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Ward pleads guilty

Thomas Ward pleaded guilty to reckless vehicular homicide from the tragic death of 18 year old Tabitha Helton in January of 2004. Ward appeared in court Friday morning with family and friends and appeared before Judge Charles



Thomas Ward (right foreground) stands with his attorney in front of Judge Charles Eblen Friday

(see Ward pg. 3)

Maremont says "Come back to work or be replaced"

(see Maremont pg. 9)

The Maremont factory remained at a virtual standstill on Friday. Members of the IAM local 2454 have been unable to reach an agreement with plant management. To complicate



LPD nabs men with crack for resale

Sgt. Brian Jenkins, LPD received information in reference to someone bringing drugs into the Loudon area. The officer learned the individual was to be a black male in a Cadillac on Hwy 72. The officer observed a maroon

(see Crack pg. 8)



Clemons



Montgomery

Verse of the day
Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall

lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Matthew 16:24-25

Obituaries

Nadia Churyuk
Glenn Johnson
Helen L. Smith Saylor

Weather:

Today: Showers possible. Highs in the low 50s.
Tonight: Lows in the upper 40s.
Tuesday: Rain. Highs: low 50s; Lows: upper 20s.

Beware of fraudulent lottery checks

There have been recent fraudulent checks sent to various individuals throughout Loudon County. These checks are being sent out as lottery checks. The checks are sent with a letter advising you that you have won a large sum of money from a lottery that had gotten your winning number (see Beware pg. 11)

Man charged after running from checkpoint

Officer Jason Butler, LCPD was working a DUI checkpoint on Hwy 321 at Simpson Road. Dispatch advised officers of a possible intoxicated driver operating a blue dodge pickup. When the driver of the

(see Crawley pg. 4) Crawley



Fishing with Gus

(see Fishing pg. 7)

Theft over \$500

(see Hayes pg. 6)

Aggravated assault

(see Assault pg. 4)

Lug nuts loosened

(see Lug nuts pg. 2)

Intoxicated driver almost hits trooper

(see Hall pg. 3)

Wazzup

Thank-you for an awesome brunch, Dan. B.!

Horoscopes:

Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

The how and why

of your behavior is a constantly evolving mystery. It seems like the more you delve into your psyche, the more layers and secrets you find. Believe

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Horoscopes

it or not, that's all part of the fun.

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Flirting with disaster (or its second cousin, unnecessary drama) can kick-start your heart, but is it necessary? It's time to go within instead of creating outward circumstances that make you deal with the right issues.

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

Expect the best from yourself and your relationships. Remember that if you start out by seeing only limitation, that's very likely what you'll receive. It's time to give yourself room to grow and expand.

Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

Your intuition won't lead you wrong. The more you trust it, the more you'll see how it tells you what you need when you need it. The trick is just learning how to interpret the signals that it's sending you.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

The easiest changes can have the greatest effects. A daily walk can improve your health and mental well-being when you do it regularly. Writing a page a day can produce a novel. Make small moves to get ahead.

Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

Business is prac-

tically your middle name. When it comes to organizing personal or career matters, you're on top of it. Someone else is looking on in admiration at your fine example. Let 'em watch and learn.

Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Give that difficult person just one more chance. If you open your heart and shut down your ego, you might be (pleasantly) surprised at what transpires. And, okay, if they mess up this chance, you can wash your hands of them.

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

Learning to let go is one of the best and healthiest things you can do for yourself. The trouble is, you know you could make everything better ... if only you did this one last thing! Now, now -- breathe and release.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

You start to notice patterns in your behavior, and you realize that it's within your power to change them. Suddenly, you feel empowered. Good for you. Take the initiative and get rid of what's not working.

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

You need to have a balance between rules and freedom, structure and inspiration. The stars say to check in with your-

self regularly to make sure you haven't had too much of one and not enough of the other in your life.

Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Inspiration is waiting for you -- within. It's time to go deep. Sift through your past in order to get a better idea about your present. It's within your power to create the future that you desire.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Food, love, life: So

many things are better when they're taken slow. Be unafraid about taking things at the right pace -- even if that's much slower than you're used to. It's not quantity, it's quality.

Lug nuts

A Loudon County man called police Saturday when he discovered someone loosened the lugs on his vehicles.

According to reports, Harvey Franklin, Wilson Road, told Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD, someone un-

screwed the lugs off three of his cars.

Franklin reportedly said he doesn't know exactly who did it, but he had some ideas.

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An alleged intoxicated driver almost struck a Tennessee State Trooper when she came to a driver's license checkpoint on Highway 95.

