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Thursday, June 25, 2015

"Lost" Meth Dealer nabbed by LCSO after 2nd encounter

Deborah Wilson, 48, County Road 678 Riceville, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Re-sale SCH II, Poss. of Drug Para., and Simple Possession.

Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, came in contact with a black Dodge Durango at the Sunrise Motel on Highway 11. The female driver stated that she was lost. Deputy gave her directions and left the area.

(see Meth pg. 4)



Deborah Wilson

Tazer and big words used by deputy during arrest



Joshua Bryant

(see resisting pg. 3)

Man charged after attack at Subway

Gerald Liles, 38, Liles Road Lenoir City, was charged Aggravated Assault.

Officer Jason Arden LCPD, responded to Hwy 321 (Subway) to investigate a fight call. Upon arrival Officer encountered the victim who appeared disoriented and out of breath. Victim stated he and a co-worker were outside Subway on a break when a gray Honda Accord entered the park-

(see Assault pg. 7)

DUI in the drive thru at the LC Taco Bell



(see DUI pg. 5) Katie Cook

Rotary Club of Tellico Lake Donates \$1500 checks to Local Charities

Proceeds from the 2014 Tour de Tellico bike ride, which attracted close to 200 riders, were presented to the Club's four designated Tour de Tellico charities, including, Loudon County Boys & Girls Club, Good Samaritan, Monroe County Imagination Library, and Good Shepherd. A special one-time contribution of \$1200 was also made to Loudon County Habitat for Humanity.

Pictured, from left to right, Dave Foote, Rotary Club of Tellico Lake treasurer; Shawn Snyder, Director, Loudon Boy's and Girl's Club; Tina Smith, Director, Good Shepherd; Judy Howell, Director, Good Samaritan; Jane Yates, Director, Imagination Library; and Shauna Oden, Director, Loudon Habitat for Humanity



Verse of the Day

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. — Psalm 34:11

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

It's a shame the local camping areas are having such a hard time keeping cleaned up. Guess TVA did keep some of the areas cleaned up after all.

Weather

Today: Sunny skies. High

97F.

Tonight: Clear skies. Low 74F.

Friday Partly cloudy with afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Potential for severe thunderstorms. High near 90F.

Friday Night Scattered thunderstorms during the eve-

ning becoming more widespread overnight. Potential for severe thunderstorms. Low around 70F.

Horoscopes

Cancer 6/22-7/22

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Resisting

Joshua Bryant, 33, Homeless, was charged with Resisting Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct.

Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, at 04:37 hours did respond to Highway 70 East in Lenoir City, Tn. The call was dispatched as an unknown white male on this property at the front door and was agitated. The male was ringing the doorbell to the house repeatedly and causing an unnecessary alarm and disturbance to the residents of the home at an hour which most people are sleeping.

The complainant for this call remained inside the house out of fear of the subject until law enforcement arrived; at which time, Deputy did make contact with Joshua Bryant. When your Deputy approached Bryant, he (Bryant) was on the front porch of the residence with a flashlight in his hand as well as two knives along with miscellaneous other items. Bryant was sweating profusely, clearly agitated, fidgety, restless and unable to focus. Bryant stated he was Arian Nation and that the Arian Nation and Knox County Sheriff's Office were attempting to kidnap him while he was being run off the road by cars. Bryant's histrionics were an indicator of

Bryant's aggression and Deputy attempted to verbally commands however these commands proved to be futile.

At the apotheosis Deputy had provided him multiple commands to Bryant to turn around and get on his knees so Deputy could detain him but Bryant refused to follow lawful orders. Bryant had a clear dichotomy between reality and what was happening on scene; however, Deputy again provided Bryant commands to turn around and get on his knees.

Bryant did get on his knees however refused to turn around and was still in close proximity to his knives. Bryant did become combative and show an active aggression

