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Thursday, October 6, 2011

Myers convicted in first Loudon City murder in 30 years

Investigator Mike Newman, LPD was the lead investigator when a Loudon man was shot in the back by his wife. The murder occurred on December 22, 2009 in the city limits of Loudon on Huffland Drive. Authorities discovered the body of Larry Myers with a gunshot wound to the back.

Based on trial testimony by Detective Newman, Larry had his

(see Myers pg. 6) Myers



Local gets 4th DUI, more following UT game

A local man reportedly told Trooper John Carr he's had some beers at the UT football game when the lawman stopped his vehicle for a window tint violation and found he reportedly was intoxicated behind the wheel.

Christopher D. Watkins, 36, Paw Paw

(see Watkins pg. 3) Watkins



Hunter reports truck stolen

A Louisville man told officials he had gone hunting at a Greenback location and when he returned from the

(see Stolen pg. 8)

Alabama Couple Plead Guilty to TennCare Fraud

NASHVILLE – An Alabama couple has pleaded guilty to TennCare fraud for misrepresent-

(see Couple pg. 5)

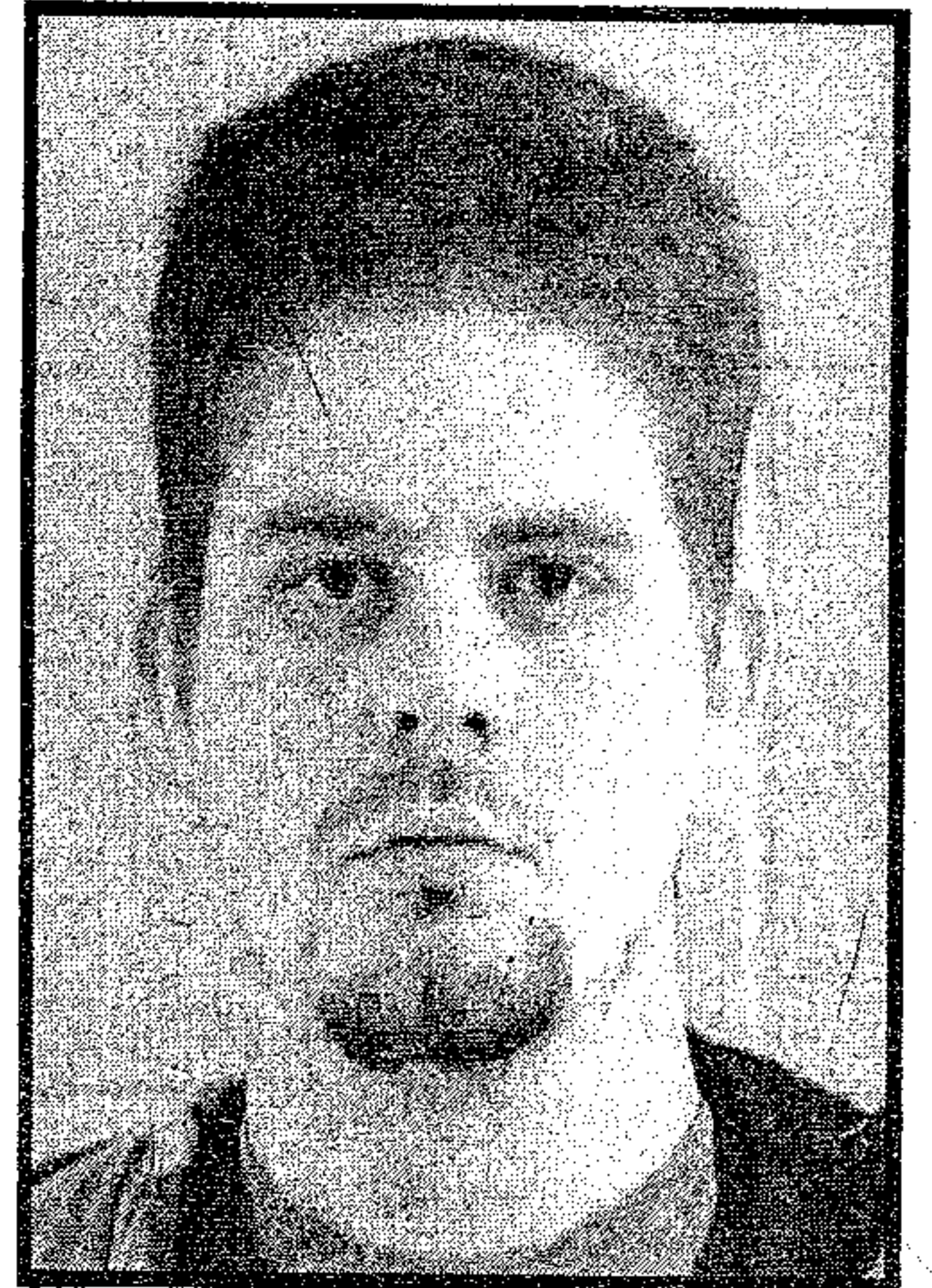
Theft & forgery

Detective Jonathan Sartin arrested a Harriman man Friday following an investigation into the theft and forgery of a check belonging to the man's father.

