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### TBI & 9th Drug Task Force investigation leads to joint State & Federal prosecution of major interstate cocaine enterprise

US Attorney James "Russ" Dedrick announced on Monday a twelve count indict-

to Distribute and Possession with Intent to Distribute five kilograms or more of Coment charging Conspiracy caine, among other offens-

## MER IF YOU

by: M. Lynch

(see Trail of Fears pg. 3)



The Haunted Trail of Fears family is just dying to give you a Halloween scare, tonight's the last night, so enter if you dare ....

### The World by Gus

If you are a mean person, does Halloween make you nervous? I always wondered

(see Gus pg. 8)

### Stolen lug nuts land man in jail

When a man's tire was missing enough lug nuts

(see Miller pg. 4)



District Attorney General Russell Johnson addresses the room with how well all the agencies across the entire 9th Judicial District worked together in the investigation.

### Chase spans 2 counties ends in crash

Detective Patrick Upton. LCSD CID was traveling at approximately 5:24pm south on I-75 near the Philadelphia exit in Loudon County. The detective then noticed a silver Nissan traveling at a high rate of speed approach him from the rear almost striking the detectives vehicle. The subject was later identi-

(see Jessee pg. 7)



Kimberly Jo Jessee

Verse of the day

Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people. Leviticus 7:27

Obituaries

Shirley L. Addington Frances L. Kastner

#### Weather:

Today: Mostly sunny skies. High 72.

Tonight: Mainly clear skies. Low near 45.

Thursday: A few clouds. Benjamin W. "Ben" Williams Jr. Highs: upper 60s; Lows: upper 30s.

Wazzup

Slow down and drive carefully tonight; there will be Trick-or-Treaters out and about!

Remember, tonight is your last chance to check out the haunted forest at the fire department just before the

Lost Sea in Sweetwater. If you really want to get creeped out, this is the place to go!!!!!

Horoscopes Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22) A coworker or family

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

#### Trail of Fears

For those of you who don't know, Loudon is a scarv place if you know where to look. That's what a bunch of us Daily Editioners did on Saturday night. We went in search of the scariest place in the county and we

found it at the Haunted Trail of Fears.

Owners Robby Walden and David Erby, with the help of family and friends, have hosted the annual spook-fest for the last six years on their property on Dry Valley Rd. and have drawn visitors from

Kentucky, North Carolina and various parts of Tennessee.

The Trail of Fears is also a member of the International Association of Haunted Attractions and have had visitors on their website from as far away as Japan, India and England.

Backed by some of the areas best vendors such as Spirit Halloween Shop, Pappy and TT's BBQ (423) 337-6013 and one of my personal favorites, Granny's Snacks (865) 368-2720, (the KettleKorn was awesome!!), the Trail has become a favorite of locals such as myself who love a good spooking. It is also a great place to scare

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your kids!! The ones we took didn't know which WAY to run: all they knew to do WAS run, which was worth the price of admission.

Incidentally, the Trail takes donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank and is known to make contributions to other area non-profit organizations.

The purpose of the night, however, was to get scared out of our minds and the Trail of Fears didn't let us down. Unfortunately, I can't divulge the best parts of the attraction, but I can say this; if you

Se Hable Espanol

choose to go out to the trail this All Hallows Eve make sure you get a real good look at "John Daniels." I promise what you see there will blow your mind ....

#### Police Beat

Ramon Almanza Gonzalez, 32, of D Street, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license and open container.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed Gonzalez driving while consuming a beer. A check of his license showed them to be non existent. Officer Jason "shotglass" Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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#### Miller

to make loose and about ready to fall off he reportedly tired to solve his problem by stealing some more. A citizen confronted the man and he ran across the interstate and into some woods where police soon found him and took him onto custody.

Zachery Charles Miller, 22, of Devonshire, Southfield, MI, was charged with criminal trespassing, theft under \$500, simple poss. and poss. of drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, Deputy Daniel Kelly, LCSD responded to a call of a black male subject that was seen by witnesses stealing lug nuts off a maroon vehicle with a tire iron. The car was parked on Hotchkiss Vallev.

