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Registered nurse found with numerous pills after wreck

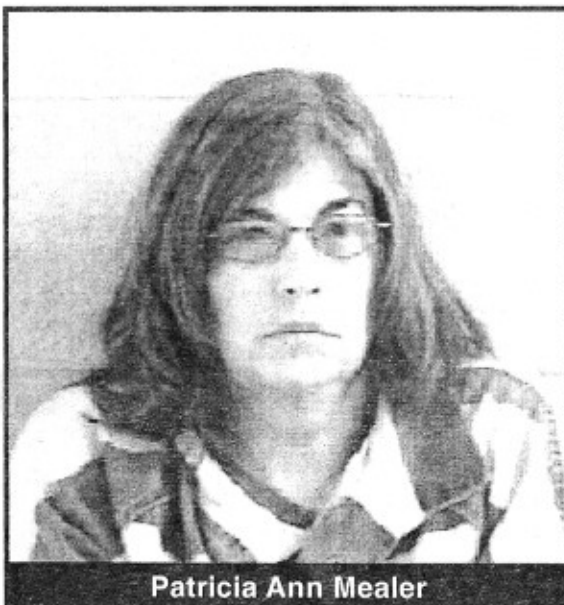
Troopers arrested a registered nurse over the weekend after her vehicle ran off the roadway and struck several trees along I-40. The caregiver, who reportedly told officers she works for St. Mary's Ambulatory, allegedly kept falling on her head during sobriety tasks and a search incident to arrest produced numerous pills in her possession.

Patricia Ann Patricia Ann Mealer 45, Lakeshore Drive, Kingston was charged with DUI, resisting stop, frisk, and halt and possession of a legend drug without a prescription Saturday.

According to reports, on Saturday, at 2:15 a.m. Trooper Robert Woody, THP observed Mealer driving a black 2002 Mitsubishi Lancer west on Interstate 40 near the 368 mile marker and saw her run off the roadway and strike several trees.

Upon making contact with the driver, Mealer stated she was uninjured.

The officer reported Mealer's speech was slurred and slowed and when asked for her vehicle registration, Mealer attempted to retrieve it from a pack of cleaners in the vehicle. She also was unable to retrieve her license from her wallet.



Patricia Ann Mealer

When asked to exit the vehicle, Mealer got out and reportedly fell on her head. She was offered medical treatment and refused.

Ms. Mealer allegedly was unable to perform field sobriety tasks because she repeatedly fell on her back and head.

Upon attempting to place her into custody Mealer began to pull away and flop on the

(see Mealer pg. 6)

Home burglary

A local man called police when he returned home to find his house had been burglarized and numerous items including checks and jewelry had been stolen.

According to records, on Tuesday at 10:09 p.m. Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO responded to Jackson Bend Road, Lenoir City to a report of a burglary. The complainant, William King explained when he arrived home he found the rear door of his residence had been kicked in and the door frame was broken.

(see Burglary pg. 2)

Chain saw stolen

Police were called to investigate the theft of a chain saw from a local man's residence Tuesday.

According to the report, on Tuesday at 2:57 p.m. Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO responded to Stevens Lane, Lenoir City. Mr. Arless Morgan stated he needed to file

(see Stolen pg. 3)

I said, "Get Out!"

A young Loudon man was jailed Sunday after his former girlfriend had to get police to go with her to get him

out of her house and upon entering found the scent of marijuana heavy in the air.

Kendall Shea Medley,

(see Medley pg. 4)

Camper reported stolen

A Loudon man called police to report the theft of his camper after he sold it to a co-worker and the man al-

legedly took it away without permission or paying for it in full.

According to the report, (see Camper pg. 6)

Verse of the day

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have re-

demption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Colossians 1:13-14

Obituaries

Gladys Virginia "Ginny" Mills
Valerie Diane Johnson

Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy skies in the morning will give way to cloudy skies during the afternoon. High 49.
Tonight: Overcast. Low 34.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the

upper 50s and lows in the mid 40s.

Wazzup

C'mon Burger King, what's with the commercials; do kids really need any encouragement on how to cop

an attitude with their parents???

