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Friday, December 5, 2008

Update: Woman charged 3rd DUI for LC man in home invasion case

Police have now charged a Lenoir City woman in connection with a November home invasion in which the victim was arrested on drug charges after he called police to report being robbed by two brothers.

Traci Rene Smiddy, 29, River Chase Road, was charged with accessory after the fact and theft under \$500 by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSD.

According to records, on (see Smiddy pg. 9)



after wrecks

A local man was charged with his third DUI after a series of accidents Sunday.

According to records filed by Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD Mr. Gary L. Duffey, 52. of Pine Crest Circle. Lenoir City, was involved in a motor vehicle accident on Highway 321 near the I 75 exit ramp. Mr. Duffey was driving a 2000 Toyota Camry and he was extremely unsteady on his feet with very slurred speech. His clothes

(see Duffey pg. 4)



money

Police were called to a local truck stop Tuesday when a customer passed a counterfeit bill he said he

(see Counterfeit pg. 4)

Truck stolen

Police were called to investigate the theft of a pickup truck after a local man discovered it missing from his barn.

Records indicate Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD responded to Hines Valley Road

(see Truck pg. 9)

Counterfeit No driver's license

Alberto Gonzalez Medina. 23, of Commerce Street. Loudon, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Samuel Harrison. LPD, and Loudon Police Avenue in Loudon.

Sergeant Brian Jenkins observed a red Nissan Sentra being operated by Medina, who they knew does not possess a valid drivers license, east on Highland

Upon stopping the vehicle, in the alley-way between Commerce Street and the 800 block of Vale Street. Officer Harrison was able to confirm that Medina did not possess a driver's license.

(see No License pg. 6)

National Handwashing Awareness Week is December 7-13

Nashville, - Washing your Awareness Week, observed hands is not only a good December 7 through 13. The hygiene practice, but is theme this year is "Spread also an important way to the Word, Not the Germs!" protect yourself from dis- The Tennessee Department ease. That's the message of Health urges Tennesof National Handwashing seans to join this effort to

reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

"Handwashing is our first line of defense against disease, and is the single most important way to prevent the spread of infection,"

(see Handwashing pg. 8)

Verse of the day it.

That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created

Isaiah 41:20 Obituaries

Robert McCreary Jr. Kevin Andrew (Andy)

John Sterling Beaty Indira H. Patel Juanita Malone Kincer V. Tommy Davis Carl William Truebe Weather:

Today: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 46.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy after midnight.

Low 24. Saturday: Mostly taurant!

Cloudy. Highs: upper Horoscopes 40s; Lows: upper 20s. Sunday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs: upper (Nov 23-Dec 21) 30s; Lows: mid 20s.

Wazzup

Excellent food, Av-

ala's Mexican Res-

Sagittarius

You need to kick back for a while today

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

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Duffey

were soiled and dirty and his pants were unzipped.

The officer reported Duffey had a brown caked-up substance around his mouth and could not perform field sobriety tests for nearly falling into traffic.

Duffey reportedly also was involved in a seperate accident at 12:07 pm on the same day, at Cusick Circle where he hit several mail boxes.

Mr. Duffey was previously convicted in 1999 in Davidson County and again in 2006 in Roane County. He was charged with DUI 3rd offense. Officer Whitt made the arrest.

Counterfeit

had gotten form a credit union.

Records indicate Cpl. Chad Estes, LCSD responded to the TA Truck Stop. Watt Road, on Tuesday to investigate a complaint of a counter fit twenty dollar bill.

The clerk reported the counter fit bill was passed to him by a customer trying to pay his bill. The clerk then

called 911 and person with the money stayed and waited for law enforcement to arrive.

The man passing the money was identified as a Morristown man who stated that he had stopped at the TVA Credit Union in Jefferson City and gotten \$40. He then stopped at the TA to get some items.

The twenty dollar bill was taken for evidence.

Police Beat

Gwendlyn Sue Heiple, 50, of Eblin Lane, Kingston, was charged with driving on suspended and simple possession of marijuana.

Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD, stopped Ms. Heiple for not wearing her seat belt and a check of her driver's license status showed she had a Tennessee license that are suspended.

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After being transported to the jail, a small bag of a green leafy substance, believed to be marijuana reportedly was found in Heiple's coat pock-

Ms. Heiple also was cited for the seat belt and financial responsibility.

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No License

and advised that he had been previously arrested for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

A check through the 911 center confirmed that Medina did not have a driver's license, and Medina was placed under arrest again for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Octavio Abrego Espinoza, 24, of Maple Street, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver's license, violation of light law and financial responsibility.

According to the record, Mr. Espinoza was observed operating a red Ford pickup on Broadway in Lenoir

City. Upon stopping at a traffic light at Kingston Street and Broadway the truck was observed to have an inoperable right tail light.

The vehicle was stopped for the tail light violation at Broadway and Grand Street, Upon asking Mr. Espinoza for his driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance he said he did not have insurance or a driver's license.

Officer T. A. Bumbalough made the arrest.Jesus Saucedo Cano, 41, of West 5th Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver's license, failure to signal, and financial responsibility.

According to records. Cano was operating a 1998 Olds on D Street. He was stopped for failure to signal. Mr. Saucedo Cano stated that he did not have a license and his insurance card had expired on November 1, 2007. Sqt. Eddie Range, LCPD, made the arrest.

Jonathan Guitierrez, 23, of Bob Gray Road, Knoxville, was charged with driving without a license.

Patrolman Shasta Raby, LPD, observed Guitierrez turn onto Highway 72 and run over a median in front of Wendy's in Loudon. Mr. Guitierrez then ran off the road and almost rear ended another vehicle.

