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Thursday, August 12, 2010

# Couple charged with marijuana for resale



**Marcus D. Washington**



**Whitney A. Holte**



LCSO officials reportedly confiscated marijuana, pills, cash and paraphernalia (photo right) from a Knoxville couple after another motorist called 911 to

report a possible drunk driver on the interstate early Friday.

Marcus Douglas Washington, 33, Coronado Lane, (see Couple pg. 3)

## Area man charged in 2009 burglary



**Gregory Daniel Winfield**

(see Winfield pg. 6)

## July Revenues

NASHVILLE – State sales tax revenues for July jumped with the largest monthly growth in over three years. Finance and Administration Commissioner Dave Goetz reported July's total revenue collections were up from July of last year. The last month in which sales tax collections exceeded this month's growth rate was April of 2007.

"We believe the growth in both sales and corporate tax collections point to an economic recovery in Tennessee; however, we will con-

(see Revenues pg. 7)

## Friend leaves buddy in wrecked vehicle



**Matthew Bruce Lockner**

(see Lockner pg. 4)

### Verse of the day

*Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways*

*are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

Obituaries

None

### Wazzup

A big shout out from Misty McKinney to Private 2nd Class Chad Green. It sure was good to see you. We'll miss you when you're back at Fort Wainwright in Alaska (Brrr..)!!!!

Get well soon, Bryce Ritter! We love you!

### Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy with afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Near re-

(see More pg. 2)

**Couple**

Knoxville was charged with possession of marijuana for resale, possession of drug

paraphernalia, and possession of schedule IV (alprazolam).

Whitney Alison Holte 'aka' Washington, 22, also of Coronado Lane, Knoxville was charged with possession of marijuana for resale and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to reports, Friday, around 1:00 AM, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO received a call in reference to a possible drunk driver on

Interstate 75 north-bound around the 69 mile marker. The caller followed the vehicle, a red Jeep Cherokee, from the 69 mile marker to the 81 mile marker while staying on the phone with E911 operators, giving reports on how the person was driving. The complainant advised the Cherokee almost struck several vehicles.

The lawman re-

ported he observed the vehicle made an abrupt exit onto the 81 exit ramp and almost struck his vehicle. He stopped the vehicle in the parking lot of the Marathon Gas Station just off the interstate and identified the driver as Marcus Washington.

Mr. Washington advised he was extremely tired and was pulling into the motel to get a room because a police officer told him to. The officer asked him to exit the vehicle and while they were talking, Mr. Washington appeared to be confused and tired.

The officer deployed K9 Draga to sniff the Cherokee and she alerted in the area of the driver's door. A search of the vehicle produced a small envelope containing approximately 6 grams of marijuana.

Approximately 2 more ounces of marijuana was found in a leather overnight bag on the rear seat.

The front seat passenger was identified as Whitney A. Holte 'aka' Washington. A search of her purse produced a set of postal scales.

The officer reported he also found a white pen body in the rear area of the vehicle that had a white powder residue in it.

There was also a pill bottle next to the driver's seat that contained 1/2 of a alprazolam. Washington claimed the pill.

Both Holte and Washington denied ownership of the marijuana found in the vehicle among their personal belongings.

Corporal Ernie Brown, LCSO, was also on scene.

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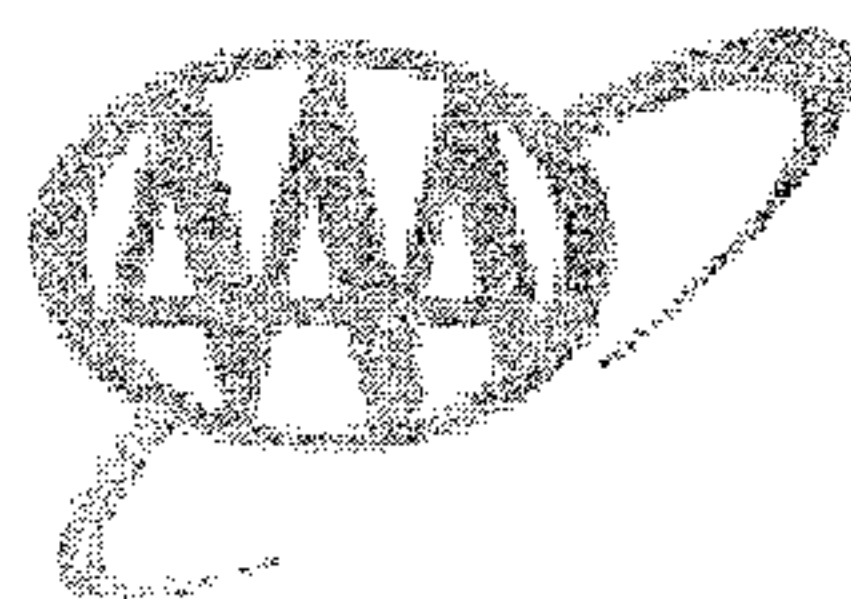