A witness reported he confronted the black male and the man took off running toward the interstate with the crow bar in his hand.

As he crossed the interstate Deputy Jerramie Bowen observed the male running across the ramp and into the woods. After being ordered to stop the male stopped and was taken into custody by Deputy Brown. Zachery Miller was identified by the complainant.

The car was missing lug nuts from the left wheel of Miller's car and the tire was about to fall off. Upon a search incident to arrest a small amount of marijuana was found in the console including a roach, seeds and stems.

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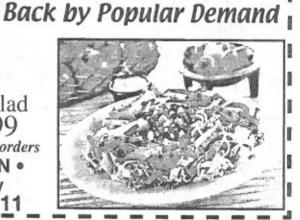


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fied as Ms. Kimberly Jessee. Ms. Jessee then pulled to the right almost striking another vehicle. The detective then got behind Ms. Jessee and turned on his blue lights.

She then pulled over and upon the detective pulling over she then took off at a high rate of speed

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almost running into an oncoming car. Ms. Jessee refused to stop and the detective pursued her at the Oakland Road exit in Sweetwater. Ms. Jessee continued to travel at a high rate of speed to the intersection of Hwy 11 and Oakland Road. The pursuit continued to Vonore Road in Sweetwater. Ms. Jessee then hit

the side of Hunt Appliance off Vonore Road in Sweetwater.

Upon getting Ms. Jessee out of the vehicle she had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage and she was unstable on her feet when helped up. Upon talking to her she also admitted she had been drinking alcohol and was not given sobriety tasks because of her

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safety. Ms. Jessee refused a BAC test and has two prior DUI convictions and her license is currently revoked.

Kimberly Jo Jessee, 45, of Old Jonesboro Road, Bristol, was charged with DUI 3rd, violation of implied consent, driving on revoked, evading arrest, felony evading arrest. Detective Patrick Upton, LCSD CID made the arrest. Also assisting in the chase were Sgt. John Brewster, and Sgt. Jim Kile, Sweetwater PD.

#### Police Beat

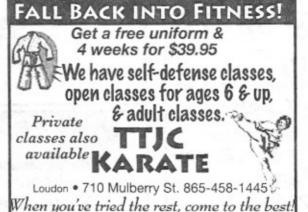
April J. Arnold, 40, of Nichols Road, Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked 2nd and financial resp.

According to the report, Arnold was stopped for a citizen complaint on a possible DUI driver. Arnold was stopped for speeding and a check of her license showed them to be revoked and she had no insurance.

Trooper Russell Smith, THP made the arrest.

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#### Gus

that. Are you the guy on the block who vells at the kids when their ball rolls in your vard? Are you that mean boss who loves it when somebody screws up; you yell and think it's justified? Are you that person who loves to gossip and stir up stuff?

See there are all kinds of people who

might just need to be worried a bit about tonight. Halloween tends to do that. makes you look over your shoulder, not to mention hiding your vehicles to keep them from being egged.

I have a list of a few people I'm going to go pay a latenight visit to. No eggs or toilet paper, just a cup of my special fishing chum.

So if you wake up tomorrow and smell fish, but don't live next to the lake, you will know that it was me. And don't worry, the smell will go away within a month or two. -Gus

On this day

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#### Police Beat

Francisco Velazquez Deleon, 34, of W. First Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver license.

According to the report, Deleon was stopped for not stopping for a school bus stop sign. Deleon was found to have no li-

Lt. Gillis Morgan, LCPD made the arrest.

Jose Carlos, 26, of Hill Street, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver license, viol. of light law, and financial resp.

According to the report, Carlos was stopped for a violation of the light law and has no license or insur-

Sat. Eddie Range. LCPD made the arrest.

