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Happy New Year!

Man accused of hitting four year old in face with belt

Police arrested a Lenoir City man after his young child went to her day care Monday with a bruise on her face two days after he allegedly struck in the face with a belt.

Juan Carlos Huesca, 26, Martel Road, Lenoir City was charged with child abuse.

According to the affidavit, filed by Detective Javit, (see Huesca pg. 3)



Juan Carlos Huesca

January is "Radon Action Month"

NASHVILLE – Governor Phil Bredesen has proclaimed January "Radon Action Month" to help educate Tennesseans about the dangers of radon exposure and encourage actions to identify and to address radon problems in the home.

In conjunction with the Governor's announcement, the Department of Environment and Conservation has joined forces with the American Lung Association, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Tennessee Department of Health,

(see Radon pg. 7)

Inmate charges officers, spits: assault charge filed

An inmate at the Loudon County Jail was charged after he reportedly charged at corrections officers, then spit on one officer after being restrained and moved in front of a camera.

Adam Leon Shope, 23, Rahn Avenue, Maryville was charged with assault Monday.

According to records, at (see Shope pg. 7)



Adam Leon Shope

Unlicensed drivers

Wilfredo Ernesto Peralta, 23, Rock Springs Road, Lenoir City was charged with no drivers license, speeding and financial responsibility.

The report states Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped a blue Saturn on Highway 11 for speeding and while the officer was gathering infor-

(see Unlicensed 3)

Instead of cuttin' the apron strings, mom takes hair

The sight of a woman lying across the hood of a vehicle in an effort to prevent her eighteen year old from leaving greeted police who later found clumps of hair to support the teen's story of being assaulted by her mom when she tried to

(see McCollister pg. 6)

Verse of the day

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a

contrite spirit.

Psalm 34:17-18

Obituaries

Arthur B. "Spud" Skidmore

Margery Helen Ray Morgan

Vernon Mathiesen

Weather:

Today: Snow flurries

in the early morning will give way to partly cloudy skies during the day. Temps nearly steady in the mid to upper 30s.

Tonight: A few clouds. Low 22.

Saturday: Times of sun and clouds. Highs:

low 30s; Lows: upper teens.

Sunday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs: mid 30s; Lows: upper teens.

Wazzup

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Horoscopes Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

An emotional in-

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Huesca

son R. Smith, LCSO; on December 28th, 2009, Rachel Garrett of the Department of Children's Services contacted Detective Smith in reference to a child who goes to Smart Start Day Care in Lenoir City. The

child had a bruise on her face.

Rachel Garrett stated she spoke to the 4 year old and she told Rachel she was hit in the face with a belt by her father.

Detective Smith and Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO interviewed Mr. Juan Carlos Huesca,

the youngster's father. Mr. Huesca did admit to hitting his daughter in the face with a belt one time on Saturday, December 26th, 2009, at his mother's residence on A Street.

Detective Jason Smith made the arrest Monday.

No License

mation, Mr. Peralta advised he did not have a drivers license or insurance.

Levi Galicios Aquino, 18, Oakland Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to records, Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD was investigating a vandal-

ism at Lenoir City Park where a witness gave a description of the suspect's vehicle to law enforcement. The blue Buick Mr. Aquino was driving matched the description and was located on Highway 11 near Tennessee Waste.

A check through NCIC determined Aquino was driving without a license. He was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

A black backpack with numerous cans of spray paint was located in the back floor board of the Buick and Aquino had blue paint on his right hand. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD is conducting a vandalism investigation.

Jose Cruz Torres, 37, Ash Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to records, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD made contact with Mr. Torres in reference to an accident at the intersection of Simpson Road and Old 95.

After a check of his name and date of birth,

it was discovered Mr. Torres is unlicensed.

Daltone Bradley Major, 28, Vale Street, Loudon was charged with driving without a license.

The report states Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed Mr. Daltone Major driving a blue Tahoe traveling west on Highway 72 and had knowledge from past encounters Mr. Major is unlicensed.

Officer Norman conducted a traffic stop on Highway 72 at the Valley Mart and ran him through NCIC where he came back unlicensed.

