

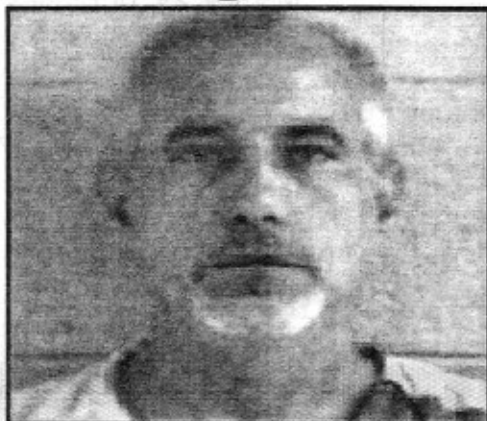
# DAILY EDITION

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Tuesday, October 7, 2008

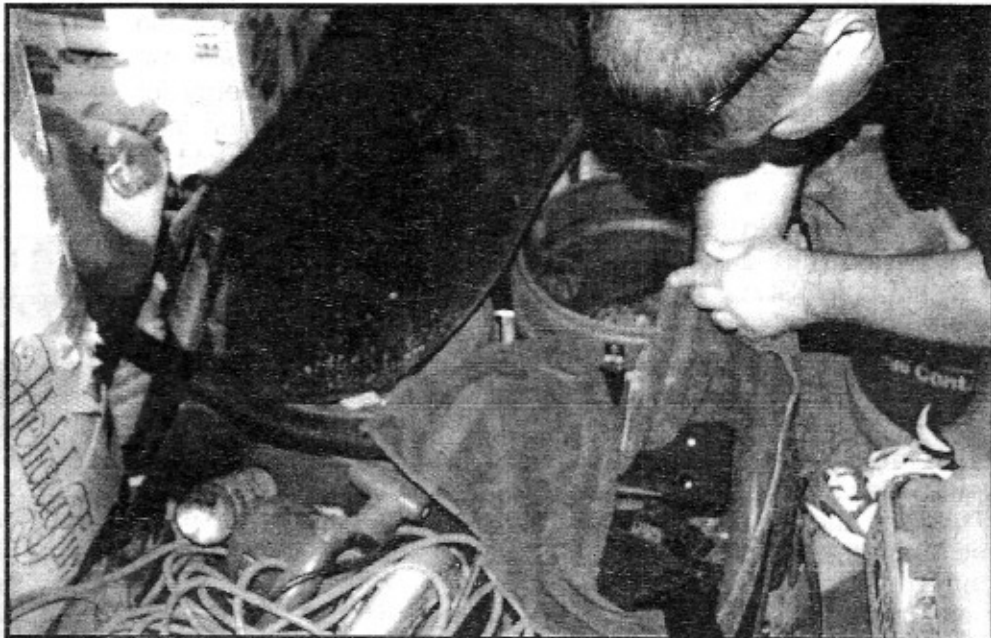
## Extreme hatred for parents is excuse for setting fire to home

(see Craig pg. 3)



Jeffrey Lynn Craig

Photo right: LCSD Assistant Chief James Davis II recovers two stolen handguns from a shop vac after suspected arsonist Jeffrey Lynn Craig told Sgt. Detective Patrick Upton where they were hidden during an interview Saturday



## Narcotics nabs duo in medication bust

\$25,000+ in cash and over 90 pills seized



On October 2, 2008 at approximately 4pm the Loudon County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Division (ND) along with the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) served a narcotics search warrant at 10395 West Lee Highway in Loudon at the home of Edith Hicks and Edward Akins. Over the past several months the ND has

(see Busted pg. 6)

## Theft of services

Authorities were summoned to a Chilhowee Street, Greenback residence Thursday morning to investigate the larceny of electricity after the power meter had been pulled.

(see Theft pg. 4)

## Leaf blower stolen

A Farragut man called police Monday to report his leaf blower stolen from a local residence he was working at.

According to reports, James Schrubbs told Deputy

(see Leaf blower pg. 7)

## Verse of the day

*Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*

Psalm 46:10

## Obituaries

Michael L. (Eock) Jenkins

## Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy. Warm. High 83.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies early will give way to occa-

sional showers later during the night. Low 58. COR: 40%.

Wednesday: Thundershowers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

## Wazzup

There's only 28 more days until the presidential election. Are you ready?

A big shout out to our Loudon friend & faithful reader Virginia Thompson!

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Craig

On October 4, 2008 at approximately 1:30pm Sgt. Detective Patrick Upton, LCSD Criminal Investigation Division (CID) was called by Assistant Chief James Davis II to respond to Hwy 11 E to investigate a suspicious fire. The detective was advised the residence belonged to Mr. James Craig and his wife, and their son, Jeffrey Lynn Craig, also lived there. It was also reported Jeffrey Craig had vandalized his parents home before and the detective was aware of the past incident. Mr. and Mrs. Craig were not at home at the time.

Upon arrival to the scene Detective Upton, Chief Davis and Deputy Chris Bowen were on the scene and they advised Upton that Jeffrey had given different accounts about the fire. The detective then proceeded to the residence to investigate

the damage caused by the fire. The detective then talked to Chief Richard Martin of the Lenoir City Fire Department and was then shown the origin of the fire was located in the living room area and started in or near a chair. The residence suffered a total loss because of the fire. Several photos were taken of the damage.

