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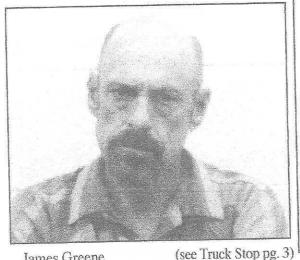
Friday, July 12, 2024

# Man Armed with Knife Charged with Ag-, Man Charged with Theft After Stogravated Assault x3 at Sunrise Motel!



Mario Gonzalez

## Suspicious Person Charged After Traffic Stop at TA Truck Stop



James Greene

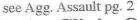
Verse of the Day [Job declared,] "Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul."

-Job 7:11

#### Wazzup

Make Sure to Cast Your Vote in the upcoming Election! Your Vote is Important so make it count!

Weather Today: Sunny. High of 95F.



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Pain Clinic Owners Sentenced For Role In

Christo-Clyde pher Tipton, 63, of Tazewell, Tennessee, was sentenced to 50 months in prison by the Honorable Thomas A. Varlan, United States District Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Knox-Tipton was the final defendant to be sentenced in a sprawling pill mill case that resulted in

mately 140 defendants. Following his incarceration, Tipton will be on supervised release for 3

convictions of approxi-

As part of the plea agreement filed with the court, Tipton pleaded guilty to three counts in the superseding indictment: one count of conspiracy to launder money in violation of 18 § U.S.C. 1956(h), and two counts of con-

see Pill Mills pg. 5

# len Vehicle Found at Splash Pad



Lizandro Lopez

see Charged pg. 4

# **Operating Pill Mills In Tennessee And Florida** the federal criminal spiracy to defraud the

United States and pay healthcare kickbacks in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371. In February 2020, four co-defendants were found guilty at trial for their roles in operating or using pill mills to distribute opioids: Sylvia Hofstetter, 60, of Miami, Florida, Cynthia Clemons, 52, Court-

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Saturday: Sunny. High of 96F.

Saturday night: Clear. Low 70F.

Sunday: Mostly sunny. High of 95F.

Sunday night: Clear.

Low of 72F. Horoscope

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Don't be surprised if actions unexpected from others give your heart a jolt today, Cancer. You could find that

#### Agg. Assault

Mario Gonzalez, 58, West Lee Highway Philadelphia, was charged with Aggravated Assault x3.

Deputy Brockwell LCSO, arrived at Highway 11 West, Sunrise Motel, for an armed person call. Dispatch notified the deputy that the offender, Mario Gonzalez, was threatening to kill people and walked toward the complainant with a knife. When the deputy arrived on the scene, the complainants waved the deputy down and said the male was sitting down holding the weapon in front of room #7. The deputy observed Gonzalez sitting in a chair in front of the room holding an object in his right

hand. The deputy drew his department-issued firearm and had Gonzalez at gunpoint. The deputy gave Gonzalez multiple verbal commands to drop the weapon which he obeyed. The deputy then detained Gonzalez by handcuffing him to further the investigation. The deputy then retrieved the item Gonzalez had in his possession, and it was an edged blade attached to a wooden handle approximately 4 feet long. The deputy spoke with the complainants, who were the victims. The victims were identified. They stated that they were outside playing cards and Gonzalez was talking out loud to himself threatening to kill people and sharpening a knife. They then stated that Gonzalez got up

holding the weapon and asked if they wanted to fight. That is when they all went inside and called 911 because they were in fear for their life. The deputy then spoke with Gonzalez, who had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person, about the incident that occurred. He refused to give any information. The deputy placed Gon-

zalez under arrest for 3 counts of Aggravated assault and Cpl. Wallen transported him to the Loudon County Detention Facility without further incident. A witness statement form was completed by two of the victims about the events that occurred. The weapon was seized and placed into evidence. This did happen in Loudon County, TN.

## Public Notice Request for Bids

Loudon County Government is holding a live auction for the sale of a new 1,456 sqft., 3 BR, 2 BA home built by Greenback School Trades. The auction will be held on July 27th, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Greenback School, 400 Chilhowee St, Greenback, TN 37742. A preview will be held on location on July 26th, 2024, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. EK Auctioneers LLC conduct the auction and the home is listed on ekauctions.com. Interested bidders should contact Matt Kleinschmidt at 865-458-4663. Loudon County Government will not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, or disability.

