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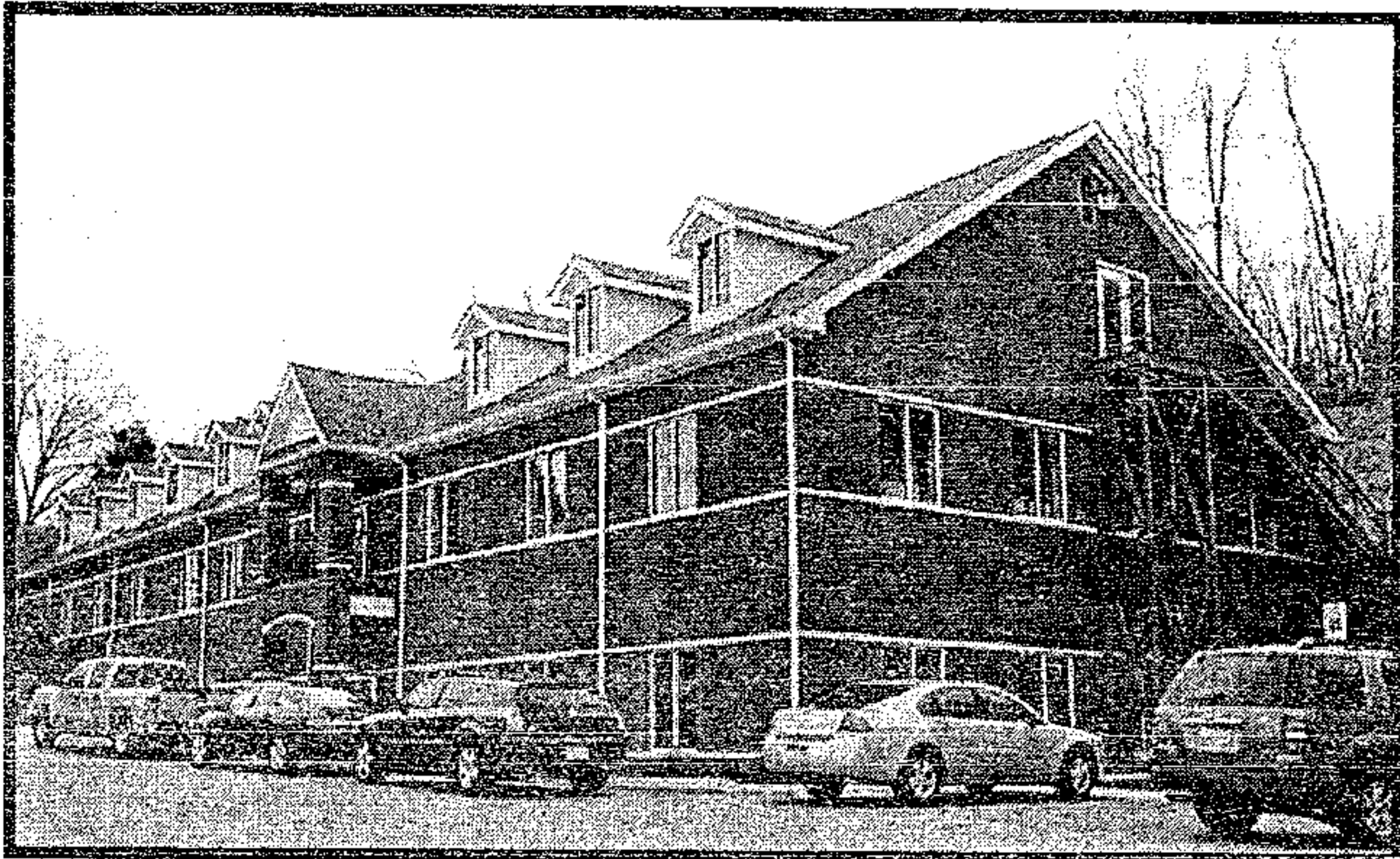
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Friday, December 10, 2010

## Homeland Security, ICE raid EOD Technology, Inc.

On Wednesday, Department of Homeland Security agents and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials raided EOD Technology, Inc., a defense contractor involved in security operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The team, assisted by officers from (see Raid pg. 6)



EOD Technologies, Inc was raided by federal agents on Wednesday at two East TN locations one of which is on Old Hwy 95 in Lenoir city

## Alleged killer dies in jail

(see Suspect pg. 3)

The Dayton, Tennessee man suspected in the shooting death of a Tellico Village resident has died while incarcerated as an inmate at the Loudon County Jail.

