

Daily Edition

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Monday, May 4, 2020

THP Stop on I75 Yields Large Cocaine Bust LCSO K9 Team Used to Assist Alerts on Vehicle Transporting 20 kilos Luis Daniel Hernandez arrested for possession of five kilograms or more of cocaine with the intent to distribute

Luis Daniel Hernandez Mendoza, a citizen of Mexico, was arrested yesterday in Loudon County, Tennessee by agents of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on charges involving the possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine.

An initial appearance is scheduled for

2:00, Friday, May 1, 2020, in United States District Court in Knoxville, before the Honorable H. Bruce Guyton, United States Magistrate Judge.

The details of the charges, which include that Hernandez Mendoza possessed five kilograms or more of cocaine in his vehicle, are outlined in the arrest warrant

and supporting affidavits, which are attached to this press release and are filed as public records in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Knoxville.

In summary, the affidavit alleges that the Tennessee Highway Patrol stopped Luis Daniel Hernandez Mendoza for a traffic violation. Hernandez see Cocaine pg. 2

U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey Announces \$34,024 Award To Address Covid-19 Pandemic In Tennessee

U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey of the Eastern District of Tennessee today announced that Greene County Sheriff's office received \$32,024 in Department of Justice grants to respond to the public safety challenges posed by the outbreak of COVID-19.

The grant is available under the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding

program, authorized by the recent stimulus legislation signed by President Trump. Other jurisdictions can determine if they are eligible for funds and may apply immediately by visiting this website. The Justice Department is moving quickly, awarding grants on a rolling basis and aiming to have funds available for drawdown as soon as see Award pg. 3

Questionable Activity Surrounds Indiana Man Charged With Traveling To Tennessee To Have Sex With a 13-Year-Old Child

Aungsun Naywin, 31, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been charged in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee with traveling from Indiana to East Tennessee for the purpose of having sex with a 13-year-old girl on March 21, 2020. Naywin was charged in a criminal complaint in case number 3:20-MJ 1052, which is supported by an affidavit

on file with the Clerk of Court.

The affidavit alleges that Naywin met the young girl on Snapchat and, after learning the girl was a minor, arranged a sexual encounter with her. The affidavit alleges that he drove from Indiana to Morgan County, Tennessee, where he picked up the girl, took her to a remote location, and

see Naywin pg. 3

The Oklahoma City Bombing

25 Years Later

Retired FBI Agent Reflects on Tragic Day and How it Shaped the Bureau

April 15, 2020

On the morning of April 19, 1995, FBI Special Agent Barry Black was tracking a white-collar fugitive a few miles from downtown Oklahoma City when he heard a loud blast in the distance.

Soon after, Black was pulled from his fugitive case to begin working the massive investigation

of the deadly bombing that took the lives of 168 people, including 19 children, at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The efforts of Black and scores of federal, state, and local investigators led to the convictions of Timothy McVeigh and his co-conspirators, Terry Nichols and Michael Fortier, in

one of the worst homegrown terrorism cases in the nation's history.

The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995 was the deadliest act of homegrown terrorism in U.S. history, resulting in the deaths of 168 people. In a matter of seconds, the blast destroyed most of the nine-story build-

See Bombing P.3



Verse of the Day

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

—Romans 5:1

Wazzup

As we open slowly but

surely still keep practicing social distancing as well. Follow all the guidelines set by the state as well and stay safe. If you are sick stay home.

Weather

Today: Storms possible. High of 78F.

Tonight: Storms. Low of 62F

Tuesday: Storms all day. High of 78F.

Tuesday night: Storms. Low of 63F.

