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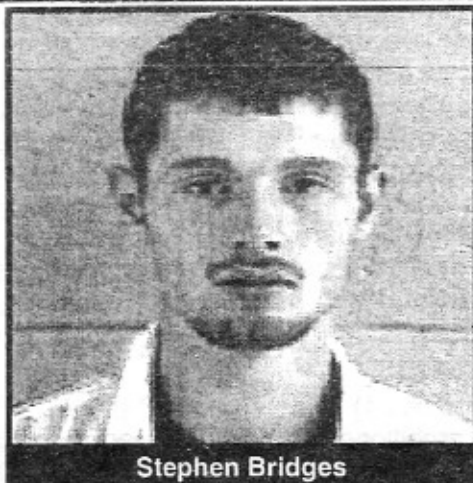
Thursday, April 24, 2008

Man gets 15 years in campground murder

One of three people charged in the 2007 murder of eighteen-year-old Stephen Michael Booth pleaded guilty in Criminal Court to 2nd Degree Murder Monday. Stephen Andrew Bridges, aka Stephen Craig, 23, of Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir City received a sentence of 15 years, of which he will have to serve it all.

In an interview with the Daily Edition, District Attorney General Russell Johnson stated, "Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Bill Reedy was the lead prosecutor on this case and worked with the victim's family, along with investigators, as well as Bridges, who all agreed on the plea and

(see Guilty pg. 9)



Stephen Bridges

Purse stolen

A local woman told police she woke up to find her granddaughter in her home and then discovered her purse missing a short time later.

(see Purse pg. 8)

Grandma says, "No, No, No"

A local woman who, like so many others find themselves raising their grandchildren due to drug abuse,

(see No, No, No pg. 3)

Weapons and ammo found on TX man

9th DTF Agent John Sanchez observed a vehicle at a high rate of speed on I75, 75mph in a 65mph zone. While traveling behind the vehicle the officer could not see the state of origin on the tag due to a cover obstructing the tag.

Upon stopping the vehicle the driver was identified as Ronald Dean Fulce and

(see Fulce pg. 8)



Ronald Dean Fulce

LC man charged in aggravated assault

Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSD responded to a Town Creek Road residence on a physical domestic with a knife involved. Before deputies arrival the assailant had left the scene in a green vehicle.

On arrival Deputy Jenkins spoke to a female victim who came outside the resi-

(see Shelton pg. 4)



Eddie Lewis Shelton III

Locks & chains don't stop thieves

A Loudon man who was trying to sell an ATV reported it's theft instead when he

discovered someone cut off a padlock to take it.

Deputy Craig Brewer,

(see Stolen pg. 2)

Documents stolen from DAV

A local woman called police Wednesday to report personal documents stolen from her vehicle after it

broke down.

According to reports, Sara Cannon, Clion Ridge Road, told Deputy Jack Yokley,

(see Documents pg. 7)

Verse of the day

If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

Obituaries

William F. "Bill" Blankenship
Henry Charles Foster
Alberta E. Welch
Kathryn Viars Brown
Leighton Carl Kipilli
Donna Lou Vangel
Mary Elizabeth Moser

Weather:

Today: Except for a few

afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. Warm. High 82.

Tonight: Cloudy skies. Low 59.

Friday: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs: low 80s; Lows: low 60s.

Wazzup

Good luck on your finals,

Serena Gentry - what would you like for the barbecue?

Horoscopes Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

Big, crazy emotions are welling up inside you -- but you are welcoming them,

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

No, No, No

called police when her son, who was foaming at the mouth from drug use, and his wife showed up to see their toddler and an argument ensued when she told them to leave.

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Deputy T.J. Scarbrough, LCSD, was dispatched to Martel Road where he spoke with the grandmother who said her son and daughter-in-law, whom she identified, came to her residence around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday wanting to see their one year old child and were high on pills.

The woman said her son was foaming at the mouth and they got into an argument when she

told the couple they could not see their child in their condition. She attempted to shut the door to keep the couple out of the house and in the process was hit in the forehead with the door.

The officer reported the couple was gone upon his arrival.

The hapless grandparents gained custody of the child in December, 2007 when the child was just nine months old.

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The Loudon County Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008, with the vaccination fee of \$10 per pet. This year some clinic locations will be scheduled of the morning and others in the afternoon. Refer to the time schedule for your particular location.

