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Friday, April 2, 2010

Man flees in stolen vehicle, busted

LCPD officers arrested a Sparta man after trying to stop his speeding vehicle in an alleged chase that ended when other law enforcement authorities arrived in the area as back up, The man is accused of being under the influence of an intoxicant and being in possession of a vehicle stolen from a Crossville man.

Thomas Kevin Allen Joseph McMahon, 27, Green Meadow Road, Sparta was charged with DUI 4th offense, driving on revoked license, violation of implied consent, felony fleeing in a motor vehicle, speeding and possession of stolen

(see McMahon pg. 8)



Thomas Kevin Allen Joseph McMahon

Employee charged with theft



Christina Maria Leech

(see Leech pg. 4)

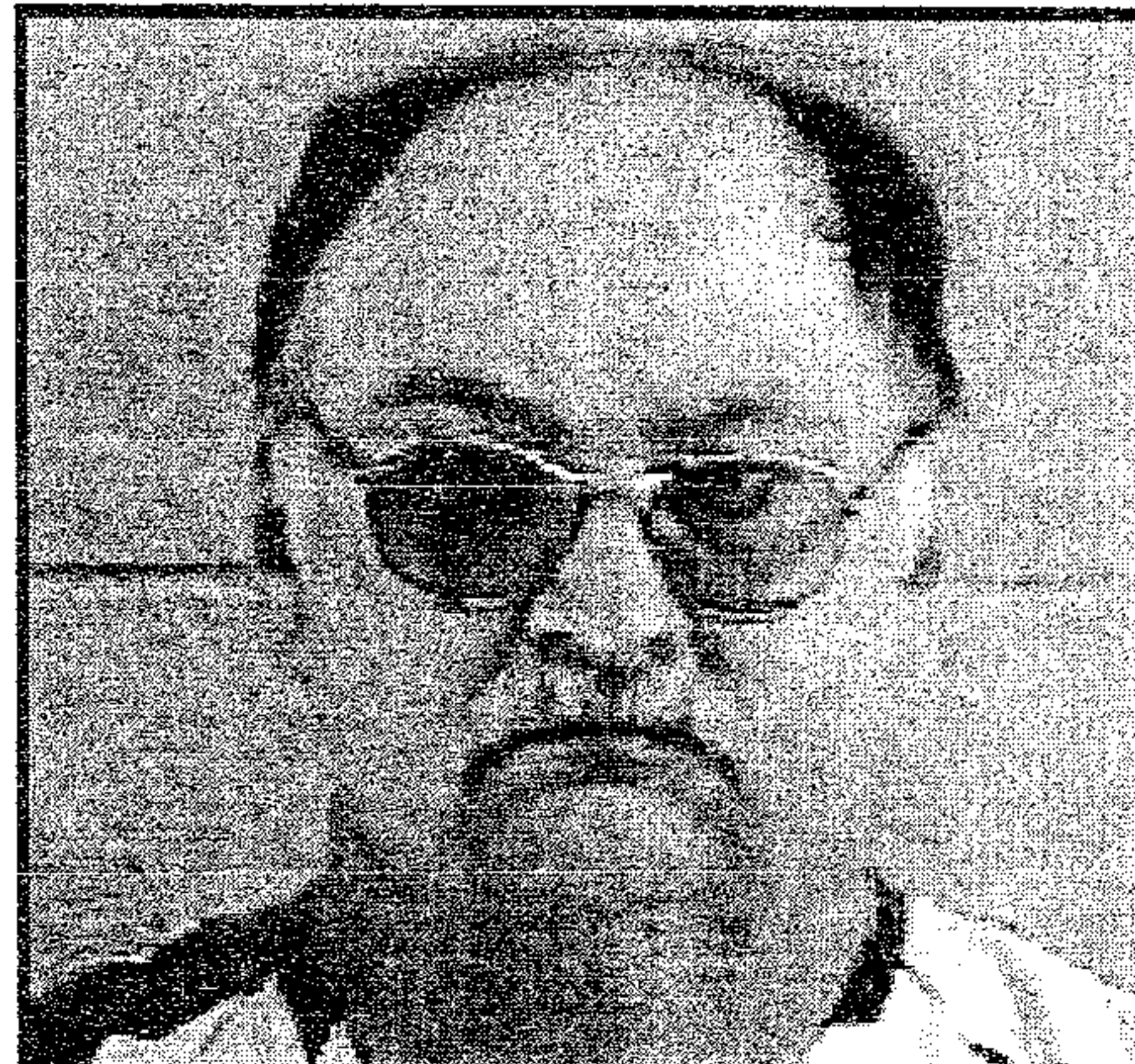
44 year old beats elderly mother with belt

A 44 year old Greenback man was taken into custody after he allegedly beat his elderly mother with a belt and choked her as she tried to prepare breakfast Wednesday.