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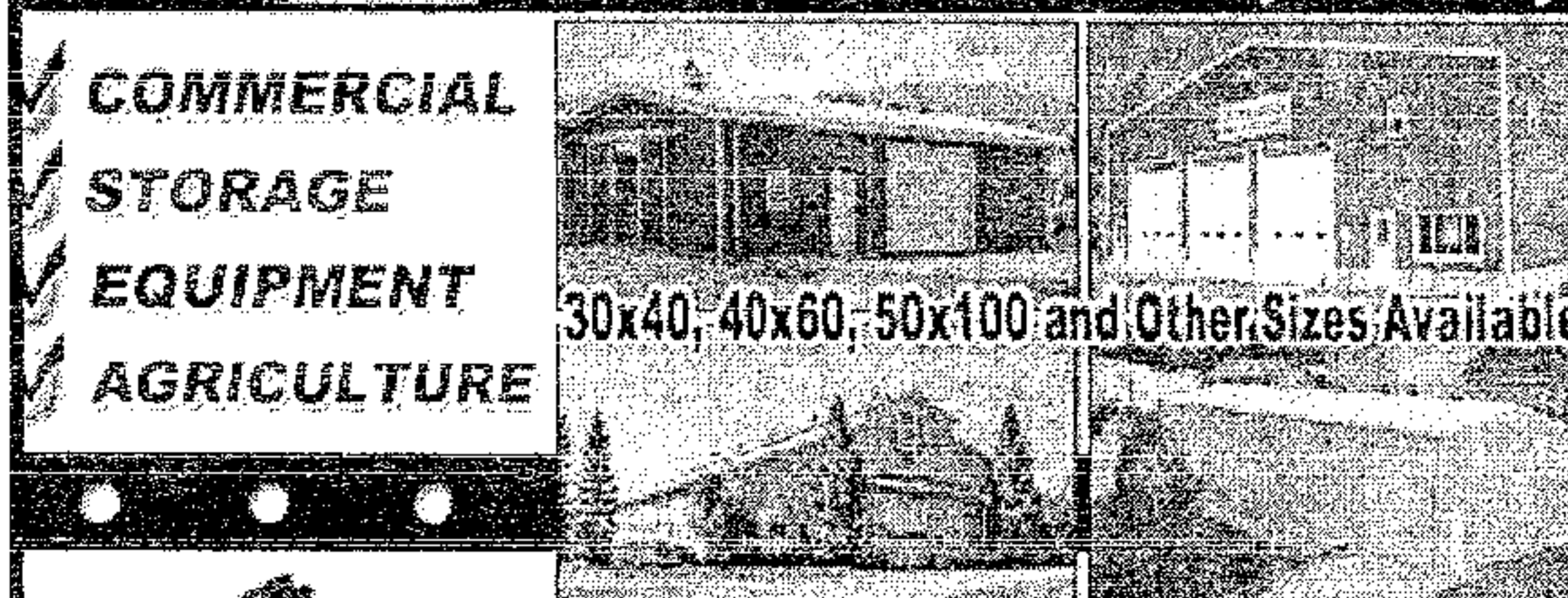
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### Lockner

A local man is accused of leaving his buddy injured and asleep in his vehicle after he allegedly wrecked it while driving home from a West Knoxville bar the two friends had visited Sunday night.

Matthew Bruce Lockner, 30, Wahu Lane, Loudon was charged with driving on suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident with injury.

According to reports, Monday, at approximately 6:37 AM, Patrolwoman Jamie Whitt, LCPD was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident in the area of Highway 321 and Town Creek Road.

The passenger had a cut over his left eye and

blood on his shirt. He stated he and Matthew Lockner had been at the Cotton Eyed Joe. They were both drinking and Matthew was driving the black Dodge Ram 1500 found wrecked at the scene.

The man also advised he went to sleep when they left the bar and when he woke up he was still in the passenger seat in the truck. The driver and owner of the vehicle, Matthew Lockner, had left him there after going over the embankment and did not wake him nor assist him.

Mr. Lockner's drivers license status came back suspended.

Mr. Lockner turned himself in to the Loudon County Jail Tuesday where Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO placed

him under arrest.

