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By Natalie Myers

Results of an FBI probe involving a Blount County Sheriff's Deputies involved in a traffic stop case are expected soon. The sheriff's office has confirmed an investigation of the event, which occurred in the fall of 2010. The sheriff's office did not provide details on the case.

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**House GOP introduces bill to payroll tax cut**

**After first proposal failed early Friday, GOP lawmakers made move with new bill**

By Alan Fromm and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

WASHINGTON — House Republicans unveiled a bill Friday to reviving the payroll tax cut proposal that was killed earlier in the week by a decision by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to block it using a parliamentary maneuver. The new bill seeks to provide a tax break for workers by extending the current 2 percent payroll tax cut for wages up to $106,800 for one year. It also extends the payroll tax cut for employers, which was set to expire at the end of the year, for two years. The measure is expected to be voted on next week.

The plan is being pushed by House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), who has said it would help the economy and create jobs. The Republican-led House had initially passed a similar measure earlier in the week, but Senate Majority Leader Reid blocked it from reaching the floor on a procedural vote. Reid's move to block the bill was seen as an attempt to keep the issue from getting to a final vote in the Senate, where it would likely be defeated.

The payroll tax cut extension is part of a larger package of measures that the House is considering as it works to extend various tax provisions that are set to expire at the end of the year. The payroll tax cut extension is popular among Republicans and would provide a temporary economic boost by reducing the amount of money people have to send to the government in payroll taxes. The proposal has also been supported by some Democrats, who argue that it would help stimulate the economy.

The House vote on the payroll tax cut extension is expected to take place next week, but it is unclear whether the bill will pass in the Senate. Senate Majority Leader Reid has not said whether he will support the measure, and there is no guarantee that the measure will be voted on in the Senate.

President Barack Obama had earlier expressed support for extending the payroll tax cut, saying it would help small businesses and workers. Obama had also called on Congress to extend the unemployment insurance program, which is set to expire at the end of the year.

**Congressional action on the payroll tax cut and other tax measures will be a key focus of the lame-duck session of Congress, which begins next week. The House and Senate are expected to vote on a package of tax provisions that would extend various expiring tax breaks for businesses and individual taxpayers. The package is expected to include the payroll tax cut extension, as well as provisions to extend the unemployment insurance program, and other tax breaks for businesses and individual taxpayers.**

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**Virginia Tech shootings**

**12 killed, 32 injured in Blacksburg, Va.**

By Bob Luckey and Dan Connolly

BLACKSBURG, Va. - A Virginia Tech police officer was killed Friday by a gunman who opened fire at a residence hall on the Virginia Tech campus. The shooting took place in the Burruss Hall dormitory, according to the Virginia Tech Police Department. The gunman was described as a white male, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, and wearing blue jeans and a black jacket. The suspect was last seen entering the dormitory.

At least 12 people were killed and 32 more were injured in the shooting, which took place around 7:00 a.m. The Virginia Tech Police Department said the shooter was killed by police after a confrontation. The Campus was on lockdown for several hours, and all students were instructed to stay inside their dormitories.

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**Politics**

**Former prosecutor denied diversion in misconduct case**

By Nadine Mejia-Abad

A former assistant district attorney in Virginia has been denied a diversion in his misconduct case, his attorney said Wednesday.

The Virginia Supreme Court on Wednesday denied the request of former Assistant District Attorney Eric L. Embry to have his case handled under a diversion program.

Embry is a former assistant district attorney in Virginia’s 9th District, which includes the counties of Botetourt, Craig, and Giles.

Embry was charged in February with three misdemeanors related to his handling of a case involving a juvenile.

Embry was accused of failing to follow the terms of a plea agreement with the juvenile, who had been charged with a felony.

The Virginia Supreme Court heard arguments in Embry’s case on Thursday, and the court announced its decision on Wednesday.

Embry’s attorney, John F. Scott, said he was disappointed with the decision.

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