Randall Gilbert Houser, 44, East Coast Tellico Parkway, Greenback was charged Wednesday with assault by domestic violence.

According to records, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO responded to East Coast Tellico Parkway in reference to domestic violence. On arrival the deputy met the victim on the porch. Randall Houser was in the bedroom.

(see Houser pg. 3)



Randall Gilbert Houser

False report lands woman in jail



Roberta Anne Elkins

(see Elkins pg. 6)

TDOT Halts Interstate Construction for Easter Travel Holiday

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Transportation will suspend all interstate construction

work this Easter weekend in anticipation of increased holiday travel.

TDOT crews and con-

tractors stopped all road construction work which requires lane closures Thursday, April 1 beginning at

6:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. Monday, April 5. This will provide maximum roadway capacity to motorists (see Holiday pg. 7)

Verse of the day

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:7

Obituaries

Martha Love Conner
Weather:

Today: Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. Near record high temperatures. High 83.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Low near 55.

Saturday: Scattered thun-

derstorms possible. Highs: mid 70s; Lows: low 50s.

Sunday: Times of sun and clouds. Highs: mid 70s; Lows: low 50s.

Wazzup

Be smart, be safe and have a wonderful Easter weekend! Remember, law enforcement will be watching!

Horoscopes

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

Your fiery energy is just right for hitting the streets

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)



Houser

The victim stated Randall Houser had been beating her with a belt on the arms and body and earlier that morning he grabbed her around the neck and choked her when she was trying to get breakfast together.

According to the officer's report, the woman had bruising on her arms. She is 79 years old and uses a cane to get around. She is Randall Hous-

er's mother and they reside in the same residence.

Police Beat

Christopher Neil Grace, 23, Elm Grove Street, Loudon was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to an affidavit Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO responded to Hall Road along with Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID on a possible breaking and entering in progress.

On arrival, Deputy Parks made contact with Christopher N. Grace who was the driver of a Mercury Sable station wagon. The lawman reported no one else was around the car or with Mr. Grace.

Mr. Grace advised he left his residence on Elm Grove Street traveling on Hall Road when he ran out of gas. He pulled into a driveway to get the car off the roadway. The homeowner arrived at his residence and found the car in his driveway and called 911, not knowing what the car was doing in his driveway.

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A check of Mr. Grace's drivers license number showed he was revoked for DUI.

Sally Anne Dykes, 44, Tazwell Pike, Luttrell was charged with driving under the influence and violation of implied consent.

According to records, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO received a call of a possible drunk driver in a green GMC pickup on Interstate 75 south coming up on the 76 exit. He spotted the vehicle and started following it.

the lawman reported the vehicle would go to the left lane then onto the shoulder of the road.

Deputy Brewer activated his emergency equipment and the

truck continued for several minutes before pulling over.

Mrs. Sally Dykes was the driver and only occupant of the vehicle. She had a strong odor of an intoxicating beverage coming from her breath and person and slurred speech.

Dykes could not perform field sobriety tasks or did poorly on them. Mrs. Dykes was read the implied consent form and refused to give blood or sign the implied consent form.

Kellysue Michelle Ferguson, 26, West 3rd Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with suspended license and failure to keep in proper lane.

According to records, Ms. Ferguson was operating a black Ford F-150 on Broadway at Walnut Street. She was stopped for failure to keep in the proper lane.

A check of Ferguson's drivers license status came back suspended for failure to satisfy.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

