

# Daily Edition

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Monday, October 18, 2010

## Meth user busted with components of lab next to school

At approximately 9:30pm Thursday evening Lenoir City Police received a call of an individual purchasing Sudafed at CVS and had an officer respond to meet with a man identified as Jonathan Russell McGee.

McGee, 23, had Sudafed in his hand at the time of the officer's arrival and after interviewing McGee it was

determined he was producing methamphetamine at his residence at 401 McGhee Blvd.

On arrival at the residence Loudon County Sheriff's Office Meth Technicians were called in to investigate and they discovered multiple components on the property and in a vehicle located on the property.

The Southeast Meth

Lab Task Force was called to destroy the components found and the vehicle was towed to Moneymaker's.

Jonathan McGee was taken into custody on a federal failure to appear warrant and charges are pending on the meth investigation.

The property is located next to the Lenoir City Elementary School

(see McGee pg. 6)



McGee

## Politics takes a nasty turn

by Dan Bell

The Lenoir City Mayor's race has officially taken a turn for the worst. Several individuals in town recently

received a letter in the mail addressing Tony Aikens and making accusations of all kinds. The funny thing is it is

not signed, no return address and with a permit for postage out of Chattanooga and no one is taking credit for it.

(see Politics pg. 3)

## Items found missing after former caregiver visits

A local man told police a woman who formerly was employed as a caregiver for his wife visited his residence Wednesday and after she left he found two items of lawn equip-

ment missing from his tool shed.

According to records, Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO responded to a residence on Sugarlimb Road Wednesday

(see Missing pg. 5)

## Camcorder stolen

A local man told authorities he discovered his camcorder missing after several persons had visited his residence Thursday.

Corporal Ernie

(see Stolen pg. 4)

## Man racks up theft, forgery charges

LCSO authorities charged a Lenoir City man with multiple counts of theft following the larceny of another man's motorcycle and ATV, as well as a check stolen from a family member that was forged and cashed at a local bank.

Douglas Edward 'D' Stephens, 27, Gentry Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft of property \$1000-

(see Stephens pg. 8)



Stephens

### Verse of the Day

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humble-

ness of mind, meekness, long-suffering;

Colossians 3:12

### Obituaries

Betty Jean Brown Shubert

### Wazzup

Thanks for all your help Darrell and David of Darrell Moats Heat & Cooling. You are appreciated!

### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy.

Highs in the upper 70s.

Tonight: Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday: A few clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.

### Horoscopes

Libra 9/23-10/22

Try not to worry too much about the past -- it's long gone, after all. If your nostalgia is engaged, though, you may

(see More pg. 2)



**Politics**

Just to set the record clear. Here are just a few facts. Tony

Aikens is Chief Deputy of Loudon County Sheriffs Office, a Lenoir City Council-

man and has no criminal record.

Gary Aikens, good fellow.

Joe Sims, former Sheriff of Loudon County, former Councilman, convicted felon, had rights restored to be able to run for office but still can't run for Sheriff cause he is not allowed to possess a firearm.

