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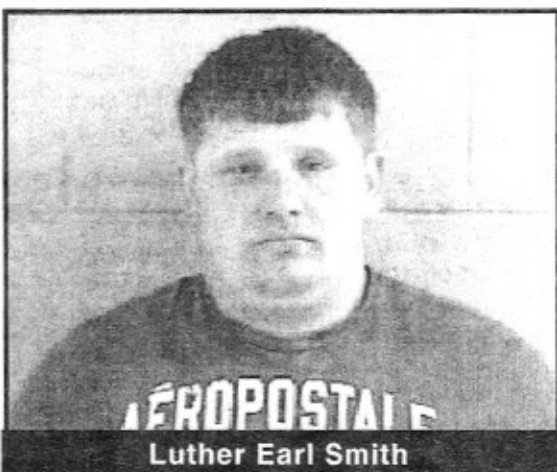
Friday, October 9, 2009

## LCSO CID charges man in forgery and theft

Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO Criminal Investigation Division (CID) has charged a Loudon man with the theft and forgery of a Lenoir City man's check.

According to the warrants, on August 14, 2009 Luther Earl Smith did cash a check at the BB&T located on Grove Street in Loudon. The check was written for \$880 on a First National Bank account.

Video evidence from the bank shows Luther Earl Smith cashing the check  
(see Smith pg. 3)



Luther Earl Smith

## Unlicensed driver flees traffic stop

An unlicensed driver was charged with evading arrest after he reportedly tried to run from police who attempted to stop his vehicle for a light law violation.

(see Gonzalez pg. 3)

## Suspicious vehicle call results in arrest

A suspicious vehicle call resulted in the arrest of a Loudon man after police saw a pill bottle in the

(see Bryant pg. 6)

## Sons protect mother in drunken assault

A local woman told authorities her sons kept her from being hit by a man who was taken into custody after he assaulted her while under the influence of

alcohol.

James Penaloza Cortes, 43, Summer Street, Loudon, was charged with domestic violence assault and resisting arrest.

(see Cortes pg. 8)

## I cannot tell a lie, occifer, I was driving

A local man who was wanted for several charges, including felonies, was jailed following a wreck where he reportedly told officers he had not been driving the vehicle. Once at the hospi-

tal, however he reportedly had a change of heart and admitted he had lied about driving.

Jeffery Scott Elsea, 39, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged Saturday

(see Elsea pg. 3)

## Driving on methadone bad idea

Police charged a woman with DUI after several motorists called her in for bad driving and upon locating her found she was under the influence of methadone.

Conda Lee Kline, 35,

Blacks Ferry Road, Knoxville was charged with DUI 1st offense and possession of schedule drug without a prescription and was cited for a drivers license violation

and failure to maintain lane  
(see Kline pg. 3)

## THP Earns Top Honors in National Law Enforcement Challenge

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) has once again earned a place among America's top law enforcement agencies with its second place award in the 2008 National

Law Enforcement Challenge. Sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the competition recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in

(see THP pg. 7)

## Verse of the day Obituaries

Stand fast therefore in the liberty where-with Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:1

Richard L. "Dick" Denuell

Sue Cavette, (Mamma Sue) Gammon

**Weather:**  
Today: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Warm and humid. High 83.

Chance of rain 30%.

Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms. Low 67.

Chance of rain 50%.

Saturday: Thunder-showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday: Times of sun and clouds. Highs in

the mid 60s and lows in the upper 50s.

## Wazzup

Happy Birthday to two great guys who were around when the Pinkerton Agency was established in 1850: Jimmy Davis & Tony Arden! Hope

your special days were great!

## Horoscopes Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

You're still riding a wave of great mental energy -- and it may  
(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Smith

at approximately 2:32pm.

The owners of the check did not give Luther Smith permission to take the check and denied writing the check to Luther Smith. The check had been taken from a Turman Drive residence in Lenoir City without the knowledge of the account holders.

Luther Earl Smith, 18, of Steekee Road,

Loudon, was charged with theft over \$500 and forgery.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest.

## Elsea

with driving under the influence and driving on revoked license.

According to records, at about 3:43pm, Trooper Daniel Morton, THP responded to Buttermilk Road in reference to a single vehicle crash with

injuries involving a 2002 Ford Explorer. Upon arrival, the officer was met by Mr. Elsea who reportedly stated he was not driving the vehicle.

Elsea complained of a rib injury. He had an odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and admitted to drinking alcohol.

