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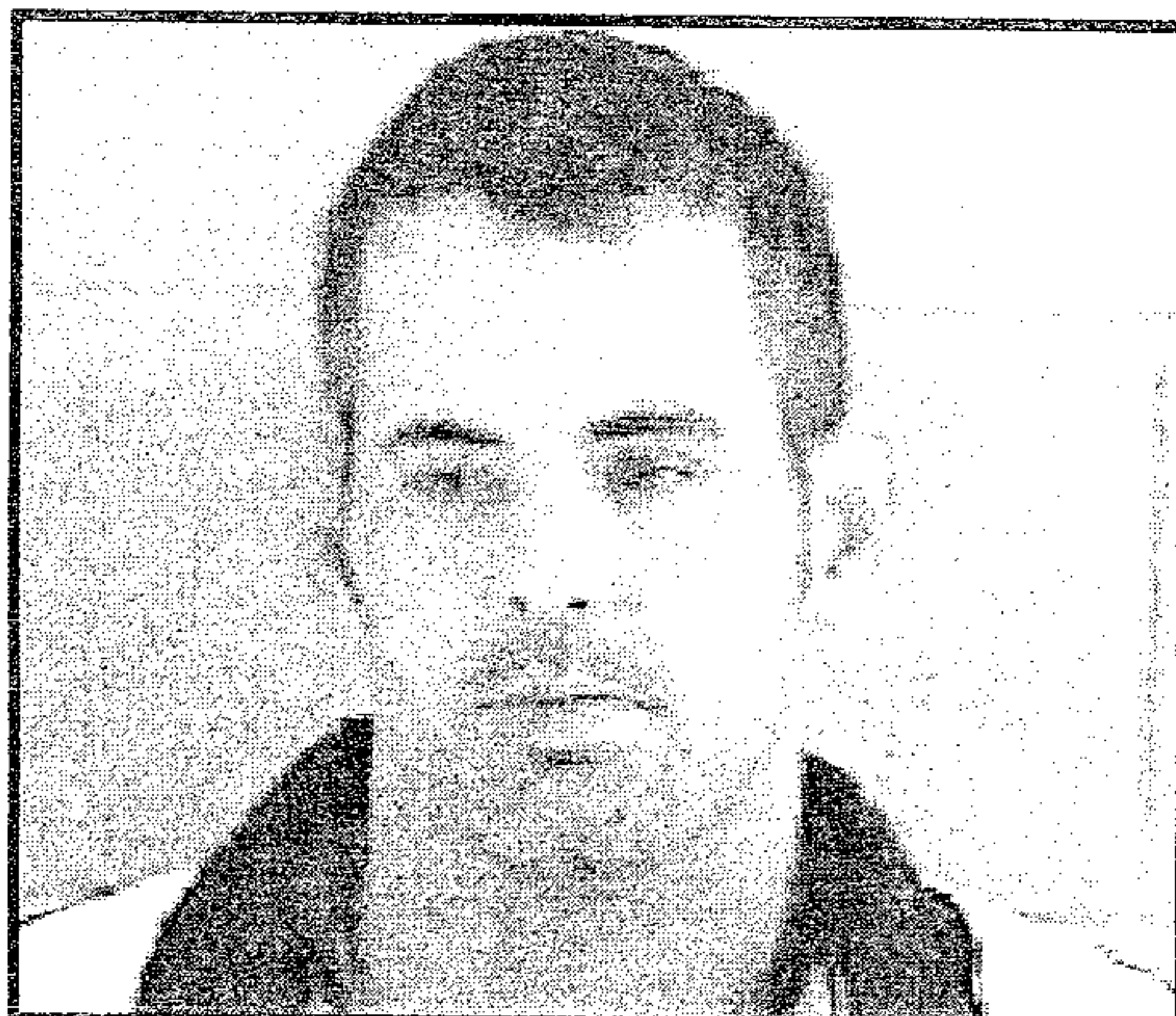
Man allegedly assaults motorist with vehicle - while in possession of meth

A local man is accused of striking another man's vehicle in an ongoing dispute and reportedly had a passenger throw meth into a culvert following the wreck before he got out of his vehicle and threatened the man whose vehicle he'd hit.

