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Monday, January 31, 2011

Alleged pill popper, cohorts busted when 6 bad check warrants served

When a Loudon police officer saw a woman he knew was wanted for six bad check violations in the back seat of a vehicle, he initiated a traffic stop and reported seeing her swallowing pills as he and other lawmen approached the vehicle. She reportedly had a number of pills remaining in her possession when she exited the car. Two others in the vehicle also were charged after it was discovered one was under the influence of an intoxicant and the other was wanted in another county.

Melissa Ann Broyles, 38,

(see Broyles pg. 7) Broyles



Alcohol, morphine, somas & xanax result in 3rd DUI for local woman

A Loudon woman couldn't escape the reality of getting her third DUI despite allegedly being under the influence of alcohol, morphine, somas and xanax when she wrecked her vehicle Monday night.

Judy Carol Bivens, 48, Corinth Church Road, Loudon was charged with DUI 3rd offense.

According to reports, Monday, at approximately 11:50 PM, Mrs. Bivens was driving a red Ford F150 on Highway

(see Bivens pg. 5)



Bivens

THE GOOD NEWS

by: Jeff Vittatoe

When The Daily Edition first approached me about writing a weekly article I expected they wanted stories filled with blood and guts. You know, tragedy sells

papers and people want to know, right?

After all, I have spent the majority of my professional career dealing with death and drama as a criminal investigator

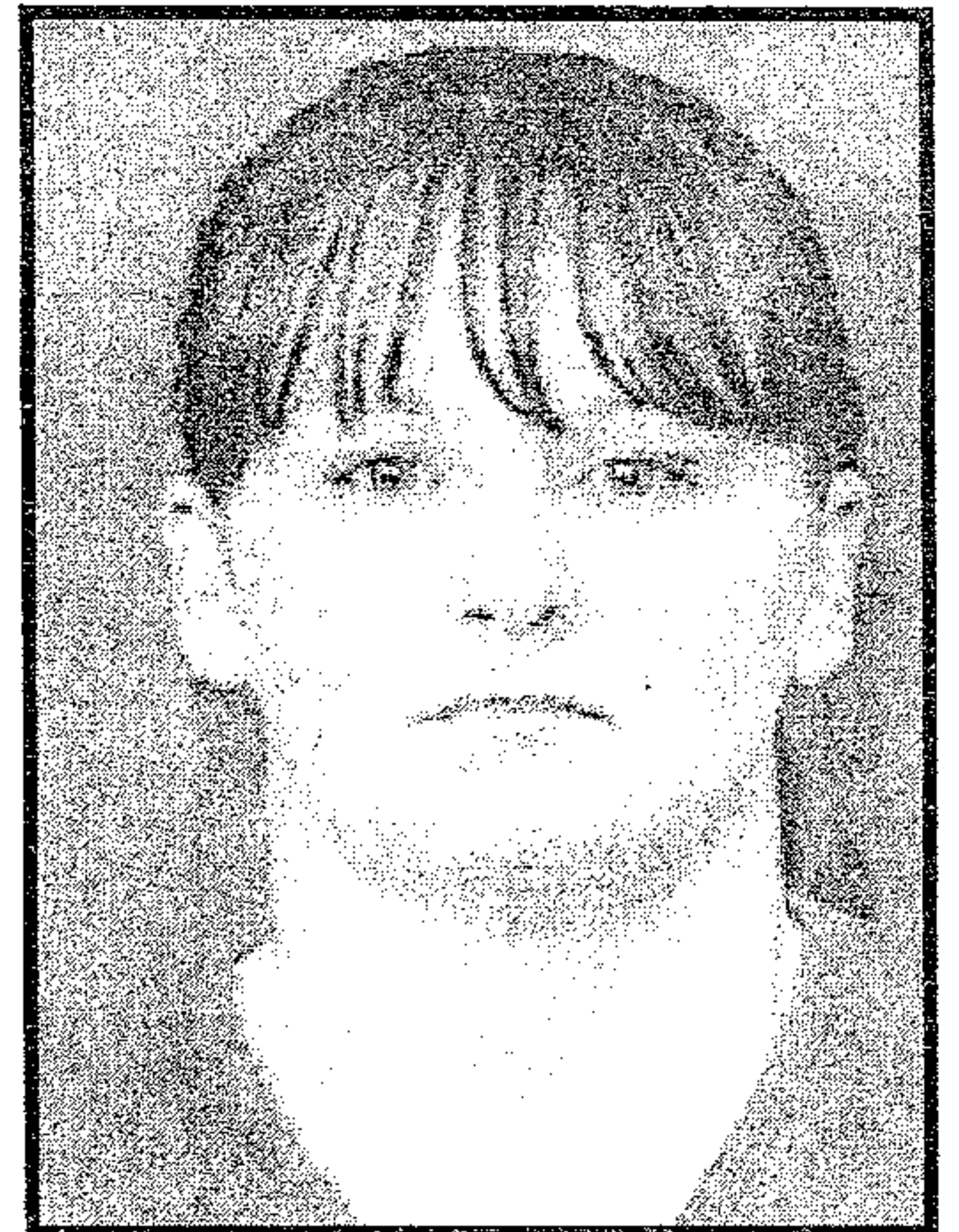
(see News pg. 6)