When Trooper Smith interviewed Hall, he reported she seemed confused, was unsteady on her feet and had difficulty answering simple questions.

Hall, 54, Outer Drive, Lenoir City, reportedly told the lawman she had took medication

After Hall failed to perform field sobriety to standard, she was charged with DUI. Trooper Smith made the arrest.

Eblen where he pled guilty to the charge. District Attorney General Russell Johnson stated "We did not offer him a plea bargain of any kind, he came to court today to enter his plea."

The lesser charge of intoxication was dismissed due to the fact he had virtually no intoxicants in his system according to the toxicology report. Ward took a BAC test at the hospital following the tragic accident.

Three Lenoir City men were jailed after the vehicle they were traveling in was pulled over by LCPD and the trio was discovered to have a strong alcoholic beverage smell about their persons.

The report stated that LCPD Officer Jason Butler observed a vehicle traveling west on McGhee Blvd. that crossed the center line three times. Upon stopping the vehicle, Officer Butler made contact with the driver who was identified as Jairo Tomas Velasquez.

Velasquez reportedly had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and person along with bloodshot eyes, and was extremely

unsteady on his feet. Velasquez was read the implied consent law, but refused. And when Officer Butler ran Velasquez's information through NCIC, it was discovered that his driver's license had been revoked for a prior DUI offense.

The two passengers in the vehicle were also reported to have had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about their persons as well. The two passengers were identified as Fernando Lopez, 29 West 2nd Ave. Lenoir City, and Mario Eniojado Cano, 33, Poplar Street. Loudon and both were charged with public intoxication.

Jairo Tomas Velasquez, 25, was charged with DUI 1st, driving on revoked 1st, and violation of implied consent law.







Ricky Ray Kilby, 35, of Boggs Road, Knoxville, was charged with driving on suspended 3rd.

According to the report, Deputy Pete McGinley, LCSD observed a red vehicle on Old Hwy 95 speeding 48mph in a 30mph zone and stopped it.

A check of Kilby's license showed them to be suspended with two prior convictions.

Deputy Pete McGinley LCSD made the arrest.

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Crawley

vehicle entered the checkpoint he was asked to pull over to the side of the road. As officers were approaching his vehicle he drove off.

After the officer activated his emergency equipment the driver, identified later as Tony Crawley, continued to drive for approximately 1 1/2 miles where he was stopped.

Upon making contact with Mr. Crawley the officer observed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage in the cab of the vehicle along with a half empty bottle of liquor. Crawley was extremely unsteady on his feet and refused a BAC test. A

check of his license showed them to be revoked for DWI.

Tony G. Crawley, 42, of Steekee Creek Road, Loudon was charged with DUI 1st, driving while revoked 2nd, failure to yield to emergency vehicle and implied consent viol. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Assault

A young Loudon man was taken into custody on assault charges after he allegedly attacked another man and sent him to an area hospital overnight.

Steven Tyler Smith, 20, Corinth Church Road, Loudon was arrested on a General Sessions Warrant charging him with ag-

gravated assault.

According to records, it was reported on January 18, 2007, that Smith approached a man at Zaxby's in Lenoir City and hit him in the nose with his fist, then knocked him to the ground where the victim hit his head

hard enough to knock him out.

The victim was reported to have received medical attention and stayed overnight in the hospital with a concussion.

LCPD Detective Jack Fine investigated. LCSD Deputy Mike Williams made

the arrest.

Helpful Tips

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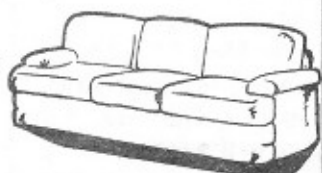
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Hayes

A Lenoir City woman was charged theft over \$500 after she was accused of stealing several items from a Hartshook Drive residence.

The report stated that Tamatha "Tammy" Gail Hayes was arrested on a general sessions warrant for theft over \$500 after another Lenoir City woman accused her of stealing a VCR, DVD player, CD player/radio, 40 DVDs, cordless phone, and a wooden trinket box that contained money.

Tamatha Gail Hayes, 31, Friendship Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft over \$500.

LCPD Detectives Jack Fine and Jonathan Sartin investigated. LCSD Deputy Mike Williams made the arrest.

Police Beat

Jeremy Lamont Kerr, 30, of Newton Road, Lenoir City was charged with assault by domestic violence, driving on suspended and VOP out of Blount County.

According to the report, Sgt. Jimmey Wiggins, LCSD was on patrol when he observed a female walking on Industrial Blvd near Hwy 11. She reported her boyfriend; Jeremy Kerr had hit her in the face several times and took her vehicle.

