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Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Roadway

DUI along with No License and No Insurance | Stopped on For LC Man; 2 Others Charged As Well



Misael Soliz-Lopez

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Found to be Wanted for Drugs

John McBurnette

see Drugs pg.4

Victim In Fear After Assailant Reportedly Picks Up Beers



Anthony Farmer

(see DA pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

He [the Word, the One we know as Jesus,] was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:2-3

Wazzup

There will only be one paper next week January 8-12, 2024. Thanks for your understanding and patronage!

Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy. High of 46F.

FBI, HSI Investigation Leads to Historic **War Crimes Indictment**

Four Soldiers Alleged- D.C. ly Abducted, Tortured, and Abused U.S. Citizen in Ukraine

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The U.S. government on December 6 announced that it has brought its

first-ever charges under the War Crimes Act of 1996 against four Russian-affiliated soldiers who allegedly violated the human rights of an American residing in Ukraine amid Russia's full-scale invasion of the country.

The soldiers-Suren Seiranovich Mkrtchyan, Dmitry Budnik, and two lsmoinblus defendants known only by their first

see FBI pg 5





Tonight: Overcast. Low Thursday: parity cloudy. Thursday night: Over-

cast. Low of 24F.

Horoscope

High of 46F.

of 29F.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

You may find yourself thinking of looking for a new job in order to increase your income, Capricorn. But there is probably no need to take such a drastic

DUI+

Misael Soliz-Lopez,37, 2nd Avenue Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, License Required, and Financial Responsibility.

Officer Law LCPD, was on routine patrol when he observed a silver Toyota Tundra (TN Tag 063WH3) attempting to drive off the

embankment at Highway 321 North "Weigel's", Officer then observed the vehicle back into a white Chevy Equinox (MA Tag 1E86). Upon conducting a traffic stop in the parking lot Officer identified the driver to be Misael Soliz-Lopez, and while speaking to Mr. Soliz-Lopez the officer could detect the strong odor of an alcoholic

beverage emitting from his persons. While speaking to Mr. Soliz-Lopez, the officer observed him to be unsteady on his feet, and to have blood shot watery eyes. During his investigation it was determined Mr. Soliz-Lopez did not have a valid license, nor did he have current insurance on the vehicle. Due to the totality of circumstances Mr. Soliz-Lopez was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All the above occurred in Lenoir

Amilcar Solis-Lopez. 32 Walnut Street Lenoir City, was charged with Public Intoxication.

City, TN.

Eber Solis Santos,44, West 2nd Avenue Lenoir City, was charged with Public Intoxication.

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DA

Anthony Farmer, 55, B Street Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officers with LCPD, were dispatched to N B St. in regards to a Domestic Disturbance. Upon arrival, Officer Eldridge made contact with (Anthony L. Farmer) and immediately noticed him to be intoxicated. Officer also made contact with the victim who was asked to step outside so she could explain the situation.

Victim told officers that when she arrived home, Anthony got into her face and began yelling at her. During the dispute she stated that Anthony picked up two of his tall boy Busch Lights and took that position as if he was going to throw or strike her with them. She stated that she was in fear of being hurt by him or her unborn child being hurt. Officers then placed Anthony in custody and informed him that he was being arrested for Domestic Assault and was transported to the Loudon Co Jail. Victim was informed of her options and declined to be transported to a different location. This did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon Co, TN.

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Drugs

John McBurnette, 45, Highway 95 Greenback, was charged with Man/Sell/ Del/Resale Sch. II & III, and Mfg/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance.

Deputy Reagan LCSO, observed a male walking in the roadway northbound on Hwy 95 N. Deputy observed this male to pose a high traffic hazard due to cars avoiding the male in the opposite lane of travel. At that time Deputy stopped the male and identified him as John McBurnette (Arrestee). Dispatch advised that John had an active warrant out of Blount County for the Delivery of Methamphetamine, and Deputy then placed McBurnette into custody. After placing him into custody, he stated that he had paraphernalia on his person and in his backpack. He also stated that he had "a point"

of methamphetamine in his wallet. While searching him and his belongings, incident to arrest, Deputy discovered the methamphetamine and Suboxone tablets in his wallet, the paraphernalia, and 4 800mg Gabapentin tablets inside of his backpack. At that time, Deputy transported John McBurnette to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. This did happen in Loudon County, TN.

