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Monday, August 30, 2021

Two Charged with Identity Theft, Money Laundering and More



Osmani Ramirez Chavez



Roxana Pena Segura *see Charged pg. 2*

Fentanyl Found In Traffic Stop for Prior Knowledge of Driver



James Sutton

see Fentanyl pg. 5

Meth Found at High School After Wanted Subject Stopped



Cody Burris

see Meth pg. 3

Former Franklin Fire Chief Traveled 3,350 Miles in City Vehicle

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Ronald Garzarek, the former fire chief for the City of Franklin.

Comptroller investigators determined that Garzarek traveled 3,350 miles in his city-owned Chevrolet Tahoe between February 27, 2020

and March 16, 2020 (13 business-days). A review of Garzarek's calendar showed the former fire chief had no apparent business purpose for the excessive amount of mileage driven. Garzarek did not use the city fuel card for any purchases during the 3,350 miles driven.

The City of Franklin's policy states that a "take-home vehicle

should be used primarily for commuting and city-related business." While the policy also allows for other de minimus use, it does not define this usage.

The investigation also revealed that Garzarek worked remotely out of state without authorization beginning

see Franklin pg. 4

Verse of the Day

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus

himself as the chief cornerstone.

—Ephesians 2:19-20

Wazzup

It's The End of August! Fall is Upon On Us! Labor Day Weekend is This Weekend!

Weather

Today: Thunderstorms. High of 89F.

Tonight: Overcast. Low of 70F.

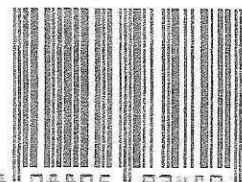
Tuesday: Scattered Thunderstorms. High of 85F.

Tuesday night: Overcast. Low of 70F.

Horoscope

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Lucky you! An unexpected break could come your way that gets you started in just the direction you've wanted to follow. This



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Charged

Osmani Ramirez
Chavez, 45, Spence Ave
Tampa, was charged with
Money Laundering, Ille-
gal Possession/Fraudulent
use of Credit Card, Identity
Theft, and Theft of Property.
Roxana Pena Segura, 21,
Rio Vista Ave Tampa, was

charged with Theft of Prop-
erty, Illegal Possession/
Fraudulent use of Credit
Card, Identity Theft, and
Money Laundering.

Officer Guider LCPD, was
dispatched to call a victim
on a fraudulent use of a deb-
it card. Officer talked to (the
victim). Victim stated that
on June 19, 2021, his debit

card was used twice at the
Home Depot in Lenoir City
without his approval. Vic-
tim said that he still has his
debit card. The debit card is
on a Northeast Community
Credit Union account with
card. One transaction was at
14:10 for \$54.23. The other
transaction was at 14:11 for
\$317.85. Zachary advised
that the bank said that the
card had been swiped. Af-
ter an investigation Rox-
ana Pena and OSMANI
RAMIREZ CHAVEZ, were
charged.

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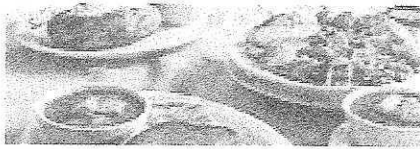
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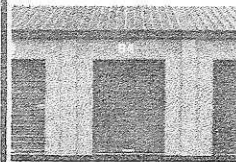
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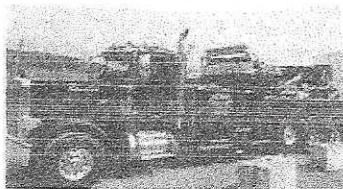
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Meth

Cody Burris, 27, Tellico Ave Athens, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth.

Officer Law LPD, was on routine patrol at the Loudon High School when Officer was flagged down by a unknown female who pointed to a male walking around the football field who she stated had active warrants out of McMinn County. Officer made contact with the male who he identified as Cody Burris, Officer ran Mr. Burris through the McMinn County Jail. While conducting my investigation a strong odor of Marijuana was omitting from Mr. Burris's persons, with his consent Mr. Burris was asked to empty his pockets, Officer then received consent to retrieved some items

from his pockets, inside a yellow sticky note was located a White Crystal like substance believed to be Meth on his persons. Officer then weighed the substance and it weighed .50 grams, Mr. Burris was then placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. McMinn County Jail did advise he had a active FTA but they would not pick up. All the above occurred in Loudon City, TN.

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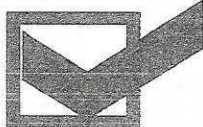
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Franklin

in March 2020. Although Garzarek was available by phone and was present for video conference meetings, he had never received approval to work out of state.