Jeremy Thomas Palmer, 30, Crock Road, Lenoir City was charged with possession of schedule II (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Derek Joe Littleton, 30, Vaughns Chapel Road, Lenoir City, was charged

(see Charged pg. 8)



Jeremy Thomas Palmer
 Possession of schedule II, possession of drug paraphernalia

Neglectful mother charged



Kendra Nicole Martin

LCPD officials charged a Sweetwater woman with child abuse and then vandalism after she allegedly failed to care for her infant then broke a sprinkler in her holding cell.

Kendra Nicole Martin, 22, Main Street, Sweetwater was charged Thursday with child neglect / abuse.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD;

(see Martin pg. 6)

March Unemployment Rate 10.6 Percent

NASHVILLE - Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development

James Neeley announced Tennessee's unemployment rate for March was 10.6 percent, down one-tenth of a percentage point from the February rate of 10.7 percent. The March rate last year was 10.1 percent. The national unemployment rate for March

(see Rate pg. 4)

Verse of the day

And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:16

Obituaries

Evelyn Waller Everett

H. Herbert Phillips

Weather:

Today: Sunshine in the morning giving way to clouds and a few showers during the afternoon. High 74. Chance of rain 30%.

Tonight: Cloudy with a few show-

(see More pg. 2)

The Citizens Law Enforcement Academy, classes continue...

(see Academy pg. 3)

by: Pat Morgan

Classes VI - VIII

K 9 Operations and Capability - Instructor Corporal Paul Curtis

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Martin

or about April 14th, 2010, Kendra N. Martin was at a residence on Browder Hollow Road in Lenoir City and while there had her 7 month old daughter with her.

The daughter was being neglected by her mother because the child had on dirty clothes and her diaper was soggy wet. Ms. Martin stated the child had not had a bath in two days.

With Ms. Martin not addressing these problems, her non-action effected the child's welfare.

Detective Sartin made the arrest.

According to another report, while in jail, around 9:51 P.M., Ms. Martin vandalized the sprinkler head in holding cell 6 at the Loudon County Jail when she

removed the head of the sprinkler causing the water system to engage, which caused flooding in the booking area and the holding cell she was occupying.

Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO, charged her with vandalism.

Police Beat

Jon Kevin Young, 41, Janice Lane NW, Cartersville, Ga was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Friday, around

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Mr. Young was unsteady on his feet and his speech was slurred. Mr. Young reportedly admitted

to taking a couple of pills (hydrocodone and xanax).

Young was not able to do field sobriety

tasks. Mr. Young was deemed a threat to himself as well as the general public and transported to jail.

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- * Hold the Sheriff's office accountable to the highest ethical standards
- * To demand nothing less than excellence from my administration and staff
- * Strive, as an organization, to obtain and preserve the trust of the citizens we serve through an open and honest administration that emphasizes service to the citizens.
- * To restore HONESTY and INTEGRITY to the Sheriff's office
- * That all present employees will have an opportunity to work for me and will be treated equally *paid for by candidate*

As The Loudon County Sheriff, my policies will be:

- * To strengthen relationships with all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies
- * To improve community relations
- * To keep an open door policy with direct contact with me as your sheriff
- * To stay hands on with all day to day operations
- * To be diligent in all my efforts as sheriff to make Loudon County a safer place
- * To increase the deputies on the street by using the existing personnel more meaningfully, therefore, cutting response time
- * All employees will be held accountable for their actions and will be expected to abide by the policy

TWRA to Be Represented at Cookeville's 6th Annual Nature Fest

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) will be participating in the city of Cookeville and Putnam County's 6th Annual Nature Fest to be held Thursday, April

22 through Sunday, April 25.

