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Thursday, August 27, 2009

LCSO charges Knox woman with forgery

LCSO detectives charged a Knoxville woman with forgery following an investigation into allegations she stole checks from two Greenback women, then forged and cashed them.

Jennifer Ann Tipton, 28, Galyon Road, Knoxville was charged with forgery.

According to the af-
(see Tipton pg. 4)



Jennifer Ann Tipton

THP Recognized with 2009 Commercial Vehicle Safety Award

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) received the 2009 Commercial Vehicle Safety Award from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

(see THP pg. 3)



Serial Bank Robber Wanted in Multiple States

(see Robber pg. 2)

On Monday afternoon electronic billboards located throughout Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama began featur-



ing an individual suspected in at least ten bank robberies. The suspect is considered armed and dangerous and anyone with information should contact the Johnson City

Man gets a break, blows it

A Knoxville man got a break when TVA police poured out his beer and asked him to sober up before driving home, however

he reportedly blew it when he drove by the same officer only minutes later. He was arrested for DUI.

Jay Ronald Kosta, 52,
(see Kosta pg. 8)

Denso Manufacturing Athens Tennessee, Inc. Receives Volunteer Star Safety Award

Company Earns Star Award for the Second Time

NASHVILLE - Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James Neely announced that DENSO

Manufacturing Athens Tennessee, Inc. was chosen to receive the Volunteer STAR (Safety Through Accountability and Recognition)

(see Award pg. 7)

Verse of the day Obituaries

And he said, If the Lord do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?
2 Kings 6:27

Mildred Duff Richey
Diane Cheryl Kegley
Weather:

Today: Mostly sunny early. Scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 89. Chance of rain 40%.

Tonight: Variable clouds with showers and scattered thunderstorms. Storms more numerous during the evening. Low 71. Chance of rain 40%.
Friday: Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the

upper 60s.

Wazzup

Thanks for all your hospitality, "Howard" Harold! And Brown, too!!

Horoscopes Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

A little gamble isn't

such a bad thing today -- as long as you feel comfortable losing. There's no way to be sure what will happen, but the effects on your psyche of small risks could

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

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for significant contributions to improving highway safety involving commercial vehicles and commercial vehicle drivers. The award was presented Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at the AAMVA awards luncheon in San Diego, Calif.

"We are pleased to be recognized by both AAMVA and FMCSA for the hard work of both Tennessee Troopers and the state's CDL Licensing program in reducing large truck crashes and fatalities," stated Department of Safety Commissioner Dave Mitchell. "Improving the skills of commercial vehicle drivers is a high priority for TDOS and crucial to the overall mission of highway safety."

In Tennessee, the

number of traffic fatalities in large truck related crashes in 2008 fell 35 percent to 97 from 149 in 2007. Nationwide, the number of Americans killed in truck-related crashes fell 12 percent in 2008 to 4,229, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In Tennessee, the number of large truck occupants killed in crashes also plummeted, falling 46 percent to 19 from 35 in 2007. Nationwide, the number of truck occupants killed in crashes declined 16% to 677, the lowest since 1996.

Tennessee's contributions to improving commercial vehicle safety went beyond the significant reduction of large truck fatalities and crashes. The Ten-

nessee Department of Safety was also recognized for improving data collection that has allowed for more accurate monitoring of unqualified drivers, equipment or companies. In addition, the department received notice for its efforts in reducing fraud in both testing and licensing of drivers as well as reducing fraud in third-party testing organizations.

A national panel of judges made up of representatives of local, state and federal law enforcement and highway safety agencies selected the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Tennessee Department of Safety (TDOS) for the 2009 Commercial Vehicle Safety Award.

For more information contact: Selden Fritschner, AAMVA (703) 801-6903 fritschner@dot.gov

The Tennessee Department of Safety's mission is (www.TN.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.

Fugitive nabbed

Raymond Dean Gibbins, 38, Green County Road 870, Rector, Ar was charged with being a fugitive from jus-



Gibbins

tice.

According to the report, Sunday at approximately 1:50 a.m., Officer Samuel Harrison, LPD observed a suspicious vehicle parked alongside the Interstate 75 south bound onramp with the lights turned off.

Upon making contact with the vehicle, the officer was able to identify the driver as Raymond D. Gibbins.

It was discovered through the Loudon County 911 Center that there was an active warrant for the arrest of Gibbins out of the state of Kentucky from the Logan County Sheriff's Department.

Gibbins was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail where he awaits extradition. Officer Harrison was assisted by Sgt. Scott Newman, LPD.

Wilmer Adalid Chavez, 30, West 2nd, Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on suspended license 1st offense.

According to records, on Saturday, Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD witnessed Mr. Chavez operating a black Ford Probe on Old Highway 95. Mr. Chavez was not wearing a seat belt.

The officer stopped the vehicle at the Kingston Street Laundromat. After running his name and date of birth through NCIC it was discovered Chavez's drivers license are suspended for failure to satisfy a citation.

