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Friday/Monday, November 21/24, 2008

Steal from Kenjo; Go to Jail

Kenjo Markets here in Lenoir City are sending a clear message to thieves and that message is they will prosecute.

According to the warrant, filed by **Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD** on or about November 1, 2008 Ronnie Lee Sexton worked at Kenjo 19 on Hwy 321 in Lenoir City.

During the investigation the officer observed Sexton on video ring up merchandise (see Sexton pg. 6)



Ronnie Lee Sexton

No License

Desiderio Pantoja, 32, of Reed Springs Road, Philadelphia, was charged with driving without a license and

possession of schedule II cocaine.

According to the report, Officer Dewayne Williams, (see No License pg. 9)

Fire Marshal Asks Residents to Prepare Home for Cold Weather

Nashville, -Tennessee Fire Marshal Leslie A. Newman wants to remind Tennessee

ans to keep safe and warm as winter sets in across the state. But she urges residents (see Cold Weather pg. 9)

Consumer Tips for Digital TV Transition

Nashville, - The U.S. Congress has mandated that all full-power television sta-

tions convert their broadcast signals from analog to digital by the end of (see Tips pg. 11)

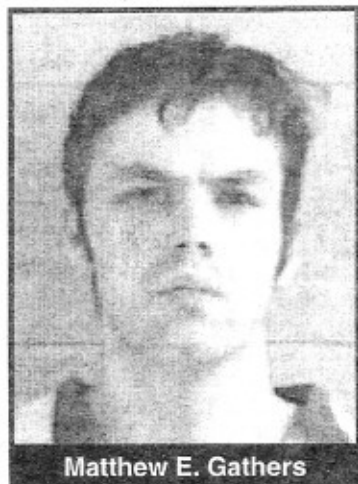
Deputies respond to home invasion

Narcotics nabs LC man with pot and pills

The Loudon County Sheriff's Office received a call on Town Creek Road, Lenoir City of a home invasion. On scene deputies met with Matthew Gathers who stated an armed subject came into his apartment and demanded money and drugs.

Gathers stated the armed subject assaulted him and fled out the door with a small amount on money.

(see Gathers pg. 4)



Matthew E. Gathers

Contributing Trespassing

Detective Jonathan Sartin charged a young Lenoir City man with contributing after he allegedly met with a younger female and had sex with her.

Keith Alvin Scarbrough, 19, of Kelly Lane, Lenoir city was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

(see Scarbrough pg. 7)

Police arrested a local man after he was seen entering an apartment he was not allowed to be at.

Timothy Alan Clouse, 40, of Edgewood Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with criminal trespassing.

According to the report, Clouse was observed by Deputy JJ Wiggins as he

(see Clouse pg. 6)

October Unemployment Rate 7.0 Percent

Nashville, - Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development

James Neeley announced today Tennessee's unemployment rate for October

(see Rate pg. 9)

Verse of the day

Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

Proverbs 13:10

Obituaries

Connie Lynn Forsythe

Patricia Diane (Pat) Smith
Smith, Virginia Ray
"Tootsie" Smith
Frances Ruth Brackett
Ronda Jane Brewer
Luther Elisha Saffell

Weather:

Today: Some clouds in

the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. Cold. High 39. Tonight: Clear. Cold. Low 18. Saturday: Partly cloudy skies. High 49.

Sunday: Mix of sun & clouds. Highs: upper 40s; Lows: mid 20s. Monday: More sun than clouds. Highs: low 50s; Lows: mid 30s. **Wazzup** Superbowl bound???

The Tennessee Titans are still undefeated...

Horoscopes Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Your ego is feeling a little bent out of shape (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Gathers

While deputies were on scene investigating the event they observed marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia laying in plain view in the apartment.

The Loudon County Narcotics Division was called and responded to the scene. When Sgt. Billy Hall and Investigator AJ Yokley arrived on scene Investigator Charles Cosner, Criminal Investigation Division reported he had received consent from Gathers to search the apartment.

A search of the apartment produced approximately 3.5 grams of marijuana, glass bongs, other glass pipes, cut

straws, marijuana grinder, needles and pill crusher.

Also found in a night stand was approximately one gram of Psilocybin Mushrooms, a schedule I drug. Found on the computer desk were three pills in a clear plastic bag that were identified as 2 Seroquel and one Diclofemac Sodium. Gathers advised the drugs found were his.

Matthew E. Gathers, 21, of Town Creek Road, Lenoir City was charged with simple possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of legend drugs, possession of schedule I drug.

Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSD ND made the arrest.



