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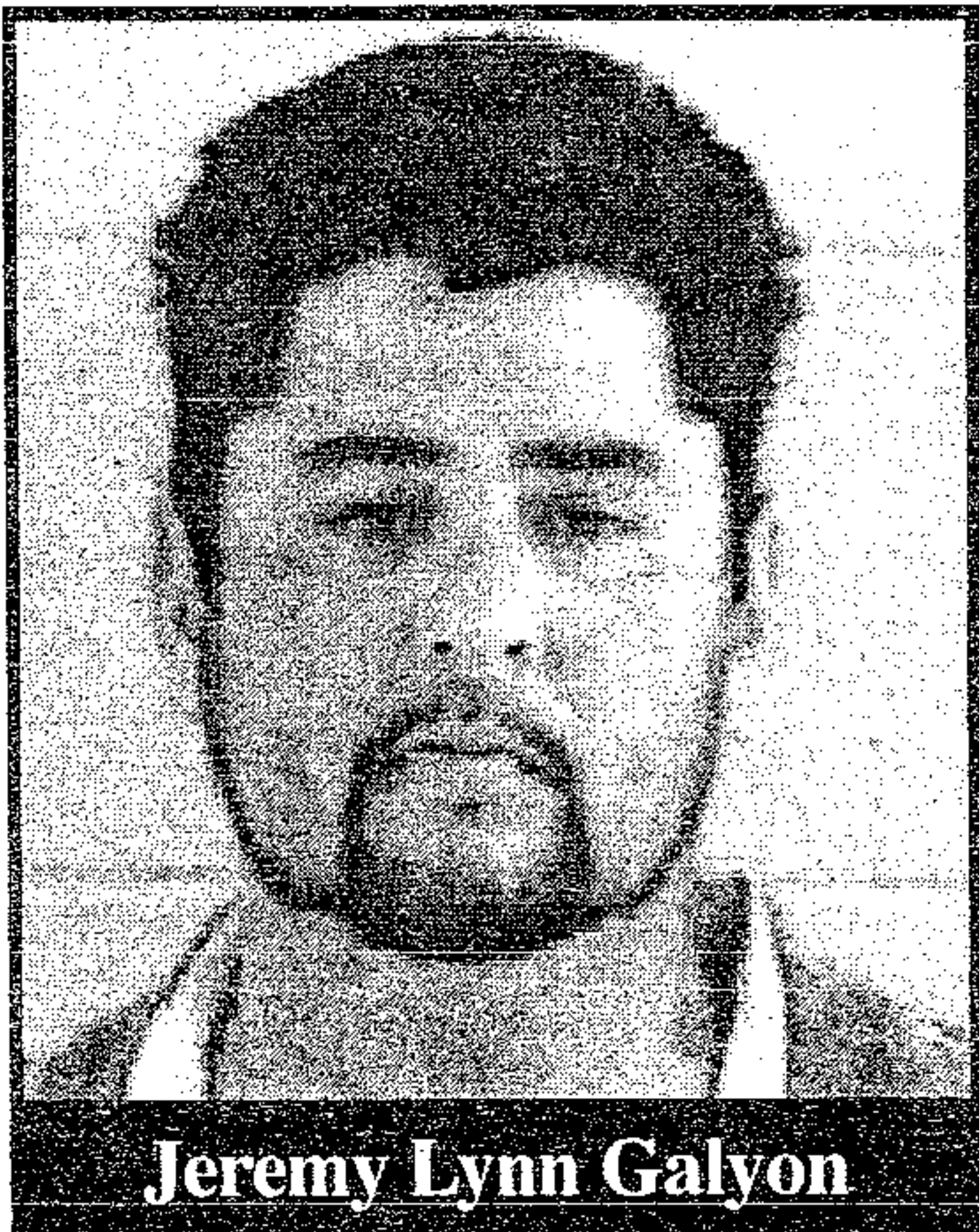
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Friday, September 3, 2010

