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Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Embezzling Shopaholic Charged; Again

Walt Williams Says Customer Accounts Are Safe

A Lenoir City woman who has plagued several companies and embezzled over \$300,000 from other companies she has previously worked for is now facing charges after reportedly stealing over \$100,000 from a local car dealer.

Kimberly Michelle Thomas, 44, Misty Ridge Drive, Lenoir City was charged with theft over \$10,000.

According to an affidavit, on or about November 27th, 2009, Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO was contacted by Tony Lindsey and Tommy

Patterson of Walt Williams Inc., 3003 Highway 11 South, in Lenoir City, about several thefts committed by an employee identified as Mrs. Kimberly Thomas.

Upon investigation it was learned through daily cash sheets and other daily totals that Mrs. Thomas had stolen \$16,106.79 from Walt Williams during the month of November 2009.

Upon further investigation, a search warrant was executed at Thomas's residence and other evidence, which showed she took the (see Thomas pg. 3)

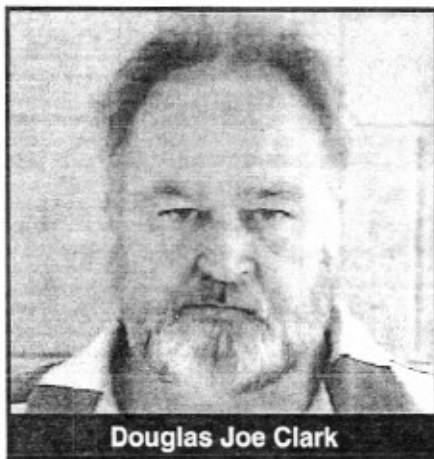


Kimberly Michelle Thomas

Alleged drug dealer re-ups, nabbed

A Clinton man was charged with selling marijuana and trying to buy cocaine after he purchased a large amount of the illicit weed and what he thought was cocaine during a DTF operation in Loudon.

Douglas Joe Clark, 45, West Wolf Valley (see Clark pg. 7)



Douglas Joe Clark

Assault with clock sends man to jail

Aggravated assault charges were filed against a Lenoir City man who is alleged to have beaten a woman with a clock and threatened to kill her.

Chad Wayne Underwood, 33, Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City was charged with aggravated domestic.



Chad Wayne Underwood

(see Underwood pg. 6)

Verse of the day Obituaries

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. Psalm 15:1

James H. "Herb" Smith
James Robert Huskey
Robert L. Tapp
Ronald Moore

Weather:

Today: A few clouds from time to time. High 49.

Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low around 25.

Thursday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.

Wazzup

A big shout out to Tina at EZ Stop #9 on

Broadway. Thanks for all the smiles, jokes, and the happy hellos you're always giving!

Horoscopes Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

A surprise comes your way this morning

that throws everything out of balance -- in the best way possible! You should be on the lookout for anyone who's trying and failing to conceal a grin.

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Thomas

money and bought several items was taken. Several receipts were also found, and an envelope from Walt

Williams containing checks written to Walt Williams was confiscated.

A total of \$128,437.46 was reported stolen from

the company by Thomas. Owner Walt Williams and General Manager Tommy Patterson called in an independent audit and have been successful in ensuring all customer accounts are safe. The money taken was from company deposits and customer accounts were not affected.

Lt. Upton noted he interviewed Kimberly Thomas and she admitted to the theft. There are more charges forthcoming.

Thomas was convicted in Knox Coun-

ty of embezzling over \$240,000 from a Knoxville company, which put them on the brink of bankruptcy.

Mrs. Thomas also is currently on parole until 2014 for a past theft of \$60,000 from another business in Knox County. Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO, made the arrest Monday.

Police Beat

Linda Sue Lankford, 59, West 4th Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with DUI.

According to records, Patrolman Jeremy Dishner, LCPD was dispatched to the area of 6th Avenue on a drunk driver

and prior to his arrival, he was advised the complainant followed the suspect vehicle, a gold 2009 Kia, to the Kën-Joon McGhee Boulevard.

Upon arrival, Officer Dishner made contact with Ms. Lankford. She was unsteady on her feet and had slurred speech.

According to the officer's report, Ms. Lankford advised she takes several prescribed medications.

Ms. Lankford was unable to perform field sobriety to standard and was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for a BAC and then to the Loudon County Jail.

Margaret Ann Aguilar, 47, Crooked Oak Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO made the arrest Monday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board (LCUB) General Manager Search Committee will meet on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at the LCUB main office building located at 200 Depot Street, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771. The purpose of the meeting is to interview and discuss applicants for the General Manager position.

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Underwood

According to reports, early Saturday morning Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO was dispatched to Hines Valley Road in reference to a domestic assault. Upon arrival, the victim advised Underwood assaulted her.

According to her,

they started arguing and he became upset, went into the bedroom and started packing his clothes. When she followed him, he picked up the alarm clock and struck her in the forehead. According to her, when she fell to the ground, he picked her up by her hair and struck

her in the ribs with the alarm clock, then put his hands around her neck and stated, "You're gonna make me kill you one day."