9am Philadelphia Town Square

9am Lenoir City parking lot

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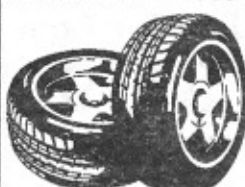
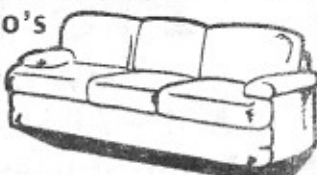
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Shelton

dence and had blood on her lip, chin and marks on her right shoulder and neck and was crying. On speaking with the victim she stated Mr. Shelton came to the residence mad and began arguing over her family.

The victim stated Mr. Shelton threw her car keys at her and began cursing her and got her cell phone away from her when she told him she was going to call police.

The victim then asked him to leave

and he became more angry and pulled knife from his pocket to stab her and cut her throat putting the victim in fear of death and bodily harm. The victim stated she then tried to get away, grabbed his wrists, and kept the knife away.

Mr. Shelton then let the victim go, grabbed her keys and cell phone and went outside the residence and grabbed a shovel and then tried to hit her with it, then got into his vehicle and left.

Mr. Shelton was found at Captain D's and upon placing him into custody Shelton had a black knife on his person and a green plant material believed to be marijuana behind his right ear and a metal pipe in his pants pocket.

Eddie Lewis Shelton III, 27, of Town Creek Road East, Lenoir City, was charged with aggra-

vated domestic violence, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of

schedule VI (marijuana). Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSD made the arrest.

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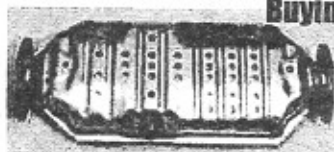
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Fulce

the officer smelled the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. When asked Fulce surrendered a hand rolled cigarette believed to contain marijuana. A full search of the vehicle produced a fully loaded Ruger 45 cal on the middle console, a fully loaded S&W revolver, a Springfield armory 40cal, two knives longer than 4", a fully loaded shotgun, a mouser Chileno rifle, more than five hundred rounds of small arms ammunition, most of it hollow point, and long range ammo as well.

Fulce did not have a concealed firearms permit.

Ronald Dean Fulce, 42, of Forest Lane,

Dallas, TX, was charged with simple possession casual exchange of marijuana, unlawful possession of a weapon, unlawful possession of a weapon with the intent to go armed, and restrictions on firearms ammunition. Agent John Sanchez, 9th DTF made the arrest.

Purse

According to records, Carol Cato, Old Spears Road, advised her granddaughter, whom she identified, had broken into her home and stolen her purse.

Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSD, responded to call and noted Cato said she woke up around 7:30 a.m. to find her granddaughter on the premises

even though she is not allowed to be there and then around 8:00 a.m. she discovered her purse, and some checks that were in it, missing.

Cato reported her granddaughter stated she was needing to go to the methadone clinic to get her methadone.

Police Beat

Walter E. Robinson, 41, of Circle Drive East, Elmont, NY, was charged with simple poss. of marijuana.

According to the report, Sgt. Brian Jenkins, LPD stopped a silver vehicle on Hwy 72 for speeding 74mph in a 65mph zone.

Robinson gave consent to search and voluntarily gave the officer a hand rolled cigar containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana and was charged.

Sgt. Jenkins made the arrest.

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Frank Hall, Chris Dutton, Phil Rush, Brian Rush, Jason Rush and Bobby Terry. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Brown family.

Leighton Carl Kipilli, age 54 of Lenoir City, passed away, Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at U. T. Medical Center. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and an employee of CDE Electrical Inc. Leighton loved riding his motorcycle. Preceded in death by wife, Donna Sue Kipilli and father, Abraham Kipilli, Sr. Survived by children, Kea Nue Nue Kipilli of Nashville, Kolomona Kipilli of Lenoir City and Randall Scott Jones of Knoxville; mother, Maile Kipilli; sisters, LynetteVallo, Iris Arakaki and Laura Otumaka; brother, Abraham Kipilli, Jr. all of Hawaii; grandchildren, Jaden Brooks, Justis Brooks, Jizella Brooks and Damian Jones; several nieces and nephews; best friend: Pamela Jones of

Knoxville. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 23rd with funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tim Addis officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. Thursday and proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Kipilli family.

