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**LPD Patrol Efforts Strike White Gold**

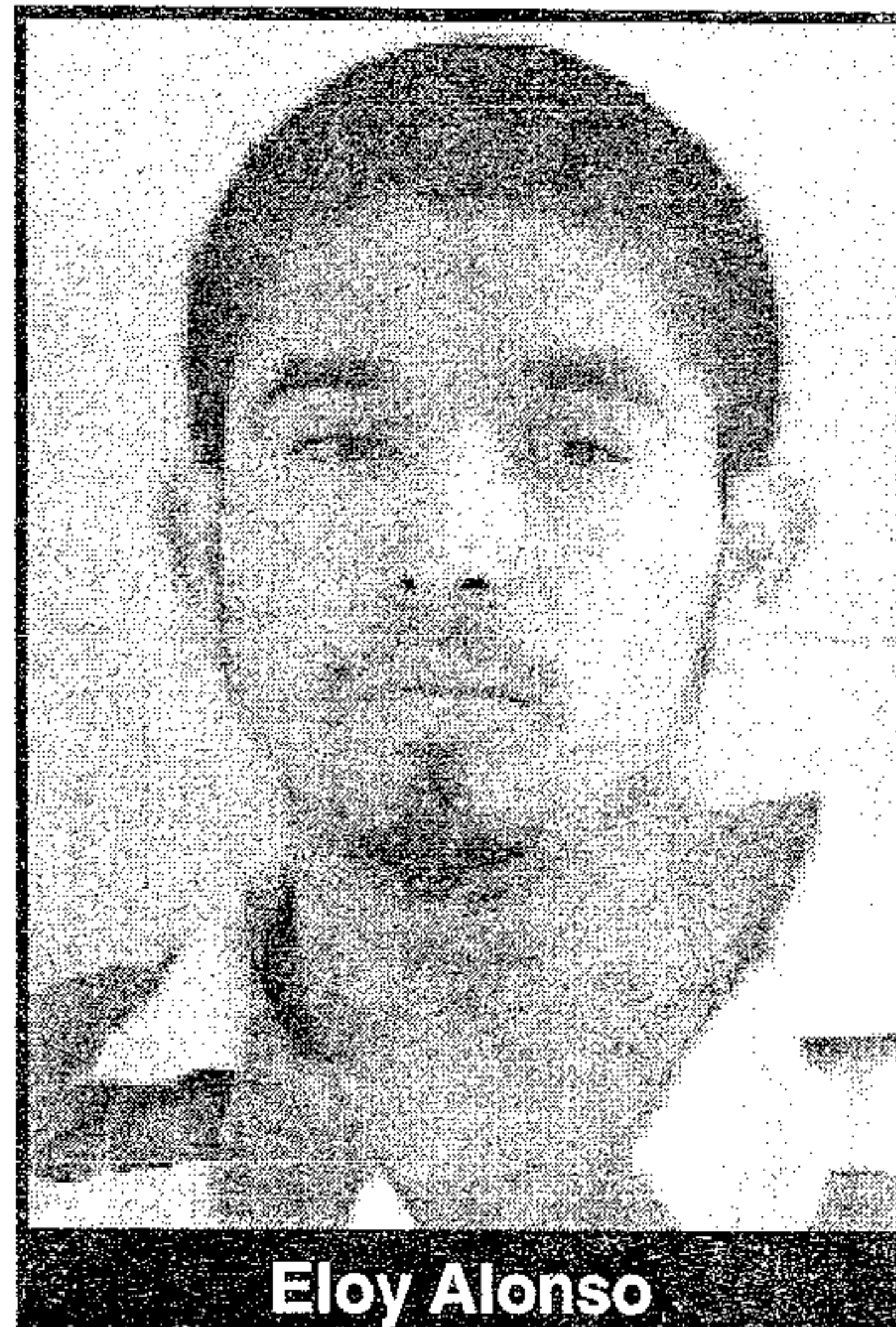
Early Saturday morning Sgt. Scott Newman of the Loudon Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a White Lincoln on Highway 11 in the City of Loudon for a equipment violation. Sgt. Newman was given verbal consent to a search of this vehicle which resulted in him locating a coffee can in the back seat that Newman found to have a false bottom. In this false compartment Newman located approximately 37 grams of a substance that tested positive

for the presence of cocaine and approximately 27 grams of a substance believed to be Marijuana.

