

# DAILY EDITION

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Tuesday, May 25, 2010

## Fishy robbery report leads to discovery of pot for resale

A Kingston man was found in possession of a quantity of marijuana for resale after he called officials to report being robbed. The illicit weed was found when the man's story didn't add up and a closer look revealed he wasn't being honest.

Daniel Hamrick Brooks, 23, Wind-

(see Brooks pg. 6)



Daniel Hamrick Brooks

## Loaded gun, mixed drink, .15% BAC; 1 charged

A Philadelphia man reportedly told police he'd had two beers when he was stopped for suspicion of DUI. Records show he registered almost double the legal limit for alcohol and he had a loaded pistol in his vehicle.

(see Wisham pg. 7)



John Mark Wisham

## Partial payment doesn't cut it for alleged shoplifter

### Verse of the day

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

### Obituaries

Louise Phelps McNabb Way

### Wazzup

Congratulations to all the newly graduated 8th graders, who are now on their way to High School!

### Weather:

Today: Some clouds and possibly an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 83. Chance

(see More pg. 2)



## Purloined debit card lands woman in slammer

A young Lenoir City woman was charged with a criminal offense after she allegedly racked up charges on another person's debit card without permission.

Lacy Diann Hicks, 21, Rogers Circle, Lenoir City was charged with theft

(see Hicks pg. 3)



Lacy Diann Hicks

## TWRC Seeks Public Input Concerning Bear Archery Season

NASHVILLE --- In Thursday's (May 20) Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission meeting, action was taken during the 2010-11 hunting seasons-set-

(see Input pg. 7)



Vickie Ann Patton

A Lenoir City woman was jailed after she reportedly paid for three food items at

(see Patton pg. 3)

## Crime rates fall According to FBI Preliminary Stats

FBI - Preliminary data indicates that, for the third year in a row, the rate of violent crime in the United States is down. It appears that property crime also

declined, for the seventh straight year.

Our final figures won't be available until the fall, but our just-released Preliminary Annual Uniform Crime

(see Report pg. 6)

**Hicks**

under \$500.

According to an affidavit filed by Investigator Jack Fine, LCPD; Lacy D. Hicks took control over another person's debit card and made several charges at various businesses.

On April 29th, 2010, Ms. Hicks withdrew \$40 from the ATM at the BB&T on Highway 321, without the victim's permission.

Hicks is further accused of using the card two and three times a day at Ingles between May 1st and May 3rd, to make charges totaling \$69.79.

A surcharge of \$70 was charged to the victim by BB&T Bank, from where the card was issued.

Restitution is being sought. Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

**Patton**

Walmart, but is accused of failing to pay for over \$140 worth of other merchandise, including the new clothes she was wearing when confronted by security.

Vickie Ann Patton, 53, Buttermilk Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to reports, around 8:30 PM, Wednesday,

Walmart Security personnel observed Ms. Patton tearing tags off clothes, and then saw her go to electronics where she concealed a remote control, memory cards, CDs, batteries and other items.

Patton then went to a dressing room and came out with one sweater. She paid for a gallon of milk, bread, and butter. Ms. Patton was stopped after passing all points of sale and the final point of sale.

Patton was found to have the merchandise in her purse and was wearing the clothes. The total value of the items was estimated at \$142.14.

Walmart did not seek restitution.


Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

**Police Beat**

Roy Harvey O'neal, 51, Muddy Creek Road, Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked 2nd offense.

According to records, Friday, at approximately 1:36 PM, Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD witnessed Mr. O'neal operating a yellow motor scooter at Kingston Street and 6th Avenue.

Detective Sartin had prior knowledge O'neal's license were revoked for DUI, with one prior driving on revoked. Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made the arrest.



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### Brooks

swept Lane, Kingston was charged with possession of marijuana for resale.

According to the affidavit, at approximately 8:25 PM, Tuesday, Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO-CID was called out to investigate a robbery at the TA Truck Stop on Watt Road. Upon arrival, the Lt. was advised the victim was Mr. Daniel Brooks.

While interviewing Mr. Brooks about the robbery, it was determined, he was not telling the whole truth about what had occurred, including the fact that his friend who

present when the robbery happened was no longer on the premises upon the officer's arrival.

Lt. Upton then gave Mr. Brooks his Miranda Warning and investigated the incident further. Brooks admitted he was not being truthful about what had happened and advised he purchased a quarter pound of marijuana earlier that day.

Upon further investigation, Mr. Brooks reached into a large cargo pocket on his shorts and handed Lt. Upton a Walmart bag containing 3 to 4 ounces of marijuana.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### FIVE YEAR PLAN AND ANNUAL AGENCY PLAN LENOIR CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Lenoir City Housing Authority, the citizens of Lenoir City and all persons interested, that the housing authority is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 Final Rule to submit a Streamlined Public Housing Agency Plan.