Reports indicate John Lee Nevans, 69, was found Thursday morning with blood coming from around



John Lee Nevans

## Man violates protection order for 3rd time

In a case that sounds like a scene from a Sunday Night Movie, a Greenback man has allegedly violated a no contact order of protection for the third time after being released from jail and following his estranged wife's vehicle so closely she could see the expression on his face.

Emery Steven Johnson, 52, Highway 95 North, Greenback was charged with aggravated

(see Johnson pg. 5)



Johnson

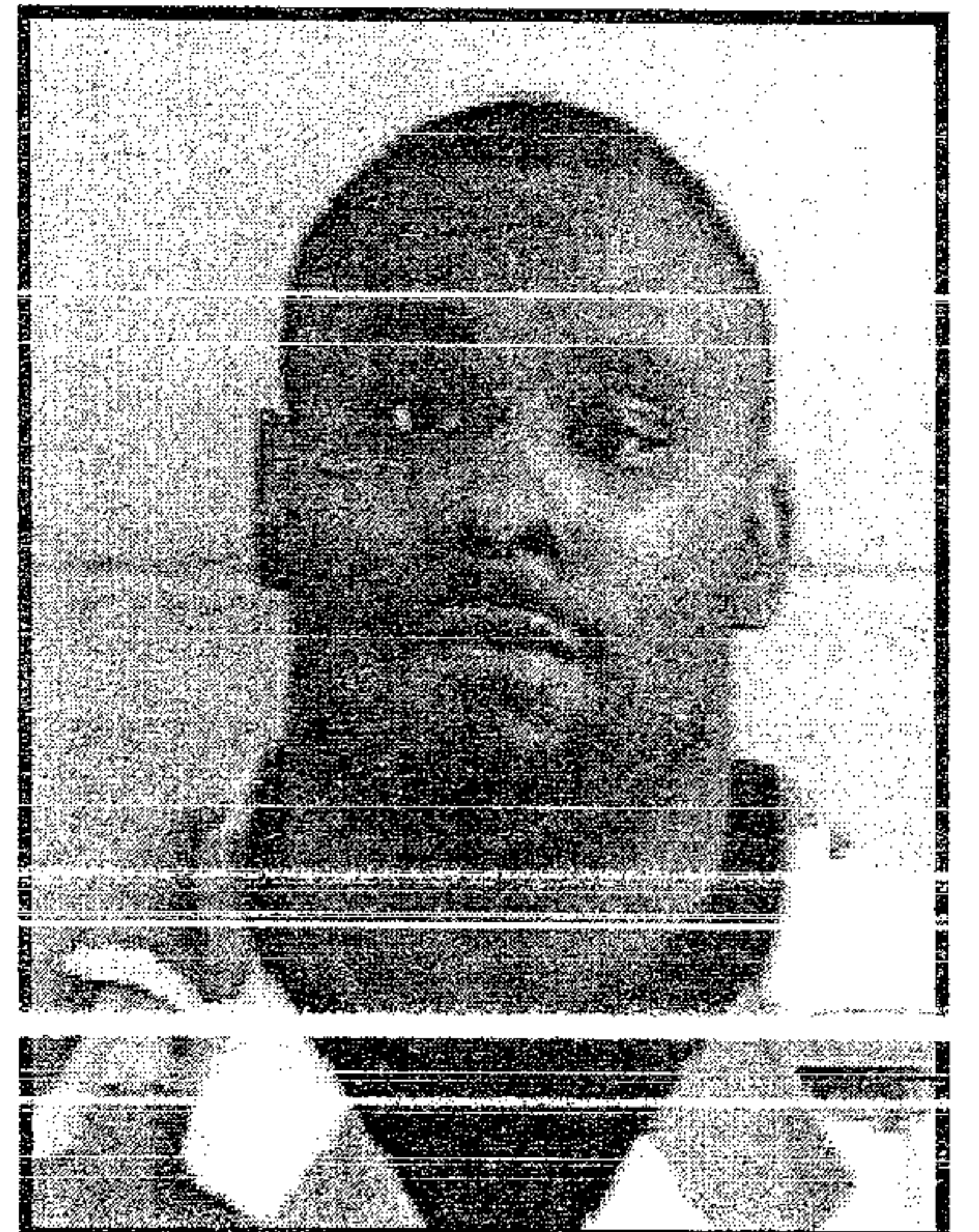
## Gun with no serial numbers, felony conviction lands man in jail

A local convicted felon was jailed after a traffic stop was performed on the vehicle he was a passenger in and he was found in possession of a handgun with missing serial numbers.

