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Monday, June 14, 2021

Man Walking Charged After Appearing Upset and Distraught then Found with Meth



Bryson Young

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Harassment Charged Filed After Refusal to Pay Rent



Michael Franklin

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Speeding 75mph in a 50mph zone leads to DUI and More



Noah Phelps

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FBI Targets Encrypted Platforms Used by Criminal Groups

Global Partners Announce Results of Innovative Operation Trojan Shield

Criminal organizations that rely on hardened, stripped-down devices to send encrypted messages may learn this week they have been using a platform operated by the very investigators they are trying to thwart.

In an innovative effort, the FBI, with the help of the Aus-

tralian Federal Police, launched their own encrypted communications platform and supplied more than 12,000 devices to hundreds of criminal organizations that operate around the globe.

The FBI, along with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Australian Federal Police, Europol, and law en-

forcement partners in more than a dozen countries, are announcing the results of that covert effort, known as Operation Trojan Shield. In recent days and weeks, authorities have carried out hundreds of arrests in Australia and across Europe as a result of intelligence gathered

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Verse of the Day

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

— 1 John 1:9

Wazzup

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Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 88F.
Tonight: Clear. Low of 65F.
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Tuesday night: Overcast. Low of 62F.

Horoscope

Gemini 5/21-6/20

You're terrific at following through with projects, Gemini, but perhaps not so great at starting them. Today is the perfect time



Meth

Bryson Young, 34, Hol-land Trail Lenoir City, was charged with Simple Possession x2, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, and Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II.

Deputy Dalton Harri-son LCSO, was driving down Shaw Ferry Road when he noticed a male walking in the left-hand lane that seemed to be dis-traught and upset. Upon making contact with the male, identified as Bryson Young, he stated that he had been in an argument with his father earlier and had been walking down the road trying to get to a

hotel. After speaking with Young for a short period Deputy asked him if he would like a ride to a hotel in Lenoir City at which time he stated he would.

Before transporting him Deputy asked him to step to the rear of his patrol car and have him empty his pockets on his trunk. While doing so he retrieved a vape pen from his pocket stating "you know these things have weed in them right?" He then pulled out a pill bot-tle and Deputy asked him to open it so he could see the contents.

Deputy opened the lid and noticed a small tied-up piece of a grocery bag

inside the pill bottle. Depu-ty asked Young what it was and he stated "you know what it is." Deputy said "meth?" at which time he agreed that it was.

Deputy then placed him in custody and transported him to the Loudon County Jail.

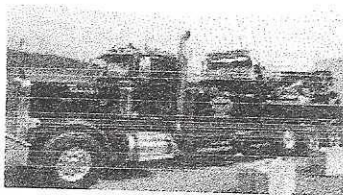
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mately 2.97g of metham-phetamine, One (1)- 30mg Dextroamphetamine, Three (3) - 1mg Alpra-zolam and Sixteen (16) pressed Fentanyl tablets weighing approximate-ly 5.87g. Narcotics Unit was notified and TruNarc scans were done on the methamphetamine and Fentanyl tablets.

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Harassment

Michael Franklin, 39, Hickory Creek Lenoir City, was charged with Harassment.

Dep. Parton LCSO, was dispatched to Hickory Creek Road Lot #4 in reference to Harassment.

Deputy arrived on scene and spoke with victim who stated he was having some issues out of Lot #10, they were not wanting to pay their rent. He confronted them about this and they refused to pay, Mr. The victim was advised of his options civilly.

Victim is the Landlord of Lot #10 and the tenants are female, her son and Michael Franklin. Mr. Franklin began texting victim sending threatening messages, and cursing him out. Mr. Franklin said, "Next time I see you ima make you my bitch." Dep. Parton attempted to make contact with him at Lot #10, the female advised he was not home at

the time and he left the scene. At 22:29 I, Dep. L. Hawkins, Dep. Harrison, and Dep. Parton were dispatched to the property once more. Victim advised he was sending him messages once more. These messages were not threatening, Mr. Franklin was asking to speak with victim. The number texting was given to The Loudon