Revoked driver wanted for theft, forgery

A Loudon man who was recognized as a revoked driver by LPD's Officer Blake Norman was stopped for driving and then found to have theft and forgery warrants against him when his status was checked. Jeremy Lynn

(see Galyon pg. 6)



Jeremy Lynn Galyon

LPD charges woman with forgery

LPD officials charged a Loudon woman with forgery following an investigation into the theft of four checks she is accused of cashing without the owner's knowledge. Victoria Lynn 'Vicky' Oneal, 26, Cedar Grove Road, Loudon

(see Oneal pg. 5)



Victoria Lynn 'Vicky' Oneal

Local man gets 3rd DUI



Robert E. Keith

(see Keith pg. 4)

Judicial Commissioner Sissy Chapman Terminated

According to county officials, Loudon County Judicial Commissioner, Sissy Chapman, was terminated Wednesday morning. On his first day in office, newly elected General

Sessions Judge, Rex Dale, served Ms. Chapman with the termination notice. She will be replaced by Dale's executive assistant Kim Nix.

(see Chapman pg. 4)

Area man gets 32 years for violent crime spree

An area man admitted carrying out a violent crime spree in four states, including an armed home invasion involving the elderly parents of a Loudon County deputy in 2008, has been sentenced to 32 years in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Phillips handed down the punishment for 33-year-old Christopher Ellis of Sunbright, Tenn., at a recent hearing.

(see Sentenced pg. 5)

Tennessee Highway Patrol Issues Labor Day Crackdown Warning

NASHVILLE---The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) prepares for its second summer enforcement campaign as the 2010 Labor Day holiday weekend draws near. The THP will participate in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under

(see Warning pg. 7)

No Lane Closures on Tennessee Highways Labor Day Weekend

Construction Won't Slow Holiday Travelers

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Department of Transportation is once again halting all lane closure activity on interstates and state highways for the busy Labor Day holiday travel period. More than

(see Holiday pg. 3)

Final Major Holiday Weekend of '10 Boating Season Is Approaching

NASHVILLE --- The final major weekend of the 2010 summer boating season is approaching with the upcoming Labor Day holiday. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) wants to emphasize the use of life jackets while boating in a safe and responsible manner.

(see Boating pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among your-

selves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:7-8

Obituaries

Pamela Christopher
Alice Marie Grubb Ellis

Wade McIntosh

Wazzup

Happy Birthday to Karen Ritter - 27? For Real??? Love Ya!

You still out there anywhere, Scarecrow?

Law enforcement will be out in force this weekend so remember, don't drink and drive!

Weather

Today: Sunny early. Scattered thunderstorms

developing later in the day. High 89F.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening, becoming fair overnight. Low 57F.

(see More pg. 2)

Keith

A local man received his third DUI charge when LCPD's Sgt. Foster saw his vehicle cross over the center line several times on Broadway and after stopping it found the driver reportedly was intoxicated.

Robert E. Keith, 41, Antioch Church Road East, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 3rd offense and implied consent violation.

According to reports, Saturday, at approximately 10:13 PM, Sgt. Joe Foster, LCPD witnessed a tan Buick going East on Broadway near the EZ Stop. The vehicle crossed over the center line several times and turned North on C Street.

The sgt. stopped it at 1st Avenue and identified the driver as Robert Keith.

Keith had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person, slurred speech, was unsteady on his feet and was unable to perform field sobriety tasks. He stated he'd had 4 beers. Upon arrival at the jail, Mr. Keith was read the implied consent form and refused the test.

Chapman

Judicial Commissioners are appointed either

by judges or the county commission and are vested with the authority to handle many of the daily operations of the judges office including but not be limited to, issuance of search warrants and felony arrest warrants, issuance of mittimus, the appointing of attorneys for indigent defendants, etc.

Police beat

Leland Delmar Lamb, 55, Clinton Highway, Knoxville, was charged Wednesday, with DUI 2nd offense.

