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Monday, April 7, 2008

State v. Callie Davis

Kingston, Tennessee – Friday, April 04, 2008

District Attorney General Russell Johnson announced that Callie Davis, a Lenoir City resident, pled guilty by information in Loudon County Criminal Court earlier today to Identity Theft,

a class D felony. Davis admitted to using the routing number for a bank account belonging to her friend, Christie Kreisher, to pay personal debts of Davis and her husband in January 2008 without Kreisher's permission.

(see Davis pg. 10)

Update: man charged with using brother's identity

A local man was taken into custody following an investigation into allegations he used his brother's identity when booked into the Loudon County Jail.

Johnny Ray Clowers, 23, of Maryville Pike, Knoxville, was charged with identity theft.

According to the warrant, on November 26, 2007 Clowers was arrested in

(see Clowers pg. 4)



Johnny Ray Clowers

Work Zone Awareness Week kicks off today

(see WZAW pg. 3)

TDOT reminds motorists about major Knoxville interstate closure

Nashville, — Governor Phil Bredesen proclaimed the week of April 7 – 11, 2008 as Work Zone Awareness Week joining states across

the nation to remind motorists to be safe in work zones. TDOT will also use the week to remind motorists about the May 1 closure of In-

Stolen car found Prowler reported

When a deputy performed a business check at a Philadelphia service station Tuesday night he noticed the tag on a parked vehicle

(see Car pg. 7)

A local man called police when his daughter told him she heard a car door pop and when she looked outside she saw someone

(see Prowler pg. 9)

Bird's nest suspected in vehicle fire

A Greenback couple called police Sunday to report their vehicle severely damaged

when it caught fire. Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSD, responded to the

(see Fire pg. 10)

Fishing with Gus



(see Fishing pg. 8)

Winners of Toad's Catfish Classic, Hieth and Allan, display their prize winning catches

Verse of the day

Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

Luke 11:52

Obituaries

Mallie Lucille Thompson

Williford

Evelyn J. Kinny

Weather:

Today: A few clouds. Highs in the mid 70s.

Lows: Low 50s.

Tuesday: Times of sun and

clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

Wazzup

Look for more news and headlines inside today's Edition.

Want to share your opinion of the Monroe County man who neglected his dog till it chewed it's own leg off? Drop

us a line to P.O. Box 1240, Lenoir City, TN 37771 or email dan1204us.com

Horoscopes

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

Lend a hand when your friends or family need assis-

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

WZAW

terstate 40 through downtown Knoxville. "A highway work zone can be just as

dangerous for motorists as for workers," said Governor Bredesen. "As we head into the con-

struction season, I hope this proclamation of Work Zone Awareness Week in Tennessee will bring

greater attention to the importance of work zone safety."

The Tennessee Department of Safety reports that in 2006 there were 4,609 traffic crashes in work zones in Tennessee, 27 of which were fatal.

"Far too many people are losing their lives in work zone crashes," said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "Nearly 75% of TDOT's road work is done at night, which makes it imperative that motorists slow down and pay attention in work zones and if you're tired stop somewhere and rest. Last year alone we lost at least two road workers in crashes where the driver fell asleep at the wheel."

TDOT will conduct a number of events throughout the week in recognition of Work

Zone Awareness Week.

Storage building burgled

A local woman called police Monday when her daughter came home from school to find their storage building had been broken into.

According to records, Diane Price, Snodderly Road, told Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSD, when her daughter came home from school Monday afternoon she noticed the lock on their storage building had been cut off and when she went inside she found someone had stolen a weed trimmer and chain saw.

The stolen items were described as a Poulan chain saw, a Ryobi weed trimmer, and a pole saw extension, the value of which was unknown at the time of the report.

Possible suspects were identified to police.

Police Beat

Wesley Tyler Moore, 18, of Robinson Road, Knoxville, was charged with Underage consumption.

According to report, Deputies arrived on Hickory Creek Road for a possible juvenile party and upon arrival Moore was found and stated he had a few beers.

Deputy Deland, LCSD made the arrest.

NOTICE

WATER SYSTEM WIDE FLUSHING PROGRAM

LCUB and the City Fire Department will be conducting our semi-annual water distribution system wide flushing program per Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation Water Quality Control Requirements. The Flushing Program will occur for the City of Lenoir City on Monday, April 7, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 8, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The program goals are to identify problems in the water system and ultimately have them corrected.

