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Wednesday, March 31, 2010

## LCSO charges former Philadelphia man with rape of child

Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider announced the arrest of Mr. Eric Wayne Tarrant, age 27, of Knoxville, for the charge of Rape of a Child.

According to Criminal Investigation Unit (CID) Investigators, on or about September 2009, at a residence on Donelson Road in Philadelphia, Tennessee, Mr. Tarrant had been involved in having sex with an underage female, and that some of the acts took place when the girl was 12 years old.

(see Tarrant pg. 3)



Eric Wayne Tarrant

## Covingtons charged with thievery, more charges expected

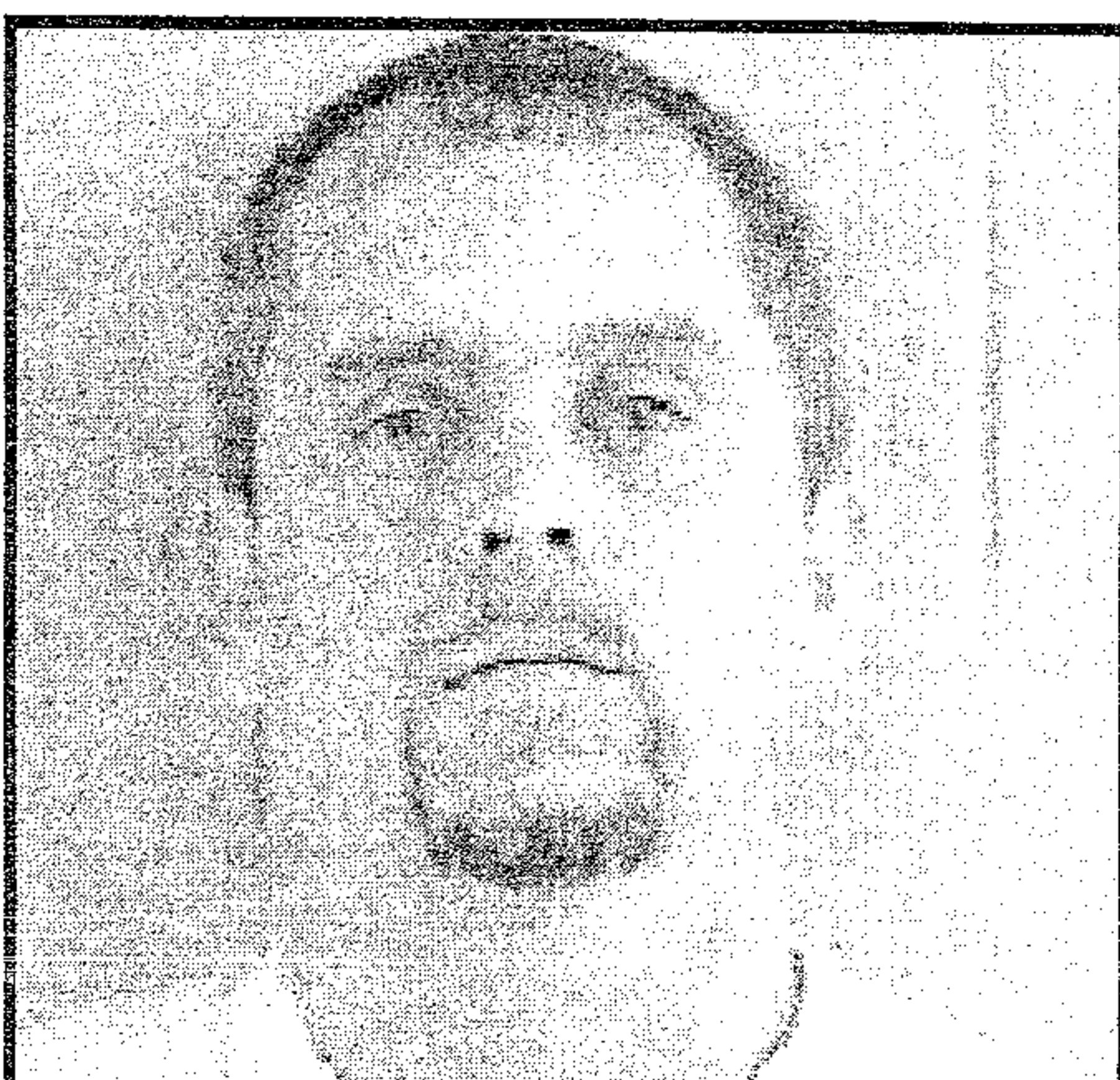
Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider announced the arrests of two individuals responsible for several thefts in Loudon and Monroe counties.

