

Daily Edition

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Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Update: Crash victims ID'd



photo above: Broadway was down to one lane for a period of time during the cleanup and investigation of a fatal accident Monday. Moneymaker wrecker service transported both vehicles.

(right) - LCFD personnel gather gear and equipment while wrecker service personnel clean up debris.



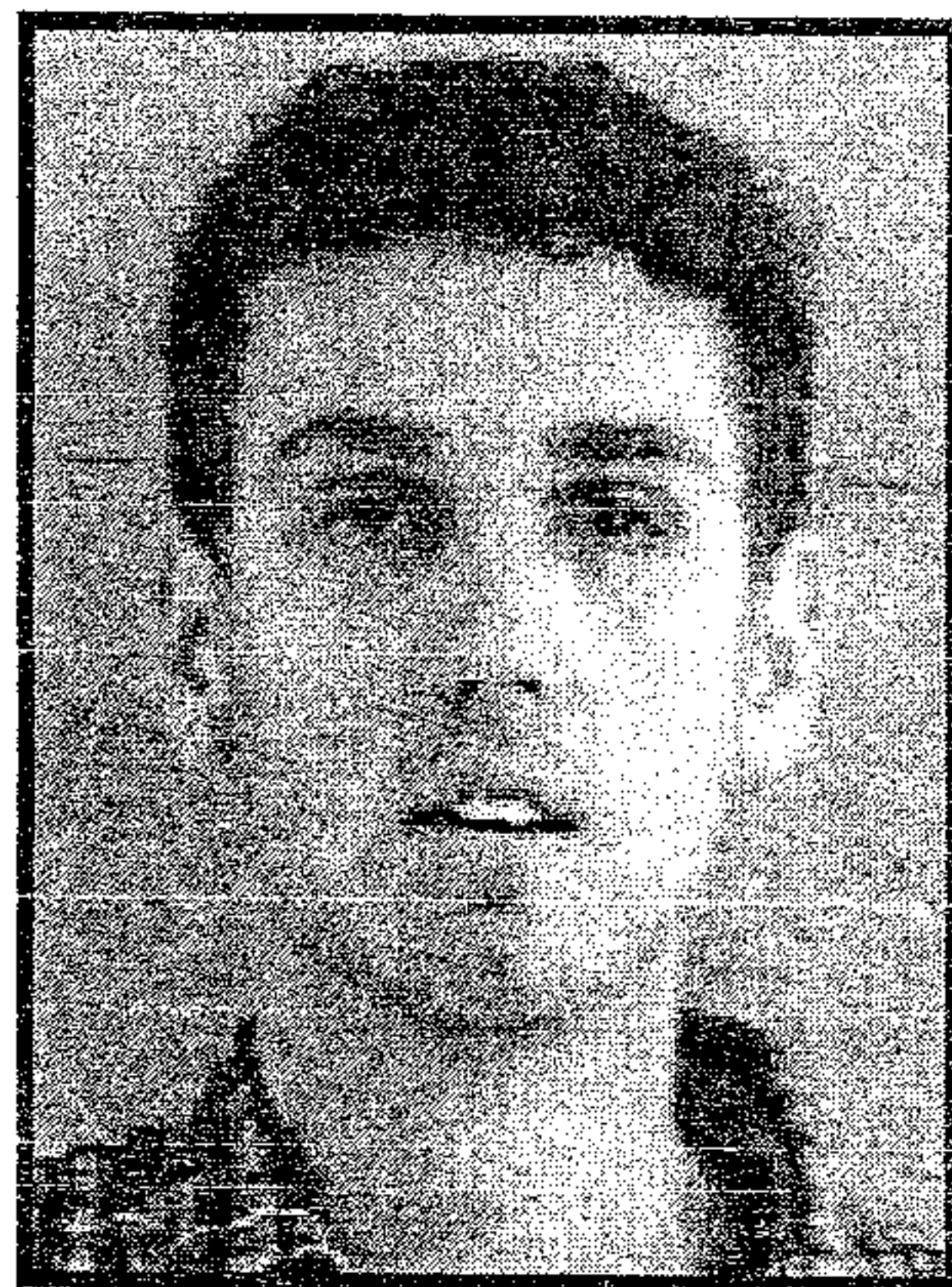
(see Update pg. 7)

Villager leaves friend pinned in wreck

A young Tellico Village man is accused of leaving his friend pinned in his vehicle when he wrecked Tuesday night then ran away from the scene on foot.