Robert Glenn Elmore Jr., 26, Clinton Street, Harriman was charged with check forgery and theft under \$500.

According to af-

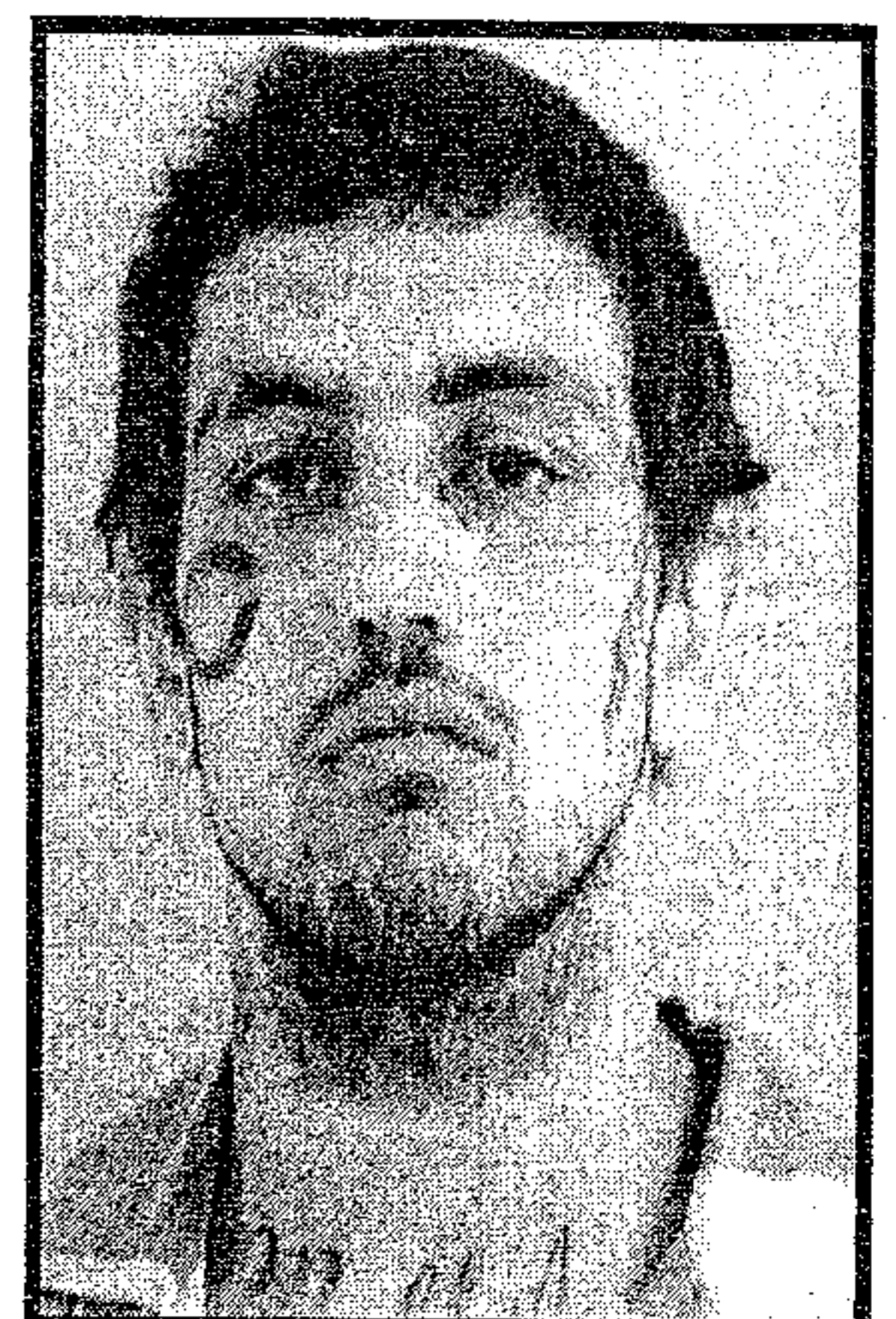
(see Elmore pg. 7) Elmore



Ohio fugitives busted



Byrd



Brown

Two persons were taken to jail and held for Ohio authorities who

told local officials the pair had been indicted on felony charges of

(see Fugitives pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."
Revelation 2:7

Obituaries

Gary W. Henderson
Challen Edward Taylor
James Oliver "Wooley" Silvey
Elizabeth Lucille "Beth" Fletcher

Wazzup

Congratulations to Bryce Ritter; one of our newest Lenoir City Panthers Basket-

ball players! You Go!!!

