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Tuesday August 16, 2011

Verse of the Day "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which

your trespasses." Mark 11:25-26

Obituaries Sally Settles McCon-

is in heaven forgive

Wazzup

Happy Birthday to one cool dude, Devon Neuhard! Gosh, we can't believe you're getting soooo old!!!

Weather

NNE at 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low 63. Winds light and variable.

Wednesday: More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Horoscopes Leo 7/23 - 8/22

You need to deal with an important person in your life -- though it might not be as close as your mate or brother. If something doesn't quite feel right with a friend or colleague, discuss it over cottee.

Virgo 8/23-9/22 You have to work around someone else's idea of what needs to happen today -- but (Continued on page 2)

DUI Couple charged with animal Where cruelty

Dog was packed in with luggage and could not move at all

Cpl. Michael Watkins charged a Florida couple with DUI and animal cruelty after stopping their vehicle for suspicion of DUI and finding them under the influence of morphine and hydrocodone. A dog reportedly also was found packed in with some luggage in the back window and once released was found to





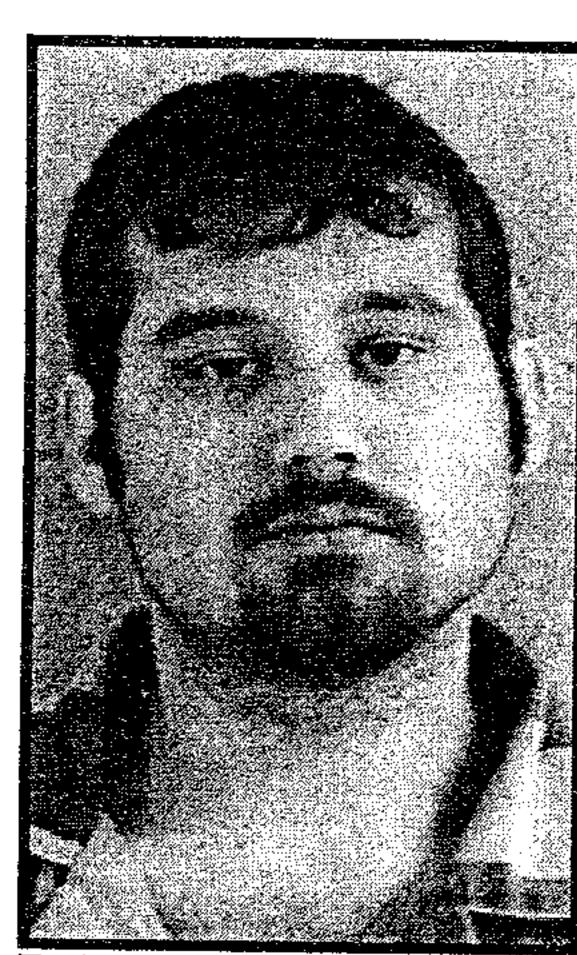
Graham

(see Cruelty pg. 5)

9th DTF nabs more meth Today: Mostly sunny skies. High 88. Winds

Like fishing in a barrel the 9th Judicial Drug Task Force (DTF) has again busted meth makers from a county that supposedly has curbed their meth makers so much. It seems all they've done is moved them to our county. According to the report, Officer Brendan Deboer conducted a traffic stop on a red Chevrolet S10





Robinson



Montooth

copper going?

For the second time in as many months authorities responded to the LCUB substation on Hickory Creek Road to investigate the theft of copper wire after a thief cut the fence to get to the recyclable metal.

(see Wire pg. 7)

False report



Stone

When a young Knoxville woman's account of an alleged armed robbery kept changing, an investigation determined she had filed a false report and police took her to jail.

(see Stone pg. 6)

to the Court!

who goes by two differ- to make good on a bad sentence for the racially ent names found him- check he wrote to the motivated killing 10 self in the hoosegow af- General Sessions Court | years earlier of a county (see Johnson pg. 5)

Don't write bad checks Civil Rights Program Update: We Take Our Role Very Seriously

A Lenoir City man ter he reportedly failed see man received a life ficer who had simply

Last month, a Tennes- code enforcement ofbeen doing his job.

The investigation of this murder was one of (see Update pg. 5)

Police Beat

Robert G Elmore Jr., 26, Rock Springs Road, Lenoir City was charged with DUI and violation of implied consent.