When fire hydrants are flushed, iron deposits in the water lines are stirred up. This may cause a brown discoloration to the water in the area which is being flushed. This condition is only temporary and will normally correct itself in a number of hours. During this period of flushing, we recommend that you flow your cold water prior to use to determine if there is any discoloration. While the water is still safe for consumption, we recommend not washing any white clothes without first testing the water for discoloration. If your water is discolored, it will clear on it's own under normal usage over a period of time. It is also best to limit the use of hot water until it is clear, as this will keep the iron deposits from settling in hot water heaters. You may also notice a drop in water pressure during these times; however, the water pressure should return to normal within a short period of time.

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Clowers

Loudon County for possession of drug paraphernalia and booked into the jail.

Upon being booked Clowers gave officers his brother's name along with his brothers social security number and birth date. When the brother became aware he advised his information was used without his knowledge or permission.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Theodore Logan Stank, 18, of Linden-

hall Circle, Knoxville, was charged with underage consumption.

According to her report, Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD responded to a call of a disturbance or a large crowd at a vacant field on Hickory Creek Road.

Upon officers arrival a large group of juveniles and adults were present and several juveniles were found drinking. Stank was checked and admitted to drinking.

Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD made the arrest.

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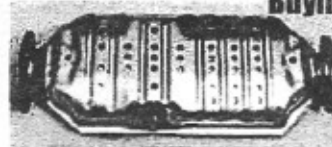
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Knife collection stolen

A Friendsville man called police Wednesday to report the larceny of his knife collection.

According to records, Austin Shoffner, Unitia Road, told Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD, a knife collection valued at \$80 was missing from his residence.

The officer reported there was no forced entry damage to the home.

Man blows .37% after wreck

A local man reportedly registered a whopping .23% on intoximeter test after he was involved in a accident in Loudon.

Bobby Eugene Key Jr., 37 of Hill Road, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st, and driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD received a call of a motor vehicle accident in front of Pathkiller Trail in Loudon. The driver was identified as Bobby Key Jr. and he advised officers he had been drinking.

Key had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was found to have a suspended license. Key registered .23% on the intoximeter. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Mistina Lynn Bowman, aka Epperson, Misty, 34, of McGee Road, Greenback, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Bowman was convicted of driving on suspended x2, poss. of drug paraphernalia, financial resp. and FTA and was sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since then she has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$2118; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$225 and failed to respond to notices.

Robert Kenneth Turner, 18, of Andover

Blvd. Knoxville, was charged with underage consumption.

According to the report, Deputy Marty Stanley LCSD was dispatched to assist Deputy TJ Scarbrough at an underage drinking party.

Upon arrival the officer made contact with several adults and juveniles some

of which had been drinking.

Turner was an active participant at the party and had a smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person. Deputy Marty Stanley LCSD made the arrest.

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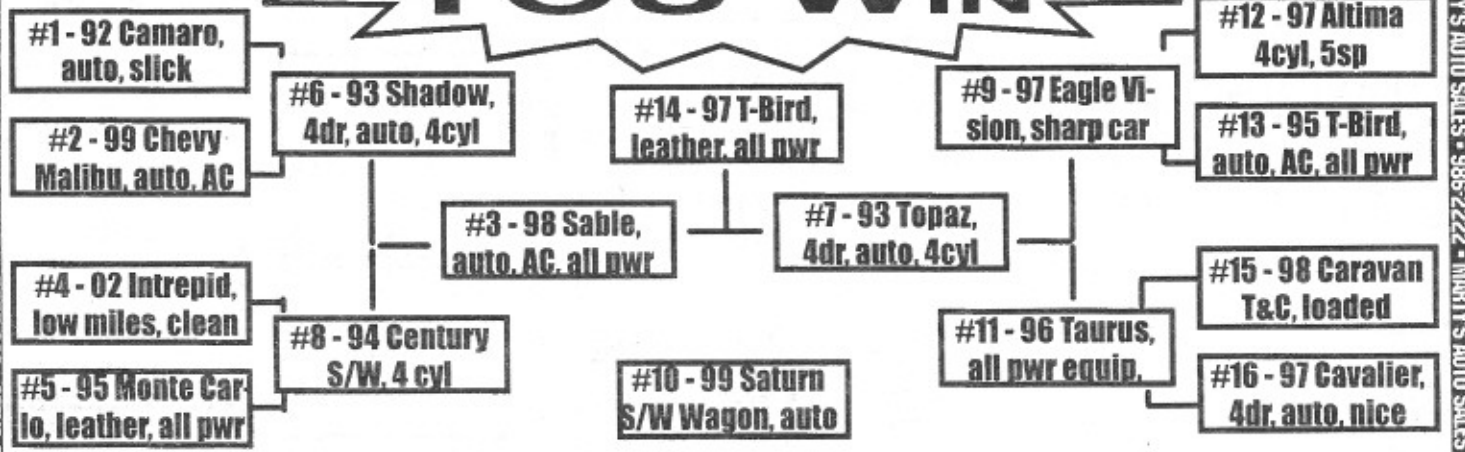
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Car

looked as if someone had tried to tear it off. Upon running the tag number, the officer learned the vehicle had been stolen just the day before.

