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Thursday-Friday, July 1-2, 2010

## LPD charges Sweetwater couple with drugs

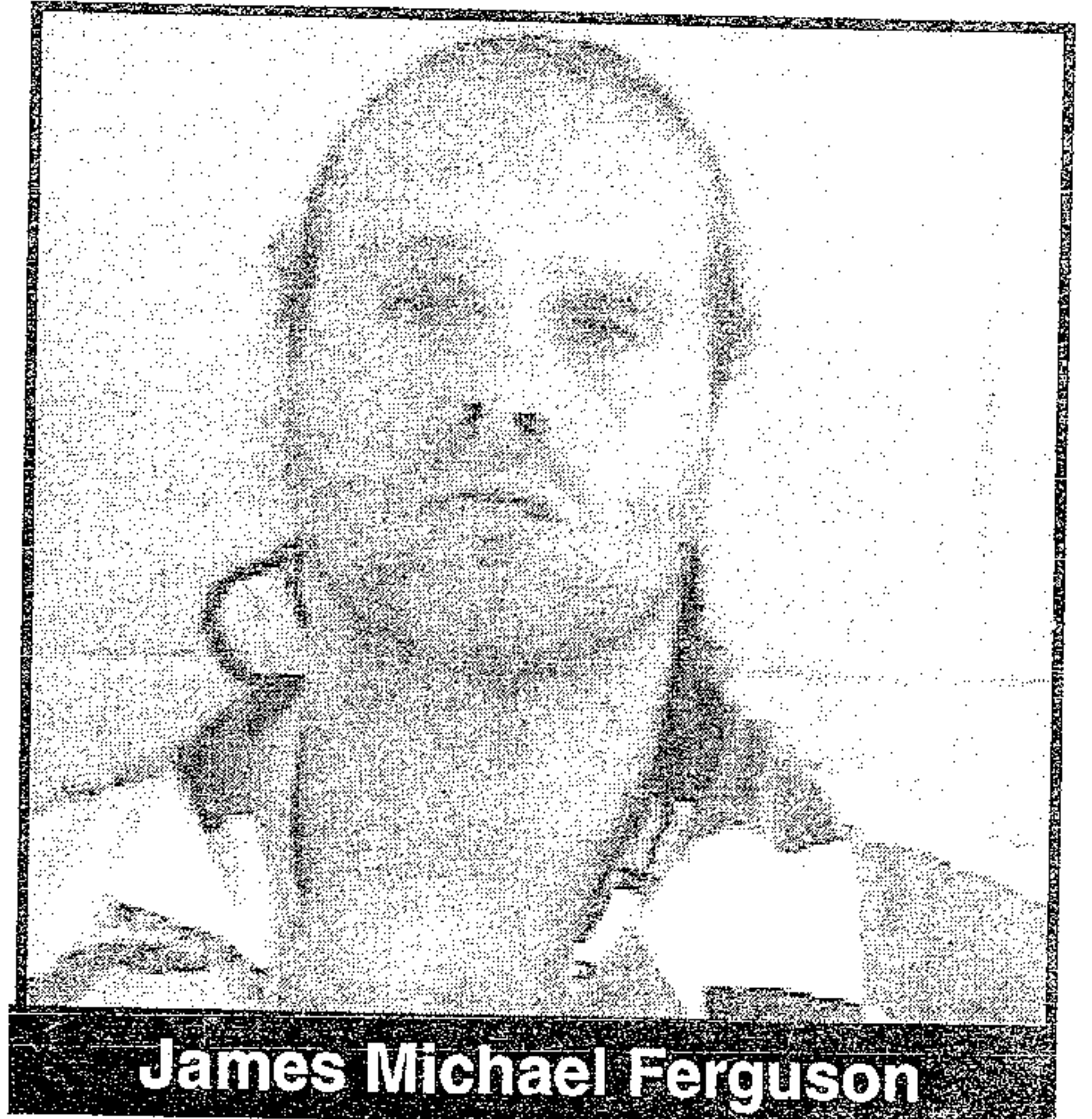
When a Loudon City police officer stopped to check on a suspicious vehicle during his patrol beat, he discovered the presence of numerous pills, marijuana and crack cocaine while interviewing two Sweetwater persons who were in the vehicle.

