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Thursday, August 26, 2010

Woman accused of stealing from in-laws

Detective Jonathan Sartin charged a local woman with burglary and theft following an investigation into allegations she stole about \$2000 in jewelry from her in-law's residence.

Christina Marie Walker, 25, formerly of Rogers Circle, Lenoir City was charged with aggravated burglary and theft over \$1000 after being taken into

(see Walker pg. 4)



Christina Marie Walker

Woman charged after checks forged, cashed for over \$400

LCPD officials charged a Lenoir City woman with the theft and forgery of at least two checks reported stolen from local man, which she allegedly cashed for more than \$400.

Lennis Michelle Dyal, 32, Finley Drive, Lenoir City was charged with two counts of theft under \$500 and two counts

(see Dyal pg. 6)



Lennis Michelle Dyal

Woman steals phone bill money

An Athens woman was charged with theft after she allegedly took another woman's money under the pretense of paying a bill for her that she did not pay.

Starr Leann Miller, 30, Bank (see Miller pg. 2)



Starr Leann Miller

Inebriated man found stumbling around graveyard in underwear

A local deputy responding to a break-in call reported finding an underwear clad man talking out of his head and stumbling around in

(see Crowder pg. 5)

Long walk ends at jail for man on I-75

A man who reportedly did not know where he was or long he had been walking along I-75 was taken into custody after law enforcement

(see Hellem pg. 4)

'Fall in Step' Auction and Dinner to support Kids First Child Advocacy Center of the 9th Judicial District

Many valuable items for the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). "Fall in Step for Kids First" is

(see Auction pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and

healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

Obituaries

Helen B. Luttrell

Michael Earl Whitehead Charles Leslie (Les) Sweeney

Wazzup

A big shout out to Tim Cole at East Tennessee Scaleworks for a most

awesome race weekend at Bristol - from your crew & friends!

Weather

Today: Sunny along with a few clouds. High 89. Winds N at 5 to 10

mph. Tonight: Generally fair. Low 66. Winds light and variable.

Friday: Mostly sunny skies. High 87. Winds

(see More pg. 2)

N at 5 to 10 mph.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

You need to let someone close know what's really going on with you, but it may come out -- or just be perceived -- as criticism of them. Let them know beforehand that you're fine with them as they are.

Libra 9/23-10/22

You need to let go of your routines -- things are far too delicate now for you to try to stick to the status quo in the face of major change. You may find yourself in a better position soon.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

You need to open up your heart a little more -- but the universe is helping you out with that! Whether you're single, long-partnered or somewhere in between, a little romance is perfect just now.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

You just can't seem to get going today, no matter how hard you try. That's okay -- you just have to take it slow

and hope that you can catch up at some later date. Everyone needs time to recharge!

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

Today is perfect for expressing your true feelings or for making convincing pleas. It's much easier than usual to persuade people you're right, so try to pester the people who need to change their minds.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Spending can be difficult today, so make sure that you are taking care with your checking account and credit cards. You may want to leave them at home, in fact, or in the care of someone you trust.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your focus on those around you is charming -- and doesn't go unnoticed! You may find yourself flirting with someone impossibly hot or getting praise at work for your unstoppable team spirit.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Something big pops up this morning that demands your atten-

tion -- car trouble, an unexpectedly large bill or maybe an emotional crisis -- and you know that all other business is on hold.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Your friends are there for you today, though a few of them may be somewhat distracted. It's a good day for you to kick back and let them help out, though you may feel as if you owe them too much already.

Gemini 5/21-6/21

You need to let yourself really push on your career track, even if you'd rather be doing other things. You can make more progress than you realize if you just shift some resources around.

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Your mind is not quite your own today, but that just means that you're working at a higher level. See if you can get your people to watch your back as you daydream -- you need the space.

Leo 7/23-8/22

You're feeling a little

strange right now, and you should heed your doubts. Any financial dealings need to be put on hold unless they are life-or-death. Soon, you should know what you need to know.

Miller

Street, Athens was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about June 24th, 2010, a woman gave Starr Miller \$160 to pay her phone bill and Mrs.

Miller took the money, went into Wilburn's, then came out, got in the car and they left.

The victim said she later found out Mrs. Miller did not pay her phone bill and kept her money.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD saw Mrs. Miller on the front porch of a residence on Grove Street and had prior knowledge she had an active warrant for her arrest out of Lenoir City and took her into custody Thursday.



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a dinner and auction being held September 10th at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. You will be able to bid on a wide range of items in both a silent and live auction. The UT Athletic Department has once again donated tickets to Lady Vols and football games in addition to pre-game side-line tours. There will be a large number of gift certificates to local restaurants. A huge variety of home décor items donated by Charlotte Johnson of Trends

& Traditions will delight you. This year there will be an authentic copper whiskey-making tub filled with spirits and libations.