The officer noticed the victim had a bloody nose and

mouth, several abrasions on her cheeks and forehead, and a small cut on her hand.

The officer sent out a BOLO for the vehicle and Mr. Kerr and after filing the domestic report searched the area and located Mr. Kerr in the vehicle at the entrance to River Manor apartments.

A check of Kerr's license showed them to be suspended for failure to satisfy a citation. The officer also discovered a warrant

out of Blount County for VOP. Sgt. Jimmey Wiggins, LCSD made the arrest.

Herminio Pina, 34, of Huffland Drive, Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a black SUV run a stop sign at Hwy 72.

The officer made traffic stop and found the driver, Mr. Pina to have a suspended license.

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See, I am from the old school; I only own blue jeans and my shirting attire consist of T-shirts and sweat-shirts.

I am not old enough yet to have to sow my name on my shirt; I still know who I am.

I don't have to sow on a patch of every lure that I use either. I only fish with shad and I know what they look like.

I saw them again in the parking lot, and you guessed it, forty-thousand dollar bass boat being pulled by a Hummer, all decked out with chrome grill, winch, oversized tires and the rims had those spinner things.

The driver said "Jeez Toni, dey shur be warmer than in Joisey". So that explained the bass fisherman's bright cloths and fancy wheels; Yankee's.

True southerner's wouldn't be caught dead in a chartreuse colored shirt. -Gus

Police Beat

Robert Vernon

Green, 46, of Pine Crest Drive, Kingston, was charged with failure to appear for sentencing on driving on revoked license, driving without a license, open container and driving on revoked 9th for enhancement.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSD made the arrest at the Roane County Jail.

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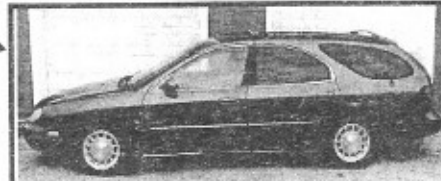
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Crack

Cadillac and approached the individual and asked to speak with him. As the officer was talking to him Officer Sam Harrison walked up to the passenger side of the vehicle and observed a small silver handgun and what appeared to be two plastic baggies containing a white, rock-like substance believed to be crack cocaine in plain view in the passenger side floorboard.

The officer identified the driver as Esley Clemons Jr. and during a search of the vehicle officer found in the passenger side arm rest a plastic baggie containing a small amount of a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. After closer inspection it was learned the larger of the two baggies containing suspected crack cocaine actually contained some type of counterfeit controlled substance most likely soap or deodorant. The substance in the smaller baggie tested positive for cocaine.

A check of Clemons criminal history showed him to have previous felony convictions for felony drug crimes and crimes involving violence.

Mr. Clemons was found to have a friend who had walked into a store. A check of the area found Gary Montgomery at a nearby hotel. Mr. Montgomery had an active warrant for his arrest out of Knoxville. He was transported back to the scene where he was identified by Clemons as the friend. A search of the vehicle produced drugs and a loaded handgun along with a set of digital scales. Gary Montgomery was checked through NCIC and found to have an extensive criminal

history including several felonies drug charges/convictions.

Gary Leroy Montgomery, aka Little Gary, Cheezy, 24, of E. 5th Avenue, Knoxville, was charged with unlawful poss. of a firearm, poss. of sch. II for resale, simple poss. of sch. VI, and poss. of drug paraphernalia.

Esley Donell Clemons, Jr., 29, of Pickering St., Knoxville, was charged with poss. of sch. II for resale, simple poss. of sch. VI, poss. of drug paraphernalia and unlawful poss. of a weapon. Sgt. Brian Jenkins and Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD made the arrests.

Police Beat

James Franklin Wiggins, 62, of Steekee School Road, Loudon, was charged with DUI 2nd.

According to the report, LPD received an officer investigation call on Vale Street. Upon arrival a white SUV was in front of a residence occupied by two subjects. The officer then proceeded to talk to the driver of the SUV and he was identified as Mr. James Wiggins.

A check through NCIC showed he had a prior DUI in 2001. Wiggins advised the officer he was about to leave and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and performed poorly on sobriety tests. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

Cindee Rene Watson, 31, of Oakland Ave., Lenoir City, was charged with DUI 1st and viol. of implied consent.

According to the report, Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSD observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road on Pine Grove

Providence Road. When he came up behind the vehicle a female came from the back of the vehicle and got in the drivers seat and then proceeded on Pine Grove Providence Road.

The female driver signaled to turn where there was no road and came to an intersection and made a turn where the officer stopped her at Dutton Road.