Sheriff Guider advised the

(see Theft pg. 6)



Robbie Lee Covington



James Richard (Ricky) Covington

## Fugitive nabbed



Carey Lee Phelps

A man wanted for larceny on another state was arrested. (see Phelps pg. 7)

## No license, more

Jose Gilbertto Munos Echevia, 22, Magill Street, Madisonville was charged Wednesday with no drivers license.

(see No license pg. 6)

## Emergency Contract Awarded for U.S. 129 Rockslide Repairs

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Transportation today awarded Pacific Blasting Demolition Ltd. an emergency contract to begin working to stabilize, remove debris and repair damage

(see Contract pg. 3)

### Verse of the day

Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in

the world;

Philippians 2:14-15

### Obituaries

Betty Harris Galyon  
Steven G. Archer  
Edith Louise Ogle Dawson  
Patricia A. Ball Henry  
Lois Marie (Long) Jones  
Robert Lee Cacho  
Francis W. "Rip" Collins

### Weather:

Today: A mainly sunny sky. High 73.  
Tonight: Clear skies. Low 47.  
Thursday: Abundant sunshine. Highs: upper 70s; Lows: upper 40s.

### Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Sandi Myers - hope your special

day was great!

### Horoscopes

#### Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

You prefer to do things (see Horoscopes pg. 2)





## Tarrant

Upon further investigation the CID unit was able to determine the suspect and also a time line of the events.

Mr. Tarrant was arrested and admitted to the same events that the female juvenile had given in her statement.

Mr. Tarrant was 26 years old at the time this occurred.

The Sheriff noted that under TCA Code

39-13-522, rape of a child is a Class A Felony.

## Contract

caused by a rockslide on U.S. 129/SR-115. The slide, which occurred on March 14, 2010, completely blocked U.S. 129 near the Chilhowee Dam in Blount County, Tennessee.

Pacific Blasting Demolition Ltd. submitted the low bid of \$1.99million. Crews with Pacific Blast-

ing are beginning to mobilize equipment and personnel and will begin work on the complex slide removal and stabilization project no later than April 5, 2010.

Phillips and Jordan, Inc. was the only other pre-qualified contractor and submitted a bid of \$2.65 million.

The rockslide project on U.S. 129/SR-115 is estimated to be completed by July 31, 2010. However, TDOT is providing an incentive of \$6,500 per day for the contractor to complete work and reopen the roadway before July 31, 2010. If the project is totally complete by July 1, 2010 the contractor will receive the full incentive of \$195,000. Failure to complete the project and re-

open the roadway by July 31 will result in a disincentive of \$6,500 per day until work is completed.

TDOT continues to work with agencies and interested parties in Tennessee and North Carolina regarding the closure of a stretch of U.S. 129/SR-115 between the slide and the North Carolina state line known as "The Dragon." TDOT is working to determine an amicable solution for both businesses and emergency needs and is hopeful that some arrangement can be reached whereby portions of the route can be reopened. At this time, however, detours remain in place from the slide area to the NC state line.

TDOT has created a web page for information on the rock slide which can be found at [www.tn.gov/tdot](http://www.tn.gov/tdot) by clicking on the link "Rockslide Closures" at the top of the page. Motorists can find detour maps for all rockslides currently effecting travel in Tennessee. TDOT

will also use the site to communicate updates on the project to stabilize and clear the U.S. 129 slide.

For up to date travel information, motorists may dial 5-1-1 from any land line or cell phone or follow TDOT on Twitter. For traffic information in Knoxville and Tri-Cities areas follow @Knoxville511. For statewide travel information follow @TN511.

As always, motorists are encouraged to Know Before You Go! and check traffic conditions before leaving. When travelers encounter traffic delays on the roadway they should always practice common sense safety precautions when using any of these services and avoid texting, tweeting or operating a cell phone when driving.

## Police Beat

Jerry Ree Parton, 53, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSO made the arrest.

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## Theft

Criminal Investigations Unit (CID) had been working with Madisonville Police Department and the Loudon Police Department interviewing subjects and finding the locations of at least five (5) stolen utility trailers, four (4) stolen push mowers, and approximately \$200 worth of shoplifted items.

Sheriff Guider noted that with the cooperative effort between the agencies, Mr. Robbie Lee Covington, age 22, and Mr. James Richard (Ricky) Cov-

ington, age 30, were charged with some of the thefts. The investigation is ongoing at this time and at least one other individual will be charged.

