

DAILY EDITION

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Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Woman accused of setting fire to business after stealing thousands

Detective Jonathan Sartin charged a Lenoir City woman with theft and arson following an investigation into allegations she stole several thousand dollars from her place of employment then set the business on fire to cover the theft.

Ashley Rebecca Clark, 37, West 5th Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with theft over \$10,000 and arson.

According to the arrest warrant, on or about May 2nd, 2009, Ashley Clark went to Advance America Cash Advance, Highway 321 North, Lenoir City where she was employed. After arriving at work, Ms. Clark went to the safe, opened it up and took a money

(see Clark pg. 6)



Ashley Rebecca Clark

Man strikes tractor trailer while DUI

A Philadelphia man was jailed but escaped serious injury when he reportedly struck a tractor trailer on I-75 while allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol.

Terry J. Bumgarner, 46, of Gateway Circle, Philadelphia, was charged with DUI 1st, driving on revoked and failure to yield right of way.

According to the report, Bumgarner was on I-75 when he left his lane of travel and struck a passing tractor-

(see Bumgarner pg. 6)

Runner catches officer's attention, 2 charged

Two Loudon persons were taken into custody after one of them started running when an officer passed him and upon being caught was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The second person was charged when marijuana reportedly was found in her purse.

John Oliver Hughes 19, Steekee School Road, Loudon was charged with underage consumption.

According to the report, Saturday at

(see Charged pg. 4)

Local busted with cocaine



Marc Duane Howard

(see Howard pg. 4)

Boaters' Questions Addressed Concerning Ethanol Blended Fuels

NASHVILLE --- As blends of gasoline are sweeping across the nation and Tennessee, boat owners may have questions about the affect of these fuels and their boat engines. There are two types of ethanol blended fuels that are currently available at retail fueling facilities in Tennessee:

1. E10 - A blend of 90 percent gasoline and 10 percent ethanol, by volume
2. E85 - A blend of 70-85 percent

(see Fuel pg. 3)

Verse of the day

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: Isaiah 14:13

Obituaries

Joanne U. (Karaba) Rose
Nancy Jane (Woodard) Kollock
Sidney R. (Sid) Tinnel
Howard Christopher Boyce
Wilson Claude Bowling Sr.

Weather:

Today: Some sun in the morning with increasing clouds during the afternoon. High 78.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy after midnight. Low 64.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Wazzup

Sure would'a loved to see you outrunnin' that Mustang, Donnie from Philly!

Horoscopes Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

You're feeling pretty great about how the day is going -- and your good energy keeps you motoring (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

ethanol and 30-15 percent gasoline, by volume. E85 fuel ethanol is a fuel intended for flex-fuel vehicles only. It should never be put into any engine that is not specifically designed for E85 fuel.

There are a few situations that boaters need to be aware of while making the transition to gasoline-ethanol blended fuel.

First of all, ethanol is a solvent. If there is any gunk or residue in fuel tanks, then the ethanol may dissolve these, clogging filters. The good news is that after 2-3 tanks of gas, this should not be a problem anymore. Boaters need to carry and be ready to change fuel filters (10-micron filters work well), more often until a few tanks of gasoline have been

used.

Not all fuel hoses are compatible with ethanol, especially pre-1990 fuel systems. Boaters need to check hoses and make sure they are marked J-1527.

Most fiberglass fuel tanks do not resist ethanol. Ethanol can break down the resin and create a sludge that bypasses the filter and wrecks the engine. Unless a boat's manufacturer can confirm that a fiberglass gas tank was built to withstand ethanol, it is recommended that the tank be replaced with another material such as aluminum, stainless steel, or polyethylene tanks.

Ethanol attracts moisture and as a result, when a boat is idle for a long time and the fuel tank only partially filled, then water and gas could separate, leaving the water/ethanol blend in the

fuel tank at the bottom of the tank. When this happens, filling the tank with fresh fuel will not fix this situation. Fuel stabilizers help the gas stay fresher longer, but it will not prevent this phase separation. The best recommendation is that if the boat is going to be sitting for a while, then keep the boat's fuel tanks filled to about 95 percent capacity.