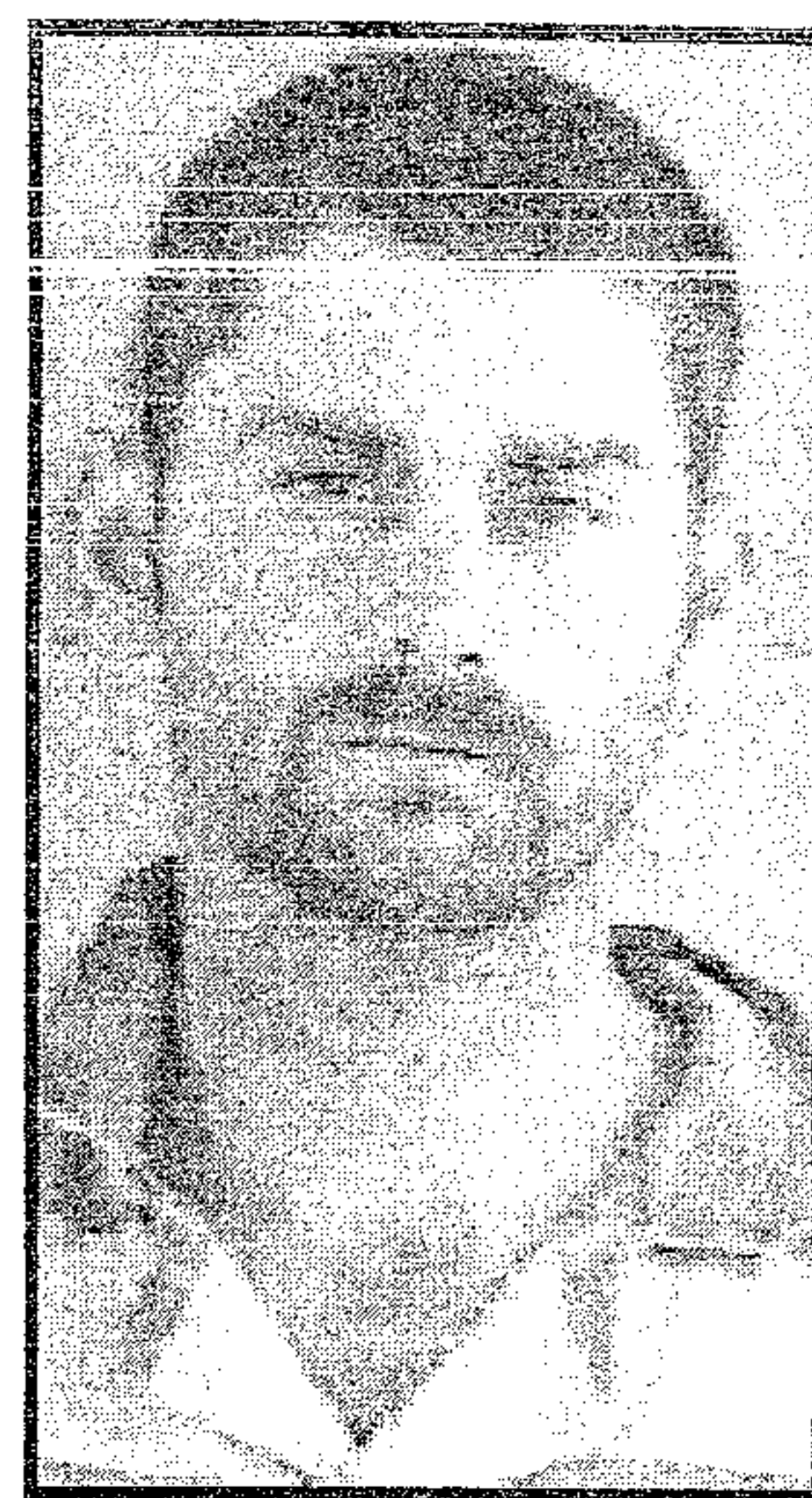
All three men I know personally and consider friends. I just couldn't believe it when I saw this letter. I put people in the paper everyday who have been charged

with crimes, they are each and every one innocent until proven guilty. Some of which, have had their charges dismissed. When you have charges dismissed they are not supposed to be part of your record anymore, not supposed to be brought up again, unless you're running for office. Even the Lincoln Davis campaign has turned to bringing up Scott DesJarlais' past divorce. Mike McWherter even wants to slam Bill Haslam's family business of the Pilot, who employs literally thousands of people. When candidates run scared they stoop to extreme tactics and outright blatant attacks.

**Trespasser**

Bobby Lee Littleton, 30, Pathkiller-Trail, Loudon was charged with criminal trespassing.

According to reports, Mr. Littleton was at a McGhee Square Apartment Wednesday, around 10:00 am, even though



Littleton

he was banned from the apartments back in June 2010.

The female who lives in the apartment reportedly admitted to Randy Daugherty, the property manager, Littleton was there.


Officer Dennis Guider, LCPD made the arrest.