### Police Beat

Ronald J. Cottrell, 49, homeless, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

According to records, while on patrol, Officer Blake Norman, LPD was advised by the clerk at the Weigel's on Highway 72 that a man was loitering around the business.

Officer Norman observed a man walking on Highway 72 at Interstate 75 and identified him as Ronald Cottrell. Cottrell had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and admitted to drinking.

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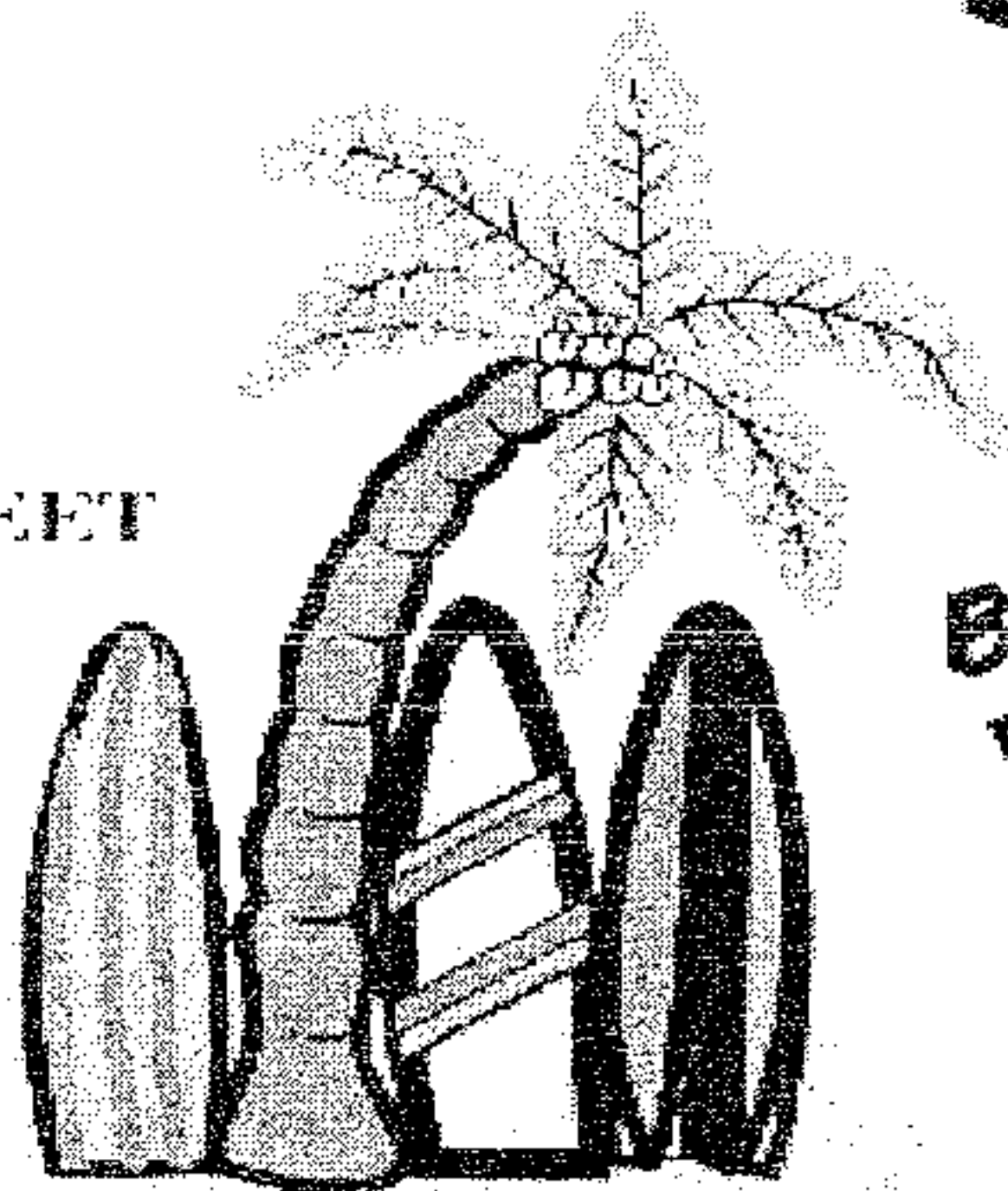
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### Winfield

Authorities arrested an area man on theft charges following an LCPD investigation into the late 2009 burglary of a Lenoir City residence where over \$6000 worth of property was stolen.