Mr. Elsea was transported to the hospital and when Trooper Morton entered his room Elsea immediately stated he lied and said he had been driving the vehicle when the accident occurred.

Elsea had bloodshot, watery eyes, and his speech was slurred at times. Mr. Elsea stated he drank two beers and was taking oxycon-

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tin. He did not have a prescription for the medicine.

A NCIC check revealed Elsea's drivers license are revoked for failure to file security after an accident on August 11, 2003.

Elsea also had outstanding warrants against him for numerous felony and misdemeanor charges. He was released from the hospital and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD served Elsea with a Lenoir City mitimus on Saturday at the jail.

## Bryant

Marco Antonio Gonzalez, 19, Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged Thursday with evad-

ing arrest by motor vehicle and no drivers license.

According to reports, at approximately 10:27pm, Patrolman James Bowman, LCPD attempted to stop a 1999 Dodge Van for a broke out tail light on the passenger side.

The vehicle reportedly tried to flee on Twin Lakes Drive towards Hall Street at a high rate of speed with disregard to the posted speed limit and stop signs.

Officer Bowman finally got the van stopped along Hall Street. The driver's information was ran through NCIC and it showed Mr. Gonzalez does not have a valid drivers license.

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## Obituaries

**Richard L. "Dick" Denuell**, age 79, of Lenoir City passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2009. He was a member of First Baptist Church and Keith Schraders' Sunday School Class. Dick was retired from Dayton Power and Light and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Dayton, Ohio. He served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War and enjoyed fishing. Preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Myrel Denuell; son, Steven R. Denuell; and brothers, Edward J. Denuell and Donald E. Denuell. Survived by his wife, Marjean Gruber Denuell; children: Sandra E. Crawford and husband, Michael Crawford of Seattle, WA, Scott C. Denuell and wife, Peggy Denuell of Beavercreek, OH and Walter M. Denuell of Centerville, OH; grandchildren: Sarah E. Sadelmyer, Joel M. Crawford, Kailey Denuell and Kiersten Denuell; great grandchildren, Caleb Sadelmyer and Isaac Sadelmyer; brother, Thomas L. Denuell and wife, Muriel of Dartmouth, Mass; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday with funeral services to follow at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Dr. Dick DeMerchant officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be the Keith Schrader Sunday School Class. Interment will follow in the Loudon County Memorial Gardens with full military honors conferred by the Loudon County Veteran's Honor Guard. In lieu

of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, "I Love My Church" Fund, 2085 Simpson Road East, Lenoir City, TN 37772. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Denuell family.

**Sue Cavette, (Mamma Sue) Gammon**, age 95, of Knoxville, passed away Monday evening, October 5, 2009 at Baptist Health Care in Lenoir City. Mamma Sue was loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She loved singing and gardening. Mamma Sue was preceded in death by her husbands, Ray Gammon and Urel (Red) Cavette and son, Robert Gammon. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James and Melinda Gammon of Knoxville; grandchildren, John Gammon, Craig Gammon, both of Knoxville and Jake Gammon of Georgia; six great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2009 at Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. Graveside Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 10, 2009 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Memphis, TN. The family expresses sincere thanks to the caring staff of Baptist Healthcare. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association, P.O. Box 10088, Knoxville, TN 37939. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Gammon family.

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## Klinect

control.

According to the report, on Friday at approximately 8:40am Trooper Carey Hixson, THP stopped a burgundy Jeep Cherokee on Interstate 75 north

after multiple motorist complaints of erratic driving concerning the Jeep and the driver. Ms. Klinect could not maintain lane control.

Klinect reportedly admitted to taking a 120 mg. dosage of methadone and did

poorly on field sobriety.

Upon search of Ms. Klinect's property in the jail, a pill container was found in her purse. Inside were four 150 mg. trazedone pills. She stated they were not hers.

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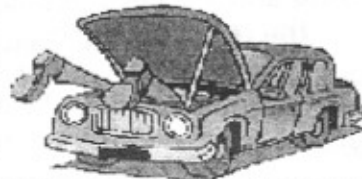
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## Bryant

car and discovered it contained an illicit schedule III pill.

Joshua Dale Bryant, 27, Grove Street, Loudon, was charged Thursday with possession of schedule III oxycodone.

According to records, around 1:41pm, Officer Bobby Lank-

ford, LPD received a call of a suspicious vehicle described as a red Eagle Talon at the Food City parking lot on Highway 72 in Loudon.

