

## Woman charged with endangering fetus when pair goes to jail for pills

When Deputy Brandon Dixon saw a beer can thrown from a disabled vehicle and stopped to check out the situation, he reported finding a pregnant woman under the influence of pills and a man who also was in possession of unprescribed pills.

Amanda Nichole Sutton, 25, Steekee Road, Loudon was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication and reckless endangerment of a viable fetus.

Jerry Lyn Galyon, 53, also of Steekee  
(see Sutton pg. 4)



Amanda Nichole Sutton

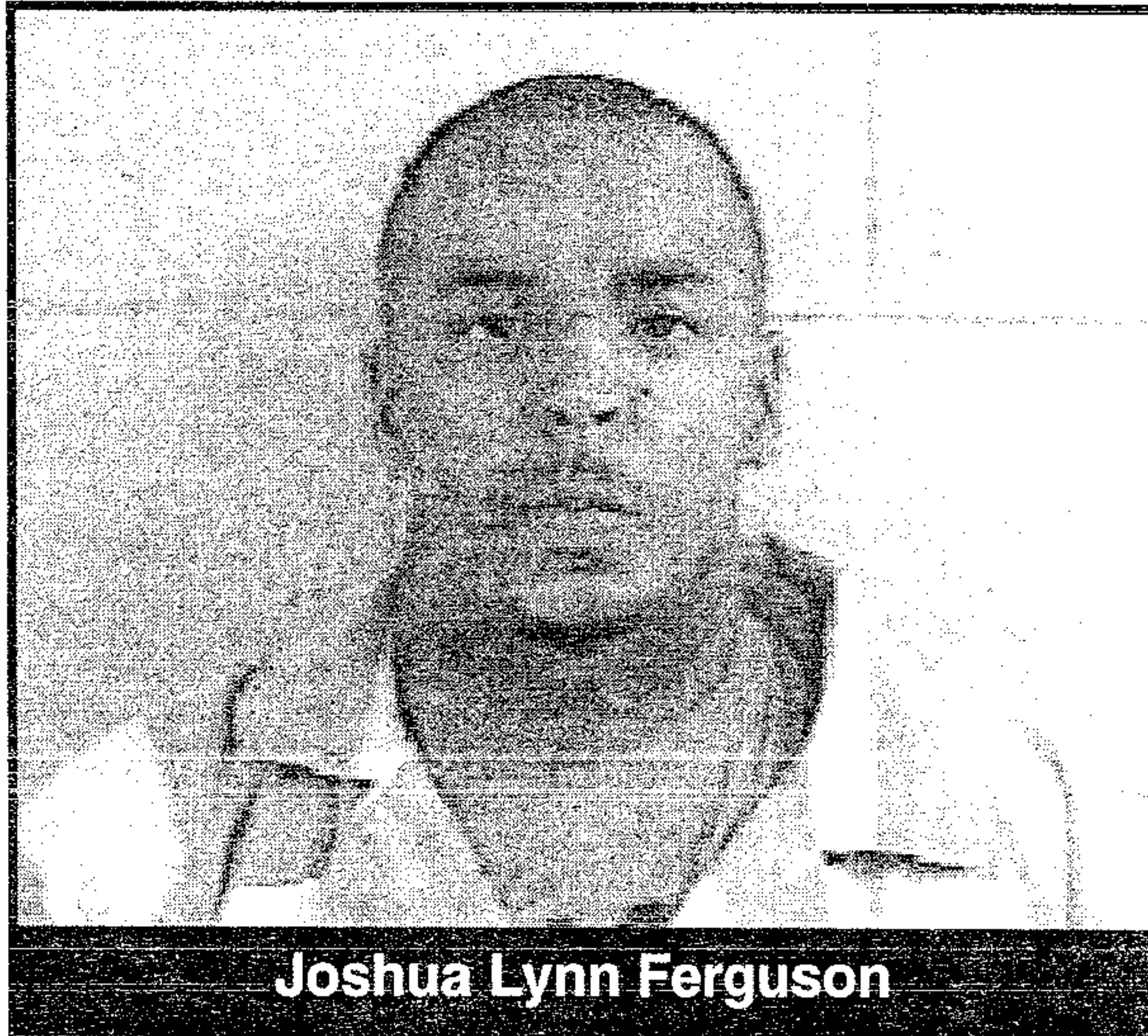
## Man accused of violating conditional release by beating woman

A local man is accused of violating the conditions of his bail after he allegedly beat a woman who was listed as a protected person on his bail grant.

Joshua Lynn Ferguson, 26, Highway 321 South, Lenoir City was charged with domestic assault and violation of conditional release.