Shane Yarhan Matlock, 29, Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged Thursday with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Jimmy Leon Rolan, 29, Foster Road Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear x 2 and violation of probation.

(see Matlock pg. 4)



Matlock

**Verse of the Day**  
"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have min-

istered to the saints, and do minister."  
*Hebrews 6:10*  
**Obituaries**  
Mary Lou Marcum  
John H. Armour, Jr.  
Dorothy Clearman-Thompson

**Wazzup**  
Happy Birthday to Mark Bell. We hope you have a wonderful day. We love you!!!  
**Weather**  
Today: Partly cloudy skies. High 49. Winds

SSW at 5 to 10 mph.  
Tonight: Cloudy. Low 32. Winds light and variable.  
Saturday: Cloudy with rain. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.  
Sunday: Windy, mix of rain and snow showers.

Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper teens.  
**Horoscopes**  
*Sagittarius 11/22-12/21*  
Your big brain is throbbing with new ideas -- and more are on the  
(see More pg. 2)

**Suspect**

a breathing mask he wore when sleeping. He was taken from the jail's medical ward and transported to Ft Sanders Loudon Medical

Center where he died.

Nevans reportedly had a history of medical problems and had been taken to the hospital on prior occasions for chest pains.

Nevans was charged with first degree murder in connection with the September 23, 2010 shooting death of his former friend and business partner, 79 year old Ron Kronholm.

Kronholm, who was confined to a wheel-

chair, was found dead in the kitchen of his Cheeskogili Way, Tellico Village home with multiple gunshot wounds.

An autopsy is being conducted.

**Police Beat**

Randall Dale Brown, 25, Abbott Road, Lenoir City was charged Tuesday with mittimus x 2 for purge payments of child support.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest at the Loudon County Circuit Court.

Derek Allen McCreary, 21, South Main Street, Sweetwater was

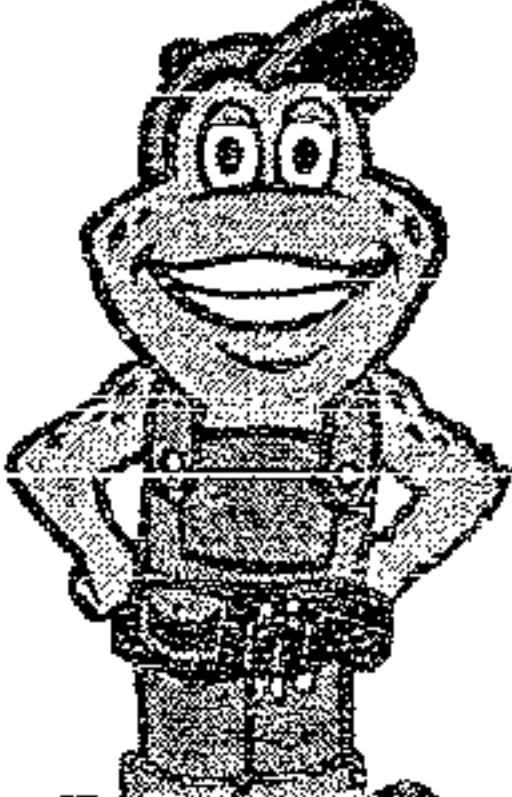
charged Wednesday with violation of probation.

Deputy Vance Wright, LCSO made the arrest at the McMinn County Jail.

Barry Wayne Green, 54, Highway 411 South, Greenback was charged Thursday with filing a false police report.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest.

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## Obituaries

**Mary Lou Marcum**, age 83, of Knoxville went to be with the Lord on Tuesday evening December 7, 2010. Mary Lou was a member of Center View Baptist Church. She was retired from Lakeshore Mental Health. Mary Lou was preceded in death by her husbands, Conard Bridges and Lee Marcum; parents, Charles and Aileen Cummings; brother, Ed Cummings. She is survived by her children, Dorothy Koser and husband, Jerry of Lenoir City, Donald Bridges and wife, Shirley of Knoxville, Donna Williams of Knoxville; grandchildren, Kim Hankins and husband, Steve, Charles Bridges and wife, Missy, Mark Bridges, Chasity Cagley and husband, Josh, Kayla Brewer; great grandchildren, Shelby Davenport, Carrie Bridges, Jenny Bridges, Ben Bridges, Lilli Cagley, and Madison Cagley; sister, Betty Marcum and husband, Samuel of Knoxville; brother, Ken Cummings and wife, Marie of Nashville; special friend, Sandra Lee; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:45 p.m. on Thursday followed by funeral services at 8 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel with Rev. Jason Corbin and Rev. Jerry

Day officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. on Friday at Byrds Chapel Cemetery for graveside services. The family of Mary Lou Marcum would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Summit View of Farragut, for their loving care and friendship she received during her time there. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Marcum family.