Anyone having any information in regards to possible stolen items should call the Loudon County Sheriff's Office CID unit at 865-988-2305.

## Wanted

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## No license

According to records, Mr. Echeavía drove his silver Ford Mustang up to a drivers license check-point on Highway 411. He told the officer he didn't have a drivers license.

A check through NCIC revealed Eche-

via did not have a license. Trooper Daniel Morton, THP made the arrest.

Roldan Fernando, 36, Arden Street, Loudon was charged with no drivers license and window tint violation.

The report states, Friday, at approximately 10:26 AM, Mr.

Fernando was driving a white Ford F-150 pickup on Highway 321 at Walmart. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD, stopped Fernando for a window tint violation.

Fernando told the Sgt. he didn't have a license. NCIC showed Mr. Fernando is unlicensed.

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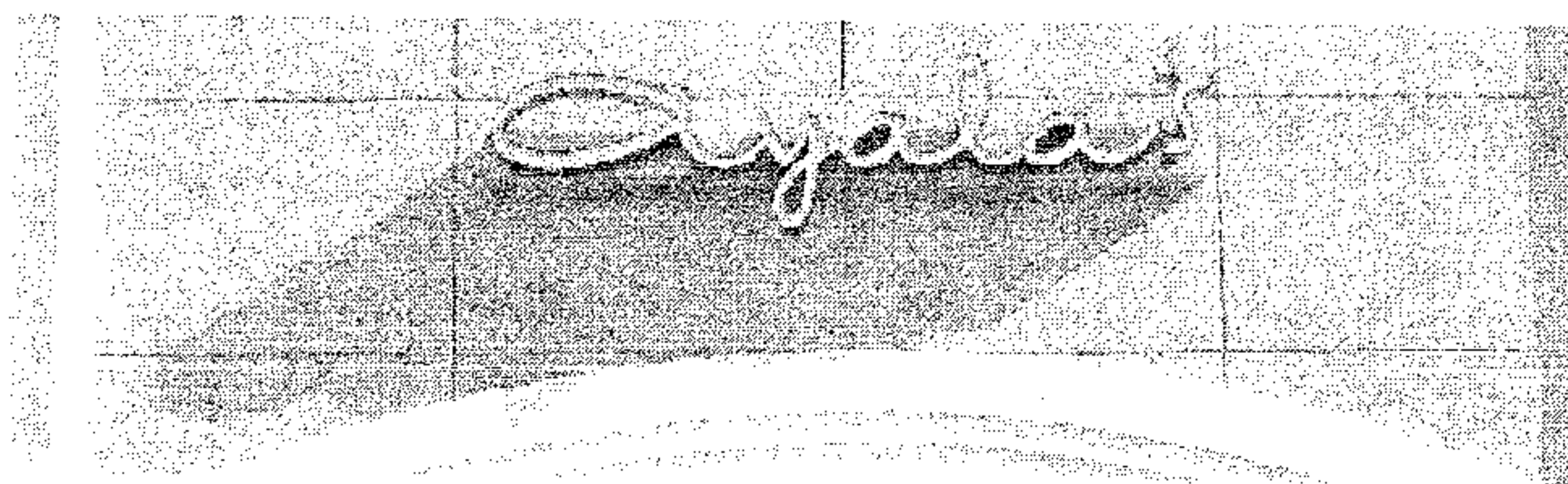
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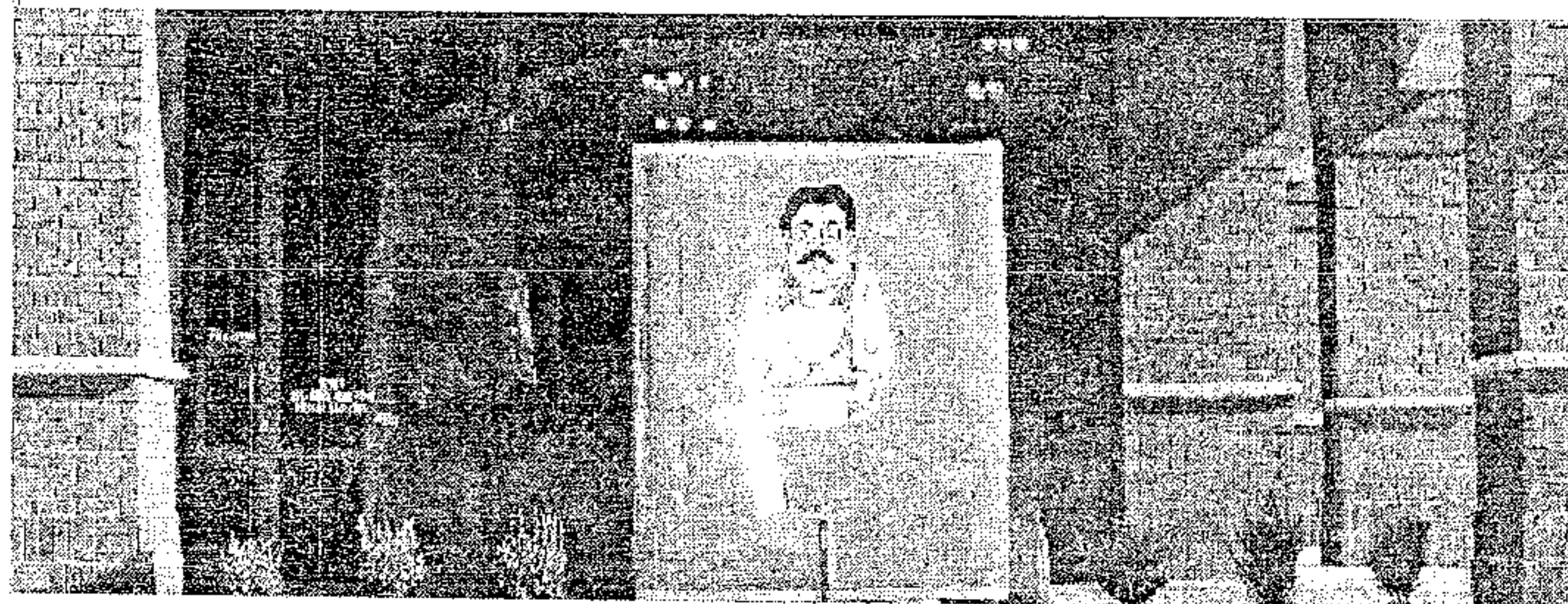
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## Phelps