According to records, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSO, was traveling on Highway 411 when he noticed a gray Toyota Camry in the break down lane with the parking lights on, at Black Road. When the deputy pulled in behind the vehicle the driver, Mr. Lamb got out of the car and stumbled toward the patrol unit. When asked, Mr. Lamb stated with a slurred voice, he had a flat tire. He had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and performed poorly on field sobriety tasks. Mr. Lamb told the deputy he had two drinks and was on pain medication for his leg. Due to the keys in the ignition and Mr. Lamb being in the driver's

seat and therefore in physical control of the vehicle and had already hit something with the right front wheel, causing damage to the right front of the vehicle, he was arrested for DUI. He was read the implied consent form and refused a BAC test. An inventory of the Toyota was performed and a fifth of Crown Royal was discovered with only 1/4 left in the bottle, with Mr. Lamb's prescription of hyoscyamine. It stated right on the bottle, alcohol will intensify the effects. Mr. Lamb was also cited for violation of implied consent. The passenger was identified as Tina Lynn Quillen, 38, Pochontos Road, Knoxville. She was charged with public intoxication. When asked, Mrs. Quillen stated she had no idea how much alcohol she consumed. She had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about her person and slurred speech. Mrs. Quillen was deemed a danger to herself or others if left in the public in her intoxicated state and was subsequently arrested.

The descendants of John Richard and Suzie Phillips Young will have a reunion on Sept. 12 at the Community Center in Tellico Plains, TN. starting around 12:00. Please bring a covered dish and drink.

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Oneal
 was charged with forgery x 4 and theft under \$500.
 According to affidavits filed by Mike Newman, LPD; Ms. Oneal passed four checks at Weigels on Highway 72 in Loudon, without

the owner's permission or consent. The checks were written in June and July and totaled \$120.34.

Detective Mike Newman, LPD made the arrest Friday.

Sentenced

Ellis' confessed crimes include a bank robbery in Kentucky, a carjacking in Alabama, a carjacking and kidnapping in Atlanta and a home invasion in Loudon County in a few short weeks in the fall of 2008.

In the Loudon County

case, Ellis confronted a local deputy's elderly parents in their home, tied them up, beat the husband and took the couple's car.

Police beat

Roberto Chavarria, 55, Gentry Road, Philadelphia was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Friday around 11:50 PM, Mr. Chavarria committed the offense

of public intoxication while in a public place. He had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and his speech was extremely slurred.

Chavarria admitted to drinking beer. Mr. Chavarria was deemed a danger to himself and others and transported to Loudon County Jail.