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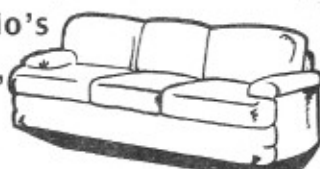
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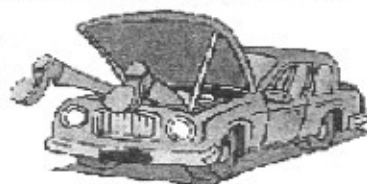
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Smokeout

dise and then error it out and put the money in his pocket. The total amount of the loss was \$46.17.

Ronnie Lee Sexton, 30, of Pinewood Drive, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest and filed the charges.

Clouse

parked his vehicle at the Twin Lake parking lot and walked toward the area of McGhee Square. Wiggins went and waited behind a building and observed Clouse walk into an apartment and upon arrival of

Sgt. Lynette Ladd she found Clouse at the apartment and took him into custody.

Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Jeremy Nathan Dotson, 33, of Coulter Street, Loudon, was charged with domestic assault.

According to the report, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was dispatched to a possible domestic. Upon arrival the officer made contact with Mr. Dotson who stated he and his girlfriend had been arguing and she was leaving to go to his mothers house.

Sgt. RS Newman made contact with

her and she had a red mark above her left eye and she said they had been at a wedding reception and he became upset because she was talking to another male.

The victim also stated Dotson pulled her hair and punched her while they were driving home.

Officer Bennie Houser, LPD made the arrest.

Robert Lewis Hicks Jr., 27, of Woodstone Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, was charged with driving under the influence and implied consent.

According to the report, Officer F. Donth, LCPD made contact with Hicks after another motor-

ist reported she had almost been struck by Hicks.

Hicks had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

Hicks refused a BAC test. Officer F. Donth, LCPD made the arrest.

Brian Patrick Russell, 41, of Trigon Road, Greenback was charged with driving under the influence and violation of implied consent.

According to the report, Officer Jeff Boling, Greenback Police, received a call from Blount County of a gas drive off and observed the vehicle and stopped it. Rus-

sell was the driver and admitted to the gas drive off.

Russell had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and stated he had one drink. Russell refused sobriety tasks and a BAC test as well. Officer Jeff Boling, GPD made the arrest.

Jennifer Lynn Coward, 19, of West 4th avenue, Lenoir city was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD stopped a vehicle for a passenger side brake light out and found Coward to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy a citation.

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Scarborough

According to the report, Keith met with a 16-year-old female and they walked over to the woods near the railroad and had intercourse.

Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Carl "Boo Boo" Hawkins III, 48, of Cedar Street, Loudon, was charged with

domestic violence assault.

According to the report, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was dispatched to Commerce St. for a possible domestic assault. Upon arrival a female stated she had went to another woman's house for a get together with friends. She stated when the party was over a man and Mr. Hawkins took her to the Jiffy to buy beer and cigarettes.

The victim then stated Hawkins became very upset when she would not go home with him. The victim then stated Hawkins threw her things out of the vehicle and then threw her out.

Hawkins stated he helped her get her stuff out and did not put his hands on her, however, the victim had scratches and a witness also reported Hawkins threw the woman and her stuff out. Officer Bennie Houser, LPD made the arrest.

Chase L. Coleman, 23, of Calloway Circle, Lenoir city was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Sgt. Joe Foster LCPD received a call from dispatch of a male subject trying to get into an apartment at McGhee Square.

Coleman was stopped and found to have a suspended license. Sgt. Joe Foster, LCPD made the arrest.

Andrew Lester

Buckner, 21, of Grove Street, Loudon, was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to the report, Officer J. Felts, LPD responded to a domestic disturbance and upon arrival the victim was outside. She advised she and Andrew were inside and they began to argue. She told Andrew she was going to her mom's house and he jumped in between her and the door refusing to let her leave and striking her about the face causing a scratch and busted lip.

While talking to Buckner he admitted to her not striking him and he had no visible marks on him the report noted. Officer J. Felts, LPD made the arrest.

Keonipaul Fauatea Showers, 20, of Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City, was charged with underage consumption.

According to the report, Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSD responded to a wreck with property damage on Lakeview Road, upon arrival the driver, Mr. Showers stated he had ran off the road and tried to overcorrect and hit the ditch.

Showers had a smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person and stated he had 2 beers. Showers performed well on sobriety tasks. Deputy Jerramie Bowen,

LCSD made the arrest.

Johnny Dewayne Shipley, 28, of Roberts Road, Mascot, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Deputy Jerramie Bowen LCSD stopped a vehicle for a headlight out.