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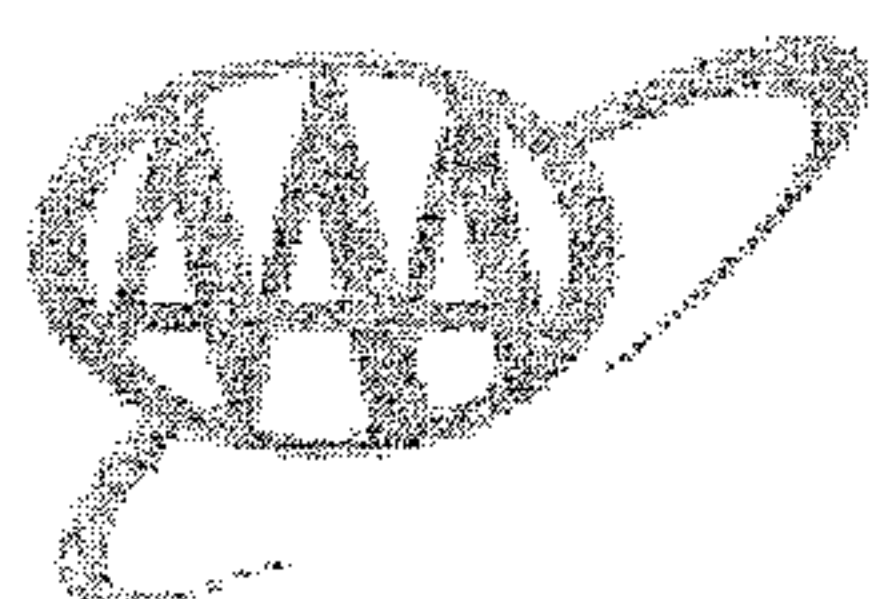
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Obituaries

Martha Love Conner
- age 91 of Lenoir City passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2010. She was a member of First Baptist Church Lenoir City and was retired from Yale & Towne where she worked as a secretary. Martha was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Preceded in death by her husband, O. E. "Shorty" Conner; parents, W. R. and Mary Dee Hill; brothers, Charles, Judson and Joe Hill; sisters, Lois Hill Harmon and Ruth Hill Hines and great grandson, Seaver Sewell. Survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Terri Conner of Knoxville; daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Bobby Clark of Lewisville, TX and Janice and Gary Vickerson of Raleigh, NC; grandchildren:

Jimmy Sewell, Jamie Rodriguez and husband, Efrin, Travis Vickerson and wife, Melanie, Kenda Benward and husband, Aaron, Angela Ward and husband, Sammy, Amy Conner, Brandon Conner and wife, Stephanie; great grandchildren: Jordan, Cooper, Anneka, Conner, Liam, Luke, Gracie, Ella, Georgia, Maggie and Samuel; brother-in-law, I. D. "Babe" Conner; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2:30 p.m. with Dr. Dick DeMerchant and Rev. Keith Wilkerson officiating. Burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Leech

LCPD officials charged a Maryville woman with theft after she allegedly stole over \$400 from a Lenoir City tanning salon in mid-March.

Christina Maria Leech, 26, Cannon Road, Maryville was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the affidavit filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; according to the complainant's statement, on March 14th, 2010, at approximately 9:42 PM, Christina M. Leech took \$440 from the cash register while working in the capacity as an employee of the Fusion Tanning Store.

Leech then left the store, located at 524 Market Drive, Lenoir City, with the money

without the store's permission and with the intent to deprive the Fusion Tanning Store thereof.

Ms. Leech also shredded the receipt copies which would validate the money that was taken.

Deputy John Mapples, LCSO made the arrest at the Blount County Jail.

Police Beat

Joseph Knox, 25, Old Highway 68, Sweetwater was charged with driving on suspended license 1st offense and speeding.

According to reports, Mr. Knox was stopped for speeding 84 mph in a 65 mph zone on Interstate 75 at the 72 mm. Mr. Knox advised the trooper he didn't have a valid drivers

license.

A drivers license check using Knox's name and date of birth, revealed he was suspended for failure to satisfy 10 citations.

Trooper Eric Miller, THP made the arrest.

Jamison Kory Broyles, 29, Sylvan Drive, Rockwood was charged with driving on suspended license.

According to reports, Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD stopped a maroon Ford F-150 for speeding on Broadway.

A check of Mr. Broyles license through NCIC revealed his license are suspended for failure to satisfy a citation.

