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Dropped cigarette leads to felony drug charges for 2 after crash

One of two Kentucky men facing felony drug charges in Loudon County told authorities he crashed into a tree along I-75 after he dropped a lit cigarette. The pair face a slew of charges for possession of pills.

Randall Allen Willoughby, 47, Mt Sterling, Kentucky was charged with DUI 3rd offense, driving on suspended license,

(see Charged pg. 3)



Randall Allen Willoughby



David Shawn Ferguson

Second LCSO Citizen's Academy Class Slated

Sheriff Tim Guider has announced the dates and times for the second Loudon County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy Class. The class will be held starting January 28, 2010 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, each Thursday, for a total of ten weeks. Class location will be at the Justice Center. There will be two Saturday afternoons scheduled for off-site training (driving and firing range).

The series of classes is free of charge and will be taught

(see Class pg. 6)

108+ mph lands man in hoosegow

A Blountville man is accused of exceeding speeds of over 100 miles per hour when authorities clocked him on radar driving 108 mph.

Saturday after he Charles Douglas Tasker, 22, JH Fauver Road, Blountville was charged with fleeing, DUI 1st offense and reckless endangerment.

(see Tasker pg. 3)



Charles Douglas Tasker

Letter to the Editor: 1 Child Left Behind

Now that Loudon Elementary School is back I was just

wondering if someone could

(see Letter pg. 6)

Decline in Traffic Fatalities over Holiday Weekends

(see Decline pg. 3)

NASHVILLE --- Preliminary reports indicate ten people were killed in Tennessee traffic crashes during

the 2009-2010 New Year's holiday weekend, compared to 12 fatalities during the 2008-2009 New Year's

Focus on the FBI: Another Way to Search Crime Records

(see Records pg. 7)

Almost six million times a day, law enforcement officers from around the country conduct online searches

of our electronic repository of criminal justice records called the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

Verse of the day *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Sa-*
maria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8
Obituaries
 Elsie Rhea Lowrie Burdett
 Kay Silcox Hill
Weather:
 Today: Some morning

flurries with mostly sunny skies expected in the afternoon. High near 35.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy skies early with a few snow flurries later at night. Low 21.
 Thursday: Periods of snow. Highs in the

mid 30s and lows in the mid teens.
Wazzup
 Happy Birthday, Aaron McCord, may it be a blast!!!
 Readers, our current temps are deadly cold so please check on the elderly and make sure

your outdoor animals have some kind of warm shelter.
Horoscopes Capricorn
 (Dec 22-Jan 20)
 You can work out all the details if you put
 (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Charged

felony possession Schedule II (oxycodone 15 mg.), felony possession schedule II (oxycodone 30 mg.) and felony possession schedule IV (alprazolam).

According to reports, on Tuesday at 10:45 AM Mr. Willoughby was driving south on Inter-

state 75 and ran off the road and struck a tree. He stated to the officer he dropped a cigarette in his lap, causing the accident.

Mr. Willoughby's pupils were pinpoint and his speech was slurred. He didn't know he was in Tennessee. Willoughby said he left Florida at 9:00 AM, but had a crash here at 8:08

AM. ANIC check revealed Willoughby's license are suspended with two DUI convictions on his record in 2006 and 2007.

Willoughby performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was arrested for DUI. He was also given citations for seat belt law, financial responsibility and not using due care while driving.

A passenger in the Willoughby vehicle, David Shawn Ferguson, 26, also of Mt Sterling Kentucky, was charged with felony possession schedule II x 2 and felony possession schedule IV.

Trooper D. Morton, THP made the arrests Tuesday and on Wednesday Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO arrested the two at the jail

on warrants for the DUI, driving on suspended and felony possession of the drugs.

Tasker

The report states Saturday, at approximately 1:56 AM, Mr. Tasker was going north on Interstate 75 and was clocked on radar traveling 108 mph in a 65 mph zone.

When Trooper Carey Hixon, THP pulled out at the 71 mm Mr. Tasker increased his speed and exited the Interstate at the 72 where he ran the stop sign and turned left. He then turned left again to go south on Interstate 75. The officer caught up to the black Pontiac Grand Am and Mr. Tasker finally stopped at the 71 mm southbound. He had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and admitted to drinking 4 beers throughout the evening.

Mr. Tasker performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and consented to a blood test.

Tasker had a non relative 16 year old female passenger in the vehicle with him.

Decline

holiday weekend. Statistics for the 2009-10 New Year's holiday reflect the 102-hour time period from 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009 to midnight Sunday, January 3, 2010.

Ten people were killed in eight fatal crashes during the 2009-2010 New Year's holiday period. Two of the ten fatalities occurred in alcohol-related crashes in DeKalb and Sumner counties. Four of the eight people killed who were vehicle occupants were not wearing safety restraints and two of the fatalities were pedestrians. One of fatalities was a 16 month-old child passenger who was not properly restrained and was killed in a triple fatality crash on

I-75 in McMinn County. The lowest number of people killed during the New Year's holiday was during a 78-hour period in 1982-83 when 8 fatalities occurred in traffic crashes.

Preliminary reports also indicate two people were killed during the 2009 Christmas holiday weekend, compared to 9 fatalities during last year's Christmas holiday. Statistics for the 2009 Christmas holiday reflect the time period from 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 23, 2009, to midnight Sunday, December 27, 2009.