According to the officer's report, the

victim did have a red mark on her forehead, hand prints around her neck and a red mark on her side.

Police Beat

Cody Arlen Kelley, 24, Allison Town

Road, Philadelphia was charged with an alias arrest warrant for driving on suspended license.

Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD made the arrest Monday.

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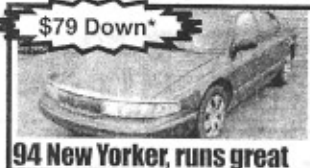
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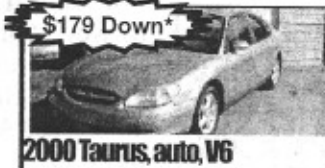
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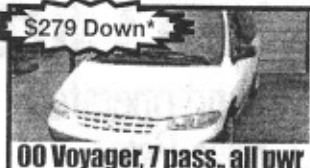
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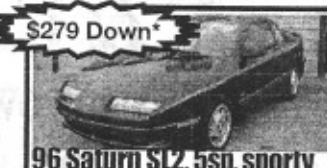
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Clark

Road, Clinton, was charged with possession of schedule VI (marijuana) for resale and attempted possession of schedule II (cocaine).

According to affidavits filed by Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD/DTF; on December 10th, 2009, officers of the Ninth Judicial Drug Task Force, including Officer DeBoer, conducted a narcotics operation/investigation at the Marathon Gas Station on Highway 72 in Loudon.

During the operation, Douglas Joe

Clark purchased 457 grams of marijuana and what he believed to be 1/4 ounce of cocaine, from a confidential source.

Mr. Joe Clark was placed into custody immediately after the exchange of money for drugs. Officers Jonathan Yates and John Wilson, LPD/DTF, were also on the scene.

Police Beat

Sharon Ann Hackney, 50, Doc Miller Road, Madisonville was charged with domestic assault.

According to reports, Deputy Lawson, LCSO was dispatched to

Highway 95 north on a report of a female attempting to break into a residence. Upon arrival, the deputy spoke to the woman who lives at the residence and she advised her friend Sharon Hackney, had stayed the last two nights with her and had been drinking since her arrival.

According to the woman, Ms. Hackney and her husband had been having problems and Ms. Hackney went outside, attempting to leave, and her friend was trying to calm her down and told her not to leave due to the amount of alcohol she had been drinking. Ms. Hackney began to get irate and started hitting the windows and doors of the house with a stick. She was also cursing at her

friend.

The woman told Deputy Lawson she was in fear of bodily harm due to Ms. Hackney's violent actions. Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSO arrived on scene and advised Deputy Lawson Ms. Hackney was standing at the side of the house beating on the door and would not obey his commands.

Jennie Mechel Thomas, 34, West 9th Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with domestic simple assault.

According to records, Patrolwoman Jamie Whitt, LCPD was dispatched to a disturbance on West 9th Avenue and upon arrival, the complainant advised his daughter, Jennie Thomas, came in mad because his granddaughter apparently stole some money from her boyfriend.

Ms. Thomas reportedly had the granddaughter down on the couch, hitting and kicking her. The man stated she cursed him and while he was trying

to get them separated he got a scratch on his right arm.

Ms. Thomas then reportedly kicked the front door, went outside and kicked the mail box, knocking it over.

Corey Lynn Williams, 22, Highland Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving under the influence 1st offense.

According to reports, Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO was on patrol when he noticed a Toyota Camry traveling down Highway 11 without a right front headlight. The vehicle was pulled over at the Red Top Market.

Mr. Williams reportedly had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. He also had bloodshot eyes.

Mr. Williams did poorly on field sobriety tasks. He was read the Tennessee Implied Consent Law and agreed.

Mr. Williams was transported to Fort Loudoun Medical Center to have blood drawn and then on to jail.

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TN Department of Education Develops Pandemic Flu Preparedness Guide

Nashville, TN – The Tennessee Department of Education has recently developed, with support and guidance from the Tennessee Department of Health, a pandemic influenza preparedness planning guide for school districts that includes a Continuity of Learning plan.

"This planning guide will allow districts to think ahead and proactively about long-term closures, especially during a flu season like we've had this year," Education Commissioner Timothy Webb said. "It is critical that students continue learning even if class time is effected due to illness."

The preparedness planning guide will help

school districts plan for potential closings, large numbers of staff and student absences, loss of services and methods to continue instruction should students remain at home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Department of Education recommend that schools and districts develop a Continuity of Learning plan to minimize the potential disruptions in learning that may occur from long-term school closures.

The guide includes specific planning elements related to planning and coordination, continuity of learning and core operations, infection control policies and procedures, and communication

planning.

"It is important to have a framework for planning as districts tackle emergency situations such as these," said Mike Hermann, Execu-

tive Director of School Safety and Learning Support.

To view the planning guide, visit <http://www.state.tn.us/education/learningsupport/>

schsafetyctr/Pandemic-FluPreparedness1.shtml.

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