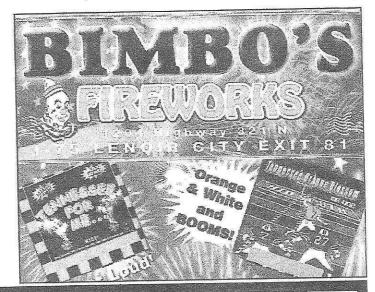
Jax Payne, 19, Cress Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Burglary, Public Intoxication, and Vandalism.

Dreamah Mahala, 19, D Street Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Burglary, Vandalism, and Public Intoxication.

Officers with the Lenoir City Police Department were dispatched to South Grand Street "Grand Furniture" in reference to a break in-in progress. The complainant stated he observed on his security camera two unknown individuals entering the building through the fire escape without his permission. Officer Law, and Officer LaForce made entry through the rear of the old police department to clear the building.

ficer Law located a female who he identified to be Dreamah Mahala hiding in one of the rooms, while conducting his investigation he could smell the strong odor of burnt marijuana, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Ms. Mahala's persons. Officer LaForce then located a male who was later identified to be Jax Payne. Officer LaForce could smell the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Mr. Payne. Both parties admitted to officers the consumption of alcohol prior to our encounter. It was determined through our investigation that both parties entered the building through the fire escape without the effective owner's consent. After both parties were placed under arrest,

"Victim", identified a camping light that was in Mr. Payne's belongings. The victim also stated two of his security were inoperative after both individuals entered the building. After advising both parties of their Miranda warnings to which both parties waived their rights and agreed to speak to the officer, it was determined both security cameras were damaged in an attempt to elude identification. Both parties were then transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All the above occurred in Lenoir City,



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#### Mooner

Corey Peacock, 33, Fox Lonas Drive Knoxville, was charged with Resisting Arrest, Indecent Exposure, and Public Intoxication.

Officer Sparks LCPD, was dispatched to the area of the Loudon County Marina, City Park Drive, in reference to a

possible intoxicated driver. The complainant, initially advised that a male was at Calhouns and was possibly intoxicated. A white male, later identified as Corey Peacock, matching the description of the registered owner of the pickup truck was seen walking on a dock within

the Marina. Sgt. A. Lee and Sparks, attempted to make contact with the male, while Sgt. A. Lee's blue lights were on. When Mr. Peacock heard officers speaking to him, Mr. Peacock pulled his shorts down to his ankles and exposed his buttocks. Mr. Peacock pulled up his shorts and continued walking to a boat. Verbal commands were given to Mr. Peacock numerous times to stop, to which he did not comply. Officers continued to approach Mr. Peacock and continued to give him numerous verbal commands to stop walking away. Mr. Peacock was attempting to get on a boat when officers reached him and finally made contact. Mr. Peacock smelt strongly of alcohol and appeared to have slurred speech. Believing Mr. Corey Peacock to be under the influence of alcohol, and being within close proximity

of a large waterway, Officer Sparks placed Mr. Corey Peacock into custody for Public Intoxication, Resisting Stop, Frisk and Halt for failing to comply with officer's numerous verbal commands, and Indecent Exposure for intentionally exposing his buttocks to officers in a space that was visible to the public. Mr. Peacock's reasoning for exposing his buttocks was that he does it often with his friends. Mr. Peacock stated that he had been at Calhouns for a majority of the day, and had drunk "a lot" of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Peacock also advised that he initially heard officer's verbal commands for him to stop walking, but ignored them because he felt that we were speaking to someone else. All of the above did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon County, TN.

#### **Public Notice**

These Vehicles Will be Sold at Public Auction on November 4, 2023 at Moneymaker Wrecker Service located at Highway 70 at 10am.

