

DAILY EDITION

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Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Former LPD officer sentenced to 12 years

A former part-time Loudon police officer has been sentenced to twelve years in prison for his role in multiple burglaries he committed in Monroe County, as well as having a sexual relationship with a minor female and the bribery of a Monroe County correctional officer.

Sources indicate Steven Gutt, 26 pleaded guilty to burglary, statutory rape and bribery Tuesday in Monroe County Criminal Court.

Gutt was originally arrested on nearly two dozen



Steve Robert Gutt

counts of burglary and while (see Sentenced pg. 4)

LC woman charged with reckless endangerment x2

A local mother received multiple charges after she reportedly was found behind the wheel under the influence of alcohol with her two young children in the car.

According to the report, while on a traffic stop at A Street and 6th Avenue Lt. Gillis Morgan, LCPD observed a woman driving a Ford vehicle pull parallel to

(see Howard pg. 8)



Theresa Lynn Howard

Verse of the day

For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order. 1 Chronicles 15:13

Obituaries

Thomas Edward Hann

Ethel Hurst Liford
Francis O. Polhamus
Robert Lynn Yount
Sherard Austin (Tiny) Tatum Jr.

Weather:

Today: Mostly cloudy skies early. A few showers developing later in the day. High near 70.

Ldn man charged at local school

A Loudon man who has an active order of protection against him was apprehended at Fort Loudon Middle School Friday morning. The man showed up at the school where his children attend and was taken into custody by Officer Kenny Ridings LPD just after 8am.

According to the warrant, Mr. Donald Joe Barnett (see Barnett pg. 9)



Donald Joe Barnett

Car stolen

When a Loudon man started to leave for work Monday morning he went outside

to find his car missing and evidence left behind in the fog indicating two others (see Stolen pg. 7)

Log splitter stolen

Police were called to investigate the larceny of a log splitter from a Greenback

man's residence Saturday. Records indicate Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD, was (see Splitter pg. 4)

The World by Gus

Did any of you get to watch the comedy special that was on channel 12 Monday? It was called the Knox County

Finance and Intergovernmental Committees meeting. They had three people imitating the Three Stooges, (see Gus pg. 8)

Comptroller reports on THP vehicle stops

Nashville, - Are minorities more or less likely to be stopped by the Ten-

nessee Highway Patrol? Once stopped, is there any variation in warnings given, (see Report pg. 10)

Tonight: A few showers early with overcast skies late. Low 53.

Thursday: Chance of showers. Highs: low 60s; Lows: upper 30s.

Wazzup

Hey kids, December 19 is the last full day of classes

for the rest of the year!

Horoscopes Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Your social energy is strong now and you ought to be able to make a real

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Splitter

dispatched to a residence along Meadow Road where he spoke with C.R. Carver who advised someone stole a log splitter from his property and described it as a black, Lowe's brand Task Force 20 ton splitter.

The time of the theft was unknown and the log splitter was valued at \$900.

Sentenced

incarcerated at the

Monroe County Jail approached Correctional Officer Thomas Grande about trading him a pair of boots and duty gear for the delivery of a cell phone. A seventeen year old female brought the phone and \$20 to Grande after a sting operation was set up following the bribe.

The teen admitted to having had a sexual relationship with

Gutt after she was taken into custody following the bribery exchange.

Gutt was hired in April 2007 by Loudon Police Department on a "work as needed" basis and was fired by Chief James Webb after his arrest.

Police Beat

Dustin Shirk, 20, of Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir city, was charged with driving on suspended, viol.

of financial resp and viol. of registration.

According to the report, Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD observed a vehicle on Hwy 321 and had information that a wanted subject was inside. The officer checked the registration, which came back to a different vehicle.

Upon approaching the driver, he identified himself as Dustin Shirk. He listed his employer as

the News Herald. A check through NCIC showed his license status as being suspended. Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.

Gordon Dal Woody Narmore, 27, of Cedar Street, Loudon, was charged with a warrant out of Blount County for violation of probation.