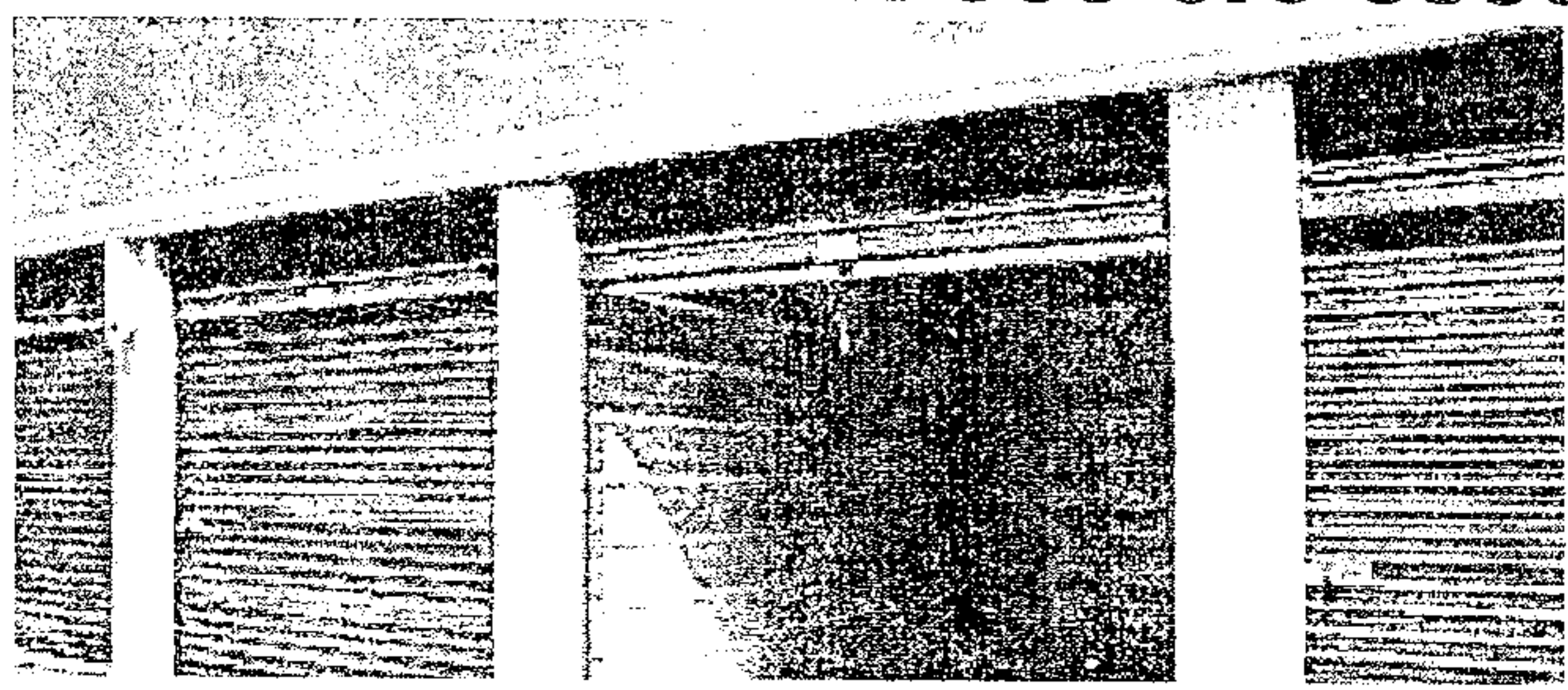
by lowering his shoulders and make a fake lunging motion towards Deputy.

Deputy did deploy the X-26 taser to gain control of the situation and take Bryant into custody. Deputy warned Bryant to turn around and Bryant was passively resisting and refused while still agitated. When Deputy was placing Bryant into handcuffs Bryant was actively resisting and

rolled over trying to fight Deputy. Deputy was able to take Bryant into custody. Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, made the Arrest.

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Meth
Deputy came across the same vehicle at 03:37am at the intersection of Pond Creek and the get off ramp on exit 68. The vehicle was off the road way. Deputy identified the driver as Deborah Wilson. Ms. Wilson continued to say she was lost, while speaking with her Deputy Halcomb and Myself smelled an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Ms. Wilson stated that she had smoked one "joint". Deputy asked Ms. Wilson was there anything illegal inside the vehicle and she stated that she had some "Ice" and marijuana in her vehicle. Deputy Ketner, located approximately 6 grams of marijuana, one pack of rolling papers, one Meth pipe and approximately 3 grams of Ice/ Meth separated into 5

separate baggies. Deputy arrested Ms. Wilson and transported her to the Loudon County jail without incident. The field test on the baggies of crystal substance did show positive for methamphetamine. Ms. Wilson was charged with Possession Of Schedule VI, Possession Of Schedule II and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Deputy Jamie Kctner LCSO, made the arrest.