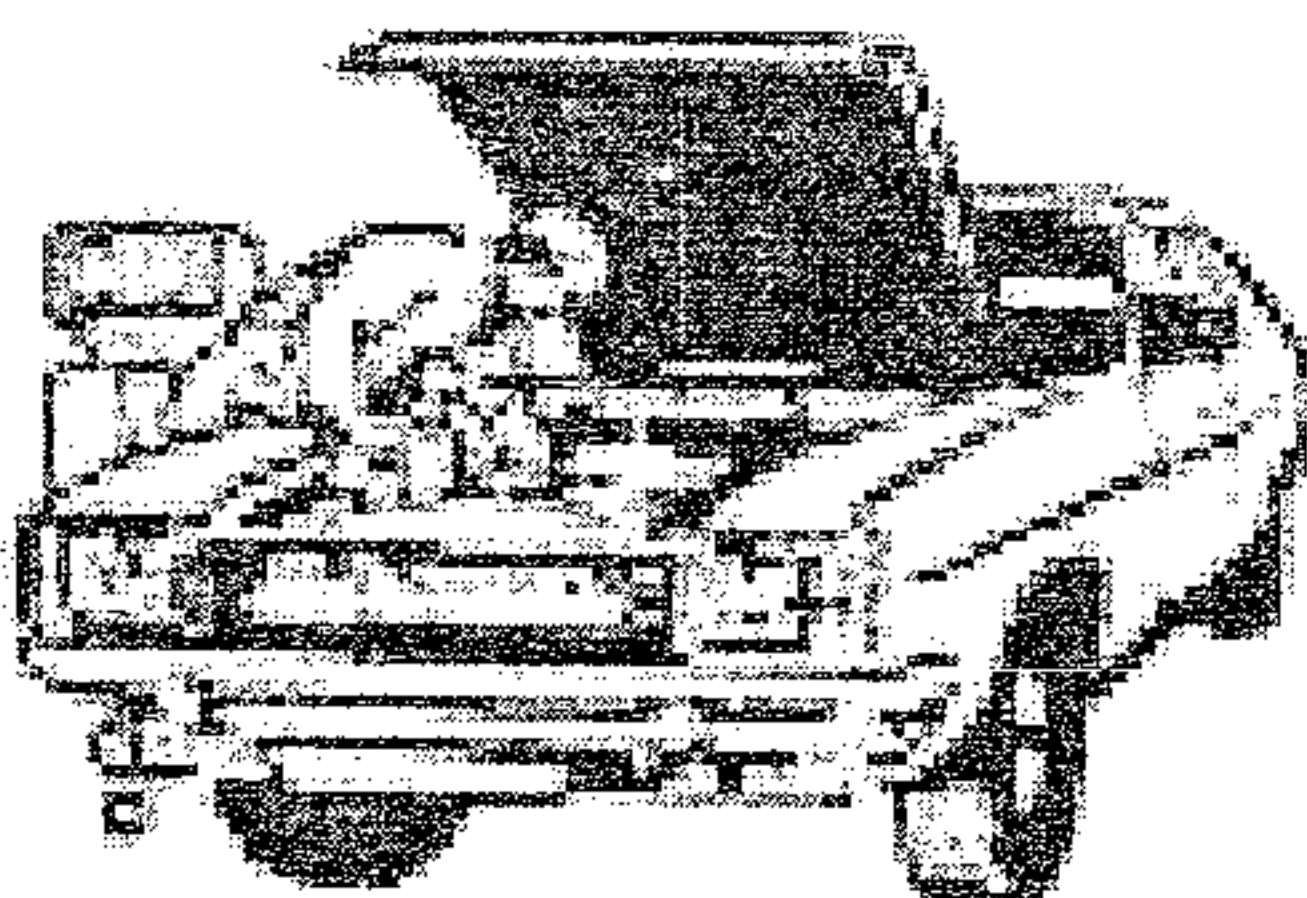
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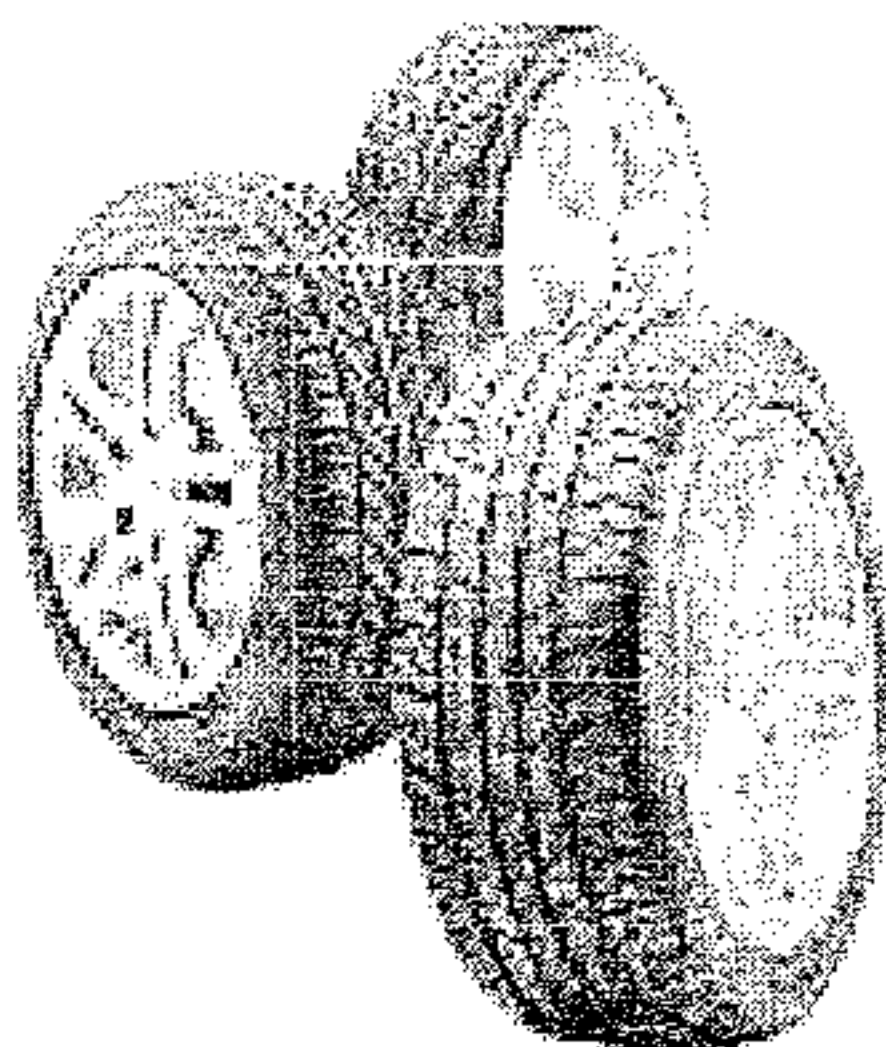