Officer Nicholas Lawson, LCPD made the arrest.



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Stolen

vehicles had been checked.

James McKee of Corinth Church Road reported his black Nissan Altima was parked in his driveway and when he went out around 5:55 a.m. to go to work the car was gone. The vehicle was locked, the keys were not in it, and there was no

broken glass where it had been parked.

Cpl. Ernie Brown, LCSD, responded to the call and noted there were two other vehicles parked in the driveway and the fog had been brushed aside on one of them to allow the suspect(s) to see what was inside. The door handles on both vehicles also had been tried.

Records indicate

McKee advised a Carhart jacket, a ladies jacket and a 100 piece Craftsman tool set were in the Altima at the time it was stolen. No one else had keys and he knew of no one who would have borrowed it.

No other information was available at the time of the report.

Police Beat

Luis Ramos Sauce-

do, 29, of West Broadway, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver license, window tint and financial resp.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Saucedo for a window tint violation and found him to be unlicensed and uninsured. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

had no license and no insurance along with a loud muffler. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest

Jason Hamilton Vincil, 39, of Kelly Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD stopped Vincil for an expired registration and found him to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy a citation. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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Alvaro Morales Gonzalez, 31, of Hwy 11, Lenoir City was charged with no driver license, violation of the light law, financial resp and muffler law.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Gonzalez for violation of the light law and he

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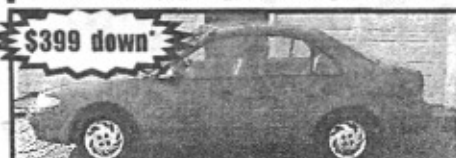
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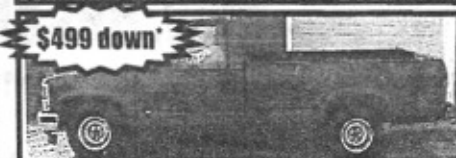
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Howard

the stopped vehicle and stop in the middle of the roadway. The driver made an unknown gesture to the officer and then accelerated, spinning the tires in a reckless manner onto 6th Avenue.

The officer followed the vehicle down 6th Avenue and observed the vehicle driving erratically. The officer stopped the vehicle and the driver exited and was very unstable on her feet. She was identified as Theresa Lynn Howard and she stated she had consumed some beer earlier in the evening and she was unable to perform sobriety tasks.

Howard had her two children, ages 8 and 7, in the vehicle with her and put her children's lives in danger because of the manner in which she was driving. She refused a BAC test as well.

Theresa Lynn Howard, 48, of Bethel Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, reckless endangerment x2 and implied consent. Lt. Morgan made the arrest.

Gus

Moore, Lambert and Pinkston, which were playing the parts of the Stooges.

I guess what makes it so funny is that old saying "if you live in a glass house you might not want to throw stones." Well no one told this to Chairman Scott Moore who was sitting on his high pedestal chucking some big old stones when his old adversary Mr. Cook took the podium and reminded Mr. Moore about his first run for County Commission in 2002, which Moore and Cook used a county car, on county time, and used county gas to place yard signs for his campaign.

Then Tuesday morning on the HHH radio show, Lambert was a guest and was taking phone calls. HHH was talking about the next guest that was on after Lambert, which was someone promoting reading. Mr. Lambert spoke out and said he was an avid reader and was currently reading some middle eastern books.

Mr. Lambert, before you read books on foreign affairs, you might

want to check out some written about ethics. Oh wait a second, you don't need to read that, you are after all a used car salesman. To bad the lemon law doesn't apply here, because Knox County sure does have a bag full of lemons right now. -Gus

Police Beat

Jaime Ramirez, 24, of Martel Road, Lenoir City, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Ramirez was found standing in the middle of 5th Avenue and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his breath

and body and was unsteady on his feet.

Ramirez was in the middle of the road

causing a disturbance that would annoy other persons in the area. Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD made the arrest.