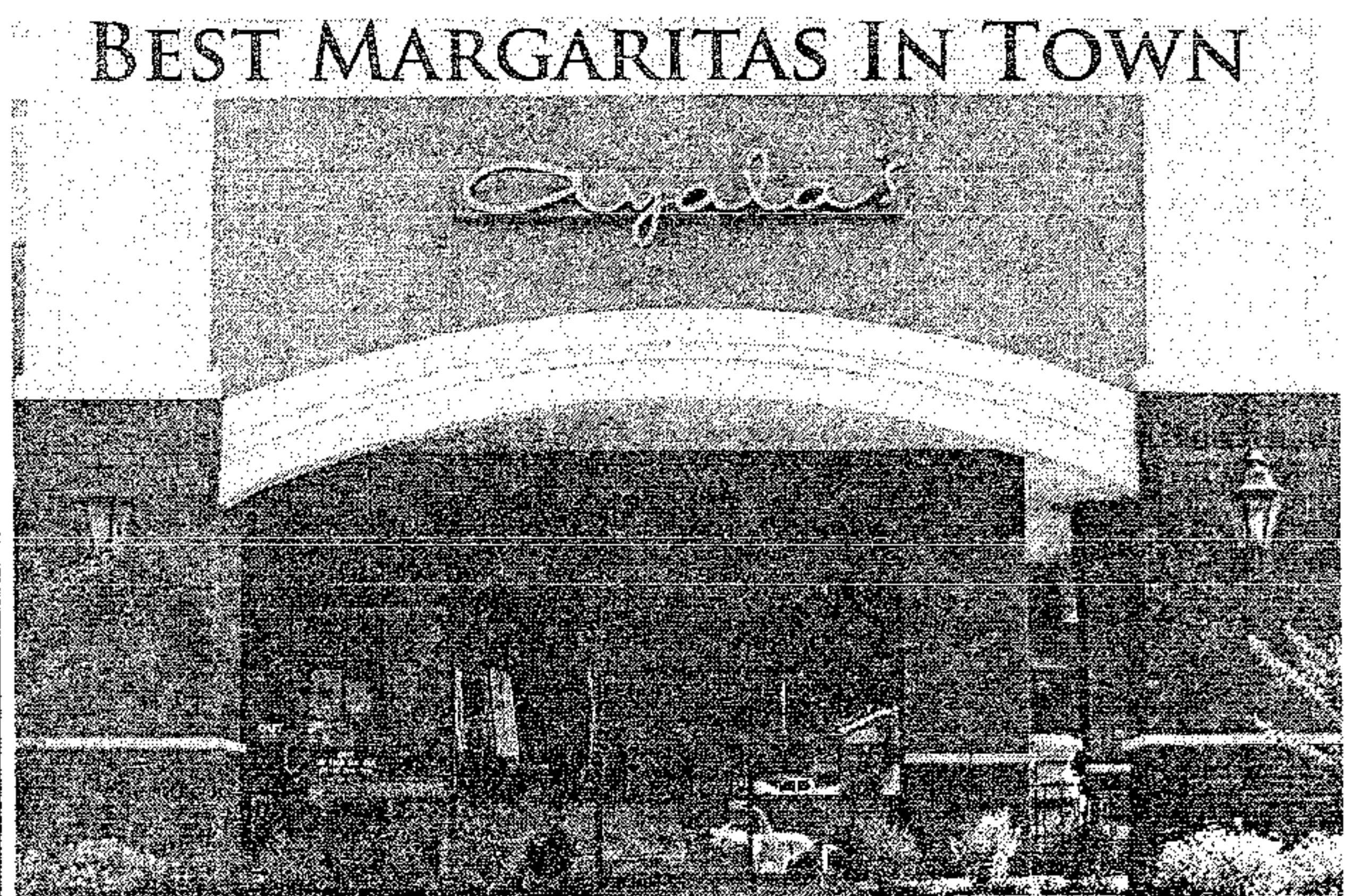
Sgt. Joe Foster, LCPD made the arrest.

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"In an effort to crack-down on impaired driving incidents, our state troopers will join Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies throughout the state and nation this holiday period," Department of Safety Commissioner Dave Mitchell said. "Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. The THP will be vigilant in protecting our roadways from the careless decisions of those who choose to put Tennesseans in harms way."

Over the 2009 Labor Day holiday, nine people were killed in nine fatal crashes on Tennessee roadways, down from 12 people killed on Tennessee roadways in 2008. Throughout the state in 2008, 327 people were killed in crashes where the driv-

er or motorcyclist had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. That is down from 377 people killed in 2007 with a BAC of .08 or higher.

Nationwide in 2008, nearly 12,000 people died in highway crashes due to impaired driving. The picture for motorcycle riders is particularly bleak. Two years ago, 32 percent of motor vehicle fatalities were drivers or motorcycle riders with BACs of .08 or above. Additionally, in 2008, the percentage of drivers with a BAC of .08 or above was highest for motorcycle riders with 29 percent.

"Our message is simple - zero tolerance. If you are over the limit, you are under arrest," said THP Colonel Mike Walker.

"Impaired driving is not a joke; people have been tragically killed as a result of someone else's poor judgment. Our goal is to prevent that from happening by patrolling state roadways in full force and making

no excuses or exceptions for those driving under the influence."

The THP has established sobriety checkpoints in high volume and high crash corridors across the state to look for aggressive and impaired drivers as well as safety belt violators. Last year, state troopers issued 55 DUI, 14 reckless driving, two public drunkenness, and 21 open container citations during the Labor Day period.