Newman was working in conjunction with the District Attorney, Russell Johnson's, Ninth Drug Task Force in an ongoing investigation

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**DORL #5**



Eloy Alonso

(see Alonso pg. 6)

**Stolen property found in traffic stop, 1 charged**

LCSO Investigator Jeff Russell charged a young Lenoir City man with the theft of several pieces of lawn equipment after some of the stolen items were found in his possession during a traffic stop.

Brandon Scott Coffman, 20, Kingston Street, Lenoir City was charged with burglary and theft over \$1000.

According to affidavits filed by Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID; on July 16th, 2010, the complainant/victim reported his barn had been burglarized and several items were taken from the barn. The items included five commercial lawn mowers, a lawn aerator, a sod roller and a chipper.

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Brandon Scott Coffman

**THP Gears Up for Back to School Enforcement**

NASHVILLE---The Tennessee Highway Patrol is gearing up for the school year with a heightened enforcement campaign to keep children safe in and around school zones. Cracking down on motorists

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

(see Auction pg. 6)

Many valuable items are being donated to the 5th Annual Auction for the Child Advocacy Center (CAC).

"Fall in Step for Kids First" is 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

**Verse of the day**

And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and

shall deceive many.

**Mark 13:5-6 Obituaries**

Barbara C. Grizzle  
 Katherine Veal Moats  
 Pamela Jo Farmer

**Wazzup**

If you haven't visited Av-

ala's Mexican restaurant at it's new location in Tellico Village, you don't know what you're missing. The food is awesome and the atmosphere "awesomer"! Memo and the gang says to come on over and check 'em out!

Hey Janet at the Waffle

House: remind me to stick with beef next time- that waffle enticement I

(see More pg. 2)



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**White Gold**

into the sale and distribution of cocaine and marijuana into the County of Loudon.

Chief "Bear" Webb stated that this is a perfect example of how the conjunctive efforts of the patrol division and the narcotics unit working together can rid our streets of these dangerous drugs.

**Coffman**

The estimated value

of the items was over \$10,000.

Upon further investigation, during a traffic stop made by Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO several pieces of lawn equipment were found in the bed of a red Ford Ranger. The passenger in the truck was identified as Brandon Coffman.

During a field interview of the driver and passenger as

to where they got the lawn equipment, both men had different statements as to how and where they got the equipment.

The victim identified all pieces found in the truck as his property taken from his barn. The items in the truck consisted of a sod roller, a chipper and a lawn aerator.

Deputy Kimber Littleton, LCSO made the arrest Monday.

**Police Beat**

Brittany Renee Wright, 23, Markwood Road, Loudon was charged Sunday with driving on suspended license.

According to records, Deputy Ron-del Branam, LCSO noticed a blue Oldsmobile with a broken tail light traveling west on Highway 321. The deputy stopped the vehicle just past Antioch Church Road and identified the driver as Ms. Wright.

A check of Wright's license through NCIC

came back suspended for failure to satisfy a citation. Once at the jail, her name and date of birth was also ran through NCIC and that check revealed she had a violation of probation warrant out of Knox County.

Melinda Fortunato, 47, County Road 298, Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation.

