

DAILY EDITION

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Tuesday, July 13, 2010

High speed chase ends in wreck, multiple charges for Tellico Plains man

A Tellico Plains man is accused of leading Loudon County officials on a high speed chase into another county where neighboring lawman stopped his vehicle with a spike strip. The man was taken into custody after wrecking his vehicle three miles away from the strips and faces several charges in connection with the chase.

Robert Isaiah Christie III, 21, Bank street, Tellico Plains, was charged with driving on revoked license, evading arrest, and reckless endangerment.

According to affidavits; Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO observed on radar a small black Mazda Miata (see Christie pg. 3)



Robert Isaiah Christie III

Fugitive Nabbed



Patrick Allen Johnson

Patrick Allen Johnson, 44, River Bend Road, Loudon was charged with being a fugitive from justice.

Records indicate Johnson is wanted in Kentucky for a parole violation in which a warrant has been issued.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest.

Intoxicated man appears before Judicial Commissioner

A local man was escorted from the court room to a jail cell after he reportedly appeared in front of the Judicial Commissioner for

arraignment while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Steven Ray McKee, 43, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged

(see McKee pg. 7)

Two charged in DUI traffic stop

A Greenback woman reportedly told police she knew the man driving her vehicle had been drinking

and taking medication before she let him drive during a traffic stop where both were taken into custody on

(see Charged pg. 6)

Police charge Ohio couple with simple possession

Authorities charged an Ohio couple with simple possession of marijuana after reportedly finding the illicit weed during a traffic

stop for speeding.

Catherine M. Scott, 39, Cincinnati, Ohio and Justin M. Parker, 29, also of Cincinnati, Ohio were charged

(see Couple pg. 6)

Protect Your Computer: Don't be Scared by 'Scareware'

FBI - We've all seen them: pop-up messages telling you your computer is in-

fectured with a virus. To get rid of it, all you have to do is order the antivirus software

(see Scareware pg. 8)

Verse of the day

Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict. Men do there-

fore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart. Job 37:23-24

Obituaries

Sam E. Ellis
Joe Paul Harvey

Wazzup

Hope you enjoy your

visit to Tennessee, Bev, Buddy, Darla, Chis, Tina, Kayla, and Faith! It is great seeing you!!!

Weather:

Today: Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. Humid. High 83.

CoR: 60%.

Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms. Humid. Low

(see More pg. 2)



Christie

traveling 68 mph in a 45 mph zone on Morganton Road Tuesday, at 9:27 PM. He and reserve Deputy Matt Acuff stopped the Miata for speeding at Morganton and Lett Drive.

While talking with him, the driver, Mr. Christie, advised he left his wallet with his license at home.

While Deputy Rayfield was check-

ing NCIC for Christie's license status and preparing to write a citation for speeding, Mr. Christie started his vehicle and darted away from the traffic stop. Deputies Rayfield and Acuff immediately gave chase.

Christie sped his Mazda at a high rate of speed down Morganton Road to East Coast Tellico where he ran the stop sign

then turned left on East Coast towards 411. Mr. Christie reached speeds up to 92 mph on East Coast and turned right on Highway 411 towards Monroe County where his vehicle reached speeds up to 98 mph on Highway 411 before turning left onto Highway 360 with speeds reaching up to 84 mph.

Mr. Christie gave no care or regard for

other motorists or officers on the road. At that point Monroe County Sheriff's Department took the lead in the pursuit, which was still on Highway 360.

MCSO spiked Christie's vehicle and flattened both driver's side tires. The Miata wrecked out about three more miles up Highway 360 where Mr. Christie was taken into custody.

Christie was also cited for having no financial responsibility and violating the seat belt law.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest Thursday at the Monroe County Jail.

Police Beat

Donita R. Ward, 35, Martel Road, Lenoir City was charged Friday with DUI 2nd offense and violation of the implied consent law.