The officer reported he could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The driver, Ms. Watson stated she had not had anything to drink and performed poorly on sobriety tests. She then admitted to drinking three beers and was taking someone home that she did not know.

Watson refused a BAC test at the jail. Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSD made the arrest.

Jason Winfrey Richardson, 32, of America's Best

Value Inn Campground, was charged with domestic violence.

According to the report, LPD received a call at the campground and upon arrival spoke to the victim who was in the vehicle with her two children. She reported her boyfriend Jason was in the residence and had been drinking.

As officers approached the trailer there were several things being slung out the door. Officer Jonathan Yates knocked on the door and Richardson slung the door open and struck Yates with the door, then tried to slam the door shut and showed aggression toward officers and others.

Officers then proceeded in the residence and took Mr. Richardson into custody. Richardson had been drinking and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

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issues even further, the company sent letters to its employees dated Feb. 6, 2007 stating they were welcome to return to work by Feb. 8, 2007 for their scheduled shifts or the company would begin to hire what it called "permanent replacements." According to several union members these letters weren't sent by certified mail until Feb. 7, 2007 and weren't received until Feb. 8, 2007 after the deadline to report to work. In the letter it states that once replaced, that employee, would be eligible to be

placed on a "preferential re-employment list" for what the company calls a "reasonable amount of time".

According to a press release issued by the company they, (Maremont), have stated the reasons behind the recent decrease in benefits is directly due to increased competition with offshore companies who are not required to provide their employees with workers compensation, healthcare or retirement benefits and only have to pay \$2.00 /hr or less in pay.

The company also states that Loudon employees deserve a

salary that creates a successful quality of life and health care benefits that ensure their families' needs. The company also states they welcome the employees back to work.

The Union employees however, are not satisfied with the company implementing another substantial increase in the insurance premiums thus costing them

another approximately .68¢ on the hour. On February 5, 2007, the officers of the Local 2454 were served a temporary restraining order by a process server. The company attorney also contacted union business reps. to schedule talks on February 15th.

Union officials stated

"the company's claim to pay 78% of the premium were inaccurate and the resulting cost to union employee's would amount to a 68¢ an hour decrease in pay due to additional cost taken on by the employee with no increase in pay.

The restraining order states the workers were

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not to be within 100 feet of Maremont property while picketing and cannot block entrances etc. The company has tried to hire local officers from Loudon City who refused to work for the company. Loudon County has offered their assisting to LPD if needed. Dale Smullen, President of the Local IAM 2545 stated "we are very appreciative of all the local support from the community." That support has been felt from Loudon Funeral Home, James Body Shop and others.

The strike will continue 24/7 and the union has officers available.

Obituaries

Nadia Churyuk, age 18 of Lenoir City passed away Thursday morning, February 8, 2007 in an automobile accident. Nadia was a graduate of Lenoir City High School and was attending Pellissippi State. She was a member of Bethel Christian Church. Survivors: parents, Vasily and Elizabeth Churyuk; sisters, Viorica, Domnica, Liliya, Liuba and Tanya; brothers, Ivan, Valentin and Vitaliy; grandmother, Malvina Shailitsa; several aunts and uncles. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. Funeral services 9 a.m. Sunday in the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. Interment will follow in the Lake View Cemetery in Lenoir City. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Churyuk family.

Glenn Johnson, age 86 of Lenoir City, passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2007. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. Glenn retired from Maremont Corporation in Loudon. He was a veteran of W. W. II serving in the European Theatre with the U. S. Army and later serving with the National Guard. He was a 50 year member of Avery Masonic Lodge #593 F & AM. He was preceded in death by parents, Gary and Etta Johnson; brothers, Wesley Johnson, Hughey Johnson and Jarvis Johnson; sisters, Inez Everette and Nancy Swafford; uncle, Walt Johnson. Survived by his wife of 60 years, Frances Hicks

Johnson; children, Carolyn Rabern and husband, Jerry, Glenn Johnson, Jr and special friend, Wendy Phillips all of Lenoir City, Randy Johnson and wife, Susan of Knoxville; grandchildren, Jeff Rabern, Jason Rabern and wife, Amy, Sean Rabern and wife, Sissy, Randy Thomas Johnson, Chris Johnson and wife, Heather, Alison Johnson; great grandchildren, Sydni and Corbin Rabern; sisters, Parkie Stephenson and husband, Alvin of Chattanooga, Dolly Kelley of Calhoun; brother, Roy Johnson and wife, Pat of Kingston; sisters-in-law, Alice Malone and Betty Hicks of Lenoir City, Thelma Johnson of Altamont, TN; brother-in-law, Charles Hicks and wife, Sandy of Lenoir City; many nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Click Funeral Home. A masonic service will be conferred at 7 p.m. conducted by Avery Masonic Lodge. Funeral services will follow with Rev. Ben Ward and Rev. George Seay officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 1:30 p.m. Saturday and proceed to Loudon County Memorial Gardens for graveside services at 2

p.m. Military honors will be conferred by VFW Post 5150 and American Legion Post 120, 70 and 256. Deacons from Friendship Baptist Church will be pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Leon White and Eddie Ford. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the family of Glenn Johnson.