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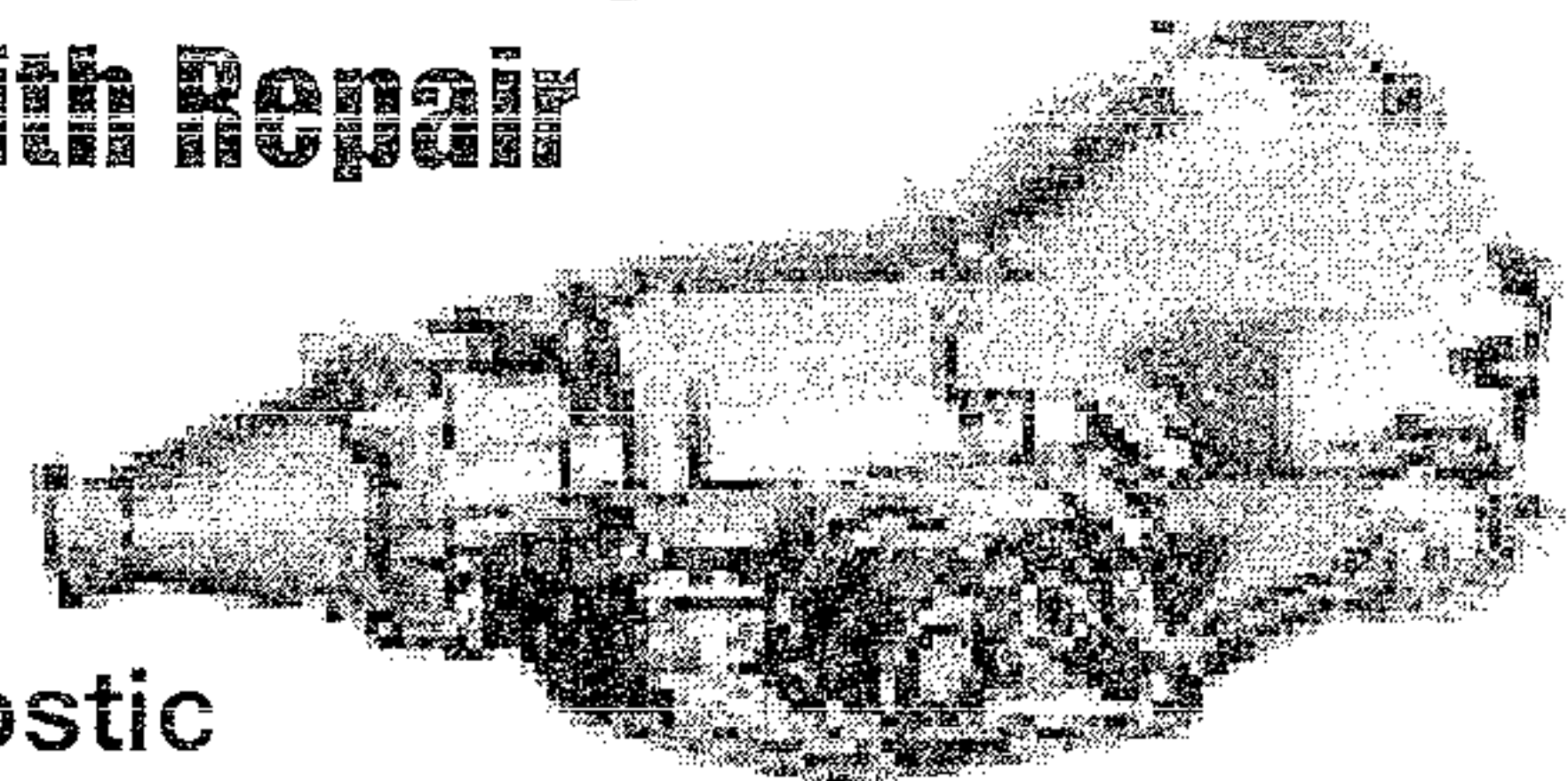
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Elkins