According to records, Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD was behind a blue Mercury Cougar on Highway 11 when he witnessed the vehicle cross over the center line numerous times. The car was also traveling at 42 mph in a 30 mph zone on Grove Street.

Officer DeBoer stopped the Cougar on Steekee Road at Highway 72. Ms. Ward had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person, was unsteady on her feet and had slurred speech. She performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was taken into custody.

Once at the jail, Ms. Ward refused to give consent to a breath or blood test. She also had a previous DUI conviction in 2006.

James Daniel Johnson, 36, C Street, Lenoir City was charged Thursday with driving on suspended license.

The report states, Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSO saw James Johnson pull up to the red light at Highway 321 and Highway 11. With prior knowledge Mr. Johnson's license was suspended, Deputy Bowen made a traffic stop.

The deputy asked to see his license and Johnson handed him an ID only card. A check through NCIC came back suspended for failure to satisfy citations.

Kimberley Ann Bush, 32, McGraw, New York was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

Ronald Johnson, 21, Sweetwater Vonore Road, Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Friday at the Monroe County Jail.

Misty Kay Dills, 47, Amber Meadows, Farugut was charged Thursday with failure to obey court order x 3 out of Knox County.

Officer B. Gentry, LCPD made the arrest.



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Charged

a variety of charges.

David Wayne 'Stump' Roberts, 43, Morganton Road, Greenback was charged Thursday with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, driving on revoked license, possession of a legend drug without a prescription, and open container law.

Judith Kay Tipton, 36, Morganton Road, Greenback was charged with DUI by consent.

According to records, while on patrol on Highway 95, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO noticed a white

Eagle Talon pulled over in the intersection of Highway 95 and Jackson Ferry Road. As the deputy passed, the vehicle took off going south on 95. The vehicle crossed the center line into oncoming traffic and then back into it's lane of travel. It then pulled into a driveway on Moonrun Lane. Deputy Brewer identified the driver as David Roberts. Judith Tipton was the passenger and owner of the Talon.

Mr. Roberts had an odor of an intoxicating beverage about his breath and person, slurred speech

and bloodshot eyes. He couldn't perform or finish any field sobriety tasks.

On inventorying the vehicle prior to tow, the deputy found two open beers, one belonging to the driver and one belonging to the passenger. During a search of Mr. Roberts, a Tylenol cylinder with two pills in it was discovered in his pockets. The pills were identified as buspirone hydrochloride and clonazepam.

Mrs. Tipton stated she knew Mr. Roberts had been drinking and had taken prescription medication before she let him drive her vehicle.

Once at the jail, Mr. Roberts refused a

blood or breath test. A check of his license through NCIC came back revoked for a prior DUI charge.

Couple

with simple possession of marijuana.

According to reports, Sunday, at approximately 4:25 AM, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO observed a black Chevy traveling south around the 79 mile marker in Loudon County and followed the vehicle for approximately two miles at speeds of 75 to 80 mph in a 65 mph speed zone. The officer reported he stopped it at the 76 mm and while talking to the driver, Ms. Scott, he smelled the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Ms. Scott was asked to exit the car while being issued a warning citation for

speeding.

K9 Draga was deployed to sniff the vehicle and alerted in the area of the passenger side door and the trunk area. A search produced a bag containing marijuana in Scott's purse and a bag of marijuana in the passenger's suitcase in the trunk.

The passenger, Justin Parker and Ms. Scott both admitted to smoking marijuana.

When Mr. Parker was searched at the Loudon County Jail another small bag of marijuana was found in his underwear.

Police Beat

Patrick Clifford 'Creep' Ellswood, 52, Sitzler Road, Philadelphia was charged with violation of parole.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest.

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McKee

with public intoxication.

According to reports, Thursday, at approximately 10:15 AM, Mr. McKee was in courtroom number 2 for arraignments. When he was called to the front for his arraignment, Mr. McKee approached the front of the courtroom and was unsteady on his feet,

had badly slurred speech, red and watery eyes and could not answer questions asked to him by Judicial Commissioner Cissy Chapman.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO asked Mr. McKee to step to the side and determined he was a danger to himself and others. McKee was placed under arrest and transported

downstairs to jail by Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO.

