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Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Villager Charged with DUI After Reckless Driver Call



Kathy Lane

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Unwanted Guest Ends with Charges After Victim Hit



Christina Norris

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Man Charged With No License after Traffic Stop



Christian Diaz

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United States Seizes More than \$6 Million in Alleged Proceeds of a Crypto-Confidence Scheme

The United States seized over \$6 million worth of cryptocurrency from perpetrators overseas, announced U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Matthew M. Graves, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee Francis M. Hamilton III, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Nicole M. Argentieri, head of the Criminal

Division, and FBI Special Agent in Charge Joseph E. Carrico of the Knoxville Division.

The perpetrators in Southeast Asia targeted one or more individuals in the United States and fraudulently obtained millions of dollars' worth of cryptocurrency through a cryptocurrency confidence investment scheme.

The FBI was able to trace victim funds on the blockchain and lo-

calated multiple cryptocurrency wallet addresses which still held victim funds totaling more than \$6 million.

Cryptocurrency confidence investment schemes begin by criminals contacting potential victims through seemingly misdirected text messages, dating applica-

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Verse of the Day

Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless. —Isaiah 10:1-2

Wazzup

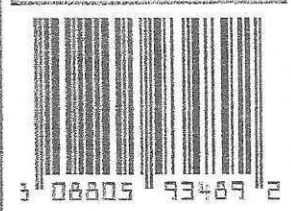
Election season is afoot! Lots of misinformation going around already! Check out the facts before being misled!

Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy. High of 79F. Tonight: Overcast. Low of 59F. Thursday: Partly cloudy. High of 83F. Thursday night: Overcast. Low 63F.

Horoscope

Libra 9/23-10/22
Your old ways of thinking have carried you quite far. Libra, but you may now find that it's time to seek a new platform for your ideas. Look for more adven-



DUI

Kathy Lane, 54, Kawa Tuska Lane Loudon, was charged with DUI, and

Open Container.

Deputy Miller LCSO; was notified of a possible drunk driver traveling on Highway 444. The complainant called

dispatch advising he was behind a black BMW driving recklessly. Deputy Dakota Ezell observed a vehicle matching the description given by the complainant and turned around to observe the vehicle. The vehicle pulled into the Tellico Village Community Church and Deputy Ezell followed to check the welfare of the driver due to the call received. Kathy Lane stopped her vehicle and exited. Deputy Ezell advised her to get back in her car.

Upon approaching the vehicle, Deputy Ezell smelled the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. He saw multiple empty cans of beer in the front passenger seat. Upon my arrival to the scene, deputy Miller saw Kathy Lane walking around and Deputies Ezell and Watson insisting she stay still. Upon making his initial approach deputy Miller saw that Kathy's eyes were watery and bloodshot. Deputy Miller attempted to conduct Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs). After completing the Horizontal Gaze

Nystagmus Test, which Kathy performed poorly, Kathy refused to do the other two SFSTs due to physical limitations. Deputy Watson then conducted Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Tests. Upon completing all tests, deputies concluded that Kathy performed poorly on all tests. Deputy Miller placed Kathy Lane under arrest for Driving Under the Influence. After completing an inventory of the vehicle, it was found that there was an open 12-pack of Miller Lite beer in the passenger area. There were multiple empty cans and the remaining three cans in the case were cold to the touch. James Wrecker Service was notified and the vehicle was towed. Implied Consent was read to Kathy and she submitted to blood testing.

She was transported to Fort Loudon Medical Center where blood was drawn. Deputy Miller then transported Kathy to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. This did happen in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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Unlicensed

Christian Diaz, 21, Olivia Circle Loudon, was charged with Driving without License.

