

# DAILY EDITION

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Tuesday, March 16, 2010

## LCPD charges 2 with gun, sale of weed, more

When LCPD officers were dispatched to a local motel to check out a report of a man with a gun, they found two men who reportedly had a pistol and marijuana for resale in their possession.

James Terry Pierce, 23, Shaw Ferry Lane, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation, possession of schedule VI for resale and unlawful possession of a  
(see Charged pg. 7)

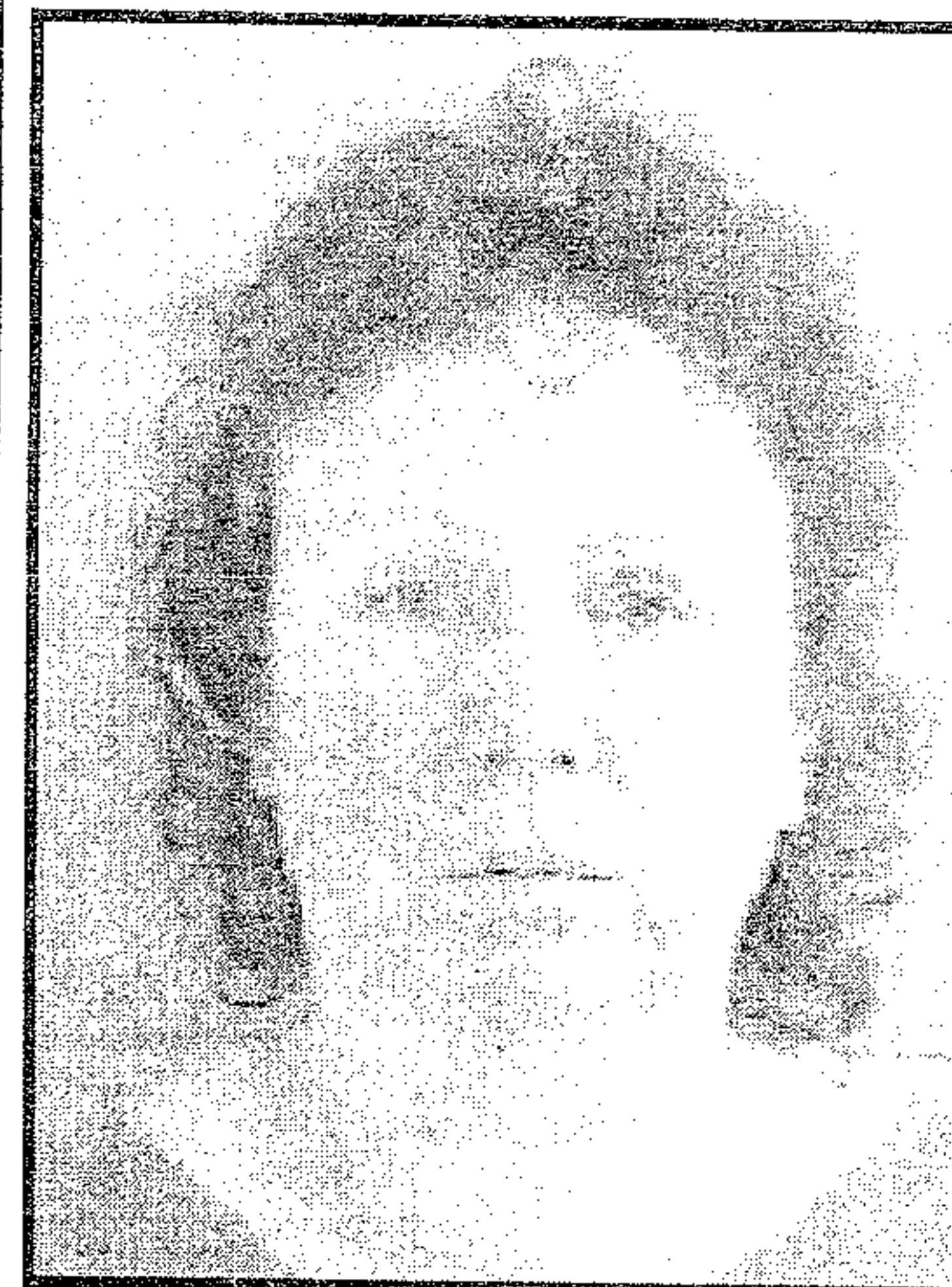


James Terry Pierce



Ernesto-Dilson H. Zepeda

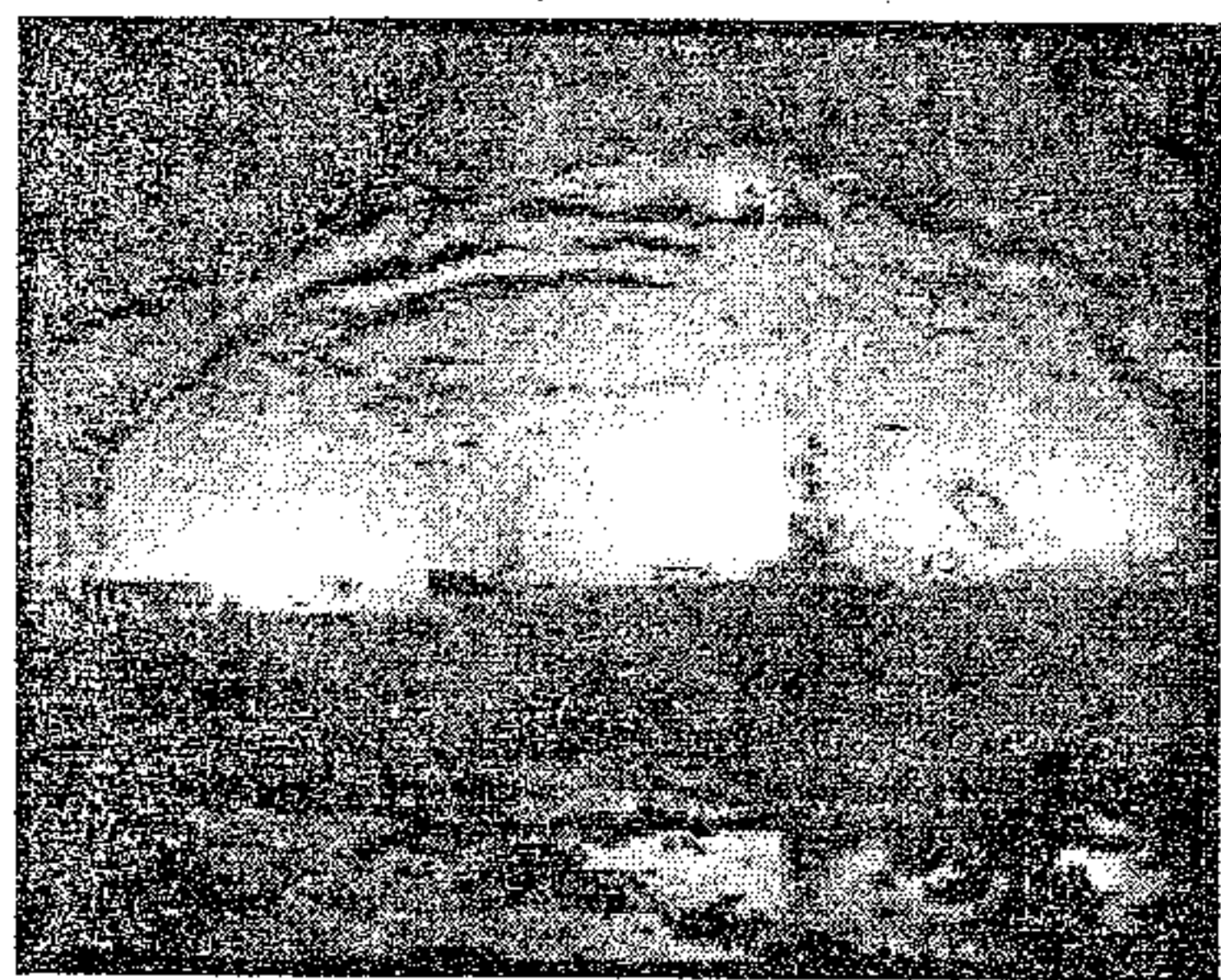
## 1 charged with pointing loaded gun at man