Further, the Agency Plan shall consist of a Five Year Plan and an Annual Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. The Five-Year Plan describes the mission of the housing authority and the long-range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over the subsequent five years. The Annual Plan provides details about the housing authority's immediate operations, program participants, programs and services, and the housing authority's strategy for handling operational concerns, residents' concerns and needs, programs and services for the upcoming fiscal year.

Prior to submission of the Agency Plans to HUD, we are soliciting comments and suggestions. We will be conducting a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., at the Lenoir City Housing Authority's Main Office, 101 Oakwood Drive in Lenoir City, Tennessee, to discuss the proposed plan. All residents are encouraged to attend.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit written comments regarding the Agency Plan to Ms. Debbie Goodman, Executive Director, Lenoir City Housing Authority, 101 Oakwood Drive, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771. Written comments will be received through July 9, 2010.



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## Wisham

John Mark Wisham, 47, Myrtle Ward Road, Philadelphia was charged with DUI 1st offense and possession of a handgun while intoxicated.

According to records, Wednesday, around 9:56 PM, Sgt. Jimmey J. Wiggins, LCSO observed a red Ford F-250 traveling south on Hotch-

kiss Valley Road near Brazeal Road and noticed it crossed the center line several times before making a wide left turn onto Sugarlimb Road. Sgt. Wiggins stopped the truck on Sugarlimb at the southbound entrance ramp to Interstate 75.

The driver, John Mark Wisham, reportedly admitted to drinking two beers

earlier in the evening while playing pool at a friend's house.

According to the Sgt.'s report, he could smell an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the inside of Wisham's vehicle. When Mr. Wisham got out of the truck, he was unsteady on his feet and did poorly on field sobriety tasks. At one point, he almost fell backward.

After he was arrested for DUI, Mr. Wisham advised he had a pistol, a rifle and a mixed drink in the truck.

Sgt. Wiggins found a loaded Ruger Mark II .22 caliber pistol in the console with 8 rounds in the magazine. Upon arrival at the jail, Mr. Wisham was read the Implied Consent Form and he agreed to take the test. He registered .15%.

## Input

process which reduced the bear archery season to three weeks from the originally proposed five week season in Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Jefferson, Johnson, Monroe, Polk, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties.

The change by the TWRC was in response to discussions related to calls that some commissioners had received in reference to the length of the season. While there was some similar discussion at the April TWRC meeting when the season recommendations were previewed, the recommendation to shorten the bear archery hunting season was not specifically on the commission agenda for the May meeting.

In reference to that change, Mike Chase, TWRC Chairman, stated "My concern is perhaps ample time was not given for other opinions to be considered. Given the volume of regulations and seasons we had to address during our meeting, that is sometimes difficult to do. We want to make absolutely sure that all sides are considered before we finalize this year's regulations for bear hunting.

"Therefore, if the change in the season length is a concern to the archery community, I would ask those hunters contact their local TWRC member. If there appears to be a desire for the commission to readdress that issue, we will gladly do so at the June commission meeting."