According to records, Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD was dispatched to a drunk

driver Wednesday on Highway 11 near the city limits. The Loudon County E911 advised off-duty Loudon County Sheriff's Deputy Corporal Ernie Brown was following an intoxicated driver toward Lenoir City.

When Officer Dishner arrived, he observed a

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red Ford Ranger traveling west on Broadway. The vehicle failed to stop at the red light on Highway 11 at Highway 321 and the officer stopped it on Rose Street.

The driver was identified as Robert G. Elmore. Mr. Elmore had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person, extremely slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet.

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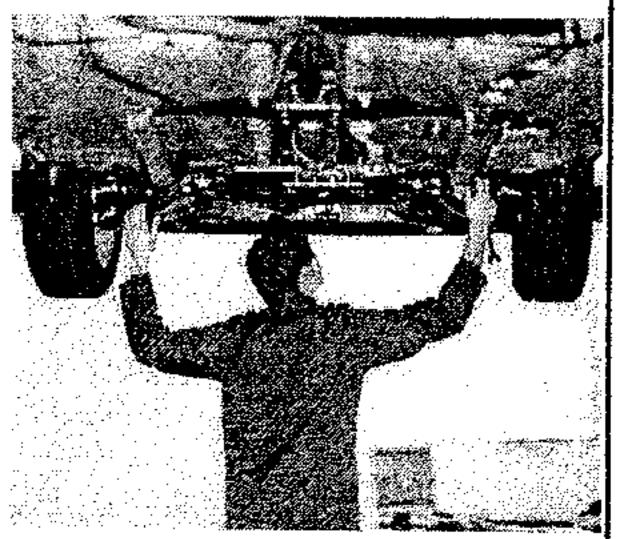
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Elmore performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was placed under arrest. Mr. Elmore refused to submit to a blood test.

Bounma Phanthavong, 24, East 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy John Maples,

LCSO made the arrest Thursday, at the Knox-ville City Jail.

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Obituaries

Sally Settles McConkey - age 81 of Lenoir City, passed away Saturday evening, August 13, 2011 in Collierville, TN. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Lenoir City and a former employee of the Lenoir City Walmart. Sally was preceded in death by her husband, Pete McConkey; parents, Rufus Calloway and Carrie Wallace Settles; brothers: Andrew, Julian, Charles and Jim Settles and sister Lizzie Grooms. She is survived by her children: Mike Mc-Conkey and wife, Carol of Collierville, Nancy Crider and husband, Jim of Morristown, Cindy Skillman and husband, Eddie of Ridgeville, SC; grandchildren: Joshua and Carla Crider, Jeremy Crider; great-grandchildren, Skye King, Jonah and Jeremiah nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City with funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. Dr. Dick DeMerchant will officiate. Graveside services and interment will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Lenoir City Cemetery. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Couple

traveling on Hwy 72 in Loudon. The driver of the vehicle was distracted by something he was doing in the center console and floorboard area of the car causing him to straddle the white line failing to maintain his lane several times. The driver was identified as Dustin Robinson and he advised he did not have a license. A check showed his license to be

suspended. Mr. Robinson was asked to exit the vehicle and reported to the officer he had a hypodermic needle and possibly some methamphetamine in the vehicle.

Robinson gave the officer permission to search and as a result the officer found a hypodermic needle, one cut straw, an empty coffee filter and coffee filter inside a plas-