Nature Fest is a four-day event that celebrates the great outdoors and is designed to educate the citizens of the Upper Cumberland region and beyond about the plentiful opportunities to experience and enjoy nature in the

region.

All indoor programs for the free event will be held at Pennebaker Hall on the Tennessee Tech University campus. Most of the outdoor activities will be held at Cane Creek Park.

On Thursday and Friday evenings, sessions will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. On Thursday, TWRA Wildlife Officer, Dale Grandstaff will be one of the opening program presenters as he speaks about

interesting and amusing wildlife investigative cases in Pennebaker Hall, Room 308.

TWRA Region III biologist, Mark Thurman, will be a presenter at one of Friday evening's 6:30 sessions and speak about salamanders in the Upper Cumberland Area. Thurman's presentation will be in Pennebaker Hall, Room 320. He surveys and monitors wildlife populations, and he has spent many hours in the field surveying salamanders, frogs, and reptiles.

Chris Simpson, TWRA Region III Nongame Inventory Manager and a member of the Nature Fest Planning Committee, will have the TWRA Education Trailer set up at Cane Creek on Saturday and Sunday. The exhibit will be available from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Simpson was awarded the TWRA Biologist of the Year award in October.

Nature Fest has

seen growth in each of its five previous years of existence. Many of the events are repeats due to interest, but several new topics have also been added for this year's sixth anniversary. Special children's activities will also be offered including hands-on crafts that relate to nature.

For more information telephone (931) 520-4386, or check out these Web sites: www.naturefest-cookeville.com and www.cookeville-tn.org/lis.

Police Beat

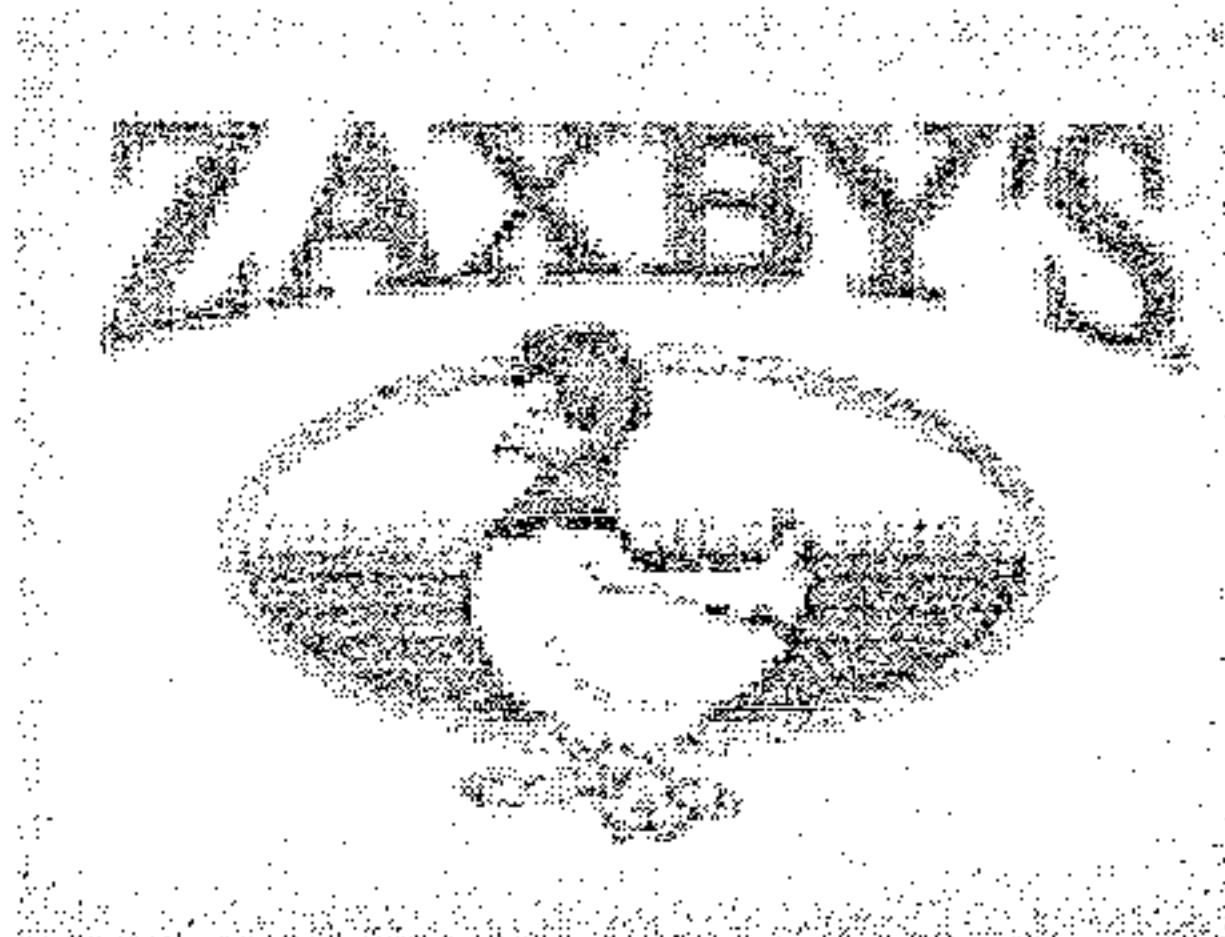
Lana Nichole Marsh, 30, Corinth Church Road, Loudon was charged Wednesday with failure to appear on aggravated assault charges.