Aimee Jean Blackburn, 30, of ESt, Lenoir Rendon Montoya City, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Blackburn was convicted of PODP and sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days

Since then she has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$3232; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$583.50; failed to respond to notices and has new charges of theft, criminal trespassing, simple poss., and poss, of drug paraphernalia which she pled to on March 21, 2007. This is her 2nd VOP.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSD made the arrest.

Michael Allen Morgan. 50, of Grimes Road. Loudon was charged with assault by domestic violence x2.

According to the warrants, on October 20.

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2007 Morgan came home to the residence where he and the victim reside. One victim stated that she went over to stop Michael and he pushed her down after he came home drinking and was going to hit another victim. She went to call 911 and Morgan grabbed the phone out of her hand. Michael then squeezed the other victim and threw him into the wall.

Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD made the ar-

James Chris Patterson, 29, of Maple Hill Road, Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended. According to the report, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a vehicle turn

onto Commerce St. with the right rear tail light out. After stopping the vehicle a check of Patterson's license showed them to be suspended for failure to satisfy.

The passenger, Brian Keith Jones, 36, of Highland Avenue, Loudon, was charged with public intoxication. Jones had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was unsteady on his feet. Officer Bennie Houser, LPD made the arrests.

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LCUB and the City Fire Department will be conducting our semi-annual water distribution system wide flushing program per Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation Water Quality Control Requirements. The Flushing Program will occur for the City of Lenoir City on Monday, November 5, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 6, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The program goals are to identify problems in the water

system and ultimately have them corrected.

When fire hydrants are flowed, iron deposits in the water lines get stirred up. This may cause a brown discoloration to the water in the area which is being flushed. This condition is only temporary and will normally correct itself in a number of hours. So during this period of flushing, we recommend that you flow your cold water prior to use to determine if there is any discoloration. While the water is still safe to drink and cook with, we recommend not washing any white clothes without first testing the water for discoloration. If your water is discolored, it will clear up on it's own under normal usage over a period of time. It is also best to limit the use of your hot water until it's clear, as this will keep the iron deposits from going into your hot water heater. Make sure you run your cold water to check to see if it's discolored or not.

You may also notice a drop in water pressure during these times; however, the water pres-

sure should return to normal within a short period of time.

If you continue to experience difficulty with your water pressure or discoloration on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, please contact LCUB at (865) 986-6591 to report the problem.

## TBI & 9th Drug Task Force investigation leads to joint State & Federal prosecution of major interstate cocaine enterprise

es. Seven individuals were named in the indictment, including the principal target of a year-long joint TBI/ 9th DTF investigation, Daniel (aka "Gomez") Schleben, formerly of Lenoir City, but who has lived for some time in the South of the River area of Roane County. Chad Johnson of Lenoir City was also one of the indicted individuals arrested by TBI and 9th DTF who was also being investigated by the Loudon County Sheriff's Office narcotics officers.

The ultimate arrest of Schleben and other members of his alleged drug operation was the result of well over six months of intensive drug surveillance by a local TBI Drug Agent assigned to the 9th Judicial District, as well as other agents of the 9th Drug Task Force. Schleben is alleged to be the major drug supplier of large amounts of cocaine and marijuana to several mid-level drug dealers, including individuals connected with the Black Gangster Disciples in Knox County who were indicted, as well as other mid-level dealers throughout Roane, Loudon, Monroe, McMinn, Morgan and Anderson Coun-

The investigation of Schleben and his activities identified

the individuals who are the subject of the federal indictment as well as others not yet publicly identified as being members of his cocaine and marijuana distribution organization. Other distributors are still being identified as a result of the joint investigation. The overall number of arrests will exceed twenty individuals, many of whom will be prosecuted on federal charges and some of whom will be

other investigative efforts – that resulted in three arrests by federal agents in Georgia of Schleben's alleged main suppliers. These two separate 'takedowns' in Georgia netted seizures of over \$2.3 million and 53 kilos of cocaine.