Most marine manufacturers warranty engine and parts for E10 ethanol but not for higher concentrations of ethanol.

What not to do:

* Do not drain fuel tanks of E10 gas. While it does eliminate any chance of phase separation, it's not practical and potentially dangerous and not recom-

mended.

* Do not try to plug up a fuel tank vent to prevent moist air from entering a tank. Without room to expand, the additional pressure could rupture fuel system components.

* Do not install a water separator thinking it will prevent phase separation. Ethanol readily absorbs water which will burn safely through the engine. But if ethanol-enhanced gasoline does become saturated, an engine will not run on the water-soaked ethanol solution, which sinks to the bottom of the tank.

* Do not use E85 in any boat.

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Howard

Police arrested a Loudon man Monday after stopping his vehicle for suspicion of DUI and reportedly finding cocaine in his possession.

Marc Duane Howard, 41, Upper Street, Loudon was charged Monday with possession of schedule II and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to records, Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSO was on a traffic stop on Steekee Road near the Monroe County line when a silver Chevy pick-up truck came by the officer at a high rate of speed. Deputy Dixon observed the truck cross the fog and center lines several times.

The vehicle was stopped at Steekee Road and Highway 72.

The driver, Mr. Marc Howard, performed several field sobriety tasks but reportedly could not perform other sobriety tasks. The officer asked if he could search the vehicle and Mr. Howard gave his permission.

A white plastic bag

containing a white powdered substance believed to be powdered Cocaine was reportedly recovered in the driver's side door. The white powdered substance weighed 1.1 grams. Mr. Howard was searched and a red straw containing white powdered residue was reportedly found in his front pocket. He was placed under arrest and transported to jail.

Charged

approximately 1:00 a.m., while on routine patrol, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a male walking from the Shell Station to the Super 8 Motel. The officer turned around and the person started running.

Officer Houser caught the individual behind the motel and identified him as John Oliver Hughes. Hughes reportedly had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person and stated he drank five or six beers. Mr. Hughes is only 19 years old. He advised he was in room 133 with his sister.

Megan Nicole Skipper 22, New Macedonia Road, Loudon was charged with simple possession of marijuana.

According to the report, after arresting John Oliver Hughes outside the motel Officer Houser made contact with Megan Nicole Skipper. She was also staying in room 133.

Miss Skipper reportedly gave consent to search her room.

Officer John Yates, LPD deployed his ca-

nine partner, Bear who alerted on a purse in the room. Miss Skipper stated the purse was hers and the officers could look in it.

A Goody's Powder pack was found with a hand rolled cigarette believed to be marijuana in it.



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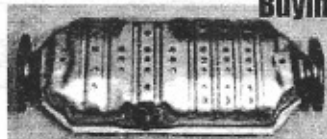
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Clark

bag.

Clark reportedly took the bag to her car and then went back inside and started working. That afternoon, she allegedly took the other money bags from the business. The total amount of money taken was reported to be \$12,837.17 cash and checks.

This was done to deprive the owner true ownership.

Records further alleged on or about May 4th, 2009, Ashley Clark went to Advance America Cash Advance where she entered the building. Ms. Clark got a gallon jug of gaso-

line she left in the break room of the business on Saturday May 2nd, 2009 and poured it on the floor from the safe to the back door. She poured the rest of the gas in the jug out on the floor in the break room,

Clark then took a lighter and lit the gasoline, causing an explosion which burned her face and singed her hair. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest.

Bumgarner

trailer. Bumgarner's vehicle then spun into a tree on the right side of the roadway.

Upon interview,

Bumgarner had a hard time standing and was extremely slow in his actions. Bumgarner was found to have a revoked license and

performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

Trooper Robert Woody, THP made the arrest.

Police Beat

Kendra Nicole

Martin, 21, of Ferry Street, Loudon was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO made the arrest.

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