Deputy Lisa Rolen, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

Brent Huel Veal, 26, Martel Road, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Michael Wilson, LCSO, made the arrest.

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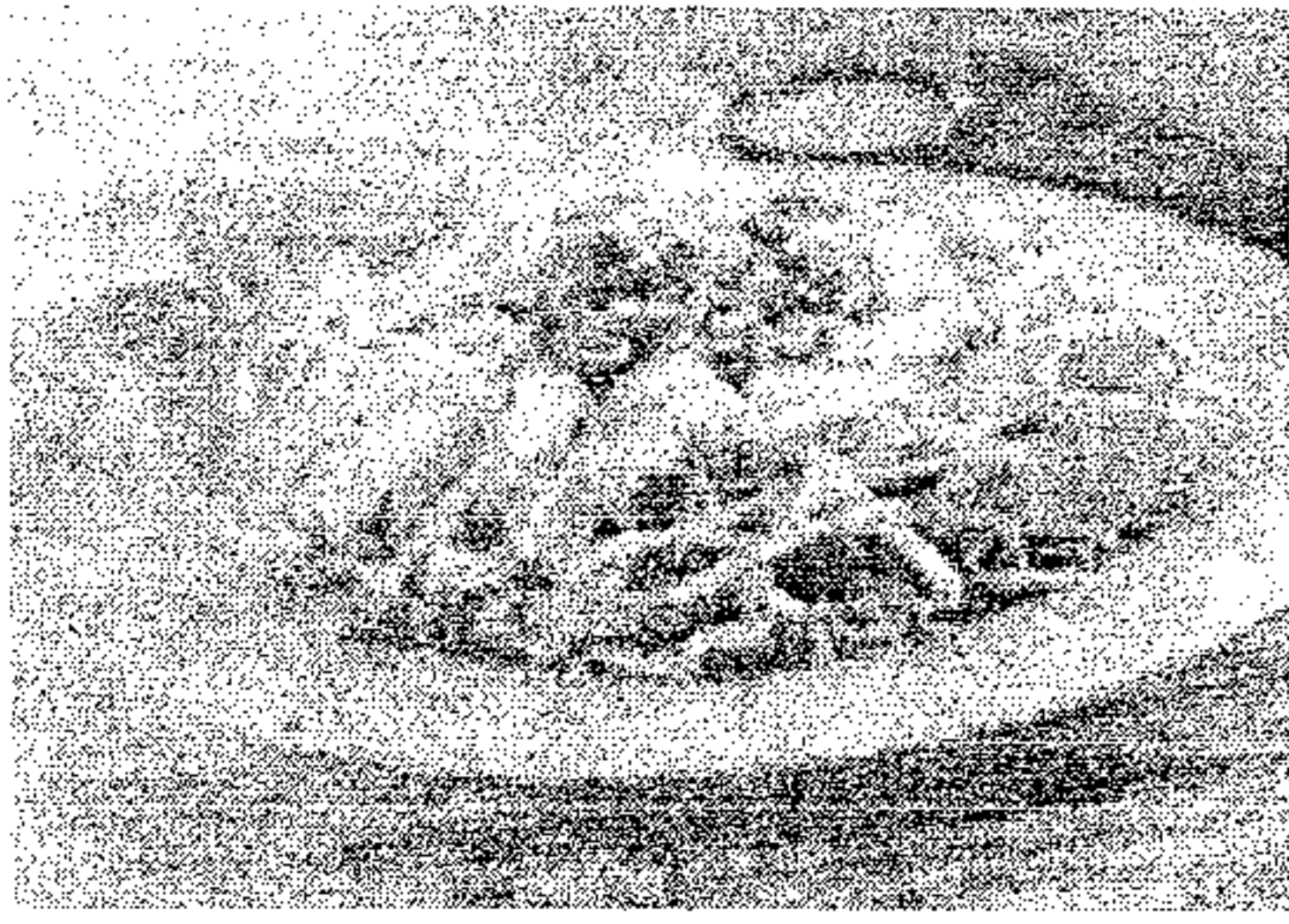