LC shoplifter nabbed in Knox

Knox County officials arrested a Lenoir City woman earlier this month after she reportedly was caught shoplifting for a fourth time at Walmart, 10900 Parkside Drive, in spite of being banned from entering all Walmart locations.

Amy Marie Walden, 30, Dog-

(see Walden pg. 4) Walden



THP Continues to Use Enforcement Campaigns to Improve Safety

NASHVILLE --- Preliminary figures indicate the number of traffic fatalities on Tennessee roadways has increased for the first time in five years, rising from 986 in

2009 to 1,030 in 2010, with 30 percent of the change attributed to pedestrian fatalities. Aiming to reduce that number, improve highway safety and save lives, the Tennessee

(see THP pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Romans 6:23

Obituaries

William L. "Bill" Redmond
Eleanor Carter Brubaker
Hazel Wiseman Gryder
Bernice "Bonnie" Abel

Wazzup

If you get to go to Pennsylvania Ronnie you better take some long underwear, tho'....

Weather

Today: Times of sun and

clouds. Highs in the low 50s.

Tonight: Lows in the low 40s.

Tuesday: Showers possible. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

It's the perfect time for you to have your family or colleagues convene to think about

(see More pg. 2)

THP

Highway Patrol will once again participate in several enforcement initiatives in 2011.

"It is important that we remain vigilant in protecting our roadways and reducing fatal and injury crashes in Tennessee," said Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons. "Safer highways and byways is one of our top priorities. With enforcement initiatives to detect and remove impaired drivers from the roadways to education programs that focus on increasing safety belt usage, the Highway Patrol is making every effort to ensure the public's safety and to

save lives."

Last year's preliminary figure of 1,030 traffic fatalities rank as the second lowest number of deaths since 1963 when 941 people were killed in crashes on Tennessee roadways. Since 2004, Tennessee traffic fatalities have declined by 23 percent, including decreases in All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riders (45% since 2008); pedalcyclist (56% since 2009); and large truck (48% since 2005) fatalities.

"There are some positive trends developing with fewer fatalities in several areas, including a decrease in fatal crashes involving a teen driver which dropped by over 50 percent since 1999," said THP Colonel

Tracy Trott. "Our goal, with the support of local law enforcement agencies and highway safety advocates, is to continue making a positive impact on Tennessee roads."

Funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), distributed through the Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO), and financial support from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has allowed the THP to continue its commitment to providing increased enforcement and public awareness campaigns for the safety and security on Tennessee roadways.

"Our partnership with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security is essential to saving lives in Tennessee," said Director Kendall Poole, Governor's Highway Safety Office. "We will continue to support the vital efforts of the Tennessee Highway Patrol."

Alcohol-related fatalities have declined in Tennessee, while statistics show safety belt usage has improved significantly since the introduction of the state's Primary Safety Belt Law. Impaired driving deaths decreased from 377 in 2007 to 303 in 2009, representing 31 percent of the state's traffic fatalities. According to 2010 data, the safety belt usage rate in Tennessee was 87.1 percent. However, despite increases, 54 percent of the total passenger vehicle occupants killed in fatal crashes were not buckled up.

"Unfortunately, far too many

Tennesseans get behind the wheel of a car under the influence of alcohol and too many people still do not buckle up," said THP Colonel Tracy Trott. "There are no excuses. Drinking and driving is a crime, and wearing your seat belt takes two seconds and is the single most effective way to protect you in a crash. State Troopers are committed to enforcing the law and educating motorists, one stop at a time."

As alcohol related crashes continue to be a paramount concern, the THP will participate in a campaign entitled "ASP" (Alcohol Saturation Patrols). Additional Troopers will be scheduled to patrol during certain times to reduce the occurrence of these types of crashes. Saturation Patrols and Sobriety Checkpoints will be scheduled throughout the year, many of which will be in support of national campaigns and during holiday periods. Funding from the GHSO will allow Troopers to work an additional 3,400 hours on this program.