James Michael Ferguson, 37, County Road 350, Sweetwater was charged Saturday with possession of schedule II (cocaine), possession of schedule II (oxycodone), possession of schedule III (hydrocodone 7.5 mg) and possession of schedule III (hydrocodone 5 mg).

(see Couple pg. 4)



Tanisha Lashonne Bradley



James Michael Ferguson

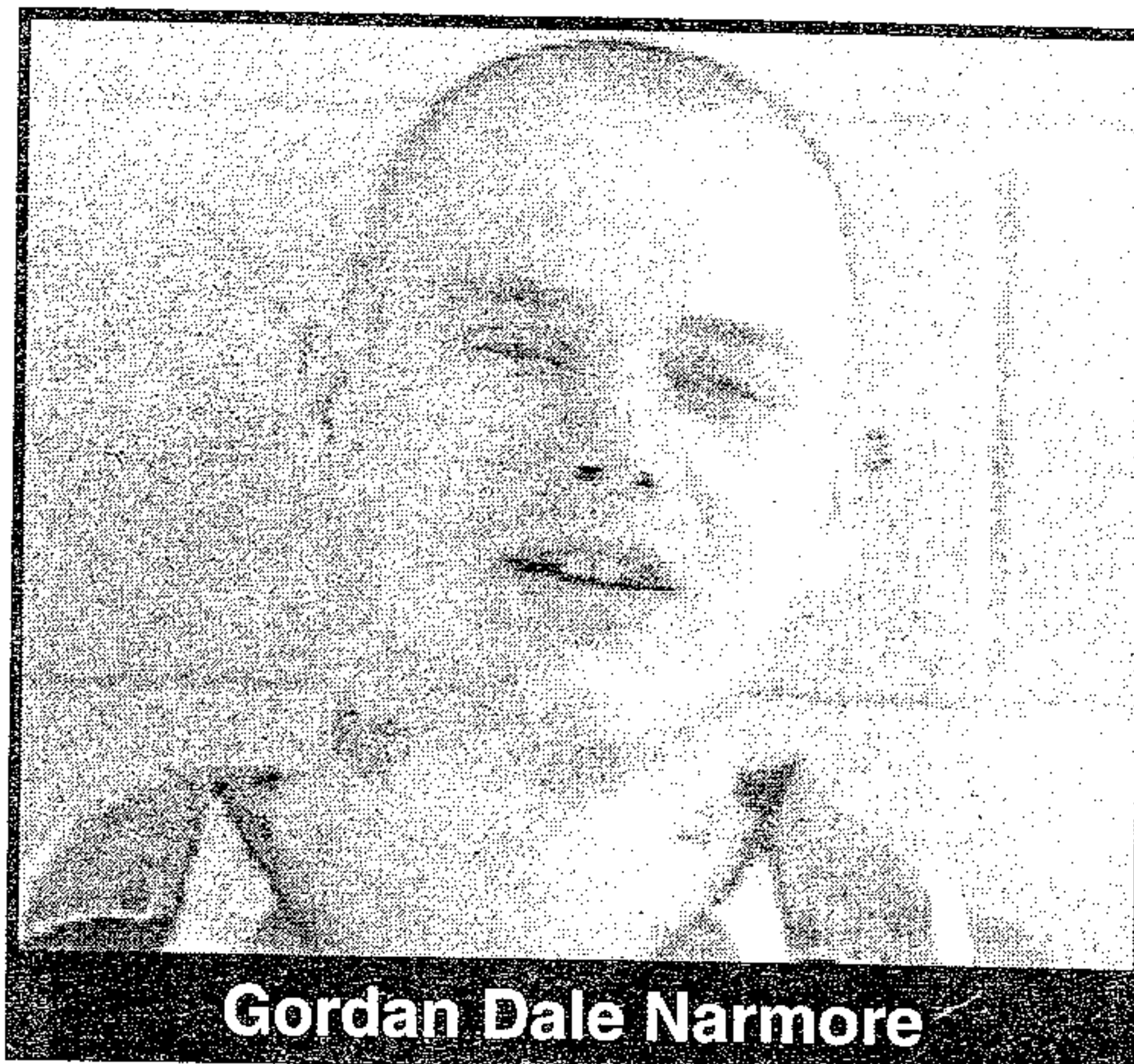
## Inmate breaks jail phone over cell request turndown

An inmate at the Loudon County Jail is accused of breaking a phone during an alleged temper tantrum when he was denied placement in a cell with a pie hole Thursday.

