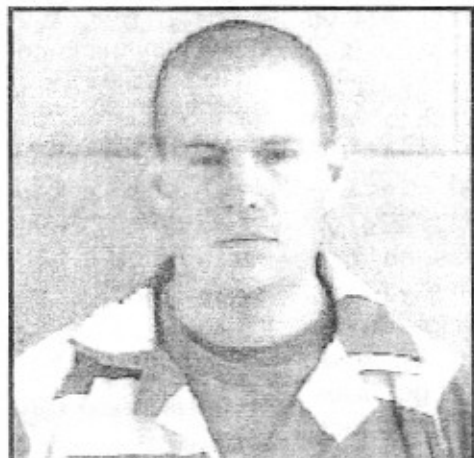


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Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Update: LCSO gets car burglar



Tyson Gary Vineyard

(see Vineyard pg. 3)

Sis charged after settlement



Tamela Mignon Ball

(see Ball pg. 6)

Man stops payment on check, jailed



Ralph Leonard Champion

(see Champion pg. 8)

Driving with no license

Hector Vidal Rodriguez Galicia, 27, West 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with no drivers license.

According to reports, Officer J. Anderson, LCPD

stopped a green Toyota Tercel with no brake light on the passenger side on C street at 2nd Avenue. Mr. Galicia reportedly told the officer he didn't have a li-

(see No License pg.8)

HOLIDAY SHOPPING ALERT

Beware of Seasonal Scams

"Oh, you better watch out..." Cyber shoppers should take heed of the familiar holiday song's timeless refrain.

With holiday shopping in full swing and recession-weary shoppers hunting for irresistibly good buys, it's a safe assumption that

(see ALERT pg. 7)

Man terrorizes family, charged

A Lenoir City man was jailed when he reportedly threatened his mother's life and terrorized another

family member while he was allegedly angry and intoxicated.

Jeremy Lemont Kerr, 32,

(see Kerr pg. 6)

Decline in Traffic Fatalities Over Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend

NASHVILLE - Preliminary reports indicate seven people were killed during the 2009 Thanksgiving holiday weekend, compared to 10 fatalities during last year's

Thanksgiving holiday. Statistics for the 2009 Thanksgiving holiday reflect the time period from 6:00 p.m., Wednesday November 25, 2009, to midnight Sunday,

(see Holiday pg. 3)

Verse of the day

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the

house. Matthew 5:14-15

Obituaries

Ralph Robinette
Mary Ann (Hall) Ratledge
Georgie Pauline Hanley

Weather:

Today: Rain. High 57.
Rainfall possibly over

one inch.
Tonight: Showers in the evening then continued cloudy and windy overnight. Low 41. Chance of rain 30%.

Thursday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows

in the low 30s.

Wazzup

Christmas is in 23 days - are you ready?

A great big thank you to Dennis Curtis for your hospitality; your cabin retreat is wonderful!

Horoscopes Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

You're getting a little frustrated with one friend of yours -- maybe they promise too much, or make plans you know per-

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Vineyard

Loudon County Sheriff's officers arrested a local man following an investigation into the early November burglary a woman's vehicle at a body shop in which a credit card was stolen.

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Estimates

Tyson Gary Vineyard, 31, Fox Hunters Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500 and burglary to an auto.

According to the affidavit filed by Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO, on November 6th, 2009, a woman reported someone had broken into her green Mercury Marquis at Homer's Body Shop on Beals Chapel Road. A credit card was missing from the vehicle and Tyson G. Vineyard was named as a possible suspect by the woman.

Upon further inves-

tigation it was found that the credit card was used in a purchase at Home Depot in Knoxville and Mr. Vineyard was immediately picked from a six person line up by the teller at Home Depot.

Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO made the arrest at Homer's Body Shop.

Holiday

November 29, 2009.