Deputy Marty Stanley, LCSD, reported he was checking Simmons BP, Pond Creek Road, when he noticed the tag on a red, Nissan Quest parked in the lot appeared as

if someone had tried to tear it off and when he ran the registration he learned the vehicle had been reported stolen from Cindy Townsend of Julian Drive, Loudon on Monday.

The lawman reported he confirmed the stolen report by running the VIN number and LPD Officer Blake Norman responded to the location and took possession of the vehicle.

Police Beat

Narciso Fortunato Rodriguez, 32, of West Hills Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with revoked license, window tint violation and financial resp.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Rodriguez for a window tint violation over his tag and found him to have re-

voked license and no insurance. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Charles Milton Ramsey, of Newton Road, Lenoir City was charged with violation of community corrections and failure to appear on VOP.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSD made the

arrest.

Tyson Gary Vineyard, 30, of Fox Hunters Road, Lenoir City, was charged with an attachment.

Deputy Olwin Norman LPD made the arrest.

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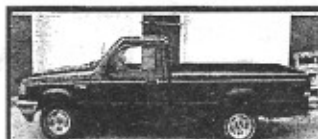
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Obituaries

Mallie Lucille Thompson Williford, 80, of Philadelphia, died Thursday, April 3, 2008 at her home; charter member of Steekee Creek Baptist Church & retired employee of Union Carbide, Loudon. Preceded in death by husband, Earl Thompson; daughter, Carolyn Tate; parents, Fate & Emma Oaks Palmer; sister, Mary Price; brothers, Frank, Bob & Eulis Palmer. Survivors: husband, Rev. James Williford; son & daughter-in-law, LeRoy & Linda Tate, Loudon; daughters & sons-in-law, Sara & Craig Bean, Blount Co. & Mary Lou & Eddie Evans, Loudon; grandchildren & spouses, Michelle & Rick Castle, Richie & Tiffany Tate, Loudon, Shannon & Gary Wilson, Lenoir City, Brad & Jennifer Letterman, Philadelphia & Samantha & Daniel Ricketson, Sweetwater; 13 great grandchildren; the Thompson stepchildren & the Williford stepchildren. Funeral services 7:30pm Friday Loudon Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Gene Russell & Rev. Ronnie Maples officiating. Interment 10:30am Saturday Davis Cemetery. Family will receive friends 5-7:30pm Friday Loudon Funeral Home.

Evelyn J. Kinny, age 83 of Tellico Village Community, Loudon passed away Wednesday, March 26, 2008. She was a retired executive secretary in the insurance industry. Evelyn was an avid golfer and bridge player. She was a loving wife and mother. Evelyn is survived by her husband of 61 years, Archer W. Kinny; children, Ali-

son O'Brien of Portland, OR, Scott D. Kinny and wife, Sanina of Basking Ridge, NJ; grandchildren, Karen Kinny and Lance Kinny; brother, J. Edward Mount and wife, Jane; 1 niece and 1 nephew. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6th at Click Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Kinny family.

Fishing

Boy was Toad's Catfish Classic a wet one. It rained and rained and rained. The good part was the cats where sure hungry.

I do believe every boat weighed in fish. The winner of the classic was Hieih and Allan. Good job guy's, they weighed in a whopping 67.06 pounds.

Terry and Captain Morgan had 56.12 pounds to put them in second place.

Chris Vittitoe and David took third place.

This was the starting of the points race for

Fishing

this year also. It should be an interesting year. Now if you would like some information about Toad's Catfish Club or want to learn how to catch Monster Catfish please contact Gus@ToadsbaitShop.com.

Firefighter reports theft

A Lenoir City firefighter called police Wednesday when he discovered someone had stolen items from his utility room and carport.

Deputy Freddie Gene Walker, LCSD, reported he spoke with Nick Fox who said he discovered someone had taken several items from his

utility room and carport area and the last time he had used the items was on March 30.

Fox said he checked with the neighbors, some of whom advised they also had some items stolen, but no one saw anything.

The stolen items were described as Homelite blower, a Homelite weed trimmer, a five gallon plastic can full of gas and a Ryobi 18 vt cordless drill, all valued at \$600.