The officer activated

her blue lights and Mr. Guitierrez turned onto Centre Park Drive and finally stopped at the BP Valley Mart. He admitted he did not have a driver's license. The officer had central 911 run his name and date of birth and nothing came back from that either. Mr. Guitierrez was then arrested. Officer Shasta Raby, LPD, made the arrest.

Douglas Benjamin Chicas-Flores, 20, of Maple Street, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver's license. violation of light law. financial responsibility, and registration violation.

According to the report, Chicas-Flores was operating a 1996 Mitsubishi Eclipse on

Depot Street. He was stopped for violation of the light law due to the right headlight being out.

Chicas-Flores stated that he did not have a driver's license or insurance. He also could not find his registration, Sgt. Eddie Range made the arrest.

Chica-Flores was charged with no driver license, financial responsibility, and two counts of violation of the light law one day

According to the report, Sqt. Eddie Range, LCPD had prior knowledge Chicas-Flores has no license since he was arrested on the same charge just the day before. Sqt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.



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Handwashing

said State Epidemiologist Tim Jones, MD. "Thousands of cases of illness could be prevented every year if everyone practiced proper handwashing techniques."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 36,000 people nationwide die from flu or flu-like illness each year and an additional 5,000 people nationwide die from food borne illness each vear. Poor handwashing is directly linked to many of these deaths. In addition to flu and food borne illness. washing your hands compulsively helps prevent the spread of cold viruses which are common this time of year.

To wash hands

Public Notice Committee Meeting

Lenoir City RFQ Committee will meet at City Hall, in the small meeting room, on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the committee meeting will be to consider/discuss the recently submitted RFQ (Request For Qualifications) documents in regards to the selection of Architectural and Engineering services relating to the construction of municipal office complex.

Thank You Matt Brookshire Mayor

Public Notice Purchasing Meeting

Lenoir City Purchasing Committee will meet at City Hall, in the small meeting room, on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to continue discussion of recently received quotes for Health Insurance renewal.

Thak You Gene Hamby Chairman properly, use soap and warm running water. Scrub or vigorously rub all surfaces of hands, including wrists, backs of hands and spaces between fingers, for at least 20 seconds. Leave the water running while drying hands. Dry hands with a clean, disposable towel. and use the towel as a barrier between vour hands and the faucet handle to turn off the water. Critical times to wash your hands include before eating, after using the toilet, before and during food preparation, after handling animals, after changing diapers, after caring for someone who is sick, and any time you think your hands are dirty. If running water is not available. use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

While frequent handwashing can help prevent the spread of flu, the best way to protect yourself from getting flu is to get vaccinated. So far this season, more than 93,000 doses of flu vaccine have been administered at Tennessee's county health departments. Flu vaccine is widely available throughout Tennessee, and it's not too late to get a flu vaccine this season. To get information about vaccine availability, contact your health care provider or your county health department. A complete list of county health department locations is available online at http://health.state.tn.us/localdepartments.htm.

For more information on the importance of handwashing, including an instructional video demonstrating proper technique, visit the Department of Health Web site at http://health.state.tn.us/Factsheets/handwashing.htm.

Police Beat

Sarah Kay Lackey, 24, and Matthew Paul Wolfe, 23, both of Williams Ferry Road, Lenoir City, were charged with theft under \$500.00.

According to re-

ports, LCPD Officer T. A. Bumbalough was dispatched to Walmart on Highway 321 concerning store security holding two shoplifters. Both subjects were held until a city court clerk came to complete the warrants. Officer Bumbalough made the arrest.

Ronald Dean Bright, 36, of Elm Grove Road, Loudon, was charged with an attachment.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson LCSD made the arrest.

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Smiddy

November 19, 2008, Patrick McKay Hassett and his 17 year old brother went to the home of Matt Gathers where the juvenile pulled a gun on gathers and took money and narcotics from him be-

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The juvenile left Gathers' residence and went to Smiddy's apartment where she allegedly hid the hoodie he wore to commit the robbery. After hiding the garment in her vehicle, Smiddy then took the handgun and hid it in a closet

near a heat and air unit at her residence.

The lawman reported Smiddy and the juvenile then divided the narcotics and money stolen from Gathers during the robbery.

Gathers was charged when police arrived to investigate the incident and reportedly found drugs in his residence.

Hassett and his juvenile brother were also charged as a result of the ensuing investigation.

Truck

where he spoke with John J. Goddard who said his 1983 Chevy C10 truck was stolen from his barn. The truck was last seen on December 2nd.

Around 11:45 am a neighbor, who lives next door, saw a dark blue cargo van with some type of orange lettering on the side DAILY EDITION December 5, 2008 • Page 9

of it, sitting on Hines Valley Road next to the gate where the barn is.

The truck is dark blue on top and silver below. It is equipped with cattle racks, and chrome wheels that are rusted. A bumper sticker on the bumper says Support Beef Run Over A Chicken. The truck also has a yellow ball in the driver's compartment and a fifty pound bag of fire ant killer in the bed, mud tires, and the gas hand does not work.

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

Police Beat

Richard Dan Liles, 39, of Gallaher Road, Kingston, was charged with driving on suspended license, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to dim high beams.

According to the report, Officer J. Anderson, LCPD, observed Liles driving a 1991 white Thunderbird south on Highway 321 near Twin Lakes Plaza with his high beams on. Liles failed to dim his headlights when he was behind the officer and when other cars passed going the opposite direction.

A records check of Liles's license showed it to be suspended for failure to pay child support and failure to satisfy citation.

Record also indicate Liles's has an outstanding warrant in Roane County. A search incident to arrest of Liles's vehicle produced a glass pipe used for smoking crack in between the console and the passenger seat. Officer J. Anderson made the arrest.

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