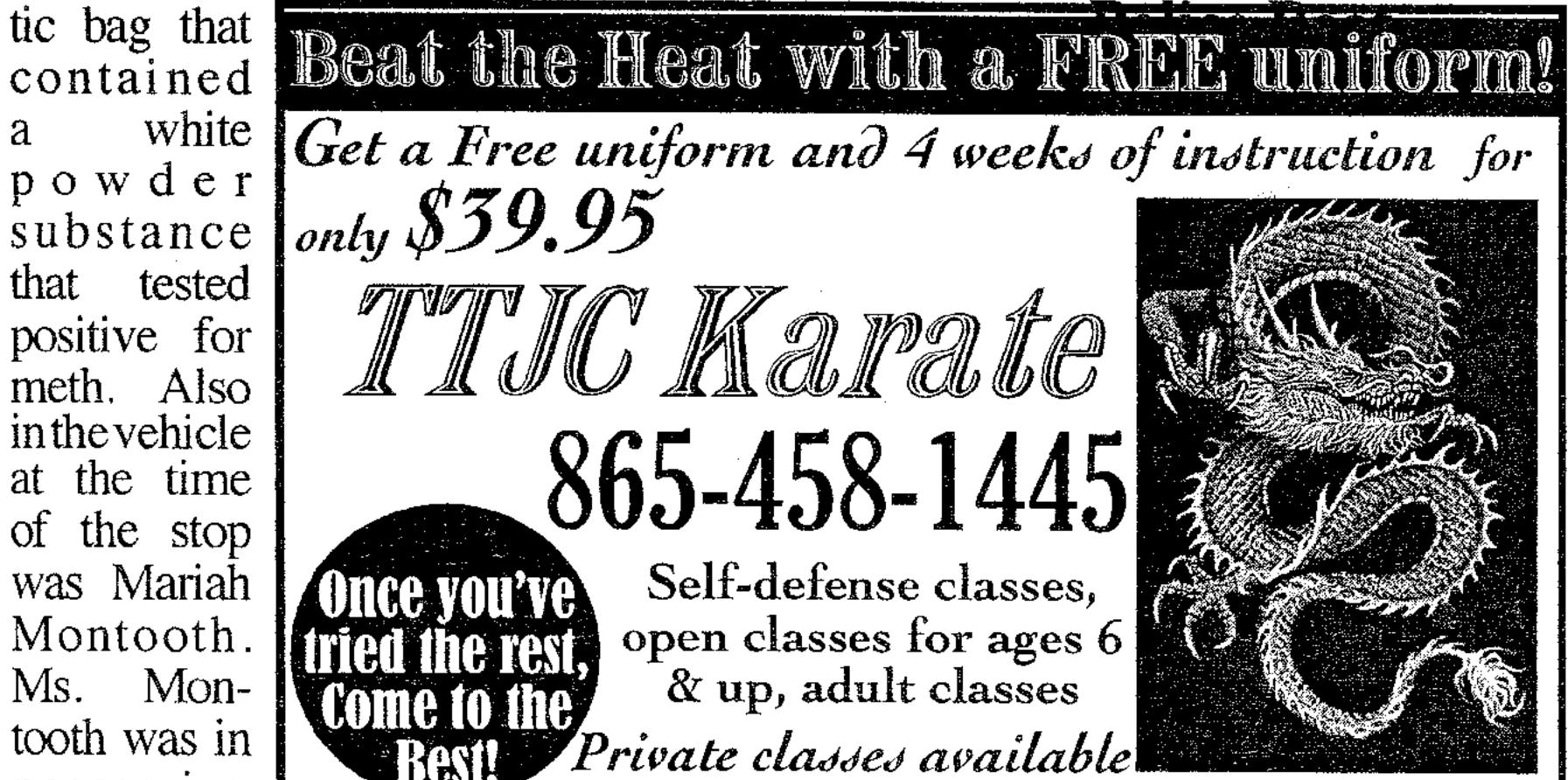
powder substance that tested positive for meth. Also inthevehicle at the time of the stop was Mariah Montooth. Ms. Montooth was in possession methamphetamine and components used to make meth.