**Police Beat**

Brooks Daniel Hamrick, 24, Windswept Lane, Kingston was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Friday at the Roane County Jail.

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## Obituaries

**Betty Jean Brown Shubert**, 69, of Loudon County passed away at her home, Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Shubert; parents, William Dexter Brown & Alice Irene Brown Watts; sister, Shirley Cross. Survivors: children & spouses, Gail Williams, Ricky & Donna Shubert, Mary & Tommy Neal, Johnny Lynn & Margaret Jean Shubert, Betty Britton; family friend Henry Britton; 18 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters, Thelma Huskin, Jo Ann Warren, Martha Swell & Annette Farrell; Brothers, Curtis Watts & Freddy Ray Watts; Brother-in-law, Fuzz Cross; Several Neices & Nephews; special friends, Ivan & Betty Goodman. Fu-

neral services 2 p.m. Sunday October, 17, 2010 at Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, with rev. Wayne Packett, Rev. Thomas Lynn & Rev. Ivan Goodman officiating. Interment Riverview Cemetery. Visitation 5 -- 8 p.m. Saturday Loudon Funeral Home.

### Stolen

Brown, LCSO was dispatched to a residence on McDaniel Lane in Lenoir City Thursday, in reference to a theft.

The complainant, Charles Ault, advised his camera/camcorder was sitting on the washing machine charging. Around 9:00 pm, four people came to his house, they left about 10:00 pm.

Around 1:00 am, Mr. Ault went to unplug the camera and discovered it was gone. He looked all around for it

before calling the police. The stolen item was described as a Sanyo camera with memory stick. The estimated value of the loss is \$120. The investigation is ongoing and suspects were named.

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**Missing**

in reference to theft of property where the complainant, 90 year old Charles Eldridge, stated approximately 4

to 5 days ago a female was at the residence with his grandson. The woman used to be employed as a caregiver for Mr. Eldridge's wife

but was relieved of her duties.

After the woman left, Mr. Eldridge discovered a weed eater and a chain saw miss-

ing from the tool shed behind the house. They were described as a Ryobi brush cutting weed eater with a straight shaft and

an orange Husqvarna chain saw.

The total estimated value of the stolen items is \$550. The theft is under investigation.

