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Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Window Tint and Bad Registration Leads to Traffic Stop and Charges for Driver



Joseph Seiber

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Farm Bureau Reports Suspicious Driver; Charges Follow



Thomas Erb

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Unlicensed Illegal Driver Charged with DUI



Antonio Hernandez

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The FBI's Counterterrorism Division Turns 25

FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Officer

The FBI Counterterrorism Division was established on November 21, 1999.

In the time since its creation, the division has worked to counter the constantly evolving threat of terrorism at home and abroad.

"I think the 25 years has given us a very strong base to be extremely pro-

ficient—both here at Headquarters in the Counterterrorism Division and the JTTFs in the field," said FBI Assistant Director David J. Scott, a special agent who spent most of his career working counterterrorism violations before being tapped to lead CTD in August 2024. "Thanks to our people, we're extremely good at what we do. We've advanced over the years, but we've be-

come very proficient at what we do, and therefore, we're able to stop these types of attacks from occurring."

How CTD came to be

An influx in terrorist activity around the world in the early 1980s inspired then-Director William Webster to name counterterrorism as

see FBI pg. 5

Verse of the Day

Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
—1 Corinthians 12:3

Wazzup

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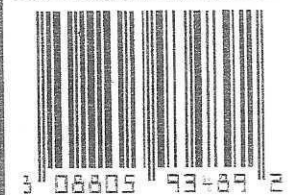
Weather

Today: Mostly sunny. High of 50F.
Tonight: Overcast. Low of 38F.
Thursday: Cloudy. High of 42F.

Thursday night: Clear. Low 18F.

Horoscope

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
Make sure you get your daily dose of laughter and try to come out of your shell a bit more, Sagittarius. This is an



Plumber

Thomas Erb, 44, Maples Springs Road Knoxville, was charged with DUI, Violation of Implied Consent, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer C. Fine LCPD, responded to a welfare check at Farm Bureau at Town Creek Pkwy Apt B. The Complainant initially advised that there was a male slumped over his steering wheel and that he was sitting in the parking lot with his reverse lights on for over an hour. Upon

arrival to the scene, the officer observed the vehicle in the parking of Farm Bureau and made contact with Thomas Frederick Erb (Offender) who was operating a white GMC van that matched the description of the vehicle given by the complainant. Officers then requested that Mr. Erb step out of the vehicle to ensure the safety of himself and all others.

While speaking with Mr. Erb the officer observed his eyes to be very bloodshot. Mr. Erb stated that he had just gotten off

of working a job doing plumbing at Farm Bureau and that he was watching a movie on his phone while parked behind the closed business.

During the consensual search of Mr. Erb's vehicle Officers discovered an orange container containing a small amount of a white powdery substance. Upon further search Officers also discovered two cut straws which had white powdery residue inside of them.

After the consensual search, Mr. Erb was asked what the white powder

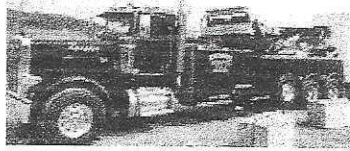
was to which he stated it was a die that he used while working his job doing plumbing. The officer asked Mr. Erb to open his mouth after observing white saliva on the corner of his lips. Upon looking into Mr. Erb's mouth, the officer discovered that there was white residue on the roof of his mouth and on his tongue.

Mr. Erb then refused to provide a sample of his blood after being read the Tennessee Implied Consent Advisement. This did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon County TN.

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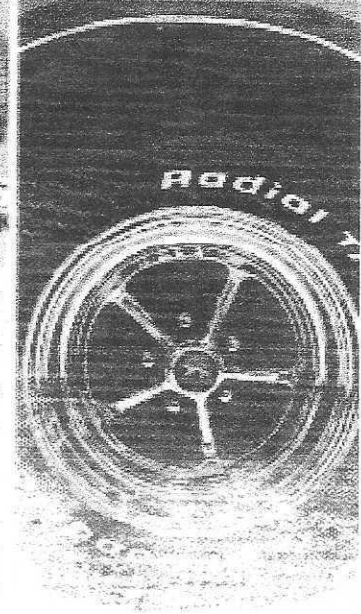
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Charged

Antonio Hernandez, 39, Avery Street Lenoir City, was charged with, DUI, Violation of Implied Consent, and No Driver License.

Deputy Allen LCSO, conducted a Traffic stop on a white Ford Van at Lakeview Rd. and Stone Harbor Blvd. The deputy had witnessed the van traveling on Beals Chapel Rd.