Horoscopes

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Your brainpower is fully activated right (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Horoscopes

now and you should be able to get almost any problem solved if you take the time to work it all out. Let others in on it, but only after you've done the work.

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

Settle down for a little while and let your intuitive powers kick in. You should get a fairly specific vision of the future -- or a desired future -- that you can start working toward right away.

Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

Someone close to you seems to be trying to provoke you to madness -- but it's just a bit of a difference of opinion. Their weirdness isn't really working for you, but you don't have to deal with it for long.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

You're up for a change today and might find that you've got a few people who want to make suggestions. Your easy mental energy should make it simple to find something cool to go along with.

Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

Your heart is pounding today, but you may find that your people are all living in their heads. That could lead to friction, but only if you choose to bring it. You may want to let it go this time.

Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

It's time for you and

your sweetie -- or maybe a relative -- to sit down and have a heart-to-heart. You're not feeling totally great about it, but you can tell that it needs to happen soon.

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

A friend or family member calls with a change of plans, but you're ready for it. You may not be totally happy about the last-minute rearrangement, but your flexibility shows the right spirit.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

A friend or coworker makes a suggestion that most people find too crazy, but you're willing to give it a go. It's a good time to shake things up and your great mental energy should help you

get there.

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

No matter where you are today, people are hard to predict. It's one of those days when little outbursts flare up all over and you may find that things get pout of hand -- temporarily.

Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Something needs to give and you need to push until it does. Your social energy is pretty much unbeatable and that means you've got more than enough to share with folks who are feeling shy.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Your plans aren't working out as well as you'd expected, but that doesn't mean it's

a disaster in the making. You just need to adjust and get ready for the future -- things are getting better pretty soon!

Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

You're feeling a mounting sense of excitement over your latest big plan and you can see that your people are just as up for it. You may want to give a little pep talk, but they're good to go!

Burglary

King reported he discovered the DVDs

and the master bedroom had been gone through. All his wife's jewelry had been taken and a whole box of checks and a partial box of checks were also missing. None of the electronics or firearms appeared to be missing at the time of the report.

Investigator Sgt. Billy Hall came and took photos and talked with the on call investigator. The value of the loss was unknown at the time of the report.

The case is under investigation.

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Obituaries

Gladys Virginia "Ginny" Mills, age 91, of Lenoir City, passed away Friday at the home of her daughter. Ginny was a member of Highland Park Baptist Church. Her husband, T. L. Mills; parents, Arch and Leatha Roach; brother, Raymond and Clifford Roach, and great grandson, Taylor Sterling Mills, preceded her in death. Ginny is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Jo Anne Mills of Loudon; daughter and son-in-law, Jewel and Leon Rahe of Seymour; grandson, Travis L. Mills and wife, Shelly of Leesville, LA; brother, Kenneth Roach of Morton, IL; sister-in-law, Margaret Roach of Sweetwater; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday with funeral services to follow at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Eddie Click officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and proceed to Loudon County Memorial Gardens for grave side services. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Highland Park Baptist Church Building Fund, 4333 Highway 11 E., Lenoir City, TN 37772 or to Gideons International. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Mills family.

Valerie Diane Johnson, formerly of Lenoir City, Oak Ridge, and Knoxville went to eternal rest on Friday, February 20, 2009 at the home of her devoted mother, Margaret "Maggie" Winkle of 701 Halls Ferry Road, Lenoir City, TN. Valerie was born on November 28, 1953. She was a 1972 graduate of Lenoir City High School. Valerie was active in sports. Her favorite past time was reading the Bible and she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Valerie was a member of St. John's Baptist Church of Knoxville, and a past member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Loudon. She was preceded in death by her father, Joe Sterling Johnson; stepfather, Billy J. Winkle; grandparents, Roy and Mary Elizabeth Johnson, and John