While speaking with the driver, Mr. Bryant, Officer Lankford noticed a pill bottle on the console and asked Mr. Bryant if he could look

at the bottle.

The lawman reportedly found one Oxycodone 30mg. pill, which Mr. Bryant did not have a prescription for.

Bryant stated he got the oxycodone from a

friend.

## Police Beat

Pamela Lynn Hunley, 29, Oldham Avenue, Knoxville, was charged with failure to appear on violation of probation.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest.

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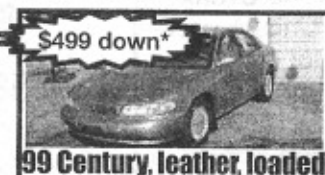
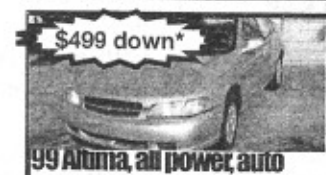
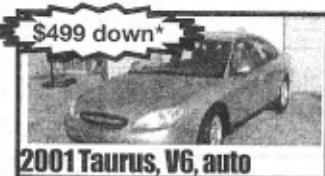
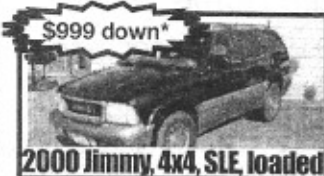
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hicle drivers. In 2008, the number of traffic fatalities in large truck related crashes in Tennessee fell 35 percent. The number of large truck occupants killed in crashes also plummeted 46 percent in 2008.

"For the Tennessee Highway Patrol to again be recognized as among the nation's highest performing law enforcement agencies would not have hap-

pened without the individual commitment and hard work of each and every State Trooper," said THP Colonel Mike Walker.

"Additionally, without the support and involvement of our many local, state and federal highway safety partners, we would not have executed such successful enforcement initiatives and education programs.

Through our collective efforts, we have achieved a higher level of highway safety for the citizens of Tennessee."

The Law Enforcement Challenge is a competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies. THP competed in the category of State Police/Highway Patrol agencies with 501 to 1,000 officers. In judging the agencies on their traffic

safety programs, the Challenge's areas of concentration include an agency's efforts to enforce laws and educate the public about occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. As part of the challenge, the Tennessee Highway Patrol submitted an application documenting its efforts and effectiveness in traffic safety enforcement, including officer training, public information and crash reduction.

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## Cortes

According to reports, on Friday Sgt. William Evans, LPD received a call of a possible

physical domestic assault at a residence on Summer Street in Loudon. Upon arrival, Mr. James Cortes

was found inside the house.

Cortes reportedly had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and when approached by

officers, he became violent and began fighting and resisting.

Cortes also attempted to strike Officer DeBoer with his fist.

A female at the resi-

dence reportedly told police Cortes had been drinking and had pushed her down and tried to hit her, but her sons kept him from it, until police arrived.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board (LCUB) will hold a Workshop on Monday, October 12, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 600 East Broadway, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

- 1.) Discussion of LCUB's contract with First Utility District
- 2.) Discussion of LCUB's collection policies

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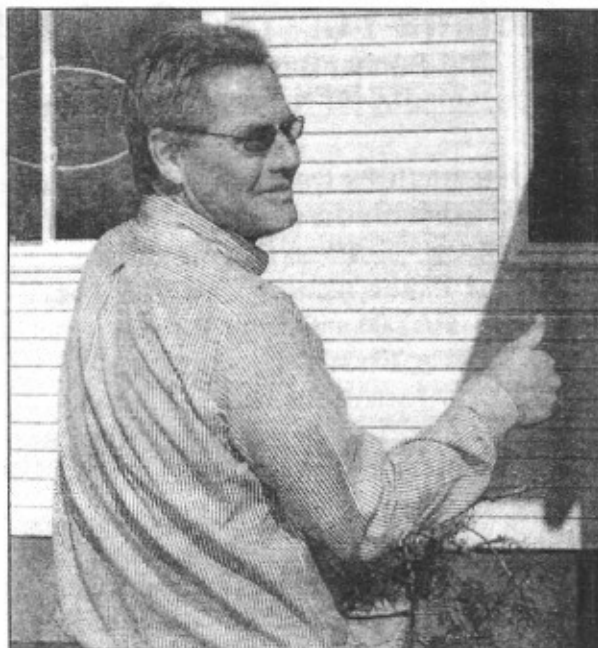
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