While drunk driving is especially common among young males, data shows that an increasing number of females are being arrested and convicted for driving while impaired. In Tennessee, the percentage of female DUI arrests between 2002 and 2009 increased by 4.2 percentage points from 18.5 percent in 2002 to 22.7 percent in 2009. The percentage of DUI convictions in Tennessee against females increased from approximately 18 percent of DUI convictions in 2008 to about 21 percent of DUI convictions in 2009.

The Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest campaign began August 20 and will end September 6. For more information on the national crackdown, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org

The Tennessee Department of Safety's mission is (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.

Police Beat

Shane Edward Snyder, 26, Reed Springs Road, Philadelphia was charged Saturday, with driving on revoked.

According to records, Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD responded to McGhee Square Apartments in reference to an assault. The suspects in the assault left the scene in a black Ford Focus and were on Kelly Lane.

Officer Condee spotted the Focus and stopped it, identifying the driver as Shane E. Snyder. Mr. Snyder didn't have a license and a computer check showed

his license status as revoked.

Johnny Ray Robinson, 29, Townview Drive, Knoxville was charged with a attachment out of child support court.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Saturday at the Knox County Jail.

Samuel Alfonso Miller, 42, Lawnville Road, Kingston was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSO made the arrest at the Anderson County Jail Saturday.

David Joseph Palmer, 24, Alcoa Highway # 708, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO made the arrest Saturday at the Blount County Jail.

Harry Dean Blankenship, 22, North Broadway, Knoxville was charged Saturday, with failure to appear.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSO made the arrest at the Knox County Jail.

Joseph M. 'Joe' Sutton, 43, B Highway 30 East, Etowah was charged Sunday with violation of probation.

Deputy C. Huskin, LCSO made the arrest at the McMinn County Jail.

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Boating

Wearing a life jacket is the single most effective way to protect boaters and reduce drowning in boating accidents. Eighty percent of those who drown in boating accidents were not wearing a life jacket. So far in 2010 on Tennessee waters, there have been 158 accidents and 18 fatalities. TWRA boating officers have made 146 boating under the influence (BUI) arrests. Heading into the Labor Day holiday period in 2009, there were 128 accidents and 13 fatalities and 135 BUI arrests. Last year, over the Labor Day holiday, there were two boating-related fatalities and nine total boat accidents. TWRA boating officers made six boating BUI arrests over the weekend.

The TWRA wants all those who visit the waterways to have an enjoyable time. However, TWRA officers will be on the watch for dangerous boating behavior, such as BUI and other reckless operation. Along with the use of life jackets, TWRA wants to stress the responsible use of alcohol while boating. It is important to consider the effects of drinking and driving whether on water or land. In a boat on the water, the effects of alcohol increase because of external stressors such as engine vibration, wave motion and glare from the sun. Operating a boat with a Blood Alcohol Content of .08 or higher is illegal in Tennessee, the same as operating a motor vehicle.

Changes Made to Deer Carcass Importation Proclamation

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission has made an amendment to a proclamation that was established in May concerning the addition of states from which deer carcasses are prohibited for importation unless bones were removed to aid in the prevention of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Tennessee. Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency officials had earlier recommended that the states of Virginia and Missouri along with the entire state of Illinois be added to the list of states to be included in the prohibition. The prohibitions came as a response to the discovery of CWD in white-tailed deer in these states.

After internal discussion on the enforceability of these regulations and discussions with the affected states, the TWRA recommended that the prohibition zones in four states (Illinois, Missouri, Virginia and West Virginia) be reduced to those areas where CWD is known to occur or where the affected state has established containment zones. The TWRA proposed the change in an effort to lessen the burden on state sportsmen while still providing adequate protection of Tennessee's deer population from CWD. The Virginia counties that are affected are Frederick and Shenandoah. Hampshire County in West Virginia and Linn County in Missouri are the only

affected counties in those respective states. In Illinois, the area continues to be that north of Interstate 80. Chronic wasting disease is a serious neurologic disease of white-tailed deer and other ungulates such as elk. Tennessee has adopted a number of measures, both for wildlife and farm animals, to reduce the likelihood that CWD might be introduced into the state.

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