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Local bank plagued with rogue employees, 2nd UCB worker charged with theft

Another United Community Bank worker has been charged with theft following an investigation into missing funds from her drawer. Kimberlee Faye Starritt, 25, Vonore Road, Loudon was charged Wednesday, August 5, 2009, with theft (more than \$10,000 but less than \$60,000).

According to the warrant filed by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO CID, Kimberlee Starritt, on or about the 8th day of December, 2008, within the County of Loudon, State of Tennessee, did knowingly and without the owner's effective consent, commit theft by removing money from her employer, the United

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Kimberlee Faye Starritt

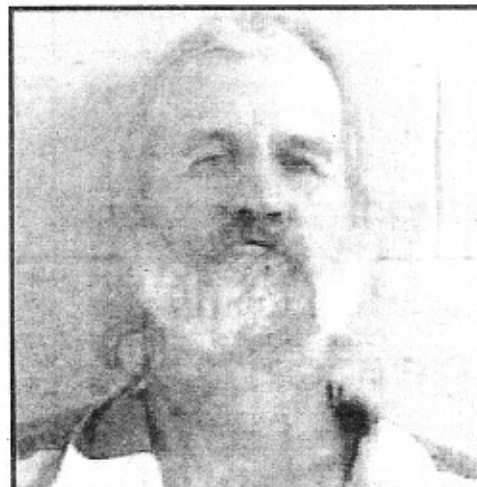
2 charged after failed showdown

A local man was jailed after he allegedly threatened to kill another man and took and loaded gun to a Lenoir City housing complex looking for him. The intended victim also was charged during the investigation when he was caught driving on suspended license and it was further learned he had an active warrant against him..

Nicholas Chandler "Nick" Christian, 47, East Highway was charged with possession of a weapon with intent to go armed, possession of weapon while intoxicated, possession of schedule III, public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to records, Deputy Rick Wiggins,

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Nicholas Chandler "Nick" Christian

Unlicensed, under the influence & all over the road

Police arrested a Loudon man after his vehicle was observed all over the road before he hit the curb on Ft. Loudon Dam.

Jamie Alljandro-Angelles Callejas, 25, Branch Road, Loudon was charged Saturday with DUI 1st offense and driving without a license.

According to reports, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSO observed a white Chevy Van traveling east on Broadway in Lenoir City. The vehicle crossed the center line several times. It then turned onto Highway 321 going toward Blount County.

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Sales Tax Holiday This Weekend

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Department of Revenue reminds shoppers that the 2009 Sales Tax Holiday is scheduled for this Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 9. This annual weekend of savings provides three full days of tax breaks on clothing, school and art supplies, and computer

(see Holiday pg. 3)

Verse of the day pieces, while there
O Lord My God, is none to deliver.
in thee do I put Psalm 7:1-2
my trust: "save me **Obituaries**
from all them that Jacqueline Donna Rausch
persecute me, and Floyd Long Newcomb
deliver me: Lest he Clifford Lynch
tear my soul like a **Weather:**
lion, rending it in Today: Sunshine and

clouds mixed. High 87F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Low 69F. Winds light and variable.

Friday: Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Wazzup

A big shout out to Estelle Herron, Riley's office and all the folks in the annex, appreciate all the help.

North Panthers are ready to go for the upcoming season,

first game will at the Jamboree, August 15th, in Rockwood, Go Panthers!

Horoscopes Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Slow down there

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Holiday

purchases. Although the holiday provides savings for back-to-school purchases, anyone can take advantage of the savings this weekend.

The holiday begins Friday, August 7 at 12:01 a.m. and ends

Sunday, August 9 at 11:59 p.m. During the designated three-day weekend, consumers will not pay state or local sales tax on select clothing with a price of \$100 or less per item, school and art supplies with a price of \$100 or less per item, and computers

with a price of \$1,500 or less. Visit www.tntaxholiday.com for more information on the holiday.

"All Tennesseans can use this weekend as an opportunity to save money on back-to-school items and other needed purchases," said Revenue Commissioner Reagan Farr. "Shoppers have the chance to save nearly 10 percent on all purchases, something that many families need right now."

An audio news release recorded by Commissioner Farr about the holiday is available at the Sales Tax Holiday Web site,

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www.tntaxholiday.com.

Please visit www.tntaxholiday.com to learn more about the items exempt from sales tax. The Tennessee Department of Revenue also assists consumers via e-mail, Salestax.Holiday@TN.gov, and

through its toll-free statewide telephone hot line, (800) 342-1003. Staff is available to answer questions Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time. (Out-of-state and Nashville-area callers, please dial (615) 253-0600.)

