

# Daily Edition

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Friday, January 28, 2011

## Request made for investigation of former Recorder LC Attorney Issues Release

On Wednesday, January 26, 2011, The Knoxville News-Sentinel presented what appeared to be stolen personnel records to the newly appointed City Recorder and recently appointed City Attorney of which they were unaware. The personnel records in question predate the current mayoral administration and date back to 2005. Based upon the serious nature of the contents of these (see Recorder pg. 8)

## Woman calls police while burgling home, violating order

Detective Charles Cosner arrested a local woman following an investigation into allegations she went to a residence where one of the occupants has an order of protection against her earlier this month and took property. She also called police while at the home and produced a key that didn't fit the lock.



Sherron L. Shelton, 41, of Holland Trail, Lenoir City, was charged with aggravated

(see Shelton pg. 5) Shelton

## LUB and the Electricity Thief

LCSO officials charged a Loudon man with theft and vandalism after he allegedly broke into his electric meter and jumped power to his home when his service as disconnected.



Christopher Lee Smallen, 32, Smallen Road, Loudon was charged with vandalism and theft under \$500.

According to affidavits filed by Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID; on No-

(see Smallen pg. 6) Smallen

## LC woman charged after burglary

Authorities charged a Lenoir City woman with breaking into a local residence and stealing a television over the weekend.

Michelle Lynn Russell, 26, of Pike Street, Lenoir City was charged with aggravated burglary and theft of property \$500-\$1000.

According to warrants filed by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO CID; on January 23, 2011 Michelle Lynn Russell



(see Russell pg. 7) Russell

## You know when you're busted

When the odor of marijuana wafted from a local man's vehicle upon entering a THP checkpoint Friday morning, officials reported finding about 1/2 ounce of the illicit weed in

(see Busted pg. 3)

## TWRA to Discontinue Bass, Bluegill Stocking for Private Ponds, Lakes

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) will no longer offer fish (bass and bluegill) for stocking into private ponds and small lakes. Due to the high cost of raising and distributing private

(see Discontinued pg. 4)

### Verse of the Day

*"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."*  
Proverbs 16:25

### Obituaries

Ellen Duff Vineyard  
Mae E. Lawhon Webb  
Hazel Wiseman Gryder  
Bernice "Bonnie" Abel

### Wazzup

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kudos, Ashley and Bill Papageorge on your 1 year milestone. Ya did good - Hoorah!!!

### Weather

Today: Rain or snow showers in the morning will give way to

partly cloudy skies in the afternoon. High 44. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precip 30%.  
Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low 31. Winds light and variable.

Saturday: Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.  
Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in

(see More pg. 2)

**Busted**

the man's possession.

James Russell Laney, 29, West Hills Drive, Lenoir City

was charged with DUI 2nd offense, simple possession of schedule VI, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to records, Friday, around 8:09 AM, Mr. Laney drove his green Saturn into a driver's license checkpoint on Tellico Parkway near Saddle Dam. Immediately upon contact, Trooper Daniel Morton, THP smelled the odor of marijuana. He asked him to exit the vehicle and Mr. Laney stated there was marijuana in the car and on his person.

Laney admitted to smoking approximately one hour prior to driving. Mr. Laney performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was arrested for DUI.

A small bag of suspected marijuana was found in Laney's shirt pocket along with a smoking pipe used for marijuana, which was in his pants pocket. Two bags of suspected marijuana were also discovered in the driver's door and a scale

was in the center console. The total weight was approximately 1/2 oz.

Mr. Laney submitted to a blood test and was then transported to jail.

**Police Beat**

Michael Lee Goff, 33, of Donaldson Road, Philadelphia was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to the report, Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO observed a blue Isuzu cross the double yellow line numerous times on Mulberry Street in Loudon. The deputy stopped the vehicle and the driver Mr. Goff was found to have an ID only and it was discovered his license was revoked for DUI.

Mr. Goff was also found to have a warrant out of Roane County for Violation of Probation.



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**Discontinued**

pond fish, in addition to the need to stock more fish into public waters of the state, the agency has decided to discontinue the private pond stocking program. Current pond fish applicants scheduled to receive largemouth bass in the spring of 2011 will be the last for the program.

Private pond/lake owners wanting fish can purchase

them from fish hatcheries located within the state (visit [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)), or from commercial fish producers that sell fish at many farm and feed stores located in each county. The pond owner can contact a farm/feed store in their county to check on the availability of fish. Pond and lake owners can also contact any TWRA office for assistance in locating a commercial source for fish.

Information about stocking, along with pond and small lake management information can be found at: <http://www.state.tn.us/twra/fish/pond/pondfish.html>.

**Police Beat**

Jackie Lee Paul, 49, of S. Delozier Road, Seymour was charged with a capias out of Sevier County.

According to the report, Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD responded to a report of suspicious persons at the Mobil Store on Hwy 321.

During the investigation the officer made contact with Jackie Paul and a check revealed he has an active capias out of Sevier County.

Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD made the arrest.

Shannon Odell Littleton, 33, of Blue Springs Road, Sweetwater was charged with a criminal court capias for failure to appear.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest.