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low at 7 p.m. with Rev. Bill Vest and Rev. Glenn Gamble officiating. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 26th in the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens in Beckley, WV. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Glen Marcus Bright - "Shorty" age 93 of Loudon, passed away

Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Kindred Health Care., Loudon. Shorty was a veteran of WWII serving in the US Army; a member of Corinth Baptist Church and a retired machinist from Maremont. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Allen and Lydia (Nix) Bright; brothers, Ray, Jim and Avery Bright; sister, Annis Wilson and son, Rick Dixon. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Shirley (Parks) Bright; daughters, Vicki and husband, Reed Pendleton of North Pointe, AL, Judy Dixon, Loudon, Terry Acha, Austin, TX; grandchildren, Kaitlyn Pendleton, Auburn, AL, Chris Dixon, Myrtle Beach, SC, Lori and husband, Joey Walker, Powell; great grandchildren, Alex, Lance and Jett; sisters in-law, Ruth Bright, Loudon, Alice Bright, FL; close family friends, Kay and Michael Flanagan, Loudon; several nieces and nephews.

Services honoring and remembering Shorty Bright will be held 11:30 AM graveside, Friday, June 26th in the Loudon County Memorial Gardens with Rev. Rick Harrell officiating and full

military honors provided by the Loudon County Veterans Honor Guard. The family will receive friends 10:00 - 11:00 AM Friday at McGill-Karnes Funeral Home, 406 Wharf St. Loudon.

Public Notice

On June 29, 2015, 6 PM at the Courthouse Annex in Loudon, Tennessee Loudon County Commission will consider appropriating funds to the following organizations to provide assistance in continuing their respective services for the citizens of Loudon County for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Philadelphia Fire Department	25,000
Greenback Fire Department	30,000
Tellico Village Fire Department	25,000
Loudon County Fire Rescue	115,000
Loudon County Emergency Communications District	540,000
Rarity Bay First Responders	1,500
Adult Community Training	2,500
Loudon County Soil Conservation District	2,000
Sweetwater Creek Water Shed District	2,000
Loudon County Visitors Bureau (29% Hotel/Motel Tax)	115,000
Loudon County Economic Development Agency	162,545
Loudon County Veteran's Honor Guard	1,800
Child Advocacy Center of the 9th Judicial District	32,000
Little Tennessee Valley Educational Coop	3,000
Loudon County Community Channel	6,100
Iva's Place Crisis Center for Women	8,000
Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County	12,000
Loudon County Library Board	14,344
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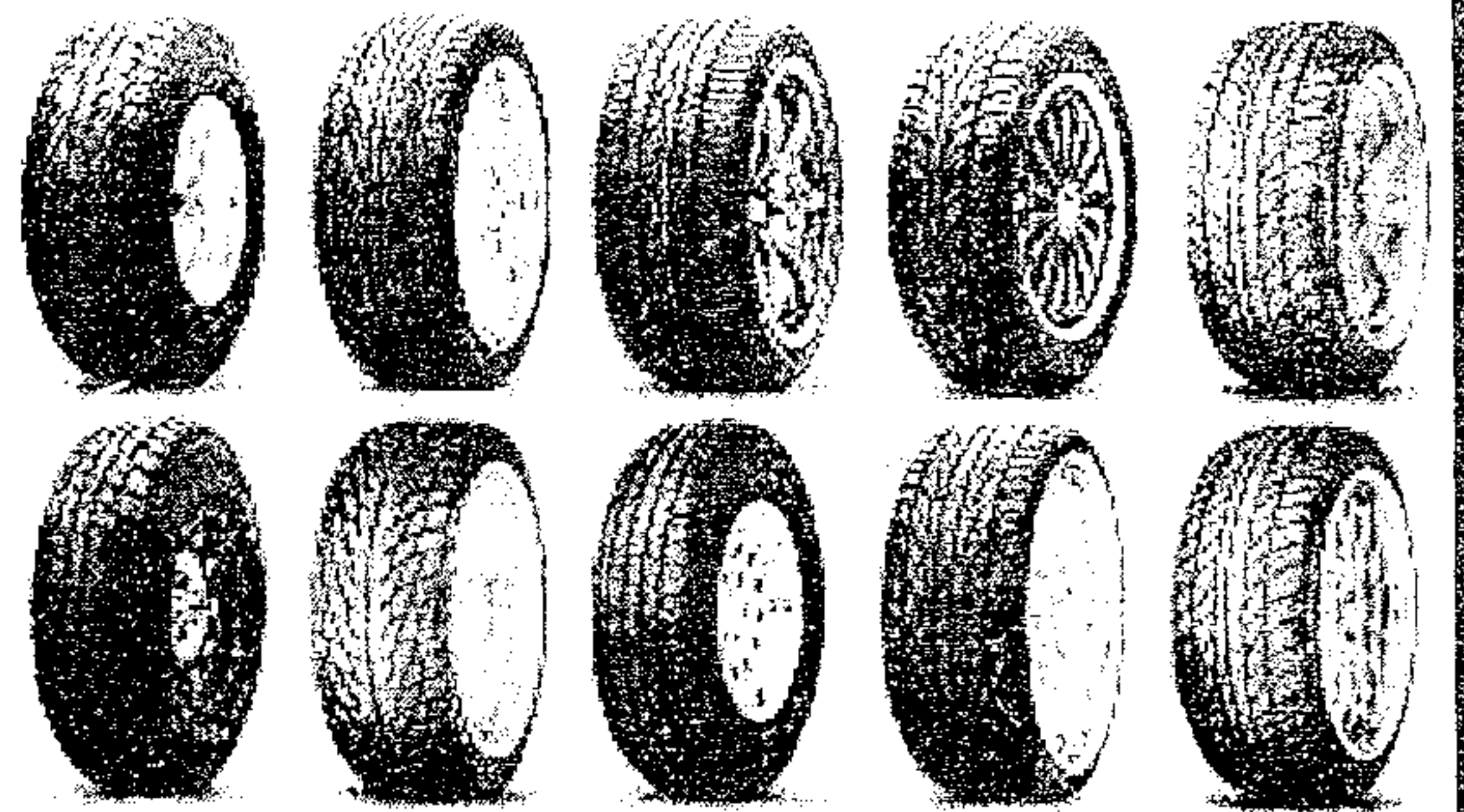
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DUI