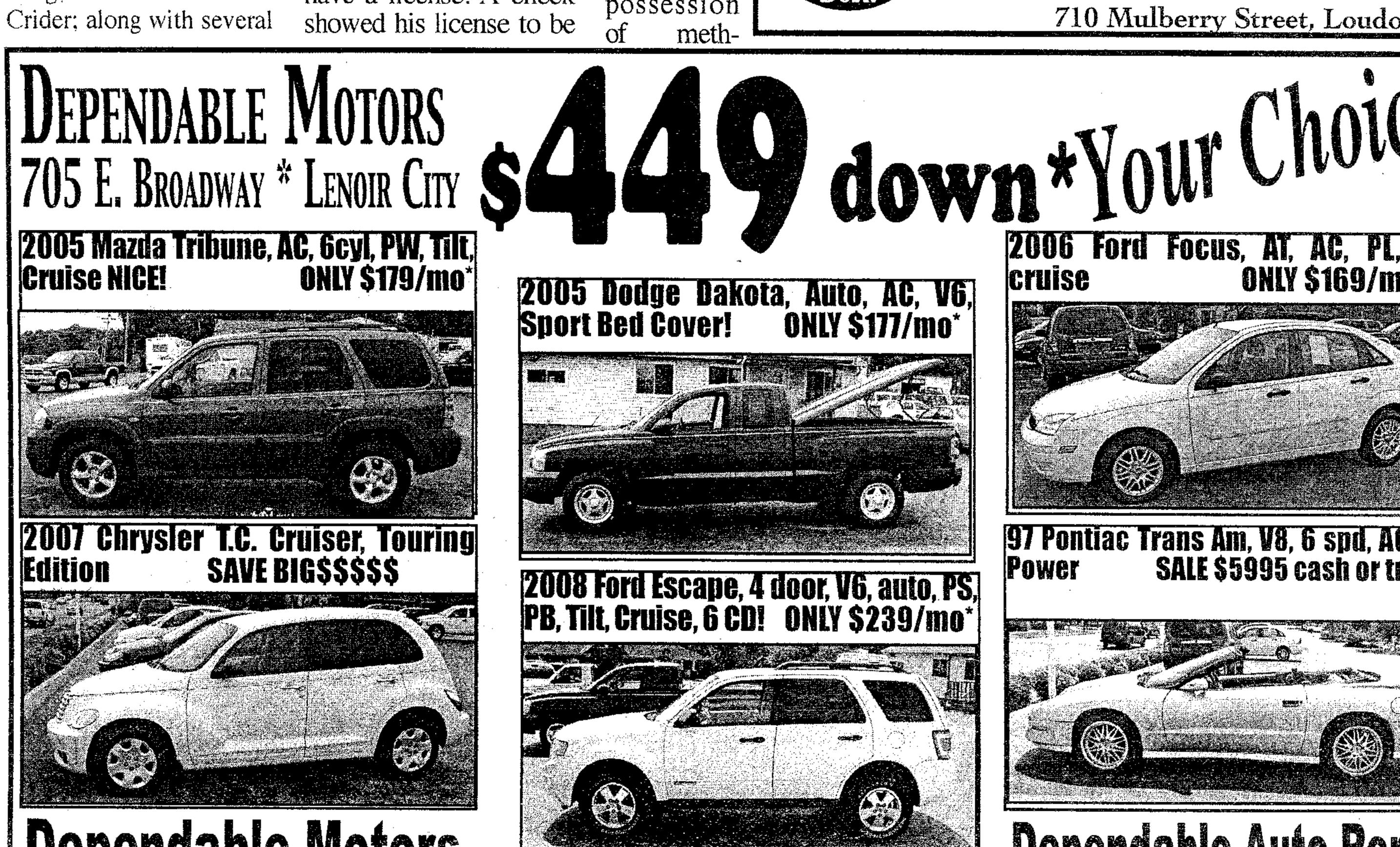
During the investigation it was determined she had just purchased a box of Claritin D which she intended to give to a meth cook for \$60 or more.

Dustin Robinson, 19, of County Road 350, Sweetwater, was charged with possession of drug

paraphernalia, possession of schedule II and driving on suspended license.

Mariah D. Montooth, Raby Road, 20, of Sweetwater, was charged with felony possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule II and promoting the manufacture of methamphetamine. Officer Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF made the arrests.

