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Monday, December 6, 2021

Officers Gets Flees Man and Nabbed Shortly After by LCPD



Hanger Used in 'Whooping' Over Clothes Being Taken



Domestic Call Leads to Aggravated Assault after Gun Used



Virgil Ashley

see Gun pg. 3

Verse of the Day I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. Romans 1:16

Wazzup

What is your thought Tonight: Rain. Low of on the run that took 31F. place this past Satur- Tuesday: Showers Posday? Weather

62F.

see Runner pg. 2

When eight old-

Veterans Affairs

er patients died at

(VA) medical center

in Clarksburg, West

Virginia, their deaths could have easily been

mistaken for natural

causes. But something didn't seem right.

Despite their age,

the patients—all men

in their 80s and 90s—

were stable and await-

ing release. They died

from a dangerous drop

sible. High of 62F. Tuesday night: Evening Today: Rain. High of Showers. Low of 38F.

and June 2018. "Just the sheer num- a nursing home."

Nursing Assistant Sentenced for Murdering Patients

Joint Investigation Showed Medically Stable Patients Died After Being Injected with Unnecessary Insulin at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Virginia

> ber of people who were hypoglycemia a very common occurrence on this ward," said Special Agent

in blood sugar called Ashley hypoglycemia, though who investigated the many had no history case out of the FBI's of diabetes or related Pittsburgh Field Ofillnesses. The myste- fice. "This was a ward rious deaths happened where patients were between July 2017 awaiting to be released home or transferred to

see Agg. Assault pg. 5

The VA Office of Inexperiencing spector General (OIG) was brought in the FBI's concerning. It wasn't Pittsburgh Field Office to assist with the in-

> see Murder pg. 4 LIKE US ON E



Horoscope Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Today you might try to secure the perfect job, possibly in an artistic field or one connected with the healing arts. Runner

Timothy Peak, 31, Morganton Road Maryville, was charged with Evading Arrest, DUI, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangerment, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Deputy R. Fleming LC\$O, was traveling West bound on Highway 321. Deputy observed a vehicle closing behind him at a high rate of speed in the left lane. When the vehicle got closer to Deputy it slowed down dramatically and veered quickly in the right lane behind him. Deputy observed the vehicle swerving in his rearview mirrors. Deputy shifted to the left lane and slowed down to 40 mph in a 55 mph zone to attempt to get behind the vehicle. The vehicle then slowed down to roughly 35 mph in a 55 mph zone which

was estimated using the pacing method. Deputy was eventually able to get behind the vehicle, a white Honda Accord with a Tennessee Registration of 11A-C13.

Deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Highway 321 at Broadway for suspicion of driving under the influence. The vehicle accelerated. which initiated a vehicular pursuit. Lenoir City Police officers observed the driver who matched the description of the registered owner, Timothy Peak.

Deputies terminated pursuit due to the recklessness of the driver. Lenoir City Police located the vehicle, unattended, at Kelly Lane shortly after termination. Deputy Rodriguez and Corporal Frye observed movement in the window of apartment 7F.

Deputies went to investigate and Deputy Rodriguez observed Mr. Peak putting his shoes on through the window. Homeowner/ witness, opened the door and deputies placed Mr. Peak in custody. Mr. Peak was advised of his Miranda Rights to which he Loudon County.

waved and admitted to all charges. Field Sobriety Test was conducted and Mr. Peak also consented to breath for chemical testing at the Loudon County Jail.

The result was .192 g/210L.

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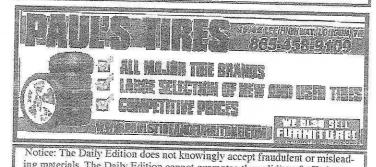
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Gun

Virgil Ashley, 39, Cedar Street Loudon, was charged with Theft of Property, and Aggravated Assault.

Officer Luna LPD, was dispatched to the address of Hwy 72 Apt 134 INN OF LOUDON, for a possible Domestic Disturbance. Upon arrival Officer Luna made contact with the female caller later identify as victim, stating her boyfriend and her got on a heated argument and he left on her vehicle. Boyfriend later identify as Virgil Ashlev.

Victim stated this has been going on since approximately 0300. Stating him getting mad over her not wanting sexual relations at the moment, reason is her child 19 year old was in the room. Victim stated she being against the wall while arguing with Virgil Ashley. Victim stated Virgil sitting on the side of the bed on the opposite side. She stated him turning around and pointing a gun at her one handed, to the point Virgil Ashley discharged the weapon just missing her and hitting the wall.

Victim stated grabbing the bullet casing and throwing it out side (Bullet casing was later recover on the area victim stated Virgil Ashley throw it). And left 10 minutes prior she called 911, on a White Ford Fusion.