Gordan Dale Narmore, 29, Cedar Street, Loudon was charged with vandalism.

According to records, around 4:12 PM, Thursday, Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO went to C Block to speak with Mr. Narmore about him moving to a holding cell that he had requested.

(see Narmore pg. 6)



Gordan Dale Narmore

## Paraphernalia found in DUI stop

A woman stopped for suspicion of DUI after police were called to check on her was taken to jail after she was determined to have been under the influence of intoxicant and drug paraphernalia was found on her

(see Reid pg. 7)

## Fireworks Safety Decreases Risks of Serious Injury

NASHVILLE -- For many adults and children, fireworks are a tradition of summer activities. However, fireworks cause thousands of injuries and emergency

(see Fireworks pg. 3)

## Drug charges filed against Decatur coupe in traffic stop

The passenger in a speeding vehicle that cut off a law enforcement officer before tailgating a delivery truck along I-75 faced multiple drug charges after

the vehicle she was in was stopped. The driver also was charged.

(see Charged pg. 8)

### Verse of the day

*Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*  
Luke 23:34

### Obituaries

Gladys Hayes Melton

### Wazzup

Happy Birthday Wayne "The Bazz" Morgan!!! The Florida Wild Man ain't got nothing over on you!!

### Weather:

Today: Mostly sunny skies. High 87. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.  
Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 62. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.  
Friday: Abundant sunshine.

Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday: Abundant sun-

(see More pg. 2)



## Fireworks

room visits each year, and more of these injuries occur during Fourth of July festivities than any other holiday. As this year's Independence Day approaches, the Tennessee Department of Health urges residents to practice safe and responsible use of fireworks to avoid related injuries.

"Although fireworks can be exciting, fes-

sive and fun, it is important to remember that improperly handled fireworks can turn a celebration into tragedy," said Commissioner Susan R. Cooper, MSN, RN. "We remind all Tennesseans to use common sense and act responsibly to prevent serious injuries this Fourth of July."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion, approximately 10,000 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms every year for fireworks-related injuries, and most of these incidents involve children. Burns are the leading cause of injury from fireworks, followed by lacerations and contusions, all primarily involving the fingers, hands, eyes and facial area. In Tennessee in 2008,

the most recent year for which data are available, there were 221 emergency room visits and 240 people discharged from the hospital due to fireworks related injuries. While 19 of those hospital discharges required short term hospital stays, fireworks can cause long term effects such as blindness, hearing loss and permanent scarring if used incorrectly.

To help you celebrate safely this Fourth of July, the Tennessee Department of Health offers the following safety tips for those who choose to deal with fireworks at home:

- Always read and follow all warnings and label instructions.

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks or watch a display without adult supervision.

- Wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.

- Use fireworks only outdoors and in a safe area.

- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.

- Always have water handy--a garden hose, wet towels and a bucket.

- Never throw or point fireworks at other people or animals.

- Never re-light a "dud" firework. Wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a buck-

et of water.

- Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks.

- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then placing them in your trashcan.

In addition to being prepared to avoid firework mishaps, residents should also be prepared to handle any accidents that may occur. Materials such as gauze, hydrogen peroxide and other first aid supplies should be readily available. In the event of serious injury, seek immediate medical attention from a doctor or at the hospital. Quick response to injuries may prevent further and more permanent damage.

"We want all Tennesseans and visitors to remain safe this holiday and enjoy their holiday outside of emergency departments," encourages Cooper. "The best way to prevent fireworks-related injuries is to leave fireworks displays to trained professionals."

For more information about fireworks safety, visit the CDC Fireworks Injuries website at <http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Fireworks/>. Additional information can also be found on the National Council on Fireworks Safety website at <http://www.fireworkssafety.org/>.