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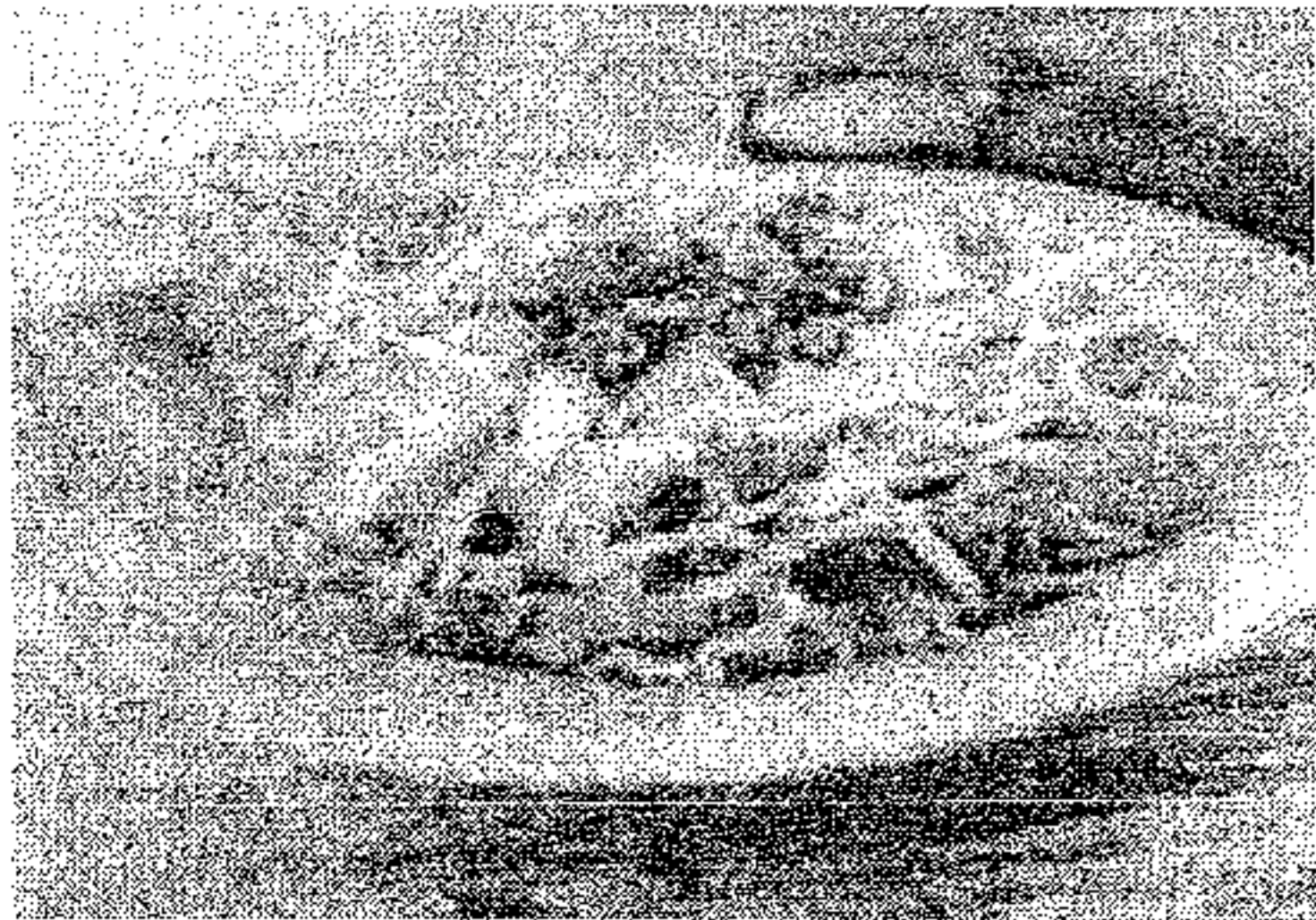


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**Report**

Report, January to December 2009, shows some fairly significant decreases—5.5 percent for violent crime and 4.9 percent for property crime, as reported to us by 13,237 law enforcement agencies from around the country that provided at least six months of data.

Here are some more top line numbers from the report:

All four categories of violent crime declined overall compared to 2008: robbery, 8.1 percent; murder, 7.2 percent; aggravated assault, 4.2 percent; and forcible rape, 3.1

percent. Violent crime declined 4.0 percent in metropolitan counties and 3.0 percent in nonmetropolitan counties.

*Violent Crime: By the Numbers*

The largest decrease in murders—7.5 percent—was in cities with populations ranging from 500,000 to 999,999. The only increases in murders were found in cities of 25,000 to 49,999 (up 5.3 percent) and nonmetropolitan counties (up 1.8 percent).

All overall categories of property crime also decreased when compared to 2008. Motor vehicle theft was down 17.2 per-

cent; larceny-theft, 4.2 percent; and burglaries, 1.7 percent. Motor vehicle theft, which experienced the largest decrease in a single property crime category—by far, fell significantly in all four regions of the country—down 18.5 percent in the Midwest, down 17.5 percent in both the Northeast and the West, and down 16.3 percent in the South.

Arson declined across the board, with reported decreases across all population groups and all four regions of the country—11.6 percent in the West, 10.6 percent in the South, 9.2 percent in the Midwest, and 8.6

percent in the Northeast.

The 2009 crime statistics are preliminary; the final report will be issued this fall.

The report also contains individual 2008 and 2009 figures for all eight crimes—murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and arson—by cities with populations of 100,000 or more.

Why do we put out these preliminary numbers? To get the information as quickly as possible into the hands of those who need it most—like local law enforcement and community leaders who are in positions to implement

effective crime strategies.

But please note: the FBI doesn't offer in-depth analysis of the data. We leave that to criminologists, state and local law enforcement agencies, and other experts.

However, despite the decreases we have noted in 2009 crime levels, law enforcement agencies around the country—including the FBI—have not lessened efforts to investigate these crimes, and we continue to work with one another to develop strategies to combat and prevent violence and crime in our communities.

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