**John H. Armour, Jr.** - age 82 of Lenoir City passed away Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at his home. He was a member of Meigs Masonic Lodge #213. John was a member of Kingston Pike Baptist Church for 47 years, where he served as a Deacon. He was retired from T. V. A. after 41 years of service. He was an avid golfer and outdoorsman. Preceded in death by his daughter, Deborah Weaver; parents, John Henry Armour and Nora Hunt Armour, and sister, Lorene McGann. Survived by his wife of 58 years, Inez Armour; son-in-law, Ruben Weaver of Philadelphia, TN; granddaughter, Sarah Long and husband, Chris; great grandchildren, Corban, Sadie and Brooklyn Long all of Lenoir City; brothers, Bruce Armour and wife, Jewell of Marietta, GA, Sam Armour and

wife, Carolyn of Kingston; sisters, Mary Lou Baggett and husband, James Ray of Kingston; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Kingston Pike Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Dr. Ronny Jones and Rev. Charles Armour officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. Friday and proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services at 11 a.m.

**Dorothy Clearman-Thompson**, age 80, of Lenoir City passed away Sunday morning, December 5, 2010 at her home. Dorothy was a member of the Maryville Church of Christ. She was a native of Sweetwater and was a graduate of Sweetwater High School Class of 1948 and was captain of the championship basketball team and football queen. Dorothy was a former Miss Sweetwater and Miss Monroe County. She was a retired accountant, was the Past President of the American Professional Business Women's Association and was an avid gardener. She was preceded in death by parents, Roy and Alma Lee Murr; brother, Wayne Murr and sister, Ruby Murr. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Jack Thomp-

son; children, Charles Clearman of Maryville, Harry Clearman and wife, Cathy of Shelby, NC, Roger Dale Clearman and wife, Angela of Atlanta, GA, Cindy Floyd and husband, Keith of Friendsville, David Clearman and wife, Lisa of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Evan Clearman, Ryan Clearman, Savannah Clearman, Chris Clearman, Travis Clearman, Zach Floyd, Kelsey Clearman, Lexie Hall, Haley Hall, Adam Floyd, Mallory Hall, Jake Clearman, and Jessica Grace Clearman; great grandson, Channing Speer; sister, Joan Murr Mowery of Farragut; sister-in-law, Jo Ann Murr of Farragut; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel with Mr. Jonathan Jones II officiating. Interment will follow in the Highland Memorial West Cemetery. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the family of Dorothy Clearman-Thompson.

### Matlock

According to records, Agent Brandon

DeBoer, 9th DTF followed up on a lead in an investigation of a dark colored Cadillac traveling on Broadway in Lenoir City. LCPD Officers Jason Butler and Jason Felts, as well as other officers from the Lenoir City Police Department, assisted on the traffic stop of the Cadillac on Broadway at G Street.

During the stop, the rear passenger, later identified as Shane Matlock, was reportedly seen reaching down into the floorboard after verbal commands were given for him to keep his hands up. After everyone was removed from the vehicle, a loaded, silver colored revolver was recovered on the floor where Mr. Matlock was sitting.

Statements given on the scene led the officers and agents to believe the handgun recovered belonged to Shane Matlock.

The serial numbers on the gun had also been destroyed.

Matlock was subsequently charged and taken into custody by Agent DeBoer. Another passenger in the car, Jimmy Rolan was transported to the jail by Patrolman Chris Law, LCPD.

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### Johnson assault.

According to an affidavit filed by Johnson's estranged spouse; on December 3rd, 2010, at approximately 3:30 PM, Loudon County Sheriff's Office personnel called Johnson's spouse advising Emery Steven Johnson was being released from jail on the previous charge of aggravated assault. The woman sent a text message to her son at school and told him to be cautious before she left to go to the school and pick up her children instead of having them riding the bus.