Vehicle was later enter on NCIC as stolen. On

11/29/2021 at mately 2218 at the location with a full magazine on the of the INN OF LOUDON firearm, and couple extra Officers Harrison and Ward boxes of bullets. recognized the vehicle that Vehicle was released to Virgil Ashely was driving the rightful owner. Virgil when the incident occurred Ashley was placed under in that morning, officers at- arrest and transported to tempted to traffic stop and the Virgil Ashley was apprehended and placed under out incident. arrest without any incident.

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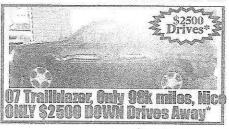


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Murder

vestigation.

Investigators learned one staff member—nursing assistant Reta Mays—had been working the day of each of the men's deaths. While she did things like change sheets and help patients bathe, she also simply kept them company, so she was often alone with the patients.

Within days of opening the investigation, VA removed Mays from patient interaction, potentially saving many more lives.

Mays initially denied any involvement, but the investigative team worked with medical experts and the FBI's Laboratory and behavioral analysis teams to piece together what had happened.

To further the investigation, the bodies had to be autopsied. This required respectfully accessing their remains and re-burying them with military honors.

"Asking these families to

let us disinter their loved ones and let us autopsy them, I think it was the hardest part of this investigation, both for the investigators and the families," Archibald said. "They had to weigh wanting to know what happened with disturbing their loved ones. But we did it in the most respectful way possible."

"Both scientific and circumstantial evidence, including input from outside medical experts, showed Mays' injection of insulin led to the patients' deaths.

"The forensic pathologist not only looked at the insulin injection and the remnants of insulin to help determine the cause of death but it was also just as important for us to rule out other causes for the low sugar readings, especially for the non-diabetic patients," said VA OIG Special Agent Keith Vereb. "We did this to determine that these veterans were, in fact, murdered by Reta Mays."

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Agg. Assault

Traci Winters, 58, Prospect Church Road Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault.

Deputy Stanley LCSO, responded to a call at E Glenview Road in regards to an assault that had previously occurred. Upon arrival, Deputy made contact with the homeowner who advised a juvenile known to him had came to his house stating she was assaulted. Deputy then made contact with the victim. Deputy observed red markings and swelling to the right side of victim face. She advised that an altercation started between her and her grandmother (Traci Winters) over victim taking some of Traci's clothes. Victim stated that Traci struck her multiple times, and also hit her with a shirt hanger.

At that time, Deputy and Det. Sgt. Parton arrived at Prospect Church Road, where the incident occurred, to make contact with

Traci. While speaking with Traci, she advised that victim was unruly, and continuously taking her clothes.

Traci advised she then confronted victim, in which the altercation ensued. Traci advised she then "beat her ass" and used a hanger to whoop her. However, Traci denied striking victim in the face, and she was just strictly trying to discipline her. Traci advised during the altercation, victim pushed her against a dresser in which Traci stated she followed by then pulling victim hair.

Given statements to me by both parties, and visible injuries, Deputy placed Traci Winters into custody on the charge of Aggravated Assault. Deputy transported her to the Loudon County Jail without incident. A DCS referral was then made by myself regarding the incident (REF# 1376551094). Incident occurred in Loudon County.



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Horoscopes

You might have a specific position in mind, or you could consider several. It's important to think of all the ins and outs of every position before charging ahead. What you think might be perfect today could have hidden aspects you don't know about.

Capricom 12/22-01/19

A new or existing romance could take on a spiritual aspect that creates a stronger bond between you. The works of past great masters, perhaps some from exotic lands, inspire your creative drive. Spirituality could take on new importance to you. You might want to spend time meditating or studying. Past-life regression or guided meditation could prove enlightening.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Dreams and meditation could bring up deep-seated emotions from the past that have been blocking your growth without your realizing it. Both seeking and giving forgiveness may take on new importance. Romantic passion should be at an all-time high. These emotions are also likely to provide artistic inspiration that you want to turn toward decorating your home.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

If you aren't romantically involved, don't be surprised if romance comes your way today, perhaps in your neighborhood. Even if you are involved, you'll make a new friend. You're likely to meet someone special outside in the open air and close to a crowd of people. Therefore, this isn't

a good day to stay inside, even if the weather's bad. Go see what the Universe has in store for you.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Your value system may take on new spiritual and idealistic aspects today. Mundane affairs could assume new meaning for you. You might even see spirituality in your job. You could set some idealistic but unrealistic goals as far as your health is concerned. If you want to start a new health program, take it one step at a time. Don't try to accomplish everything all at once.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Other people are important to you. Today your relationships could take on even more significance than usual. You could meet some interesting people, and if you're not involved, you might even fall in love. Old and new friends could seem more wonderful and idealized. Romantic relationships could assume fairytale qualities. Try to make an effort to see people as they really are.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

A group encounter, perhaps spiritual or metaphysical. could take place at your home tonight. This group will probably manage to do whatever it aspires to do. Intuition, energy, and imagination are all around you. You'll get closer to whomever you choose to spend time with today, be it friend, lover, or colleague. Tonight write down your thoughts and insights so you can remember them.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Group activities concerning spiritual, metaphysical, or hu-

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manitarian interests could take place in your area today. You'll meet some new friends. If you aren't currently involved, this could provide a chance to meet someone special. Look your best! Your mind is buzzing and your thoughts are more intense by day's end, so a short exercise session before bed might help you get to sleep.