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Tipton

fidavit, on or about February 23, 2009, a woman reported her checks being stolen from her residence on Morganton Road in Blount County. The checks were in the account of two women's names. Affidavits of forgery were also taken on the checks. One of the victims named Mrs. Jennifer Tipton as a suspect.

On February 21, 2009 Mrs. Jennifer Tipton did pass a check for the amount of \$65 at the Greenback Corner Market in Greenback. This check was passed and written without the consent and or authorization of the victims.

The investigation through witnesses at the store and the other victim showed that Mrs. Tipton did pass the forged check.

Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO CID is in charge of the case.

Sgt. Jimmy Wiggins, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

Police Beat

Adam Wayne Norman, 29, Angel Row, Loudon was charged

Saturday, with driving on suspended license 2nd offense.

According to reports, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a blue Chevy pickup truck traveling south on Highway 11 at Carl's Drive In. The driver was not wearing his seat belt and was identified as Adam W. Norman.

The officer had prior knowledge Norman's license are suspended. Officer Norman stopped the vehicle and ran Mr. Norman through NCIC and his license did come back suspended.

Megan Giles Skipper, 22, New Macedonia Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation Tuesday.

Deputy Kimber W. Littleton, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

Douglas Edward Branum, 25, Finley Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with failure to pay child support.

Deputy Dustin Langley, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday at the Circuit Court Court House.

Life Expectancy at All Time High; Death Rates Reach New Low, New Report Shows

U.S. life expectancy reached nearly 78 years (77.9), and the age-adjusted death

rate dropped to 760.3 deaths per 100,000 population, both records, according to the latest mortality statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The report, "Deaths: Preliminary Data for 2007," was issued Wednesday by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. The data are based on nearly 90 percent of death certificates in the United States.

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award.

"DENSO Manufacturing has met the evaluation standards required to receive this award by proving their ability to uphold an excellent safety record," said Bob Henningsen, Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development, who presented the Volunteer STAR award to the company today at the company's facility located at 2400 Denso Drive in Athens. "It is evident that DENSO Manufacturing is extremely dedicated to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace."

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award is the state's highest honor for workplace safety and health and a nationally recognized program. The Volunteer STAR is patterned after the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) and recognizes the best of the best in the area of safety and health programming and performance.

DENSO Manufacturing Athens Tennessee, Inc. has approximately 800 employees. The facility manufactures and sells oxygen sensors, spark plugs, ignition coils, mono-

lithic carriers, fuel injectors and fuel rails for the automotive industry. This is the site's second time to receive the Volunteer STAR award. There are currently 31 Volunteer STAR sites in Tennessee.

For the three-year period 2006-2008, the site's safety record is as follows:

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and/or Transfer Incidence Rate (DART) rate is 1.01

63% below the current BLS industry averages

A certificate of recognition is awarded to the STAR recipient, as is a flag that can be flown at the site. The company is also permitted to use the Volunteer STAR logo on its correspondence and company documents.

The standard for participation in the STAR program is the confirmation of

a company's safety and health program, which helps reduce accidents and injuries. The program also allows employers to be removed from programmed compliance inspection lists for a period of three years.

For more information on the Volunteer STAR award program and other TOSHA award programs contact TOSHA's Consultative Services office at (800) 325-9901.

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Kosta

Oran Road, Knoxville, was charged Saturday, with driving under the influence 1st offense.

According to records, while on patrol at Melton Hill Dam, an unknown person reported to Officer Robert Klyce, TVA a subject at the swimming area was drinking beer. He reportedly was

wearing orange shorts and sitting in a chair near the water.

Officer Klyce located the man and identified him as Jay R. Kosta.

Kosta reportedly had slurred speech and smelled of alcohol. He admitted to drinking one beer. Kosta possessed three empty beer cans and one full can. The

officer advised Kosta of TVA's policy against alcohol in the area. He poured out the beer and walked to a nearby trash can to throw away the cans.

According to the officer's report, he was very unsteady on his feet. Officer Klyce advised the

man to sober up, before attempting to drive. Approximately 12 minutes later, the lawman observed Kosta driving on the Melton Hill Access Road. He stopped him, had him exit the vehicle and perform sobriety tasks.

During the stand on

one foot test, Kosta performed as instructed until he counted to one thousand and seven, then counted rapidly to twelve and put his foot down. During the finger to nose test, Kosta missed his nose three of four attempts. He was placed under arrest.

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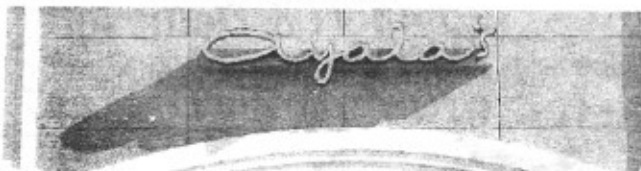
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