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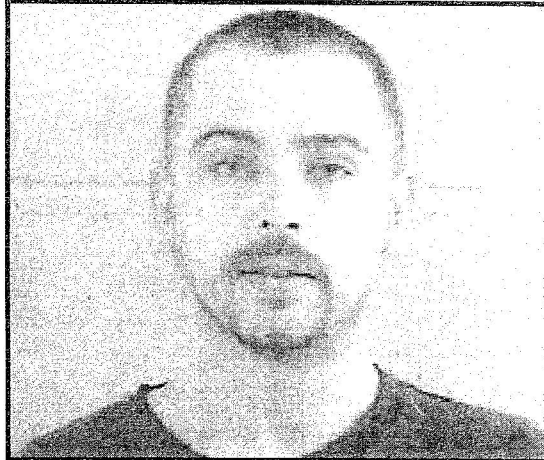
## Sweetwater man charged with sexual battery, more after brutalizing woman

LCSO Detective Charles Cosner charged a Sweetwater man with multiple crimes after he allegedly brutalized a woman and stole from her home when he went there to pick up her husband's ID.

Christopher Allen Keyt, 26, McCaslin Avenue, Sweetwater was charged with aggravated burglary, sexual battery, theft under \$500 and aggravated assault.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID; on January 24th, 2010, at approximately 5:00 AM, the victim was sleeping at her home on Big Sandy Road in Philadelphia when

(see Keyt pg. 6)



**Christopher Allen Keyt**

## Revoked driver endangers citizens while fleeing Philadelphia Police Chief

A four time revoked driver fled into the waiting cuffs of neighboring law enforcement officers and got his fifth DORL charge and more after he reportedly tried to flee from the PPD chief who attempted to stop his vehicle in Philadelphia for a registration violation.

Donald Maurice McSpadden, 41, West Street, Sweetwater was charged with felony fleeing, driving on revoked 5th offense and reckless endangerment x 2.

The report states, Wednesday, at 7:37 PM, Chief Jason W. Crowder, Philadelphia Police Department, was traveling on

(see McSpadden pg. 3)



**Donald Maurice McSpadden**

## LCPD nabs script forger



**Kimberly Michelle Padgett**

(see Padgett pg. 3)

## Joyriding son busted

Police took a Loudon man into custody Sunday after he reportedly took his mother's vehicle without her permission.

(see Gibson pg. 7)

## Operation Rotten Tomato

**Fraud in the Food Industry**

The former owner of one of the nation's largest tomato processing companies was indicted Thursday for his role in the pervasive manip-

(see Operation pg. 7)

### Verse of the day

*Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*  
1 Peter 1:22

### Obituaries

Donna Lee Fifield  
Rushia Baggett Walls  
William David Key

### Weather:

Today: Rain. Highs in the mid 40s.  
Tonight: Lows in the low 30s.  
Tuesday: Times of sun and

clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

### Wazzup

Thanks for the great tires, Paul's Tires & Furniture; they are just what my truck needed!

Hope you get to feeling better soon, Floyd McKinney; ramp season is just

around the corner!

### Horoscopes

#### Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Your sense of truth versus  
(see Horoscopes pg. 2)



## McSpadden

Highway 11 south in Philadelphia when he got behind a silver

Pontiac that had no visible sign of proper registration on it. The Chief activated his

blue lights and attempted to stop the Pontiac, however, the driver took off at a high rate estimated at over 80 m.p.h. towards Monroe County.

They turned left onto Hawkins Road in Sweetwater and Sweetwater Police Department was waiting at Highway 322 and Hawkins Valley Road.

When Mr. McSpadden saw Sweetwater PD he pulled over to the shoulder and put his hands out the driver's side window. McSpadden was taken into custody for felony fleeing.

McSpadden's drivers license information was run through NCIC and checked for warrants. His license came back revoked and there was a warrant for his arrest out of Knox County.

Mr. McSpadden had two passengers with him whose lives were put in immediate danger of bodily

harm or death, as well as the lives of passing and oncoming motorists due to the high rate of speeds.

## Padgett

Detective Jack Fine charged a Loudon woman with fraud Friday after she allegedly tried to pass a bogus prescription at a Lenoir City pharmacy.

Kimberly Michelle Padgett, 34, Church Street, Loudon was charged with prescription fraud.

According to the affidavit filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; on February 12th, 2010, at approximately 10:59 AM, Ms. Padgett picked up a prescription of xanax at the

CVS Pharmacy in Lenoir City, called in from Dr. David Ayers office.

The pharmacy assistant had called Dr. Ayers office where the prescription was allegedly called in from and Dr. Ayers office advised they had not called the prescription in nor did they authorize anyone else to call in the prescription.

Kimberly Padgett committed the act with the intent to fraudulently obtain a scheduled drug under false pretense. The prescription was for 90 xanax pills.

Detective Fine made the arrest at the CVS Friday.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be an LCUB Salary Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 4:00 pm. in the conference room at LCUB, 200 Depot Street, Lenoir City. The following item will be discussed:

Consideration of certain employee's salary adjustments in the Gas department and Accounting department.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Council Meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. has been cancelled. The Lenoir City Council will meet again, in regular session, on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Thank you.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The rescheduled LCUB Board Meeting for Monday, February 22, 2010 at 4:00 pm has been rescheduled to Monday, March 8, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 East Broadway, Lenoir City.