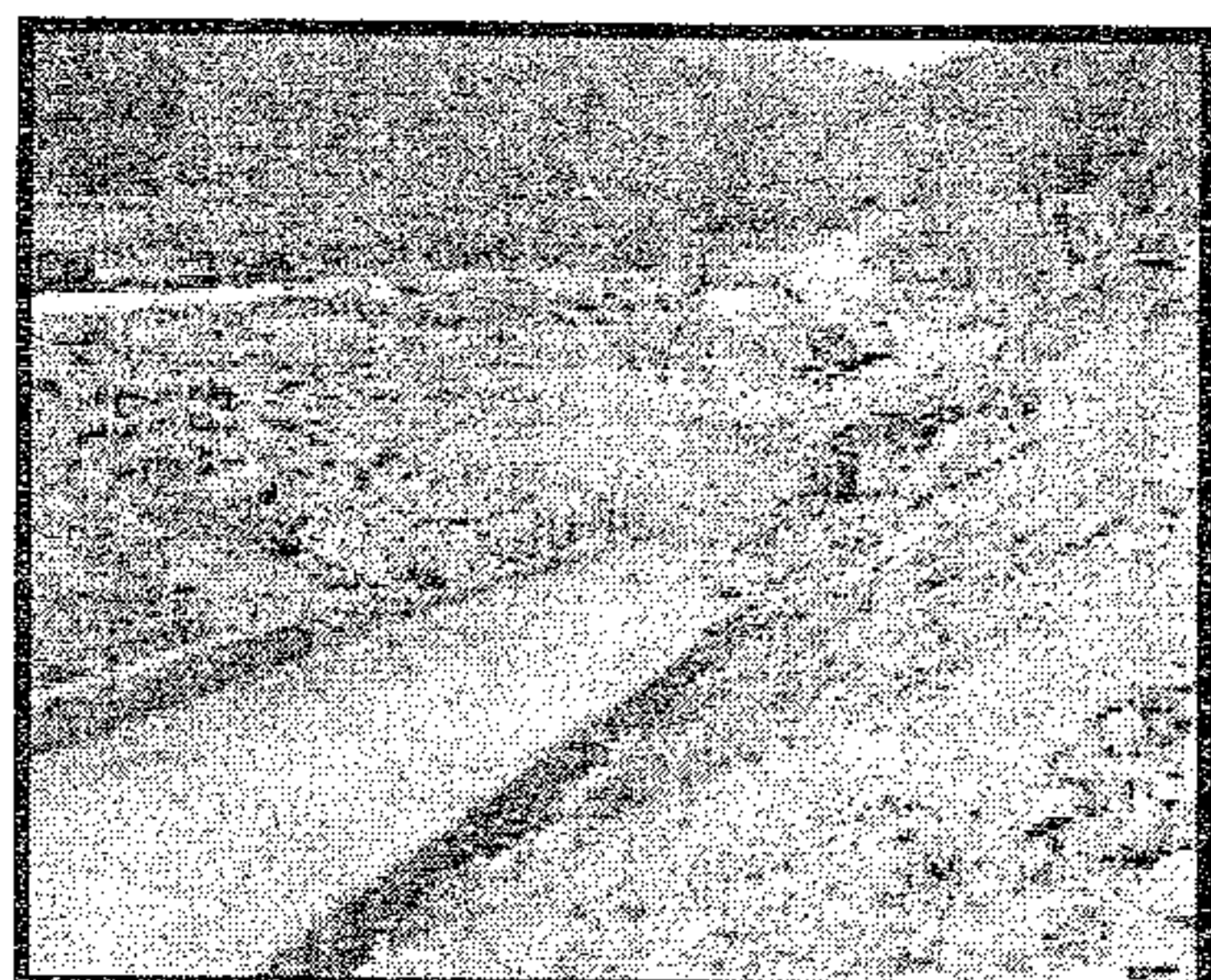
Mary Theresa Jones Malloy

(see Malloy pg. 3)