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



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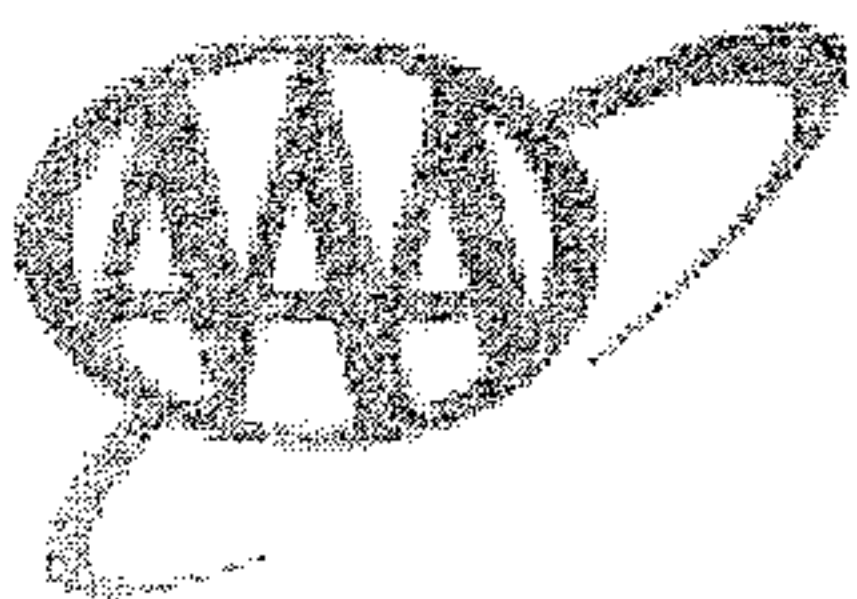


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### Alonso

Eloy Alonso, 24, Trudy Lane, Philadelphia was charged with revoked license 5th offense, window tint violation and financial responsibility.

According to records, Monday, around 10:41 AM, Mr. Alonso was driving a blue Ford F150 pickup on Highway 321 at Abbie Drive when Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped him for a window tint violation.

While checking Alonso's drivers license status, the officer discovered status is revoked.

Mr. Alonso was also cited for financial responsibility.

### Auction

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 families 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 attend 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 Mas-

ter 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.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Lenoir City Personnel Committee will meet at City Hall, in the small conference room, on Friday, August 20, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to review submitted résumés for vacant City Attorney position.

Thank you,

Bobby Johnson, Sr.  
 Chairman

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**THP**

who disregard laws designed to protect children and monitoring school zones and bus stops are just a few components of the enforcement effort.

"As thousands of students return to the classroom on foot or in school buses, we want to remind everyone to be extra cautious around school zones," said Department of Safety Commissioner Dave Mitchell. "The goal of the Tennessee Highway Patrol is to help local law enforcement and schools protect children from drivers who may be distracted, impatient or careless."

State Troopers are urging motorists to be alert, slow down and be careful in school zones, while also encouraging caregivers to educate children on safety measures when walking, biking or riding the bus to school. Motorists should be aware that the speed limit is 15 mph in school zones and the fine for speeding in a school zone is up to \$500 dollars. It is also against the law to pass a school bus when it is stopped and loading or unloading passengers. The driver can be fined no less than \$250 and up to \$1,000.

"Motorists can expect stiff penalties

for driving unsafely in school zones and for placing our children at risk while doing so," said THP Colonel Mike Walker. "But there is no punishment more severe than the lifelong guilt and remorse for hitting or killing a child. We are asking everyone to do their part to help a Tennessee child make it to school and home safely."

In 2009, State Troopers issued 5,445 citations in school zones. Of those citations, 973 were speeding violations, while one citation was handed out for passing a stopped school bus. Since 2006, there has been a 15.9 percent decrease in the

number of crashes occurring in school zones between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and the hours of 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. There was also a 13.5 percent decline in the number of school bus-related crashes between those same hours.

Each day, 25 million children in the United States ride school buses, including 600,000 in Tennessee, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The National Safety Council (NSC) reports approximately 26 students were killed while they were entering or exiting a bus in the U.S. last year. Close to 800

children are killed annually and many more injured going to and from school in a vehicle other than a school bus, according to the NSC.

For more facts, figures & safety tips, please see the attached Safety Tips and visit our Web site: [www.TN.Gov/Safety](http://www.TN.Gov/Safety).

The Tennessee Department of Safety's mission is ([www.TN.Gov/safety](http://www.TN.Gov/safety)) to ensure the safety and general welfare of the public. The department encompasses the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Office of Homeland Security and Driver License Services. General areas of responsibility include law enforcement, safety education, motorist services and terrorism prevention.

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