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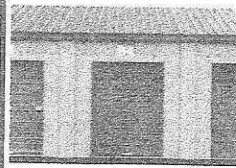
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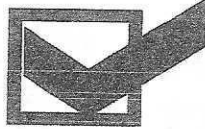
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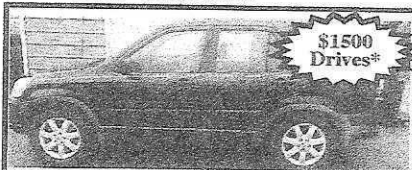
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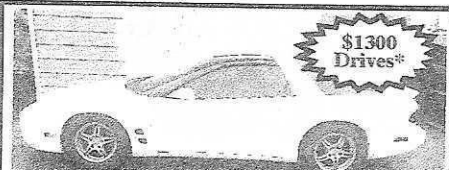
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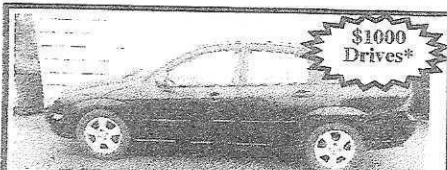
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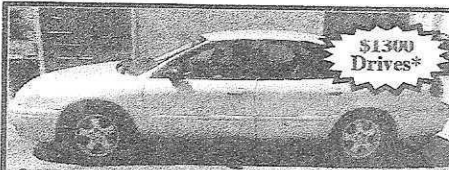
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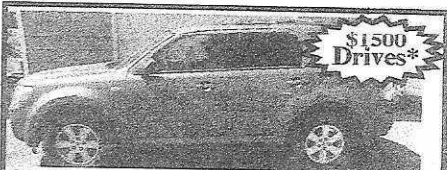
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FBI

during the operation. Law enforcement has also been able to mitigate direct threat-to-life situations.

The FBI's San Diego Field Office was the hub for the more than 100 agents and analysts and 80 linguists who were pooled together for the operation that began with the takedown of the encrypted phone provider Phantom Secure. In 2018, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California pursued charges against the company's executives for facilitating the transnational importation and distribution of narcotics by providing encrypted devices to criminals.

While the charges shuttered a key device provider, FBI San Diego Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jamie Arnold said they watched the organizations quickly regroup: "When we took down Phantom Secure in 2018, we found

the criminal organizations moved quickly to back-up options with other encrypted platforms." After Phantom Secure, investigators came up with a solution that would do more than cause the organized crime groups to shift to different platforms, such as Sky Global and EncroChat.

"Encrypted devices have been and continue to be a safe haven for criminal organizations, in particular the leadership of these organizations—providing them a platform for their communications that we have not had access to," said Arnold. "For the agents on the investigative team and our federal and international partners, this was a creative and innovative way for us to get behind that firewall and see what was happening among the leadership of these criminal organizations."

These devices are typically purchased through word-of-mouth referral networks and

offer robust data encryption tools. They can also be wiped clean remotely if they fall into the hands of law enforcement. Every feature of the devices, which sell for between \$1,200 and \$2,000, is designed for maximum secrecy and to avoid court-authorized access needed by law enforcement. The devices deployed in Trojan Shield, however, generated a carbon copy of each message for the FBI to assess and analyze.

When appropriate and authorized, the FBI sent information to partner agencies.

As a result, law enforcement entities around the globe were able to seize thousands of kilograms of narcotics and millions of dollars in proceeds from criminal activity.

U.S. federal prosecutors may bring charges against additional providers of these platforms, and FBI San Diego said that the operation will have far reaching, long-term transnational effects on these organizations and their ability to communicate and coordinate.

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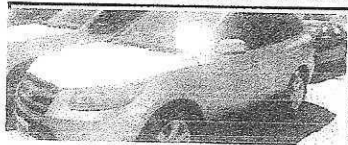
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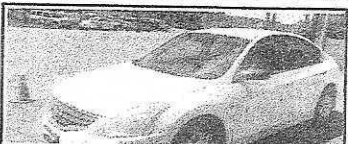
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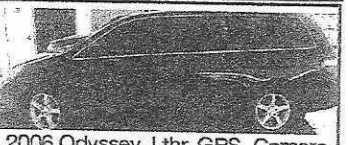
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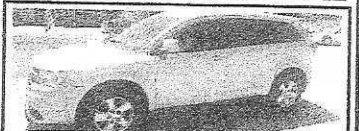
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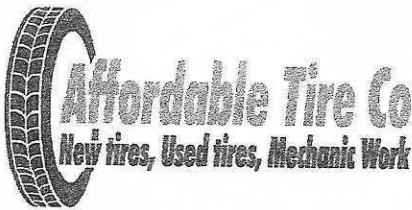
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Noah Phelps, 19, Summit Drive Seymour, was charged with DUI, Violation Implied Consent, Speeding 21 MPH over Limit, and Poss. Of Handgun While Under the Influence.