If preliminary figures hold true, the number of fatalities during the 2009 Thanksgiving holiday would be the same as in 1983,

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when seven people were killed during the 102-hour holiday time period. Seven is the fewest number of traffic fatalities ever recorded during a Thanksgiving holiday by the Tennessee Department of Safety. The highest number of people killed during a Thanksgiving holiday period happened in 1966, when 34 people were killed in crashes on Tennessee roadways. In 2007, there were 13 fatalities during the 4-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend and in 2006 20 fatalities were recorded.

Seven people were killed in five fatal crashes during the 2009 Thanksgiving holiday period. Five of the victims were not wearing seat belts. The five crashes occurred in Decatur, Fentress, Marshall, Claiborne and Cumberland counties. The fatal crash in Claiborne County was a triple fatal crash that killed a New Tazewell mother and her two children, ages 17 and 11. None of the fatality victims in the Claiborne County crash

was wearing safety restraints.

Over the long holiday weekend, the Tennessee Highway Patrol conducted more than 80 sobriety and driver license checkpoints across the state, issuing citations to drivers and passengers who were not wearing seat belts as part of a stepped-up "Click it or Ticket" campaign across the state. Troopers also arrested drivers for driving under the influence and speeding.

Please note the official traffic fatality count may rise due to delays in reporting from municipalities and classification of traffic fatalities.

As of November 29th, preliminary statistics indicate that 860 people have died on Tennessee roadways in 2009, a decline of 93 deaths compared to 953 fatalities at this same time a year ago.

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Ball

A Knoxville woman was charged with the theft of items from her sister's residence following an investigation by Detective Jack Fine into allegations she took thousands of dollars worth of property following an estate settlement.

Tamela Mignon Ball, 'aka' Tamela and/or Tammie Hill, 46, Diggs Road, Knoxville was charged with theft over \$1000 and aggravated burglary.

According to the affidavit filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD, on November 3rd, 2009, between the hours of 2:00 pm and 6:15 pm, Ms. Ball entered a woman's residence on Finley Drive in Lenoir City and removed porcelain dolls valued at \$1875, a jewelry box valued at \$100, and

miscellaneous jewelry valued at \$5,000.

The property was taken without the victim's permission, with the intent to deprive the victim. The victim and Ms. Ball are sisters and have recently gone through an estate settlement.

Deputy Kimber Littleton, LCSO made the arrest at the Knox County Jail on Monday.

Kerr

Newton Road, Lenoir City was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to records, Deputies Jerramie Bowen and Chris Clabough, LCSO went to a residence on Newton Road Friday on a call of domestic violence. Upon arrival Jeremy Kerr was yelling in the back bedroom.

Kerr had reportedly been drinking and was very upset and was not

making any sense. His brother, who is handicapped, advised Jeremy had been yelling at him for an hour. Mr. Kerr's mother stated he came in about an hour earlier and when she woke up, he was threatening her life.

911 was called at that time. Jeremy Kerr's

mother and brother were both shaking when law enforcement arrived. His brother was very upset and crying, saying he wanted him gone.

Deputy Bowen made the arrest and Deputy Clabough transported Kerr to the Loudon County Jail.

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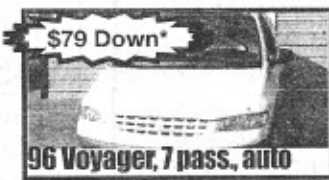
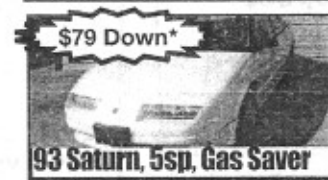
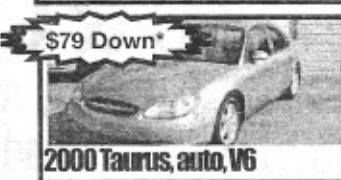
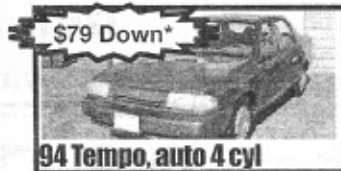
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ALERT

crooks and scammers are baiting their traps with deals too good to be true.