Katie Cook, 32, Miller Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI.

Officer Jason Arden LCPD, responded to hwy 321 north (Taco Bell) to investigate a complaint for a possible intoxicated driver. Upon arrival Officer observed a red Ford Explorer stopped at the end of the Taco Bell drive thru blocking other vehicles from leav-

ing. The vehicle was occupied by a white female who appeared disoriented and confused.

Officer also observed two small children, ages seven and two in the backseat of the same vehicle and could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about the driver. Officer then asked the driver to exit the vehicle and she struggled to open the door. When asked

to provide a drivers license, she fumbled through her purse spilling its contents to the ground. Upon receipt of the drivers license, Officer identified her as Katie Ruth Cook of Lenoir City.

Ms. Cook was very unsteady on her feet and had slow slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. Ms. Cook stated that she had pulled from the drive thru

window after paying for her order and was waiting for it to be brought out.

Officer asked Ms. Cook to perform Standard Field Sobriety Tests and she performed very poorly with each task. Officer placed Ms. Cook under arrest for Driving Under the Influence and read her the Implied Consent Law, to which

she agreed. A blue bottle with the words "SKYY Vodka" was observed in the passenger floorboard containing a clear liquid with the lid removed. Ms. Cook was transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident and the children were released to the Grandmother. Officer Jason Arden LCPD, made the arrest.

Multi-State Chop Shop Operation Disrupted

Criminal Enterprise Leader Among Those Convicted

In the early 1990s, a Toledo, Ohio man—Michael Wymer—was sentenced to a lengthy term in state prison for heading up an extensive truck theft and chop shop operation.

Wymer, however, apparently never learned his lesson. Upon his release from prison several years ago, he picked up where he left off, setting up another criminal enterprise to steal trucks, disassemble them in his chop shop and sell them as scrap metal. But this time, Wymer's activities—which crossed state lines—garnered the attention of the FBI, and last month the 56-year-old was sentenced in federal court to 27 years in prison. And Wymer's 13 co-conspirators—including his son, two brothers, and two nephews—have all either pled guilty or been convicted at trial for their roles in the illegal enterprise.

At Wymer's sentencing appearance, the federal judge ordered that all of the defendants in the case share in paying restitution to the victims of their crimes—mostly independent truck owners/operators—to the tune of nearly \$2.3 million. That figure, according to the judge, is likely a low estimate and doesn't take into account the emotional harm suffered by the victims, whose trucks were often their livelihoods.

According to the charges

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Assault

ing lot and the driver, a white male exited approaching them. Victim stated the male started hitting him in the head and began punching him repeatedly about the face, head and ribs before shoving his head into a block wall and retreated to the vehicle and leaving southward on hwy 321.

Victim also explained that he was experiencing moments of dizziness and was going to the Fort Loudon Medical Center for treatment of a possible concussion. Officer then spoke with the co-worker.