Statistical data also reveals that a disproportionately large number of "under 21" drivers are involved in fatal crashes. As a result, the Strike Three Program was designed to address three issues that are prevalent among younger drivers; seat belt usage, underage drinking and graduated driver license violations. The THP will concentrate efforts in areas frequented by young drivers. Funding from the

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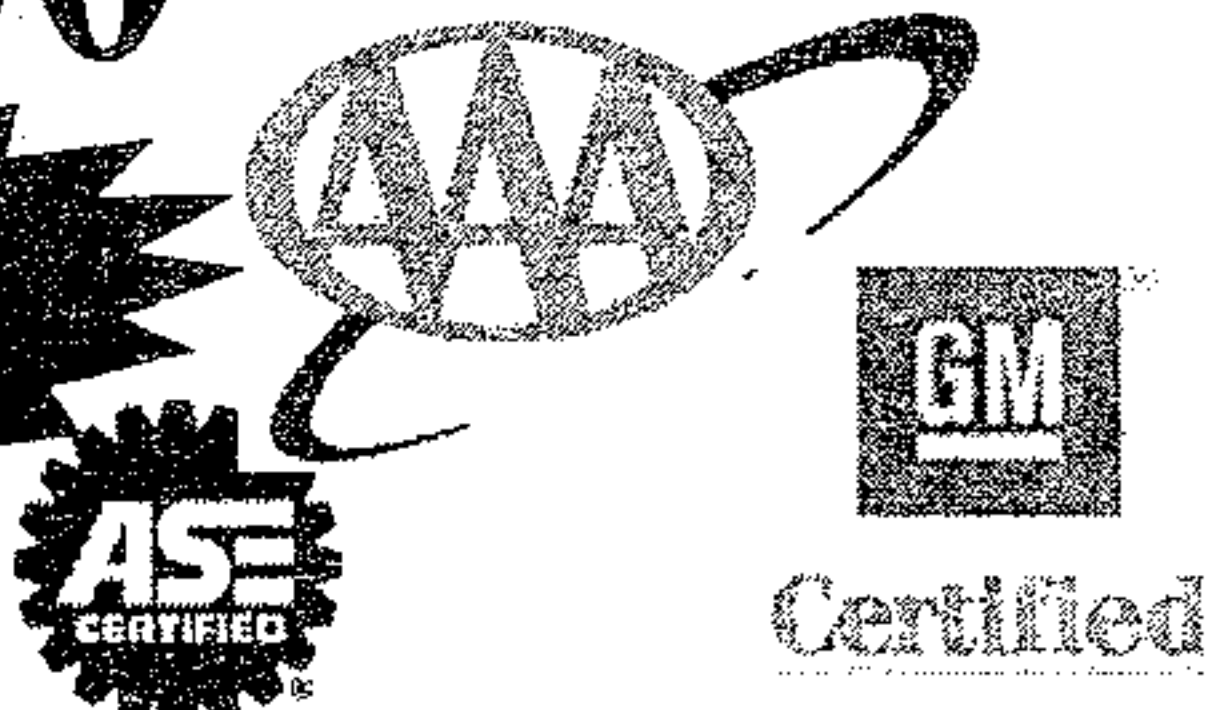
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Walden

wood Lane East, Lenoir City, was charged with theft by shoplifting (less than \$500), criminal trespassing, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A report on file at the Knox County Sheriff's Office states, "On 01-12-11 at approximately 2000 hours the defendant did commit the offense of theft. The defendant attempted to exit the Walmart located at 10900 Parkside drive with \$241.16 of merchandise without paying. The

merchandise included motor oil, bathroom tissue, styrofoam cups, and paper plates.

"The defendant was placed on trespassing at Walmart stores by the victim on 03/02/10.

"Search of the defendant incident to arrest yielded a pill bottle containing a small metallic object and a small section of a plastic drinking straw both with a white powdery substance believed to be pill residue.

"The defendant was caught shoplifting on four (4) separate occasions in 2010. Two of these incidents occurred in Loudon County after the defendant was advised to stay off of Walmart property. The defendant was taken into custody due to the likelihood the offense would continue.

This did occur in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. "

THP cont.

GHSO will allow Troopers to work an additional 4,000 hours on this program.

According to 2010 preliminary data, the number of teen drivers killed in car crashes dropped from 49 in 2009 to 47 in 2010. Preliminary statistics also indicate that overall 82 teenagers were killed on Tennessee roadways compared to 96 teenagers who lost their lives in 2009.

