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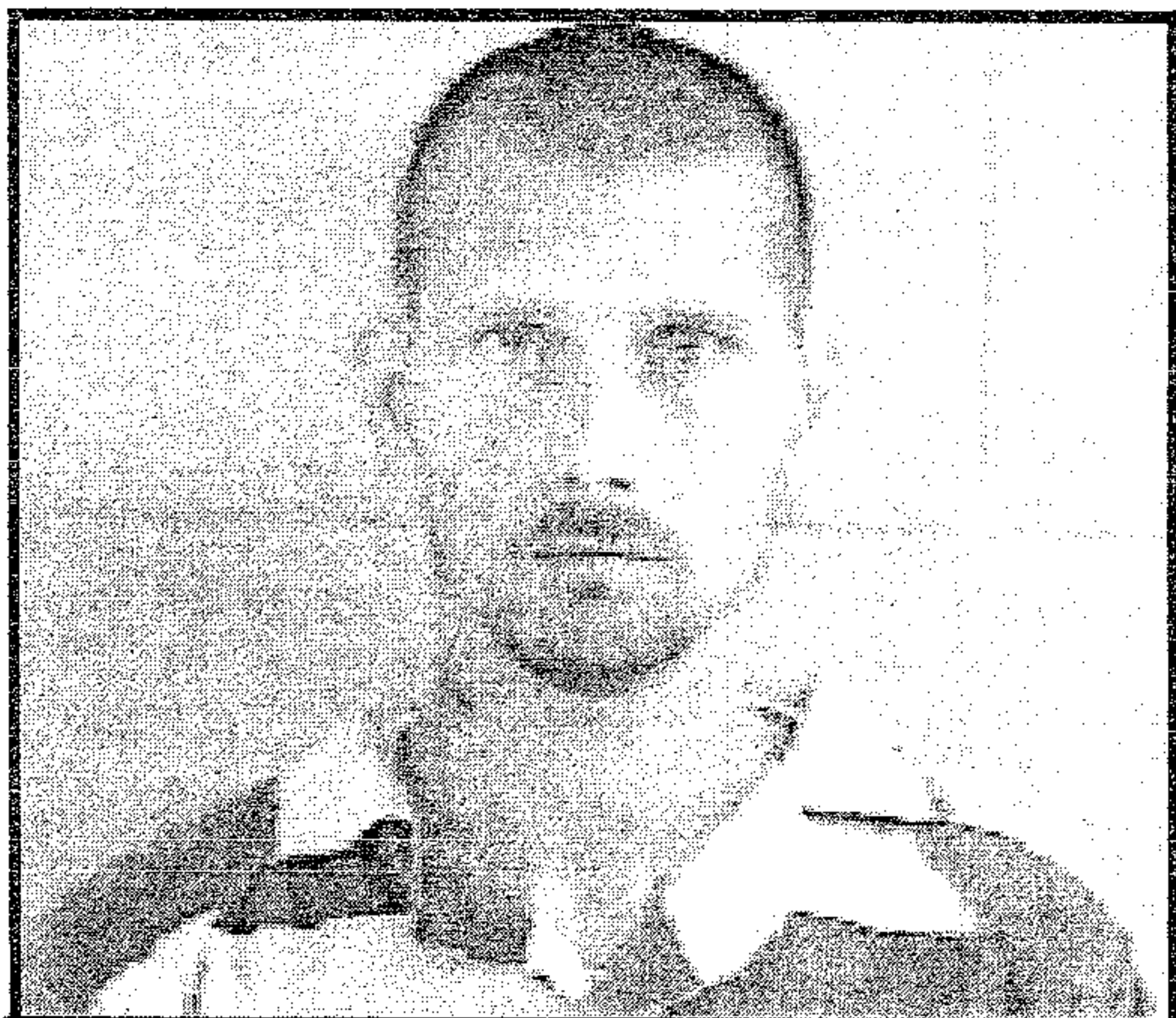
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Wednesday, July 14, 2010

THP, Curtis & Deacon, DEA bust Knox pair with 100's of pills, meth, hash, cash & more

When THP summoned Cpl... Paul Curtis and his K9 partner Deacon, hundreds of prescription pills, meth, hash, and other illicit items were seized, including thousands in cash, after the award winning four-legged officer sniffed the vehicle clean.