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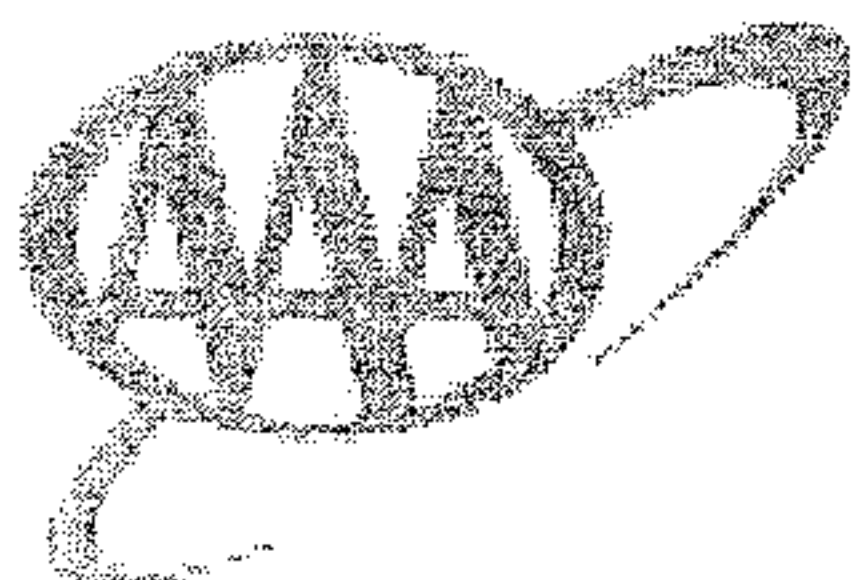
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## Obituaries

**Gladys Hayes Melton** - age 85 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, June 28, 2010 at the Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City. She was a member of Oral Baptist Church. Preceded in death by sons, O. K. Melton Jr. "Sonny" and Billy Melton; parents, Charles and Alice Hayes; sister, Viola Hayes and brother, Bobby Hayes. Survived by her husband of 68 years, O. K. Melton Sr.; daughters, Alyce Rogers and Janet Powers of Knoxville; grandchildren, Greg Rogers and Lori Jones of Knoxville, Courtney Jones of Bristol, Brenda Settlemyer of Alpharetta, GA, Michael Melton and Rhonda Spence of Ft. Worth, TX; 7 great grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Geneva and John Still Jr. of Barnwell, SC, Betty and Raymond Rochat and Dixie Houk of Knoxville; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir

City. Funeral services will follow at 8 p.m. with Rev. Jack Belcher and Rev. Tom Tapp officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. Friday and proceed to the Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens for graveside services at 11 a.m. Serving as pallbearers: Greg Rogers, Mike Lane, Harold Grigsby, Ralph Luttrell, Joe Thomas and Gary Krantz. Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Johnson, Ralph Williams, Tom McCrackin, Buford Rankin and Bill Campbell. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

### Couple

According to reports, Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD noticed a suspicious male in a parked blue Ford Explorer in the parking lot of the America's Best Value Inn in Loudon. As the officer drove towards the vehicle the man quickly got out and started walking towards the hotel.

Records indicate the officer asked the man, whom he later identified as James Ferguson, if he was staying at the hotel and Ferguson advised he wasn't. When asked if he had any identification on him, Ferguson replied no.

According to the officer's report, he could smell the odor of marijuana emanating from Ferguson's person as well as from the Explorer where a female was in the passenger seat.

Both the man and woman stated marijuana was smoked in and around the vehicle earlier in the day.

During a search, a plastic bag containing a green leafy substance believed to be

marijuana was located in the Explorer. Mr. Ferguson advised the marijuana was his.

Also found during the search was a white powder-like substance that tested positive for the presence of cocaine and numerous prescription pills identified as hydrocodone 7.5 mg, hydrocodone 5mg, and oxycodone.

Another plastic bag containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana was found on the ground, near the Explorer where Ferguson was standing.

The woman in the Explorer, Tanisha Lashonne Bradley, 25, of Broad Street, Sweetwater was charged with possession of schedule II (crack cocaine) for re-

sale and simple possession of marijuana.