Helen L. Smith Saylor, 92, of Lenoir City, departed for her heavenly home on the 8th of February, 2007, from Shannondale in Knoxville. She was a previous resident of River Oaks, and a member at Calvary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents Earl Kuhlman and Emma Bradford Anderson Smith; husband Richard J. Saylor; sister Dorothy S. Jett and son Richard J. Saylor, Jr. Survived by daughter-in-law Jane Bogus Saylor; grandsons: Chris and wife Sandra Saylor, and Richard J. Saylor, III (Trey); great-grandsons Corey and Lucas Saylor, all of Lenoir City; sister: Mrs. Charles (June) Watson; brothers: Wayne and wife Eleanor Smith, and Jim and wife Vicky Smith, all of Knoxville. Helen was a graduate of Knoxville High School, Class of 1931. She was an accomplished seamstress, cook, and

secretary, having retired from Union Carbide (K-25) after 32 years of service. She had been active in the Lenoir City Pilot Club (past president), the Home Demonstration Club, and a very active LCHS Band Booster. Friends may call at their convenience Friday at Click Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at Lakeview Cemetery at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 10th, Helen's 67th wedding Anniversary. Eulogy to be delivered by her brother Wayne

Smith. Soloist will be nephew Tim Watson. The family requests no flower, however, memorials may be made to The Gideon's International. The family expresses their thanks to the staff at Shannondale and River Oaks for their kind professional service and care. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Saylor family.

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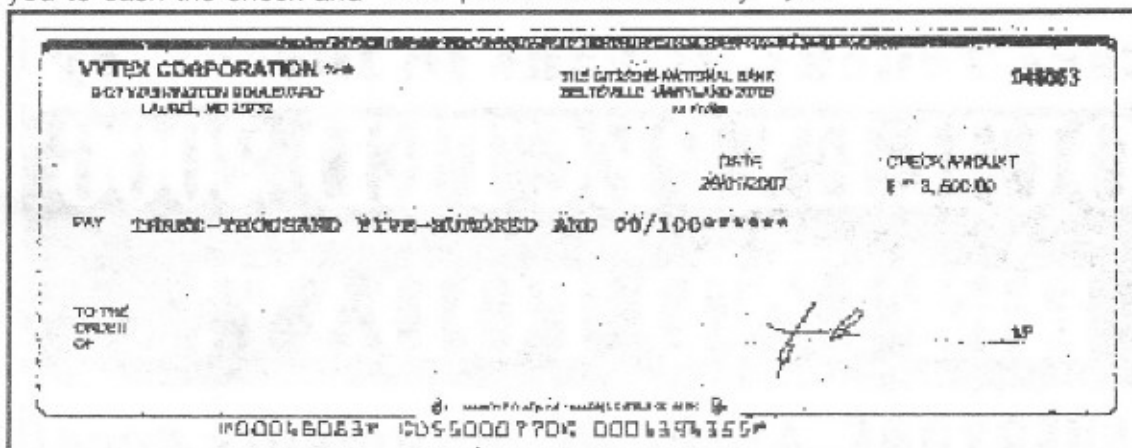
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Photo below: Some of the letters being received are similar to this letter shown below



Some of the fraudulent lottery checks being sent to citizens look like the one above

Amy Lynn Glass, 23, of Kelly Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Glass was convicted of VOP, DOSL 2d, and FTA and was sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since then she has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$821; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$537; failed to respond to notices; and failed drug screen.

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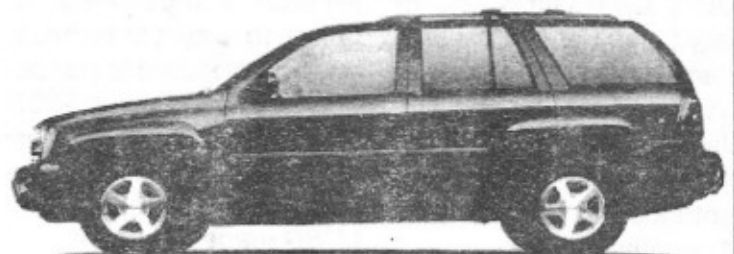
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