Michael Shaun Thomas, 31, Ben Alder Lane, Knoxville was charged with felony possession of schedule II for resale (oxycodone 30 mg), felony possession of schedule II for resale (see Busted pg. 6)



Michael Shaun Thomas



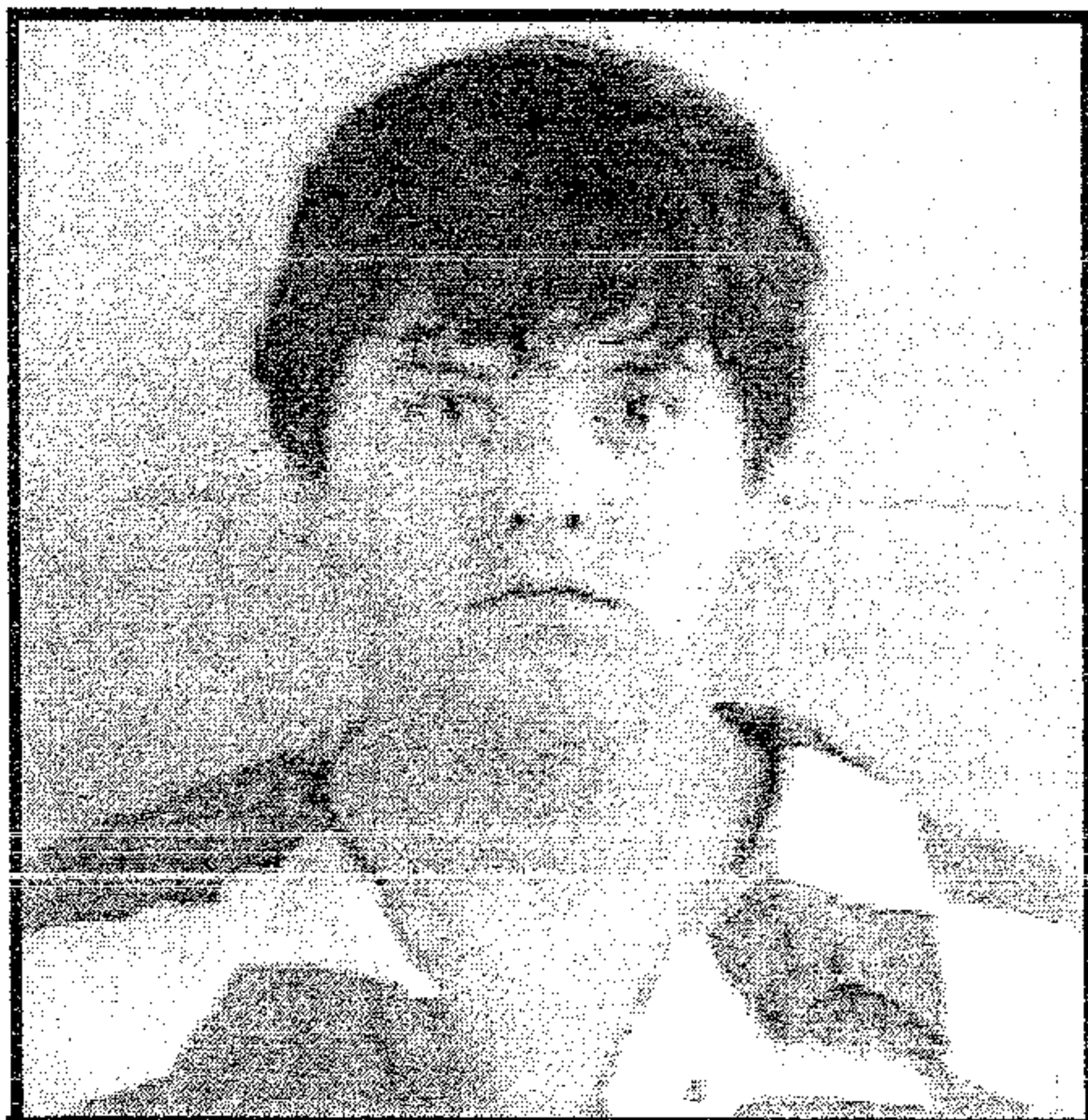
Eric Joseph Adams

Man cut in assault, 1 charged

LCPD officials charged a young Lenoir City man in connection with an assault that sent another man to an area hospital after he was cut on the abdomen.

Allen William Lowe, 19, West Broadway, Lenoir City was charged with aggravated assault.

