

DAILY EDITION

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Friday, August 3, 2007

LCSD captain discharged after taking files

Captain Bill Shirk was discharged Friday afternoon, July 27, 2007 for violating state law and of course Loudon County policy as well. The violation was discovered July 2nd when Sheriff Tim Guider was

meeting with Captain Shirk and inquired about some documents and he (Shirk) advised they were not here (LCSD). Shirk informed the Sheriff the documents were at a friends house. Sheriff Guider told Shirk to return

(see Shirk pg. 6)

LC woman charged in forgery and theft

Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD has charged a Lenoir City woman with theft x2 and forgery x2 after an investigation into some stolen checks.

According to the warrants, on or about May 4 and May 9, 2007 Laura Michelle Cable went to ORNL on Hwy 321 in Lenoir City. While there Cable cashed

(see Cable pg. 3)



Laura Michelle Cable

Annual sales tax holiday this weekend

Nashville, - Governor Phil Bredesen and Department of Revenue officials remind Tennesseans that the second annual Sales Tax

Holiday begins this Friday, August 3, at 12:01 a.m. and ends Sunday, August 5, at 11:59 p.m.

This holiday provides state-

(see Holiday pg. 8)

Payday mix-up lands 1 in jail

A young Loudon woman was taken into custody after she allegedly cashed a pay check that was accidentally given to her, despite having been told by company personnel on several occasions the check was not hers.

Melissa Nicole Bradley, 19, of Pine Crest Drive, Loudon, was charged with forgery.

(see Bradley pg. 4)



Melissa Nicole Bradley

Stolen truck recovered, tools missing

A Loudon County man was in the process of reporting his truck stolen Saturday when another officer located it. The truck was in good

condition, but over \$3000 worth of tools was taken from the vehicle.

According to records, Deputy Daniel Kelly, LCSD,

(see Stolen pg. 7)

Vehicle vandalized at Hindu Center

Police were called to the Hindu Center Saturday when a worker discovered someone vandalized his vehicle while he was at the

(see Vehicle pg. 4)

John Deere plow stolen

A local man reported the larceny of his tractor plow Thursday and told police he and his family have been having to run people asking for copper off their property

(see Plow pg. 3)

Festival of Friends tomorrow

The Lenoir City Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its annual Festival of Friends this Saturday, August, 4th at Lenoir City Park. The event will be held

from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Patricia Neal Innovative Recreation Cooperative.

The festival is an opportunity for children and adults

(see Festival pg. 6)

Verse of the day

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:7

Obituaries

Jessie Lee Hardin Smith

Weather:

Today: Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 90s.

Tonight: Lows in the low 70s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy.

Highs: low 90s; Lows: upper 60s.

Sunday: Mix of sun & clouds.

Highs: low 90s; Lows: low 70s.

Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Myles Mitchell!

Don't forget the LC Youth Football Jamboree Saturday. Good seeing you, Serena Gentry!

Horoscopes Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

You need to pull back from any joint financial business, at least for a few days. Even if you think it's a sure thing,

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Cable

a check for \$100 on both occasions. The check was drawn on the account of Ms. Astrauskas. Cable received the money back and never gave any of it to the rightful owner.

Laura Michelle Ca-

ble, 35, of W. 2nd Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with forgery x2 and theft under \$500 x2. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest.

Plow

lately.

Arnold Harris, of

Philadelphia told Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD, someone took his John Deere double disc/plow from his property about two weeks earlier and his daughter-in-law's vehicle had been rifled through early Thursday morning.

Shannon Harris advised she came out of

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their residence to find all kinds of items lying outside her car, but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Mr. Harris further reported he and his family have had to run off several unknown persons from their property over the past two weeks

and on one occasion one of the trespassers asked the family if they had any copper they wanted to get rid of.

The tractor plow was valued at \$400.

Stupid Criminals

Newark: A woman was reporting her car as stolen, and mentioned that there was a car phone in it. The policeman taking the report called the phone, and told the guy that answered that he had read the ad in the newspaper and wanted to buy the car. They arranged to meet, and the thief was arrested.