Charles William Fritts Jr., 25, Old Midway Road, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

The report states Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD stopped a blue Subaru for speeding on Broadway.

After running his information through NCIC it was discovered Mr. Fritts did not have a valid license.

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Kristie Sue McCollister, 39, Kawatuska Way, Loudon was charged Sunday assault by domestic violence.

The report states, Deputy Rick Wiggins, LCSO responded to a report of a physical domestic at a residence on Kawatuska Way and upon arrival, observed a female, later identified as Kristie McCollister, lying across the hood of a vehicle occupied by two females.

Ms. McCollister stated she was lying across the hood in an attempt to prevent the two females from leaving the residence.

The passenger in the car stated she

was trying to remove her belongings from the house, when her mother, Kristie McCollister, became enraged and physically violent with her while they were inside the residence. She advised her mother pushed and kicked her on several occasions, causing her to fall to the floor or down the stairs.

A friend of Kristie McCollister was present in the house at the time of the assault, but left through the front door when Kristie became violent.

The assault moved from the interior of the home into the garage area, where Ms. McCollister reportedly continued to engage her daughter by pulling her hair and push-

ing her to the garage floor.

The daughter managed to get free and get into the car and attempt to leave, but Ms. McCollister prevented the vehicle from leaving.

Records indicate the deputy observed physical evidence of the altercation such as clumps of hair pulled from the daughter and a knot on her head.

There was no physical evidence showing

that Ms. McCollister had been assaulted. With the evidence present, Kristie McCollister was determined to be the primary aggressor and was placed under arrest.

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Radon

and various local and county health departments with an outreach program to raise awareness about this health risk and the importance of testing.

"Tennesseans can check for the presence of radon in the home with a simple test," said Bredesen. "I encourage each household to take this important step to protect the health of loved ones from the dangers of exposure to radon."

Radon is a naturally occurring gas that can seep into homes through cracks and openings in their

foundations. It cannot be seen, tasted or smelled, but in concentrated levels, radon can pose a threat to human health. The EPA estimates that approximately 70 percent of Tennessee's population lives in high risk or moderate risk radon areas. According to the EPA, radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.

The best time to test is during consistently cold weather, usually from October to March. This is the time of year when doors and win-

dows are shut, so test results are more representative of in-home exposure. Radon problems can be fixed by qualified contractors for a cost comparable to that of many common household repairs, such as painting or installing a new water heater.

In Tennessee, radon test kits can be purchased at most local hardware and home improvement stores, through the American Lung Association or by calling the Tennessee Radon Hotline at 1-800-232-1139. Limited quantities of free test kits are available. In addition, Tennesseans can have access to a free radon test kit

within their county by visiting their local county Ground Water Protection office.

"Testing is such a smart and vital step in protecting your home environment, as radon acts unpredictably," said Amy Little of the Tennessee Radon Program. "Nationally, about 6 percent of homes surveyed had elevated levels of radon. In contrast, 16 percent of Tennessee homes surveyed had elevated levels and in some counties, 33 to 75 percent of homes being tested have elevated levels of radon."

Radon is measured in picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L), and the EPA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend homes with radon levels at 4 pCi/L or higher should be fixed. EPA also recommends that Americans consider fixing their homes for radon levels between 2 pCi/L and 4 pCi/L.

For more information about the Tennessee Radon Program, please visit Environment and Conservation's Web

site at www.tn.gov/environment/ea/radon or contact the department's Radon Program at 1-800-232-1139 or TDEC. Radon@tn.gov.

Shope

approximately 6:15 AM, Deputies Dustin Langley and Rick Wiggins, LCSO were serving breakfast to Mr. Adam Shope who was incarcerated at the Loudon County Jail. Upon opening the door to Mr. Shope's cell, Mr. Shope rose up from the bench and charged at Deputy Langley.

Deputies Langley and Wiggins took Mr. Shope to the floor.

Deputy Vance Wright assisted officers in placing Shope into a restraint chair and once he was secured, he was moved in front of the visitation hallway camera, for observation purposes.

At approximately 6:46 AM, Deputy Wright was checking Mr. Shope's welfare when Mr. Shope spit at him.

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