The woman noted she passed a residence and saw Mr. Johnson in his gray Toyota RAV pulling out from the drive-

way. He pulled right behind her getting right on the bumper of her vehicle.

According to her affidavit, Johnson was so close to her bumper she could see the expression on his face and he was smoking a cigarette. The woman reported she came up on a slower moving vehicle and Johnson was still right on her bumper. She called 911 and kept dispatch on the line during the incident. The woman stated she passed the slower vehicle and Mr. Johnson also passed the slower vehicle, getting right back on her bumper.

The woman further noted she was in great fear for her life during the ordeal and she has an active ex-parte order of protection

against Johnson.

This was the 3rd time Johnson has violated the no contact order. He was charged with aggravated assault by violation of order of protection on November 28th, 2010 and again on November 19th, 2010.

Corporal Chip Matthews, LCSO served the warrant and booked Emery Johnson into the Loudon County Jail Monday.

### 1 charged after hit & run

An Indiana man reportedly told police he didn't know he had struck a vehicle when he was taken into custody after he reportedly left the scene of a hit and run in a Highway 321 restaurant's parking lot Monday.

Shane Eric 'Bones'

Bowne, 37, East Everton Road, Connersville, Indiana was charged with accident-damage to vehicle.

According to reports, Monday, around 9:26 PM, Officer Allen Bean, LCPD was dispatched to Chilies on Highway 321 in Lenoir City on a hit and run. Officer Bean located a vehicle that matched the description of a white Nissan Pathfinder that had left the scene. He stopped the vehicle at 9:28 PM in front of CVS.

Officer Bean noticed damage on the rear of the Pathfinder.

Upon speaking with the driver, Mr. Bowne stated he did hit an object in the Chilies parking lot, but he didn't believe it was a vehicle. Mr. Bowne was arrested for acci-

dent - damage to vehicle.

### Police Beat

Brandy Danielle Baker, 32, Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

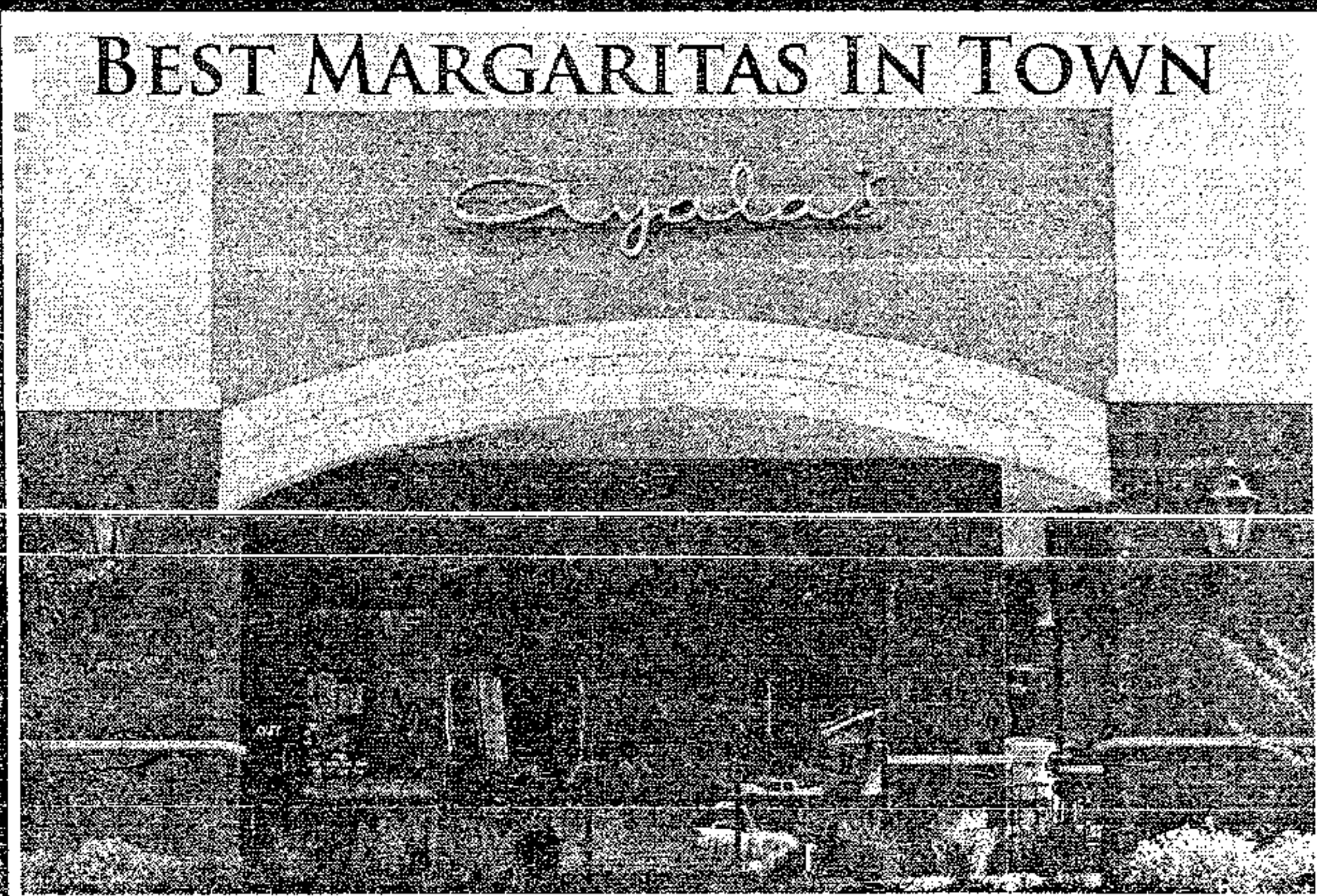
Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made the arrest Monday.