Nicholas Quinn Kenney, 21, Chatuga Way, Loudon was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and failure to

(see Kenney pg. 4) Kenney



Fishing with Gus

TSA-Touching Sensitive Areas

Well the holidays flying to see relatives and are fast approaching visit places from our past. and a lot of us will be Some will be traveling to (see Gus pg. 6)

Shoplifters nabbed



Alexander

Don't come back

A sweetwater man was told not to go back (see Alexander pg. 3)



Stringfield

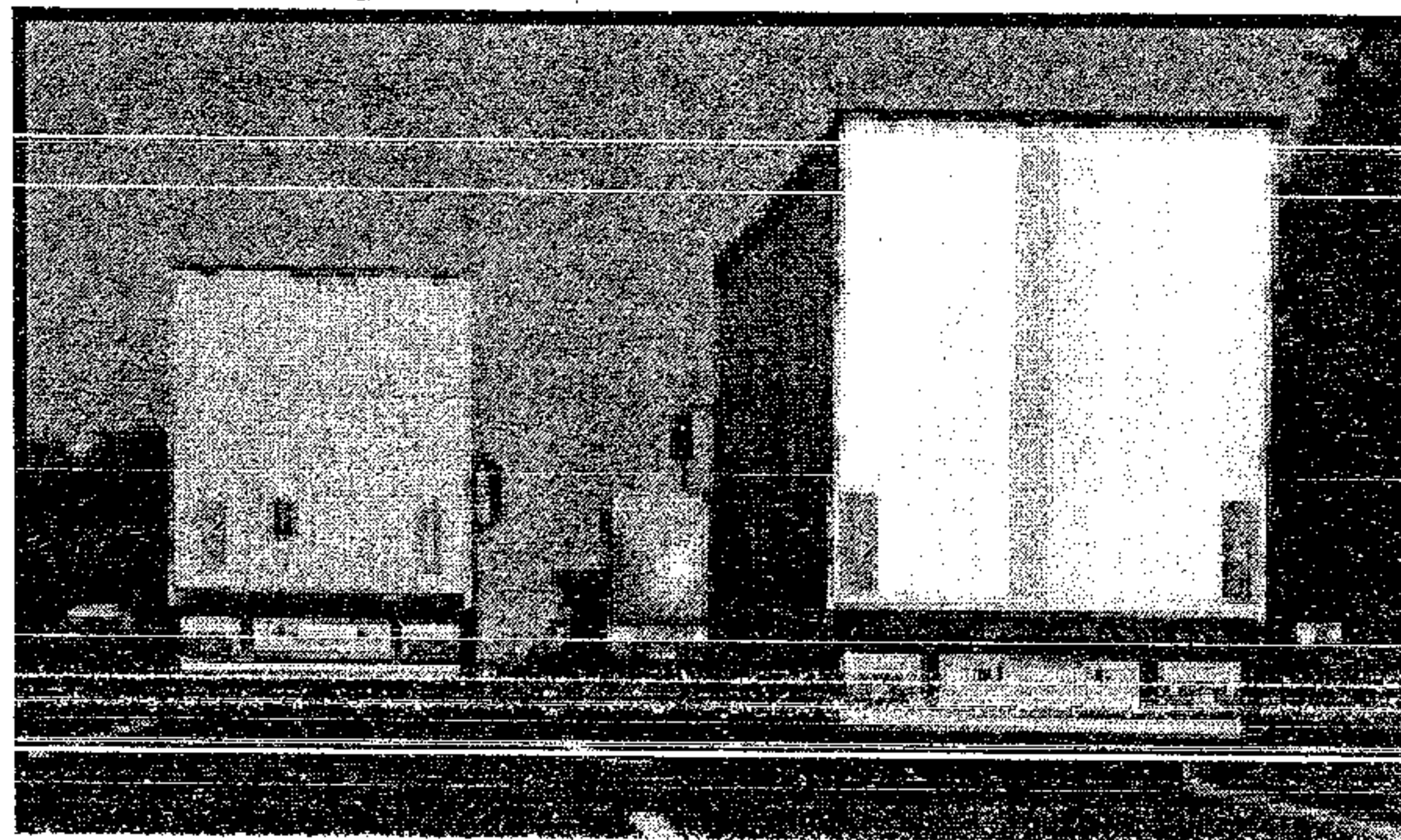
Outfit lands man in slammer

A Loudon man was jailed after he reported- (see Stringfield pg. 6)

