

Daily Edition

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Friday, January 14, 2011

Mutual combat between brothers with alleged knife results in arrests

Two brothers were taken to jail after they allegedly assaulted each during a disagreement in one of the men's truck Sunday.

Alan Lynn Eldridge, 48, and Charles Donavon Eldridge Jr., 49, Old Sugar Limb Road, Lenoir City were charged with aggravated domestic assault.

The reports states, around 7:00 PM, Sunday, Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO responded to a residence on Old Sugar Limb Road where two brothers had

(see Brothers pg. 3)



A. L. Eldridge



C. D. Eldridge

Fugitive from justice



Edwards

(see Edwards pg. 6)

Purloined pork lands woman in pokey

A Lenoir City woman was jailed Tuesday after she allegedly tried to steal a country ham from a local supermarket.

Cristy Pettiford, 'aka' Cristy Burgess, 29, Pine Top Street, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to reports, Tuesday, around 11:32 AM, a store manager at Food City saw Ms. Pettiford Burgess conceal a country ham into her purse. Pettiford Burgess walked out of the store passed all points

(see Pokey pg. 8)



Pettiford Burgess

Alleged drunk driver follows suspended driver, both go to jail

A suspended driver wanted in Blount County on outstanding warrants reportedly told police the woman driving behind him was following him

because she was messed up. Both were taken into custody.

Ashley B. Underwood, 25, Calderwood Highway, Maryville was charged with

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Decline in Traffic Fatalities Over New Year's Holiday Weekend

Nashville --- Preliminary reports indicate three people were killed during the New Year's holiday weekend, compared with 13 fatalities during last year's holiday. Statistics for the 2010-2011 New Year's

holiday reflect the time period from 6 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 2010, to midnight Sunday, January 2, 2011.

If preliminary figures hold true, the latest New Year's holiday period statistics resulted

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Verse of the Day

"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they

shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah 40:30-31

Obituaries

Barbara Garner Ward

Grace Wilkerson Everett
Sandra F. Jones
Thomas Avery Lyles Sr.
Herbert Roy Rush

Wazzup

To the illegal immigrant in our First Avenue, Lenoir City

neighborhood: we are watching you and you know why. Consider yourself warned....

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Weather

Today: Mostly sunny skies. High 37. Winds light and variable.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies in the evening,

(see More pg. 2)

Brothers

assaulted each other.

According to Charles Eldridge Jr., his brother, Alan Eldridge started arguing with him while in Alan's truck. Charles Eldridge stated while he was trying to get out of the truck, Alan came around the truck with a knife and held him down with the knife to his throat and said he would kill him.

Charles stated he struck Alan in the face to get him off him and to get the knife away from him. Charles further stated he started walking toward the woods to calm down and think. He advised he had been drinking, but had only had one beer.

According to Alan Eldridge, his brother Charles started an argument with him and when he tried to get Charles out of his truck, Charles struck him several times in the face and held

him down with a knife to his throat and told him if he came back down there he would kill him.

Alan Eldridge then stated his brother got a rifle and while walking toward the woods said again he would kill him if he ever came back down there again.

Deputy Smith noted in his report he noticed red marks on the neck and face of Alan Eldridge and red marks on the neck of Charles Eldridge. Due to the conflicting accounts from both men, the injuries to both men, and both stating they had been assaulted, Deputy Smith

could not determine a primary aggressor and arrested both brothers for aggravated domestic assault.

Police Beat

Hershell Eugene Moore, 48, Doe Skin Valley Road, Sweetwater was charged Sunday with driving on suspended.

According to reports, Officer Jason Felts, LCPD witnessed a black Chevy Cavalier traveling north on Highway 321, going 58 mph in a 40 mph zone. The officer stopped the vehicle at Williams Ferry Road and identified the driver as Mr. Moore.

A check of his name and date of birth revealed Moore's license were suspended.

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Decline

in the lowest number of traffic deaths since 1982-83, when eight people were killed on Tennessee roadways. In 1982-83, the official holiday period was also a 78-hour period.

There were three fa-

tal crashes during the 2010-2011 New Year's holiday period. Two were single vehicle crashes, while one was a multiple vehicle wreck. One of two victims was not wearing safety restraints. Alcohol was not a factor in any of the three crash-

es, which represents a decline from four alcohol-related fatalities in 2009-10.

THP also joined local law enforcement agencies in Williamson County to conduct a multi-jurisdictional DUI enforcement blitz during the New Year's

holiday weekend. State Troopers teamed up with more than 30 officers from the Franklin and Brentwood Police Departments and the Williamson County Sheriff's Office during the 12-hour, Operation DUI Blitz. The enforcement campaign began at 4 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2010 and ended at 4 a.m., Saturday, January 1, 2011.

Operation DUI Blitz resulted in 194 citations, two DUI arrests, 21 arrests, 30 bar checks and three worked crashes.