Ms. Bradley was asked to exit the vehicle and while Officer DeBoer was speaking with her, he witnessed her putting her hands in the front of her pants and a small plastic bag containing a off white rock-like substance appeared on the ground coming from her pants leg.

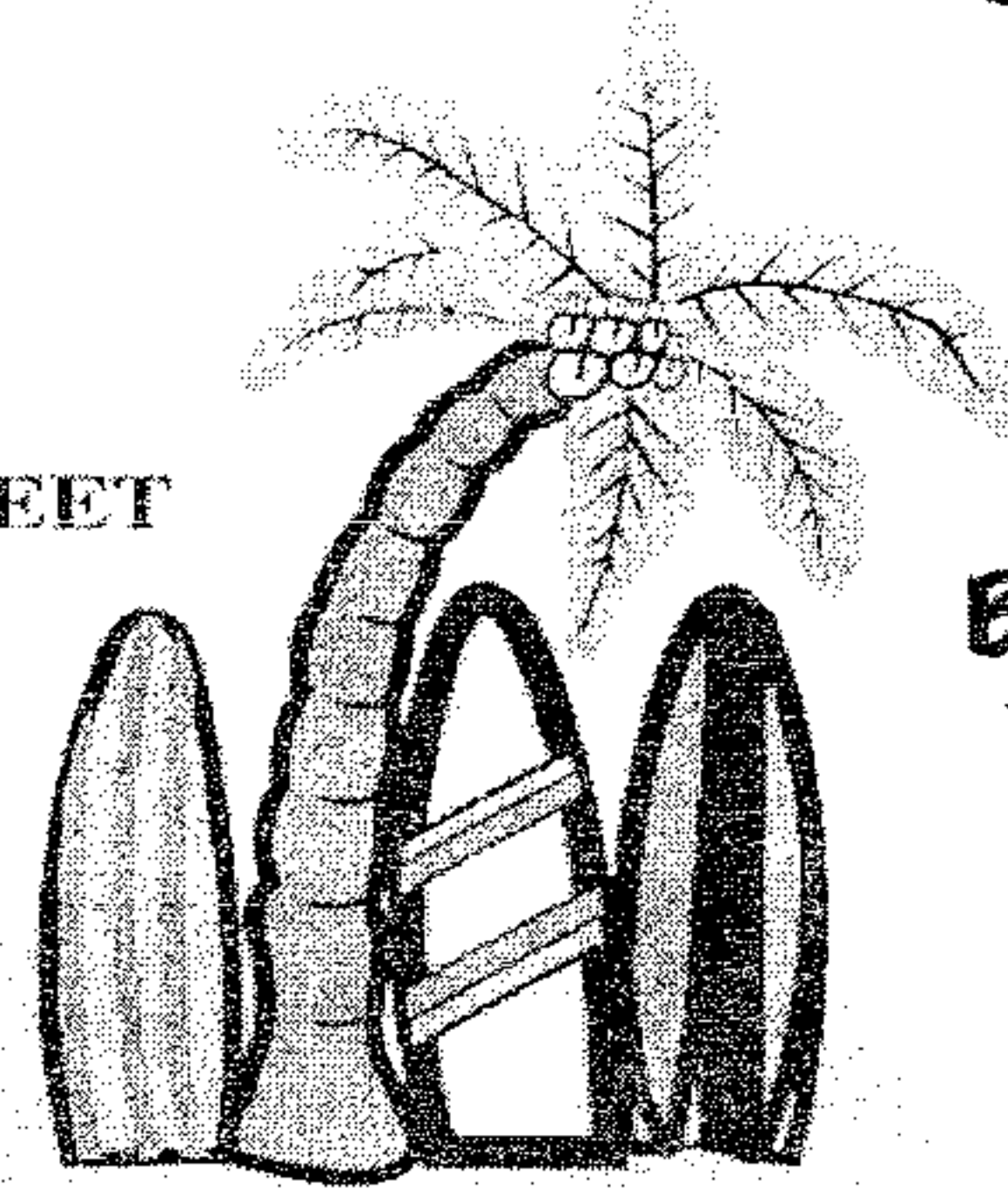
The substance tested positive for the presence of cocaine. It weighed approximately 2.5 grams and appeared to be packaged for resale.

