

DAILY EDITION

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Friday, May 8, 2009

Reckless driving, purchased ID, lands 18 year old in trouble

A young Loudon man was taken into custody after he reportedly led police in a dangerous chase in his Lincoln Navigator. Upon being stopped, the driver was also found to forged ID documents in his possession.

Martin Aguilera Ramirez, 18, Huffland Drive, Loudon was charged with reckless driving, felony reckless endangerment, felony evading arrest and forgery.

(see Ramirez pg. 4)



Martin Aguilera Ramirez

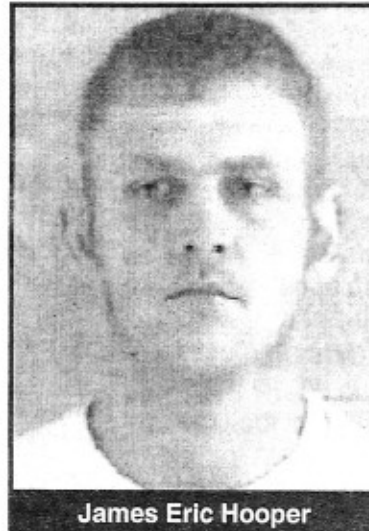
Man charged with stealing van

An Athens man was taken into custody following an investigation into the theft of a van from a Lenoir City transmission repair business.

James Eric Hooper, 28, Hamby Street, Athens was charged with theft over \$1,000.

According to the warrant, on or about March 26th, 2009, James Eric Hooper allegedly took a green Dodge Caravan from Ad-

(see Hooper pg. 6)



James Eric Hooper

Burglary results in near \$10,000 loss

Police were called to a Loudon County home Tuesday when a man's son returned home to find nearly \$10,000 in property had

been stolen.

According to the report, Mr. Brian Hanthorn, Martel Road, advised Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSO, he left

(see Burglary pg. 3)

IRS won't help woman with tax-related identity theft

A local woman told investigators officials with the IRS would not help her when someone unknown to her claimed her child on income taxes, instead telling her to

contact her local police.

According to records, on Wednesday, Ms. Jamie Tolle went to the Justice Center to report identity theft. She advised around the end of

(see Identity Theft pg. 4)

Tennessee Highway Patrol Reminds Drivers to Watch Out for Flood Waters

Tips All Drivers Should Remember to Stay Dry & Alive

Nashville, - As heavy rains saturate a large portion of Tennessee, the Tennessee Highway Patrol reminds all drivers of the dangers

of driving in the rain and through flood waters. According to the National Weather Service, each year, more deaths are caused by

flooding than from any other severe weather-related hazard. The main reason is people underestimate the power and strength of water.

Flash floods can come rapidly and can occur within a few minutes of excessive rainfall. However, most

(see Water pg. 8)

Verse of the day

And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

Genesis 7:19

Obituaries

Marion (J. R.) Isbell

Richard H. "Podjo" Kinser

Philip Rushton Blood

Linda Kay Spivey

Weather:

Today: Variable clouds with scattered show-

ers and thunderstorms, mainly in the afternoon. High near 80. CoR: 60%.

Tonight: Showers and thundershowers likely. Low 68. CoR: 60%.

Saturday: Showers, maybe a rumble of thunder. Highs: low

80s; Lows: low 60s.

Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs: low 70s;

Lows: upper 50s.

Wazzup

Podjo Kinser, you will be sadly missed by us all; we shared some

great times together and you touched a lot of lives. We love you...

Horoscopes Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

Let your passions (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Burglary

his residence on Tuesday to go to work and when his son Tim came home a short time later he found items gone. He went next door to the neighbor's house to call his father and the Justice Center. The father, Brian Hanthorn came back to the residence.

Investigator Patrick Upton, LCSO came to the scene and Deputy Patterson turned the investigation over to him.