A local woman found herself jailed when she reportedly filed a false police report and had numerous rescuers sent to her home on a stabbing call.

Roberta Anne Elkins, 56, Kirk Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with filing a false report.

According to the affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about March 23rd, 2010, Roberta Elkins stopped a motorist and told them she had been assaulted. The motorist called 911. The 911 operator

dispatched the Lenoir City Police Department, Fire Department and Ambulance Service to Kirk Avenue in Lenoir City on a stabbing.

Detective Sartin arrived on the scene with other officers. He talked to Roberta Elkins and according to his report, she told him a Hispanic

male came out of her storage room and stabbed her.

The detective looked around and in the kitchen with Ms. Elkins' permission. He reported he noticed blood on the left side of the sink and in the floor and he examined a knife

in the strainer that had blood on it.

The lawman noted nothing else had blood on it and Roberta Elkins admitted the allegations were false.

Police Beat

Michael P. Bingham Jr., 29, West Beaver Creek Road, Knox-

ville was charged with a capias warrant out of Sevier County and failure to appear.

Officer R. Eubanks, LCPD made the arrest at the Lenoir City Police Department.

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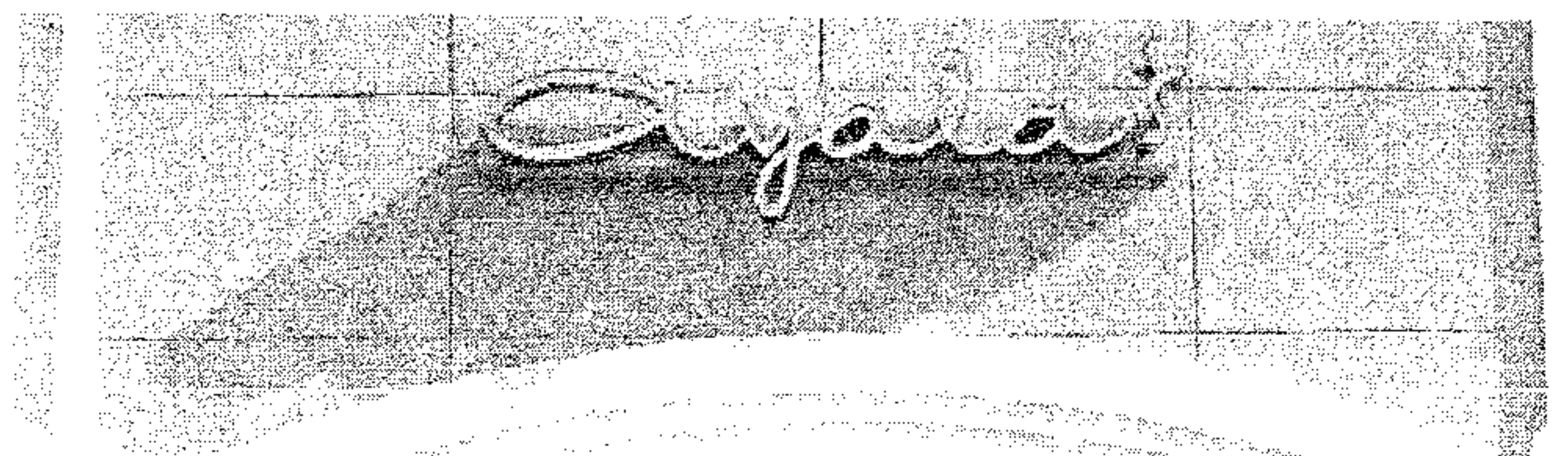
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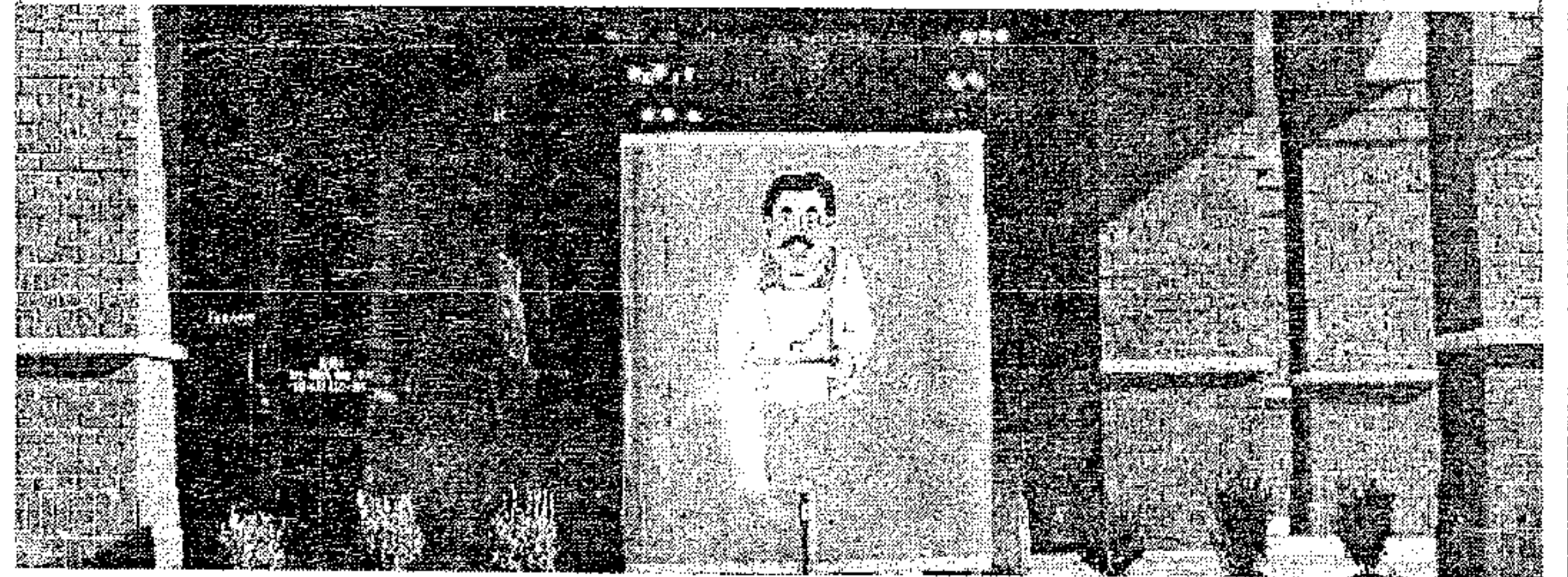
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Holiday

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Motorists will still encounter some long term lane closures on construction projects and at several rockslides in the state. While lane closure activity will be stopped, some workers may be on site in construction