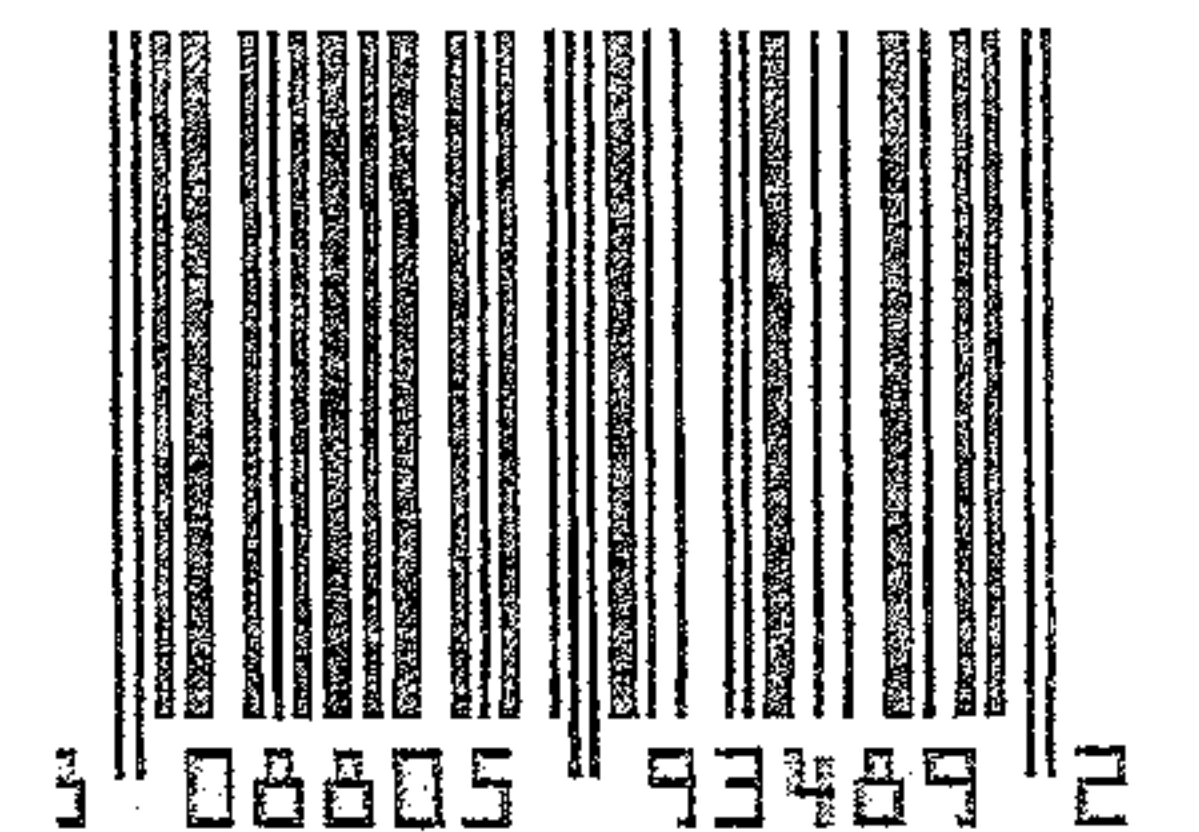
Horoscope

Taurus 4/20-5/20

The sentimental Moon

makes a supportive angle to Venus, your ruling planet, today.

Taking a walk down memory lane could be a pleasurable experience for you now. Its a great time to sort through photos, read old letters, and listen to music from your childhood.



Gyms

Mendoza consented to search of the vehicle he was driving. A K9 with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office also gave positive alert to the vehicle. Troopers/Agents of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and DEA found twenty kilograms of cocaine concealed in an aftermarket trap compartment in the vehicle.

Great job to THP and to K9 Kane and his handler, Lieutenant Michael Watkins!

Award

possible after receiving applications.

"As this country continues to fight COVID-19, our office remains committed to deterring, investigating, and prosecuting those who seek to take advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will help many of the communities struggling in these trying times and provide some much-needed relief to our district," said U.S. Attorney Overbey.

"The outbreak of COVID-19 and the public health emergency it created are sobering reminders that even the most routine duties performed by our nation's public safety officials carry potentially grave risks," said Katharine T. Sullivan, Princi-

pal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. "These funds will provide hard-hit communities with critical resources to help mitigate the impact of this crisis and give added protection to the brave professionals charged with keeping citizens safe."

The law gives jurisdictions considerable latitude using these funds for dealing with COVID-19. Potential uses include hiring personnel, paying overtime, purchasing protective equipment, distributing resources to hard-hit areas and addressing inmates' medical needs.

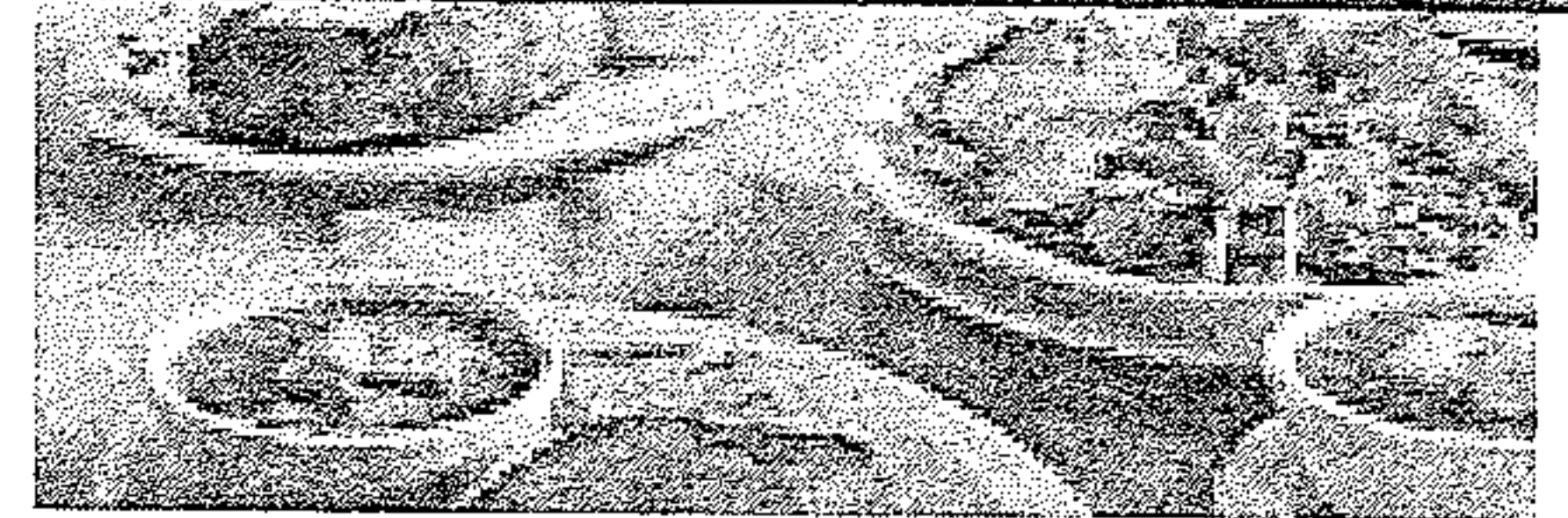
Agencies eligible for the fiscal year 2019 State and Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program are candidates for the emergency funding. Local units of government and tribes will receive direct awards separately according to their jurisdictions' allocations.