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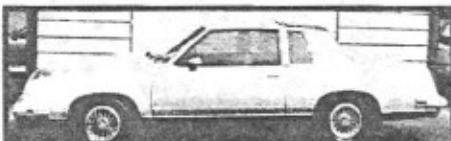
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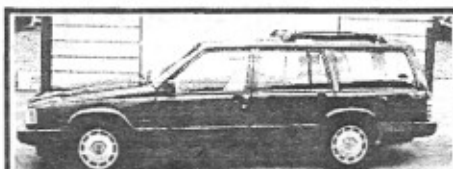
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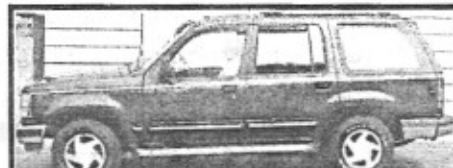
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Bradley

According to the warrant, filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD on the 13th day of March 2007 Melissa Bradley did accept a payroll check made out to another person, and was notified three times by Summit View of Farragut Nursing Home the check was erroneously given to her.

Nicole took the check to Wal Mart

and forged the victim's signature on the check with the intent to defraud. The amount of the check was \$227.56.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD made the arrest.

Vehicle

location.

Deputy Daniel Kelly, LCSD, reported he spoke with the complainant, a Knoxville man, who advised someone broke the

window out of his 2007 Toyota Corolla while he was working at center.

The damage was valued at \$200. No other information was available at the time of the report.

Stupid Criminals

Rustlers in Spavin, N.D., made off with three Saint Bernard dogs, a stationary bicycle and the visiting in-laws of a farmer, after having failed to correctly identify the valuable cattle on the premises.

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Obituaries

Jessie Lee Hardin Smith, 88, of Loudon, went to her eternal home Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at Baptist Hospital West. Preceded in death by husband, James Smith; parents, Herman and Mattie Ellis Hardin; brothers, Herman Jr., and James; sisters, Willie Hardin Cozart and Frankie Hardin Goss. Survivors: sons, Robert (Sue) Smith, Sweetwater, Rufus (Patricia Howse) Smith, Farragut; daughter, Doris Griffin, Loudon; grandchildren, Allison Bond, Chattanooga, Michael Caldwell, Loudon, Jessica Jordan, Maryville, Rudy Smith, Chicago and Courtney Smith, Nashville; 5 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Christine Simmons and Isabelle Robinson, Loudon; host of nieces, nephews, cousins and church family and friends. Family will receive friends 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with funeral services at 2 p.m., Rev. James C. Billings officiating. Eulogy by Rev. Jimmy West. Interment in family plot, Martel Cemetery, Lenoir City. Loudon Funeral Home in charge.

Festival

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ular Shriners funny cars, live music and entertainment, food, face painting, balloons and horse and carriage rides.

Shirk

any and all documents that had been taken from LCSD immediately.

Sheriff Guider placed Bill Shirk on paid administrative leave and scheduled a Show Cause hearing to give Shirk the opportunity to state his reasons for not being disciplined. Shirk appeared at the hearing without an attorney. Based on the facts presented along with Shirk's own admittance Sheriff Guider rendered his decision Friday, July 27 to discharge Captain Shirk from LCSD.

The file removed by Shirk and taken to a friends house contained weekly jail security reports, requisitions, and time sheets just to name a few.

Shirk has, since his termination, hired Attorney Herbert Moncier to represent him at the Merit Service Board.

Prior to this termination in 2005 Shirk had been terminated for his treatment of inmates and co-workers and several other things including making inappropriate comments to co-

workers. Shirk found a loop hole with the Merit Service Board which wasn't active at the time. Sheriff Guider did the only thing he could do and that was to hire Shirk back since Shirk didn't have an opportunity to defend himself. Numerous complaints, phone calls and letters from inmates, co-workers and other agencies have been received over the last 3+ years against Captain Shirk even to this newspa-

per.

From Section 2.12 of the Loudon County Governmental Policy and Procedure handbook it states employees must comply with laws relating to governmental records. Employees should be aware that it is a crime to alter, falsify, destroy or tamper with governmental records pursuant to TCA 39-16-504, which provides 3(b) A violation of this section is a Class A Misdemeanor (c)(1)

upon notification from any public official having custody of government records including those created ...that records have been unlawfully removed from a government records office, appropriate legal action may be taken. The only action taken thus far by the Sheriff was termination of Shirk and the return of the documents.

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