Donna Lou Vangel, age 55 of Lenoir City, passed away Saturday, April 19, 2008 at her home. She was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dennis Lee Burkhart; grandparents, Walter Lee and Veona Disney. Survived by her daughter, Christina Watson and husband, Kenny of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Joshua, Hannah and Grant of Lenoir City; mother, Ellen Baldasare and husband, Louis; sister, Dianna Lynn Sapcut

all of Corbin, KY; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; dear friend, Clayton Morris of Lenoir City. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 26 at 17th Street Christian Church in Corbin, Kentucky. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the family of Donna Lou Vandel.

Mary Elizabeth Moser, 83, of Loudon, passed away 2 p.m. Sunday, April 20, 2008 at Park West Medical Center. Member of 6th Avenue Church of God, Loudon. Survivors: several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents, Charlie Ray and Gracie Forshee Moser; sister, Virginia Irene Green; brothers, Claude Leon Moser and James Clinton Moser. Funeral 8 p.m. Tuesday, Bieleley-Hale Chapel, Rev. Jim Bowers and Rev. Fred Cook officiating. Interment 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Hiwassee College Cemetery.

Documents

LCSD, her vehicle broke down along Martel Road Monday and she left some personal documents in the car, including her WIC card and her and her son's social security cards.

Cannon advised
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to the vehicle the documents were gone.

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

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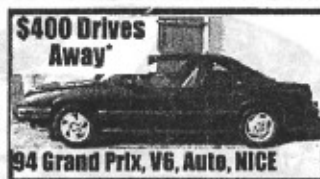
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Guilty

sentence."

General Johnson went on to say, "I feel justice was served in this case and special thanks need to go to those who led the investigation and the excellent effort put forth by LCSD Detectives and TVA particularly, which made it much easier to prosecute this case."

Sheriff Tim Guider stated in an interview with the Daily Edition, "We were able to create a strong case against those involved in this homicide and it was one of the quick-

est solved we've had in recent times. Investigator Sgt. Patrick Upton, along with TVA Investigator Lt. Lauren Harrison did an exemplary job due to it being extremely difficult from the onset with only a body and no one around at the time. Their effort, along with numerous others, made this investigation much easier to solve."

On September 26, 2007, investigators were dispatched to Yaberry Campground in Lenoir City to investigate an unconscious male. LCSD Sgt. Jim-

mey Wiggins arrived on the scene and found no pulse. The subject was bleeding from the head and was identified as 18 year old Stephen Michael Booth.

Investigators were called to the scene, including Sgt. Upton, Lt. Jeff Vittatoe, TVAP Lt. Harrison, who found Booth's body with a shot to the back of the head. There was smeared blood on his chest and two wound on his hand. Booth had several hundred dollars still on him at the time and his vehicle, still parked at he

campground, had the keys in the ignition.

CSI Investigator Charles Cosner processed the scene and an autopsy was performed, which determined the cause of death to be the gunshot wound to the head. Upon investigation it was learned an altercation had occurred at the Petro truck wash earlier, and an earlier incident that had occurred approximately one week earlier where Stephen's brother had his car shot.

Lt. Jeff Vittatoe

learned through investigation that Booth was lured by Jessica Ward, a former girlfriend, to the park for intended sexual relations when everything turned bad and Booth was left dead in the parking lot. Through statements and video investigators were able to charge three individuals with the crime. Jonathan Vincent Hurst, 20, of Barker Avenue, Knoxville and Jessica Ward, 22, of Town Creek Circle, Lenoir City are still in the Loudon County Jail awaiting trial.

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Jessica Ward



Jonathan Hurst

Police Beat

Wuilsar G. Lopez, 32, of Glenway, Cincinnati, OH, was charged with driving on suspended 3rd offense, criminal simulation and open container.

According to the report, Lopez was stopped for speeding

84mph in a 65mph zone. A check showed he was wanted in Georgia and they will extradite.

A search of the vehicle produced a fraudulent license and a Visa card with a fake name as well. Lopez had an open container of beer in the vehicle also. Trooper Carey Hixson, THP made the arrest.

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