Upon stopping the vehicle the driver, Mr. Shipley was found to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy citations out of Knox County. Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSD made the arrest.

Jeffery Samuel Saunders, 27, of Thurman Drive, Lenoir city was charged with probation violation.

Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the arrest.

Adam Wayne Norman, 28, of Angel Road, Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Norman was stopped for speeding and found to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy a citation.

Officer B. Gentry LCPD made the arrest.

Hmmm...

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust."

Thanksgiving recipes:

Sweet Potato Casserole

Serves about 8

5 sweet potatoes, sliced

1/4 cup butter

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

3 tablespoons orange juice

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1 (10.5 ounce) package miniature marshmallows

Preheat oven to 350 F. Place sweet potatoes in a large saucepan with just enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, and cook until tender. Remove from heat, drain, and mash. Place mashed sweet potatoes in large bowl. Use an electric mixer to blend with the butter, orange juice, brown sugar, and cinnamon. Spread evenly into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle the top with miniature marshmallows. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through and marshmallows are golden brown.

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Rate

was 7.0 percent, down 0.2 percentage point from the September rate of 7.2. The October rate a year ago was 5.0 percent. The national unemployment rate for October 2008 was 6.5 percent, up from the September rate of 6.1.

"Since September we've seen a slight gain in employment along with declines in the labor force causing the rate to fall slightly," said Commissioner Neeley. "From 2007, however, we are still seeing broad job losses and expect the unemployment rate to continue the slow pattern of moving upward."

The business survey shows September-to-October gains in local government educational services employment, increasing by 2,800; private educational services added 800 jobs; and hospital employment increased by 600. Seasonal declines included leisure and hospitality, losing 6,100 jobs; manufacturing lost 3,100; and construction employment decreased by 2,000.

From October 2007 to October 2008, educational and health services added 6,300 jobs; local government employment increased

by 3,600. From 2007 manufacturing was down by 10,900; leisure and hospitality lost 6,500 jobs; professional and business services lost 6,500.

Cold Weather

dents to be cautious in the use of alternative heat sources.

"The winter weather means many people will begin to heat their homes with fireplaces, woodstoves and space heaters," said Newman. "Cold weather months typically have a higher number of accidental fire injuries and deaths due to the use of these alternative heat sources."

Following a few safety tips can greatly reduce the risk of fires:

- * Make it a "house rule" to test your home's smoke alarms before using a space heater or fireplace. All smoke alarms should additionally be tested once a month. Doing so could save your life.

- * Space heaters need space. Never put a space heater within three feet of anything combustible, including furniture, bedding or aerosol cans. Make sure your space heater bears the mark of an independent testing lab such as UL or FM. Look for models with automatic shutoff features, when

purchasing space heaters. Never use extension cords with space heaters.

- * Before you use your fireplace, make sure the chimney has been professionally cleaned to remove the buildup of combustible materials that accumulate inside the flue.

- * Be sure any kerosene-fueled heating device is installed with proper ventilation. A portable kerosene heater must be filled only in a well-ventilated area, free of flame and other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline in place of kerosene.

- * Never leave a fire, space heater or flame unattended.

Additionally, make sure furniture, clothing and other combustible materials are not placed in front of permanently mounted heaters like those in walls or on baseboards. If they turn on when temperatures go below the thermostat's set point, there will be no worry of the items catching fire.

The Department of Commerce and Insurance works to protect consumers while ensuring fair competition for industries and profes-

sionals who do business in Tennessee.

Get Local, Get "Real" Green at Area Christmas Tree Farms

Nashville, - The Tennessee Department of Agriculture is encouraging Tennesseans to purchase "real" Christmas trees this holiday season. Christmas trees are a renewable and recyclable resource that contains no petroleum products and leaves a very small carbon footprint. Buying a natural tree this year from a nearby farm is a great holiday gift to the environment and to local farmers.

"Lots of people don't think about where plastics—and therefore artificial trees—come from," said Tennessee Department of Agriculture horticulture marketing specialist Rob Beets. "Plastic is made with petroleum products. Lead—an ingredient in PVC (polyvinyl chloride) plastic, and other metals, are also important parts of an artificial tree. Fake trees don't biodegrade, and chances are they've traveled a long way, leaving a huge carbon footprint to get to the store or your home. About 85 percent of them start in China, but they'll end up sitting in our American landfills for centuries."