Police Beat

Angelique Nicole Keffer, 18, of Howard Road, Loudon, was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the

report, Officer Mike Hodges, LCPD responded to Walmart on a shoplifting call and upon arrival found Keffer was observed taking several items and left all points of sale. Officer Mike Hodges, LCPD made the arrest.

Jason Lynn Roberts, 20, of Ferry Street, Loudon, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Adam Bryant, LCSD made the arrest.

On this day

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Prowler

standing near his vehicle.

According to records, William Cannon, Oak Wood Lane, advised his daughter told him she heard the noise and when she looked out she saw a male wearing a gray hoodie standing next

to their car.

Deputy T.J. Scarborough, LCSD, responded to the call and reported Cannon said the male ran away and nothing had been taken from the vehicle.

The officer noted he checked the area for the suspect, but was unable to locate him.

No License

Domingo Aguilar Gonzalez, 25, of Virginia Avenue, Knoxville, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD stopped Gonzalez for driving south in the north-bound lane. Gonzalez

was found to be unlicensed.

The passenger, Gabriel Gutierrez, had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was a hazard to himself and others if left in public. Officer Norman made the arrests.

with no driver's license, window tint violation and financial resp.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Vazquez for a window tint violation and found him to be unlicensed and uninsured.

On this day

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Julian Duen Vazquez, 24, of Pine Ridge Drive, Lenoir City, was charged

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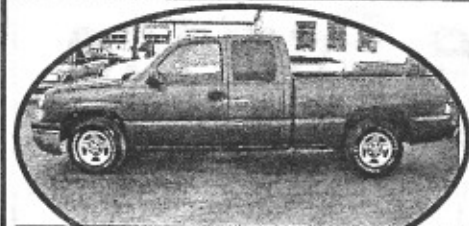
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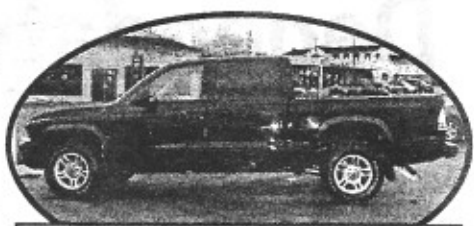
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Fire

IGA on Highway 411 where he spoke with James and Heidi Hollis of Calhoun Circle who advised their 1997 Ford Explorer was severely damaged when it caught fire in the engine compartment.

The officer noted the fire report from Greenback Fire Department indicated a bird's nest in the engine compartment possibly ignited and caused the blaze.

The value of the damage was unknown at the time of the report.

No License

Angel Rogel Lopez, 22, of Fourth Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver license, speeding, fi-

nancial resp. and viol. of registration.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range LCPD stopped Lopez for speeding and found him to have no license, no insurance and a viol. of the registration law.

Jose Angel Morales, 22, of Main St., Madisonville, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Nathan Wilson, LCPD stopped the man for loud music and found him to have no license.

Ciara Shantee Winckler, 18, of Huntsville Hollow Road, Lenoir City, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the

report, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was dispatched to a wreck with no injuries and found Winckler to be the driver and she had no license.

Davis

In an agreement worked out with Davis and her attorney T. Scott Jones she was sentenced by Loudon County Criminal Court Judge E. Eugene Eblen to a three-year sentence to be served on supervised probation whereby she will have to perform forty hours of community service, pay a Fraud & Economic Crime contribution of \$1,000 and pay court costs. As a further condition of her guilty plea agreement she will continue with the sequence of therapy that she is currently undergo-

ing on an outpatient basis. Her probation officer will monitor her therapy progress as an aspect of her probation meetings.

If she fails to complete any aspect of the sentence, the District Attorney General can file a motion to revoke her probation and request the Court to make her serve a portion or all of her three year sentence in jail or prison. District Attorney General Johnson noted "our Judge routinely orders probation only in these types of cases, especially where it involves a smaller amount of money, restitution was voluntarily made before the plea, and the defendant admits his or her guilt."

General Johnson explained that Kre-

isher, upon learning of the unauthorized transactions totaling about \$2,700 from her First National Bank account, reported the matter to the Loudon County Sheriff's Department on January 24th. When a review of the transactions revealed that Callie Davis, who is the wife of LCSO Assistant Chief Deputy Jimmy Davis, was the alleged suspect, Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider immediately contacted the District Attorney General who predicated the investigation of the apparent identity theft to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. TBI Special Agent Jason Legg conducted the investigation that was concluded and turned (see Davis cont. pg. 11)

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Davis cont.

over to General Johnson on Monday.

The various items that were paid by Callie Davis over the telephone using Kreisher's bank account routing number were monthly bills e.g. cell phone and utilities. Agent Legg, however, determined that Jimmy Davis had no knowledge of his wife's illegal activities since she was the one who handled the payment of the monthly bills. Therefore, no criminal charges were brought against Jimmy Davis.

