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Monday, September 3, 2007

Loudon Police officer fired following arrest for burglary, 2nd man also charged

According to sources a part-time Loudon City Police Officer has been fired following his arrest on a slew of burglary charges in neighboring Monroe County.

LPD sources report that Steve Robert Gutt, 24, was hired in April by LPD on a "work as needed" basis.

Monroe County Sheriff's deputies took Gutt into custody after an unnamed source gave them information on 30 burglaries committed in Monroe County.

Deputies obtained search warrants for three residences in Monroe County and arrested Steve Gutt and 44-year-old Hubert Elam Thursday.

Each man has been charged with 23 counts of aggravated burglary and one count of theft over \$1000.

Loudon Police Department Chief James Webb confirmed he had fired Gutt after his arrest and declined any further comment.



Steve Robert Gutt



Hubert Elam

LCSD CID charges man in '06 video burglary

Detective Patrick Upton, LCSD CID has charged a Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City man in connection with a 2006 burglary that occurred at local video store. According to the warrant, on or about October 15, 2006 at approximately 10pm a Leeper Parkway video store was burglarized. Taken in the burglary were 13 video games valued at approximately \$1000.

(see Robinson pg. 9)



Joe Michael Robinson

Man charged after nearly hitting officer



Gary William Hatfield

An Alcoa man was charged with his 2nd DUI after he nearly struck Deputy Craig

(see Hatfield pg. 4)

Fishing with Gus

Continued from last week:

We pulled up beside the two city slickers and Toad

(see Fishing pg. 8)

Thieving boyfriend nabbed

A Knoxville man reportedly told his girlfriend he would bring back items he

(see Nabbed pg. 3)

Just cooperate

Two persons were taken into custody after police responded to a suspicious vehicle call and found them

(see Cooperate pg. 7)

Verse of the day

She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Proverbs 4:9

Obituaries

Christopher E. (Malone) Smith

Dezarea Scott

Weather:

Today: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tonight: Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday: Scattered thunderstorms. High: 91; Low: 66.

Wazzup

Our office will be closed today in observance of Labor Day

Thursday must have been a Midol day at Dr. Bowmen's office - yikes!

How 'bout Mike & Kay being born to be wild....

Horoscopes Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

You're spoiling for a fight, so make sure you pick a good one! If there's nothing happening in your personal life, you may want to choose

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Nabbed

wouldn't prosecute
stole from her if she him. Lt. Jeff Vittat-

toe had other ideas, however, and the man found himself behind bars before it was all said and done.

Mark Clay Gibson, 34, of Daylilly Drive, Knoxville, was charged with theft under \$500. According to the warrant, filed by Lt. Investigator Jeff Vittat, LCSD CID ND; on or about

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July 7, 2007 Mark Gibson, who had been dating Tracy Sprouse, left her residence in Lenoir City at approximately 5:38 a.m. Later that morning Ms. Sprouse, the victim, discovered that her credit card was missing and \$502 had been charged to her account.

Surveillance video from Home Federal Bank in Knoxville depicted Mr. Gibson as being the person who used the credit card that morning.

Sprouse also stated several tools and tool boxes were taken from her residence and Mr. Gibson admitted to her on the phone he had the property and would give it back if she would not prosecute him.

Deputy Sam Johnson, LCSD made the arrest.

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Hatfield

Brewer, LCSD on the side of the interstate. The deputy was on an assistance call and even with his emergency lights on the truck nearly struck him before being stopped.

Gary William Hatfield, 62, of Wright St., Alcoa, was charged with DUI 2nd.

According to the report, while on an assistance call on I-75 Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSD was notified of a truck coming down the right lane of traffic and there were no

vehicles beside it but it stayed in the right lane.

The officer had his emergency equipment on and the vehicle kept getting closer, and on passing the officer nearly struck the patrol car.

The truck was stopped and the driver Mr. Hatfield had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and fumbled getting his license. He registered .10% on the intoximeter and a check of his license showed a prior DUI conviction.

Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSD made the arrest.