Deputy Branson 974 observed a red mustang driving on Hwy 411 at the speed of 75mph in a 50mph zone. Deputy conducted a traffic stop at Hwy 411 at the intersection of Lou Goddard Ln. Deputy made contact with the driver in whom came to be known as Mr. Noah A Phelps. Deputy smelled an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. In the back seat, Deputy saw in plain site what appeared to be a bong pipe. Deputy asked Mr. Phelps what was the pink bottle and he grabbed a Dr. Pepper bottle and Deputy said no, the bottle with pink and he grabbed it and then tried to put it back as to hide it. Deputy asked him to hand me the bottle with pink on it, it turned out to be a bong pipe, in which was taken and destroyed. Deputy asked Mr. Phelps to step out of the vehicle and stand in front of my patrol vehicle. Mr. Phelps continued to put his hands in his pockets after instructing him several times not too. Mr. Phelps instructed Deputy that there was a weapon between the driver seat and console. The weapon was SIG SAUER P250 40 caliber. While Deputy was speaking with Mr. Phelps, he advised me that he had been smoking marijuana. Deputy Parton arrived on scene and conducted field sobriety on Mr. Phelps. Mr. Phelps did poorly on field sobriety. Mr. Phelps was taken into custody and was taken to FT. Loudon Medical for blood draw. Mr. Phelps was then transported to Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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County Dispatch by Dep. Parton, to attempt to make contact with Mr. Franklin. He called back after no answer and spoke with Dep. Parton and confirmed his identity as Michael Franklin, providing a Florida Identification number. Dep. Parton attempted to talk with him in person and he refused, advising he was at work. He was instructed, over recorded phone call, to stop sending these messages to victim such as, curing, calling him names, and threats. At that time units left the scene. Then at 23:32 Dep. Parton and Hawkins were dispatched to the property. Mr. Franklin texted victim calling him a "Bitch." We attempted to make contact at Lot #10 once more, female then advised he was home and gave us consent to enter. Mr. Franklin was found asleep on the couch, he was taken into custody.

FBI Ctd. from pg. 4

nate their criminal activities.

Arnold said the erosion of trust in these networks was a primary goal, along with gathering invaluable investigative information. "Criminal groups using encrypted communications to thwart law enforcement should no longer feel safe in that space," Arnold said. "We hope criminals worldwide will fear that the FBI or another law enforcement organization may, in fact, be running their platform." He went on to stress that the FBI and its partners will continue to dismantle transnational organized criminal organizations, wherever they are and however they choose to communicate.

Horoscopes

for you to prove this theory wrong. There's a great deal of force out there to help you boost your rocket off the launching pad. Take advantage of this energy and get to work on things you've been meaning to start but haven't gotten around to yet.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Your self-esteem is apt to be quite high today, Cancer, and you may feel an extra bit of fire helping you throughout the day. Take the lead on projects that seem to be going nowhere. If you want the job done right, you may have to do it yourself. Don't be shy. This is the time to stand up and make use of your talent and skills.

Leo 7/23-8/22

There may be a bit of tension and conflict in your world today, Leo. Be prepared for mild contention that could turn into an all-out war if you aren't careful. Don't take things too personally. Think of these disputes as challenges that will only make you stronger when you overcome them. Don't get disgruntled or evasive. Running away won't do any good.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

There may be tension in your heart today that could be difficult to shake, Virgo. You might find it hard to relate to people or that others aren't hearing you very well. Keep in mind that you may have to translate your thoughts in order to get your message across. Keep an open mind as you deal with others on a

one-to-one basis.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Try not to be impatient today, Libra. This could be one day in which you feel restless, and everything seems to take much longer than you'd like. Try your best to go with the flow. Don't get so wrapped up in making sure things happen by a certain time. Quality is more important than speed, and a peaceful mind is more efficient and productive than a stressed one.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

To fight or not to fight may be the question of the day, Scorpio. Your sensitive, feminine side is likely to say one thing while your masculine, combative side says another. The key is to not act hastily in any situation. Make sure you proceed from a neutral platform instead of reacting from a point of aggression caused by someone else.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Be careful that you don't put your foot in your mouth today, Sagittarius. You may have a tendency to jump the gun, so be conscious of how you use your energy. A false start is likely to get you disqualified. Orient yourself to your surroundings before you make any major upheaval. It's important to have a good, solid footing on the day before you proceed.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