Gregory Daniel Winfield, 24, was charged with violation of probation and theft over \$1,000.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; according to the victim's statement sometime between the dates of October 19th and October 26th, 2009, Mr. Winfield took jewelry, a Panasonic video camera, a Sony video camera, an iPod and a .357 Ruger handgun from the victim's residence.

The total value of the property was estimated at \$6222 and Mr. Winfield took it without the express permission of the vic-

tim. Deputy Kimber Littleton, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday at the Knox County Jail.

### Police Beat

Chucky Lee Hawkins, 34, Corinth

Road, Loudon was charged with violation of community corrections.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO, arrested Mr. Hawkins Saturday at the Blount County Jail.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board (LCUB) Salary Committee will meet on Friday, August 13, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room at the LCUB Main Office Building, 200 Depot Street, Lenoir City, Tennessee. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. Consideration of approving the Minutes from the January 8, 2010, and the February 23, 2010, Salary Committee Meetings.
2. Consideration of approving salary/benefits for the General Manager.
3. Consideration of approving salary/benefits for the Assistant General Manager.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board (LCUB) Personnel Committee will meet on Friday, August 13, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the LCUB Main Office Building, 200 Depot Street, Lenoir City, Tennessee. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. Consideration of approving the Minutes from the May 7, 2010 and the August 4, 2010, Personnel Committee Meetings.
2. Consideration of approving the Employment Agreement for the General Manager.
3. Consideration of approving the Employment Agreement for the Assistant General Manager.

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## Funding

tinue to be cautious, keeping our budget in balance as we move forward," Goetz said. "Franchise and Excise tax collections showed negative growth for the month, but this can be attributed to significant one-time payments received in July of 2009. The year-to-date growth in our corporate tax collections have shown considerable

improvement over last year, posting a gain of over 4 percent," Goetz said.

Overall, July revenues were \$833.6 million or \$22.5 million more than the state budgeted.

On an accrual basis, July is the twelfth month in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

The general fund was over collected by \$28.0 million, and the four other funds were un-

der collected by \$5.5 million.

Sales tax collections were \$1.0 million less than the estimate for July. The July growth rate was 5.94%. For twelve months revenues are under collected by \$225.7 million. The year-to-date growth rate for twelve months was negative 2.25%.

Franchise and excise taxes combined were \$7.5 million over the budgeted estimate of \$44.0 million. The growth rate for July was negative 36.40%. For twelve months revenues are over collected by \$83.3 million and the year-to-date growth rate was positive 4.01%.

Inheritance and estate tax collections were \$1.8 million above the July estimate. For twelve months collections are \$10.4 million below the budgeted estimate.

Privilege tax collections were \$1.1 million below the July budgeted estimate. For twelve months collections are \$24.8 million less than the budgeted estimate, and the year-to-date growth rate was negative 3.15%.

Tobacco tax collections were \$1.2 million above the budgeted estimate of \$25.3 million. For twelve months revenues are over collected by \$1.2 million.

Gasoline and motor fuel tax collections for July decreased by 0.36%. For twelve months revenues are under collected by \$8.2 million.

Year-to-date collections for twelve months were \$203.0 million less than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was under collected by \$151.3 million and the four other funds were under collected by \$51.7 million.

The budgeted revenue estimates for 2009-2010 are based on the State Funding Board's consensus recommendation adopted by the first session of the 106th General Assembly in May of 2009, and are available on the state's Web site at <http://www.tn.gov/finance/bud/budget.html>.

The State Funding board met on December 18, 2009 and adopted mid-year revised revenue ranges for 2009-2010. The revised ranges reflect growth rates ranging from negative 1.50% to negative 0.25% in

total taxes, and negative 2.35% to negative 0.85% in general fund taxes. Based on the consensus recommendation, the official budgeted estimates for 2009-2010 were revised in late December.

The revised mid-year estimates are reflected on pages A-70 and A-72 in the 2010-2011 Budget Document and assume an under collection in total taxes in the amount of \$161.3 million, and an under collection of \$153.2 million in the general fund.

The funding board met again in March of this year and adopted final revenue ranges for 2009-2010.

The board's consensus recommendation was to recognize lower growth rates than those adopted on December 18, 2009. The revised ranges reflect growth rates ranging from negative 1.77% to negative 1.29% for total taxes, and negative 2.31% to negative 1.78% in general fund taxes.

Based upon the funding board's March recommendation the revised estimates for 2009-2010 compared to the July 2009 official budgeted estimates now assume an under collection in total taxes in the amount of \$258.9 million, and an under collection of \$231.0 million in general fund taxes.

Year-to-date collections for 2009-2010 are subject to final accrual adjustments.



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