John Martin Macuga, 22, Nelson Street, Philadelphia was charged with failure to appear and violation of probation Tuesday.

Deputy Mckinzie Williams, LCSO made the arrest.

Thomas Jeremy Palmer, 33, Crock Road, Loudon, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Deputy Charles Huskin, LCSO made the arrest.



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**Raid**

the Lenoir City Police Department, conducted the raid early Wednesday at the Old Highway 95 location, which reportedly serves as EOD Technology Inc. headquarters and escorted employees to their vehicles as agents entered the three buildings.

Numerous agents were seen unloading equipment and carrying paperwork from building to building.

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All questions were referred to ICE media relations and the US Attorney's office in Knoxville. It was confirmed that Homeland Security was part of the investigation in Lenoir City.

EODT then released a comment on the raid

Wednesday afternoon.

"This event came as a complete surprise to us," the company said in a statement released by its Nashville public relations firm, "We are a very responsibly run company with a strong ethical standard, and do not know of anything

that could have triggered this event. We are cooperating with the federal investigators to help clear up whatever

concerns there are. We obviously would not have been selected for some of the sensitive

Raid ctd. pg. 7

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**Raid cited.**

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Sources have reported that EOD Technology has taken active roles in U.S. military action in Iraq and has operations and employees supporting

U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The company was named in an October New York Times story about Afghan private security forces with ties to the Taliban, Iranian intelligence and criminal networks being hired to guard American military bases in Afghanistan.

The story cited a Senate Armed Services Committee report that some Afghans hired by EOD, which was awarded a U.S. Army contract to provide security at a

training center for Afghan police officers, were also providing information to Iran.

Also, EOD is facing a lawsuit filed in federal court that claims employees stole from one of the company's suppliers in a guns-drawn raid.

In the suit, MAKS, a supplier of modular buildings says guards from EOD showed up at one of their facilities with rifles drawn, demanding the buildings be loaded up. During that ordeal, the complaint claims a couple dozen employees were locked in a room for six hours while the buildings were stolen.

EOD's public relations firm could not comment on the litigation.

**Shoplifters busted**



Farmer

Heather Renee Farmer, 27, White Wing Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to an affidavit; on Wednesday at approximately 1:50 PM, Walmart Asset Protection personnel saw Heather R. Farmer conceal perfume and a belt in Walmart bags in the lawn and garden department. Ms. Farmer went out the general merchandise door past all points of sale and the final point of sale.

Once she was stopped, there was a hoodie and boots found on Farmer's person that also hadn't been paid for.

The total amount was \$39.00. No restitution was sought. Sgt. Eddie



Harrison

Range, LCPD served the warrant and made the arrest Wednesday.

Sandra Carol Harrison, 42, Kerr Street, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to records, Wednesday, around 7:45 PM, Ms. Harrison Loss Prevention Officer personnel saw Harrison concealing air fresheners and animal supplies in her purse before she went to the grocery department and concealed two dog sweaters.

Harrison then continued on and left all points of sale and was stopped by a loss prevention officer at the grocery side exit.

Officer Allen Bean, LCPD made the arrest.

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