rested when deputies were dispatched to a Loudon County truck stop to investigate a call of man causing a disturbance in the woods near the park-

ing lot and officers discovered him on the premises.

Carey Lee Phelps, 43, Marion, Arizona was charged with being a fugitive from justice.

According to records, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSO was dispatched to the TA Truck Stop on Watt Road Wednesday to look for a person who was in the wooded area next to the back parking lot causing a disturbance by yelling and making loud noise.

Deputy Watkins located a man in the area who appeared to be asleep. NCIC identified the man as Carey Lee Phelps and he had a outstanding warrant out of Springfield, Missouri for larceny.

The state of Missouri advised it was full extradition and officials there would come and pick Phelps up.

## Police Beat

Martin Jessie Chandler, 34, Stoney Lane, Luttrell was charged with failure

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to appear.

Deputy Kimber W. Littleton, LCSO made the arrest at the Union County Jail.

Ashlie Gail 'Weaver'

Grauel, 24, Seiver Avenue, Knoxville was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Kimber W. Littleton, LCSO, made the arrest at the Knox County Jail.

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## Hunter Education Instructor Workshop Scheduled for Greeneville, April 9-11

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will be holding a Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor Workshop at the Clyde Austin 4-H Center in Greeneville on April 9-11.

The workshop will train volunteers how to teach both the traditional 11-hour course and the online-field day course. Training topics include; safe firearm handling procedures, firearm identification, archery, muzzleloading, wildlife management and identification, firearm cleaning procedures, firearm storage procedures, hunter ethics, teaching techniques, and course policy and procedure.

There is no cost involved to participants, but space is limited. For more information, telephone (615) 781-6538.

## Loudon County Humane Society will be providing FREE Spay/Neuter Vouchers for your pets

Vouchers are limited to pet owners earning less than \$20,000/yr individual or \$30,000/yr for household or individuals who are disabled, handicapped or receive Medicaid assistance or food stamps.

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Lenoir City-Roane State/Lenoir City Library Bldg., 100 W. Broadway, May 8, 2010; Philadelphia- Philadelphia Elementary School, 300 Spring Street, June 5, 2010; Greenback- Greenback Community Center, 6889 Morganton Road, July 10, 2010; Loudon- City Hall/Loudon Utilities Bldg., 201 Alma Place, April 3, 2010 and August 7, 2010.

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