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Truck Stop

James Greene, 65, Hidden Valley Circle NC. was charged with, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Poss. of Drug Para., DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Deputy Brockwell LCSO, arrived for a suspicious person at Watt Road (TA Truck Stop). Dispatched informed the deputy that a newer model Ford F150 was harassing the truckers by honking their horn and yelling at them. When the deputy arrived on the scene, he observed the described vehicle driving without lights on and exited the TA Truck stop pulling onto Watt Road. The vehicle then took a right into the BP gas station without using its blinker. The deputy initiated a traffic stop and came in contact with the driver, James Greene, and asked for

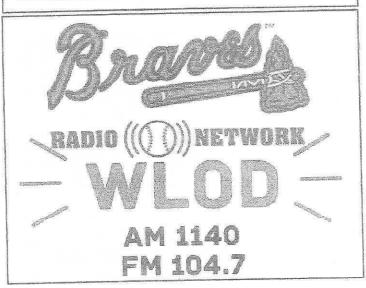
his driver's license. While speaking to Greene, he was dripping sweat, and his pupils were pinpoint showing signs of being under the influence of a narcotic. At this time, the deputy asked Greene to step out of the vehicle and asked if he would be okay with performing a few tests to ensure he could safely operate his vehicle on the roadway. Greene refused perform standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs). Due to the totality of the circumstances, Greene was placed under arrest for driving under the influence. The vehicle was being towed from the scene and an inventory search was performed. During the inventory search, a piece of wrapped-up foil containing a crystal-like substance, appearing to be

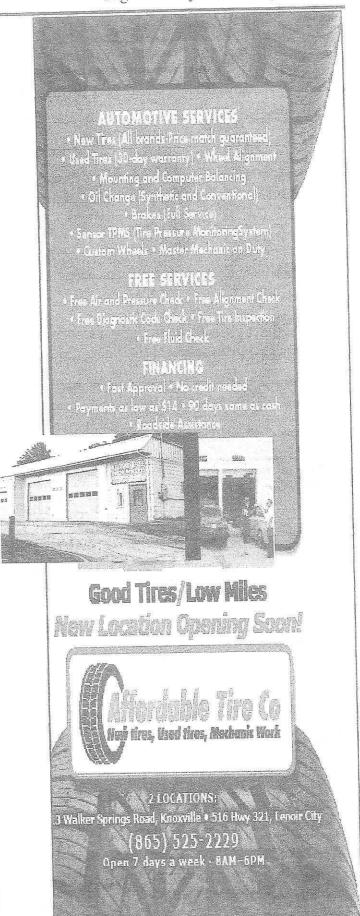
see Truck stop ctd. pg. 7

## PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to default Provision Chapter 717, 1980 Public Acts of Tennessee, the contents of the following leased spaces will be sold to satisfy the owner's liens. The entire contents will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash. The sale is to be held on unit site, CARDING MACHINE MINI-WAREHOUSE & STORAGE, 1241 Carding Machine Road, Loudon, TN on Saturday, July 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Tim Russell Amanda Rhodes Unit 35 Unit 6





Charged

Lizandro Lopez, 44, Martel Road Farragut, was charged with Theft of Property.

Inv. Clay Jenkins LCSO, came into contact with a green Hyundai Azera TN registration BQY3903 at Rock Springs Rd (Lenoir City Splash Pad) due to the vehicle being stolen out of Knox Co, TN which was confirmed by Loudon County E911 through NCIC (#V816160358).

The driver of the vehicle was a male identified as Lizandro Lopez.

He was then taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident by Deputy Sean Yap. Inv. Jenkins then released the vehicle to the victim.

Inv. Jenkins then contacted reporting Detective Joseph Sulewski from Knox Co and advised him of the result.

All of this did occur in Loudon County, TN.