## Polk County US-64 Rockslide Update 24 Hour Schedule Continues (see Update pg. 6)



Midnight at the rockslide



Work on put-in ramp

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Crews continued working a 24 hour schedule last week with hand and

mechanical scaling, drilling, and blasting proceeding on the eastern side of the main slide area and along the

## January 2010 County Unemployment Rates

NASHVILLE – Tennessee's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for January was 10.7 percent,

unchanged from the revised December rate of 10.7 percent. The national unemployment rate for January  
(see Unemployment pg. 6)

## Investigative Programs; Cyber Investigations Rental and real estate scams

FBI - Individuals need to be cautious when posting rental properties and real estate on-line. The IC3 continues to receive numerous

complaints from individuals who have fallen victim to scams involving rentals of apartments and houses, as well as postings of real  
(see Scams pg. 4)

### Verse of the day

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Philippians 4:19-20

### Obituaries

None reported

### Weather:

Today: Mostly cloudy skies. High 54.

Tonight: Mainly cloudy. A few sprinkles possible. Low 41.

Wednesday: Showers possible. Highs in the mid 50s

and lows in the low 40s.

### Wazzup

Hope you have a good trip and great weather this week in Kentucky, Ronnie, Donald and the rest of the crew from East Tennessee Scale Works!

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is the best!

### Horoscopes

#### Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

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(see Horoscopes pg. 2)



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## Malloy

Police charged a Loudon woman with aggravated assault after she allegedly pointed a loaded firearm at a man during an argument about finances.

Mary Theresa Jones Malloy, 50, Moss Road, Loudon was charged with aggravated domestic violence.

The report states, Sunday, around 8:12 PM, Patrolman DeWayne Williams, LPD

was dispatched to a apartment on Clyde Street over a domestic and upon arrival was approached by a man, who stated he and Jones were fighting over money when she pointed a loaded .22 caliber rifle at him.

Jones advised the man had struck her in the face several times, however the officer reported there were no signs of physical contact between them.

The rifle was found in the bedroom loaded with nine rounds of ammunition, placing the victim in fear for his life.

Jones was determined to be the primary aggressor and was placed under arrest.

## 9th DTF tags tail-gater

A young Loudon man found himself in jail Friday after a 9th DTF agent spotted him on the interstate driving what appeared to be a tag less vehicle. Upon getting a closer look, however, the agent reported the vehicle had an expired temporary tag and was tailgating another vehicle. A subsequent stop revealed revoked license and illicit pills.

John Travis Collins, 23, Vale Street, Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked and simple possession of schedule IV.

The report states Agent Jon B. Wilson, 9th DTF was stationed on Interstate 75 north when he noticed a white vehicle drive by that appeared to not have a tag on it. Agent Wilson pulled out to check on it and discovered the tag was a temporary tag that expired March 1st, 2010.

The vehicle was also tailgating a Fed Ex tractor trailer.

The officer stopped the vehicle and ran Mr. Collins's license and checked for warrants. Collins's license came back revoked for failure to satisfy a citation and DUI on July 2nd, 2007.

Due to Mr. Collins history and his nervous behavior, Agent Wilson asked for and received consent to search the vehicle and discovered two white oblong pills known to be xanax in a cigarette box. Mr. Collins could not provide a prescription for the medication.

## Unlicensed driver popped for DUI

Jose A. Delgado, 29, Collins Street, Loudon was charged Saturday with driving

under the influence 1st offense and no drivers license.

According to records, around 10:37 PM, dispatch advised Sgt. Joe Foster, LCPD of a possible drunk driver getting off Interstate 75 at the 81 mile marker and pulling into the Kings Inn parking lot.

Sgt. Foster pulled in behind Mr. Delgado and found he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his breath and person.

Mr. Delgado stated he'd drank about five beers. His eyes were bloodshot and he was unable to perform field sobriety tasks.

A check through NCIC revealed Mr. Delgado was unlicensed.

## Police Beat

Robert James Conant, 24, homeless was charged with failure to appear. Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO made the arrest.

Wilma Jean Pettit, 57, Finley Drive, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear on violation of probation.

Sgt. Adam J. Yokley, LCSO made the arrest.