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims

and enhance the rule of law. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov

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The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. located at the United Methodist Church of Philadelphia.

Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will have the second and final reading of the Ordinance No. 20200113 "Purchasing Policy" for the City of Philadelphia on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. located at the United Methodist Church of Philadelphia.

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Naywin

raped her in the van he was driving.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from the Morgan and Anderson County Sheriff offices. Assistant U. S. Attorney Jennifer Kolman represents the United States.

If convicted, Naywin faces a term of imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life. The public is reminded that all persons accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources

to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Bombing

ing, incinerated nearby vehicles, and damaged or destroyed more than 300 other buildings.

After the bombing, one of Black's responsibilities was tracking items from the point of collection to the FBI Laboratory, where they were examined and logged. This was 25 years ago, and the technology available at the time played a major factor in how the evidence was collected and managed.

"Managing the sheer volume of information was a real undertaking," said Black. "Before we had digital photography, this investigation incorporated 238,000 wet film photographs. When you remembered seeing something, you had to be able to find it."

One of the crucial pieces of

evidence that Black found early in the investigation was a badly damaged rear axle. He jotted down the vehicle identification number (VIN), which was used to trace the part to the Ryder rental truck used to detonate the bomb.

The Oklahoma City Bombing: 25 Years Later

FBI Oklahoma City Special Agent Barry Black shows the damaged rear axle of a Ryder rental truck that is on display at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. The serial number on the axle helped lead investigators to the bomber, Timothy McVeigh.

Barry Black, a former special agent in the FBI's Oklahoma City Field Office, shows the axle from the Ryder truck used to bomb the federal building. The engraved serial number led investigators back to a rental facility in Kansas and to Timothy McVeigh. It was collected as evidence and is on display at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum.

Employees at the shop where the truck was rented helped the FBI put together the composite drawing of McVeigh, who had used an alias during that transaction.

"You look at the Boston [Marathon] bombing and how that information was publicized. In that case, we had digital images as people of interest," said Black. "That technology didn't exist in 1995. We relied on a sketch that generated thousands of leads and interviews."

Local hotel employees recognized the man in the composite sketch as one of their guests—and here, McVeigh had checked in using his real name.

Piecing it all together led to the charges that ultimately resulted in McVeigh's conviction and execution, a life sentence for Nichols, and 12 years in prison for Fortier.

Twenty-five years after the deadly bombing that took the lives of 168 people, retired Special Agent Barry Black provides a firsthand account of investigating the Oklahoma City case.

Partnerships, Training, and Technology

The Oklahoma City bombing introduced a frightening new concept for the United States: homegrown terrorism. Until

the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the country hadn't witnessed an event of this magnitude, let alone one carried out by American citizens.

After the bombing, the FBI began shifting its priorities. The number of Joint Terrorism Task Forces nationwide expanded, as did the training programs at the Hazardous Devices School, to increase partnerships between the FBI and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

Not only did the FBI start providing law enforcement bomb techs with clearances to share equipment and information with them, we also focused on ramping up our investigative technology and getting more specialized equipment for the field.

FBI Oklahoma City Special Agent Barry Black retired in 2019 and donated some of his own equipment to the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, including his hard hat and field jacket.

The protective hard hat worn by FBI Oklahoma City Special Agent Barry Black during the recovery and investigation of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Barry Black's field jacket and protective helmet are now part of the collection at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. Black retired in 2019 but continues to leads tours with the museum's First Person: Stories of Hope program.

Remembering Victims, Telling His Story

Since his retirement from the FBI in 2019, Black has continued to share the story of his involvement with the bombing case and task force. Along with national speaking engagements with military organizations and law enforcement agencies, Black leads tours with the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum's First Person: Stories of Hope program.

Several items collected by FBI investigators during the case are on display at the museum. Black has also donated his own equipment and artifacts, such as the hard hat he wore, his FBI field jacket, and the note with the VIN he wrote down from the truck's rear axle.

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