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Wednesday, August 16, 2023

### Grand Jury Meets and Returns | Man Charged with Rape and Indictments

The Loudon County Grand Jury met on Monday to consider indictments in 32 cases presented by District Attorney General Russell Johnson. All but one of the cases presented resulted in indictments. The cases indicted included a first-degree murder involving a stabbing death of Daniel Mejia

on Old Highway 11 in the Philadelphia area from September 29, 2022, where Erick Jovanni Santano-Lopez stabbed to death his roommate. Loudon County investigators arrested Lopez on the murder charge and the arrest warrant from last year indicates that an argument between the defendant and victim developed Cisneros at a residence into a physical alter-

cation and that Santa-· no-Lopez picked up a knife that fell from the television stand and started stabbing and cutting Cisneros. According to the statement Santano-Lopez gave the investigators, the warrant states that Santano-Lopez lowed Cisneros into the kitchen where Cisneros sat in a chair. Santano-Lopez admit-

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# **Expoitation of a Minor**



Derrick Walker

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gan distributing meth-

amphetamine in the

fall of 2020 in north-

February 2021, he and

a co-conspirator were

arrested in Washington

as they returned from

Knoxville with over a

Tennessee,

east Tennessee.

County,

### **DUI** Cases Also Part of **Grand Jury**

The report from the grand jury also contained three DUI cases. Driving Under the Influence (of alcohol and/or drugs) is a special focus in District Attorney General Russell Johnson's office as DUIs are responsible for so many innocent people being killed on the roadways, innocent victims who are not drinking and driving like their 'killers'. According to Johnson, Assistant District At-

torney Joe Caldwell has earned numerous regional and statewide awards for his prosecution of these cases. Joe Caldwell's goal in each case is to achieve justice by holding the impaired driver accountable for his or her decisions. Both Johnson and Caldwell acknowledge that requiring offenders to get evaluated by professionals as to their alcohol and other substance

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### Erwin Man Sentenced To 262 Months Imprisonment For Methamphetamine Trafficking

Joshua federal District of Tennessee for 10 years. at Greeneville.

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Dwayne 21 U.S.C.§§ 846 and Mabery, 47, of Erwin, 841(a)(1); and posses-Tennessee, was sen- sion with the intent to tenced to 262 months distribute methamphetprison, amine, in violation of by the Honorable J. 21 U.S.C.§ 841(a)(1). Ronnie Greer, in the Upon his release from United States District prison, Mabery will be Court for the Eastern on supervised release

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half-kilogram of crystal methamphetamine they had just purchased from another co-conspirator. U.S. Attorney Fran-

see Mabery pg 5





#### Verse of the Day

A generous man will prosper; who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

-Proverbs 11:25

#### Wazzup

My Father Sgt. Wayne Bell Retired passed away on August 15, 2023 at home surrounded by family.

Today: Mostly sunny. High of 80F.

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Thursday night: Clear. Low of 65F.

Horoscope Leo 7/23-8/22

Mind your manners, Leo, and open doors that you've never opened before. Maintain your principles and integrity as you venture forth into worlds unknown. Virgo 8/23-9/22

You may go in many dif-ferent directions today. Virgo, so try to stay focused. Spend some time

### grand jury

ted that he stabbed Cisneros again while he sat in the chair. The defendant than called 911 and, according to the warrant, admitted killing Cisneros. Santano-Lopez, who is evidently not in the United States legally. remains in custody at the Loudon County Jail since he has not made his \$60,000 bond, according to Jail Administrator Dusty Langley, and he will be arraigned on the indicted charges at the small Alma Place 'courtroom' on Monday, August 21st along with all other defendants indicted by the grand jury. District Attorney General Johnson indicated that ADAs Bob Edwards and Jed Bassett will be handling the prosecution of Mr. Santano-Lopez.

Police beat

Luis Romero-Arevola,29, Huerer Street Sweetwater, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Sgt. Pesterfield LCSO, witnessed a 2005 Ford F-150 traveling on Sugarlimb Rd. near Hotchkiss Valley Rd. W. Sgt. witnessed the vehicle traveling 38 mph in a 50 mph zone. Sgt. witnessed the vehicle cross the double yellow line three times and the fog line once. Sgt. initiated his emergency equipment to which the driver pulled into the entrance of Kimberly Clark. The driver initially pulled off to the side of the entrance and then made an abrupt left turn blocking the entrance. The driver then put the vehicle in reverse and began backing toward Deputy T. Davis' vehicle. Sgt. gave the driver verbal commands to place the vehicle in park to which he did. Sgt. made contact with the driver, identified as Mr. Luis Romero Arevalo, the offender. While speaking with the offender Sgt. noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle. Sgt. also noticed the offender had blood shot watery eyes and lethargic movements. Sgt. asked the offender how much he had to drink to which he stated "not much." Sgt. asked the offender again how much he had to drink to which he stated "none." Sgt. removed the offender from the vehicle and noticed the odor of

an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Sgt. asked the offender if he would perform standardized field sobriety testing to which he refused. Sgt. placed the offender in custody at that time for driving under the influence. Sgt. read the offender the TN implied consent form, to which he refused to supply a sample for chemical testing. Sgt. transported the offender to the Loudon County Jail without incident.