According to reports, Officer Emily Lawson, LCPD responded to Prestwick Drive in reference to a welfare check on a woman who told her brother she was assaulted by Joshua Ferguson. Upon arrival, Officer Lawson observed the woman had a very swollen and bruised

(see Ferguson pg. 3)



Joshua Lynn Ferguson

## Thousand Cankers Disease Discovered in East Tennessee



A black walnut tree branch infected with Thousand Cankers Disease.

(see Disease pg. 7)

## Woman gets 3rd DUI in drunk driver call



Tammy Marcella Bradshaw

(see Bradshaw pg. 6)

### Verse of the day

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks

always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Ephesians 5:19-20

### Obituaries

Dorothy (Dot) Aikens

### Wazzup

A great big thank you to Rocky Top Shell on Highway 321 in Lenoir City for recognizing the Tennessee Tax Stamp Sunday afternoon - good customer service gets our money every

time!

### Weather:

Today: Sunny along with a few clouds. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. Heat index near 105. High 97. Winds light (see More pg. 2)

**Ferguson**

left eye where the vessels in the eyeball had ruptured, causing it to appear bloody.

The officer also noted the woman's nose, especially the bridge, was bruised and swollen, and she had very large bruises on her arms and a red abrasion on the back of her neck.

The victim reported Ferguson got angry the previous evening

and struck her repeatedly with his fists.

While investigating the incident, Officer Lawson learned the victim is a protected person named on a bail grant that was issued to Mr. Ferguson stemming from a previous domestic violence arrest in April 2010.

**Police Beat**

Samuel Drew Gutterman, 19, Virtue Road, Lenoir City,

was charged with underage driving while impaired and simple possession of marijuana.

According to records, Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO witnessed a red Oldsmobile on Muddy Creek Road traveling 54 mph in a 35 mph zone and turned around to make an attempt to stop it, but it continued on about 100 yards and finally

stopped in the middle of the road at Pardue Lane.

Deputy Chad Petty reported that as he was attempting to stop the vehicle he noticed the driver, later identified as Mr. Gutterman, moving around appearing to hide something, and when he approached the Oldsmobile, he noticed Mr. Gutterman had bloodshot eyes and appeared very nervous. Deputy Chad Petty further reported he asked Gutterman if there were any drugs or

weapons in the vehicle and Gutterman replied no.

Mr Gutterman kept asking Deputy Chad Petty to exit the vehicle so he could talk to him.

An inventory was taken of the vehicle to make sure there were no weapons for officers safety and during the search a small amount of a green leafy substance in a clear baggie believed to be marijuana was found in the console.

Mr. Gutterman stated he smoked marijuana prior to being stopped and was currently taking adderall. He performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was placed under arrest.

Mr. Gutterman agreed to implied consent and was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for a blood test then onto the jail.



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## Obituaries

**Dorothy (Dot) Aikens**, - age 76 of Lenoir City passed away Saturday, August 7, 2010. She was a member of West Broadway Baptist Church. Dot was a loving mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed. Preceded in death by her husband, Billy Joe Aikens; sister, Jeanette Berry; brother, Joe White and great grandson, Kaden Aikens. Survived by her daughter, Jeanie Aikens Corum and husband, Jeff of Norris; sons, Billy Aikens and wife, Louise of Sweetwater and Coy Wayne Aikens of Marion, IL; grandchildren: Justin Aikens and wife, Samantha, Kimberly Wheeler

and Michael, Leigh Ann Parks and husband, Jamey, Jerry Aikens, Chris Aikens and Nancy Aikens; great grandchildren, Jeremiah and Hayley Aikens, Gavin Wheeler, Kiara, Kaitlyn, Kaleb and Brittany Parks, and Eliza Aikens; sister, Nellie Norman of Loudon; sister-in-law, Wanda White of Lenoir City; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Frank Weaver officiating. Burial will follow in the Lakev-

iew Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

### Sutton

Road, Loudon was charged with possession of schedule II, possession of schedule III and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to records, Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSO was patrolling Interstate 75 South Sunday afternoon and noticed a disabled vehicle near the 83 mile marker. He saw a woman throw a beer can from the vehicle into the grass. The driver was identified as Jerry Galyon, his passenger was Amanda Sutton.

Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSO and his K9 Diego arrived on scene. The deputy

ran K9 Diego around the vehicle and he alerted.

Records indicate the deputy recovered a white Excedrin pill bottle from the center console, which contained 3 1/2 blue round pills believe to be oxycodone 30 mg., The officer also found two straws with residue inside, believed to be used for snorting pills and a Wolf container in the glove box that contained 1/2 of a yellow pill believed to be hydrocodone.