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Obituaries

Christopher Eric (Malone) Smith, age 34 of Lenoir City, passed away Tuesday, August 28, 2007. He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Wayne Malone and brother, Danny Ray Malone. Survived by his son, Christopher Eric Smith, Jr. Of Memphis; mother and stepfather, Faye and Robert Jackson of Lenoir City; sister, Billie Lynette Malone of Millington; brothers, Rick Malone of Lenoir City, Ronnie Smith and wife, Dawdi of Knoxville; sister-in-law, Sharon Malone of Knoxville; many nieces, nephews, and friends. Friends may call at their convenience at Click Funeral Home. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 11:30 a.m. Saturday and proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services at 12 noon with Rev. Dennis Kirk officiating. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Dezarea Scott, 18 months, daughter of Crystal Smith & Michael Scott died Monday at Vanderbilt Children Hospital, Nashville. Survivors: parents, brother, Austin Blake; sister, Kimber;

grandparents, Randy & Linda Smith, Philadelphia; great-grandparents, Meredith Smith, Philadelphia & Lowell & Virginia Specht, Florida; uncle, Dustin Smith, Mt. Juliet; special aunt & uncle, Robert & Julie McKenzie, Chattanooga. Family will receive friends 11am-1:30pm Saturday Loudon Funeral Home. Graveside services 2pm Saturday Reed Springs Cemetery. Rev. J.W. Smith officiating. Loudon funeral home in charge.

F.Y.I.

Homecoming Sunday, September 9th at 10am - Bell Avenue Baptist Church, Lenoir City featuring the New Calvary Echoes. Grand opening of a fifty year old time capsule! Everyone welcome.

Pastors Michael Johnson and Butch Russell invite anyone who may be looking for a church to visit Freedom House of Worship.

Silver Ridge Baptist Church Clothing Ministry will be hosting an open house on Saturday, September 8, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be offering free clothing

to anyone who needs them. Located at the church annex at 439 Church Drive. If rain, date will be changed to later date.

Memories on Mulberry Antique Show & Sale, Saturday, September 8, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Join us on the courthouse lawn for Loudon's Annual "Memories on Mulberry" Antique Show & Sale. The show is sponsored by the Loudon Merchants and Property Owners Association and features many antique booths, food and music. Take a stroll through the days of old. For more information call 865-458-6433 or 865-458-9020. Memories on Mulberry Antique Show & Sale is held in conjunction with the Annual Smoky Mountain Fiddlers Convention. This event was started by the Loudon Rotary Club as an official event of the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville. The convention has continued to grow and has become the premier bluegrass competition of the area.

Bluegrass music is a unique form of music found only in the Appalachian Mountains of the South. The music blends the fiddle, guitar,

banjo and mandolin into a toe-tapping form of music. The total prize money for the event is \$5000+.

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RIDDLE

I can be long, or I can be short. I can be grown, and I can be bought. I can be painted, or left bare. I can be round, or I can be square. What am I?

Look for answer in Monday's Edition

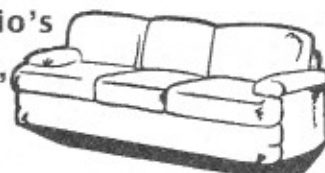
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under the influence of alcohol in public. One of the persons

reportedly failed to cooperate, but wound up going to jail anyway.

Dennis John Field-

house, 40, who refused to give any information was charged with public intoxication. Teresa A. Welch, 41, of W. Vinegar Valley Road, Friendsville was charged with public intoxication.

According to the reports, Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD was dis-

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patched to a suspicious vehicle call in the Unita Road area and upon checking, the vehicle was gone.

While continuing to check, another complaint was received of white vehicle at the boat ramp occupied

by persons possibly involved in a domestic.

Upon locating the male and female Deputy Helm found them to be unsteady on their feet and they denied any altercation. Deputy Helm made the arrests.

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September 1

asked if they were having trouble. The owner shook his head yeah; he said it wouldn't go. Toad told him that sometimes new boats needed a little coaxing to get broken in, they need help to get up to full speed.