The missing items were described as a Pro Ex Box with two controllers, Hummingbird fish finder still in the box, twenty X Box Halo 3 and X Box 360 Games, one Smith & Wesson handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, two clips, one 26" Vizio Flat Screen TV, one DVD player, one Shindowa Blower Eb 6000, one Wii game and

memory card, six Wii games, one bottle prescription medication, one Sirius radio still in the box, one new Ridged Cordless Drill, one wedding ring, one new Sony Camera DSC H50, one Limited Edition Pink Razor Phone, one Cool Pix Camera and memory card, 30 DVDs (new Movies), one wedding and anniversary ring, a gold chain with a cross, one gold Timex watch, one gold ring with a garnet, one gold and silver watch, one silver necklace with a bell and one Guitar Hero.

The total value of the loss was estimated at \$9881.

Police Beat

Andrew Tyler McFall, 19, Ratledge Road, Friendsville was charged Tuesday, with underage driving while impaired.

According to reports, Dep-

uty B. Dixon, LCSO observed a white 1994 Ford Explorer going north on Highway 411 cross the fog line and center line several times.

The officer stopped the vehicle on Highway 411 at the Greenback Corner Market. The driver was identified as Andrew Tyler McFall.

There was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person, and there was a Natural Light Beer can observed in the console of the vehicle.

Mr. McFall performed poorly on the field sobriety tasks and advised he drank four or five Natural Light Beers.

Once at the jail, McFall agreed to a chemical test and the results came back 02%.

Bridgett Ann Spears, 19,

Ratledge Road, Friendsville was charged with underage consumption.

According to the report, Ms. Spears was a passenger in the vehicle and had bloodshot eyes and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person.

Ms. Spears reportedly admitted to drinking several beers.

Ryan Michael Willis, 20, Terry Way, Friendsville was charged with underage consumption.

According to records, Mr. Willis was also a passenger in the vehicle and had bloodshot eyes and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person.

Mr. Willis allegedly admitted to drinking several beers.

Deputy Dixon made the arrests.

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Ramirez

According to the report, Friday at around 9:30 p.m., Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD observed a blue 2004 Lincoln Navigator reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed on Highway 72 West near Grove Street. The vehicle was clocked at 63 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. The Lincoln continued at a high rate of speed and passed another car around Steekee Street, nearly hitting another car head-on.

The vehicle turned right onto Steekee Street. The officer activated his blue lights and siren. The Lincoln was still traveling at a high rate of speed on Steekee Street and the driver reportedly turned off the headlights. The vehicle finally came to stop at Highland Avenue and Steekee Street.

The driver and sole occupant was identified as Martin Aguilera Ramirez. Officer Yates deemed the driver's actions were done in a wanton and willful disregard for the safety of himself and others and also placed others in imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm while attempting to elude arrest.

Upon searching Ramirez, the officer found a wallet belonging to him. The wallet contained Ramirez's drivers license and a Tennessee identification. The ID had

Ramirez's name, address and picture but showed a birth date of 10-03-1986.

Mr. Ramirez reportedly stated he purchased the ID from somebody.

Identity Theft

February she tried to file her taxes with Jackson Hewitt at the Lenoir City Walmart. A tax preparer there advised Ms. Tolle someone had already claimed her child as a dependent.

Ms. Tolle stated she does not know who claimed her child as a dependent. She said her child is two years old and she claimed him last year and encountered no problems.

Tolle said when she contacted the Internal Revenue Service they would not give her any information and advised her to contact local authorities.

Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO CID filed the report.

Police Beat

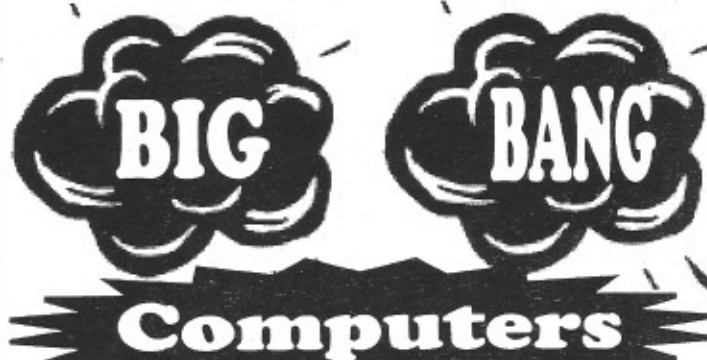
Travis Brent Smith, 29, of Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City was charged with domestic violence.