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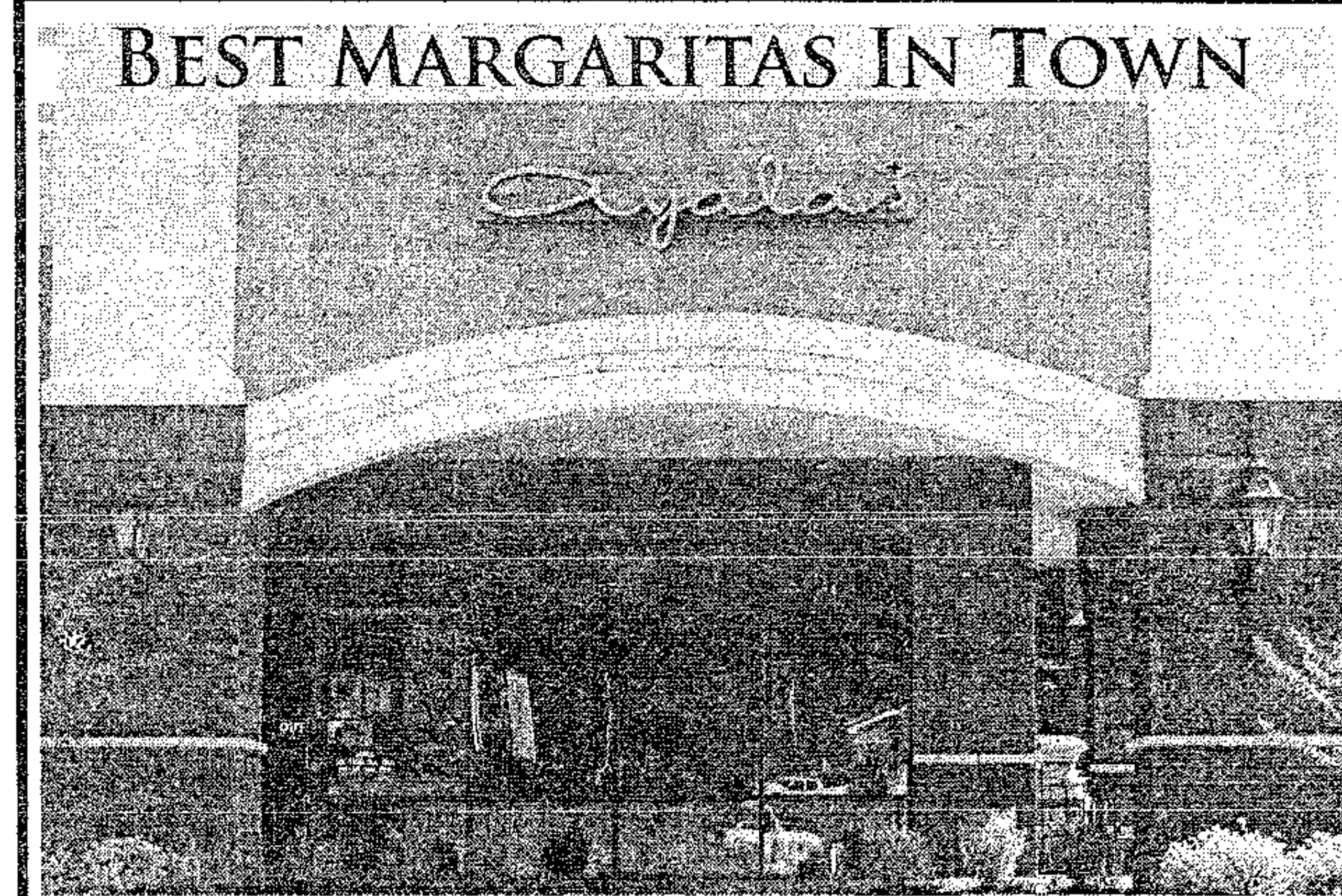
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## Stephens

as well. The other resident of the property, Mike Amble, has not been charged with anything. Mr. Amble contacted us and reported he has asked McGee to leave the property and he had no idea this activity was going on as he works 6 days a week.

According to authorities Jonathan McGee is listed on his license as well as intake sheet as being a resident of 401 McGhee Blvd, Lenoir City.

The property is owned by the Lenoir City Company, a pri-

vate entity that owns several parcels of land. **No License**

Sarah Beth Cannon, 23, Zion Ridge Road, Loudon was charged with no drivers license and speeding.

According to reports, Thursday, around 10:42 am, Ms. Cannon was operating a green Ford Explorer on West Broadway and was stopped for speeding. While checking her driver's license sta-

tus it was discovered she is unlicensed. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD, made the arrest.

David Estrada-Rodriguez, 32, West Broadway, Lenoir City, was charged Tuesday, with driving without a license.

According to records, Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD paced a black Ford F150, driven by Mr. Rodriguez at 42 mph down Broadway. The officer made a traffic stop at B Street.

NCIC revealed Ro-

driguez did not have a valid driver's license.

