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Thursday, May 7, 2009

## Son accused of cornering mom after she says no

A Lenoir City man was jailed after he allegedly cornered his other and broke a telephone when she refused to give him a prescription pill.

Matthew Wayne Lawson, 23, Silo Drive, Lenoir City was charged with assault domestic violence and possession of schedule VI controlled substance.

According to reports, on Sunday, Deputy Chad

(see Lawson pg. 6)



# Fugitive nabbed in road rage incident

The driver of a vehicle who told police another driver had almost hit him was jailed after police he was wanted for dangerous drugs in another state. The other driver also wax charged when it was learned he was under the influence of alcohol.

According to records, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed two vehicles pull into the Shell parking lot. The driver of a



(see Morrow pg. 8) Patrick Thompson Morrow Jr.

# Woman's credit card charged, but purchase never delivered

A local woman went to internet. the Justice Center Friday

According to the report, to report not receiving an on Friday Alicia Henderson, item she ordered over the Hines Valley Road, Lenoir

City went to the Justice Cen- Internet between December ter where she told Detective 26th, 2008 and December Jason Smith, LCSO CID she 31st, 2008. Mrs. Henderson made a purchase on the

(see Theft pg. 7)

### Attorney General, Department of Health and Division of Consumer Affairs Warn of Possible H1N1 Flu Scams

are warning consumers to be on the lookout for fraudulent e-mails and Web sites trying to cash in on the recent H1N1 flu outbreak in addition to false claims for

Nashville, - State officials possible "cures" or drugs alleged to immunize consumers from the flu.

> Consumers should be aware of a host of fraudulent claims popping up on Web sites all over the Inter-(see Flu Scams pg. 7)

### New Program Encourages Tennesseans to Take Steps to Reduce Air Pollution

Department of Transportation announced "Clear the Air Tennessee," a new eduto encourage Tennesseans to take action against poor air quality by changing their transportation habits. The

Nashville - The Tennessee program is funded through the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program and cational program designed targets citizens in counties designated by the E.P.A. as air quality nonattainment or maintenance areas.

(see Program pg. 4)

### Verse of the day his harvest.

Then saith he unto his Matthew 9:37-38 disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into

### Obituaries

Richard H. " Podjo" Philip Rushton Blood Linda Kay Spivey

### Weather:

stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High 82.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms possible. Low 66. Chance of rain 30%.

Friday: Scattered Today: Partly cloudy. A thunderstorms pos-

sible. Highs in the low Horoscopes 80s and lows in the Taurus mid 60s

### Wazzup

your special day is as able to have a great sweet and happy as time with your friends you are!

(Apr 21-May 20)

You're filled with Happy 1st Birthday, great social energy Kaylee Capps! Hope today, and should be (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

### Lawson

Petty, LCSO responded to Dixie Lee Junction at the Dixie Lee Shell to speak to a woman about her son tearing up the house and trying to take her Xanax. The officer followed her to Silo Drive to speak to her son Matthew Lawson. The woman said she thought her son was upstairs.

Deputy Petty reported he went upstairs and attempted to make contact with Matthew Wayne Lawson. When the deputy opened the door there was an odor that is consistent with the smell of marijuana. Lawson was sitting on the couch in the

bedroom reportedly smoking a rolled cigarette containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. When asked if he had anymore, he said no.

The deputy asked him again, if he had anymore and Mr. Lawson handed him a small baggie containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana that weighed approximately 1 gram.

Deputy Petty asked Matthew Lawson what was going on and he stated he asked his mom for a Xanax and she refused and he became angry. His mother advised her son became when she wouldn't

give him a Xanax and cornered her into a room and she had to run away. She ran downstairs to answer the phone and Matthew allegedly jerked

the phone out of the wall and threw it at the door making a hole in the door.

The woman further stated she tried to use her cell phone and her son grabbed it and broke it.

Matthew Lawson was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail at 7:34 p.m.

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### Flu Scams

net. Among them are claims for drugs such as "Tamiflu," which may or may not be legitimate. In addition, some Internet sites are merely ploys to possibly steal your personal information and commit identify theft.

The Federal Trade Commission and the Better Business Bureau have put out notices warning of such scams as a "(H1N1) Flu Survival Guide" for \$19.95 and e-mails with links to online pharmacies. Some people have reported aetting e-mails with the phrase "(H1N1) Flu" in the subject line. The emails can have links to ads for a supposed flu medicine.

