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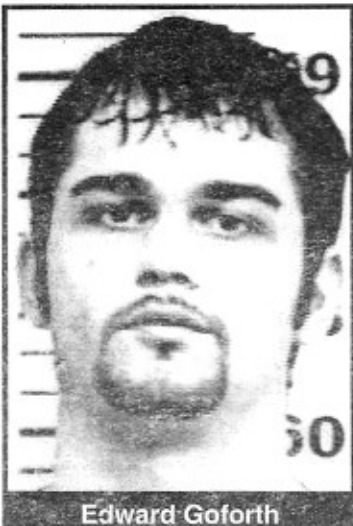
Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Suspected truck thief sought by police after chase

Officials are searching for 26-year-old Edward Goforth of Kingston who allegedly stole a big rig in Florida, then led authorities on a chase that began when a Calhoun police officer stopped him for speeding.

The incident reportedly began when Goforth refused to obey the Calhoun officers commands then took off, getting onto I-75 northbound.

(see Goforth pg. 7)



Edward Goforth

3 charged following fatal boating accident

Three persons have been charged in connection with the death of a twenty-one year old Knoxville woman who died Saturday evening after she reportedly jumped from a boat and fatally wounded by the propeller.

Erica Nicole Watty was pronounced dead at Ft. Loudoun Medical Center following the 8:00 p.m. accident which occurred after she and some friends had

(see Charged pg. 3)



Charles Paul Ward

The World by Gus

Oi' Ahmadinejad from Iran is just plain looking for trouble and they are about to get the snot kicked out of them. Do you know this guy has 1300 working centrifuges, another 300 that are being

tested and will be working before this week ends and still another 300 under construction; according to the IAEA inspectors this past Sunday.

The way I understand is (see Gus pg. 6)

Tennessee's Spring Squirrel Season Open

Tennessee's spring squirrel season opened Saturday and is statewide, running through June 10, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

The bag limit is 10 squirrels per day.

Spring is a good time biologically to hunt squirrels, according to TWRA. Females commonly have litters of 3 to

(see Season pg. 3)

LCPD swears in newest officer



Officer Josh O Dell was sworn in as Lenoir City's newest police officer on May 8th. Lenoir City Chief of Police Don White congratulates Officer O Dell. O Dell was sworn in by Maggie Hunt, pro-tem City Recorder

(see Officer pg. 4)

DUI 2nd +

A local man was taken into custody on his second DUI charge after his vehicle was stopped for speeding and

(see DUI 2nd + pg. 7)

Don't stagger in traffic

A local man found himself in the hoosegow after police were called when he was

(see Boatner pg. 6)

Verse of the day

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; Ecclesiastes 3:7

Obituaries

Judy LaVaughn Longmire Russell

Weather:

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. Cooler. High 73. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low near 50.

Thursday: Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the

upper 40s.

Wazzup

Hope you get to feeling better soon, Mason and Misty!

Horoscopes: Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

Cost-free luxuries -- like

lazing around with a good book or a long phone chat with an old friend -- are worth their weight in gold. More than that, they remind you of how deeply lucky and wealthy you are, so

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Horoscopes

indulge.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

Not everything is black-and-white -- how monochrome and boring would that be? If you remember that, your day will go much more smoothly. Remind yourself of that if you encounter any ambiguity. It'll sort itself out.

Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

A mentor helps you discover a previously unexplored path when it comes to your professional ambitions. Make sure you listen with an open mind when they offer you advice -- but remember, in the end, the choice is yours.

Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

There are only so many times you can say, 'But I didn't know!' and have it be a legitimate excuse. From now on, make it your duty to find out what's going on so you can take responsible action. Life will get much better.

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sept 23)

Improving your physical environment has a big effect on your psyche too. So it's time to start sweeping out the corners, organizing your sock drawer and tidying the kitchen. Your spirits will take a corresponding lift.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Look sharp and you'll move on every relevant opportunity

that comes your way. Now, this doesn't mean you have to hustle or spin your wheels. It means being relaxed and in the zone so you can move quickly when required.

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Being vulnerable is part of being in a relationship. It can feel scary, but it's a testimony to trust -- not only the trust you have in your partner, but the trust you have for yourself to deal with it. You can do it.

Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

A little spice makes things twice as nice, especially if there's a rock-solid basis for all that excitement. The stars emphasize contrast, but not at the expense of anything solid or permanent. Use your creativity.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Rubbing elbows with the creme de la creme of society casts a rosy glow over your self-esteem, and no wonder -- these people just adore you! Keep hold of your common sense and you won't get knocked off your feet.

Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

You don't need to explain every single motive behind your actions to your crew, especially when your actions speak clearly enough. Trust your intuition. It'll point you in the right direction if you listen carefully.

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

As captain of this

vessel, it's up to you to hold the rudder steady. Sometimes change for change's sake is just what a body needs; but in today's case, the status quo is working just fine for your personal relationships.

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

Emotions could be very intense right now. Resolve not to take anything at face value. Simply observe what's going on, and make some notes. You can come to conclusions later, when you're better

able to process what happened.

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5 young twice during the year--in February and from late July to early August. May through June takes advantage of a peak in the population after the first litters have left the nest.

Squirrel populations fluctuate from year to year, but overall have remained stable in Tennessee. Recent abundant mast crops

and a relatively mild winter may result in more squirrels in the woods this spring and the TWRA is encouraging hunters to take advantage of the bonanza.

Several Wildlife Management Areas (WMA's) are also open for spring squirrel hunting during this time. Hunters should consult the 2006-07 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide

for more information.

Charged

gone tubing.

According to reports filed by Officer Anthony Chitwood, TWRA; Charles Paul Ward was operating the vessel that was involved in the accident on Ft. Loudon Lake. He had two minors aboard his vessel that he claimed to be responsible for and was aware that their drinking was getting out of hand. Ward also stated he was aware they were minors.

