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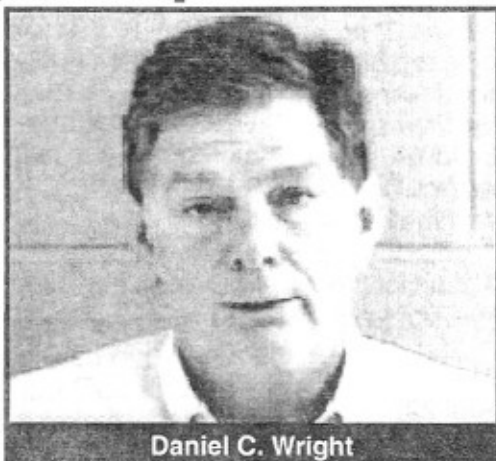
Monday, December 22, 2008

DUI driver charged in aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Daniel C. Wright, 56, of High Springs Road, Knoxville, was charged with DUI and violation of implied consent. According to the report, Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD was dispatched to Hwy 321 to look for a red pickup. Dispatch advised the driver had pointed a weapon at a subject and was under the influence. The officer observed the pickup and stopped it on Hwy 321.

The driver, Daniel Wright, had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and slurred speech and was making incoherent statements. Wright performed poorly on sobri-

(see Wright pg. 9)



Daniel C. Wright

6th DUI, 9th DORL for LC man



Robert Eugene Perkins

(see Perkins pg. 9)

Toys for Tots a Huge Success



Volunteers get the next load ready to go



Recipients as well as volunteers were all smiles at this years toy pickup

(see Toys pg. 8)

Trailer stolen

Police were called to investigate the larceny of a utility trailer from a local

(see Trailer pg. 4)

Fire Marshal's Office Issues Warnings on Christmas Trees

Nashville, - The State Fire Marshal's Office is reminding Tennesseans with natural,

(see Warning pg. 8)

TDOT Halts Highway Construction for Busy Holiday Travel Period

Nashville, - The Tennessee Department of Transportation will suspend all con-

(see TDOT pg. 11)

Verse of the day

Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.
Isaiah 44:6

Obituaries

Robert Shields McGinnis
Lula Bell McKee Vineyard

Weather:

Today: Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 30s. Tonight: Lows in the mid 20s.

Tuesday: Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 40s.

Wazzup

Susan Harrison, you are just something else - thank you

from the bottom of our hearts....

It was good talking with you, Lisa Harold!

Horoscopes Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

You need to deal

with the boss at work or some other authority figure who's overstepping their bounds. It's not easy, but if you're firm and polite, they ought to figure

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Trailer

residence.

Records indicate Deputy Chris Bowen LCSD responded to Simpson Road East to a complaint of theft of property. The complainant, Mr. John Kirkland stated he had last seen his trailer at the residence on Monday. The trailer was described as a 5x8 metal utility trailer with a mesh bottom and loading ramp.

The trailer was secured in the garage of the residence, which is under construc-

tion. There were no visible signs of forced entry to the home. Mr. Kirkland did contact the owner of the electrical contractor who stated he had terminated a couple of employees.

Murphy's Lesser Known Laws

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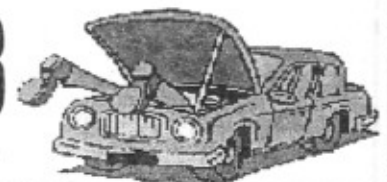
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Hwy 11, Sweetwater



Perkins

Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSD observed a vehicle turn onto Highland Park Drive from Hwy 11 and the vehicle spun its tires up the hill. The deputy followed the vehicle and it traveled in the middle of the roadway to Hwy 321 and the officer attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle proceeded a short distance up the road before stopping and the driver was identified as Robert Eugene Perkins.

Perkins was asked for his license and he stated he did not have one. A check showed that is because his license is revoked

with 8 prior convictions and 5 prior DUI convictions. Deputy Bowen could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Perkins person. Perkins performed poorly on sobriety tasks and was placed in the patrol car. While the deputy was searching Perkins vehicle Perkins was yelling and when asked what wrong Perkins told the deputy the handcuffs were too tight. Perkins was then taken out of the vehicle and the cuffs were adjusted and relocked and Perkins was placed back in the patrol car.