Inside Cargo Theft: A Growing, Multi-Billion-Dollar Problem

FBI - You probably don't hear much about cargo theft on the news, but it poses a real and rising threat to our country's economy and national security. During the past five years, the groups involved in this crime have become better organized and more violent...and the price tag associated with the thefts is increasing.

(see Cargo pg. 4)



Industry experts estimate all cargo thefts ring up as much as \$30 billion in losses each year.

Verse of the Day

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together

with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"

Ephesians 2:4-5

Obituaries

None

Wazzup

How 'bout Bimbo's celebrating 30 years in

business. Mark your calendars for December 4th and come out for some great fun and great specials noon til 4pm.

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy skies. High 62. Winds

WSW at 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy skies early giving way to a few showers after midnight. Low 39. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 30%. Thursday: A few morn-

ing showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

You can bring new

(see More pg. 2)

Alexander

to Radio Shack after he allegedly tried to steal a digital camera from the Lenoir City location

Friday.

Jimmy Gene Alexander, 59, Gaut Avenue, Sweetwater was charged with theft under \$500.

According to reports,

Friday at approximately 12:28 PM, Mr. Alexander went into the Radio Shack on Highway 321 in Lenoir City wearing overalls and carrying his jacket. He also was

acting suspiciously. Records indicate the store manager saw Alexander cut a digital camera off the display stand, put it in his pocket and proceed out the door. The manager advised Mr. Alexander to give the camera back to the store and it was returned.

Mr. Alexander was told not to come back to the Radio Shack.

The camera was digital and was valued at \$99.99. Mr. Alexander left in a gold Chevrolet truck with a black dog inside.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Luther E. Smith, 20, Steekee Road, Loudon was charged Wednesday with driving on suspended license.

According to records, Officer Samuel Har-

ison, LPD, was sitting watching the Tennessee National Property located at the end of Corporate Park Drive in the city of Loudon. That area has been the site of several acts of burglary and vandalism in just the past few weeks including one on November 9th, 2010.

The area is also seldom traveled by any motorists late at night, and then at approximately 4:47 am, a green Plymouth slowly approached the property. The driver was identified as Luther Smith, who initially advised he had a valid drivers license but didn't have it with him.

A check by name and date of birth revealed Mr. Smith's license were suspended. He eventually admitted to misleading Officer Harrison and was placed under arrest.

Sgt. Scott Newman, LPD was also on scene.

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Kenney

render aid and give information.

According to affidavits filed by Trooper Eric Miller, THP; on Tuesday, November 9th, 2010, at 11:52 PM, Nicholas Kenney was driving a white Ford Taurus and was involved in a one vehicle wreck with injury.

Mr. Kenney left the scene on foot and left his passenger pinned in the vehicle. He never called 911 or returned to the scene.

The pinned passenger was able to reach his cell phone and call 911 himself. No attempt was made by the driver, Nicholas Kenney to contact law enforcement or EMS.

The passenger identified Kenney as the driver of the wrecked vehicle.

Deputy Olwin Nor-

man, LCSO arrested Mr. Kenney Friday on the two warrants issued by Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Police Beat

Lynn A. Sowards, 50, Cedar Park Drive, Lenoir City was charged Tuesday, with public intoxication.

According to records, Patrolman Jeremy Dishner, LCPD was dispatched to Wendy's to check out an intoxicated male and upon arrival made contact with Mr. Sowards inside the store. Sowards was very unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person.

Mr. Sowards was deemed a danger to himself and others and taken into custody.

Cargo

Defining the problem.

Cargo is any commercial shipment moving via trucks, planes, rail cars, ships, etc., from point of origin to final destination. If merchandise is stolen at any point in between—highway, truck stop, storage facility, warehouse, terminal, wharf, etc.—then it's considered cargo theft.