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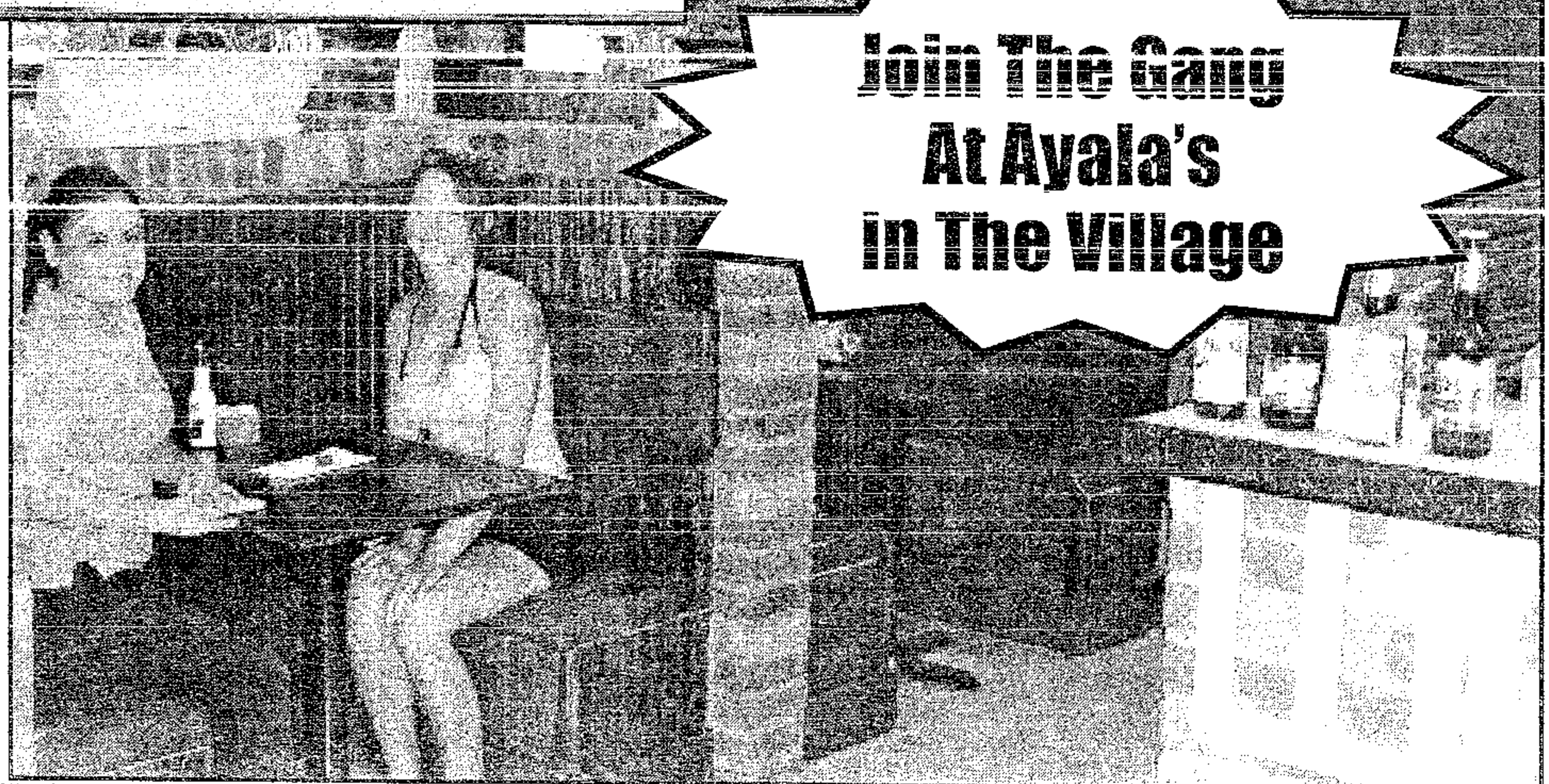
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\$10,000 x 2, forgery and theft over \$1000.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID; on or about October 12th, 2010, Douglas Edward Stephens took a 2005 Baja motorcycle and a 2004 Kawasaki ATV belonging to Mr. Bobby Woody of Williams Ferry Road in Lenoir City.

During the investigation, several witnesses were identified, who placed Mr. Stephens as the person with the motorcycle and one of the persons with the ATV.

The motorcycle and the ATV were both valued at more than \$1000 but less than \$10,000. Detective Charles Cosner made the arrest Thursday, on Daily Avenue in Loudon.

While at the jail, more trouble followed Mr. Stephens when Deputy John Maples, LCSO served him with the

warrants for forgery and theft over \$1000, which stemmed from the theft of a check from his father's mailbox.