Upon further investigation the detective then took Jeffrey Craig to his vehicle and interviewed him about what happened. Jeffrey advised he was outside smoking in a lawn chair behind the residence and then heard a subject saying the house was on fire. Jeffrey advised he then went around the front of the house and he then tried to put the fire out by a hose. He also advised he did not know how the fire started. The detective then confronted Jeffrey about the fire starting

near a chair and that no electric outlet or wires were near the place where the fire had started. Jeffrey still advised he didn't know anything about how the fire started. Jeffrey also advised he lost everything, that his medication was also destroyed by the fire. That interview was audio taped and after the interview it was learned Jeffrey Craig had a warrant for his arrest out of Blount County. The detective talked with a female who reported she had talked to Jeffrey Craig at approximately 10:30am the same day and he was upset at his parents and was very mad and emotional.

Chief James Davis and Sgt. Upton then started to search the area of the residence for any possible evidence. Mr. James Craig then opened his storage building and found two duffle bags inside that contained Jeffrey's clothes and

personal items. Mr. Craig also advised the detective that Jeffrey had those bags inside the residence prior to him and his wife leaving. The bags also contained medication of Mr. Jeffrey Craig and also some .22 cal ammo and a magazine for a 9mm handgun with bullets inside. Mr. Craig then advised he had a .22 cal Taurus and a 9mm Taurus that should be inside the residence. Mr. Craig and the detective then proceeded inside the residence and he found his guns had been taken. Chief Davis and Sgt. Upton checked the building outside further and Chief Davis found a .22 cal Taurus hidden in some clothes inside a plastic storage container. The 9mm Taurus was not found at that time.

Upon clearing the scene Sgt. Upton then proceeded to the Sheriff's Department and interviewed Jeffrey again. After several minutes he admitted to setting the residence on fire. Jeffrey showed extreme hatred toward his mother and father during the interview. He advised he did steal the two guns from the house and took his items out prior to setting the fire. He advised he set the fire by pouring kerosene throughout the house and then setting it on fire. Jeffrey advised he wanted to make sure the chair in the living

room burned because his dad had said things about him setting in it. Jeffrey also advised the other gun could be found in a red shop vac in the storage building. He also advised they could find a 40 cal Glock pistol there also that he had stolen from Bobby Drinnen of Vonore, TN.

Chief Davis and Sgt. Upton went back to the residence to the storage building and found inside a red shop Vac the 9mm stolen from his father and the 40 cal Glock stolen from Vonore.

Jeffrey Lynn Craig, 40, of Hwy 11 East, Lenoir City was charged with filing a false police report, arson, and theft over \$500 x2. Sgt. Patrick Upton, LCSD CID made the arrest and filed the charges.

## Police Beat

Dustin Aaron Wampler, 24, of Town Creek Circle, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI 1st and implied consent.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed Wampler operating a vehicle with no seat belt on and stopped him. Wampler had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was unsteady on his feet.

Wampler had two children in the vehicle as well, ages 3 and 5.

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Electric Co-Op had not turned the power back on and the meter had been reinstalled without the company's knowledge.

The worker further reported he again cut the power to the home on Thursday and identified the account holder to the officer, stating the man owes Fort Loudon Electric Co-Op \$497.81.

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



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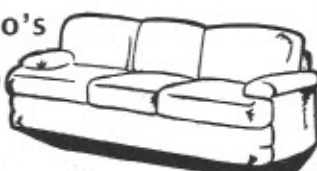
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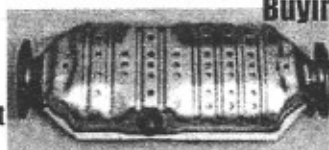
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## Busted

been investigating Hicks for selling prescription medication. At the time of the search warrant Hicks was not at home.



Edith Hicks

US Currency (\$25,000).

While still at the location Edith Hicks and Edward Akins arrived at the location.

Officers attempted to stop



Edward Delano Akins

While searching the location approximately 92 Oxycontin pills were discovered in Hicks' and Akins' room along with a large amount of

the vehicle driven by Akins in front of the house. Akins refused to stop and backed into the front yard and sped off at a high rate of speed.

Sgt. Billy Hall pursued Akins towards Loudon City on Hwy 11 losing site of the vehicle around Bell Road. The officer passed Bell Road and continued on to the intersection of Hwy 11 and Hwy 72. At the intersection of Bell Road and Hwy 11 the officer observed Akins and Hicks and was able to stop the vehicle and take both subjects into custody.

A search of the vehicle produced a large amount of US Currency used by LCSD ND to buy narcotics from Hicks during the investigation. Also participating in the investigation and search were Chief James Davis II, Lt. Teresa Smith, Sgt. Detective Patrick Upton, Investigators Charles Cosner and AJ Yokley and other road deputies.

Edith Hicks, 81, of West Lee Hwy, Loudon, was

charged with felony possession of schedule II oxycodone for resale.

Edward Delano Akins, aka Fast Eddie, 53, of West Lee Hwy, Loudon, was charged with felony possession of schedule II oxycodone for resale and felony evading arrest. Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSD ND made the arrest and filed the charges.

## Police Beat

Matthew Dewayne Armstrong, 28, of Pine Ridge Drive, was charged with criminal trespassing.

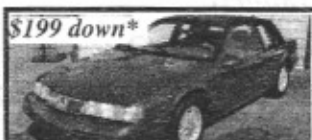
According to the report, Officer B. Gentry, LCPD was dispatched to McGhee Square in reference to the sale of narcotics.

When the officer arrived he found Matthew Armstrong who has been previously banned from the property.

Officer B. Gentry, LCPD made the arrest.

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