On Cyber Monday, the first Monday after Thanksgiving and the unofficial kick-off of the online holiday shopping season, the

FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) issued an alert reminding shoppers to be prudent with their purse strings and personal information.

"Cyber criminals continue to aggressively create new ways to steal money

and personal information," the alert states. Among the scams that prompt some 30,000 complaints each month to IC3, through its website www.ic3.gov, are:

* Bogus online classified ads and auctions: Criminals post products they don't have, or, in some cases, use stolen credit card numbers to purchase merchandise they offer in auctions. In another scam, criminals may promise free delivery and provide customers with free "paid" shipping labels that are fake and won't be honored by shippers.

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* Phony gift cards: As with merchandise, be cautious about buying gift cards through classifieds or auctions.

Tip: Buy directly from a merchant or authorized retailer. Counterfeit cards won't be honored.

* Phishing: These time-tested scams arrive by e-mail or text message, directing recipients to follow a link or call a number to correct or update account information. Would-be victims are sent to fraudulent or spoofed websites that look legitimate and directed to provide their account information and personal details. Tips: Don't respond to unsolicited e-mail. Don't click on e-mail links or download attachments from unknown senders. IC3, SSA Charles Pavelites

FBI special agent describes the role of IC3, the Internet Crime Complaint Center. Play Video

The leading retail association predicted 96 million Americans

would shop online on Cyber Monday alone, and millions more during the month of December. For criminals, the numbers spell opportunity. Shoppers, meanwhile, should exercise the same caution they would in a crowded mall—eyes wide open, protecting themselves and their money.

"If you're shopping online, make sure the website is secure and it's not a cloned website," says Supervisory Special Agent Leslie Hoppey, acting unit chief of the Internet Crime Complaint Center. "If you want to deal with a business, go directly to their official website."

IC3 last year received more than 275,000 complaints and reported losses of \$265 million—an average of \$931 per complaint. The most common complaints in 2008 were non-delivered merchandise or payment (32 percent) and auction fraud (25 percent).

Agent Hoppey offers some additional tips—have the latest version of security software installed on your computer and make sure online transactions are secure. And she offers a holiday classic as time-honored as re-gifting: "If it looks too good to be true, it probably is."

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Champion

Investigator Jeff Russell of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office arrested a Knoxville man on charges he bought a truck from a local dealership, then stopped payment on the check he purchased it with.

Ralph Leonard Champion, 69, Lanesborough Way, Knoxville was charged with felony bad check.

According to the affidavit filed by Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO, on November 24th, 2009, Marty Fugate of Marty's Auto Sales, filed a report stating Ralph Champion purchased a vehicle from Marty's Auto Sales at 1011 East Broadway in Lenoir City for the amount of \$3799.40 and made payment in full for it, a 2003 Ford

Taurus.

Mr. Fugate had the check returned to him as worthless due to a stop payment order placed on the check even though Mr. Champion had taken possession of the vehicle.

Corporal Ernie Brown, LCSO, made the arrest at Champion's home.

No License

A record check confirmed Galicia did not have a valid drivers license.

Bartazar Crisoforo Zaragoza, 24, Kevin Road, Knoxville was charged with driving without a license.

According to records, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD noticed a blue GMC Yukon traveling on Highway 321 without any lights on. He stopped the vehicle on Highway 321 at Interstate 75. A check through dispatch, re-

vealed Mr. Zaragoza was driving without a license.

Ramo Macario Abisai, 27, East 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving

without a license.

According to reports, Patrolman J. Anderson, LCPD stopped a red Toyota Corolla on Highway 321 at U.S. 11 for no brake light on the

drivers side. Mr. Abisai reportedly stated he did not have a license. A records check revealed Abisai does not have a license or ID issued to him.

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