Scope of the problem. Because cargo theft statistics have never, until recently, been a separate reportable category in the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and because many companies don't report cargo crimes (to avoid bad publicity, higher insurance rates, damage to reputation, embarrassment, etc.), the exact dollar losses aren't known. Industry experts estimate all cargo thefts ring up as much as \$30 billion in losses each year.

Cargo theft has many victims, from employees (i.e., drivers, warehouse workers) who can be hurt during an armed hijacking or robbery...to retailers who lose merchandise...to consumers who pay as much as 20 percent more to make up for cargo theft...to state and local governments who lose sales tax revenue...and even to insurance companies, manufacturers, and shipping

companies.

What's being stolen? Any product being shipped is potentially a target, but cigarettes, pharmaceuticals, and especially computer/electronic components are current high-value favorites being re-sold on the black market.

Law enforcement response. Since the FBI's jurisdiction doesn't kick in until an interstate nexus is achieved, many of the cargo thefts in the U.S. are investigated by local law enforcement. But even when we get involved, we focus on criminal enterprises engaged in systemic or violent criminal acts. And if a case has an international nexus (as many do), we work with our legal attachés overseas, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and our international partners.

We have also joined forces with state and local law enforcement agencies on seven cargo theft task forces in five cities that are key transportation hubs—Miami, El Paso, Chicago, New York, and Memphis.

One interesting fact about cargo crime: it's usually a "gateway" crime. In many instances, a cargo theft investigation will turn into a case involving organized

crime, public corruption, health care fraud, insurance fraud, drug trafficking, money laundering, or possibly even terrorism. Criminal groups use the illegal proceeds they gain from stealing cargo to fund their criminal operations. And the fear is that terrorists could use their proceeds to launch attacks or fund training.

Industry assistance. Of course, law enforcement couldn't effectively investigate cargo theft without the assistance of our retail and transportation industry partners. They: *Provide transportation help—i.e., trucking, shipping, and storing stolen goods for us;

*Provide merchandise, warehouse equipment, and trucks for use in our undercover operations; and

*Sometimes even have their own forensic labs to assist in the analysis of certain types of evidence.

And with the addition of the cargo theft category to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting System, once police are fully trained to identify and report such crimes, we should have a much better picture of the overall cargo theft problem and will be able to use our resources more strategically.

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Stringfield

ly stole an outfit from Walmart Tuesday.

Kenneth Henry Stringfield, 20, Blair Street, Loudon was charged with theft under \$500.

According to reports, Tuesday around 6:45 PM, a Walmart Asset Protection officer witnessed Mr. Stringfield take a pair of pants and a shirt off their hangers and stuff them into the front of his pants. He passed one point of sale, then passed the final point of sale and went out the grocery side of the store.

The total amount of the merchandise was \$26. No restitution was sought. Patrolman Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

Gus

brand new destinations, but this year it may be

a bit more uncomfortable in the travel arrangements.

Our brilliant government is hard at work to make our airlines safe for the upcoming flux of passengers entering this holiday season. Seems a *Government Eddumacated* note taker heard in an airlines safety meeting that the airlines need to take a more "hands on approach," and the note taker took them literally at their words and now we have nuns being frisked at the airline boarding

stations around the U.S.A.

What in the world is this country doing frisking old ladies and kids, while they let Muslim women dressed in their traditional clothing pass by without any checking whatsoever?

I say we can beat the TSA at their own game; it's called driving the car this holiday season. I say let's once again put government back in check.

No flying means no work for the hacks at the TSA and maybe

after a few airlines go broke we can once again start profiling the folks that are actually trying to do harm.

After all, when was the last time you heard of a nun trying to blow up a plane?

-Gus

Police Beat

Nicole A. Gibson, 21, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged Monday with simple assault.

Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD served the warrant and made the arrest.