Officer L. Hawkins LPD, was traveling East on Highway 72 at Robertson Springs Road. In front of his patrol vehicle was a Black Chevrolet Avalanche. The vehicle crossed over the center, yellow dividing line one time. It then crossed the white fog line three times. Based on these indicators of an impaired driver, the officer activated his lights and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on Highway 72 in front of The Food City. When the officer approached the vehicle he observed alcoholic beverages in the rear floorboard and the odor of an alcoholic beverage was coming from inside the vehicle. The driver was identified as Christian Diaz. Mr. Diaz could not speak English. Therefore, Deputy Rivera with The Loudon County Sheriff's Office assisted by translating over the phone. Mr. Diaz advised he had consumed three beers and that he did not have a drivers license. The officer gave his information to Dispatch to locate identification for him and they advised he was not on file. The officer placed him in custody and transported him to The Loudon County Jail without incident. All the above did occur in Loudon City, Tennessee

Police beat

Mark Pritchard, 35, Melissa Lane Clinton, was charged with, Driving on Revoked/ Suspended License.

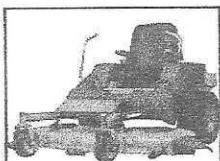
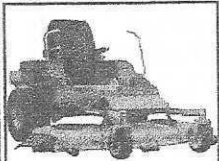
Officer Carroll LCPD, observed a white Ford Explorer displaying TN tag# 513BKVD pulling into the Tractor Supply parking lot on Hwy 321 N. The officer was able to identify the driver of the vehicle to be Mark Edward Pritchard, who he know from prior experience to have a Revoked Driver's License due to a previous DUI. Officer Carroll, conducted a traffic stop in the Tractor Supply parking lot to speak with Mr. Pritchard. While speaking with Mr. Pritchard, he advised that he knew his license was indeed Revoked, but that he needed to go to the store so he thought he could drive to the store without it being an issue. Due to Mr. Pritchard's license being Revoked he was placed into custody, and transported to the Loudon County Jail without any further incident. This did take place in Lenoir City, Loudon County, TN

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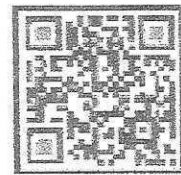
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DV

Christina Norris, 36, Pearl Drive Lenoir City, was charged with, Domestic Assault, and Public Intoxication.


Officer Parmer LCPD, was dispatched to Pearl Drive in regard to an unwanted guest. The complainant/victim, advised Central Dispatch that his ex-girlfriend, later identified as Christina Norris, punched him in his face and then walked away from the residence. Upon arrival, officers made contact with

the victim, who advised that Ms. Norris walked down the driveway, and across the street to the apartments. Officers walked over to the apartments, and Sgt. Rayfield made contact with Ms. Norris in the back parking lot. Ms. Norris was transported back to the residence and officers attempted to gain her side of the story; however, Ms. Norris was belligerent and refused to cooperate. I could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Ms. Norris' person

and observed her to be unsteady on her feet and have slurred speech. Ms. Norris was subsequently placed into my custody and put into the back of his patrol car. Officers spoke with the victim, who advised that, unknowingly to him, Ms. Norris had been living in his lawnmower shed in his back yard. Once he realized that she had been living in his shed, he began to remove her belongings from it. Ms. Norris arrived at

the residence and started demanding her belongings. The victim shut the screen door between him and Ms. Norris, and after doing so, Ms. Norris punched the victim in the bottom lip through the screen door. The victim did have visible injuries to the inside of his mouth. Ms. Norris was then transported to the Loudon County Jail. The above did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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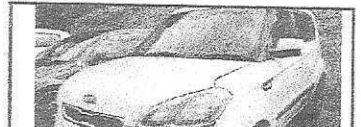


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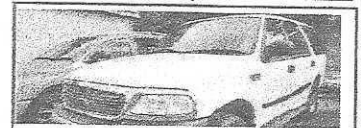
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Horoscopes

turous ways to express yourself. Break out of the old mold and try something new.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

One quick phone call to a friend may turn into a long discussion about the meaning of life, Scorpio. Be conscious of the fact that there's a great deal of momentum building in your mind now. Once the dam breaks, you may soon have a giant flood on your hands.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

It could be that you feel a bit of pressure today to start or create something that you aren't quite ready for, Sagittarius. There is hesitation on your part that indicates you should take it slowly and learn more of the facts before you jump into the fray.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Move forward with your plan of attack today, Capricorn. There's an anxious rumble within you that's urging you to

get going with a current plan. You have all the facts you need, so don't hesitate any longer. The power of the word is with you. You will be smooth, collected, and confident even in the most nerve-wracking situations.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Add spark to your life today, Aquarius. It could be that things are getting stale and boring. If so, consider the possibility that you simply aren't challenging yourself enough. Remember that you're responsible for lighting your own fire. You have the perfect opportunity to get something started today, so go for it.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