Goals of the Strike Three Program include:

Improving safety belt usage by five percent to lessen the severity of crashes

Facilitating community meetings involving citizens, local agencies and public officials to discuss underage drinking, Graduated Driver License laws, safety belt usage and Hazardous Moving Violations

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(see THP cont. pg. 5)

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Bivens

11 and was involved in a crash. She had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about her person, slurred speech, and bloodshot watery eyes.

Mrs. Bivens admitted to drinking 2 beers,

and said she had taken xanax, somas, and morphine.

Bivens was placed under arrest for DUI 3rd offense. Mrs. Bivens was read the implied consent and refused.

Trooper Kris Underwood, THP made the

arrest.

THP cont.

hol/drug statutes to decrease the number of alcohol-related crashes

Fostering safe driving habits among younger drivers

In addition to these initiatives, the THP will work to reduce both motorcycle rider and

pedestrian fatalities in Tennessee. Since 1998, motorcycle rider deaths have more than tripled in the state, while pedestrian fatalities have increased by 55 percent in the last two years. Last year saw the highest number of pedestrian fatalities (93) since 2003 when 96 pedestrians were killed. Almost 70 percent of the 2010 pedestrian fatalities occurred in urban areas.

"Thanks to funding provided through our local and federal highway

safety partners, the THP can continue educating the motoring public in responsible driving with additional man-hours dedicated to these programs," said Colonel Trott. We will never stop until the number of deaths on our roadways reach zero."

The Tennessee Highway Patrol will also participate in the national "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest," "Click It or Ticket," and "Booze It and Lose It" campaigns.



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News

and now as a narcotics agent. It would make sense that I was expected to write about such things.

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I plan to submit a small article each week titled THE

GOOD NEWS. Although all things happening in our community are important to know, I believe we need a few more stories that make us say, "Wow, I'm glad to hear that."

So let me tell the first one about myself. I am thirty-nine years old and have been a Christian since November 17th, 1987.

The fact that I had to tell you means that my life has not reflected my personal beliefs. I have hurt and/or offended many, I'm sure, but even worse, I have missed many opportunities to help others.

THE GOOD NEWS is, I have asked for and received forgiveness from our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am dedicating

my life to His service and hoping that others will see the difference in my life and accept the free gift of salvation that Jesus gave His life to provide.

If you are one that I have offended over the years, I am sorry. Please forgive me. If you have a story of GOOD NEWS that you would like

to share and maybe have printed please email it to me at jeffvittatoe@yahoo.com. Even if I can't use it I sure would love to hear it.

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Broyles

Smokey Drive, Loudon was charged with possession of schedule II roxicodone, possession of schedule III hydrocodone, possession of schedule IV xanax and was served six warrants for writing bad checks in Loudon County.

Brian Lee Broyles, 36, also of Smokey Drive, Loudon was charged with public intoxication.

Jeffrey Lee Triplett, 47, Hillcrest Circle, Decatur was charged with failure

to appear in McMinn County.

According to multiple affidavits; on January 23rd, 2011, at approximately 6:33 PM, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a silver Monte Carlo traveling west on Highway 72 and identified the backseat passenger as Mrs. Melissa Broyles. The lawman noted he had prior knowledge Mrs. Broyles had six warrants against her for bad checks and he conducted a traffic stop on the Monte Carlo on Highway 72 at Grove Street.

As lawmen approached the vehicle, Mrs. Broyles reportedly had several pills in her hand and began to put them in her mouth in an attempt to eat them. When the officers got her out of the vehicle, she had a pill bottle in her hand with numerous pills identified as hydrocodone, roxicodone, and xanax. She also advised police she had eaten several hydrocodone when they were approaching the vehicle.

Mrs. Broyles further advised she did not have a prescription for any of the medications.

A check of Mrs. Broyles through Loudon County 911 Center came back wanted out

of Loudon County. She was placed under arrest at that time. The six checks were all written to Food City on Highway 72 north in Loudon on a closed account. The total amount was \$307.03. Officer Norman, LPD made the arrest

Brian Lee Broyles, was the front seat passenger in the Monte Carlo. Mr. Broyles had red watery eyes and his pupils were very dilated and pinpointed. Mr.

Broyles was asked if he had consumed any alcohol, illegal narcotics, or prescription medications, and he said no, however, he performed poorly on all field sobriety tasks.

In his current state, Mr. Broyles was considered a danger to himself if left to walk and a danger to the public, if allowed to drive. He was taken into custody at that time. Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO made the arrest.

Jeffrey Lee Triplett was driving the Monte Carlo when it was stopped and a warrants check revealed he was wanted in McMinn County for failure to appear.

Officer Norman, LPD made the arrest.

Lt. Adam Yokley, LCSO was also on the scene.



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