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Charged

with possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to reports, Monday, at approximately 2:30 P.M., Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO-NU arrived on the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles at the intersection of Shaw Ferry Road and Simpson Road in Lenoir City. The Sgt. was advised prior to his arrival Jeremy Palmer was the driver of one of the vehicles involved in the accident and he had handed his passenger something that the passenger had thrown in the culvert next to Palmer's truck.

Sgt. Hall identified

the passenger in Palmer's truck as Derek Littleton and asked Littleton about throwing something in the culvert. Littleton advised Jeremy Palmer handed him a black plastic item and told him to throw it in the culvert before police arrived.

Sgt. Hall retrieved a black plastic tool box handle from the culvert. Inside of the handle was approximately 1 gram of substance believed to be crystal meth and 1 syringe.

The tool box handle matched the tool box in the bed of Palmer's truck. The man in the other vehicle involved, confirmed Littleton's story. Jeremy Palm-

er advised he knew nothing about the item and refused to answer questions.

After placing Palmer under arrest, Sgt. Hall asked Littleton if he had anything on him and he answered "no, you can search me".

A search of Littleton produced a syringe, hidden in his shoe. The syringe had a piece of plastic and a rubber band around it and appeared to have been used.

Littleton was then placed under arrest.

Records further indicate Palmer was also charged with aggravated assault.

Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO had been dispatched to the accident and while

he was en route dispatch advised Jeremy Palmer was involved in the wreck and had exited his vehicle and began threatening the driver of the other vehicle involved.

When Deputy Branam arrived he spoke to both parties involved in the accident. The other driver stated a black truck ran up behind him at a high rate of speed and began following him very closely. While the two vehicles were stopped at the intersection of Shaw Ferry and Simpson Roads, the black truck began revving his motor.

The motorist advised when he pulled onto Shaw Ferry, the black truck accelerated, squealed its tires and

struck him in the right rear quarter panel. According to the hapless driver, Mr. Palmer got out of his truck and became very irate with him and threatened he was going to beat his head in and kill him.

The further told Deputy Branam he was in fear for his life and his family's lives due to this event and past events involving Mr. Palmer.

Mr. Palmer was taken into custody at the scene and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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