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**Shelton**

burglary, theft of property less than \$500 and

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violation of order of protection.

According to warrants filed by Detective Charles Cosner LCSO CID; on January 17, 2011, the victims reported they returned to their residence to find that Ms. Sherron Shelton had made entry into

the residence without their consent.

Ms. Shelton called the police while on the property to report the property had been damaged. As the officer was taking the report from Ms. Shelton the victim arrived at the residence.

During the investigation the officer did ask Ms. Shelton how she was able to make entry into the residence and she produced a key she said she used.

The officer attempted to unlock the same door Ms. Shelton had entered and found the key did not operate the lock.

After Ms. Shelton left the property, the victims discovered sev-

eral of their personal belongings, including clothing, missing.

On January 24, 2011 Detective Cosner verified with the General Sessions Court Clerk that an active order of protection is on file prohibiting Ms. Shelton from being in contact with the female victim.

Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO CID made the arrest and filed the charges.



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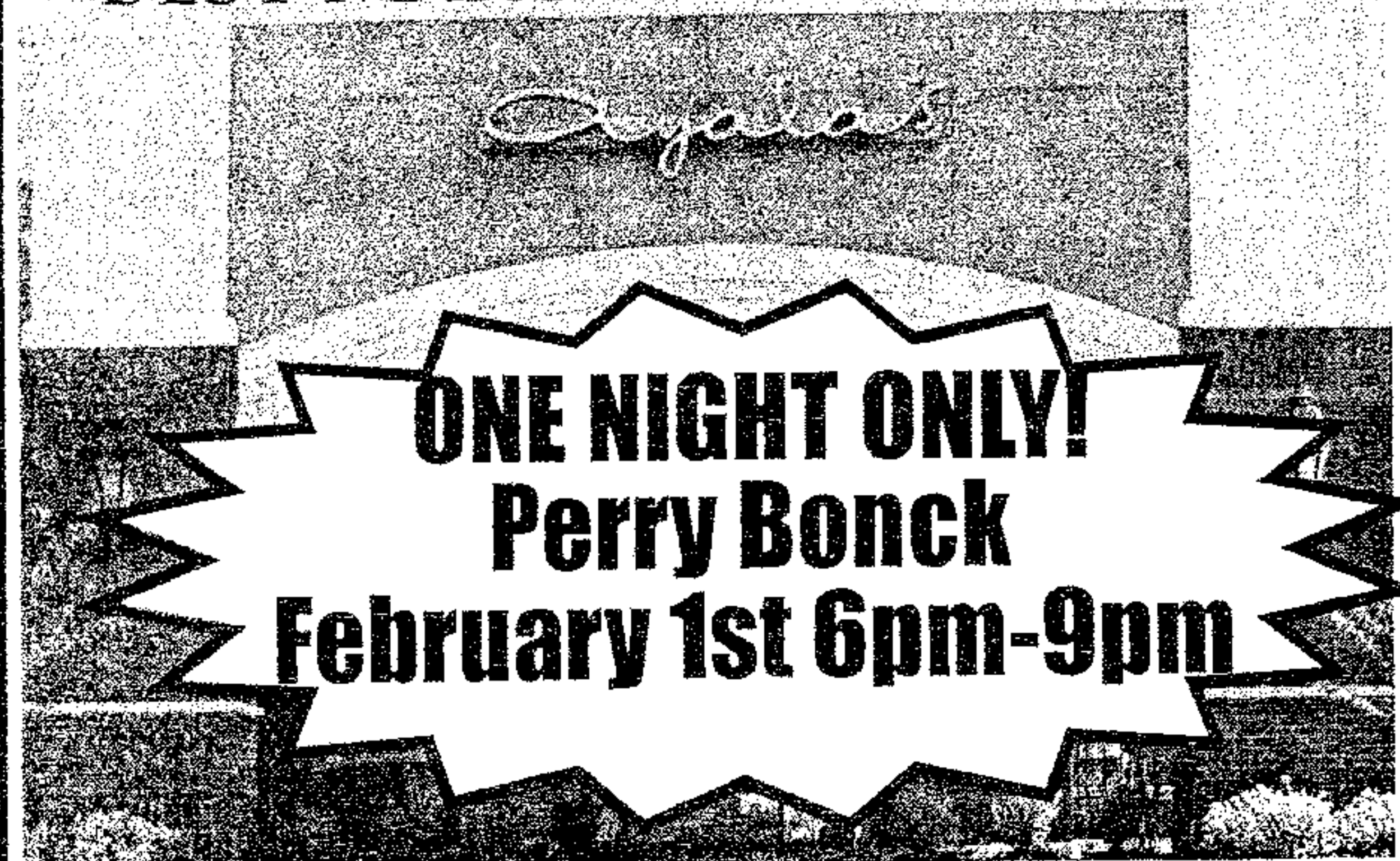
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**Smallen**

November 12th, 2010, Greg Hensley of the Loudon City Utilities reported someone had broken the seal of an electric meter at a residence on Smallen Road and used a jump style feed to run power to the residence.