In fact, Mr. Davis, upon learning what his wife had done, immediately took action to make sure that Ms. Kreisher was refunded the money. Therefore, there was no order for restitution in Callie Davis' guilty plea agreement. Also, Mr. Davis sought treatment for his wife to try and address the apparent problems that led her to engage in this unlawful conduct, conduct for which she was previously convicted in 2007.

Callie Davis was convicted in Loudon County Criminal Court in 2007 for using the social security number of her ex-husband to obtain a cell phone in 2006 before she was married to Jimmy Davis. The original charge of identity theft in that case was reduced to misdemeanor theft with the agreement at the suggestion of her ex-husband. Callie Davis was ordered to

pay a fine and court costs in that case, but since there was no actual financial loss to her ex-husband, there was no restitution ordered. The three-year sentence, assuming Davis is successful in the requirements of her plea, will not expire until April of 2010. The felony conviction will also remain a conviction on her record.

General Johnson related that he contacted Sheriff Guider and Davis' attorney, T. Scott Jones, immediately upon receipt of the TBI investigation. Davis' attorney indicated that Davis was willing to plead guilty to the felony identity theft so that she and her husband could move forward with their lives as soon as possible. "Ms. Davis has been very apologetic and is sorry for her actions" stated Jones.

"I felt that it was necessary to secure a felony conviction on this case, especially in light of Mrs. Davis' prior conviction for a similar action. She also had eleven worthless check charges (that were dismissed by prior DA G Scott McCluen's office in 2004)", Johnson said. "Because of the past history it was obvious to me that Mrs. Davis has issues that need to be addressed and I am glad that her husband is guiding her in getting the help that she needs."

Johnson also explained that the case

presented several problems from a prosecution standpoint. "We had several transactions for relatively small dollar amounts. Therefore, we could have had lesser charges (misdemeanors) that would typically have been handled by warrants in General Sessions Court on fines and court costs." The most problematic aspect for Johnson was that the victim, Christie Kreisher, did not want her friend prosecuted. "Ms. Kreisher called my office several times requesting that I not even charge Mrs. Davis. She even sent me a written waiver of prosecution by way of a letter requesting that I not prosecute her friend. In fact, Kreisher had previously paid bills on behalf of Callie Davis. Therefore, I was especially concerned given this set of circumstances that the Grand Jury might not indict Mrs. Davis because of Ms. Kreisher's request that I would have been ethically obligated to present to the Grand Jury. Therefore, I decided to go with the 'information' directly to Criminal Court in order to get the conviction that I felt was most appropriate."

"I fully disclosed Ms. Kreisher's position and 'written waiver' to Mrs. Davis through her attorney," Johnson said. "They chose to accept the felony plea agreement in order to avoid the process of the Grand Jury, the

possibility of an indictment, arraignment and eventual jury trial in Criminal Court."

Johnson also added that the ease with which the personal information was obtained and used in this case exhibits why you should always protect the security of this information, including checkbooks and debit cards, even from friends and family members. "A large number of the identity theft cases that we see involve people that the victims know as friends, family members or relatives. Therefore, the victims are often unwilling to prosecute these cases because of their relationship to the defendants."

General Johnson was asked what will happen to Jimmy Davis at the LCSO?

Johnson stated, "That will be up to Sheriff Guider, but since there was no culpability on Jimmy Davis' part, the District Attorney General did not bring criminal charges and is not requiring or recommending any administrative action against Jimmy Davis. The District Attorney General does issue a cautionary warning to law enforcement officers and public officials, as well as the public in general, that in a household where one spouse or family member is solely responsible for paying the monthly bills that

this too could happen in your family, and obviously sometimes does."

According to a prepared statement from Sheriff Tom Guider regarding the Callie Davis Case:

"When is case was brought to our attention, I immediately notified the District Attorney General and requested the T.B.I. do the investigation so that there would be no questions as to any conflict.

The investigation clearly revealed that Assistant Chief Deputy Jimmy Davis had no knowledge of his wife's actions. When he did have this knowledge he was obviously extremely embarrassed and immediately made restitution to those involved and sought counseling for his wife.

Given the facts of the case and the position that Assistant Chief Davis holds, I advised him that when judgement was rendered, there would be some consequences to discuss.

Jimmy Davis has worked his way up the ranks doing an outstanding job. Unfortunately, effective Monday, April 7, 2008, Jimmy Davis will resume the rank of Sergeant. This decision is not meant to punish Jimmy, but to maintain stability in management and confidence among the troops and the citizens we serve.