According to the report, Deputy B. Dixon, LCSO responded to Hines Valley to a domestic situation. Upon arrival the officer met with the victim who reported Travis Smith was intoxicated and when she told him to leave he refused.

Mr. Smith began to argue with the victim and she asked for her keys and cell phone. Mr. Smith then threw the phone and hit the victim in the chest and then threw her keys and hit her in the face.

Sgt. Wiggins put Travis in custody and Deputy B. Dixon, LCSO made the arrest.

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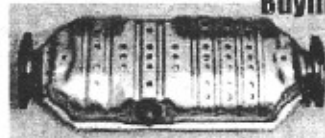
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Hooper

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Hopper's truck was found sitting in the 500 block of West Broadway the same night the Dodge Caravan was taken.

James Eric Hooper allegedly took the vehicle without permission or knowledge of the owner. The total value of the vehicle was \$2,500.

Deputy Rob Lane, LCSO made the arrest at the McMinn County Jail Saturday at 1:06 p.m.

Police Beat

Daryl Wayne Hughes, 33, of Hughes Hollow Road, Vonore, was charged with DUI 1st and violation of implied consent.

According to the report, Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSO was dispatched to Hwy 411 in Greenback on a possible drunk driver coming from Blount County. The officer observed the vehicle on Hwy 411 and it crossed the yellow line and ran in the center lane and was stopped.

The driver, Mr. Hughes, had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

Hughes refused a

BAC test. Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSO made the arrest.

Dennis Lee Reynolds, 44, of North Hollywood Circle, Oak

Ridge, was charged with theft of property/ theft over \$500.

Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO made the arrest at the Anderson County Jail.

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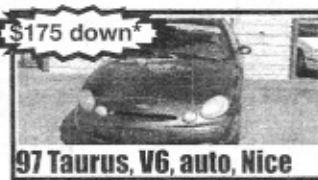
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Don't try to cross flooded roads where the water appears to be shallow. Water hides dips in the road. Worse yet, there may be no road at all under the water.

If your car stalls, abandon it and climb to higher ground.

One foot of water will float many vehicles.

Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger vehicles, causing drivers to lose control of the car or possible stalling.

Two feet of rushing water can sweep away most vehicles, including pick-up trucks and SUVs.

Sources: FEMA.gov, NOAA.gov

The Centers for Disease Control reports that more than half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. It is against the law to drive around a barricade or flood warning sign. According to TCA 55-10-205 (c)(1), any driver who knowingly ignores a clearly visible and adequate flood warning sign or blockade and drives into a road area that is actually flooded is committing reckless driving. In addition to fines, the court may order the driver to pay restitution for the cost associated with any rescue efforts related to the violation.

On average, each year in Tennessee more than 28,000 traffic crashes occur in the rain. Drivers who need assistance while traveling in Tennessee can dial *THP (*847) from their cell phone to get help. You will be automatically connected to the nearest THP dispatch office, and the

operator will send a Trooper to your location.

The Tennessee Department of Safety's mission is (www.tennessee.gov/safety) to ensure the safety and general welfare of the public. The department encompasses the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Office of Homeland Security and Driver License Services. General areas of responsibility include law enforcement, safety education, motorist services and terrorism prevention.

Police Beat

John Salvati 3rd, 34 of Main Road, Maryville, was charged with possession of schedule VI and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSO observed a dark colored vehicle on I-75 with the passenger side tail light broken and noted it was changing lanes without using a signal so stopped it.

The driver, Mr. Salvati gave consent to search the vehicle and officers found a clear plastic bag containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana along with a set of scales and 2 wooden pipes. Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSO made the arrest.

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