(see Lowe pg. 3)



Allen William Lowe

Alleged shoplifter busted

A Loudon woman was charged with theft after she reportedly was caught shoplifting at Walmart Saturday evening.

Elizabeth Ann Freshour, 34, Estes Road, Loudon was charged with theft under \$500 Saturday.

According to reports, (see Freshour pg. 3)



Elizabeth Ann Freshour

Safety & Health Congress August 1-4 in Murfreesboro

NASHVILLE-The 33rd Annual Tennessee Safety & Health Congress will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Murfreesboro from Sunday, (see Congress pg. 4)

Verse of the day

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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Ephesians 6:12

Obituaries

Libbie Morris
Sam E. Ellis

Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Kenny Morgan - we miss you & hope

to see you soon!

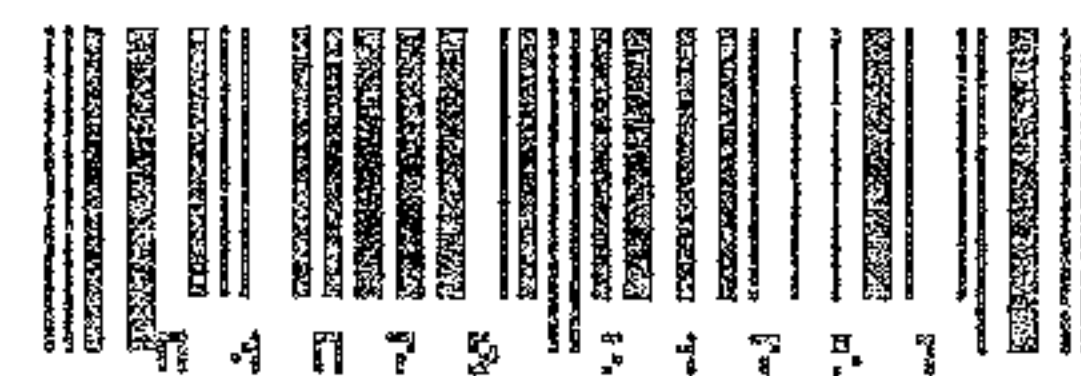
Congratulations Daniel & Misty on the birth of your son, Daniel Noah Bennet Capps - he's great!

Happy Belated Birthday to Janet McKinney - hope it was as great as Burt's Chili!!!

Weather:

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. Humid.

(see More pg. 2)



Lowe

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about July 8th, 2010, Mr. Lowe and another man got into an altercation in the living room of a residence on West Broadway in Lenoir City. During the altercation, Lowe took out a knife and cut the victim on the right abdominal area, causing serious inju-

ries that had to have medical treatment.

Detective Sartin made the arrest Friday.

Freshour

Walmart Loss Prevention observed Elizabeth A. Freshour walking through women's clothing, picking items, then saw her go into hardware and automotive to conceal the merchandise in her purse.

Ms. Freshour then

attempted to walk past all points of sale and was stopped by the loss prevention officer.

The total amount stolen was \$38.33. No restitution was sought. All items were retrieved.

Officer Jason Felts, LCPD made the arrest at 7:01 PM.

Police Beat

Andres V. Campos, 28, Vonore Road, Loudon was charged

with public intoxication, resisting stop, halt, frisk.

According to records, early Monday morning Officer Blake Norman, LPD responded to a supposedly abandoned apartment at Wellington Manor on a disturbing the peace call. When the officer knocked on the door and announced himself as a police officer, a man ran out and into the courtyard of the apartments.

Officer Norman gave a short chase where he identified the man as Andres Campos. Campos had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was very unsteady on his feet.

Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD also responded to Wellington Manor to assist Officer Norman. An empty apartment that was left unlocked was searched and the back door was found open and the screen door was broke.