The fellow took the

bait, hook, line and sinker. He asked Toad if we could tow them and, of course, he would be happy to pay us for our time.

Toad said he was sure that he could get them straightened out for a hundred bucks. Delmer threw them the anchor rope and

off we went.

When we got up to about half throttle, I looked back and there was so much of an overspray that you couldn't even see the boat. Toad circled back to the dock and slowed down to a crawl. Both city slickers were drenched from head to toe. Once back at the

dock, Toad jumped into the water and unhooked the trailer. Delmer grabbed the front and pulled it out of the water.

The old city slicker reached into his pocket and pulled out a soaking wet hundred dollar bill and handed it to Toad. Toad just smiled real big and told the feller to keep his money,

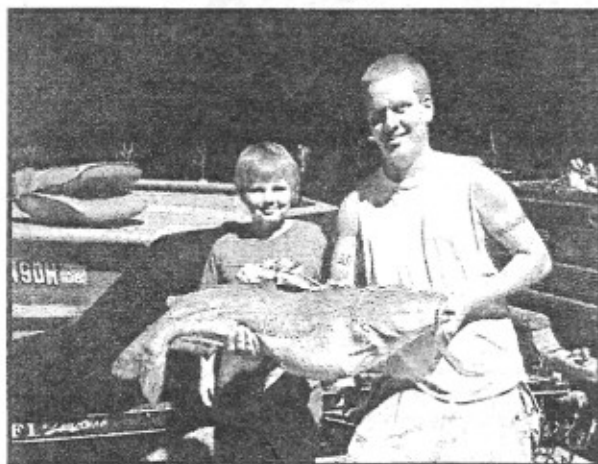
watching them getting soaked was payment enough.

The Loudon County Humane Society provides financial assistance for spaying and neutering pets. For more information please contact the Loudon County Humane Society at 671-8654 or the Loudon County Animal Shelter at 458-5593.

The results for Toads Catfish Club as of August 25th

1st Chris Vittetoe and Sam Cate
2nd Ray Ferguson and Greg Peterson

Pounds	Points
29.5	29.5
29.2	29.2



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Robinson

mately \$1000. Upon further investigation Detective Upton received information the video games were at Mr. Jeremy Martin's residence on Old Spears Road. The video games were retrieved from that residence. Mr. Martin advised he received the video games with the video store name still on them from a Mr. Joe Robinson on

October 20, 2006. Mr. Robinson was interviewed about the incident and advised he did sell Mr. Martin the video games on the night of the burglary for \$50. Mr. Robinson knowingly exercised control over property to wit video games belonging to the victim without the owners consent.

Joe Michael Robinson, 27, of Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City was

charged with theft over \$500. Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSD made the arrest.

Sheriff Tim Guider announced Friday that on August 30, 2007, the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division charged Joe Michael Robison of 3616 Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City in connection with numerous burglaries in the Hines Valley Road area including in Duff

Turner Estates.

Mr. Robison's arrest was the product of a three month long investigation in which over 120 overtime hours, aircraft and nighttime surveillance operations were utilized in an attempt to apprehend the person or persons responsible for dozens of burglaries and thefts this summer in Loudon and Roane

County. Mr. Robison is currently charged with four counts of theft in Loudon County. His bond had been set at \$78,000.

Additional charges and/or suspects may follow in Loudon and Roane Counties as the investigation continues. I would like to commend all the officers involved for their time and commitment in resolving these cases. A special thank you to Teresa Franklin with the Knox County Sheriff's Office Pawn Division for her assistance with this investigation. "I also appreciate the tips and information received from their citizens who also care about the security and future of Loudon County, Sheriff Guider stated.

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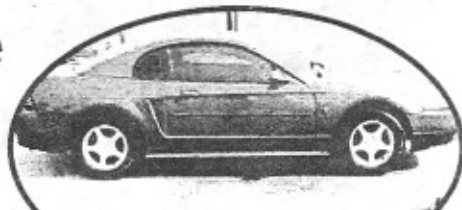
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