In contrast, natural Christmas trees are completely recyclable and are close to home, waiting to be transported from the farm to your living room. In the field, Christmas trees absorb carbon dioxide and other gases, emit fresh oxygen and are often grown on soil that doesn't support other crops. Additionally, their root systems serve to

stabilize soil, protect area water quality and provide refuge for wildlife. Grown on farms just like any other crop, one to three new seedlings are planted for every tree harvested to ensure a constant supply.

If you choose a cut tree, after the holidays you can take it to a local site to be turned into mulch for area trails. Some people also like to place their old trees in their ponds or favorite fishing spots to serve as fish habitats. No matter what you do with it, it is 100 percent biodegradable.

There's also the option to buy a balled and burlapped live tree to replant once the holidays are over. The grower at the farm will be happy to give you tips on how to plant and care for your transplanted tree. Buying a live tree from a farm close to you is a guarantee that the variety you choose will grow well in your area, an assurance you can't always get other places.

"When you visit a Tennessee Christmas tree farm, you don't just do the planet a favor—you give yourself a treat, too," says Beets. "Local tree growers depend on loyal customers, so they make sure you come back year after year for a great holiday experience. Tennessee has Christmas tree farms located from one end of the state to the other."

You can find the farm closest to you by visiting the Web site www.picktnproducts.org and clicking on the Christmas tree photo for a statewide directory. It is best to call ahead and confirm hours of operation and activities before heading out to a farm.



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Tips

February 17, 2009. Television channels in Tennessee have been carrying public service announcements alerting the public to the switch to digital broadcasts that will occur. But it is understandable that questions might remain about how Tennesseans can navigate the conversion.

"Consumers need to understand how the digital television (DTV) transition will affect them, in order to avoid purchasing items they don't need," said Mary Clement, director of the Tennessee Division of Consumer Affairs.

Analog televisions that rely on rooftop or

"rabbit ears" antennas to receive analog broadcasts will not work after February 17 without a converter box. These converters generally cost \$50-\$70 and can be purchased at electronics stores. The federal government is offering two \$40 coupons per household (for two boxes - the coupons cannot be combined to get one box for free). These coupons are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last or until March 31, 2009. To receive free coupons, call 1-888-388-2009 (voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY), or visit www.dtv2009.gov.

If a television is digital or is currently

receiving its signal through paid cable or satellite service, the conversion should not affect it. Digital televisions that use rooftop or "rabbit ears" antennas should continue to work and will not require a special antenna or converter box.

If a television is more than 10 years old, it probably has an analog receiver and will be affected by the digital transition. Check the owner's manual or labeling on the back of the television to determine if a set is analog or digital and look for identifying key words:

Digital sets:

Integrated Digital Tuner, Digital Tuner or Digital Tuner Built-In, Digital Receiver, DTV, ATSC, or HDTV (High Definition) Analog sets: Analog, NTSC.

If it still is unclear whether a television set is digital or analog, consumers should call the manufacturer or a retail professional for assistance. Callers should be sure to have the make and model number on hand. For

further information regarding the conversion, please visit www.dtv.gov or call 1-888-225-5322 (voice) or 1-888-835-5322 (TTY).

Consumers who think they have been deceived by a business and have purchased items they do not need for the DTV conversion should file a complaint with the Tennessee Division of Consumer Affairs at www.tn.gov/consumer or call 1-800-342-8385 to request a complaint form.

The Department of Commerce and Insurance works to protect consumers while ensuring fair competition for industries and professionals who do business in Tennessee.

No License

LPD noticed a vehicle in violation of the window tint law and stopped it.

A check showed Pantoja to be unlicensed and laying in the floorboard was a piece of aluminum

foil with a small plastic bag containing a white substance believed to be cocaine. Mario Gilberto Munoz Pinto, 21, of Ford Road, Lenoir City was charged with no driver license, financial responsibility and improper turn.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Pinto for making an improper turn and found him to have no license and no insurance.

Osbaldo Baskes, 24, of Reed Springs Road, Philadelphia, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Dewayne Williams stopped a vehicle for speeding 40mph in a 30mph zone and found Baskes to have no license.

Armando Lemus, 45, of Angel Road, Loudon, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Dewayne Williams, LPD stopped Lemus for the license plate not being visible.

A check showed Lemus to have no license and no social security number either.

Police Beat

Sarah Elizabeth Tetoro, 25, of Duff Road, Lenoir City, was charged with a mitimus.

Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.

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Purchasing Committee Meeting

The Lenoir City Purchasing Committee will meet in the small meeting room at City hall on Monday, November 24, at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider/discuss the recently received quotes for health insurance renewal.

Thank You,
Gene Hamby, Chairman