People are apt to try to hit you square on the head with their ideas and thoughts today, Pisces, so be ready for the onslaught of information that may come your way. There's a distinct advantage to listening to the whole spiel before you react with your own facts and emotions.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Anchor yourself in practical matters before you try to prove

your point to others. There's a great deal of primal energy rising within you today and searching for some sort of outlet. Be aware of overextending yourself when it comes to issues of the mind.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Don't take no for an answer today, Taurus. Know what you believe in and stick with it. There's a distinct advantage to holding true to your inner nature. Don't let others throw you off course with their views on how things should be done. Be confident and don't worry about taking things over the top.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

Be a pioneer thinker today, Gemini. There's a noble courage in your thoughts, so don't let this quality go to waste. You will be surprised at how cutting edge you can be when you put your mind to it.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Be aggressive and forceful when it comes to exerting your will, Cancer. Let others know that you won't be a pushover. Your opinions are

extremely important, and they need to be heard by the people who matter the most. Have faith that whatever you say has the power to come true, especially when you enlist the help of those around you.

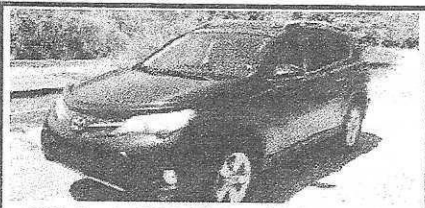
Leo 7/23-8/22

Today may be one of those days in which you come to a four-way stop and no one knows whose turn it is. Don't sit and wait for everyone else to go first, Leo. If you know it's your turn, be bold and make your move. It wouldn't be a bad idea to signal others that you're going ahead.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

People would be foolish to challenge your thinking now, Virgo. The power behind your words is volatile, and you may find yourself going to extremes in order to get your point across. Be careful about making promises you can't fulfill. It could be that you're so adamant about your point of view that you make up hy-

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **JAMES CHARLES PITTMAN**, deceased DKT# 7209
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(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 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024**, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **JAMES CHARLES PITTMAN** who died on the 27TH day of **AUGUST 2024** be issued to the undersigned by the **LOUDON County PROBATE Court of LOUDON County, Tennessee**. All persons, resident and non-resident, 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 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) **KATHERINE H. PITTMAN**

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **SHIRLEY A. HALBURNT**, deceased DKT# 7208
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 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024** Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **SHIRLEY A. HALBURNT** who died on the 28TH DAY OF **AUGUST 2024** 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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Steve Harrelson, Clerk

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) **KEITH A. CHILDS**

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **KATHIE LAVERNE WALSH**, deceased DKT# 7210
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Notice is hereby given that on **THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2024**, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **KATHIE LAVERNE WALSH** who died on the 14TH day of **SEPTEMBER 2024** be issued to the undersigned by the **LOUDON County PROBATE Court of LOUDON County, Tennessee**. All persons, resident and non-resident, 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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THIS THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) **GEORGE B. WALSH**

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committing fraud with digital currency presents new challenges for law enforcement attempting to recover lost funds," said Special Agent in Charge Carrico. "The FBI along with our law enforcement partners will continue to investigate allegations of crypto scams, but the best defense is to educate yourself before making any investment. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Based on data submitted to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (<https://www.ic3.gov/>) in 2022 alone, perpetrators of these schemes targeted tens of thousands of victims in the United States and resulted in over two billion dollars in private assets being siphoned overseas. The loss amount reported in IC3 complaints involving cryptocurrency increased 45% since 2022, from more than \$3.8 billion to over \$5.6 billion in 2023.