At that time Perkins became more upset and started to kick

the window of the patrol car and kicked the frame out of the door. Upon arrival at the jail Perkins refused a breath test as well.

Robert Eugene Perkins, 41, of Chrisman St., Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked 9th offense, driving under the influence 6th of-

fense, felony vandalism, failure to appear in compliance court and violation of implied consent. Deputy Bowen made the arrest.

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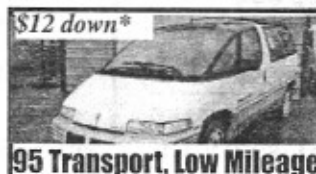
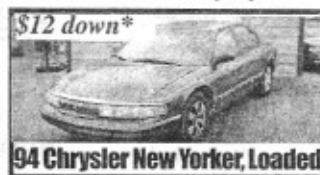


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Warning

fresh-cut Christmas trees in their homes to take care to keep them in water, in light of the fire risk posed when they are allowed to dry out.

"The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that there is an estimated annual average of 210 home structure fires that begin with Christmas trees," says State Fire Marshal and Insurance Commissioner Leslie A. Newman. "Properly maintaining a cut Christmas tree's moisture content of more than 100 percent by keeping it in water significantly reduces the chance that its needles will dry out and pose a fire hazard."

NFPA studies also have found that, on average, one of every nine Christmas tree fires causes a fatality, compared with an average of one death per 75 non-confined home fires. Fires involving Christmas trees cause 94 percent of those related fatalities when they spread beyond the room where the fire begins, which is 49 percent of the time.

"We're in the midst of the winter holiday season," Newman says. "It's imperative – amid the hustle and bustle of holiday events – that residents remember to practice good fire safety and make sure to never leave trees near heat sources, especially

dried-out trees."

To illustrate the short time in which a dry, cut Christmas tree can catch fire and engulf a room in flames, the Tennessee Fire Marshal's office is distributing links to two videos produced by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

•http://fire.nist.gov/videotest/xmasTreeVideos/comparison_wetdry.wmv – *side-by-side comparison of the burn rates of a properly maintained tree and a dried-out tree*

•http://fire.nist.gov/videotest/xmasTreeVideos/tree_fire.mpg – *tree fire spreading throughout a room*

For further information on protecting your home from fire hazards, particularly during the winter months, visit www.tn.gov/commerce/sfm or call 615-741-2981.

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

Toys

Recipients as well as volunteers have touted this year's Loudon County Toys for Tots as a huge success. The handing out of toys took place on Tuesday from 2-8pm and many got more than they expected. One parent stated "this really helps us out at Christmas time, our children will indeed have a special

time this year thanks to this program because we would have otherwise not been able to do very much." Susan Harrison, coordinator for Toys for Tots stated "we were truly blessed this year with donations and we were able to do just a little more this year thanks to those contributions. We couldn't have done it without all the volunteers and those who assisted in ensuring so many requests were filled." Ms. Harrison also told us they were even able to assist with donating a few left over items to the other local agencies that fell short of their goals this year and are looking forward to next year.

Approximately 800 local children from about 325 families were served with toys this Christmas from donations received throughout the community. Forty plus volunteers under the direction of Susan Harrison made this year's event a huge success.

Police Beat

Juan V. Ramirez, 20, of Abbott Road, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI 1st, driving without a license, leaving the scene of an accident and no insurance.

According to the report, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD was dispatched to a wreck with injury on Hwy 11 in front of Highland Park School with one vehicle at the scene and the other had left toward Knoxville on Hwy 11. The driver at the scene stated she was hurting in her neck and back. A witness reported he observed the accident and gave a description of the vehicle.

Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSD found a vehicle matching the description in a driveway on Simpson Road. The tag came back to Mr. Ramirez. A shirt from a local business was in the vehicle and when officers responded there they found Ramirez at the back and he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his per-

son and stated he was intoxicated and had been driving when the accident occurred.

A check showed Ramirez to have no license, and he has no insurance either. A BAC test showed Ramirez to register .18%. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD made the arrest.