The Auction has been a huge success in past years. Enough money was raised to build a new building on land donated by Ted Wampler. Moving into a building dedicated to "healing the pain of child abuse" was a dream come true. The proceeds from this auction will support the programs and services children and their fami-

lies receive while on the road to recovery.

Director Chris Evans-Longmire states, "For many of us the horror of child abuse will never be a firsthand experience, but for others it's a part of life that brings more questions than answers, creates doubts and insecurities. Your support is needed to help put together the broken pieces of a child's life once shattered by child abuse"

People frequently ask what they can do to help abused children. One answer is that you can at-

tend the Auction and help us raise funds to continue the valuable work of the CAC. This is a win-win situation. You'll have a delightful evening listening to great bluegrass music and later enjoy a wonderful meal. You'll have an opportunity to bid on many unusual or one of a kind items with the proceeds supporting programs at the CAC.

This year there is a change of venue to the beautiful Tellico Village Yacht Club. In place of a speaker you'll be entertained before dinner by the local bluegrass band, Tellico Connection. The cost is \$75 per person (a portion is tax deductible) and tables of (8) may be reserved for \$600. Tickets will go on sale August 1st and may be purchased by calling 865-986-1505 (Visa and Master Card accepted). Guests may begin gathering at 5:30 to view and sign up for items in the silent auction. Dinner will be at 7:00 with the live auction following. New this year for the live auction is auctioneer, David Pozy.

We can all make a difference in the life of a child by supporting the important work of the Child Advocacy Center.

Hellem
officials deemed him a danger to himself due to being intoxicated.

Eric David Hellem, 26, Doeskin Valley Road, Sweetwater was charged with public intoxication.


According to re-

ports, at approximately 9:01 PM, Wednesday, Sgt. AJ Yokley, LCSO responded to Interstate 75 southbound between the 67 and 68 mile marker in reference to a white male walking along the interstate and upon arrival spotted him in the bushes alongside the freeway.

When the officer backed up his patrol unit, the man left the bushes and began walking down the interstate. When the lawman activated his emergency lights the man stopped, but continued to face away from the vehicle. When asked if he had any identification he said he didn't. When the Sgt. asked him if he had any weapons on him, he began to empty out his pockets on the hood of the patrol car. Among the items on the hood was a Tennessee ID card, which identified him as Eric David Hellem.

Mr. Hellem had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and appeared unsteady on his feet. Hellem had no idea where he was or how long he had been on the interstate, and performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

Mr. Hellem was deemed a danger to himself if left on the side of the interstate and was placed under arrest.



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Walker

urday on an investigative hold for Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD.

According to numerous records, Officer Emily Lawson, LCPD responded to a residence on Rogers Circle on a return call after having left approximately 1 1/2 hours earlier when she gave Christina Walker the opportunity to find the means to vacate the property and find somewhere to go. Walker was trespassing at the Rogers Circle residence, where she had gone to use the phone after being involved in an incident at another residence on Rogers Circle.

The law woman reported Mrs. Walker had made no effort to contact anyone upon her return.

After information came to light regarding some stolen jewelry Walker was in possession of the previous evening, Officer Lawson told the other parties at the home she was going to contact Detective Sartin and while talking with the detective via cell phone, Mrs. Walker picked up her belongings from the roadside, where she had gone to sit and began walking down the road.

Officer Lawson learned from Detective Sartin Mrs. Walker was a suspect in a burglary and failed to keep an appointment for a polygraph at the end of last week. He asked for Walker to be held so he could interview

her. Mrs. Walker was found concealing herself, lying in a wooded area and was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Detective Sartin charged Walker with aggravated burglary and theft over \$1000 and wrote in his affidavits Christina Walker entered the residence of Jimmy and Helene Walker on Rogers Circle in Lenoir City on or about July 28th, 2010, and took jewelry, which was later found in her possession by a witness.

On or about August 20th, 2010, Christina Walker had in her possession, at another residence on Rogers Circle, jewelry that had been

taken from her step mother-in-law's residence, which is also on Rogers Circle on July 28th, 2010. The total amount of property taken was \$2000.

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Police Beat
 William Brian 'Ton' Collis, 41, Vonore Road, Loudon was charged with violation of probation out of Knox County.

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Crowder
a graveyard at a Green-back church during the wee hours of the morning Thursday.

Timothy Robert Crowder, 34, East Coast Tellico Parkway, Vonore was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Thursday, around 4:08 AM, Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSO was

dispatched to Trigon Road in reference to a break-in to a residence in progress. Upon arrival, the deputy made contact with a white male later identified as Timothy Robert Crowder.

Mr. Crowder was in the graveyard at Oakland Methodist Church. He was wearing only underwear and was very unsteady on his feet. Mr.

Crowder was talking out of his head and seeing things that weren't there.

