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Friday, February 5, 2010

LCSO-ND takes more drugs off streets

Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division agents continue to sweep drugs off the streets of our community and during the first of the week seized the makings of another meth lab, some marijuana and slew of popular street pills.

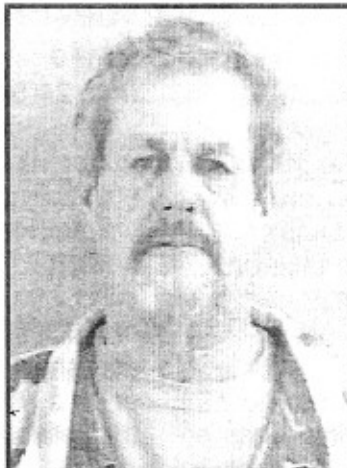
Lola Marie Pennington, 25, Smallen Road, Loudon was charged with possession of schedule II (oxycodone) for resale and simple possession of marijuana.

The report states, on Tuesday, at approximately 9:50 PM, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO-ND observed a blue Ford Taurus slide through the intersection of Sugarlimb Road and Highway 11.



Lola Marie Pennington
Possession of schedule II (oxycodone) for resale and simple possession of marijuana

According to Sgt. Hall, the vehicle stayed in the intersection for a longer period



Richard Cordell Kearley
Promotion of methamphetamine manufacture, felony possession of schedule IV (alprazolam), felony possession of drug paraphernalia

(see LCSO-ND pg. 3)



Stacey Michelle Swafford
Driving on suspended license, promotion of meth manufacture, possession of schedule II (oxycodone), felony possession of schedule IV (alprazolam) and felony possession of drug paraphernalia

Identity theft reported after loan denied

A local man reportedly told investigators he learned his ex-wife used his personal information to obtain thousands in loans after he was denied a loan of his own.

According to reports, on or about February 1st, 2010,

at approximately 10:00 AM, Mr. Donnie Lee Hassler, Hubbard Road, went to the Sheriff's Department and advised Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO he needed to report an ID theft. Mr. Hassler advised approximately two months ago he applied for a

(see Identity theft pg. 6)

Woman returns home to burglary

A local woman discovered two computers, numerous pieces of jewelry and other items missing from her residence when she returned home Friday to find her door had been kicked in and her house burglarized.

According to records, Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO responded to a Jones Road, Lenoir City home Friday in reference to a past burglary. The homeowner, Mrs. Jill Tarter said she returned home around 3:15 PM and

(see Burglary pg. 7)

Verse of the day

And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.
Daniel 7:5

Obituaries

Edward H. Petty

Vicky Lynn Bell

Weather:

Today: Periods of rain. High 41. Chance of rain 90%. Rain-fall around a half an inch.
Tonight: Rain. Low near 35. Chance of rain 70%.

Saturday: Rain & snow showers. Highs: low 40s; Lows: low 30s.

Sunday: Considerable cloudiness. Highs: low 40s; Lows: upper 20s.

Wazzup

Be smart, be safe: don't drink & drive this Superbowl weekend!

Horoscopes Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

This morning, you need to focus on personal issues (see Horoscopes pg. 2)



LCSO-ND

of time than a normal motorist would before it finally turned right toward Loudon.

Hall and Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSO followed the Taurus approximately 3/4 of a mile and noticed the vehicle fail to maintain a constant speed and the driver kept hitting the brakes.

The law men stopped the car on Highway 11 and Natalie Boulevard. While Deputy Goddard was conducting business concerning the traffic stop, Sgt. Hall deployed K-9 Draga to sniff the vehicle. K-9 Draga alerted in the area of the driver's door.

No drugs or drug paraphernalia were found in the vehicle.

A search of the front

seat passenger, Lola Pennington, revealed three small baggies containing pills and marijuana. Records indicate the first plastic bag contained five 30 mg oxycodone pills, the second bag contained six 30 mg oxycodone pills and the third bag contained approximately 1 gram of marijuana. Oxycodone is a schedule II narcotic.