The van had crossed the center double yellow line multiple times going fully into the oncoming traffic lane. The deputy also witnessed the van cross over the fog line nearly striking several mailboxes. Upon approach of the driver's side of the vehicle, the deputy came into contact with the driver Jose Antonio Vazquez Hernandez. Mr. Vazquez Hernandez has a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his breath and admits he has had one beer. Mr. Vazquez Hernandez provided a Mexico (country) driver's license but was unable to provide a U.S.(country) or TN driver's license and admits he does not have a valid license in any of the fifty states. Mr. Vazquez Hernandez was asked to exit the vehicle and was taken into custody for no driver's license and suspicion of DUI. The vehicle was released to a li-

censed driver from the scene. There were 6 unopened cold Budweiser beers in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. Mr. Vazquez Hernandez speaks very little English.

He was transported to the Loudon County Jail where Deputy Rivera was able to translate his Miranda rights in Spanish. Mr. Vazquez Hernandez stated he understood and agreed to perform standardized field sobriety testing. Translated by Deputy Rivera. Mr. Vazquez Hernandez had equal tracking and pupils, a lack of smooth pursuit in both eyes, distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation in both eyes, and the onset of nystagmus prior to forty-five degrees in both eyes. He also started too soon on the walk and turn test as well as an incorrect number of steps and missed heel to toe. He then swayed and put his foot down while performing the one-leg stand. Mr. Vazquez Hernandez was informed he was also being charged with driving under the influence. He agreed to perform an intoximeter test, but upon testing refused to provide an adequate breath sample three times.

He was informed he would be charged with violation of implied consent. This did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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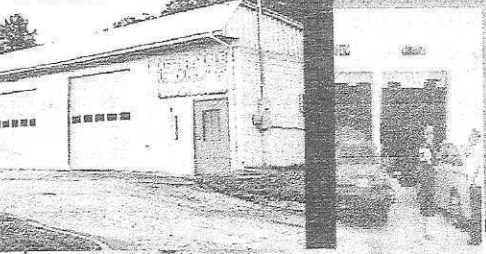
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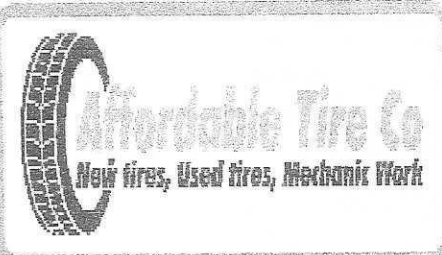


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Stop

Joseph Seiber, 44, Rocky Top Avenue Lake City, was charged with, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Simple Possession.

Officer R. Miller, with the Lenoir City Police Department, initiated a traffic stop on a black GMC pickup truck for a window tint violation and registration violation. Upon the traffic stop the officer made contact with the sole occupant of the pickup truck, Joseph Seiber, and the window tint of the pickup truck registered at 19%. While speaking to SEIBER regarding the reason for stop the officer noticed excessive shaking in his extremities.

The officer then asked

SEIBER to step out of the pickup truck to speak with him further about a citation.

Once SEIBER was out of the pickup truck the officer asked if he had any weapons on his person and then asked if he would lift his shirt up enough to see his waistline. As SEIBER lifted his shirt up to show his waistline the officer visually observed what appeared to be a blue/turquoise rubber object sticking out of the top of his pants. When asked about the item, SEIBER became defensive and stated it was nothing and then went on to say it was his shorts that he had on under his pants.

LCSO K9 Deputy D. Harrison responded to his location where K9 Dra-

co conducted an open-air sniff of the pickup truck and alerted to an odor of narcotics coming from the pickup truck, per K9 Deputy D. Harrison. Prior to the officer search of the pickup truck, he asked SEIBER again about the object that was in his waistband. SEIBER proceeded by exposing his waistline where the officer visually observed a blue/turquoise rubber glove.

SEIBER retrieved the glove from his waist where

you could smell the odor of marijuana emitting from it. Located inside of the glove was a bag containing a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine (approximate weight 0.98 grams) and a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana (approximate weight 3.24 grams).

SEIBER was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident.

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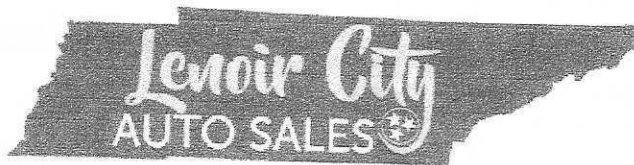


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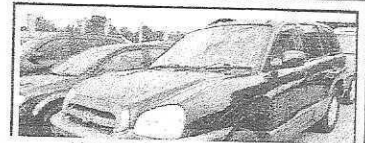


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the Bureau's fourth-highest priority. "And that was an increase from where it had been," Scott said.

That trend continued in the next decade with the World Trade Center bombing in 1993 and the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995.

But August 1998—when a pair of truck-bomb attacks against the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania claimed hundreds of lives, including those of American citizens—proved to be a turning point for the FBI.