Ms. Sutton allegedly admitted snorting 1/2 of a blue pill and had a straw with

residue inside in her purse. Ms. Sutton had slurred speech and was a danger to herself and others if she was left in the car. She advised Deputy Dixon she was 10 weeks pregnant and admitted she took 1/2 of a blue pill, believed to be oxycodone, which was reckless and endangering the fetus.

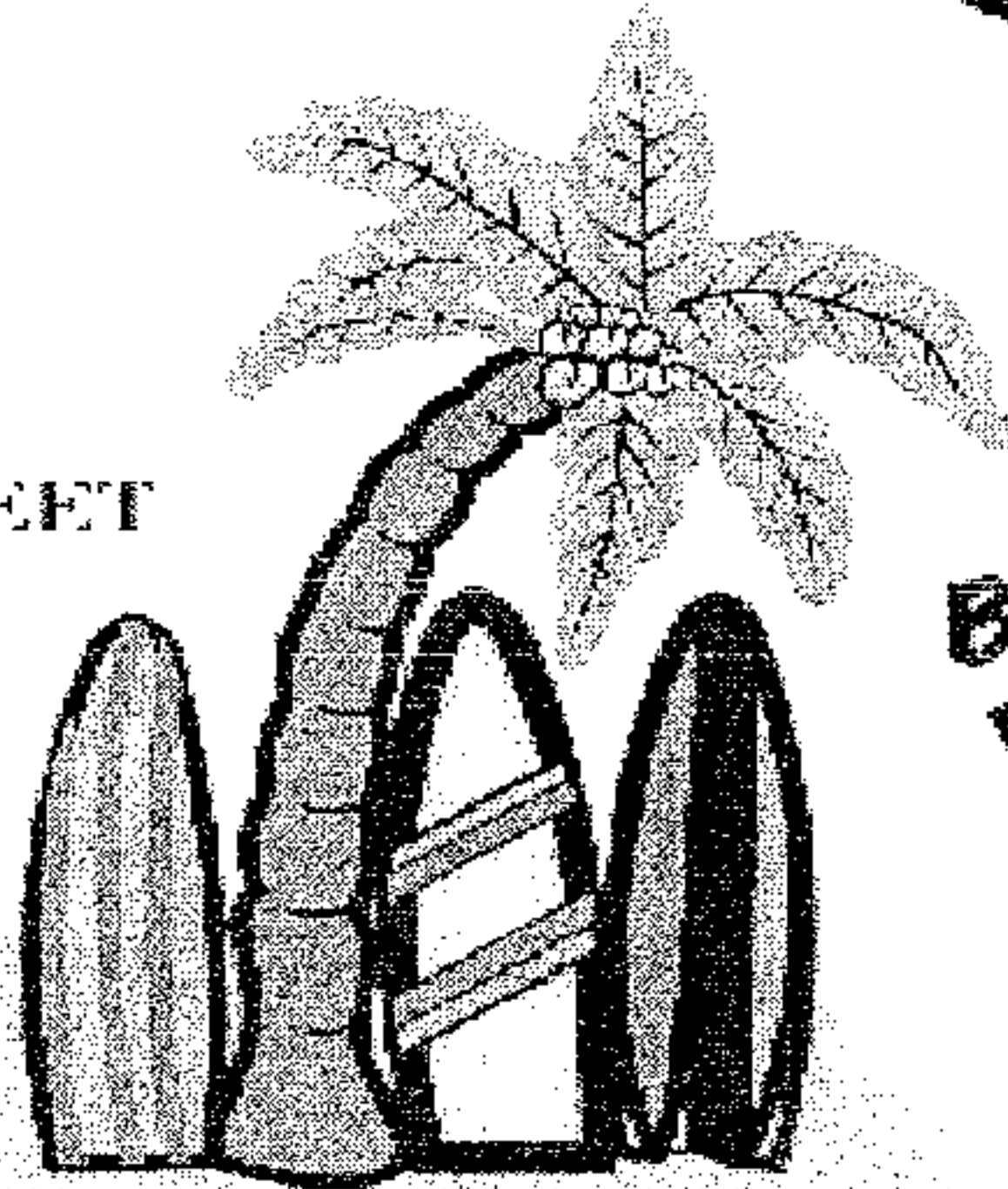
### Police Beat

Gabriel Tyler McCollister, 24, Steekee School Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation.

Officer Mike Hodges, LCPD made the arrest Wednesday.

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### Bradshaw

When LPD officers were called to investigate a possible drunk driver, responders located a Loudon woman who reportedly was having trouble driving and upon finding her intoxicated charged her with her third DUI.