Ronald Gazarek resigned from his position effective June 16, 2020. In August 2021, he was indicted by the Williamson County Grand Jury on one count of official misconduct.

"All government entities in Tennessee must provide oversight when they authorize staff to take home vehicles," said Comptroller Jason Mum-power. "This would include regular monitoring of mileage and having clear policies about the acceptable use of city-owned assets."

To view the investigative report, go to: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/investigations/find.html>

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Marion Man Sentenced for Burning Cross on Front Yard of African American Family in June 2020

A Marion man, who burned a cross on the front yard of an African American family in June 2020 following a civil rights protest earlier in the day, was sentenced today to 18 months in federal prison.

James Brown, 41, pleaded guilty in April to criminal interference with federally protected housing rights based upon the victim's race.

"When Brown burned a cross in the victim's front yard, he carried out a despicable act of intimidation, interfered with a federally protected housing right, and broke a serious federal law,"

Acting U.S. Attorney Bubar stated today. "Today's sentence demonstrates that such threatening acts of hatred will be swiftly investigated and prosecuted. We thank the FBI and state partners for their hard work on this important case."

"We have zero tolerance in our communities for those individuals violating anyone's civil rights. Investigating allegations of civil rights violations continues to be a top priority for the FBI; and through our community liaison and law enforcement partnerships we will continue to investigate and mitigate the unwanted and unwarranted behavior of racially motivated individuals," Special Agent in Charge Stanley M. Meador said today. "FBI Richmond encourages anyone who may have knowledge or is a victim of a hate

crime, to report it to law enforcement."

According to court documents, Brown burned a cross on the front yard of an African American family in the early morning hours of June 14, 2020. One of the family members had organized a civil rights protest the day before in Marion, Virginia. Brown admitted to burning the cross to two witnesses and also was known to use racial epithets when referring to the African American family. At his guilty plea hearing, Brown admitted that he had burned the cross in order to threaten and intimidate the African American family.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Marion Police Department, and the Smyth County Sheriff's Office investigated the case.

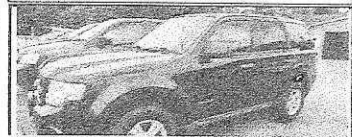
Assistant United States Attorneys Zachary T. Lee and Daniel Murphy are prosecuting the case.



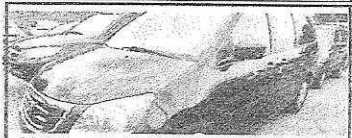
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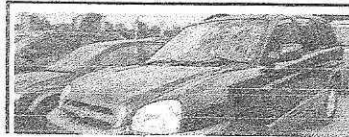


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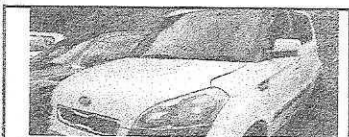


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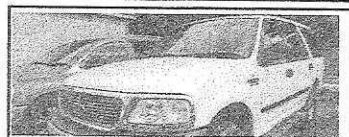
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Fentanyl

James Sutton, 44, Oak Chase Blvd. Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. I, Simple Possession x2, Poss. Of Drug Para., and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Deputy Clay Jenkins, LCSO, and Deputy Willis, conducted a traffic stop on a green BMW 535i TN registration DQD552 at 1103 Highway 321 N (EZ Stop) due to having prior knowledge of driver James Sutton Jr. to not have a valid license. Deputy then made contact with Mr. Sutton and advised him of the reason for stop. While speaking with Mr. Sutton Deputy then asked if anything illegal was inside of the car and he responded no. Deputy then asked Mr. Sutton to search his vehicle in which he agreed. Upon search of the vehicle, Depu-

ty located in a white pill bottle inside the center console containing one plastic baggy with four blue circle pills imprint M30 (Oxycodone 30mg), one plastic baggy of a gray powder substance (Fentanyl compound) weighing approx. 2.2 grams for resale, one bindle of a half gram or less of a gray powder substance (Fentanyl compound) for personal use, a cut straw with residue, and seven small white circle pills imprint J25 (no charge). Moneymakers Wrecker Service towed the vehicle for seizure. Mr. Sutton was then taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. Lt. Ezell responded to the jail to TruNarc the gray powder substances in which both tested positive for Fentanyl compound scans #1021 and #1023. All of this did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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Horoscopes

could involve love, career aspirations, or simply a new way of living that you've been longing to experience. Friends might play a major role in this process. Move ahead cautiously, but move ahead. Breaks like this don't come very often!