Teresa Ann Thaxton-Moore, 50, of Ferry Street, Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked, expired tag and failure to show proof of insurance.

According to the report, Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD observed Ms. Moore in a vehicle on Hwy 321 with an expired tag and stopped her.

Ms. Moore has no insurance and her license was found to be revoked. Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made the arrest.

Tabitha Marie Wallace, 25, of Park Lane, Andersonville, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy M. Williams, LCSD made the arrest.

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Wright

ety tasks and stated he had injuries that kept him from doing the tasks and at that time Wright became very belligerent and was placed into custody. Wright refused the BAC test as well. Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

In another report, Deputy Bryan Blakney LCSD responded to JB's Country Market in reference to a man pulling a gun on a man and his girlfriend then left the scene in a red Ford Ranger with a black camper top heading towards Lenoir City on Hwy 321. While en route LCPD's Dishner made the stop and arrest for DUI. At JB's Deputy Blakney spoke to the victims, the male stated he was sting in his lady friends vehicle in front of the

pay phone and a red pickup pulled right in behind their vehicle. The female was outside the vehicle using the pay phone and the driver of the pickup yelled at her and she went over thinking it was her neighbor. When the female saw it wasn't her neighbor she walked away and the suspect asked if she worked at Wal-Mart due to her having her shirt on. The female stated she could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the man and he stated to her "you sure are pretty". The male victim stepped out of the vehicle and asked the suspect if he had a problem and the suspect then called the female several names and she told the male to get the suspects tag number and when he attempted to the

suspect told the male to move he had a carry permit and would shoot. The suspect drove the vehicle in a very reckless manner and ran over the male victims foot during the process. Lt. Jeff Vittatone and Corporal Chad Estes went to the LCPD arrest location and during a search of the vehicle found two .380 bullets but no weapon.

The male victim did have a swollen ankle and abrasions on the top of his foot from Wright's vehicle and he was taken to the ER by private vehicle.

Daniel Clyde Wright, 56, of High Springs Road, Farragut, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Deputy Bryan Blakney LCSD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Jonathan Day, 25, of Westshore Drive, Hariman, was charged with trespassing.

According to the report, Sgt. Jimmey Wiggins, LCSD observed a male subject he recognized as Jonathan Day at McGhee Square Apartments and knew Day was barred from the property.

During a search, a resident has been told Day was barred and upon confronting Day he stated his name was Steve and he had no ID.

Day then went back inside and attempted to elude the officer by leaving out the back door. Sgt. Jimmey Wiggins, LCSD made the arrest.

John Henry Wallace, 28, of Calloway

Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD made the arrest.

Carl Edward Lee Duncan, 28, of Macedonia Church Road, Heiskell, was charged with a capias out of criminal court.

Deputy Michael Wilson LCSD made the arrest.

Stacy Ellen Kennedy, 30, of Twin Harbour Drive, Knoxville, was charged with a criminal court capias.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSD made the arrest.

From the 1500s:

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor."

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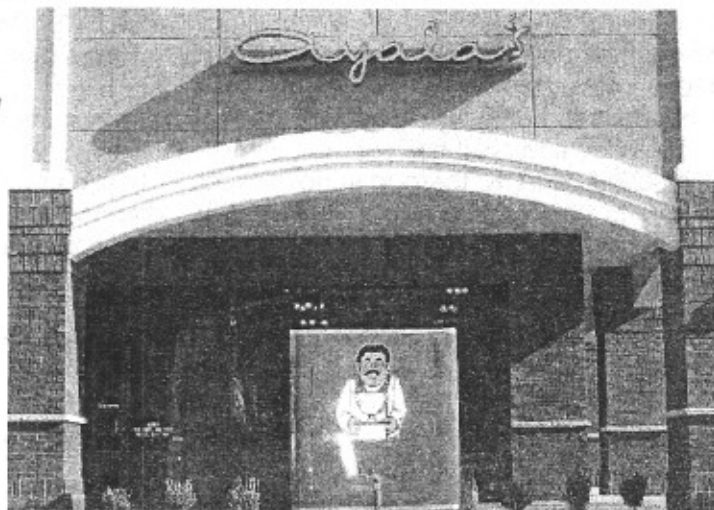
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struction work requiring lane closures on Tennessee interstates and state highways beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23 in anticipation of increased Christmas and New Year's holiday travel.

TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely has informed all of the department's crews and contractors to stop all road construction work requiring lane closures beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23 through 6:00 a.m. on January 5.

"Many Tennesseans traditionally take advantage of the opportunity to travel to visit family and friends during this holiday period," said Nicely. "We want to ensure that motorists traveling in Tennessee arrive at their destinations safely and with as little disruption as possible."

Except for a few long-term closures which must remain in place for safety, all construction related closures will be suspended. Workers will also be on site in some construction zones. Drivers should obey all posted speed limits, particularly in construction areas. Slower speeds are necessary in work zones due to the temporary layout of the roadway and will be enforced. Drivers convicted of speeding through work zones where workers are present face a fine of \$250 to \$500, plus court fees and possible increased insurance premiums.

"Our goal is for everyone to have a safe holiday, and drivers are encouraged to obey speed limit and seat belt laws," said Governor's Highway Safety Office Director Kendell Poole. "We also want to remind

everyone to avoid getting behind the wheel if you've had too much to drink."

Because of a weakening economy, AAA predicts holiday travel will be down slightly this year. 63.9 million Americans are expected to travel at least 50 miles from home during this Christmas holiday period - a decrease of 2.1 percent from 2007. Most of the drop is because of decreased air travel. However, due to falling gas prices, the number of people who say they'll drive actually increased by 0.2% over last year.

The Southeast accounts for 28% of the nation's travel with 18 million travelers. AAA estimates that 1.4 million Tennesseans will travel during the Christmas holiday period. Of these numbers, it is predicted that over a million will travel by car and 197,000 will travel by plane.

For up-to-date travel information, Tennessee motorists are reminded to call 511 from any land line or cellular phone or visit www.TN511.com.

Police Beat

Ruben Juarez Garcia, of Parkwood Place, Washington, DC was charged with DUI by drugs, implied consent violation and failure to yield.

According to the report, Garcia was involved in an accident where he pulled onto the right lane of I40 from the curb and

pulled in front of a tractor trailer.

Officer Lane from Loudon County Sheriff's Department translated. Garcia reported to Trooper Philip Wagner he pulled off the road because he was sleepy and then pulled out in the right lane.

Garcia stated he took prescription medications 2-3 hours prior, which stated not to drive on them.

Garcia refused a BAC test as well. Trooper Philip Wagner, THP made the arrest.

Kassie Michelle Littleton, aka Kassie Goff, 26, of Ford Road, Lenoir City, was charged with a mitimus out of Lenoir City.

Deputy Charles Butler, LCSD made the arrest.

Dakota Lea Russell, 18, of Loudon Road, Loudon, was charged with a criminal court capias.

Deputy Charles Butler, LCSD made the arrest.

Christopher Dean Thomas, 44, of Oregon Way, Dandridge, was charged with driving under the influence, driving on revoked license 2nd offense and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSD was dispatched to an automobile accident on

Hwy 11. Upon arrival the officer found a red vehicle with the front end off in a ditch and the rear blocking a lane of travel.

Thomas was the driver and stated he was trying to turn around and the vehicle slid around. He had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was very unsteady on his feet.

Thomas performed poorly on sobriety tasks. A check of his license showed them to be revoked with one prior conviction and a 12 pack of beer with one left was found in the vehicle along with a glass pipe with a burnt chore boy used to smoke crack cocaine.

Juan Jose Valencia Ramirez, 23, of New Market, VA, was charged with speeding and driving on suspended.

According to the report, Trooper Russell Smith, THP stopped Ramirez for speeding 82mph in a 65mph zone and found his license to be suspended for failure to satisfy citations in Virginia.

James Gary Norman, 32, of Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with a capias out of criminal court for voter registration fraud.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD made the arrest.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Called Meeting

Lenoir City Council will hold a special called meeting at City Hall, on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the called meeting will be to consider the following agenda item:

- Consideration of the personnel committee's recommendation to hire an assistant codes enforcement officer.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Thank You.