"Those years leading up to the establishment of CTD witness the globalization of terrorism, and there was a willingness by both the domestic and international terrorists to use weapons of mass destruction to inflict large numbers of civilian casualties," Scott said.

Thus, on November 21, 1999, the Counterterrorism

Division was formally created, consolidating "many of the anti-terrorism efforts and capabilities for the first time in 20 years," Scott said.

After the ISIS caliphate collapsed in the late 2010s, a perception arose that terrorist threats were on a decline. To some, the threat posed by foreign terrorist organizations had diminished to the point where counterterrorism didn't need to be the Bureau's top priority.

"And, I'll admit, I even had my own doubts," Scott said. "I was a JTTF [Joint Terrorism Task Force] squad supervisor at the time and then assistant special agent in charge at a field office, and I could see that downward trend myself. And it was very obvious. And, of course, I consider that a good thing. If we had helped to diminish the terrorist threat, that's always a good thing."

But, he said, the events of

October 7, 2023, in the Middle East confirmed the Bureau's threat calculus.

"Even before the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel, the FBI had been very public in saying that the terrorism threat was already elevated across the board, with international threats, domestic terrorism threats, and the state-sponsored threat," he said. "And, as I talk to my counterparts now across the interagency—and even with international partners—everybody is saying the same thing: They're seeing this across the globe. This is an issue that's not just facing the U.S., but it's facing everybody with these simultaneously elevated threats."

How CTD has evolved

The Bureau's bandwidth for handling counterterrorism-related tips has also grown exponentially in the past 25 years, with the creation of our National Threat

Operations Center to triage and route tips from the public to investigators in the field.

The FBI's use of partnerships to stem this threat has expanded in parallel fashion.

In 1980, the FBI New York Field Office pioneered the Joint Terrorism Task Force partnership model—which brings together experts from local, state, and federal government agencies to leverage their collective range of skillsets to investigate and prevent acts of terror. Since then, these task forces have expanded throughout the field.

"And, now, you've got 4,000 members from over 500 different state and local agencies, 50 federal agencies, all working nationwide on Joint Terrorism Task Forces, and they're working to prevent any of these domestic attacks, any international terrorism attacks," Scott said.

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Horoscopes

important time for you to let go of your inhibitions and open up to the world. You may find that there's a sober tone to your emotions, but you can overcome this easily as long as you keep your chin up.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

This is an important day for you to give thanks for all that you have, Capricorn. Give your loved ones extra hugs and let them know how much they mean to you. If things start to get a bit too serious and somber, you're the one who can pull others out of the rut.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Maintain a positive attitude, Aquarius, and things will naturally flow your way. Tell a few jokes and keep things light and energetic. You will find that you can multitask very well, and you have the ability to make everyone smile. Don't shy away from things - move toward them.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You may be reluctant to commit to anything major today, Pisces. Your natural tenden-

cy is to look askance at those who promise grand and wonderful things. You're smart to question such talk. Don't be surprised if someone's new idea garners all the acclaim.

Aries 3/21-4/19

This may be one of those days when you feel completely alone even if there are hundreds of people around, Aries. No one seems to understand your perspective. Your incredible sensitivity and emotionalism are putting you in a category all your own. Try not to ostracize yourself from the group.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Balance your boisterous, adventurous nature with a bit of discipline today, Taurus. It's important to laugh, but it's also important to stay on task with your duties. The good news is that both of these things can work in tandem. They aren't mutually exclusive. In fact, one will help you achieve the other.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

There may be a thousand things for you to do today, Gemini, but you can only get

them done if you concentrate on one at a time. Take a light-hearted approach. You will never finish by focusing on the sheer amount of work you have to do. Break it up into smaller pieces and delegate tasks if you can.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

No matter what you're doing today, have fun, Cancer. Whistle a tune. Turn the stereo up to full volume and dance around the kitchen as you make dinner. You can find amusement in just about anything, so keep this in mind as you tackle even the menial tasks. You're responsible for your own attitude, so don't blame anyone else for a sour mood.

Leo 7/23-8/22

You might need to spend time alone in order to reset your programming, Leo. Other people's influence may be seeping into your psyche. There's no reason to always do or say what other people dictate. Your sensitivity helps you understand things about others, but it can also bring you down if you start to take on their burdens.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

You will find that discipline, organization, and a bit of a dramatic flair are exactly the things needed to be successful today, Virgo. Just because you have to be practical doesn't mean that you have to be stern and grumpy. Remember that taking care of serious matters can actually be fun as long as you maintain a positive attitude about the situation.