"Clicking on a spam Web site can be dangerous to your health and your credit," Attorney General Bob Cooper said. "It's possible for someone to steal your credit card information or to trick you into buying bogus medicine or a worthless product."

Attorney General Cooper warns against opening any spam emails that purport to sell products against the swine flu.

"It is very important when dealing with health officials to make sure you seek the advice of licensed medical professionals and only use FDA approved products for the particular disease," said Commissioner Susan Cooper, MSN, RN of the state Depart-DAILY EDITION • May 7, 2009 • Page 7 ment of Health.

Reliable information about the novel H1N1 flu virus is available on the Web sites of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/ or the Tennessee Department of Health at http://health.state.tn.us/H1N1.htm.

Attorney General Cooper offered the following tips to avoid becoming a victim of a potential flu scam:

\*Avoid opening questionable e-mail or attachments. Delete the e-mail or forward it to spam@uce.gov to report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

\*Be cautious of online offers for vaccinations and treatments. For more information on (H1N1) flu, go to www.cdc.gov.

\*Make sure anti-virus and anti-spyware software is up to date and all operating system security patches have been installed.

\*You may also want to take some simple steps to protect your credit from identity theft such as:

\*Carefully review your credit, debit and bank account records.

If you do not recognize a charge, notify your creditor and question the charge.

\*Regularly review your credit reports. You may receive a free copy from each of the three credit reporting companies each year at annualcreditreport.

\*Also, notify your creditor if your bills do not arrive on time. A missing credit card bill could mean an identity thief has taken over your credit card account and changed the address to cover his or her tracks.

\*Destroy all unnecessary files containing Social Security numbers, account numbers, and birth dates before disposing of them. Shred documents containing private information and install hard drive shredding software to destroy your hard drive before discarding a home computer.

If you are a victim of identity theft, call the police and the bank or the credit card issuer immediately in addition to notifying the three major credit reporting agencies. The Federal Trade Commission provides valuable infor-

mation including steps to take in reporting and resolving the crime of identity theft at www. consumer.gov/idtheft. You may also contact them at 1-877-438-4338.

Consumer Affairs Director Mary Clement said. "Consumers who have sought treatment from a purveyor of unsubstantiated cures to diseases, including the H1N1 flu should contact the Division of Consumer Affairs at 1-800-342-8385 (tollfree inside Tennessee) or (615) 741-4737. Consumers can report similar problems to the Department of Health by calling the Office of Investigations at 1-800-852-2187."

### Theft

advised she ordered an exhaust pipe system for her husband's dirt bike from Weaponmx.com and paid approximately \$400. with her credit card.

Henderson stated her card was charged and she has not received the exhaust system. She and her husband Jason have sent numerous emails and placed phone calls to the business.

Mrs. Henderson stated that Marcella advised them the exhaust system was on backorder. She has not heard from the business since February. Mrs. Henderson also filed a complaint with The Better Business Bureau. Weaponmx. com has a rating of F with them.

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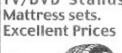
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### Morrow

Ford Explorer approached the driver of a Dodge Nitro and they appeared to be arguing.

The officer made contact with both parties.

The driver of the Explorer said the driver of the Nitro, Richard Anthony Thorson Jr., almost hit him while he was turning into the parking lot.

Mr. Thorson allegedly had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person and was unsteady on his feet. The officer asked Thorson if he had been drinking and he replied he had, about eight hours ago.

While Officer Houser was running his drivers license through the E911 Center, Mr. Thorson threw a small brown bag into the trash can.

The officer pulled the bag out and it contained a bottle of Taaka Vodka.

Thorson performed poorly on the field sobriety tasks he was given.

While searching the vehicle inci-

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ce93169@yahoo.com dent to arrest a set of digital scales and rolling papers were discovered.

Thorson reportedly stated he smoked some marijuana the day before. Mr. Thorson was read the implied consent and refused.

The driver of the Explorer, Patrick Thompson Morrow Jr., was charged with being a fugitive from justice.

According to the report, upon arresting Thorson, Officer Houser asked to see Morrow's licence and ran them through the E911 Center and received a 'hit' from NCIC out of Dallas, Texas.

The Dallas County Sheriff's Office advised they had a warrant for Morrow's arrest for dangerous drugs. The Dallas County Sheriff's Office put a hold on Mr. Morrow.