Public Notice

The Lenoir City Utilities Board will have a Special Called Board Meeting on Monday, August 10, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 600 East Broadway, Lenoir City, Tennessee.

The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

Consideration of penalty for past due accounts for certain Construction Design & Management Projects.

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Christian

LCSO was patrolling Industrial Boulevard on Saturday and received anonymous information that Mr. Nicholas Christian was going to shoot Mr. Travis Cozart. Mr. Christian was sitting on the front porch of an apartment in River Manor apartments. Deputy Wiggins stopped Mr. Cozart in front of Riverview Church.

In the meantime, Deputy B. Dixon, LCSO responded to the River Manor Apartments. Mr. Christian was on the front porch and re-

portedly had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person.

Deputy Dixon asked for permission to search Mr. Christian and he agreed. The officer reported he found three .45 caliber bullets in Christian's front pocket and a pill bottle in his left pocket containing 2 pill halves that were orange with a 8 on one side and a N on the other side.

Narcotics Officer Shane Ezell, LCSO, arrived on scene and a confidential informant called Deputy Ezell and advised, Christian threw the

weapon into the woods.

Deputy Michael Watkins and his K9 partner Denero, LCSO also arrived on scene to do an article search. The law enforcement pair recovered a black High Point firearm .45 caliber near a wooded area 15 to 25 feet from where Mr. Christian was sitting. The firearm had one round in the chamber and 7 rounds in the magazine.

Corporal Chad Estes, LCSO recovered a metal pipe believed to be used to smoke crack cocaine next to Christian's chair.

A black male walked up to the officers and stated he talked to Mr. Christian and Christian said he was going to kill Travis Cozart. According to the male, Mr. Christian showed him the gun. He even described the gun to the officers.

Mr. Christian was arrested by Deputy B. Dixon, at 10:24 p.m.

Travis Jerome Cozart, 34, Halls Ferry Road, Lenoir City, also was charged Saturday with failure to appear and driving on suspended license.

According to further records, while Deputy Wiggins was investigating information given to him about Christian having a loaded firearm at Riverview Manor Apartments he saw a white Explorer matching the description of the vehicle that was supposed to be involved and stopped it.

The driver, Mr. Cozart reportedly stated he did not have a valid drivers license. A check of his license revealed it was suspended and he also had an active warrant in Loudon County for failure to appear.

Callejas

The van continued to cross over the fog line several times. When the vehicle

traveled onto the Fort Loudon Dam, it struck the curb and continued on, then turned onto Highway 444 where the officer stopped it on suspicion of drunk driving.

According to the officer's report, when he approached the drivers door, the driver had a hard time locating the door handle. He could not produce a valid drivers license and was ultimately identified as Jamie Callejas. A check through NCIC, revealed he was unlicensed.

Mr. Callejas reportedly had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person, slurred speech and red watery eyes. When he exited the vehicle, he had to hold on to it, to keep from falling.

Corporal Estes attempted to give Callejas several field sobriety tasks and he performed poorly.

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Police Beat

Christopher Allen Greene, 26, Green Trailer Park Road, Philadelphia, was charged with possession of drug parapher-

nalia.

The report states, at approximately 11:59 p.m., Saturday, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSO noticed a red Toyota Celica travel-

ing east on Mulberry Street with no head lights.

The deputy stopped the vehicle and the driver produced a drivers license that stated he was Christopher Allen Greene. A check

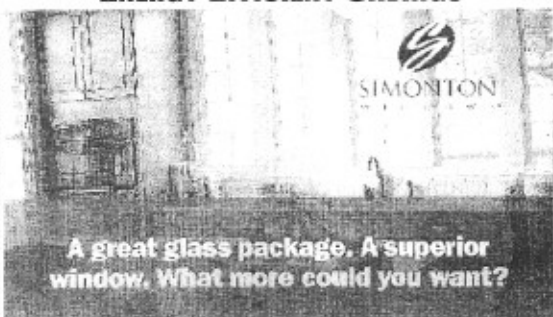
for warrants found Monroe County had an active capias for Mr. Greene.

Deputy Watkins deployed K9 Denero for a drug sniff of the vehicle. The K9 alerted to the drivers door

window.

A search of the Toyota revealed a glass pipe with marijuana residue under the drivers seat. Mr. Greene was arrested and received a warning for the light law violation.

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