Leo 7/23-8/22

New business contacts could bring the possibility of pursuing a new career in the psychic, spiritual, or healing arts, or perhaps in painting, writing, or another of the fine arts. Think seriously about it. Your own talent should be especially acute today. You could be thinking seriously about training to be more effective. The support of friends and groups could prove invaluable.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Spiritual matters come to the forefront today. You'll want to throw yourself into the study of a spiritual or metaphysical discipline that appeals to you the most. Friends or a group may want to join you. Getting together with others might

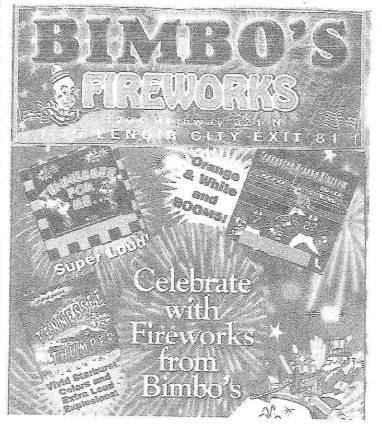
stimulate your intellect, imagination, and spirit. At day's end, write down your thoughts. Take a long walk to clear your head so you can sleep. Libra 9/23-10/22

You're a spiritually inclined person, but today your mind is on other planes. Insights and revelations could come thick and fast, and you might want to express them through art. Romantic and other relationships take on a new karmic aura. Meditation could help you make sense of it all, as could a process like past-life regression or rebirthing. In the absence of that, write down

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

your thoughts.

Other people take on special importance today. Romance is very much on your mind, whether in friendships, business partnerships, or relationships of all kinds. Your interactions are warm, cordial, and supportive. Romantic feelings approach fairytale intensity. Make the effort to see everyone as they really are and not as idealized images.



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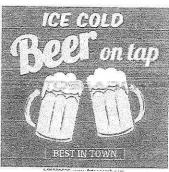


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Tennessee Comptroller's Office Suspends COVID Exemptions

Suspension comes after federal court preliminary injunctions

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office is suspending all exemptions issued under the provisions of Public Chapter 6 of the 2021 Third Extraordinary Session after federal court judges in Kentucky and Louisiana issued preliminary injunctions on Tuesday, November 30.

The exemptions issued by the Comptroller's Office allowed private businesses, governmental entities, schools, and other employers with federally awarded or amended contracts, subcontracts, or postsecondary grants to impose COVID-19 vaccine requirements as a condition to receipt of federal funds.

On Tuesday, a U.S. District Judge from the Eastern District of Kentucky issued a preliminary injunction and enjoined the federal government from enforcing the vaccine mandate for federal contractors and subcontractors in Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee. Accordingly, the Comptroller's Office can no longer find that compliance with Public Chapter 6 would result in a loss of federal funding.

Similarly, a U.S. District Judge from the Western District of Louisiana issued a nationwide preliminary injunction on Tuesday enjoining and restraining the federal government from implementing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services mandate requiring staff of certain healthcare providers to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. The Comptroller's Office has granted exemptions to Medicare & Medicaid providers, and these exemptions are also suspended.

The Comptroller's Office has issued 69 exemptions since Public Chapter 6 went into effect on November 12. It is important to note that these exemptions may be reinstated if the injunctions are lifted, and it is legally permissible.

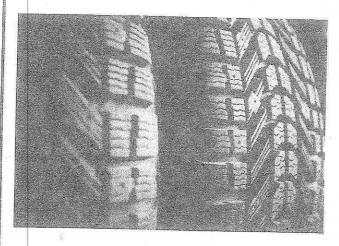
The Comptroller's Office will continue to accept and process notices for exemption during this time; however, no exemptions will be granted unless it is legally permissible. Notices may be submitted at https://comptroller.tn.gov/covidexemption

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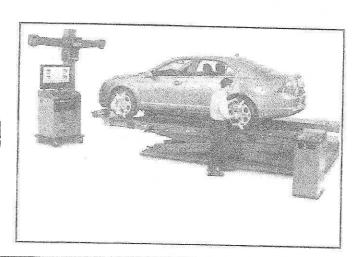
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