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Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Police seek answers in fire death (see Answers pg. 3)

On April 3, 2008 Loudon County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a structure fire located at 10840 Notchin Hill in the Loudon area. Upon arrival deputies discovered that the residence was on the ground and had been burning for some time. Due to the remote location of the residence and the weather on April 3rd, no one reported seeing smoke in the area and



Photo right: Lt. Jeff Vittatoe (left) and C.S.I. Charlie Cosner sift through ashes looking for evidence while processing the scene

Visit cut short when light turned on

A local man called police to report scaring off some possible prowlers who vis-

ited his home Sunday.

Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSD, reported he spoke (see Prowler pg. 7)

Pills stolen

Police were called to a local residence Thursday when a woman discovered several of her prescription pills missing.

(see Pills pg. 4)

Theft reported

A Sweetwater man called police Friday when he discovered someone had stolen multiple items from his porch and yard.

(see Theft pg. 4)

The World by Gus

Lord have mercy, the crack heads may be outdoing themselves now a days. In the past, the crack heads

would walk or drive around and steal what they could see. Lawn furniture, grills, ladders and anything not

(see Gus pg. 7)

Dairy Queen burglar nabbed by Sartin

Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD has charged a Lenoir City man with the burglary of the Dairy Queen in Lenoir City that occurred over the weekend.

According to the warrant, on or about April 5, 2008 Steven Michael Clarkson did go to the Dairy Queen on East Broadway in Lenoir City. After arriving there Clarkson climbed up onto the backside of the build-

(see Clarkson pg. 4)



Steven Michael Clarkson

Verse of the day

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

2 Samuel 22:31

Obituaries

James A. (Jim) Bailey

Dorothy (Dot) Brookshire Long
Kathleen Marie Rego
Wanda Lynn Selvidge Hendrix

Weather:

Today: Cloudy with showers likely in the afternoon, and possibly a thunderstorm. High 74. Chance of rain 60%.

Tonight: Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms early. Clouds lingering later. Low 56. Chance of rain 30%.

Thursday: Cloudy. Highs: upper 70s; Lows: low 60s.

Wazzup

Welcome back, Officer

Butler - hope your class went well!

Horoscopes

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

Your ideals and values are on the table now, which doesn't mean that you're

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Answers

the residence was completely destroyed before being detected. After receiving numerous calls in reference to the welfare and whereabouts of the man who lived at this address, detectives responded to the scene. During a preliminary inspection of the scene, there were human remains located within the fire scene. Loudon County Criminal Investigators were able to recover

the remains at approximately 5:30 p.m. A positive identification of the victim could not be obtained at the scene. The remains were transported to the University of Tennessee Medical Examiner's office for their assistance in attempting to make a positive identification.

In an update, Sheriff Guider noted:

During the last few days, investigators from multiple agencies including the Loudon

County Sheriff's Office, Blount County Sheriff's Office, Maryville Police Dept. K-9, Lenoir City Fire Dept. and the Loudon County Fire and Rescue have worked diligently to process and investigate a house fire resulting in one death occurring April 3rd, 2008.

On April 7th, 2008 The Loudon County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of Dr. Murry Marks of the University of Tennes-

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see Medical Examiners Office, were able to positively identify the remains recovered from the fire at 10840 Notchin Hill Rd., Loudon TN as that of seventy eight year old Ivan Eugene Johnson, who lived at this address. The cause and origin of the fire has not yet been determined and the exact cause of Mr. Johnson's death is also still under investigation.

However, The Loudon County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division is seeking the assistance of the Loudon County community in locating the last individuals to have contact with Mr. Johnson or those with him on the morning of April 3rd, and hope that locating these individuals will aid in furthering the investigation into the cause of the fire and

ultimately the death of Mr. Johnson. If anyone, particularly in the Loudon City area, saw or did business with Gene Johnson on the morning of April 3rd, please contact Investigator Chris White at (865) 988 2347 or at (865) 986-9081. All calls may be kept anonymous and confidential. It is believed that Mr. Johnson received a ride into town that morning to run some errands and the person / or persons who gave him a ride may be of great assistance in this investigation.

-Sheriff Tim Guider
Police Beat

Zachary E. Osborne, 24, of Donaldson Street, Chattanooga, was charged with public intoxication, poss. of sch. II and poss. of sch. IV.

According to the report, police were called to Adesa Auto Auction on a possible intoxicated person. On arrival the officer made contact with Zachary Osborne and he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and had been on the sales floor while the autos were moving in and out.

Osborne was deemed a danger to himself and others if left in public. On doing a pat down Osborne was found to have 5 blue pills (xanax) and 2 white pills (methadone).

Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

\$250 Reward

For information leading to the return of the following vehicles:

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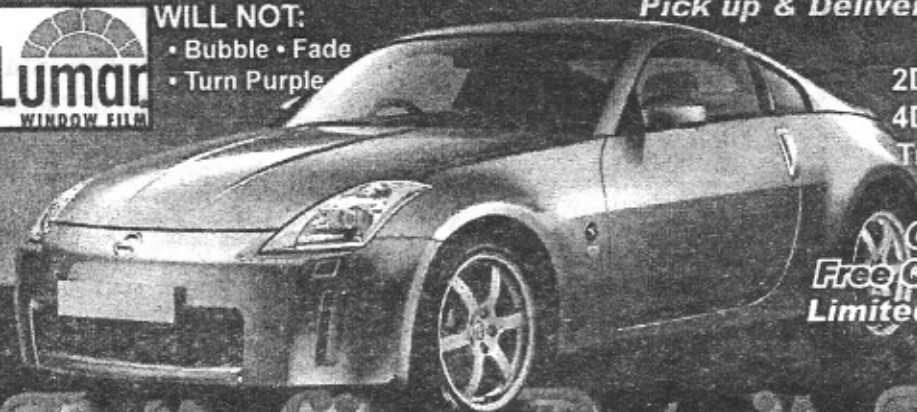
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Clarkson

ing. He then kicked in the attic door and went inside the attic. Then he knocked out a ceiling tile and dropped down inside the store.

After entering the store, Clarkson went to the location where the money was kept and took \$373 in cash. This was done without the owners permission or knowledge.

Steven Michael Clarkson, 18, of Avery Circle, Lenoir City, was charged with burglary and theft under \$500.

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

Pills

According to reports, Sherry Cole, Antioch Church Road West, told Deputy Chip Matthews, LCSD, she had a prescription of 60 pills she identified filled on April 1 and two days later she discovered

25 1/2 of the pills were missing.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$70.

Theft

Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD, responded to Blue Springs Road around 7:30 a.m. where Clarence Green advised he had arrived home around 11:00 p.m. the night before and noticed several items missing from his front porch and yard.

Green described the missing items as a homemade tool box, about 4' long, which contained various tools, a push mower, some stacked firewood, several lawn chairs and other various items totaling more than \$500 in value.

The officer noted there were tire tracks in the yard and it appeared a truck was used in the theft.

Possible suspects were identified to police.



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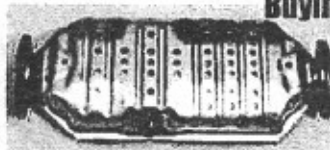
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