zones and reduced speed limits will still be in effect. Motorists are urged to adhere to all posted speed limits, especially in work zones, for their own safety. Slower speeds are necessary in work zones due to the temporary layout of the roadway and will be enforced. Drivers convicted of speeding through work zones where workers are present face a fine of \$250 to \$500, plus court fees and possible increased insurance

premiums.

Motorists in the eastern part of Tennessee will have to detour around three rockslides that have closed I-40 in North Carolina, U.S. 129 in Blount County, Tennessee and U.S. 64 in Polk County, Tennessee near Chattanooga. Motorists can find more information on all three rockslides, including detours, by visiting the TDOT web site, www.tn.gov/tidot.

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Motorists are reminded to use all motorist information tools responsibly. Drivers should refrain from texting, tweeting or using a mobile phone while operating a vehicle. Drivers should "Know before you go!" and check traffic conditions before leaving for your destination.

Police Beat

Angel Dawn Micheau, 23, Lakeview Cove, Loudon was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO made the arrest.

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McMahon

property \$10,000 to \$60,000.

According to records, Saturday at approximately 6:10 AM, Mr. McMahon was operating a 2004 Buick Park Avenue north on Highway 321 at Fort Loudoun Medical Park Drive. The vehicle appeared to be speeding and was confirmed as 65 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Lt. David Flynn, LCPD initiated his emergency equipment in an attempt to stop McMahon, but McMahon sped up and continued driving north, weaving in and out of traffic.