A green leafy substance believed to be marijuana was also discovered in Ms. Bradley's purse.

LPD Officers Dennis Akins and Samuel Harrison were also at the scene.

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### Narmore

When Narmore was advised he would be moving to holding cell 3 Narmore said " F- that, I need a holding cell with a pie hole."

Deputy Ferguson reported he told Narmore he couldn't do that and if he wanted to move, it would be to holding cell 3, at which point Narmore said, "I'm about to go the F- off and start breaking S-."

At that point Narmore reportedly grabbed a broom that was in the cell for cleaning and started trying to bust out lights on the outside of the bars. The deputy tried

to grab the broom when Narmore pulled it back in the cell and started swinging it at the phone mounted in the cell, at which time Deputy Ferguson called other deputies to come back to C Block for assistance.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, Corporal Angi Martin, Lt. Teresa Smith and Deputy Michael Wilson responded to assist and Deputy Wilson discovered Narmore had broken the phone when he hit it with the broom and banged the receiver against the bars.

Lt. Smith told Mr. Narmore to go to the gate and place his

hands on his head, and he did. He was moved to holding cell 7 without further incident.

### Did'ja Know?

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## Reid

possession.

Seirra Jade Reid, 24, Valley Drive, Loudon was charged Friday with driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of implied consent.

According to reports, around 10:26 PM Deputy Ron-del Branam, LCSO responded to the

area of Old Kingston Road in reference to an older model Mustang sitting in the middle of the road that would not leave. The deputy arrived and noticed a blue older model Mustang sitting in a driveway. The vehicle backed out of the driveway and the deputy followed it.

The Mustang reportedly crossed the double yellow

line into oncoming traffic, nearly striking another motorist head-on. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Seirra J. Reid.

Ms. Reid had slurred speech and watery eyes. She was very unsteady on her feet and performed poorly on field sobriety tasks. Ms. Reid was placed under arrest and read the Implied Consent Advisement, but she refused to give blood.

A search of the

Reid's purse produced a metal hose clamp with white residue on it and a

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**Charged**

Jennifer D. McKenzie, 34, Highway 58 South, Decatur was charged with possession of schedule II (morphine), possession of schedule IV (xanax) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The report states, Friday, around 1:34 PM, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO observed a white Honda driving at a high rate of speed and weaving in and out of traffic on Interstate 75 around the 83 mile marker. As the vehicle passed Sgt. Hall it abruptly pulled over into his lane of travel, cutting him off before it started tailgating a

Fed Ex truck.

The Honda was stopped around the 82 mm. The driver was identified as James Petitt and the passenger was identified as Jennifer D. McKenzie.

While conducting business of the traffic stop, Sgt. Hall deployed K9 Draga to sniff the vehicle. The K9 officer alerted in the area of the driver's side rear door.

A search of the Honda produced one pill identified as morphine, one pill identified as modafinic and a half a pill identified as xanax. Also found in the vehicle was approximately 3 to 4

grams of marijuana.

A glass pipe used to smoke methamphetamine, a cut straw used to snort methamphetamine and several empty plastic bags with off white powder residue were found in Ms. McKenzie's purse. McKenzie claimed ownership of the pills and the drug paraphernalia.

James R. Petitt, 44, Cedar Valley Road, Decatur was charged with simple possession of marijuana after he claimed ownership of the marijuana.

**Police Beat**

Vickie Lynn Hartline, 49, homeless, was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Officer E. Lawson, LCPD received an anonymous complaint in reference to Ms. Hartline walking along Depot Street intoxicated. Officer Lawson watched as she crossed Grand Street into the Save A Lot parking lot.