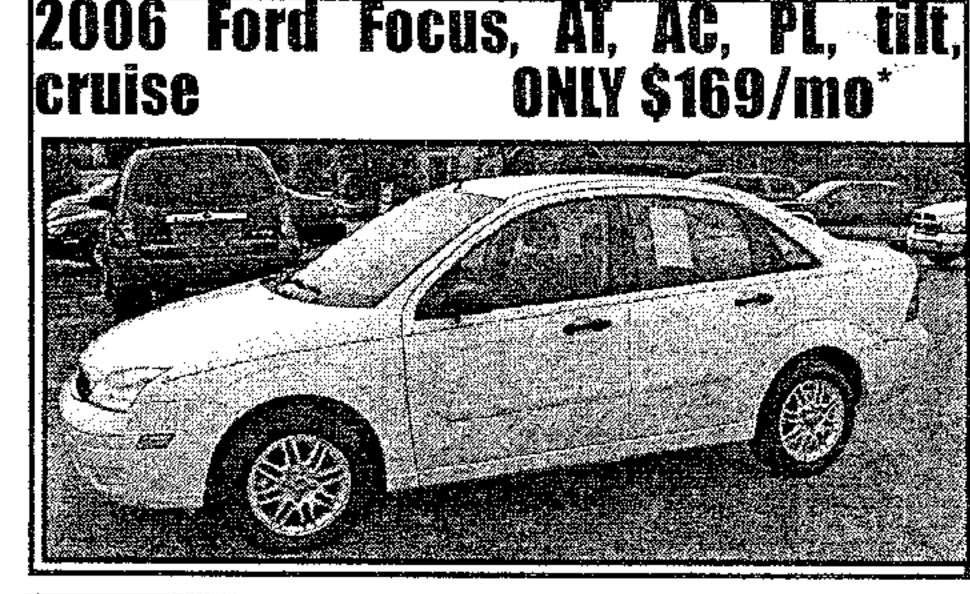






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Cruelty

have been in poor condition from it's ordeal on the couple's trip from Florida.

According to the report, Corporal Michael Watkins, LCSO was dispatched to I-75 to a possible intoxicated driver and one of the callers was in a semi following them. The officer made contact with the vehicle and the caller at the 76 mile marker witnessed the vehicle run out of the roadway, and then cross both lanes before almost running into the grass on the left side.

Corporal Watkins then stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver Alexander Scott Graham. Mr. Graham had very slurred speech and stated he takes morphine. Mr. Graham was very unsteady on his feet and performed poorly on sobriety tasks. A BAC was taken at the ER.

The passenger, Brenda Joe Rodgers was very unsteady on her feet and stated she takes morphine and hydrocodone. She was deemed a danger if left in public.

During the stop, there was a gold colored dog that had been placed in the rear window of the vehicle with luggage packed around it to where the animal was unable to move. Lt. AJ Yokley unpacked the items from around the canine and removed it from the vehicle and the animal could barely walk at first. The dog was severely dehydrated and drank all the water officials

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could locate and began licking the ground where the patrol unit air conditioning was leaking.

The occupants of the vehicle were traveling from Florida and both were charged.

Brenda Joe Rodgers, 58, of Skinner Blvd, Dunedin, FL and Alexander Scott Graham, 44, of Skinner Blvd, Dunedin, FL were charged with DUI and cruelty to animals.

Corporal Michael Watkins, LCSO made the arrests.

Johnson

of Loudon County earlier this year to pay fines and costs.

Phillip Mckenzie Johnson, 'aka' Phillip Thaxton, 30, Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir City was charged with a bad check.

According to an affidavit; on Thursday, May 12th, 2011, Phillip M. Johnson presented check number 187 to Loudon County General Sessions Court in the amount of \$309.50. The check was presented to pay fines and costs for Phillip M. Thaxton.

The check was returned by the bank as NSF. A certified letter was mailed on May 24th, 2011, to notify Mr. Johnson of the bad check, but Johnson failed to redeem the check.

Deputy Robbie Lane, LCSO made the arrest Sunday.

Update

hundreds of civil rights cases the FBI opens each year. It's a responsibility that—according to Eric Thomas, chief of

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our Civil Rights Unit at FBI Headquarters—"we take very seriously."

During fiscal year 2010, said Thomas, we initiated more than 750 civil rights cases that fell into one of four categories—hate crimes, color of law violations, human trafficking, and Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act violations.

Thomas discussed each category in more detail:

"...Hate crimes, almost a quarter of our 2010 civil rights caseload, are motivated by a particular bias against the victim—like skin color, religion, ethnicity, or country of origin—and includes such things as threats, cross burnings, assaults, and murder. In 2009, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act added sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and disabilities to the list of biases. That law also allows us to prosecute violent hate crimes federally. Before that law, many violent hate crimes were prosecuted at the state level as traditional assaults, murders, etc...."

"...Color of law violations, more than half of our civil rights investigations last year, involve actions taken by someone acting under the authority of the law—local, state, or federal. Most of these cases are initiated based on allegations of excessive force by law enforcement or correctional officers. However, there are others that involve allegations of sexual assault, theft, or deprivation of property..."