Stacey M. Swafford, 41, Wallop Lane, Crossville was charged with driving on suspended license, promotion of meth manufacture, possession of schedule II (oxycodone), felony possession of schedule IV (alprazolam) and felony possession of drug paraphernalia.

Richard C. Kearley, 57, Chestnut Hill

Road, Crossville was charged with promotion of methamphetamine manufacture, felony possession of schedule IV (alprazolam) and felony possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to reports, on Wednesday at approximately 2:15 PM, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO-ND, observed a silver Cadillac going east on Interstate 75 around the 81 mm, traveling 70-75 mph in a 65 mph speed zone. The sergeant followed the vehicle approximately 5 miles at speeds ranging from 55 to 75 mph.

When LCSO Patrol Division Corporal Chad Estes started following the vehicle, Sgt. Hall observed the passenger place something under the seat and continue to move suspiciously.

Corporal Estes stopped the Cadillac at the 364 mm on Interstate 40 for the traffic violation.

The driver and front seat passenger were asked to step out of the vehicle.

While Corporal Estes was talking to the driver, Ms. Swafford, about the traffic violation, Sgt. Hall spoke to the passenger, Richard Kearley.

Kearley advised he placed two bags of organic iodine under the seat.

Kearley and Swafford both consented to a search of the vehicle.

The search produced two 1 pound bags of organic iodine along with a Walmart bag containing 80 loose pseudoephedrine 120 mg pills. Found in the trunk of the Cadillac were six cases of book matches, two boxes of coffee filters, one roll of aluminum foil, one bottle of butane and one box of latex gloves.

After advising them

of their rights, Swafford and Kearley admitted to purchasing and possessing the items for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine.

An unlabeled pill bottle containing 30 alprazolam (schedule IV) was also discovered in the glove box.

Both Ms. Swafford and Mr. Kearley were placed under arrest for promotion of meth manufacture and other drug offenses. While searching Swafford, two pills identified as oxycodone were found on her person. A check of her license came back suspended.

Narcotics Investigator Shane Ezell, LCSO-ND was also on scene.

Police Beat

Gary Scott Rawls, 28, New Macedonia Road, Loudon was charged with failure to appear.

Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSO made the arrest.

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Identity theft

business loan, but he was denied the loan because of unpaid student loans.

Hassler said upon further investigation he learned the loans were taken out from several lenders including Mohela/Wells Fargo, FNB MT Home and Simmons FNB.

Hassler reported he also learned that

one of the addresses on the credit report for the unpaid loans was on Dyer Street in Mountain Home, Arizona.

The address given on the loans is the address of Hassler's ex-wife.

Mr. Hassler said there is approximately \$50,000 in identity fraud his ex-wife has committed.

Hassler was advised of steps to take for identity theft protection for the future.

Mr. Hassler said he had already contacted the fraud alert agencies. The investigation is ongoing.

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Burglary

discovered the front screen door open. She tried to open the main front door but was unable to do so. Mrs. Tarter said she walked to the side door of the house and

that door had been kicked in and was standing open. The casing was laying in the mud.

The house was checked and cleared by Deputy Parks to make sure it was safe for Mrs. Tarter to en-

ter and take an inventory of what may or may not have been stolen.

Items found missing included a Hewlett Packard laptop computer, a Dell laptop computer, a Lincoln Electronics portable welder, a small jewelry box containing necklaces, watches and other miscellaneous jewelry, and a stand up jewelry box, which also contained necklaces, bracelets, rings, scarfs and oth-

er items.

The value of the loss was not known at the time of the report and the case is under investigation.

This case is under investigation.

Police Beat

Justin Shaun Aptaker, 26, Montveal Road, Maryville was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

According to records, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO responded to Morganton Road at Highway 95 in Greenback in reference to a ve-

hicle collision. On arrival, the deputy found Mr. Aptaker was the driver of a white Chrysler Commodore involved in the accident.

Mr. Aptaker had an odor of an intoxicating beverage coming from his person, slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. He did poorly on field sobriety tasks.

Mr. Aptaker was read the implied consent law and agreed to have blood drawn at Fort Loudoun ER for the purpose of a blood alcohol content.

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