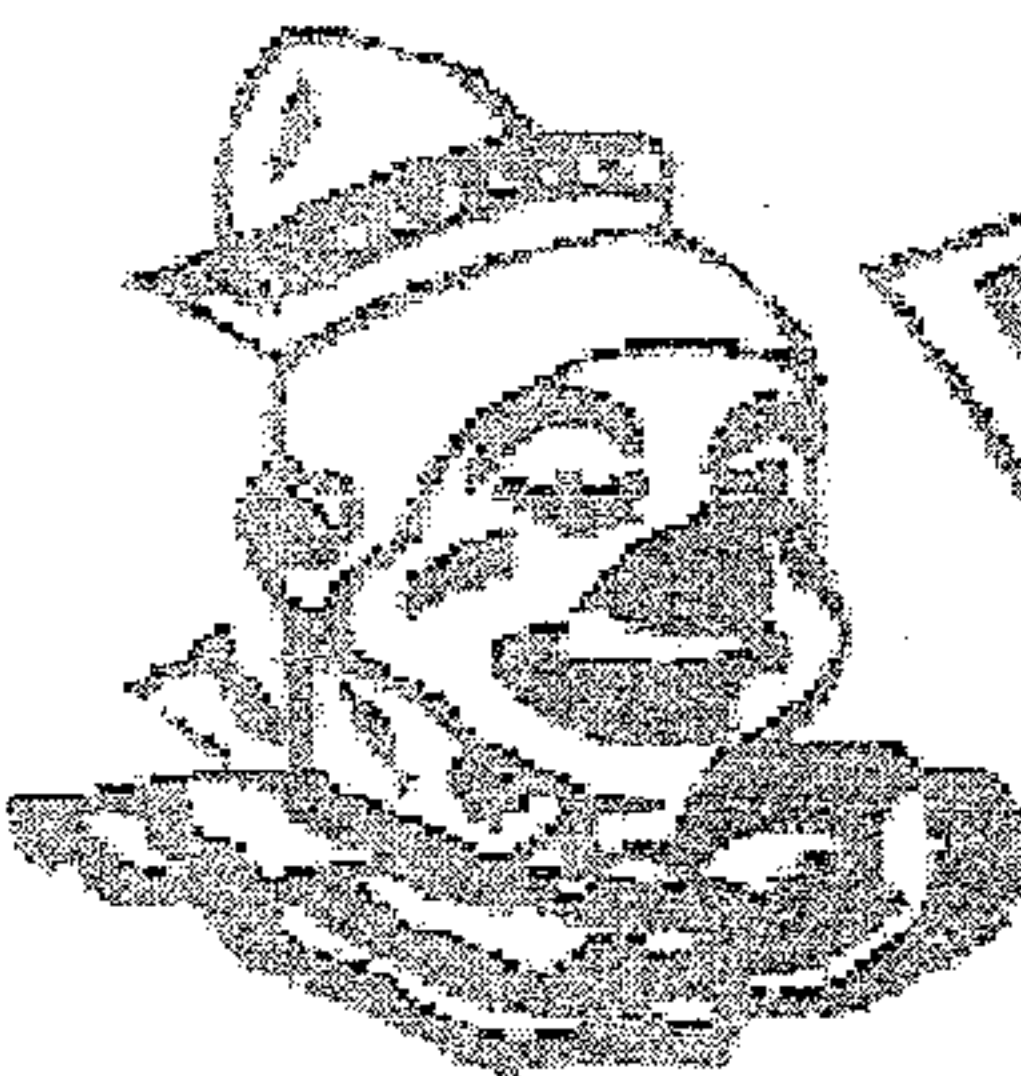
Officer Yates gave loud verbal commands identifying himself and asked all parties who may have been hiding to show themselves. Officers cleared the upstairs and found two males

hiding in the closet. One was identified as Juvencio Ramirez, 21, homeless, who complied with commands to exit the closet and was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was identified by Officer Norman as one of the four who fled on foot. Mr. Ramirez was charged with public intoxication and resisting stop, halt, frisk.

The other person in the closet was identified as Isaias Estrada, 20, East 2nd Avenue, Lenoir City. Mr. Estrada was told three times to drop his phone and come out. He was slow and uncooperative to the officer's demands. He would not comply and Officer Yates deployed his tazer by drive stunning him with one short burst to the lower back until compliance.

Estrada was under the influence of alcohol and is only 20 years old. Mr. Estrada was identified as one of the four who ran from police. He was charged with underage consumption and resisting stop, halt, frisk.

No report was available on the fourth subject at press time.



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Busted

(oxycodone 15 mg), felony possession of schedule II for resale (methadone 10 mg), felony possession of schedule II for resale (methamphetamine), and felony possession of drug paraphernalia.

Eric Joseph Adams, 21, also of Ben Alder Lane was charged with felony possession of schedule II for resale (oxycodone 30 mg), felony possession of schedule II for resale (oxycodone 15 mg), felony possession of schedule II for resale (methadone 10

mg), felony possession of schedule II for resale (methamphetamine), felony possession of schedule VI (marijuana).