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**Scams**

estate online.

Rental scams occur when the victim has rental property advertised and is contacted by an interested party. Once the rental price is agreed-upon, the scammer forwards a check for the deposit on the rental property to the victim. The check is to cover housing expenses and is, either written in excess of the amount required, with the scammer asking for the remainder to be remitted back, or the check is written for the correct amount, but the scammer backs out of the rental agreement and asks for a refund. Since the banks do not usually place a hold on the funds, the victim has immediate access to them and believes the check has cleared. In the end, the check is found to be counterfeit

and the victim is held responsible by the bank for all losses.

Another type of scam involves real estate that is posted via classified advertisement websites. The scammer duplicates postings from legitimate real estate websites and reposts these ads, after altering them. Often, the scammers use the broker's real name to create a fake e-mail, which gives the fraud more legitimacy. When the victim sends an e-mail through the classified advertisement website inquiring about the home, they receive a response from someone claiming to be the owner. The "owner" claims he and his wife are currently on missionary work in a foreign country. Therefore, he needs someone to rent their home while they are away. If the victim is interested in renting the

home, they are asked to send money to the owner in the foreign country.

If you have been a victim of Internet crime,

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### Update

river bank during daylight hours and rock bolting operations taking place on the western slope during night time hours. This schedule is expected to continue into this week as weather permits. Night time rock bolting operations are expected to shift to a 24 hour, 7 day a week schedule as soon as the slope blasting and scaling operations are completed.

Crews also are breaking up rock along the boat ramp, loading the debris into trucks and hauling the material off site. Upon completion of the cleanup, the contractor will make repairs to the portions of the concrete boat ramp that were damaged as a result of the rock slide.

US-64 in Polk County is closed at mile marker 17.6 due to a major rockslide near the Ocoee 2 Dam. A portion of Little Frog Mountain slid into the roadway on November 10, 2009. The roadway is scheduled to reopen to traffic on March 31, 2010.

Motorists traveling to the area from Chattanooga or Cleveland should take I-75 North to Exit 60 (SR-68, Sweetwater) and follow SR-68 South through Monroe County and into Ducktown in Polk County. Those traveling from North Carolina are advised to take US-74 to SR-68 North at Ducktown through Polk County then onto SR-75 at Sweetwater in

Monroe County.

Motorists may also utilize a route through northern Georgia to travel around the rockslide area. From Copperhill/McCaysville at the Georgia State Line take Georgia Route 5 to U.S. Highway 76 to U.S. Highway 411 north to the Tennessee state line and on into Cleveland.

TDOT is providing a live look at the work underway to clear the rockslide via a time-lapse camera accessible by logging onto TDOT's US-64 Rockslide web page (<http://bit.ly/1Tlc8m>) where you can also sign up to receive the weekly US-64 Rockslide newsletter.

For more information on TDOT road construction projects visit the TDOT SmartWay web site at <http://www.tn.gov/tdot/tdotsmartway/>. Travelers may also dial "511" for travel information or follow TDOT on Twitter. For statewide traffic updates follow TN511 or for the Chattanooga area, including updates on the US64 rockslide, follow Chattanooga511.

Motorists are reminded to use all motorist information tools responsibly. Drivers should refrain from texting, tweeting or using a mobile phone while operating a vehicle. TDOT advises drivers to "Know before you go!" by checking traffic conditions before leaving for your destination.

### Unemployment

2010 was 9.7 percent.

County non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for January 2010, released today, show that the rate increased in all 95 counties.

Lincoln County registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate at 8.3 percent, up from 7.3 in December. Marshall County had the state's highest unemployment rate at 20.3 percent, up from 18.7 in December, followed by Henderson County at 19.9 percent, up from 18.5 percent in December.

Knox County had the state's lowest major metropolitan rate of 8.6 percent, up from 8.1 in December. Davidson County was 9.6 percent, up from 9.2 in December. Hamilton County was at 10.0 percent, up from 9.2 in December, and Shelby County was 11.4 percent, up from 10.6 in December.

NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; en-

ter [http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/labor\\_figures/january2010county.pdf](http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/labor_figures/january2010county.pdf)

### Just how big were those beers???

Brendon Thomas Sokol, 24, Chestnut Ridge Drive, Lenoir City was charged with driving under the influence and violation of implied consent.

According to records, around 1:50 AM, Sunday, Trooper D. Morton, THP observed a green Ford Ranger traveling on Adesa Boulevard in Lenoir City and noticed as he approached the vehicle's right side tires were off the roadway.

The truck swerved to the left and appeared to strike the curb, then continued weaving in the lane and struck the fog and yellow lines numerous times. It turned onto Old 95 and drove off the road as it turned.

When Trooper Morton activated his blue lights the driver stopped in the road, then turned right into a yard. He parked the truck in the yard and

opened the driver's door.

Mr. Sokol was the driver and only occupant. He had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and had slurred, slow speech. His eyes appeared to be halfway closed and were glassy.

Sokol stated he'd drunk three beers while driving home from the Nashville area. Mr. Sokol stumbled as he walked from his truck and remained unsteady on his feet while standing. He performed poorly on all field sobriety tasks.

Sokol was read the implied consent law and stated he did not understand. Later he stated he would submit to a breathalyzer but would not take a blood test.

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**Charged**

weapon.

Ernesto-Dilson H. Zepeda, 27, Highway 321 North, Lenoir City was charged with possession of schedule VI for resale and unlawful possession of a weapon.

According to the reports, Sunday, at approximately 9:56 PM, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD was dispatched to the Inn of Lenoir in reference to a man possibly armed with a pistol. Upon arrival, Ernesto Zepeda opened the door and gave officer's consent

to search the room for a pistol.

Officer Felts reported he found a black Ruger pistol under the covers on the bed. One large zip lock bag containing several individual bags of a green plant material believed to be marijuana, which weighed approximately 1 ounce, was found in a dresser next to the bed, within approximately 3 feet of where the pistol was found.

James T. Pierce was also in the room when Zepeda an-

swered the door and gave officer's consent to search. Officer Felts searched Pierce and found him to be in possession of a small bag containing a green plant material believed to be marijuana.

A citizen residing in the area stated Pierce was in possession of the pistol just prior to officers arriving at the Inn of Lenoir. A check of Pierce's information through NCIC found Pierce had a warrant for violation of probation out of Loudon County.

Patrolman Felts made the arrests.

Sgt, Ladd and Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD were also on scene.

**DUI of pills**

Scott Warren Miller, 18, Depew Drive, Loudon was charged with driving under the influence and possession of schedule IV.

According to records, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD observed a silver Chevy Impala on McGhee Boulevard Saturday and noticed the driver ran the passenger side wheels off the right side of the road. Officer Felts stopped the vehicle at the KenJo.

Mr. Miller's eyes were very squinty and he had slurred speech. Officer Felts asked Mr. Miller to exit his vehicle and while patting him down the officer found five blue pills in a small plastic bag in Miller's front pocket. Miller could not complete field sobriety successfully. He was taken into custody and transported to Fort Loudoun ER where he consented to a blood and urine test and then on to jail.

**Revoked & they know it**

Michael Eugene Chastain, 36, Vale Street, Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked.

The report states, Officer Blake Norman, LPD noticed a

gray Mercury traveling east on Highland Avenue and identified the driver as Michael E. Chastain. The officer had prior knowledge Chastain's license are revoked.

Officer Norman conducted a traffic stop on Mulberry Street at the Kwik Pantry and ran Chastain through Loudon County 911 Center where his license came back revoked.

**"Frequent Flyer" busted**

Michael Brandon 'Brandon' Clarkson, 23, Jim Hartsook Drive, Lenoir City was charged with driving on suspended license.

The report states, Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO was on routine patrol on Highway 321 north and observed a black Ford Mustang traveling south on Highway 321 at 71 mph in a posted 45 mph zone. The deputy activated his blue lights and stopped the Mustang on Broadway. He asked Mr. Clarkson for a license and Clarkson stated he did not have his wallet. A check of his name and date of birth through TDOS revealed Clarkson's license were suspended for frequent traffic violations.

Clarkson was placed under arrest and also cited for speeding.

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