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Thursday, May 22, 2008

Guilty plea entered in child injury case

The District Attorney General announced that Misty Cosner, a former day care operator from Loudon, entered a guilty plea to a Class C Felony - Aggravated Assault charge in Loudon County Criminal Court on

Monday. The plea resulted after Kelvin and Judy McCollum, parents of four year old victim in the case met, in private for over a half hour before the plea hearing with Cosner, her attorneys and the District Attorney

General. The meeting was their son on February 15, arranged by the District 2007 at Cosner's day care.

I appreciate the diligence of Russell Johnson's office in serving justice for my son and family.

-Kevin McCollum, father of victim

Man makes encore appearance at jail with 3rd DUI

Just days after being charged with theft of services, a Loudon man was again incarcerated after he reportedly was found driving under the influence of an intoxicant for a third time.

Bradley Allen Lowe, 34, of Snodderly Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI 3rd offense, possession of schedule II and implied

(see Lowe pg. 4)



Bradley Allen Lowe

Attorney General at the McCollum's request so that they could confront Cosner about what happened to

Cosner was given written immunity about any statements that she might make at the meeting in what was

(see Cosner pg. 3)

No registration leads to bad day for woman

A Knoxville woman with suspended driving privileges was jailed on a variety of charges after police stopped

her vehicle for no registration and found drugs in her possession.

Kara Gwen Allred, 44, (see Allred pg. 2)

Mom can't control grown son

A grown man was arrested after he allegedly caused a disturbance with his neighbors and his mother could not control him. Police

reported being in the area earlier and telling everyone to go inside and sober up, however the man went back out to get in another word.

(see Gibson pg. 6)

Road Construction Won't Slow Memorial Day Travelers

TDOT suspends all lane closure activity for Memorial Day holiday weekend

Nashville, - Road construction won't slow travelers through Tennessee this Memorial Day weekend. The Tennessee Department of Transportation will suspend all interstate construction that requires lane closures

beginning on Friday, May 23 at noon in anticipation of the holiday travel weekend.

"Suspending construction on holiday weekends is a common practice for TDOT," said Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "With gas prices at

a record high, the last thing we want is for people to spend their vacation time sitting idle in a work zone. With more motorists on the road, it is vital to keep traffic moving in order to help keep travelers safe and al-

low them to enjoy their trip through Tennessee."

No lane closure activity will occur on interstates or state highways from noon on Friday, May 23, until the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 27. This will provide

(see Construction pg. 7)

Verse of the day

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Revelation 3:8

Obituaries

Denton (Ted) Littleton

Weather:

Today: Sunshine in the morning giving way to clouds and a few showers during the afternoon. High 77. CoR: 30%.

Tonight: Showers early

becoming less numerous late. Low around 60. CoR: 40%.

Friday: Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.

Wazzup

Thank you, Robert Mon-

eymaker, for all your help in Dan's time of need.

Horoscopes Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

Take action quickly today -- preferably as early as possible! Whether you're

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Cosner

viewed by the State as Cosner's opportunity to come clean with the McCollums.

As a result of the meeting, and in an

amazing show of grace, the McCollums stated that they did not want Cosner to have to serve any jail time as a result of the tragedy their son suf-

fered and authorized the District Attorney General to effectuate a guilty plea agreement whereby Cosner to the Class C Felony - Aggravated Assault - with a three year sentence to be served by Cosner on state probation. As part of the plea (which cannot be diverted), Cosner "shall not engage in any child care services outside her own children for the duration of the probation term."

According to the a statement of facts read in open court and acknowledged by Cosner:

On February 15, 2007, Ian McCollum, then a four year old child, was left in the care of Misty Cosner by his mother. Ms. Cosner regularly provided child care for

lan.

During the course of the day Ms. Cosner was taking the children down the steps of her house from the second floor to the first floor. Ian McCollum fell down the stairs and upon approaching the child, Ms. Cosner struck the child in the abdominal area with her foot.

Ms. Cosner called the parents of the child and told them that their son was sick and that his color was not good. The mother of the child then picked him up.