A preliminary holiday statistical report, including the locations of where the fatal crashes occurred over the 2010-2011 New Year's holiday period, accompanies this release. Please note the official traffic fatality

count may rise due to delays in reporting and classification of traffic fatalities.

The highest number of fatalities recorded during the New Year's holiday period occurred during the 78-hour period in 1970-71, when 19 people were killed in Tennessee traffic crashes.

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.



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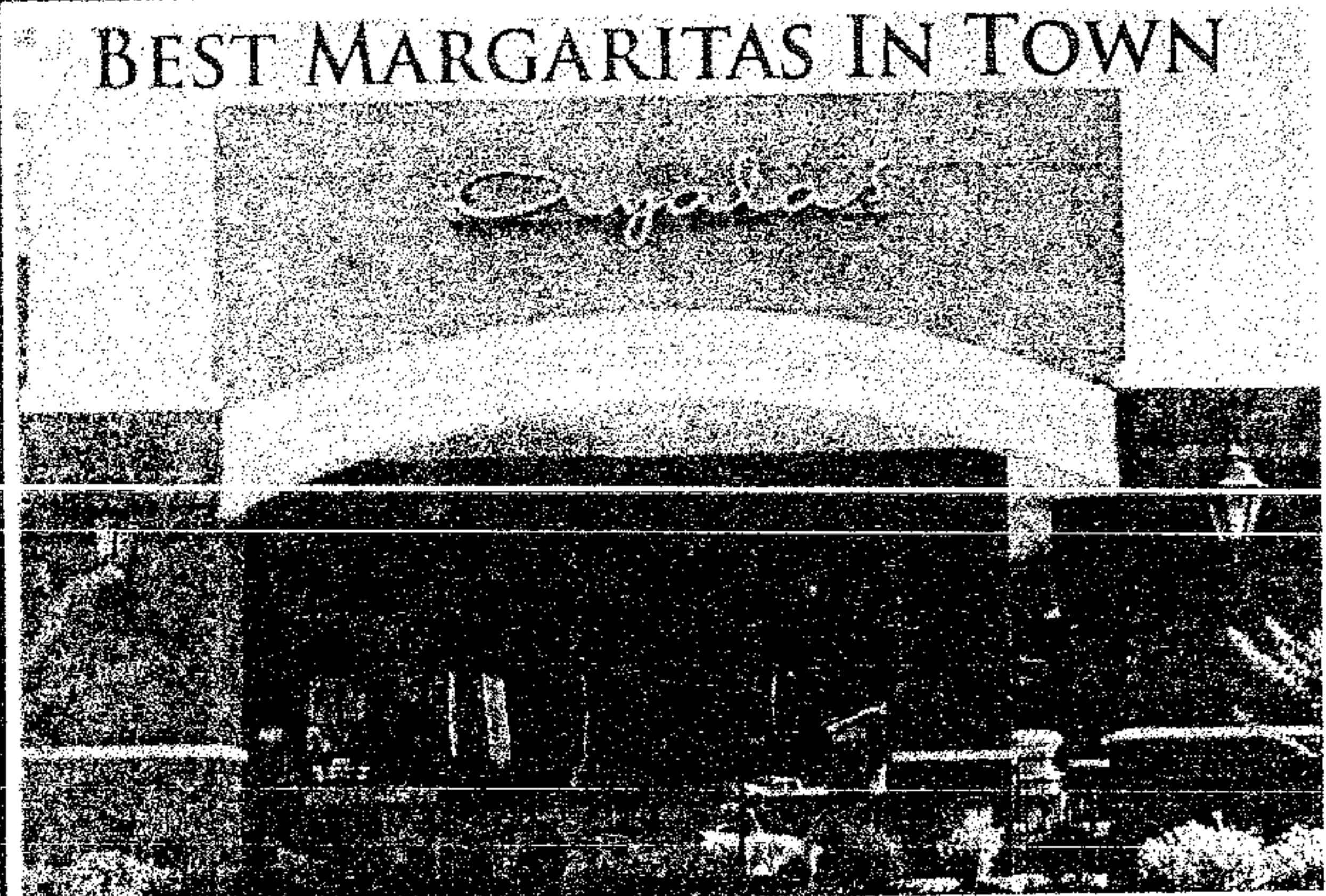
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Edwards

An Alabama man was taken into custody following a two vehicle crash on I-75 once officials learned he was a fugitive from justice in two different states.

Jeffery Roger Edwards, 30, Thorsby, Alabama was charged Monday with being a fugitive from justice.

According to records, Mr. Edwards was a pas-

senger involved in a two vehicle crash on Interstate 75 at the southbound 74 mile marker. He was not injured.

A check through NCIC showed Edwards had two outstanding warrants, one in Alabama and one in Florida. Both warrants had full extradition.

Trooper Daniel Morton, THP made the arrest.

Once at the jail, Deputy Brandon Blakney, LCSO made contact with Jeffery Roger Edwards after he was brought into the Loudon County Jail to be held for a warrant out of Houston County, Alabama for failure to appear. Mr. Edwards knowingly and willingly committed the offense of fugitive from justice by fleeing the state of Alabama where he had

warrants for his arrest.