Police beat

Cameron Swain, 19, Glendfield Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Underage Driving While Intoxicated.

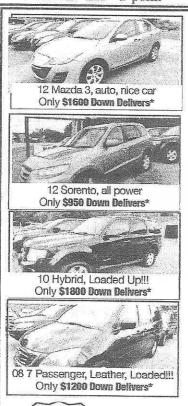
Officer Law LCPD, was on routine patrol when he observed a silver BMW 320I (TN Tag 341-BJCX) with expired registration "08/2023". Upon conducting a traffic stop at Old Highway

95 "Kingston Pike Baptist Church", Officer Law identified the driver to be Cameron Swain "19 yoa". While speaking to Mr. Swain, Officer Law observed him having blood shot watery eyes, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his persons. During the investigation Mr. Swain stated he had not drunk any alcohol but later in the investigation Mr. Swain stated he had approximately two to three beers prior to their encounter. Mr. Swain then agreed to SFST, Officer Law observed lack of smooth pursuit, distinct and sustained nystag-

mus at maximum deviation. and an onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees in both of Swain's eyes. During the instruction phase of the walk and turn, Mr. Swain repeatedly stepped off the line, and during the walk down he did an improper turn. During the one leg stand Mr. Swain did put his foot down, Mr. Swain was then placed under arrest. and transported to the Fort Loudoun Medical Center for a consented blood draw. Mr. Swain was then transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All the above occurred in Lenoir City, TN.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 on Monday February 5th, 2024, in the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Loudon County Zoning Regulations article 4, supplementary provisions applying to specific districts, section 4.030, Temporary Use Regulations of Loudon County.



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names (Valerii and Nazar)stand accused of unlawfully confining, torturing, and otherwise abusing an American who was living in Ukraine.

The indictment asserts that Mkrtchyan and Budnik were officers of the Russian Armed Forces and/or the so-called Donetsk People's Republic, that they outranked the other two defendants, and that all four men were allegedly fighting on Russia's behalf when the atrocities occurred

"In April 2022, Mkrtchyan and soldiers under his command allegedly abducted the victim. a U.S. citizen, from his home in the village of Mylove in the Kherson region of Ukraine and illegally confined him for at least 10 days," a DOJ release about the indictment states. "During the abduction, Mkrtchvan, Valerii, and Nazar allegedly threw the victim face down to the ground while he was naked, tied his hands behind his back, pointed

a gun at his head, and severely beat him, including with the stocks of their guns."

Following the violent abduction, the release explained, the defendants allegedly moved him

"an improvised military compound" that was being used by the Russian military and its affiliates. During his captivity, the victim was allegedly subjected to two torture-filled interrogations, beaten, held at gunpoint. threatened with death, and subjected to a mock execution, the release stated. He allegedly suffered these abuses at the hands of the defendants as well as other individuals, it noted.

In addition to being charged with conspiracy to commit war crimes, the defendants have been charged with the following war crimes, in particular.

Unlawful confinement

Torture

Inhuman treatment

All four men may face life in prison if convicted, the release states

"Since the start of their unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, Russia has weaponized human rights abuses to wreak unimaginable tragedy," Wray said of the announcement. "Today's indictment-the first ever under the U.S. war crimes statute-makes clear that the FBI will work with the full cooperation of international law enforcement to bring justice to the victims of these atrocities. The human toll of the conflict in Ukraine weighs heavily on the hearts of the FBI and, we're resolved to hold war criminals accountable no matter where they are or how long it takes."

The FBI's Washington Field

Office and Homeland Security Investigations—the investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security-investigated this case in conjunction with the Bureau's International Human Rights Unit, Victim Services Division, and our international offices in Kyiv, Ukraine; Warsaw, Poland; and Moscow.

The Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center at the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement; DOJ's Human Rights and Special Prosecution Section and War Crimes Accountability Team; and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia also support-

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Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You have a lot of charm and tremendous social skills, Aquarius. This is an unbeatable combination, and is especially strengthened with the current astral energy. Be sure to go the extra mile today, even if you aren't in the mood to do so.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

This is a day when you could greatly benefit from spending some time outdoors in quiet reflection, Pisces. Even a half-hour's walk through a city park will help you feel more rested and grounded.

Aries 3/21-4/19 You're a hard and conscientious worker, Aries, and sometimes you work so hard that you neglect to take any time for yourself. This is admirable in the short run, but not so wise in the long run. You do no one any good if you burn out from sheer exhaustion.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Today may find you longing for some spots of color in your life, Taurus. Do

what you can to brighten up your home environment. Even buying a few flowering plants and some colorful scatter rugs and artwork will make a world of difference. Gemini 5/21-6/20

Today you may discover that you have more in common with your neighbors than you thought, Gemini. It's likely that some sort of local event has brought all your neighbors together under one roof. You go as an obligation, but stay out of interest and a genuine willingness to participate. Cancer 6/21–7/22

You may receive some kind of windfall today, Cancer. It may be that a rich old relative dies and leaves you some unexpected cash. Or perhaps an investment is paying off better than you dared hope. This is just what you need to perk up your spirits!

Leo 7/23-8/22

Romance is very much highlighted today, Leo. All the planetary energies indicate that you and your partner are operating on precisely the same wavelength. It's no

wonder that the two of you have been getting along so well lately.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Anything you attempt to do today is likely to turn out really well, Virgo. You have an ambitious nature, so by all means take advantage of these auspicious conditions to pursue your career-related goals. You will find that you have strong focus and a clear understanding of what needs to be done in order to get ahead. Libra 9/23-10/22

Today you'll likely find that you begin to make real progress on a project that may have been stagnating for a while, Libra. You can't help but feel gratified that all of your hard work is finally beginning to

pay off. Good for you! Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Today you'll likely awake, look around your home environment, and realize that there is much room for improvement. Fortunately, you are just the person for the job, Scorpio! You are creative and have tremendous decorating talent (even if vou don't realize it).

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21 You are a hard and conscientious worker, Sagittarius, and certainly have been applying your skills and doing your best for some time now. The time is ripe for you to reap some benefits from all your efforts.



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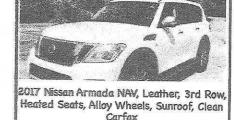
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ed the investigation.

Why the FBI Investigates War Crimes

The FBI has had authority to investigate human rights issues since 1988, when Congress made genocide a crime under U.S. law. Our jurisdiction to investigate war crimes, in particular, comes from the War Crimes Act of 1996. The jurisdiction also requires that either the victim or the perpetrator has to be a U.S. person.

This statute defined these crimes as any conduct during peace or wartime that gravely breaches any of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949—international human rights rules enacted in the wake of World War II—"or any protocol to the conventions which the U.S. is a party to," explained Supervisory Special Agent Daudshah Andish, who leads the Bureau's International Human Rights Unit.

So long as the victim or perpetrator is a U.S. person or a U.S. citizen, the FBI may investigate war crimes including:

Genocide (18 USC 1091) Torture (18 USC 2340-2340A) War Crimes (18 USC 2441) Use or Recruitment of Child

Soldiers (18 USC 2442)

The January 2023 passage of the Victims of War Crimes Act enhanced this jurisdiction by allowing the U.S. government to investigate and prosecute foreigners who it suspects may have committed war crimes overseas—regardless of the citizenship of the victim(s)—so long as the suspected war criminal is located on U.S. soil.

"... As you can see from today's announcement, we will work relentlessly to bring criminals to justice—no matter how long or how far our work may take us," Wray said at the press conference.

How the FBI Investigates War Crimes

FBI war crime investigations involve extensive partnerships, document-based research, international travel, translation, extensive victim and witness interviews, and liaison with international law enforcement partners, Andish explained.