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Antonio Thorpe 2013 Nissan Murano JN8AZ1MU8DW210687

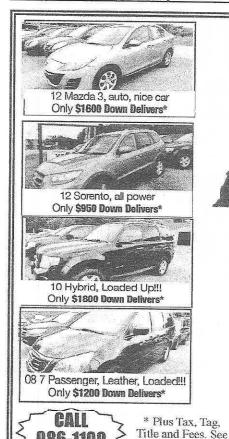
Peggy Kirkland - 2017 Dodge Caravan - Vin 2C4RDGC GXHR716645

Jonathan Reese - 2017 Hyundai Sonata - Vin 5NPE24AFX-HH587462

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#### Dental

that beneficiaries receive the highest quality of care from competent providers who have been vetted prior to rendering services.

Dr. Sawaf owns and sees patients at PDG, a dental and orthodontics clinic located at 303 S. Concord Street, Suite 323, in Knoxville, TN. Erin and Reja Ferdowsi operated, managed, and/or worked at PDG. The settlement resolves allegations that, from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2020, PDG knowingly submitted, or caused the submission of, false claims to TennCare for payment relating to various dental procedures. The settlement also resolves allegations that, between August 14, 2019, and September 11, 2019, PDG knowingly submitted, or caused the submission of, claims for payment to TennCare that falsely identified credentialed dentists as the rendering provider for services that were actually rendered by uncredentialed

dentists who were ineligible to bill TennCare.

This settlement is the result of a collaborative effort between the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. The investigation that preceded the settlement was prompted by a lawsuit filed in 2020 under the qui tam or "whistleblower" provisions of the FCA and TMFCA, which permit a private individual (known as a "relator") to sue on behalf of the government for false claims and to share in any recovery. The relators' share of the recoverv in this case is \$182,325.

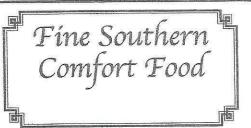
Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph C. Rodriguez represented the United States.

The claims settled by this agreement are allegations only, and there has been no determination of liability.

#### **Public Notice**

The Loudon County Public Records Commission will meet on October 16th at 5:00pm at the Annex.







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#### Horoscopes

of love and boundless creativity means that at some time there will be a dramatic swing in the opposite direction.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Instead of dragging on with something old, tired, and worn out, why not start something new? If you refuse to give up on a project that's doomed to fail, you'll be in for a long, frustrating road ahead.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Social engagements will be your saving grace. Without them, you may be confused and sad about issues that are reaching a climax. In some form or another, you're being asked to make some major transformations.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

The intensity should increase around an issue regarding love and romance. Friction is building. Unfortunately, this tension may be unavoidable.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Let your heart shine. Love surrounds you like a beautiful pink

cloud, and you can't help but attract people to you. Take romance to a higher level with someone really special tonight.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

There's a great deal of transforming energy in the air that you should harness and capitalize on. You may be a fan of the diet that you'll start "tomorrow." When tomorrow comes and there's a huge meal of pizza, soda, and fries, suddenly the diet once again starts "tomorrow."

Aries 3/21-4/19

You may experience writer's block in every sense of the phrase. Even if you don't consider yourself a writer, for some reason it may be difficult to get even the simplest words down on paper.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Action should be your main priority, especially when it comes to love and romance. You may not be too concerned about what sort of action you take.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

A surprise in love and romance is on its way to you. Things are

coming full circle, and the investment you made in this realm is finally paying off. Something new is cropping up, but in reality, this is a result of things you set in motion long ago.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Be more aware of your personal appearance and how you're perceived. Make sure that your attire is appropriate for the people you're with and the situation. Fashion is a consideration, so don't look like a slob.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Know what you're getting yourself into, especially if it has to do with love and romance. You may be like a fly on a tree branch, carefully inspecting the beautiful spider web at your feet.

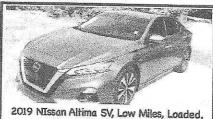
Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your heart may be hurt by misfortunes that have befallen you. Thinking about times past is just pulling up buckets of tears from a well. Don't keep doing this to yourself.

#### **Public Notice**

The Lenoir City Utilities (LCUB) has cancelled its Board Meeting scheduled for Monday. October 16, 2023. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Monday, November 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. and will be held at LCUB in the Hamby-Smith Memorial Board Room located at 7698 Creekwood Park Blvd., Lenoir City, TN. 37772.