On August 5, 2024, 6 PM at the Courthouse Annex in Loudon, Tennessee, Loudon County Commission will consider appropriating funds to the following organization to provide assistance in continuing their respective service for the citizens of Loudon County.

Agency

Loudon County Humane Society Loudon Diamond Club Amount

\$ 3,000 \$ 10,000

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#### Pill Mills

ney Newman, 48, and Holli Florida, and Benjamin Rodriguez, 49, of Delray, Florida, have previously pleaded guilty to various counts of the superseding indictment and been sentenced for their roles in operating pill mills in Tennessee and Florida.

ment, as well as the evidence presented at trial against Hof-Womack, 51, all of Knox- stetter, Clemons, Newman, ville. Three other co-defen- and Womack, established dants, Luigi "Jimmy" Palma, that the pill mills owned and 61, of Miami, Florida, Luca operated by Tipton and var-Sartini, 64, also of Miami, ious co-defendants distributed over 11 million tablets of oxycodone, oxymorphone, and morphine that generated over \$21 million in revenue. with a corresponding street value of \$360 million. The conspiracy involved four separate clinics in or near Knoxville, Tennessee, each Tipton's filed plea agree- of which was a pill mill. A

pill mill owned by Sartini, ing pill mills in Knoxville. Palma, and Rodriguez, operating in Hollywood, Florida, gave rise to the Tennessee pill mills. The stipulations and evidence demonstrated that, as law enforcement shut down hundreds of pill mills in South Florida, the Florida co-codefendants planned the move to East Tennessee where a large percentage of these clinics' opioid-addicted customers lived. The three tabbed Hofstetter to run the Tennessee pill mills. She and Tipton later opened compet-

Palma and Sartini were sentenced on December 14, 2023, to 120 and 130 months in prison, respectively. Rodriguez was sentenced on January 22, 2024, to 65 months in prison.

U.S. Attorney Francis M. Hamilton III of the Eastern District of Tennessee and Special Agent in Charge Joseph E. Carrico of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) made the announcement.

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#### Horoscopes

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Leo 7/23-8/22

It's time to implement the plans you fostered as a result of internal processes over the past few days, Leo. Hop in the driver's seat and take control. As you do, you may need to erect a bit of a mental barrier. People could be somewhat abrasive, and your sensitive nature is susceptible to harsh comments

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your mood should be quite good today, Virgo. Generally, you'll find that people will react to your tendency to take the lead. Keep in mind that this also indicates that they'll probably be more likely to fight back. You may have the tendency to lean toward the bizarre and unconventional. Libra 9/23-10/22

Be a little braver than usual today, Libra. Take some risks and show others that you have the strength to accomplish anything. There is a lively, anxious feeling to the day that could make you restless. This energy is encouraging you to get up and get going

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

You may have the spark that wants to light things today, Scorpio. Indeed, there's a fast-paced tendency to the day that is right up your ally. You should be able to accomplish quite a bit under the prevailing trends.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Interaction with others may not be especially satisfying for you today, Sagittarius. You could get the feeling that other people don't really care as much as you thought they did. Keep in mind that everyone is doing the best they can. Most people aren't as sensitive as you.

Capricom 12/22-01/19 The clouds have finally lifted, and you should be able to see clearly again, Capricom.

The fire is burning red hot and you'll find people likely to stick up for themselves more than usual. You should do the same. Arguments could be especially heated today, and interesting facts and revolutionary information will be passed from person to person.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Your slow and steady approach may need a sharp kick in the pants today, Aquarius. Don't withhold your opinions. This is a time to get it all out on the table, despite the tension that it may cause. Strong forces are at work, so don't be surprised if things get a bit more heated than you're used to.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Try to seek freedom and new experiences today, Pisces. This is an important time for you to spread your wings and explore. Keep in mind that something or someone may be working to restrain you emotionally. An opposing force is promoting war while you insist on keeping things peaceful. Aries 3/21-4/19

If people insist on having things their own way, let them, Aries. Fighting isn't going to do any good. This kind of reaction will only cause more tension between you and the other person involved. Approaching the situation with a hostile attitude will most likely result in a lose/lose situation. Taurus 4/20-5/20

Suddenly you've found your energy again. Your engine is oiled up and ready to go, Taurus. Put yourself in high gear and don't let anything stand in your way. If disagreements with others arise, try to keep focused on the lessons that come from the situation instead of dwelling on the negative aspects.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

You may be a bit daunted by the frenzy of energy present in the air today, Gemini. Try not to get thrown off balance by others who may be more abrasive than usual. Use this as a time of release for yourself.