Tammy Marcella Bradshaw, 47, Webster Court, Loudon, was charged Sunday with driving under the influence 3rd offense and violation of implied consent.

According to reports, Officer Blake Norman, LPD responded to the Jiffy on Grove Street in reference to a drunk driver and upon arrival saw a green Dodge truck having problems exiting the parking lot. Officer Norman started following the vehicle. The driver, Ms. Bradshaw, made an extremely wide turn onto Atlanta Avenue and when she got on Commerce Street she crossed the double yellow line several times. The lawman pulled Bradshaw over at the Commerce Street Laundromat and found she had very slurred speech, and bloodshot eyes and there was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the truck.

When asked to exit the vehicle to perform field sobriety, Bradshaw became extremely mad and

refused to get out of the truck until asked the third time, after which she did poorly on the tasks.

Ms. Bradshaw refused implied consent.

### Police Beat

Mitchell Tyrome Ferguson, 19, Harrison Bend Road, Loudon was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to reports, Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD responded to McGhee Square Apartments in reference to a domestic assault. Upon arrival, Officer Gentry spoke to a woman who stated her friend and her friend's boyfriend, Mitchell Ferguson, were arguing and he hit her friend and also unintentionally hit her, then closed the door.

When Ferguson became aware the police had been called, he left the scene and went to Ingles where he was apprehended by other officers.

Law enforcement spoke to Ferguson's girlfriend and she advised they were arguing and he did strike her and her friend.

Officer P. McFall and Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD were also on scene.

Wesley Blake Jennings, 27, Country Road 152, Riceville was charged with DUI 1st offense and

violation of implied consent.

According to records, Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD observed a black Chevy Blazer traveling on Highway 72 in Loudon and saw it cross over the white lane line nearly striking the median. The tag displayed on the vehicle came back to a 1994 green Jeep.

The officer stopped the vehicle at the Interstate 75 southbound entrance ramp and identified the driver as Wesley Jennings. Mr. Jennings had an odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person. He performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was subsequently arrested.

Jennings was read the implied consent law, signed it and submitted to a BAC test. The test produced a result of .06.

At that time, Mr. Jennings was asked to go to the ER for a blood test and Mr.

Jennings refused saying, pain medication would show up in his system, so he was charged with violation of implied consent.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD was also on scene.

Kerry Denise Johnson, 25, Corinth Church Road, Loudon was charged with two counts of failure to appear.

Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

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**Disease**

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Agriculture announced the discovery of Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD), the first detection of the destructive tree pest east of the Mississippi River. The discovery was made in July by a TDA forester.

“The discovery of TCD in Tennessee

is unexpected, but we’re prepared to help slow the spread of the infestation and protect our forest resources.” said state Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens. “We will be working closely with stakeholders to determine the extent of the infestation and to take steps to limit its spread.”

TCD is a progressive disease that

kills a tree within two to three years after initial infection. The disease-causing fungus, *Geosmithia*, is transmitted by a small twig beetle. Branches and trunk tissue are killed by repeated infections by the fungus, as the beetles carry the fungus into new bark.

The TCD discovery comes a week after emerald ash borer (EAB) was found. Both TCD and EAB have the potential to cause significant damage to Tennessee forests. It is imperative that citizens work to prevent the spread of both.

In response to the find, TDA plans to issue a quarantine in Knox county prohibiting the movement of firewood and black walnut nursery stock and limiting the movement of black

walnut timber and other material that can spread TCD. TDA plant inspectors and foresters will conduct a thorough survey of trees in the areas to assess the extent of the infestation and to see if more quarantines are warranted.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry estimates that 1.38 million black walnut trees in Tennessee’s urban areas are potentially at risk from TCD. The risk represents an estimated value loss of \$1.37 billion. There are an estimated 26 million black walnut trees on Tennessee public and private timberland potentially valued as high as \$1.47 billion.

TDA officials urge area residents and visitors to help prevent the spread of TCD and EAB:

\* Don’t transport firewood, even with-

in Tennessee. Don’t bring firewood along for camping trips. Buy the wood you need from a local source. Don’t bring wood home with you.

\* Don’t buy or move firewood from outside the state. If someone comes to your door selling firewood, ask them about the source, and don’t buy wood from outside the state.

\* Watch for signs of infestation in your black walnut trees. If you suspect your black walnut tree could be infested with TCD, visit [www.TN.gov/agriculture/tcd](http://www.TN.gov/agriculture/tcd) for an online symptoms checklist and report form or call TDA’s Regulatory Services Division at 1-800-628-2631.

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