BUI

Ray L. Sexton Jr., 43, Lakecrest Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with boating under the influence (BUI).

According to records, Saturday, around 11:45 PM Officer Darrell Griffin, TWRA observed Mr. Sexton operating a 2007 Sea Ray Sedan Bridge in the Fort Loudon area of Lenoir City Park. His vessel was putting out a significant wake in a congested area and his spotlight was obscuring the boat's navigational lights.

Sexton had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath, bloodshot eyes and an unsteady gate. Mr. Sexton did poorly on several field sobriety tasks.

Sexton submitted

to a breathalyzer resulting in .09%.

Officer Anthony Chitwood, TWRA was also on scene.

Police Beat

Scott William Poe Jr., 22, Hall Street, Vonore, was charged with forgery on a warrant out of Sevier County.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest Friday.

Jason D. Gourley, 32, Church Street, Philadelphia was charged on an attachment for child support.

Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO made the arrest Saturday.

Gene Allen Bennett, 29, Fish Hatchery Road, Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Saturday at the Blount County Jail.

Just for fun

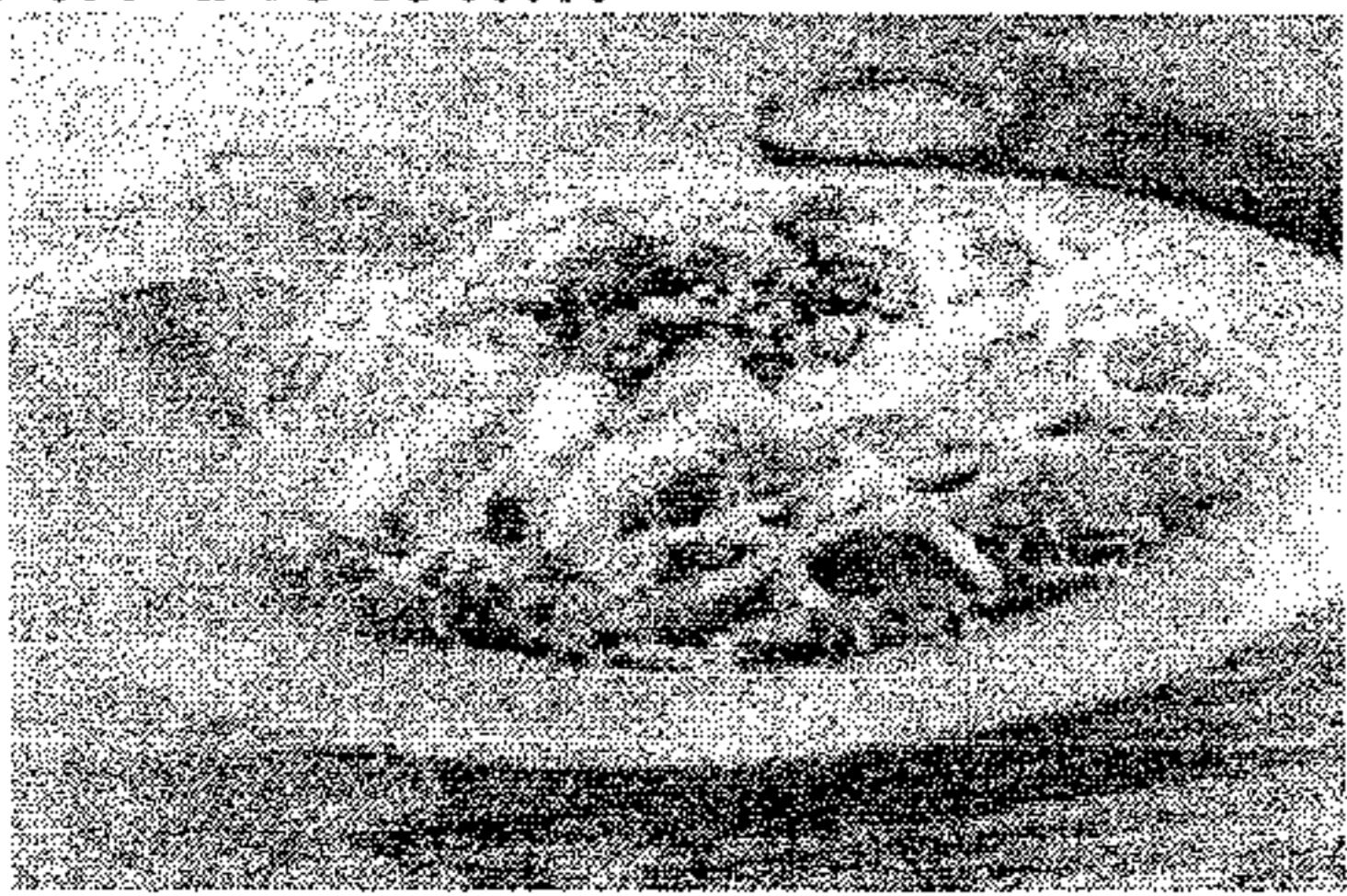
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Scareware