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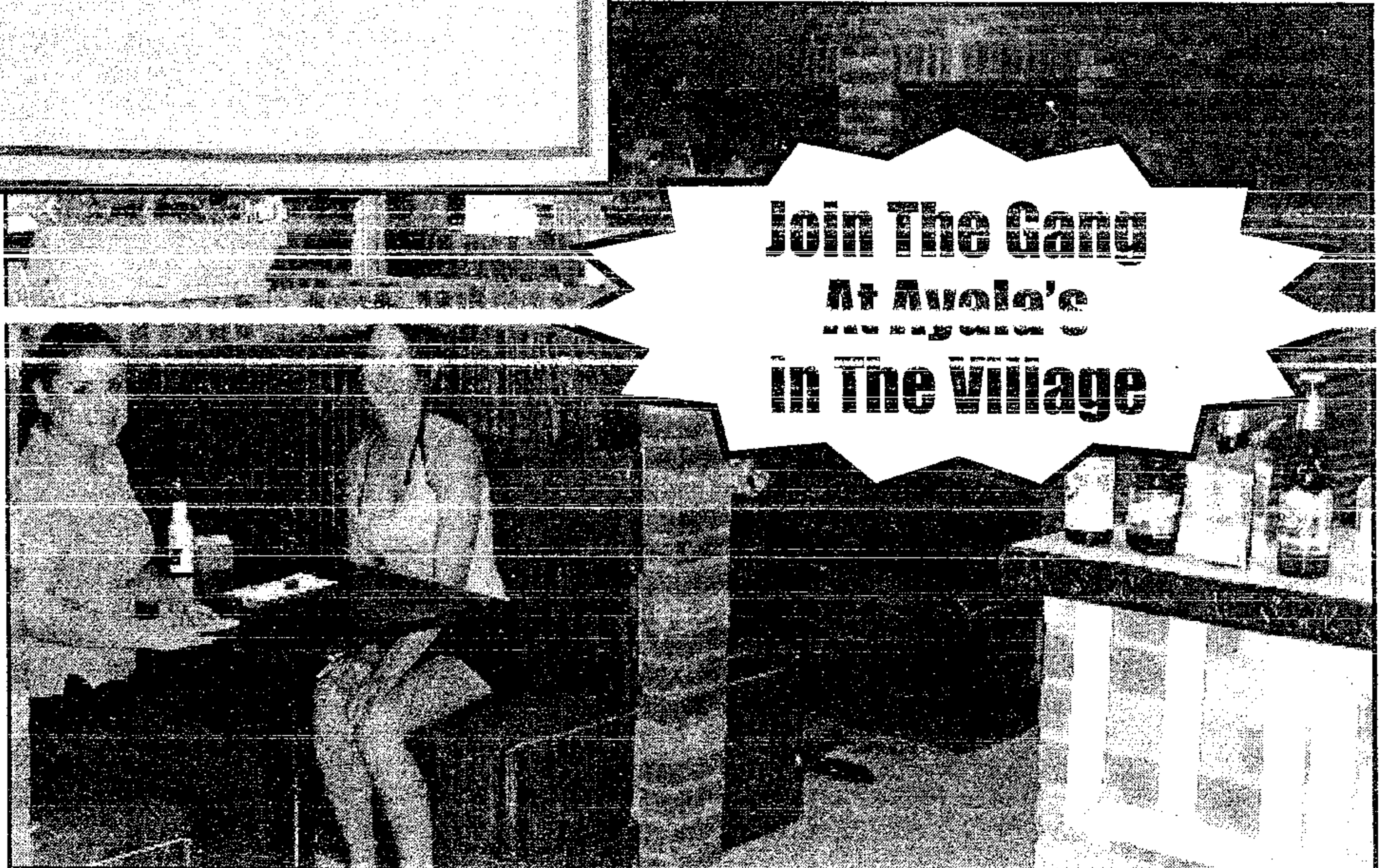
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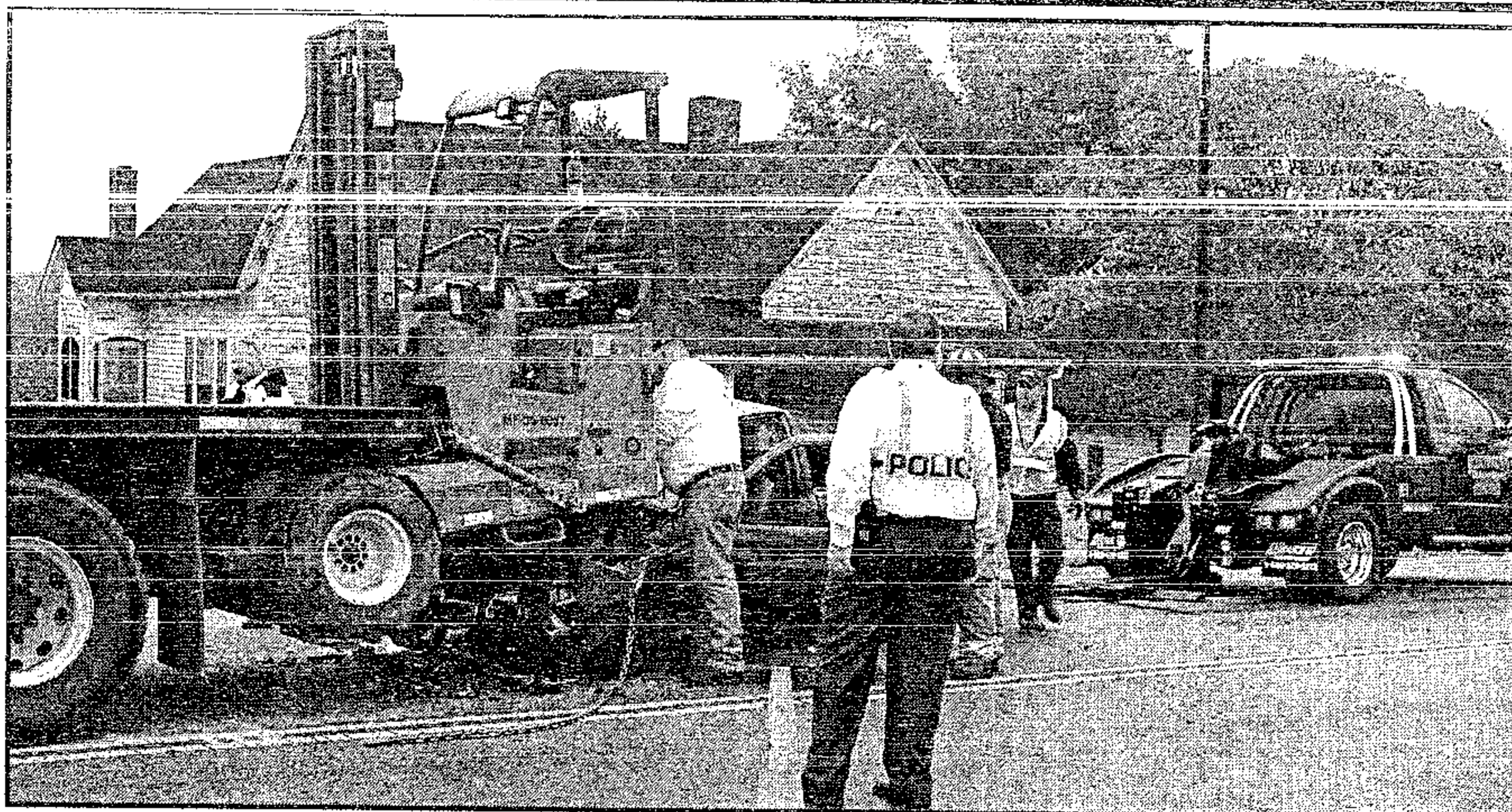
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Update

The victims of a fatal accident on West Broadway at G Street Monday just after noon have been identified.

According to Lenoir City Police Chief Don White, 70 year old Esther Lopez Zavala died when the 1991 Toyota pickup truck driven by her husband, Guadalupe Lopez, crashed into the back of a 2005 Sterling straight truck,



Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD observes as the ProBuild truck is prepared to be separated from the pickup that was wedged under the forklift.

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owned by ProBuild, which had a piggy back fork lift on the back of it.

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was stopped for the red-light when the accident happened at the Lenoir City intersection.

The driver of the com-

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mercial vehicle, Grego-

ry Goode of Knoxville, did not require medical attention.

Chief White said Lopez was still in critical condition Tuesday afternoon.

Witness reported Lopez was driving the pickup erratically when entering into town and LCPD is continuing their investigation to find out the possible cause of his actions.

Officer Dennis Guider, LCPD is handling the investigation which is still ongoing.

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