According to numerous reports, Thursday, around 8:07 AM, THP Knoxville Dispatch gave all units a BOLO (be on the lookout) for a green GMC Yukon traveling north on Interstate 75 near the 62 mile marker after caller reported the vehicle was driving all over the road, weaving from lane to lane, and the driver was possibly intoxicated.

Trooper Daniel Morton, THP positioned his patrol unit on

the entrance ramp from the 72 exit and waited. He reported he observed a vehicle matching the description and confirmed the license plate matched the one on the BOLO. He also witnessed it following another vehicle approximately 1-2 car lengths before stopping it near the 77 mm northbound to investigate the BOLO and the traffic violation.

The driver, Mr. Thomas was able to show registration and insurance for the car. The passenger, Mr. Adams stated he was the owner of the vehicle.

Trooper Morton further reported he asked Mr. Thomas to exit the vehicle so he could determine if he was under the influence and Thomas stated he had not been drinking. When asked why he was driving instead of Mr. Adams, Thomas replied Mr. Adams got sleepy over the long drive from Florida where they were vis-

iting his cousin. He could not recall the city or his cousin's address, but stated it was 100 miles from Destin.

During the conversation Mr. Thomas reportedly appeared nervous and did not stand still. He kept looking back at the vehicle.

Mr. Adams stated they left their residence in Knoxville earlier that day and had been to Loudon to visit Mr. Thomas's cousin, but he did not know where the cousin lived in Loudon. He made no mention of traveling to Florida.

Records indicate the trooper clarified with Adams they had not been out of state, only to Loudon. Trooper Morton asked Mr. Adams for consent to search his ve-

hicle and was asked specifically about drugs and weapons, Adams stated there was nothing illegal inside the car and gave verbal permission to search. Mr. Adams also appeared to be nervous. He spoke in a broken voice and his hands were shaking.

Mr. Thomas also gave permission for the search, including his overnight bag from his trip to Florida and said there was nothing illegal in the car.

The trooper asked for a county deputy and a K9 to come to the scene, and Corporal Paul Curtis and his K9 Deacon responded. Upon arrival, the K9 was deployed and alerted on the outside of the car. He also alerted

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Busted cont.

on the inside between the front seats. The lawmen then began the search and initially found iPods, cell phones, a CB radio and scanners. The scanners had frequencies of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies programmed and were turned on.

The officer reported the center console's

lid had screw heads that appeared to have been recently removed. The screws on the console itself were in original condition. Inside the natural void of the armrest there were two plastic bags with something inside, rolled in toilet tissue.

When the trooper removed the bag he found what appeared to be several hundred pills. Oxycodone 30

mg in one bag and 15 mg oxycodone in the other.

As the search continued, Corporal Curtis removed the cup holders revealing another natural void area. There, the lawmen found a black pouch and a green knife case. Inside the pouch was a large sum of cash. The money was packaged together using rubber bands in one thousand dollar increments. There was a total of \$3000 in cash made up of 100, 50, and 20 dollar bills.

Inside the green case was a clear plastic bottle containing six white pills. The pills were later identified as methadone 10 mg. Also in the green case was a clear plastic bag containing a white powdery substance. The substance appeared to be methamphetamine and weighed

approximately .5g.

Also under the cup holders, Corporal Curtis reported he found a blue and orange pipe commonly used for smoking marijuana. There was a burnt substance still inside the bowl area that was believed to be burnt marijuana residue.

In the same compartment, Trooper Mike Wilson located a dark colored tar substance that was identified as hash marijuana that was believed to weigh less than 1/2 oz.

The two men were transported to the Loudon County Jail for questioning.

The DEA-Knoxville responded to the jail and conducted interviews with both Thomas and Adams.

Records indicate Mr. Thomas had been given three individual state identification cards to pick up prescriptions in Florida. The people who the cards belong to were identified and it was learned, each had written permission slip giving Mr. Thomas the authority to use their ID cards to purchase their medications in Florida. All medications from all persons involved had been combined into the two bags.

Both Thomas and Adams were also charged with the possession of controlled substance with the intent to obtain, deliver, and facilitate the sale of the schedule II and VI drugs.

The total amount of US currency recovered was \$4260.



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