An NCIC confirmation of extradition was confirmed by teletype and a copy of the warrants were faxed to the jail as well.

Police Beat

Chris McKenzie, 32, Gayle Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

The report states, Monday, at approximately 4:24 PM, Officer Shane Tilley, LCPD was dispatched to a verbal altercation at the Shell Station on Highway 321 AND Upon arrival encountered Mr. McKenzie walking on Highway 321 near Interstate 75.

McKenzie had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person and his speech was very slurred. McKenzie said he's had

two 24 oz. alcoholic beverages.

Robert Ellis Treadway, 40, Harmon Lane, Lenoir City was charged with domestic assault.

According to records, Deputy Jim Stegall, LCSO responded to Fort Loudoun Medical Center Monday on an assault and made contact with a female who stated Treadway assaulted her at their residence on Harmon Lane. She further stated she and Treadway argued in front of the residence and he drug her into the residence and pushed her down.

When she attempted to leave, Treadway stopped her and shoved her to the ground, causing an injury to her left shoulder, which required medical attention.

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Jailed

DUI 1st offense and violation of implied consent.

Brad Steven Williams, 32, King Road, Madisonville was charged with driving on suspended license and Blount County warrants.

According to reports, Sunday, around 3:17 AM, Deputy Billy Hall, LCSO noticed a Ford Escort and a Chevy truck pass him

on Highway 411 just prior to Trigonía Road and saw the truck was traveling half in the travel lane and half in the emergency lane. Both vehicles entered into the turn lane to turn onto Trigonía Road and when the Chevy truck entered the turn lane it crossed into the oncoming lane of traffic.

The deputy stopped the truck on Trigonía Road just off Highway 411. The Escort also stopped but then proceeded down Trigonía at a slow pace.

The driver of the truck was identified as Ashley B. Underwood. She had a strong odor of alcohol about her person and watery eyes. Ms. Underwood stated she consumed one beer at a bar.

When she got out of the truck, Underwood was unsteady on her feet and stumbled several times. She failed all field sobriety tasks. Underwood was read the Tennessee Implied Consent Advisement and refused to give blood.

During the traffic stop, Ms. Underwood stated she might have pills hidden in her bra. After other officers ar-

rived, she was allowed to check and stated she must have sold them at the bar, but a cut straw used to snort medication was found in Ms. Underwood's purse.

Once at the jail, Ms. Underwood stated she consumed one pill and a beer.

Records indicate just prior to officers leaving the scene, the Ford Escort pulled back up to the location. The driver was identified as Brad Williams.

Mr. Williams stated the female in the truck was following him because she was extremely messed up. Mr. Williams produced a suspended license, which were suspended for failure to pay citations and child support.

It was also discovered, Williams was wanted in Blount County for several outstanding warrants. Sgt. Jeramie Bowen, LCSO was also in attendance.

Police Beat

Jeremy Michael Hicks, 23, Brown West Drive, Rockwool was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Sunday.



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Pokey

of sale without paying for the purloined pork.

The total amount of the ham was \$30.12. Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

James D. Glass, 46, Riverview Drive, Loudon was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to records, Saturday, at approximately 1:50 AM, Deputy Billy Hall, LCSO observed a white Chevy Impala pulled over on the side of In-

terstate 75 south at the 81 mile marker. The vehicle's bright lights and brake lights were on.

When Deputy Hall approached the car he saw the driver was passed out and the vehicle was in gear. He woke the driver and identified as James D. Glass.

When he came to, Glass appeared very confused. Mr. Glass stated his mother texted him to pick up her medication and it was around midnight.

When he exited the vehicle, Glass stumbled and used the vehicle for balance. Mr. Glass failed all field sobriety tasks and could not follow instructions. He advised he'd drank three beers, then later he said he took two shots of whiskey. A metal flask containing whiskey was discovered in his coat pocket.

Mr. Glass gave a blood sample at Fort Loudoun ER to determine the alcohol content of his blood. Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO was also on scene.

James W. Pelfrey, 33, Malone Road, Lenoir City was charged Saturday with DUI 2nd offense, driving on suspended 1st offense and implied consent.

According to reports, Mr. Pelfrey's green Ford F-100 was stopped on Interstate 75 north at the 83 mile marker for failure to maintain a single lane by crossing the fog line, and centerline and improperly changing lanes. No headlights or taillights were operational and it was 11:42 PM.

Mr. Pelfrey was lethargic and seemed very confused. He couldn't perform field sobriety tasks as instructed.

A drivers license check revealed Pelfrey's license were suspended in Alabama on December 10th, 2008, for DUI 1st offense.

Pelfrey was read the implied consent and initially agreed to give a blood sample. During transport to Fort Loudoun ER, however, he changed his mind and stated he would not give a blood sample. He was transported to the Loudon County Jail at that time.

Trooper Eric Miller, THP made the arrest.

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