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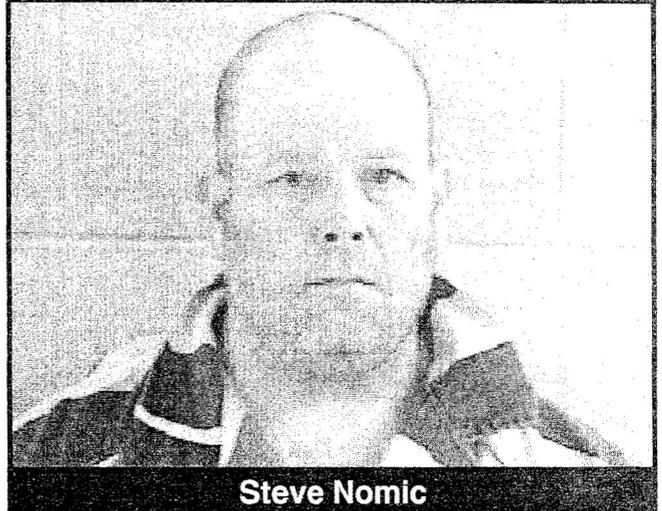
LCSO CID charges Loudon man with two counts of rape after child victim comes forward

Sheriff Tim Guider announced the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) has charged and arrested Steve Nomic, 43, of 195 Ritchie Road, Loudon, Tennessee for one count of rape of a child and one count of statutory rape by an authority figure. On February 12th, the CID Unit made the arrest after the victim came forward about having sex with Mr. Nomic. Sheriff Guider advised the victim told investigators she had had sex with Mr.

Nomic on several occasions and that some of the sex took place while the juvenile was under the age of 13 years old, making it a Class A Felony with a minimum sentence of 25 years to serve.

Sheriff Guider also advised that when Mr. Nomic was questioned he admitted to having sex with the juvenile on more than one occasion. Guider said the written statement was witnessed and audio taped by the CID Division. The

(see Nomic pg. 6)



Steve Nomic

Ldn man gets felony charges after fleeing

LCSO charged a Loudon man with felony fleeing and possession charges after he reportedly fled from police after running a stop sign

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Unlicensed, under the influence and all over the road

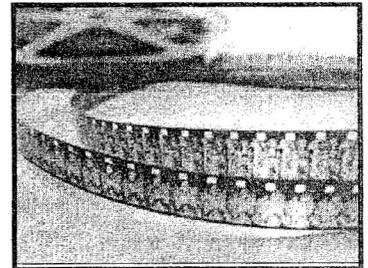
Police arrested a local man after a citizen stopped to tell an officer running radar he was all over the road.

(see Villatoro-Avila pg. 3)

Forensic Analysis: Clues Buried in Sounds and Images

The 14 videotapes arrived on Peter Smith's desk individually wrapped in plain manila envelopes. They had been sent by a special agent in our Phoenix office who wanted them analyzed after heavy rains exposed the buried cache in a yawning 35-foot-deep hole in the ground. A man who found the tapes saw the contents of one of them and quickly

(see Analysis pg. 7)



The Digital Evidence Laboratory, part of the FBI's Operational Technology Division, uses today's technology to repair damaged media so the contents can aid investigators in their cases

CDC H1N1 Flu Situation Update

Each week CDC analyzes information about influenza disease activity in the United States and publishes findings of key flu indicators in a report called FluView.

During the week of January 31 - February 6, 2010, most key flu indicators remained about the same as during the previous week. Below is a summary of the most re-

(see H1N1 pg. 4)

Verse of the day

As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

Deuteronomy 32:11-12

Obituaries

Daniel Houston Collins

Weather:

Today: On and off snow flurries are possible along with variably cloudy skies. Cold. High around 35.

Tonight: Snow flurries

around early. Low around 25.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the mid 20s.

Wazzup

A great big thank you to Debbie Hines; your help with the spay/neuter vouchers is very appreciated!

Horoscopes Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

You may get a few too many requests for help (see Horoscopes pg. 2)



Villatoro-Avila

Once the suspect vehicle was stopped, officer found the man reportedly was unlicensed and under the influence.