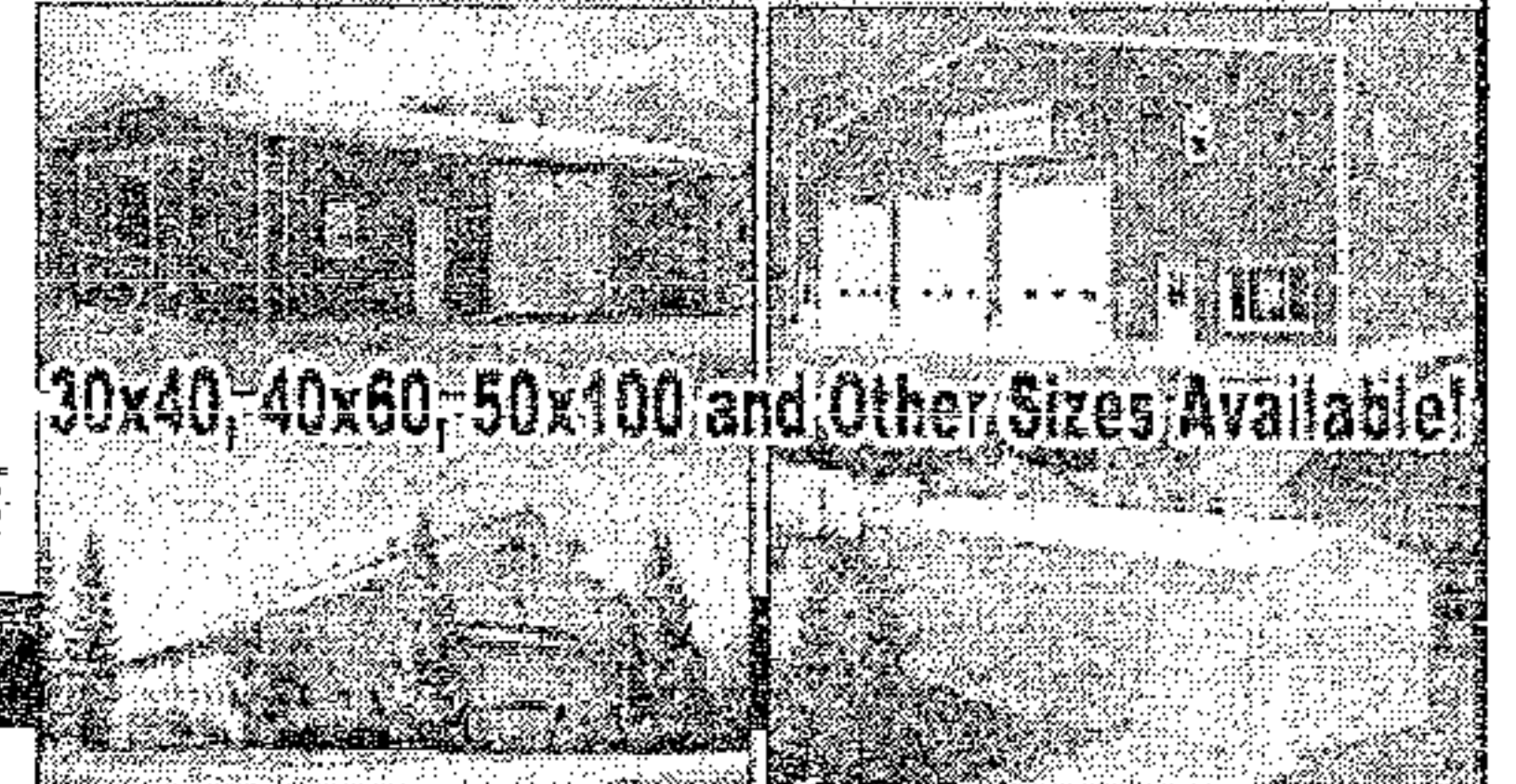
Ms. Hartline was very unsteady on her

feet and was staggering and swaying. Her speech was slurred and she had a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage on her breath and person.

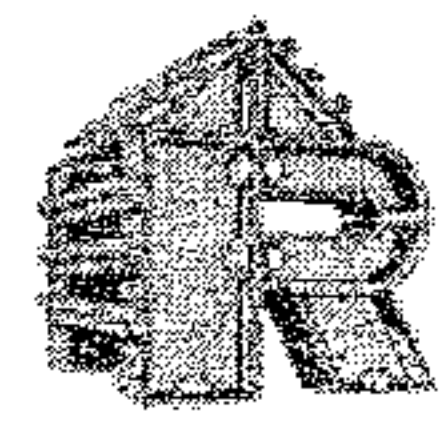
The officer determined she was inebriated and had no place to go and placed her under arrest.

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