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### Keyt

She was awakened by someone knocking on the door to her residence. She went to the door where she found a known friend identified as Christopher Keyt. Mr. Keyt told her he was there to get her husband's identification so he could get him out of jail.

The woman advised she opened the door slightly to hand Mr. Keyt the identification and Mr. Keyt forced the door the rest of the way open, told her she was going to die, then hit her on the left side of her face causing unconsciousness and knocking her front tooth out.

The woman said she did not regain

consciousness for several hours, and when she did, she found the clothing she was wearing when she answered the door laying on the floor near her and she was only wearing her underwear.

She further advised she also found her

medication was missing and approximately \$200 in cash was taken from her pocketbook.

Records indicate the victim went to Sweetwater Hospital to be treated for her injuries.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the

arrest at the Monroe County Jail Tuesday.

### Police Beat

Nolan Scott Whatley, 22, homeless, Friendsville was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest at the Blount County Jail.

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**Operation**

ulation of the industry through price fixing, bribery, and bogus product labeling that often resulted in consumers paying inflated prices for dated, moldy products.

"This has been a long time in coming," said FBI Special Agent Paul Artley, who led the nearly five-year investigation dubbed Operation Rotten Tomato. The company owner, 54-year-old Frederick Scott Salyer, has been charged with racketeering, wire and mail fraud, money laundering, and obstruction of justice.

The former head of California-based SK Foods was arrested earlier this month at New York's JFK airport after he got off a plane from Switzerland. Salyer left the country last fall — after some of his subordinates pled guilty to charges stemming from the investigation — and planned to permanently relocate overseas where he believed he could not be extradited, according to charging documents.

SK Foods grew, pro-

cessed, and distributed tomato products to manufacturers and retail outlets nationwide. Its tomato paste was widely found in sauces, ketchups, and juices. (The company declared bankruptcy last May and was later acquired by another business.)

Over a period of at least 10 years, according to the indictment announced Thursday in Sacramento, Salyer directed his subordinates to bribe purchasing managers of some of the nation's most well-known food companies to guarantee SK Foods products were purchased instead of competitors' products — even though they were sold at above-market prices. SK Foods also paid bribes to obtain competitors' proprietary pricing information.

In addition, Salyer routinely ordered products to be mislabeled. As a result, consumers who thought they were getting organic as opposed to conventional products — and paying more for them — were being defrauded. In other cases, products with a recommended

shelf life of one year were three years old when they hit the stores. And some of those products contained mold levels beyond limits established by the Food and Drug Administration.

"The mislabeling was so blatant," said Special Agent Artley, "even the forklift operators at the plant were taking part. Many of their products went out the door with falsified documents."

The investigation, a joint effort between the FBI, the IRS, the FDA, and the Department of Justice Anti-Trust Division, has already resulted in a number of guilty pleas. An FBI source who infiltrated SK Foods was able to gather extensive evidence — including Salyer's own recorded words.

When a subordinate expressed concerns over illegal actions, Salyer responded, "You can take the ethics book and shove it... We have always manipulated inventory and will continue to. We will lie to anyone outside the circle, but not to each other."

After he left the coun-

try, Salyer arranged for the transfer of millions of dollars from his business to personal accounts overseas, investigators said. He also put his \$7 million Pebble Beach home on the market.

A judge has denied Salyer bail, stating that his efforts constituted one of the "most elaborate schemes to flee" he had ever seen.

Artley, a CPA with 15 years in the Bureau investigating white collar crime, said he had never seen a case as complex — or a fraud so insidious — as this one. "A case like this undermines consumer trust," he said. "And I take it personally because I was a victim just like every other consumer. Fortunately, we were able to put a stop to it."

**Gibson**

John Palladin Gibson, 37, Vale Street, Loudon was charged with joyriding.

According to records, Patrolwoman April Farmer, LPD received a call Sunday at approximately 9:00 PM, in reference to a possible stolen vehicle at a residence on Vale Street. Upon arrival, the officer spoke to Ms. Brown who said she noticed her vehicle missing when she woke up. She found a note from her son, John Gibson, stating he took her car to go to the store.

Ms. Brown said she received a call from her niece stating

Mr. Gibson left her residence in Lenoir City in the vehicle and was now at a residence on Main Street in Loudon.

Ms. Brown told Officer Farmer her son had taken her extra key to her vehicle off her key chain and left in her vehicle without her knowledge or permission.

The White Plymouth in question was located on Main street and Mr. Gibson was found inside the residence with the keys on his person.

Mr. Gibson advised he took the van to go see his niece and the officer noted Mr. Gibson took his mother's vehicle without her consent but did not intend to deprive his mother of ownership of the vehicle.

**Police Beat**

Michael Eugene Chastain, 36, Vale Street, Loudon was charged with driving on revoked, cancelled, suspended license.

The report states, Officer Matt Harvey, LCPD noticed a gray Mercury Cougar traveling 50 mph in a 30 mph zone on Harrison Road in Lenoir City and stopped it on Old 95 at Dotson's Produce.

Mr. Chastain advised his license was revoked. A records check confirmed his license are revoked for 1st offense DUI.

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