Adin Uriel Villatoro-Avila, 25, Old Highway 95, Lenoir City, was charged Sunday, with DUI by alcohol and/or drugs, no drivers license and implied consent.

According to reports, Patrolman Darrell Butler, LCPD was operating stationary

radar on Old Highway 95 around 4:06 PM, when the driver of a white pick-up truck stopped and told the officer a gold Ford Expedition was all over the road.

Officer Butler got in behind the Expedition and followed it. The driver turned onto Wilson Road and was driving on the wrong side of the road.

When the lawman turned his blue lights on, Mr. Villatoro-Avila

cut back across the road and went off the side of the road, then finally stopped at Kirk Avenue and Wilson Road.

Villatoro-Avila had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person, red watery eyes, slurred speech and could not stand without weaving. Villatoro-Avila told Officer Butler he did not have a license.

A check through NCIC revealed Villatoro-Avila is unlicensed.

Once at the jail, Mr. Villatoro-Avila was read the implied con-

sent in Spanish and refused to take the test.

Oody

and when stopped was found to have illicit pills in his pos-



James Ola Oody

session.

James Ola Oody, 59, Steekee Creek Road, Loudon was charged with felony evading and possession of schedule II.

According to records, on Wednesday Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO saw a green Ford Ranger slide through the intersection and stop sign coming off Corinth Church Road onto Steekee Road. The vehicle went across the road into the yard across the street and then onto Steekee Road, headed towards Loudon city.

Deputy Brewer got behind the truck and activated his emergency equipment. The truck sped up and continued towards Loudon. It passed several vehicles on the double yellow line and in curves. The deputy stopped the truck on Steekee Road and found Mr. Oody was the driver.

Upon searching Mr. Oody, the officer found a container in his left front pocket with three small round pills identified as oxycodone, a schedule II narcotic.

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H1N1

cent key indicators:

* Visits to doctors for influenza-like illness (ILI) nationally increased slightly

over last week but remain low overall. The national increase in ILI was driven by elevated ILI in 3 of 10 U.S. regions. Regions

4, 7, and 9 reported ILI slightly higher than average for the United States. Region 4 is comprised of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Region 7 is comprised of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, and region 9 is comprised of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada.

* Very few 2009 H1N1 laboratory-confirmed hospitalizations were reported by states during the week ending February 6 for most age groups.

* The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) based on the 122 Cities Report decreased over the previous week and is

now lower than expected for this time of year. In addition, another three flu-related pediatric deaths were reported this week: two of these deaths were associated with laboratory confirmed 2009 H1N1, and one death was associated with an influenza A virus for which the subtype was undetermined. Since April 2009, CDC has received reports of 324 laboratory-confirmed pediatric deaths: 274 due to 2009 H1N1, 48 pediatric deaths that were laboratory confirmed as influenza, but the flu virus subtype was not determined, and two pediatric deaths that were associated with seasonal influenza viruses. (Laboratory-confirmed deaths are

thought to represent an undercount of the actual number. CDC has provided estimates about the number of 2009 H1N1 cases and related hospitalizations and deaths.)

* No states reported widespread influenza activity. Six states reported regional influenza activity. They are: Alabama, Georgia, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, and South Carolina.

Almost all of the influenza viruses identified so far continue to be 2009 H1N1 influenza A viruses. These viruses remain similar to the virus chosen for the 2009 H1N1 vaccine, and remain susceptible to the antiviral drugs oseltamivir and zanamivir with rare exception.