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Truck Stop ctd. from Pg. 3 methamphetamine, was located in the backseat floorboard which gave us probable cause to conduct a full search of the vehicle. Upon searching, a green pipe was located in the glove box and a light bulb containing residue was located in the center console. Green was then charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Moneymakers towed the vehicle and Greene was then transported to the Loudon County Detention Facility. He was read his rights and read the implied consent advisement form and refused to give a sample. This did happen in Loudon County, TN without further incident.

#### **Obituaries**

David Otto Ritzenthaler - age 84 of Farragut, formerly of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, Tennessee, passed away Friday, July 5, 2024. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in the Vietnam War. David was a member the Community Church of Tellico Village. He was a retired eye surgeon. David was an avid woodworker belonging to the Woodworking Club in Tellico Village and enjoyed family, golf and bridge.

David was preceded in death by his daughter, Tara Ritzenthaler; parents, Edward and Margaret Ritzenthaler; brother Dick Ritzenthaler; sister Marlene Natvick; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Milford and LaVille Clark.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Carol Clark Ritzenthaler of Farragut; sons, Jeff Ritzenthaler and wife, Patty of Atlanta, GA, Trent Ritzenthaler of Tucson, AZ; Sophie, granddaughters, Madison, Kayla (David),

Ashley (Brody), Riley and Carmen; great-grandson, Oliver; brothers and sisters-inlaw, Donald and Linda Ritzenthaler, Chuck Ritzenthaler, Ken and Braketta Ritzenthaler, Tom and Crystal Ritzenthaler; sister-in-law and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Dick Weghorn, and Donald Clark, along with many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, August 10th at 11 a.m. at the Community Church at Tellico Village. The family will receive friends immediately follow-

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: LAWRENCE E. CONRAD deceased DKT#7139

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 28TH DAY OF JUNE 2024 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of LAWRENCE E. CONRAD who died on the 23RDDAY OF APRIL 2024 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 dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or

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(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

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

THIS THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE 2024

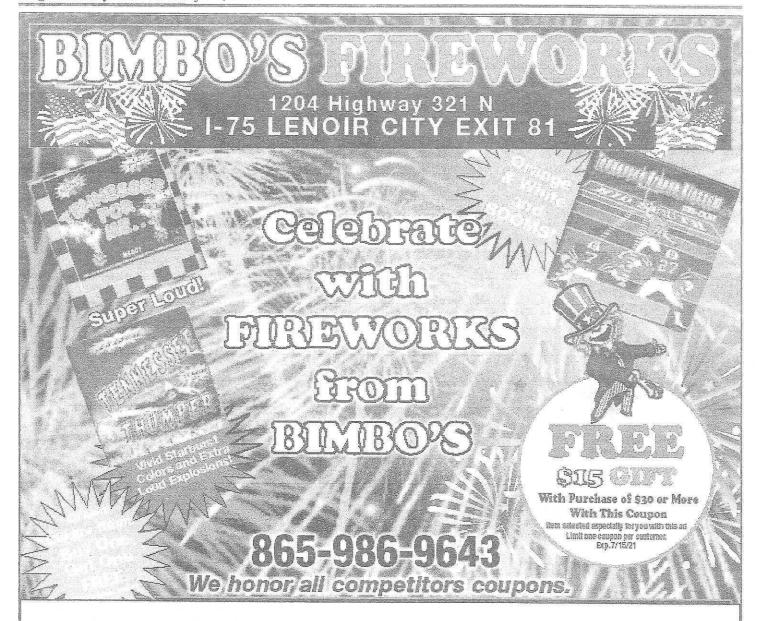
Steve Harrelson, Clerk

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) DOROTHY SWIFT

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