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#### **Obituaries**

Hope Caldwell Cox- age 92 of Lenoir City went peacefully to her new home in Heaven on Friday, October 6, 2023. Hope was a member of First Baptist Church in Lenoir City. She was a former school teacher and later worked in admissions at Parkwest Hospital. Hope was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Myrtle Dormany Caldwell, and her two young sisters. Hope is survived by her three sons: Randy Cox, Tommy Cox and Douglas (Tammy) Cox; grandson, Michael Cox, and a granddaughter, Alicia Cox Nichols; great grandson, Kadin Cox. Friends may come by Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street in Lenoir City, on Thursday, October 12th, to pay their respects. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, October 13th from 10-11 a.m. at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Family and friends will then proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services.

Rebecca Moats Minor - age 52 of Athens, formerly Lenoir City,

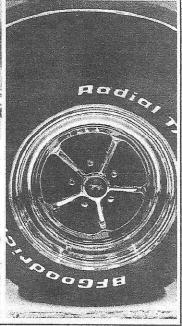
passed away Friday, October 6, 2023. She was a Christian woman. Rebecca was a loving wife and mother. She loved her cats, Alabama football and playing games on her phone. Rebecca was a former employee of Storm Components in Decatur. Rebecca was preceded in death by her parents, Gary and Mary Jo McConkey Moats; her grandparents, Joe and Kathleen McConkey, Paul and Mary Moats. Rebecca survived by her husband, Robert "Bobby" Minor; daughters: Lindsey McCowan, Tiffany Fairbanks (Jeremy); son, Matthew McConkey, sisters: Leah Michelle Samson, Patty and Paul Jackson, Shauna and Ryan Henson, Cathy Curry (John); best friend sissy, Anita Thomas; along with several stepchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 10th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Pastor Mitch Bales officiating. A private interment will be held. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street in Lenoir City is in charge.

# PUBLIC NOTICE Lenoir City Council Meeting Cancelled

The Lenoir City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2023 has been cancelled due to lack of business items.

Thank you, Tony R. Aikens Mayor





#### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: HELEN JEAN BURNETT, deceased DKT# 6921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND DAY OF SEP-TEMBER 2023 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of HELEN JEAN BUR-NETT who died on the 22ND day of OCTOBER 2022 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 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

STEVE HARRELSON CLERK

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) RONNIE GOODWIN Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$20.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12699 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771 published October 2, 2023 and October 9, 2023

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: MARY MAE McLENDON, deceased DKT# 6927

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of MARY MĀE McLENDON who died on the 5th day of AUGUST 2023 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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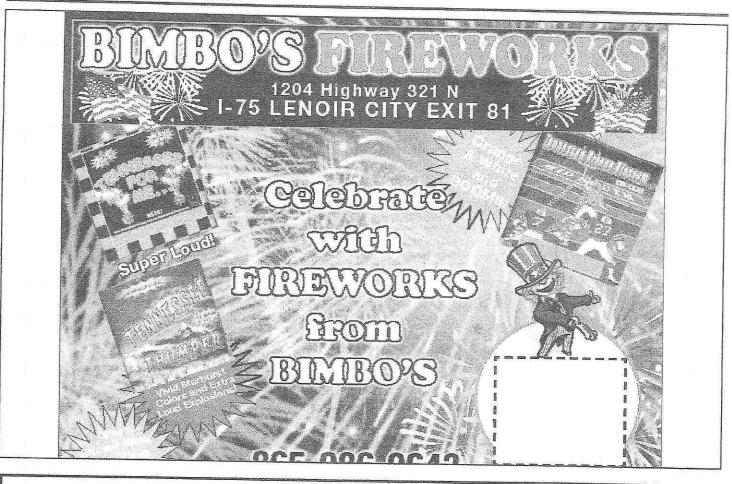
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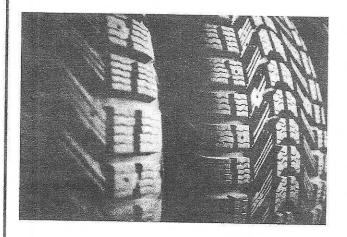
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