Obituaries

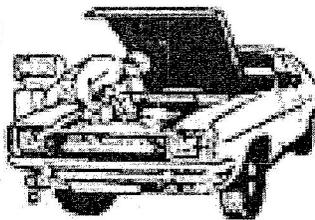
Daniel Houston Collins - age 79 of Lenoir City passed away Saturday, February 13, 2010. He was a member of Sugar Grove Baptist Church in Kingston. Dan was a veteran of the United States Army, the Naval Reserves and Marine Reserves. He retired from TVA as a construction worker and he was a 50 year member of Union Masonic Lodge #38 Kingston and the Knoxville Scottish Rite. He was preceded in death by his wives, Inez Tate Collins and Janie Johnson Collins; parents, Millard and Leona Collins; brothers, Luther and Jimmie Roger Collins; sisters, Loretta Collins Hunter, Katie Collins Brinegar. Dan is survived by his son, Mike

Collins and wife, Lora of Lenoir City; sister, Mary Lib Hawks along with many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Chipper Humphrey and Rev. Tim Hamby officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery with full military honors conferred by the Loudon County Veterans Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to Sugar Grove Baptist Church in Kingston. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

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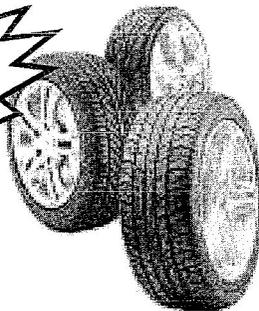
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Analysis

called the police, who in turn called us.

The tapes were in bad shape, but that's nothing new to Smith, whose job it is to repair and recover damaged media so the contents can aid investigators. Smith is one of 26 examiners who work in the FBI's Digital Evidence Laboratory's Forensic Audio, Video,

and Image Analysis Unit. Based in Quantico, Virginia, the unit gets requests from all 56 field offices and our overseas offices, or legal attachés.

"When I got them, they were caked with mud," said Smith, a specialist in video reconstruction. Like his colleagues, he's worked on tapes in much worse condition — unspooled,

soaked in jet fuel, stretched, cut, or partially demagnetized. Every case is different.

"You have to assess each case in order to get it back into playable condition," Smith said. In this case, that meant unspooling the tightly wound tapes, rinsing away the mud, and carefully drying them. The tapes were put on new spools and into new housings. Duplicates were recorded when the restored tapes were played. The original and new recordings were then sent back to Phoenix so investigators could move forward on the case.

Last year, the unit closed 610 examination requests — 274 on audio and 336 on video and still images. On any given day, examiners are looking for even the smallest clues that could aid in a case.

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In the 2007 case of the unearthed tapes, the recovered material revealed a man engaging in sexual activity

with minor girls, one believed to be 5 or 6 years old. The tapes were decades old and recorded in a format that predates VHS. As Smith reconstructed the tapes, he found a key piece of evidence — one of the girls said the name of the man appearing with her on the video. Smith contacted the FBI case agent in Phoenix, who ran a check of motor vehicle licenses, which led him to an 81-year-old man who managed the property where the tapes came to light. He was quickly arrested.

Like video, audio and still images contain a bounty of potential clues. Examiners look for patterns and textures in clothes or a suspect's distinctive physical features. Photogrammetry can reveal a suspect's height or the length of a gun's barrel. In many cases, with the proliferation of sophisticated photo-editing software, examiners can determine if images have been digitally manipulated, as is sometimes the defense claim in child pornography cases.

"It's enabled us to hone our skills as far as recognizing real versus fake," said Dr. Richard W. Vorder Bruegge, one of our image examiners and a leader in the field of forensic analysis.

The Digital Evidence Laboratory, part of our Operational Technology Division, has played a key role in a wide variety of high-profile cases, including the

9/11 probe, the Enron investigation, and the 2004 murder of 11-year-old Carlie Brucia, a case that relied heavily on analysis of grainy surveillance video showing her abductor leading her away from a Florida car wash.

For examiners working on the periphery of so many cases, it's particularly satisfying when their forensic analysis plays a central role in an investigation. In the buried tapes case, the discovery of the man's identity led to a search of his home — and more sex tapes. The man eventually pled guilty to child pornography charges and was sentenced in 2008 to more than six years in prison.

"This is one of the more rewarding cases," Smith said. "To take a hunk of garbage and turn it into usable evidence — that's very rewarding."

Police Beat

Kimberly Helen Presley, 48, Soreitos Way, Alcoa, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO arrested Ms. Presley at the Blount County Jail Wednesday.

Michael Eugene Chastain, 36, Vale Street, Loudon was charged Tuesday with failure to appear.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest.

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