McMahon contin-

ued to flee until he saw another police car coming from the other direction. He then pulled into the McDonalds parking lot and was taken into custody.

Mr. McMahon had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his breath and body, slurred speech, watery bloodshot eyes, slowed motor skills and he was unsteady on his feet. He was not given field sobriety because he fled from law enforcement and became abusive and combative.

Mr. McMahon was deemed unfit to operate a motor vehicle and transported to the Loudon County

Jail where he refused to submit to a test to determine the alcohol content of his blood. His license were run through NCIC/TCIC and found to be revoked for DUI on December 18th, 2009. He had 3 prior DUI's.

It was determined McMahon did not own the vehicle. It was registered to Mr. Steven Burgess, Ivy Avenue, Crossville. Crossville Police Department was notified and went to Mr. Burgess' residence.

Burgess did not know his vehicle was gone and did not know Thomas McMahon. Mr. Burgess stated he did not give Mr. McMahon permission to have posses-

sion of the vehicle and the vehicle was in fact stolen.

The value of the 2004 Buick Park Avenue was estimated at \$17,000.

Police Beat

Joel Lee Ensor, 29, Highway 95, Lenoir City was charged with suspended license, financial responsibility and violation of the registration law.

According to records, Mr. Ensor was driving a white Dodge pickup on Broadway at C Street and was stopped for violation of registration law because he had expired temporary tags.

A check of his drivers license status came back suspended for failure to satisfy. Mr.

Ensor was also cited for financial responsibility.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Charles Sherman Thaxton, 46, River-view Road, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

Alvin C. Bivens III, 35, Rock Springs Annex, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.


Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest at the Ethra Probation Office.

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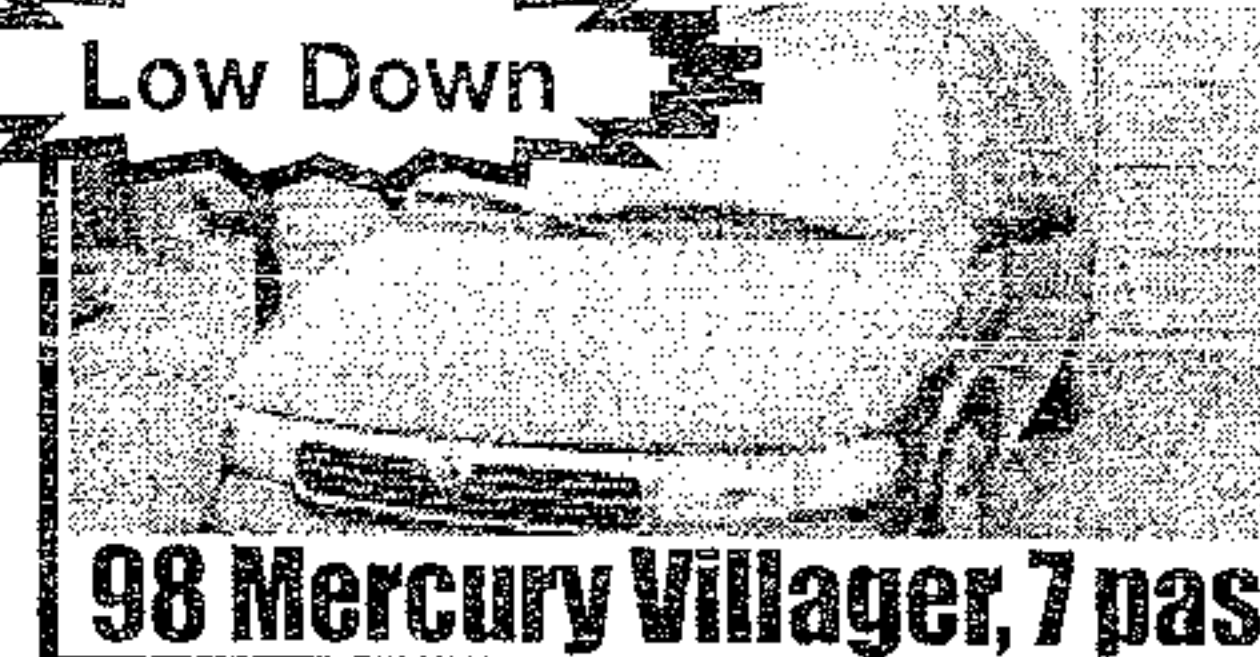
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