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#### Rape

Derrick Walker, 31, Sunnyside Road Philadelphia, was charged with Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, and Rape.

Deputy Talbott LCSO, responded to Sunnyside Road in reference to a rape. When the deputy arrived on scene he made contact with witness. The witness advised that the victim was sexually assaulted by Derrick Walker (offender). Deputy next made contact with the victim, who appeared to be distressed. The deputy escorted the victim to his patrol vehicle and placed her in it for safety. The witness is the owner at the residence and lives in the house with the other witness and Mr. Walker.

The witness's niece, was staying at the residence for summer break. The witness advised that his daughter and here mother were in town. Mr. Walker and the victim were at the residence. The witness was outside when Mrs. Walker returned home. The witness asked where Mr. Walker annd the victim were at? The witness advised that they both were inside of the house. The witness then advised that he heard the witness scream. The witness ran into the house and saw one of the witness yelling at Mr. Walker for sleeping with the victim.

Mr. Walker fled the scene on foot and one witness left the scene with a friend in a black SUV. Deputy Branson located Mr. Walker at Reed

Spring Baptist Church. Mr. Walker was detained and he was returned to the scene. Investigator Kirkland arrived on scene and took over the investigation. The victim was transported to Fort

Loudon Medical Center by deputies and Mr. Walker was transported to the Loudon County Justice Center and a investigation hold was placed on him by Investigator Kirkland.

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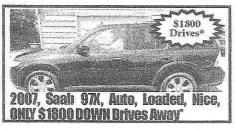


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abuse is part of this process. The district attorneys use these evaluations to determine whether defendants need either in-patient or out-patient rehab and they try to make these programs a component of what is required of defendant. ADA Caldwell is also convinced that the victim impact panels play an important

role in educating drivers who have come into the criminal justice system of the consequence of their drinking and driving. Caldwell teams with his DUI Unit Coordinator Holly Miller to work every DUI case that comes through the four-county judicial system in general sessions court and criminal court, including the Lenoir City municipal

court. While most DUI cases, since they are misdemeanors, get resolved in general sessions court, some are not resolved such as the three that were indicted by the grand

jury. ADA Caldwell has been highly successful in obtaining jury trial convictions on these cases that come to criminal

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cis M. Hamilton III of the Eastern District of Tennessee made the announcement.

The criminal indictment was the result of a joint investigation by the Carter County Sheriff's Office, Johnson City Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, and United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General.

Assistant United States Attorneys J. Gregory Bowman and B. Todd Martin represented the United States.

This case was a result of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) Strike Force Initiative, which provides for the establishment of permanent multi-agency task force teams that work sideby-side in the same location. This co-located model enables agents from different agencies to collaborate on intelligence-driven, multi-jurisdictional operations to disrupt and dismantle the most significant drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations.

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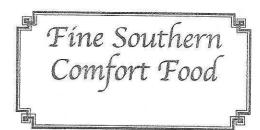
### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Lenoir City Council will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 5:55 P.M. The purpose of the hearing will be to gather public input on the following:

 Ordinance to vacate a portion of identified rightof-way of Bank Street between East Depot Street and Nelson Street and return the underlying property to the adjoining property owner currently identified as Industrial Development Board of the City of Lenoir City.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Thank you, Tony R. Aikens Mayor





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by water, even if it's just your bathtub, and reconnect with your true self.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Your actions may take a sudden turn today, Libra, so beware. This may seem like an annoying bend in the road at first, but if you keep walking, you'll see that this course of action is exactly the one you need to take. Scorpio 10/23-11/21

You're able to get quite a bit accomplished today, Scorpio, as long as you're the one taking action. Don't let other people be in charge. Your power may come in energetic, erratic bursts, so use this to your advantage

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21 Maintain your integrity, Sagittarius. Other people may suspect your motives, so make sure you give them no reason to doubt you. Be confident in your actions and follow through with

your promises.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19 Slow and steady actions are likely to win the race today, Capricorn. Unexpected situations may crop up to throw you off course, but don't let them. Aquarius 1/20-2/18