Libra 9/23-10/22

Your imagination is always fertile, but today it's especially productive, perhaps surprisingly so, Libra. You could come up with ideas for all kinds of new projects. Friends could want to work with you, and they should have a lot to contribute. Make sure you write down some of your ideas so you can go back to them later. You won't be able to get everything done today!

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

A goal that you and some friends have been trying to reach may take a sudden turn and show signs of manifesting sooner than you expected. This could be a real break for you and you might be baffled as to how to make the most of it. Don't worry about that now. Celebrate with your friends. Within a few days you'll be in the frame of mind to move ahead!

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Acknowledgement for work well done could come your way, Sagittarius, as those around you suddenly seem to see you in a new light. In some cases, a touch of fame could result. This could pertain either to your career, personal life, or both. Either way, it boosts your enthusiasm and

self-esteem, which should enable you to continue pushing ahead. Enjoy your fame and then aim higher!

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Your desire to advance your education and learn new skills could be promoted by a sudden event that points you in the right direction, Capricorn. You could start training an artistic talent or learn to use new technology or find out about the latest advances in scientific knowledge. Your mind is sharp and curiosity high. The opportunity to learn will appear.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Today you might feel an overwhelming physical attraction to a new person even if you're already involved, Aquarius. Also, an unusual stroke of luck could bring some extra money your way. It could be an unexpected bonus, a sale of some kind, or a gift. The temptation to spend it all at once could arise. If you don't need the money for routine expenses, go for it! You deserve a reward.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

An unexpected invitation to a social event could put you in touch with unusual, fascinating people, Pisces. Some of them may be involved in professions that interest you. Some may become your friends and others might prove to be valuable business contacts. New opportunities could come your way as a result. Whatever invitations come your way, don't turn them down. You might miss something wonderful.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Have you been thinking about

adopting a pet? Even if you haven't, a lovely little dog or cat could come into your life now and show signs of wanting to stay with you, Aries. Don't let mundane considerations get in your way. An animal could bring a lot of joy into your life now. Your health should continue to thrive, though your energy might come and go in spurts.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

A friend could propose that you participate in a new project together. This may be something you've never done before, Taurus, and you're likely to have doubts. If you have any interest at all, don't let your doubts get in your way. Whatever your friend offers may involve the investment of a lot of time, but all signs say that in the end it will be worth it.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

A sudden feeling of love for your home could catapult you into redecorating, Gemini. News could come your way of sudden good fortune involving a family member. This is likely to affect the entire family

in some way, so while you're happy for your relative, be glad for yourself, too. Don't be surprised if you feel a touch of envy. You're human, after all.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

New channels of communication may open up for you today. A female author whose work you enjoy could release a new book, Cancer. You could meet some new neighbors who share your interests or you could come into contact with like-minded people online. This promises to open new territory for you regarding your intellectual and social lives. Your mind is going to be working overtime!

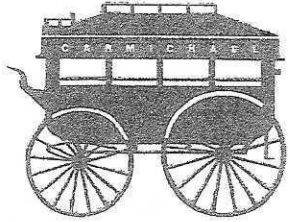
Leo 7/23-8/22

Your adventurous side could show itself, Leo. You might have a talent for an activity you never considered before, such as rafting, flying, mountain climbing, or sky-diving! Or it could be a less risky pastime that's still new to you. This is a good time to tackle new projects of any kind. Just make sure you know all the ins and outs before getting started.

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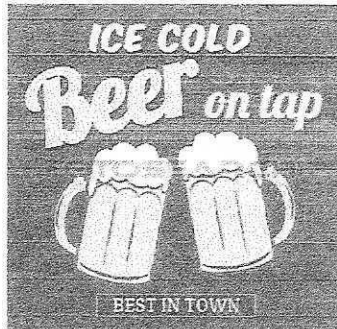
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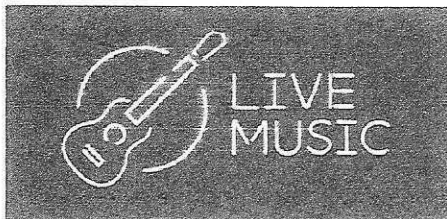
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Obituaries

Darrell Lawhon - age 64 of Lenoir City, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. He was of the Baptist faith.

Darrell was a truck driver for 39 years, driving 23 years as an employee of CVS. He loved riding motorcycles, cooking, and being with his family.

Preceded in death by his step-father, Wayne Felty; grandparents, Charles and Mary Lawhon, J.W. and Florence Lane; sister-in-law, Vicky Bell; brothers-in-law, Wes and Jeff Brandon.