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Barnett

came to Ft. Loudon Mille School where his children go to school. Mr. Barnett has an active order of protection against him.

Donald Joe Barnett, 40, of Branch Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of order of protection. Officer Kenny Ridings, LPD

made the arrest.

Police Beat

Joel D. Stevens, 49, of Paintville, KY, was charged with DUI and implied consent.

Lt. Gillis Morgan, LCPD observed a truck traveling south in the northbound lane and saw it making a u-turn in the adjacent lanes of travel and

then pull into a parking lot. The driver traveled over the grass curb when attempting to pull in the parking lot.

The driver, Stevens, had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and could not perform sobriety tasks. Lt. Gillis Morgan, LCPD made the arrest.

Ronald Elmer Kokidek, 65, of Inagehi Way, Loudon, was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to the report, Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSD responded to a do-

mestic violence call and upon arrival the deputy spoke with the assailant and victim who reported they were arguing over the placement of a decoration.

During their argument Ronald grabbed and slapped the victim in the face. Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSD made the arrest.

Joseph Tate Luffman, 25, of Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was charged with a warrant out of Bradley County. Deputy Marty Stanley LCSD made the arrest.

Handy Tips

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Report

citations, searches, or arrests?

A new report by the Comptroller's Office of Research, Tennessee Highway Patrol Vehicle Stops During 2006: A Summary, explores these questions.

State lawmakers asked the Comptroller's Office of Research to analyze stops by troopers during 2006 to determine whether race and ethnicity appear to play a role in troopers' decisions to stop motorists.

Troopers collected information on every vehicle stop, including race, ethnicity, gender, age, traffic violation, result of the stop, and whether troopers conducted a search.

The U.S. Department of Justice defines racial

profiling as: "any police-initiated action that relies on the race, ethnicity, or national origin rather than the behavior of an individual." Although police may not use racial or ethnic stereotypes to select persons stopped, they may use race or ethnicity to determine whether a person matches a specific description of a particular suspect.

Overall, the Comptroller's report found that vehicle stops of white, African American, and drivers categorized as "other" appeared racially proportionate to Tennessee's valid drivers. Hispanic drivers, however, appeared to be overrepresented. Additionally, analysis of post-stop activities such as search, disposition, and physical evi-

dence seizure showed some variation by race and ethnicity; Hispanic drivers were overrepresented in many post-stop activities.

Moving violations were the most commonly identified reason for stops, regardless of race. African American and "other" drivers were stopped for moving violations at slightly higher rates, while Hispanic and white drivers were stopped more often for non-moving violations.

Drivers received citations, the most commonly identified disposition, at similar rates regardless of race. Ninety percent of stops resulted in a citation. Search rates, however, varied by race. One of eight stopped Hispanic drivers was searched compared to one of 13 stopped African Ameri-

can drivers and one of 14 stopped white drivers.

Troopers seized physical evidence, such as weapons, drugs, vehicles, and stolen property in 25.5 percent of all searches. Searched Hispanic drivers had physical evidence seized at a rate of 15% compared to 25% of white drivers and 28% of searched African American drivers. White drivers had drugs seized at a higher rate than other racial groups.

The Comptroller's report notes that troopers receive some pre-service and in-service cultural diversity training, but may need more specific training on vehicle stops.

Ethel Detch, Director of the Office of Research, cautions that such studies should

be interpreted thoughtfully. "Although the results of this analysis are thought-provoking, there are many unanswered questions. I hope readers won't leap to conclusions based on the data. Many factors affect whether a law enforcement officer stops a motorist for a violation," she said.

The report recommends that Tennessee Highway Patrol officials reflect on the stop and post-stop data presented and use it to inform statewide and district-level policies, procedures, and training.

Tennessee Highway Patrol Vehicle Stops During 2006: A Summary, is available on the Comptroller's website at www.comptroller.state.tn.us.

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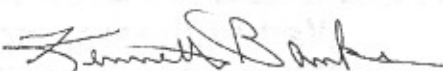
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- Bomb threat at our plant
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