With further investigation, Investigator Russell discovered

Christopher Smallen was the resident of the address and the power was previously terminated while he was living there.

Mr. Smallen was still living at the residence when the meter base was vandalized in order to jump power to his residence without paying for the power or without permission

to do so.

The cost of the meter replacement was \$260 and the theft of the power was \$100.

Deputy Mckinzie Williams, LCSO served the warrant and made the arrest Sunday, at UT Hospital ER.

**Police Beat**

Amanda Jean Kelly, 23, Muddy Creek

Road, Lenoir City was charged with driving on suspended license.

According to reports, Monday, around 3:30 PM, Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO noticed a gold Ford Taurus with a non working tail light on the driver's side traveling west on Highway 11. He activated his blue lights and pulled the car

over at Highland Park School.

The driver was identified as Amanda J. Kelly. A check of her name through TDOS revealed her drivers license were suspended for no insurance. Ms. Kelly was placed under arrest and also issued a warning for the tail light.

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**Russell**

did enter, without the owners effective consent, into the residence of the victim on Hwy 11.

After gaining entry into the residence, Ms. Russell took from the residence, a flat screen television belonging to the victim valued at \$800.

A witness to the incident did contact law enforcement and give a detailed description

of Ms. Russell. During the investigation Ms. Russell did admit to these facts and circumstances.

Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO CID made the arrest.

**Police Beat**

William B. Cooper, 24, Mashburn Drive, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to reports, around 3:02 AM, Sturday, Deputy Billy Hall, LCSO noticed a blue VW Jetta with the right brake light out, traveling north on Highway 321. The vehicle crossed the fog line several times, traveling 50 mph in a

65 mph zone and was weaving within it's lane of travel. The driver appeared to be having issues negotiating curves.

Deputy Hall stopped the vehicle in front of J.B's Store and identified the driver as William Cooper. There was a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle and Mr. Cooper had slurred speech and watery eyes.

Cooper failed all field sobriety tasks and was arrested. Mr. Cooper was transported to Fort Loudoun ER and submitted a blood sample and then on to the jail.



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### Obituaries

**Ellen Duff Vineyard** - age 79 of Lenoir City passed away Tuesday, January 25, 2011. She was a former employee of Baptist Health Care where she worked as an activities assistant. Ellen was a member of First Baptist Church Concord and had attended Sevier Heights Baptist Church in recent years. Preceded in death by her parents, Norman Duff and Nora Whitaker Duff. Survived by her husband, Jimmy Vineyard; children, Nikki Scott Vineyard, Tania Kim Vineyard Vessels and Shawn Travis Vineyard; grandchildren, Hunter Vineyard, Tess Jordan Vessels and Charles Hugh Vessels; brother, Douglas Duff; sisters, June Wassum, Phyllis Lanham and Cleo Goddard; several nieces and nephews, and special care giver and neighbor, Mrs. Gerri Burger. The family

will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home with funeral services to follow at 7 p.m. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Friday morning and proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

**Mae E. Lawhon Webb**, 73, of Loudon passed away, Friday-- January 21, 2011 at ParkWest Hospital. Mae was preceded in death by husband, Gilbert "Bud" Webb; parents, Alex and Cynthia Bandy Lawhon, sister, Blanche Lynn; Brother, Master Sgt. David Lawhon. Survivors; sisters, Iva Lee Walden, Bell Brown and Janice Thompson; Nieces and Nephews. At Mae's request her body was donated to medical science. Arrangements by Loudon

Funeral Home. **Hazel Wiseman Gryder**, - 66 of Loudon, passed away suddenly Wednesday, January 26, 2011. Widow of Dennis Ernie Gryder. Arrangements announced later by Loudon Funeral Home. [www.loudonfuneralhome.net](http://www.loudonfuneralhome.net).

**Bernice "Bonnie" Abel**, age 80 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN, formerly of Herkimer, NY passed away on January 25, 2011 at Parkwest Medical Center. Bonnie was a member of The Community Church at Tellico Village. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Jack Abel. She is survived by daughters Aileen Lukomski and her husband, Edward of Horseheads, NY, Micky Johnson and her husband, Jerry of Maryville, TN; grandchildren Britta McKenna and husband Matthew, Lara

Lukomski, Andrea and Tommy Johnson; sister, Betty Carbone and husband, Rocky, brother John Benson and wife Stella; sister-in-law, Margaret Abel; and several nieces and nephews; and special friend Leslie Wereszczak and husband, Andy and their children Alek and Olivia. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Founders' Chapel of The Community Church at Tellico Village. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the CLC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, Autism Society of America or to the Community Church at Tellico Village. Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village is serving the family of Bonnie Abel.

### Recorder

records, the Mayor in conjunction with the City Attorney, and new City Recorder promptly turned this matter over to the District Attorney General to predicate a TBI Investigation. In order to preserve the integrity of the investigation, the City as a governmental entity will make no further comment at this time, and thanks the News-Sentinel for bringing these matters to their attention.

### Police Beat

Myron Carroll Bahr, 43, of Limestone Drive, Sweetwater was charged with an attachment for child support.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest.

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