The Ninth Judicial District Drug Task Force began intelligence gathering against Schleben in 2005 with information obtained from a confidential informant.

ben started building in the Rockwood area of Roane County in April 2007 with small controlled buys of marijuana from a low level dealer connected with Schleben. The hard work and surveillance by TBI/DTF agents on this case, and information later supplied by the FBI, led to a court approved wiretap of two cell phones and a landline belonging to Schleben.

It soon became apparent that Schleben of the FBI concerning a potentially related case that they had been investigating involving the Black Gangster Disciples. Through the cooperation and sharing of information between the TBI, 9th DTF, and the FBI the 9th District Attorneys office was able to secure a state wiretap order for the interception of electronic communications of the cell phones of Schleben. TBI and 9th DTF



The Long Arm of the Law: Representatives from participating agencies including Loudon County Sheriff's Department, Lenoir City and Loudon Police Departments stand with District Attorney General Russell Johnson as the operation is explained.

prosecuted on state charges.

The TBI, 9th DTF, the FBI – Safe Streets Task Force, and HID-TA were able to build a case against Schleben – with most of the critical information coming as a result of the TBI/9th DTF wire taps on cellular phones and

The TBI and the 9th DTF later received information concerning the narcotics distribution organization again in November 2006 through anonymous complaints received through the TBI office in Chattanooga. The main case against Schle-

was a big time supplier with tentacles that stretched throughout East Tennessee with heavy involvement in Knoxville, and even into Georgia, Texas and Mexico. Ultimately local TBI Agent working the case was contacted by the Knoxville office Agents continued to work the case and with the assistance of the Cookeville TBI Office and agents from the 13th DTF who assisted 9th DTF agents in monitoring the phones from TBI/13th DTF offices in Cookeville. This required tremen-

#### TBI & 9th DTF cont.

dous manpower and overtime hours with agents from various local agencies attached to the 9th DTF (Rockwood Police Department, Kingston Police Department. Harriman Police Department, Lenoir City Police Department, Loudon Police Department, Roane County Sheriffs Office and Loudon County Sheriffs Office). One of the DTF agents, who is a native Spanish speaker, was instrumental in interpreting monitored conversations in Spanish between Schleben and his Hispanic suppliers in Georgia.

After several attempts to catch Schleben with a delivery from Georgia in September, federal

agents with the assistance of TBI, 9th DTF and DTF agents from the 10th DTF under District Attorney Steve Bebb, were successful in taking down the Knoxville dealers (Billingsley, Goines, etc), and then Schleben the following day. During these "take downs" Schleben's wife, Stephanie, was detained at their home by 9th DTF agents in the process of counting out over \$75,000 in allegedly illegal drug sale proceeds. Agents seized over \$300,000 in cash from Schleben and his ring, as well as an anticipated 15-20 vehicles and some real property.

Using information developed from the several local arrests resulted in the takedown in Georgia of

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Bolivar Perez Camacho aka Jorge, Fidel Dominguez Pineda aka Jesus, and Yolanda Morales Rivera where the largest amounts of cash and cocaine were seized.

Ninth Judicial District Attorney Russell Johnson noted that is "a prime example of multi-agency cooperation from the local, state and federal level across jurisdictional lines and state borders from Rockwood to Knoxville, Roane County to Loudon County, Tennessee to Georgia and even Texas". General Johnson noted that every agency from TBI, the 9th DTF, the 10th DTF, the 13th DTF, HIDTA and FBI deserves credit and I am especially grateful

that we have a United States Attorney like Russ Dedrick who recognizes the need for and significance of this multi-agency cooperation in both the investigation phase and the prosecution phase."

"The federal agents and Assistant USA Tracee Plowell have been cooperative and

helpful to our TBI and DTF agents. For that we are all thankful because a successful federal prosecution of drug dealers always takes the bad guys off of the streets for a longer time and in a manner that is not always possible under the sentencing guidelines of our current state laws".



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