being advertised.

Before you click, though, know this: few internet security companies use ads to tell you about a virus on your computer. Most of these pop-ups are scams, and it's one of the fastest-growing types of Internet fraud today.

These scams have a name. They're called "scareware" because they try to frighten you into purchasing fake antivirus software with a seemingly genuine security warning. But if you do try to buy this program, it will either do nothing, or it could compromise your computer by installing malicious software onto your system. And in some instances, you don't even have to click on the pop-up box, the

software downloads automatically.

Cyber criminals often use notorious botnets—networks of compromised computers under their control—to push out their software. They'll also masquerade as legitimate Internet security companies and buy ads on other websites—called "malvertising"—but when consumers click on the ads to purchase the products, they are redirected to websites controlled by the bad guys.

How to Spot a Potential Scareware Infection

- Windows Update fails to run.
- Other legitimate security applications won't update.
- Certain website, especially Internet security sites, won't load.

Many of these criminals operate outside the

U.S., making investigations difficult and complex for the FBI and its partners. But we've had successes—just this past May, for example, three people were charged in Illinois in connection with a scheme that caused Internet users in more than 60 countries, including the U.S., to buy more than \$100 million worth of bogus scareware software.

Two of the defendants, including an American, are accused of running an overseas company that claimed to sell antivirus and computer performance/repair software over the Internet. A third man operated the company's Cincinnati call center, which was responsible for technical and billing support to its customers (but in reality deflected complaints from consumers who realized the software didn't

work).

According to the indictment, proceeds from the sales of the software (which was typically purchased by credit card) were deposited into bank accounts controlled by the defendants and others throughout the world and then quickly transferred to accounts in Europe.

In addition to the consumers victimized by the scam, a number of legitimate companies tricked into selling ad space on their websites for the bogus software were allegedly defrauded of about \$85,000 in unpaid fees.

Don't let it happen to you. Here are a few words of advice on scareware.

How to spot a scareware scam:

- Does the pop-up use "non-clickable" icons? To build authenticity into their software, scareware

will show a list of reputable icons—like those of software companies or security publications. However, the user can't click through to the sites to see the actual reviews or recommendations.

- Is the pop-up ad hard to close? Scareware pop-ups employ aggressive techniques and will not close easily after clicking the "close" or "X" button.

- Have you heard of the software before? Cyber criminals use easy-to-remember names like Virus Shield, Antivirus, or VirusRemover.

How to protect yourself from scareware: Make sure your computer is fully protected by legitimate, up-to-date antivirus software.

If you think you've been victimized by scareware: File a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

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