Survived by his wife of 42 years, Barbara (Brandon) Lawhon; son, Bryon Lawhon (Holly); daughter, Andrea Lawhon (Kevin Shook); grandchildren: Skylar, Zane, Chase, Kali, and Grant; mother, Eula Rhea Felty; brother, Stephen Lawhon; sisters, Kathy Johnson and Susan Shultz along with several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, August 26th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Eddie Click officiating. Interment will be private. The family ask that friends who are feeling any Covid-19 symptoms, please not attend services.

Arlita Forehand Hammer - age 86, of Kingsport, formerly of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday, August 22, 2021, at her home surrounded by her family. Mrs. Hammer was a teacher at Karnes High School in Knoxville for over 30 years.

Arlita was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Rev. Neville A. Hammer, Jr.; her parents, George and Mabel Forehand, and her brother, Gary Forehand.

She is survived by her children: Gene Hammer and wife, Valerie, of Gray, TN; Al Hammer and wife Carol of Ludlow, PA; Lisa Vasilatos

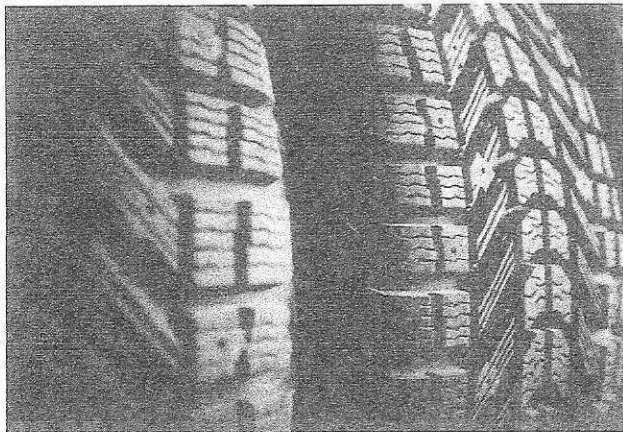
of Kingsport, TN; and Amy Reedy and husband, Robert of Kingsport, TN; grandchildren: April Vasilatos, Keara Rubin, Jennifer & FJ Tribuzio, Kristen Hammer, Jacob & Soojin Reedy; Mark & Amelia Reedy; great-grandchildren: Trevor Wingate, Emily Little; Cody Little, Adam Rubin, Ben Rubin, Alex Morrow, Bryan Morrow, Rhett Tribuzio, Baylor Tribuzio, Lena Kim, James Reedy, Hollis Reedy, and Luke Reedy; and her little dog, Matty; sister, Mary Dale Stowe; sisters-in-law: Judy Hammer of Knoxville, Susan Hammer of North Carolina, and Mildred Hammer of Georgia.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, August 28th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City, followed by services at 11:00 am in the chapel. The family asks that masks be worn. Family and friends will proceed to Lakeview Cemetery in Lenoir City for interment.

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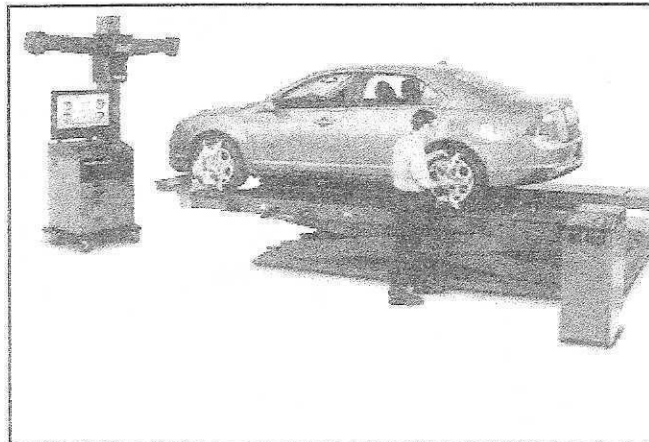
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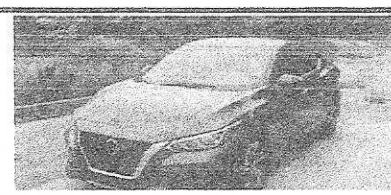
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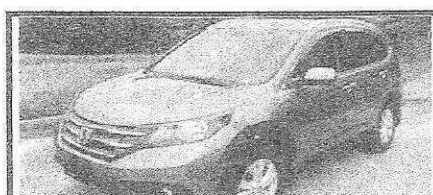
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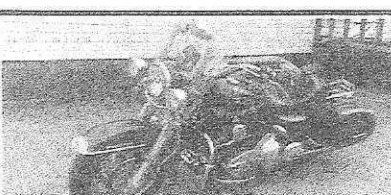
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