If preliminary figures hold true, the number of fatalities during the 2009 Christmas holiday would be a record low for a 102-hour period and near the all-time low when one person was killed during the 30-hour holiday time period in 1963. The highest number of people killed during a Christmas holiday period happened in 1969, when 22 people were killed in crashes on Tennessee roadways. In 2008, there were 9 fatalities during the 102-hour Christmas holiday weekend.

Two people were killed in two fatal crashes during the 2009 Christmas holiday period. One of the victims was not wearing safety restraints. The two crashes occurred in Bradley and Hardin counties. The Bradley County fatality was a pedestrian fatality.

Over the two holiday weekends, the Tennessee Highway Patrol conducted more than 100 sobriety and driver license checkpoints across the state as Troopers arrested drivers for driving under the influence and speeding.

Please note the official traffic fatality count may rise due to delays in reporting from municipalities and classification of traffic fatalities. Preliminary statistics indicate that 954 people died on Tennessee roadways in 2009, a decline of 89 deaths compared to 1,043 fatalities in 2008.

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Class

by law enforcement professionals volunteering their time to share their expertise. The purpose of the academy is to provide citizens with a basic understanding of the training and requirements for their local law enforcement officers and to foster a cooperative partnership between our citizens and the officers who serve them. Topics covered will include Tennessee law, domestic violence, criminal investigations, narcotics and meth, corrections and jail tour, patrol duties and tactics, judicial, communications and 911 tour, firearms

training, defensive driving tactics, self defense tactics, and K-9 operations and capabilities.

Class openings are limited and will require a background check. Applicants must be a resident of Loudon County. Successful graduates will receive a certificate of completion at their graduation ceremony.

Applications are available at the Loudon County Sheriff's Office, 12680 Hwy 11 W, Suite 1, and need to be returned for approval no later than January 22, 2010. To have an application e-mailed to you,

please request one from dhines@loudoncountysheriff.org.

Letter

please let me know what a child did that was so wrong that out of all of the children in

this school, he was the only one that was not allowed to go to the Christmas party like everyone else.

Everyone going to call, but I haven't heard anything yet.

I really think that was a very cruel thing to do to a child. Where is the No Child Left Behind at Loudon Elementary? Cathy Irwin, Loudon

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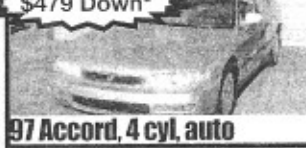
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Records

They're looking for information and possible leads on fugitives, missing persons, terrorists, convicted sex offenders, violent gang members, stolen property, and more.

Sometimes, though, agencies don't have enough data for an electronic search or need additional information no longer

available. So we offer another investigative tool—the off-line search—which searches information in the database a different way or looks through records no longer available on the NCIC server.

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During the past fiscal year, CJIS ran more than 22,000 off-line searches for law enforcement.

Kinds of off-line

searches include:

Use of non-unique personal descriptors, like sex, height, estimated age, and hair color (these descriptors can be used in online searches but only in conjunction with other identifiers, like a person's name and date of birth); Partial information searches (i.e., an officer only has three or four characters of a license plate or only half of a vehicle identification number); Checking purged records (records that have been removed by law enforcement, or as result of varying retention schedules); and

Searches of NCIC's transaction logs, which may uncover other queries on the same suspect made by another law enforcement agency (can help establish a suspect's whereabouts).

Perhaps one of the more well-known ex-

amples of an off-line NCIC search involved Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. After identifying McVeigh as the renter of the explosives-laden Ryder truck, investigators passed us his name for all available information on him. An off-line search of NCIC's transaction log showed that about 90 minutes after the bombing, the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol made an inquiry on McVeigh. Armed with this information, investigators contacted the highway patrol and found that McVeigh was sitting—two days after the bombing—in a nearby jail cell on unrelated weapons charges.

A more recent example of how off-line searches can make a difference:

On September 26, 2009, a 13-year-old girl was reported missing from Daviess County, Kentucky, and her information—in-

cluding details about the convicted sex offender she was last seen with—was entered into NCIC. That night, an agent from our Louisville office, working with local authorities, contacted CJIS and requested an off-line search of the suspect's license plate. Very quickly, we discovered that the Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, Sheriff's Office had run a check on the license plate earlier that day (before Kentucky officials had a chance to enter the suspect's plate number into NCIC). Officials in Wisconsin were notified, and the man was located by 4 a.m. the next day in a Wisconsin hotel. The girl was recovered safely.

Both online and off-line NCIC searches are just another example of how we're leveraging technology and information-sharing to track down criminals.

NCIC: A Quick Rundown

- Initially created in 1967 to help find fugitives and stolen property.
- Over the years, additional capabilities and categories added (i.e., missing/unidentified persons, violent gangs/terrorist organizations, identity theft victims, immigration violators).
- 11.7 million records currently in NCIC
- Records come from FBI, other federal agencies, state/local law enforcement, authorized courts.
- Accessed by more than 18,000 law enforcement agencies from squad cars, squad rooms, and increasingly, PDAs.
- First year of operation, handled 2 million transactions
- Fiscal Year 2009, handled almost 2.5 billion.
- Averages 6.7 million transactions a day.
- Average response time is 0.06 seconds.

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