If you don't agree with what the

group is doing today, Aquarius, don't feel like you have to join in. Earn their respect in your own way, not by forcing yourself into a mold you don't fit into. Pisces 2/19–3/20

Get the rest you need, Pisces. Prevent sickness and maintain full control of your mind and body by making sure you get the proper amount of sleep. Aries 3/21-4/19

Don't poke your nose into other people's business today, Aries. Give others their space and let them work things out for them-selves. Don't feel like you have to gain the attention of everyone. Taurus 4/20-5/20

Ask for what you need, Taurus, and you will get it. Don't wait around for the rewards to come to you. This is one of those days in which actions speak louder than words.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

Watch the sunrise today, Gemini. Open your eyes to the beauty around you and let it inspire you to take action.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Get in touch with a friend you haven't heard from in a while, Cancer. Someone is waiting to hear from you. Surprise him or her with an unexpected expression of love.



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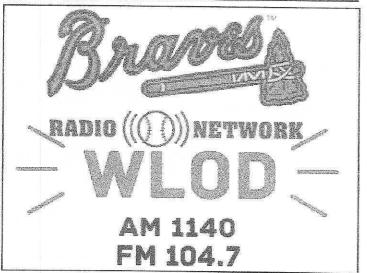
John Bowman Bivens, Ir. - age 80 of Loudon passed away August 13, 2023. He served in the United States Air Force and was of the Baptist faith. John retired from the Loudon County Maintenance Department with almost 30 years of service. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert "Robbie" Allen Bivens; parents, John "Bowman" Bivens and Josephine Wallace; siblings: Bill Bivens, Faye Bivens Saults and Johnnie Ann Scarbrough; grandparents, Jodie and Minnie Bivens, John and Mintha Wallace; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clifford and Delsa Simpson. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Janie Simpson Bivens; children, William Shawn Bivens (Tammi) and Crystal Price (Tony); grandchildren: Kelcie Tallent (Jeron), Tyler Bivens, Brodie Price, Blake Price, and J. D. Watson; great-grandchildren, Lainey Jo Tallent and Watson

Tallent; former daughter-inlaw, Wendy Bivens; several loved brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Gary Cook and Rev. Danny Thornburg officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Thursday morning and we will proceed to Pine Grove Cemetery in Lenoir City for graveside services at 11 a.m. Serving as pallbearers: Travis Thompson, Mark Bivens, Ted McKee, Bill Scarbrough, John Wayne Scarbrough, and Rick Tucker. Honorary pallbearers: Virgil McKee, Marshall Graves, Jeff Green, and Mike Patty. Military honors will be conducted by the Loudon Co. Veterans Honor Guard. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

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#### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: JAN-ICE L. REYNOLDS, deceased DKT# 6897

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05 09 2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of JANICE L. REYNOLDS who died on the 8TH day of JUNE 2023 be 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the lates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 7TH DAY OF AU-GUST 2023

Steve Harrelson, Clerk

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
THURMAN GLENN CORNELL, II and MELVIN CARROLLMCCAIN

Notice to Creditors:

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published August 9, 2023 and August 16, 2023

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: BET-TY SPENCER SALADA, deceased DKT#6898

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 188, Public Acts of Tennessee 1889 As Amended by Public Chapter 886 on 05/09/2012)

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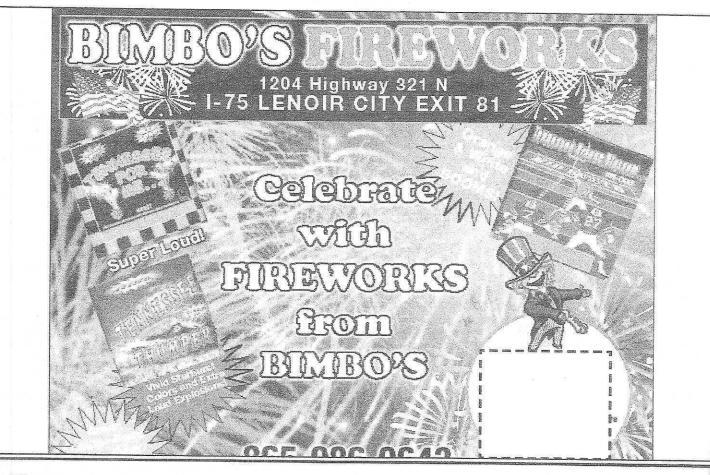
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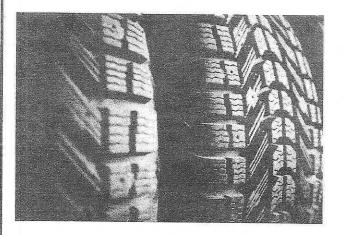
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