Deputy Goddard asked Crowder where he was and he stated in Madisonville, but said he wasn't sure if he was in the city limits or not. Mr. Crowder told the officer he had one margarita earlier that evening, around 9:30 PM, but he did not know where he was or where he was going.

The deputy reported he shined his flashlight in Crowder's eyes, but his eyes did not respond

to the light and stayed dilated.

Due to Mr. Crowder's actions and for his safety, Deputy Goddard placed him under arrest. He ran Crowder's name and date of birth for a warrants check and Crowder came back with a warrant out of McMinn County for assault by domestic violence.

Police Beat

Jonathan Gaertner Baragar, 33, Ray Street, Athens was charged with a attachment.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSO made the arrest

Friday at the McMinn County Jail.

Ryan Seth 'Curtis' Curtis, 33, Cedar Circle, No City Listed, was charged with failure to appear.

Corporal Chad Estes, LCSO made the arrest Friday.

Barry Eugene Lynn, 43, Jones Drive, Tellico Plains was charged on a warrant out of McMinn County.

Deputy James Bowman, LCSO made the arrest Saturday.

Carmelo Luis 'Little Slick' Colon-Krammes, 18, Atlanta Avenue, Loudon was charged with failure to appear.

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

Jessica 'Junk' Jarrett, 27, West Oldham Avenue, Knoxville was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Kimber Littleton, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday.

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Obituaries

Helen B. Luttrell - age 85 of Lenoir City passed away Tuesday, August 24, 2010. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Rev. Edward "Bud" Luttrell. Helen was a member of Silver Ridge Baptist Church. Preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Sue Bunnell. Survivors other than her husband include, daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Joe Neeley of Lenoir City; son, Daniel Edward Luttrell of Jonesborough; grandchildren, Lisa Kay Neeley, Blake Bunnell, Holly Reed and husband, Phillip, and Jessica Luttrell; great grandchildren, Cash Reed and Skye Reed, and a host of friends. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Family and friends will gather by 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home and proceed to Pleasant Hill Cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services with Rev. Archie Elliott

officiating. Grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Earl Whitehead, age 53 of Loudon, passed away Thursday evening August 19, 2010 in Knoxville. Mr. Whitehead worked as an over the road truck driver. Preceded in death by father, Earl G. Whitehead and 3 siblings. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Miki and Guadalupe Cisneros, Loudon; mother, Thelma Eubanks Whitehead, Loudon; grandchildren, Ana, Alex and Marco Cisneros, Loudon; extended family and friends. Memorial services 6:30 PM Thursday, McGill-Karnes Chapel, Rev. Richard Wooley officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at McGill-Karnes Funeral Home, Loudon.

Charles Leslie (Les) Sweeney, a 7 year resident of Loudon and formally Newport News, VA, died peacefully August 23, 2010

at The Neighborhood in Tellico Village, TN. He was born January 15, 1916 in Norfolk, VA to Robert and Nettie Sweeney. Les made a career with the Newport News Shipbuilding with over 40 years in the Sheet Metal Dept. and Ship Repair. Prior to retirement he was instrumental in locating and restoring the first ship built in the yard, the Dorothy, now proudly displayed at the yard's main entrance. Retirement lasted one day when he joined the Jamestown Festival Park in Virginia to head up restoration of the three ships on display, the Susan Constant, the Godspeed and the Discovery. Upon completion of the ships he again retired and was again immediately employed by Rancorn Wildman Architects to administer the construction of the Virginia Air & Space Center in Hampton, VA. Besides being a master boat builder, Les was a beloved husband and an extraordinary father and friend, who will be missed by all. Your family

and friends wish you Godspeed. Les was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Edna Sweeney, sister Ruby Robertson and brothers Lee and Edward Sweeney. He is survived by one sister, Genevieve Delinger, VA Beach, VA, son Dick Sweeney of Edgewater, MD, daughters Phyllis Snyder of Loudon, TN, and Tina Gustin Haney, Norfolk, VA. Friends are invited to Tellico Village Community Church at 9 a.m. on August 28, 2010 for a memorial service. Les will be interred at Peninsula Memorial Park in Newport News. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City, TN is in charge of arrangements.

Dyal

of forgery.


According to affidavits filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; on August 4th, 2010, a local man reported he had a book of checks

from Regions Bank in Lenoir City stolen from his home. On July 22nd, 2010 at approximately 11:17 AM, Ms. Dyal cashed one of the checks at Regions Bank located at 344 Town Creek Parkway in Lenoir City for the amount of \$250.

At approximately 11:59 AM, Ms. Dyal cashed another check for the amount of \$200.

Dyal made the checks out to herself and then forged the victim's name authorizing payment. Ms. Dyal did commit the offenses without the expressed permission of the victim, with the intent to deprive the victim thereof.

Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD made the arrest Friday.



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