and Johnnie Cozart; one aunt and four uncles. Survived by her daughter, Kimberlee Johnson; son, Brandon Foster; 4 grandchildren, Jerel, Jaylond, Jay-Sean, and Ja-Nia all of Knoxville; 2 brothers, Terry (Ann) Johnson of Lenoir City, Sterling Bouier of Detroit, MI; 3 sisters, Jo Ann Fair of Memphis, Cheryl Johnson Wells (Tim) of Oak Ridge, and Damita Bower Pickett of Detroit, MI; 18 nieces and nephews; several grand nieces and nephews; 2 uncles, Landon and Darryl Johnson of Knoxville; 4 aunts, Laverne Cozart of Loudon, Daisy McMahan of Lenoir City, Faye Black of Lenoir City, and Marva Reed of Alcoa, TN; devoted cousins, Sharon Hawkins, Mary Ethel Cozart, James McMahan; devoted niece, Rachel Johnson; special friends include: George Foster, Toletha Davis, Rita Stewart, W. J. Billingsley, Cathy Johnson, Diane Mason, Vickie "Red" Thompson, Veronica "Ronnie" Willis; Betty Jean Tate, Yvonne Vincil, Clifford Torbett, Earl Stacy, Rick Stacy, Jandi Stacy, Linda Harris, Annie Harris, Mary Jean Harris, and Charles Harris. The family will receive friends on Monday, February 23rd from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with funeral services to follow at 7:30 p.m. in The Hawkins Chapel with Rev. Jessie Jones, Rev. Anthony Cannon and Rev. Reggie Johnson officiating. The family would like to express a special thanks to the entire staff of Amedysis Hospice Services, Click Funeral Home and the Riverview Missionary Baptist Church Family. Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City is serving the family of Valerie Johnson.

Stolen

a report on a stolen chain saw.

Morgan advised he had been away from the house for several days and when he returned he discovered his chain saw missing.

The chain saw was described as a Poulan with an 18 inch bar.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$150.

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Medley

20, Hardin Street, Loudon, was charged with simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia Sunday.

According to reports, Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD, met with a Hardin Street female at the Valley Mart in reference to an unwanted guest at her residence. The female said she is the lawful owner of the residence and her ex, Medley, was at the house and refused to leave.

The lawman reported he escorted the young woman to the house and she made it clear to Medley he was to leave.

Records indicate the officer then escorted parties into the house and immediately detected a strong odor of burnt marijuana.

The woman checked

the residence for missing items and found a pipe used to smoke marijuana on the couch. She then gave verbal consent for police to search.

Officer Yates reported he found a mason jar containing approximately 6.5 grams of what was believed to be marijuana in a kitchen cabinet. Two bongos used to smoke marijuana and two marijuana roaches also were recovered.

Records indicate the rightful homeowner had been away from home for a short time and had repeatedly told Medley to vacate the premises. She gave a written to the fact Medley has no legal right to be on the property.

The officer concluded his report by noting Kendall was the only person at the residence at the time of his arrival and was arrested.

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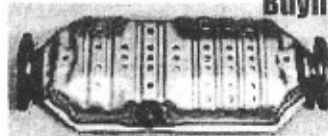
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Mealer

ground.

The lawman further reported it took him and Sgt. Clevenger to secure Mealer in the patrol car. She refused implied consent.

Records indicate Mealer had several different types of prescription pills in a purple container inside her purse. She reportedly did not have any prescription bottles for the pills.

Mealer stated one of the pills was Valium. The other pills were described as three black and green, two green capsules, two red, six tan, twelve green, two large tan oval shaped, two small

tan oval shaped, and twenty-seven and 3/4 white pills.

No other information was available at the time of the report.

Camper

on Tuesday at approximately 6:19 p.m. Deputy Lawton, LCSO was dispatched to Steekee Road, Loudon on a report of a possible stolen camper.

The complainant, Mr. Johnny H. Viars advised he was in the process of selling a 1985 camper to a fellow coworker for \$600. He stated the man works with him and was making payments through work.

Viars said the man had only paid \$300 and took the camper from his residence and Mr. Viars had advised him not to come on his property, nor to

take the camper.

Mrs. Viars reportedly witnessed some of the incident take place. The man, who was identified to police, reportedly came

onto the property sometime between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. and took the camper without paying it in full and trespassed on Viars' property.

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