"...Human trafficking, just over 20 percent of our 2010 civil rights caseload, is a form of human slavery that cannot be tolerated. It's a growing problem that includes forced physical labor, forced household service, and sex traffick-

ing involving international victims or adult U.S. citizens. [Note: Sex trafficking of U.S. children is handled by the FBI's Crimes Against Children program.] In early 2013, the FBI's uniform crime reporting program will begin collecting data from our law enforcement partners on human trafficking offenses..."

"...FACE Act violations account for a smaller percentage of our workload—just over 2 percent last year. These crimes—committed against those who seek to obtain or provide reproductive health care services—include threatening phone calls and mail, property damage, blockades, assaults, and murders. In recent years, we've also seen a rise in bio-terrorism threats, especially hoax anthrax letters..."

Intelligence plays an important role in our civil rights program. "For example," explained Thomas, "we've established risk indicators for each of our subprogram areas to help field office agents and analysts better identify, assess, and ultimately address the civil rights threats within their regions."

Collaboration plays a vital role as well, said Thomas. "Many of our civil rights investigations—in particular, hate crimes and human trafficking—are enhanced by joint efforts with law enforcement partners. Many field offices participate in task forces and/or working groups focused on major civil rights threats." He also said the Bureau works closely with community and civic organizations at the local and national levels.

If you believe you've been the victim of or a witness to a civil rights crime, contact your local police department or FBI office.

Stone

Regina Ann Stone, 18, Bernhurst Drive, Knoxville was charged with filing a false report.

According to reports, Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD responded to a robbery call at Mc-Ghee Square, Wednesday, and upon arrival officer came in contact with Regina Stone. Ms. Stone stated she came to McGhee Square to meet someone to buy some furniture. She further stated when she got there and went to the apartment she was grabbed and had \$100 and a bottle of her godfather's medication taken from her.

Ms. Stone went on to say the person pulled a small handgun and told her she was going to be killed.

Ms. Stone originally stated her godfather had cancer and she was taking his medication to his house. Later, it was discovered her godfather had passed away and Ms. Stone took his medication and put it in a bottle with her name on it.

Detective Sartin examined several text messages in Ms. Stone's phone and read several texts from and to the assailant, which suggested that Ms. Stone came to meet the assailant and sell the medication to her.

Officers went into the apartment where the furniture was supposed to be and no furniture was found matching the description Ms. Stone gave law enforcement. Officers spoke to another individual who

advised Ms. Stone told her she was going to McGhee Square to get money from another individual.

Ms. Stone continued to change her account of exactly what happened. Due to her changing her original statement and conflicting information from other people, it was found that the incident did not happen the way Ms. Stone said it did. She was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Police Beat

Aaron Brandon Dabbs, 19, Tracy Lane, Reliance, Tennessee was charged with underage DUI.

Sammy E. Pike, 46, Highway 70, Benton, Tennessee was charged with DUI by consent. According to reports, Friday, around 11:30 PM, Deputy Chuck Butler, LCSO was dispatched to the area of Interstate 75 north in reference to a possible intoxicated driver. The caller advised the 911 Center he was following a black Jeep and it was driving recklessly.

When the deputy arrived in the area, he saw the vehicle in question, a black Chevy Tracker, traveling north around the 81 mile marker. The vehicle crossed the white fog line several times, crossed back over to the broken white line, then sped up and slowed down numerous times.

Deputy Butler activated his blue lights and stopped the Tracker at the Watt Road exit on Interstate 40. The driver was identified as Aaron B. Dabbs.

Mr. Dabbs had a very strong odor of alcohol about his breah and person and performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

A passenger in the vehicle was identified as Sammy E. Pike. Mr. Pike was the titled owner of the Tracker and had allowed Mr. Dabbs to drive in an intoxicated state.

Both men were placed under arrest and transported to jail. 12 cans of beer were found in the vehicle. Mr. Dabbs was read the implied consent and submitted to a breath test. He blew a .12% and is only 19 years old.



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Wire

According to records, Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO was dispatched to Hickory Creek Road Wednesday on a report of a burglary and theft to an LCUB substation.