According to another affidavit filed by Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO-CID; on Tuesday, August 10th, 2010, Mr. Douglas Stephens cashed a check for the sum of \$1000 at the Regions Bank in Lenoir City. The check was taken from a mailbox on Gentry Road.

The check was made out to Douglas's father, Douglas Samuel Stephens. Douglas Samuel Stephens stated he never gave his son permission to take the check, cash it, or sign his name to it.

Images were obtained from Regions Bank for the time and date the check was cashed and the images show Douglas Edward Stephens. A drivers license number was presented and that number matches Douglas Edward Stephens's drivers license on file with the

state of Tennessee.

## Police Beat

Donald David Spurgeon, 29, Bussell Ferry Road, Lenoir City was charged Wednesday with disturbing the peace and simple possession of schedule IV.

According to records, Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD responded to a residence on Bussell Ferry Road in reference to a domestic disturbance. Officers had previously been to that residence 3 times that day for incidents between Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon.

Officer Gentry was at the residence about an hour earlier and Mr. Spurgeon left the scene and was advised not to come back to the residence that night. He told the officer when he came back, if a male who was currently at the home was still there, there would be a problem.

Mr. Spurgeon came back after officers left and was in a confrontation with the other male. Upon searching Mr. Spurgeon, 14 pills believed to be clonazepam were found in his pants pocket. He was placed under arrest.

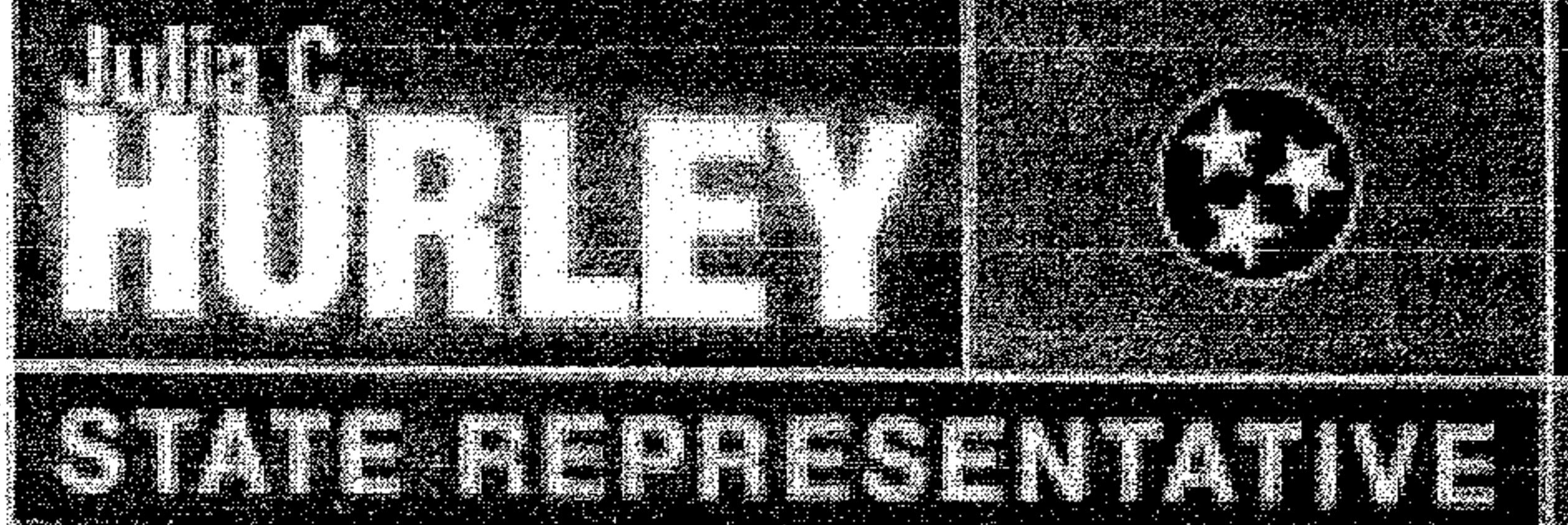
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