Upon the initial investigation Ward gave misleading and false statements. He was then taken into custody and taken to Ft. Sanders Medical Center for a BAC test

and then transported to jail.

Charles Paul Ward, 35, of Champions Trail, Knoxville, was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and interfering with an officer.

Jeffery Allen Best, 19, of Iroquois, Knoxville, was charged with underage consumption.

According to the report, Best was determined to have been consuming alcoholic beverages and was under the age of 21. He was placed into custody and taken to the jail where he was questioned for more information pertaining to the fatal accident.

Billy Joe Brown, 37, of Karen Drive, Scottsboro, AL, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Brown was on the boat involved in the fatal accident. Upon return to the shore, Brown fled the scene of the accident but was later apprehended. He smelled of alcohol, was unsteady on his feet and admitted to being intoxicated. He was taken into custody and transported to Ft. Sanders Medical Center for a BAC test.

Officer Anthony Chitwood, TWRA is handling the investigation and filed the charges.

Public Notice

The Lenoir City Better Building Board will meet in its regular scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the meeting room at city hall. The following properties will be heard: 402 Waller Street- David Martin & Mike Duncan, Owners.

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Officer

Officer Josh O'Dell was sworn in as Lenoir City's newest police officer on May 8th at City Hall in downtown Lenoir City by City Recorder Pro-Tempore Maggie Hunt. Police Chief Don White and Detective Kay Arnwine were on hand for the ceremony and welcomed Josh onto the police force. Officer O'Dell has attended the State Police Academy and attended Walter St. Police Academy. He is a 10 year veteran of public service with experience in EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement and corrections. He also worked for the Blount County Sheriff's Dept. and will be a welcomed addition to our community.

Officer O'Dell (Josh) will currently be working in the patrol division of LCPD and is looking forward to serving the community of Lenoir City. If you see Josh on the

street please say hello and welcome him into the police force and our community.

Police Beat

Jonathon Daniel Fisher, 19, of Webb Drive, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st and driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Buddy Bradshaw, LPD observed a green vehicle on the Loudon Bridge cross the white line on two occasions.

Upon stopping the vehicle the driver, Mr. Fisher appeared nervous and did not have a license.

Fisher performed poorly on sobriety tasks and consented to a BAC test at the hospital. Officer Buddy Bradshaw, LPD made the arrest.

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Gus

that it takes about 3000 centrifuges one

year to make one bombs worth of material. The IAEA inspectors said that if Tehran keeps it up at its current pace, they will be in possession of 8000 centrifuges by the end of the year.

Here's the important question, what's going to be done to stop them? The UN sanctions? Give me a break.

See, the U.S.'s position is that one operating centrifuge is one too many. If you will remember back a few months ago, I told you that the U.S. or one of our dear allies, would be lobbing bombs into Iran before the end of summer. One thing is for sure: if Iran gets their hands on a nuclear weapon, they will use it, because Ol' Ahma-

dinejad is nuttier than a port-a-potty at a peanut festival; and that's nutty.

I hate to see us in another conflict, but if you stop and think about it, that's probably one of the main reasons that we are still in Iraq. -Gus

Boatner

observed staggering in and out of traffic and found to be under the influence of alcohol.

Michael Patrick Boatner, 48, of S. C. Street, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, on being dispatched to Hwy 321 Officer Darrell Butler found Boatner staggering in and out of

traffic.

On approach Boatner smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage and was a danger to himself. On arrival at the jail Boatner was found to have push bottom knife which is

a prohibited weapon. Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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Goforth

Other law enforcement agencies including the Loudon and Monroe sheriff's departments, as well as the Tennessee Highway Patrol, became involved in the pursuit and spike strips were deployed.

The truck's front tires were flattened, but Goforth still refused to stop. He continued on to the Philadelphia exit where the rig caught fire due to being driven on the rims.

There, Goforth

abandoned the vehicle and fled into a nearby wooded area on foot.

Goforth had a female passenger in the vehicle who was detained and later identified as his girlfriend. She reportedly told police Goforth had been holding her hostage for about two weeks. She was taken to a McMinn County hospital with unknown injuries.

Goforth is believed to be armed and dangerous. He is described as being 5'11", with hazel eyes, short brown hair and multiple tattoos and was last seen wearing a long black coat, blue jeans and black boots.

Police suspect Goforth stole the rig in

Florida.

Sources indicate there are auto theft warrants for Goforth's arrest in Broward County, Florida and he is wanted in Roane County for a probation violation.

If you have any information on Goforth's whereabouts, call the Loudon County Sheriff's Department at 865-986-9081.

DUI 2nd +

was found to be under the influence.

William Aaron Dills, 52, of Grove St. Loudon was charged with DUI 2nd and viol. of implied consent.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman LPD observed a black vehicle on Highland Ave weaving across the

roadway and stopped it. Mr. Dills was the driver and he had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and admitted to drinking.

Mr. Dills was very hostile toward officers and continued to cuss and be very uncooperative during sobriety tasks.

Dills refused a BAC test and continued being very uncooperative with officer during transport and at the jail. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Officer April Farmer, LPD received call of a possible drunk driver on I-75. The officer made contact with the vehicle at the 72

entrance ramp and followed the vehicle and observed it cross the center line three times then stopped the driver.

The driver was identified as Juan Cuauhtemo Rosales and he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. Rosales produced a California ID number and a check showed him to have a suspended license with two prior

DUI convictions. Morales was taken to the hospital for a BAC test.

Juan Cuauhtemo Rosales, 42, of Alton Drive, Oak Ridge, was charged with driving on suspended and DUI 3rd. Officer Farmer made the arrest.

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