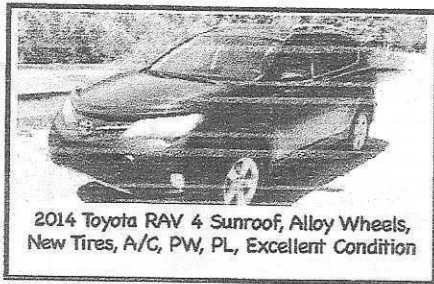
Libra 9/23-10/22

You might find it difficult to deal with people on an emotional level today, Libra. Others could seem too demanding of your attention and want to keep the focus on themselves. At the same time, you will probably need a bit more attention than usual.

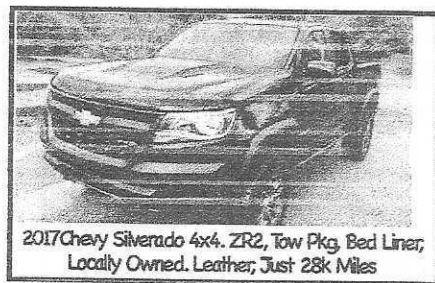
Scorpio 10/23-11/21

You might find your emotions a bit dampened today, Scorpio, but this may not be a bad thing. Try not to blow things out of proportion so much. Don't feel that you need to turn every small story into a major headline.

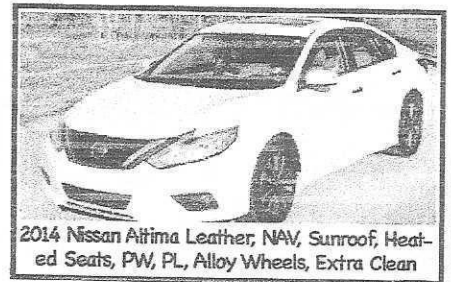
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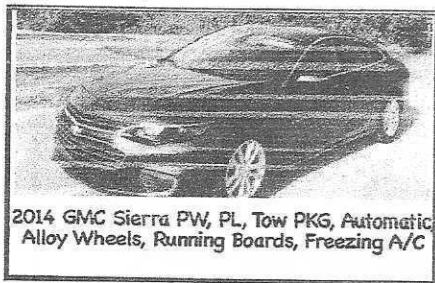
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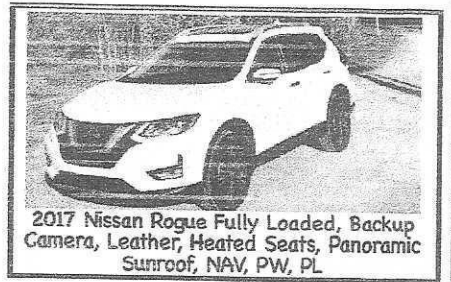
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Obituaries

Eugene Terry Benson of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away November 2, 2024. Terry was born March 27, 1926 in Breckenridge, Missouri to parents Ruth and Paul Benson. He attended Breckenridge public schools, graduating as Valedictorian of his class. He then served two years in the US Army Air Corps from 1944 to 1946, travelling to Japan as part of occupation troops. After discharge, he attended college at the University of Missouri. Due to extra credit hours earned as a result of A and B grades, he graduated a semester early in February of 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He obtained a job in Kansas City with General Motors Assembly Division. His sister in Sedalia, introduced him to a fellow worker, Josephine Wadleigh. What a blessing! Terry and Jo were married Dec. 10, 1950, lived in Kansas City, MO a short time, then Mission, Kansas. In 1955 he was transferred to GM's assembly plant in Arlington, Texas as Payroll Supervisor. In 1964 he was transferred to GMAD's headquarters in Detroit, where he served as Divisional Auditor; then put in charge of Payroll, servicing the Payroll Departments of all GMAD plants. Terry obtained an early retirement in 1987, and in 1989 he and Jo were fortunate to find Tellico Village. Also, what a blessing to develop a friendship with some special couples with whom he and Jo played golf until he was physically unable to do so, but who continued to be dear friends. Terry was a charter member of Tellico Village Community Church where he served as Chairman of the Missions Committee and chaired raising funds for building a new sanctuary. He was also a founding member of the Tellico Village General Motors Club. Terry and Jo were blessed to have two children, Deborah Jane and Paul David, as well as grandchildren, Meghan, Melissa (Steve) Wygonski Jennifer (Brandon) Davis and Michael; great grandchildren Kora and Orion. He also has a brother, Lanny, who lives in Florida. Terry's sister, Maxine predeceased him. Service will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at The Community Church at Tellico Village. The family will receive friends and family following the service.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 827 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 7242
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Notice is hereby given that on the 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2024 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of **RICKEY EARL MAYFIELD**, who died on the 18th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024 were 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 above named 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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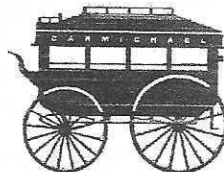
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