If the alleged crimes are related to atrocities that were committed before the U.S. enacted war crime statutes, and the perpetrator is located in the United States, the FBI and HSI will review historical documents, interview witnesses and leverage U.S. immigration laws to bring the perpetrators to justice.

To collect evidence, FBI special agents may need to travel overseas and coordinate with our international law enforcement partners to meet with and interview victims and witnesses, and in some cases, collect and package evidence from the crime scene.

The Bureau's Language Services Division may also help investigators translate and make sense of "fragmentary information" in foreign languages.

FBI Victim Services Division personnel can also help investigators ensure that their forensic interviews don't retraumatize victims, as well as provide other specialized resources and support.

Finally, the FBI's international offices (also known as legal attachés), DOJ, the U.S. Department of State, and or other foreign partners may need to help coordinate these investigations.

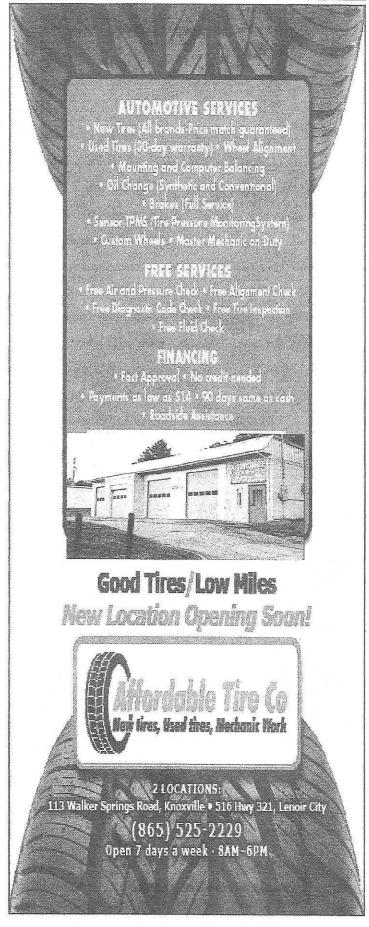
"We don't investigate these crimes in a vacuum," Andish stressed.

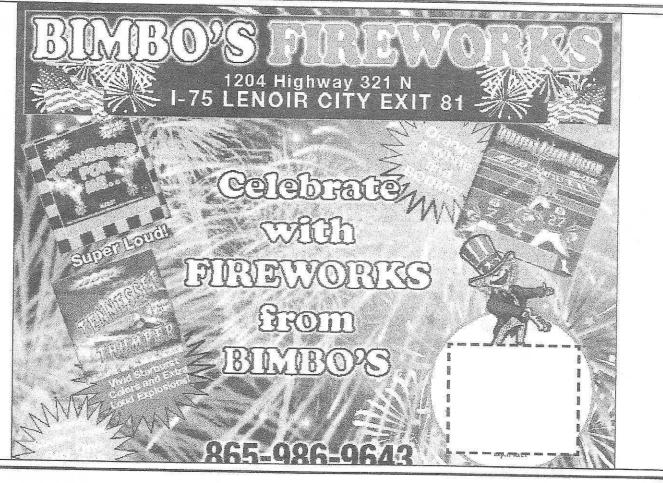
Identifying The Defendants

Two of the defendants' last names aren't known. Andish said the public can help bring them to justice by helping the FBI find these missing pieces of the investigative puzzle.

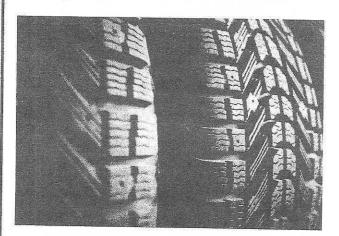
Wray also encouraged people who may have information concerning the defendants or human rights violations to contact the Bureau by calling their local FBI field office or visiting tips fbi.gov.

If a person with information is located outside of the United States and can safely make their way to the nearest U.S. embassy, they can provide a tip in-person, Andish added.





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