The complainant, Mr. James Gray, stated the last time he checked the station was the prior Thursday and when he returned on Wednesday he noticed a hole was cut in the fence to the right of the entry gate.

Gray reported a wooden spool used to store wire was directly down from the cut fencing and approximately 300 ft. of conductor 10 Ga. control wire was missing.

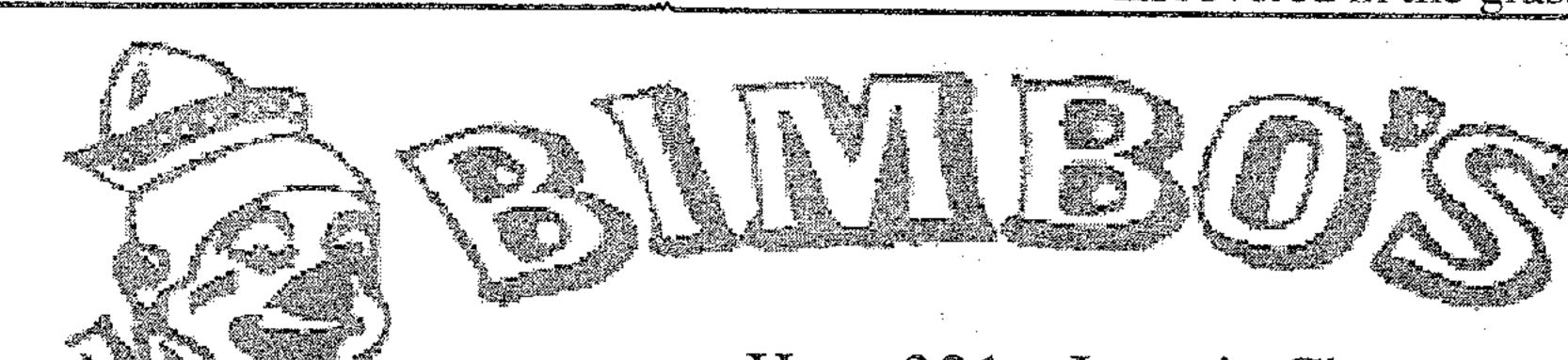
Tire tracks were also discovered in the grass.

The stolen wire was valued at \$800. The case was turned over to a investigator.

On June 22, 2011, Deputy James R. Bowman, responded to the substation just before midnight when a thief broke into the substation and cut several copper ground wires that sparked a blaze in a

transformer when one of the wires connected to it was cut.

An investigation revealed a small hole had been cut in the chain link fence to make entrance and several copper ground wires were removed from the premises. That incident cost around \$5000 in property loss and damage.



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Police Beat

Shawn Craig Cox, 22, Crooked Oak Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO made the

arrest Wednesday.

Courtney Danielle Smith, 23, Reagan Road, Philadelphia was charged Wednesday, with violation of probation.

Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO made the arrest.

TWRA Wild Hog Proclamation

Landowners may use the following methods without exemption.

- 1. Any legal weapon and ammunition for taking big and small game during daylight hours.
- 2. Live traps with used during big game proved exemption. All targeted wild hogs must be dispatched before removal from the trap.

Landowners will be granted an exemption to the above upon request.

- 1) Landowners may request a wild hog methods exemption by two means:
- a) Immediate issuance of an exemption when landowners provide information to agency personnel on the phone. The exemption form number issued will serve as their proof of exemption until the hardcopy arrives by mail.
- b) Landowners may visit a regional office or request an officer visit to complete a request for exemption.
- 2) Landowners, famlowed to hunt the propand up to 10 designees may assist in the con-

trol effort provided by the methods exemption. No more than 10 individuals may be used as designees annually, as defined by the TWRA's calendar year (ending Dec. 31). A notice will be sent in December to landowners and bait. Bait may not be they will have the option to renew.

- seasons without an ap- 3) The exemption will allow shooting at night with the aid of artificial light, shooting over bait during big game season, or any other methods, approved by TWRA. Dogs may be used as part of the experimental management program in Overton, Fentress, Cumberland and Pickett counties, but no dogs may be used during November or December.
 - 4) Landowners must keep accurate records of total number of hogs killed on their property. This information must be provided to the TWRA on the provided Wild Hog Methods Exemption Report form provided by the agency within one month of exemption expiration.

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