This could be a highly productive day for you if you approach it in the right way. You will find that you have an added burst of energy that could help you conquer just about any task you set your

mind to, Capricorn. You may feel more aggressive than usual, so use this to your advantage by delegating tasks and moving forward on projects that you'd like to see done.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You may feel a bit anxious today, Aquarius, and it may be hard to settle down. You probably have many irons in the fire right now, and they're all starting to heat up at once. Unfortunately, other people may not be especially sensitive to your needs, so beware. It might be best to put up some sort of psychic shield to protect yourself from other people's moods.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your heart should feel quite generous today, Pisces. You're most likely feeling the need to keep everyone smiling. Spread your radiant sunshine everywhere - it will be appreciated on a day like this. You can't go wrong with compliments and positive encouragement. Focus on the good in all people and

you will find that this attitude helps bring out the best in you.

Aries 3/21-4/19

You may feel the urge to get up and go today, Aries. Follow this instinct and get to work. You're anxious to get the ball rolling on certain projects. The key for you now is to make sure that the ones that are already started get done before you tackle the others. Don't let people stand in the way of your progress. Grab hold of the reins if you need to.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

You may find that there is some opposition from other people today, Taurus, especially concerning emotions. You may feel threatened in some way. An aggressive attitude could be making you feel inferior or unworthy of certain attention. Wanting peace, justice, and harmony doesn't make you wimpy or inferior, as some people may suggest. These qualities are your strengths, not your weaknesses.

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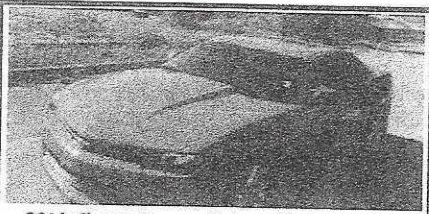
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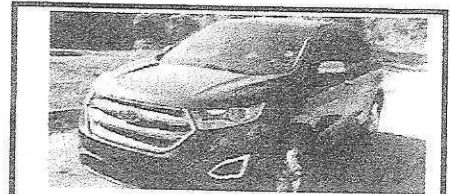
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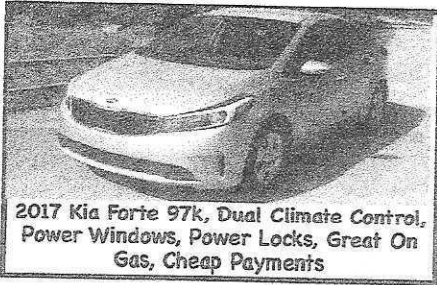
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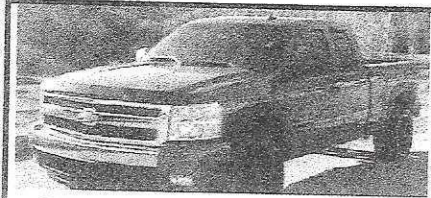
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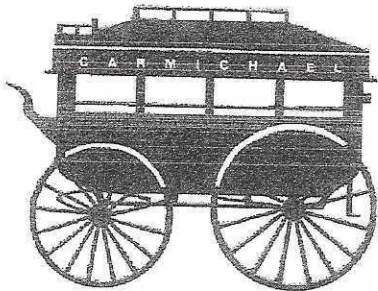
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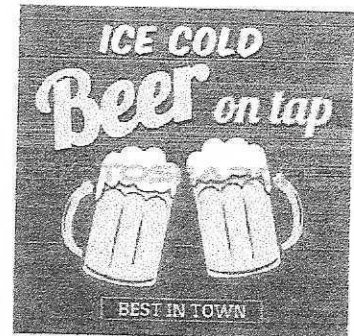
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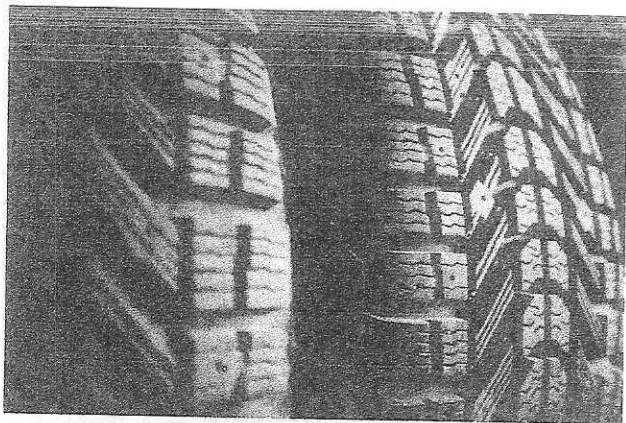
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