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Friday, July 31, 2009

LCSO ND investigation culminates in arrest of alleged marijuana grower (see Durst pg. 3)

(Above): About 50 live marijuana plants were found at the home of Grant Collins Durst Wednesday night. (Right:) Dried marijuana, boxes of ammunition and other drug paraphernalia confiscated in the raid.

11:30 p.m. the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division and Patrol

On Wednesday, July 29, Division assisted by the 2009, at approximately Loudon City Police Department and Lenoir City Police Department served a narcotics search warrant at

An elderly Loudon man called authorities Wednesday when he returned home to discover someone had stolen money and a weapon

(see Burglary pg. 7)

A local mother called police when she received a call from her son letting her know know their home had been broken into when they

(see Break-in pg. 6)

No license

Bonifaco Luna-Escamilla, aka Barney, 24, Brookside Avenue, Knoxville, was charged with driving without a license.

(see No license pg. 7)

Shoplifter go

Police arrested a Harriman woman Tuesday after she allegedly tried to steal over \$124 from a Lenoir City

(see Helton pg. 8)

Weather:

on Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. High around 80. CoR: 60%.

> Tonight: Partly cloudy during the evening followed by cloudy skies overnight. Low 69.

Saturday: A few thun-

derstorms possible. Jim Thearp at LPD. Highs: Low 80s, Lows: low 70s.

Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs: low 80s; Lows: low 70s.

Wazzup

Thank you to Sgt. RS Newman and Officer

A big shout out to Daisy (McKinney) Weatherly!!!

Horoscopes Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23) Your fiery energy is (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

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Durst

\$150

Value

604 West Broadway, Lenoir City TN at the home of Grant Collins Durst. The search

warrant came after a 2 month investigation involving the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division

with help from the Loudon Police Department and Lenoir City Police Depart-



A close-up of a marijuana "bud," seized in Wednesday s operation

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The search of the home revealed a marijuana grow operation with approximately 50 plants, grow lights, timers, and other paraphernalia used to manufacture mariiuana.

Also found during the search was approximately 50 grams of dried marijuana, digital scales, and plastics bags, all of are used to package marijuana for resale.

Found in one of the grow rooms were 2 mushrooms believed to be psilocybin mushrooms, a schedule I

Also found in the search was 7 pills identified as Soma, a legend drug.

Grant Collins Durst, 27, was arrested at the scene and charged with manufacturing marijuana, possession of marijuana for resale, possession of schedule I drug (psilocybin mushrooms), felony possession of drug paraphernalia, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. and possession of legend drug (soma).

Due to the fact that Grant Collins Durst is a convicted felon, further charges may come because several boxes of ammunition were also found during the search.

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Break-in

both returned from their vacations.

Records indicate. on Monday at approximately 8:13 p.m., Deputy Lawson, LCSO was dispatched to Highway 70 East on a report of a past breaking and entering. The complainant, Ms. Linda Rhea advised she went out of town on Friday and returned on Monday. Mrs. Rhea stated her son was also gone the entire weekend and returned about two hours before she got home.

Mrs. Rhea said she left work early because her son called her advising the house had been broken into. The rear door was standing wide open and the side door was damaged and closed.

but unlocked.

The items found missing from the home included two chain saws, two weed trimmers, approximately twenty-five

music CD's and ten DVD's.

The value of the stolen items was estimated at \$460. The case is under investigation.

Public Notice

Lenoir City Municipal Site Development Committee will meet at City Hall in the small conference room on Monday, August 3, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the session will be continued review in regards to selecting a construction management firm (and recommending to City Council) for new municipal project.

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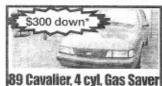
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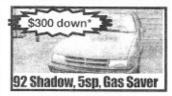
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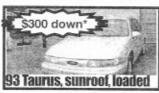






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Shepherd

According to reports, Thursday, at around 3:58 p.m., Corporal Pete McGinlev. LCSO observed

a green mini van on Highway 321 near Highway 444 using the shoulder to pass stopped traffic. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified

the driver as Bonifaco Luna-Escamilla.

Luna-Escamilla did not possess a drivers license or proof of insurance. A check through NCIC showed Mr. Luna-Escamilla to be an unlicensed driver.

Jose Cisneros-Martines, 20, Maremont Parkway, Loudon was charged Friday with no drivers license. financial responsibility, and window tint violation.

According to records, at approximately 10:45 a.m., Mr. Cisneros-Martines was operating a blue Ford Explorer on Broadway at Pike Street. He was stopped for a window tint violation.

Cisneros-Martines stated he did not have a drivers license and he could not provide proof of insurance.

Eric Bonicacio Castillo, 25. West 1st Avenue. Lenoir City was

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charged Sunday with driving without a license.

According to the report, at approximately 9:49 p.m., Deputy Tony Kagley, LCSO saw a red Honda Accord fail to move over for a Lenior City patrol car where the officer was conducting a traffic stop.

Upon running his name and date of birth through NCIC Castillo was found to be driving without a license.

Burglary

from his residence.

According to reports. on Wednesday, a 74 year old Loudon man told Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSO he left his residence and was gone about an hour. The man said when he arrived back home he discovered the door to the kitchen leading from the carport was busted open and he called 911.

The victim advised the suspect(s) took his Glock .40 caliber hand aun from his bedroom as well as approximately \$170 worth of quarters that were in jars and mugs. They also took \$120 one dollar bills from another location in the home.

The total value of the loss was estimated at \$710. The case has been turned over to Lt. Investigator Patrick Upton, LCSO.

Police Beat

Sammy Lynn CIabough, 36, D Street, Lenoir City, was with

Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

Alfonso Oscar Marquez Jr, 20, Bethel Drive, Lenoir City, was taken into custody on a alias arrest warrant for driving on a suspended license Fri-

rest

violation of probation.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD, made the ar-

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Helton

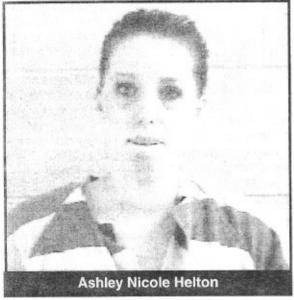
business then fled the scene when approached by officials. She was nabbed a short time later and der \$500.

According to the report, on Tuesday, Ashley Nicole Helton entered Walmart on Highway 321 in ing all points of sales with merchandise.

Helton reportedly attempted to push out \$124.48 worth of merchandise and when Detective Sartin approached her she fled to her vehicle and left the scene.

Helton was apprehended a short time later by Loudon County Sheriff Deputy Rayfield at the Melton Hill Market. She was transported to Loudon County Jail after Walmart Security swore out a theft under \$500 warrant.

Officer Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.



taken to jail.

Ashley Nicole Helton, 26, Riggs Chapel Road, Harriman, was charged with theft unLenoir City and was observed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD and Wal Mart Loss Prevention leav-

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