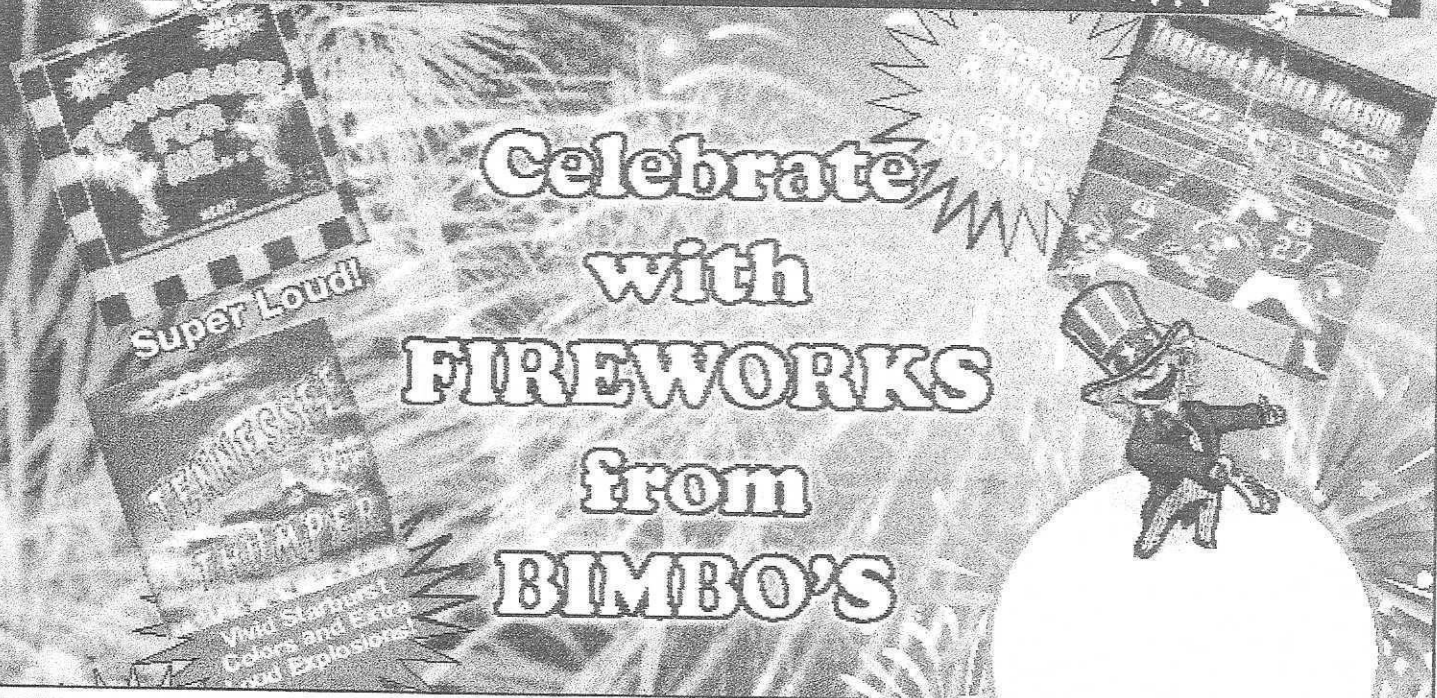
The FBI Knoxville Division is investigating the case. The Justice Department's Office of International Affairs and FBI's Virtual Asset Unit are providing invaluable assistance.

The Department of Justice would like to acknowledge Tether for its assistance in effectuating the transfer of these assets. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kevin Rosenberg and Rick Blaylock Jr. of the District of Columbia, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph DeGaetano of the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Trial Attorney Stefanie Schwartz from the National Cryptocurrency Enforcement Team with the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section of the Department of Justice.

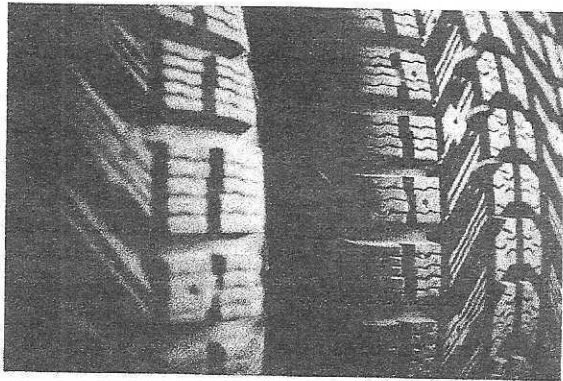
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