The co-worker stated the white male was her step-father whom she identified as Gerald Clint Liles of Lenoir City. This Officer was

able to identify the address for Mr. Liles and with the assistance of the Roane County Sheriff's Office, was able to locate and detain him.

Officer Arden Officer advised Mr. Liles of his rights upon encounter and he stated that he understood. Mr. Liles stated that he had driven to the Subway to confront victim and admitted to assaulting him.

Victim sustained injuries to include a red swollen right eye and minor abrasions about his head and face that are consistent with the assault described.

Mr. Liles was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. Officer Jason Arden LCPD, made the arrest

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brought against Wymer and the others in the case, the scheme ran from at least August 2012 through February 2013. Wymer and his cohorts usually traveled outside of the Toledo area—including to Michigan and Indiana—to steal the trucks so they could avoid detection by one single jurisdiction.

Here's how the scheme worked: Wymer and several others involved in the enterprise went out on the road "shopping" for semi-trucks and trailers, often at truck stops or other locations where trucks might converge that were fairly close to interstate highways. But they wouldn't hesitate to stop virtually anywhere if an opportunity presented itself.

They would usually be in Wymer's personally owned semi-truck (minus a trailer) or in a car that belonged to Wymer. If they were in the semi, they would back the truck onto the trailer they wanted and then tow it away. If in the car, one or two of the perpetrators would break into an empty semi-truck with an

attached trailer, manipulate the ignition to get it started, and drive the entire vehicle onto the closest interstate highway.

In terms of the cargo these stolen trucks were carrying, Wymer preferred items that could be chopped into scrap metal—so he stole things like motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, copper wire, spools of metal, even actual loads of scrap metal. How did he know what the trucks were hauling? By breaking into the trailers and taking a look.

Once back in Toledo with the stolen property, Wymer would take the truck to one of his two chop shop locations, where he had everything he needed—from heavy moving equipment and floor jacks to blow torches and chain saws. And he moved quickly—he could remove the parts from the truck (to sell them), and then "chop" the rest of the truck, the trailer, and the trailer's contents into scrap metal within a couple of hours. He would then load the material into one of his trucks and transport it to various businesses and/or recycling companies interested in buying

scrap metal.

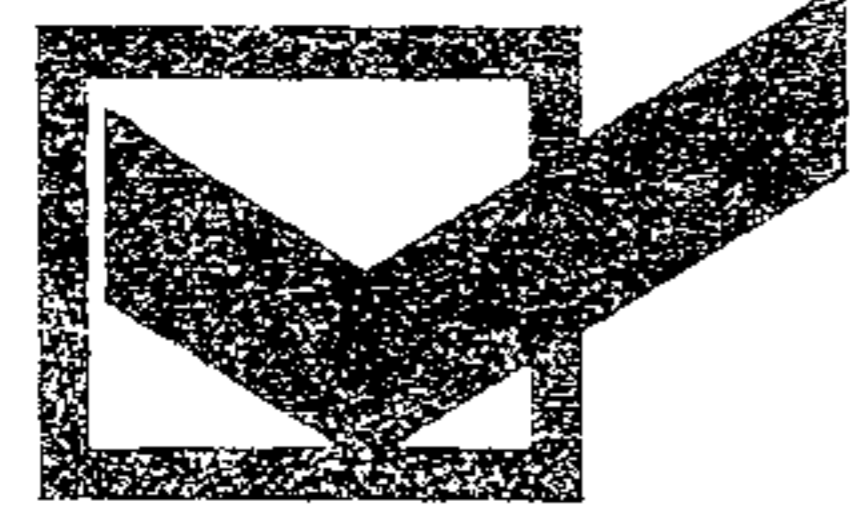
How did we get the evidence we needed to convict Wymer and his crew? Much of it came from video surveillance cameras, one placed by law enforcement on utility poles outside each of Wymer's chop shop locations, and several more placed by Wymer himself inside his chop shops to keep an eye on his merchandise. So we were able to see the stolen trucks and trailers being driven into these shops—and those same vehicles being taken apart by Wymer and his employees.

Because of the interstate nature of the case, there were a number of law enforcement agencies both inside and outside Ohio that played a role in the investigation. Special thanks to the Ohio State Highway Patrol—who joined our new Organized Crime Task Force shortly after the investigation—and the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for their efforts.

As for Michael Wymer, his lengthy sentence in the federal system almost guarantees that he will not get a third opportunity to break the law.

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