Later that evening, the child was taken by his parents to Children's Hospital where tests showed his bowels had been punctured. The child underwent immediate surgery and remained in the hospital for several days. The child indicated to the doctor that Ms. Cosner had "stung him" in

the belly.

It was the opinion of Dr. Mary Campbell that "the injury as described by the surgeon (was) most consistent with the velocity injury suffered in a motor vehicle crash when a seat belt rapidly pushes in on the belly while the rest of the body is thrown forward, or with a direct blow of force onto the belly."

Misty Cosner's actions were such that either through omission or misrepresentation she misled the child's parents to believe that the child's health was not in immediate danger and that the ailment was of an origin other than of a traumatic nature which she acknowledged could have led to serious bodily harm or injury.

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Lowe

consent.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed a vehicle with an obstructed license plate and stopped it. The driver, Bradley Lowe had slow motor skills and appeared to be extremely nervous.

Lowe was unsteady on his feet and upon inventory search of the vehicle a yellow

pill believed to be Endocet was found.

Lowe was discovered to have 2 prior DUI's and refused a BAC test.

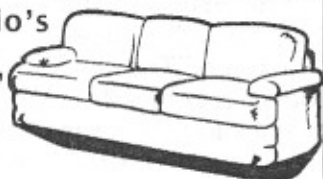
Lowe recently was charged with theft of services after he allegedly tapped into a Charter Cable Company line to receive cable TV without Charter's permission or consent and was reported by a cable company employee.

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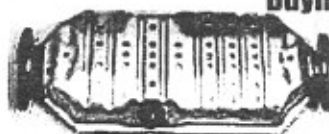
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Obituaries

Denton (Ted) Littleton, age 76 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, May 19, 2008 at the Ft. Loudoun Medical Center. He was a member and Deacon of Second Baptist Church. Ted was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the United States Air Force and retired from Martin Marietta in Oak Ridge. He was an avid golfer. Preceded in death by wife, Edna Littleton; parents, Joe and Jessie Littleton and his brother, Billy Joe Littleton. He is survived by children, Rita Barbee of Lenoir City, Dennis Littleton and wife, Pam of Kingston, and Doug Littleton of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Nikki Wolfe Stout and hus-

band, Rick of Atlanta, Gail Littleton of Louisiana, Alex Barbee and Matthew Fuller of Lenoir City, Lynn Roberts of Kingston; great grandchildren Tori Littleton and Blake Bivens of Louisiana, and Shelby Roberts and Payton Roberts of Kingston, Carson and Preston Stout of Atlanta; sisters, Ann Knox and Sandra Jenkins both of Lenoir City along with several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday followed by funeral services at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Rick Harrell will officiate. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by

10:30 a.m. Wednesday and proceed to Lakeview cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services with full military honors conferred by the Loudon County Veterans Honor Guard. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Littleton Family.

Gibson

John Palladin Gibson, 35, of Vale Street, Loudon, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Sgt. RS Newman, LPD received a call of an assault on Vale Street. Upon arrival the officer spoke with several subjects who advised John Gibson had started a fight in their yard. Mr. Gibson stated he had been assaulted by his

neighbors.

All parties involved had been drinking and were told to go into the house for the night and sober up.

Around 11:53pm the officer received another call that Mr. Gibson was harassing the neighbors, yelling from his front porch.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed Mr. Gibson yelling causing a disturbance as he arrived on the scene. Mr. Gibson was intoxicated and could not be controlled by his mother. Sgt. RS Newman, LPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Timothy Jacob Carpenter, 25, of Old Vonnore Road, Loudon, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Carpenter was convicted of DUI 1st, and violation of insurance law and was sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.


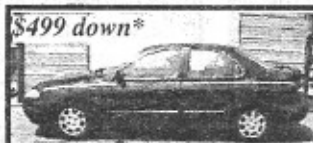














Since then he has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes about \$1013; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$265; and failed to respond to notices.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

Freddie Eugene Johnson, 38, of Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with VOP.

Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD made the arrest.

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