Weather

Today: Sunshine. Warm. High 84. Winds light and variable.
Tonight: Clear skies. Low 53. Winds light and variable.
Friday: Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.

Horoscopes

Libra 9/23-10/22

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(Continued on page 2)

Watkins

Plains Road, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 4th offense, violation of implied consent and driving on revoked license 5th offense.

According to records, Trooper John R. Carr, THP was traveling on Highway 321 at Highway 70 Saturday when he noticed a blue and white Ford F-150 pickup that was in violation

of the window tint law. Trooper Carr stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Christopher Watkins.

Mr. Watkins stated his tint was 15% and the state law reads 35%. He had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and his breath smelled like beer.

Watkins stated he'd drank three beers at the UT football game. He further stated he

was taking a prescribed medication.

Mr. Watkins performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was placed under arrest. Trooper Carr asked him to take a blood test and Watkins said no.

Once at the jail, it was discovered Mr. Watkins had three prior DUI arrests in the last 10 years and four prior driving on revoked license charges.

The implied consent law was read to Watkins at the Justice Center.

Police Beat

James David Elliot, 60, Washita Lane, Loudon was charged Wednesday with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

According to records, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO responded to Highway 444 at Hota Road in Tellico Village to a possible drunk driver. The car was described as a black Mercedes convertible with it's emergency flashers on.

The deputy found the vehicle sitting in a driveway on Washita Drive. The driver, Mr. James Elliot, had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes and a strong odor of an alcoholic

beverage coming from his breath and person.

Mr. Elliot told the deputy he'd had an oxycodone, two beers, and about three glasses of wine.

Elliot performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and refused to have blood drawn for blood alcohol content.

John Henry Wallace, 32, Old Lee Highway, Philadelphia was charged with violation of probation. Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO made the arrest Friday at the jail.

Jeremy Thomas Palmer, 24, Crock Road, Loudon was charged with failure to appear.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday at the jail.

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1995. His strong involvement with the Knox County Homeowner's Association, was recognized by the Knoxville News-Sentinel, which awarded him the Cornerstone Award for his community service. Challen will be remembered for his tireless work efforts both professionally and personally, for the love and security he provided to his family and the respect and neighborliness he offered to all he met. Following services in Knoxville, Challen will be laid to rest near his mother, father and Pauline, at a small rural church in West Virginia, just up a winding country road from the farm on which he was raised. The family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. Funeral services will be held Friday October 7th at 10:00 am in the Chapel at the Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, 9132 Kingston Pike with Rev. Clay Harrington officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Taylor family.

James Oliver "Wooley" Silvey - age 86 of Lenoir City passed away Sunday October 2, 2011 at Park West Hospital. He was of the Church of God faith. Jim was retired from Wampler's Farm Sausage. He was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by parents, James Fredrick and Nora Mae Silvey; sons, Mike and Charles Silvey; grandson, Isaiah Silvey; son-in-law, Tommy Wampler; sisters, Josephine McMahan, Elizabeth Roberts, Edna Mae Gibbs and Lucille Gaston, and brother, Ben Silvey. He is survived by wife of 66 years, Beulah Mae Pickel Silvey of Lenoir City; children, Sharon Odell and husband, Buford of Sweetwater, Jimmy Silvey and wife, Phyllis, Dian Bishop and husband, Gary, David Silvey and Randy Silvey, Teresa Wampler, Kathy Silvey and Jeff Silvey and wife, Kelly all of Lenoir City; 11 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren;

1 unborn great-great grandchild; sister, Mary Cummings of Green Cove Springs, FL; sister-in-law, Enzelle Silvey of Lenoir City; many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Thompson and Rev. Tony Bandy officiating. Burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth Lucille "Beth" Fletcher - age 55 passed away suddenly Friday, September 30, 2011 from a car accident. She attended Stoney Point Baptist Church. Beth was a longtime resident of Knox County and Lenoir City. She was preceded in death by her mother, Zona Fox Fletcher; son, John Fletcher and grandson, Jon Des Fletcher. Survived by her father and step-mother, Bill and Lois Fletcher of Knoxville; granddaughter, Ashley Fletcher; great granddaughter, Anahley Fletcher; brother, Marshall "Bill" Fletcher of Crossville; half brother, Alan Fletcher; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins, and her loyal companion, her dog, Max; . The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Family and friends will gather at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Edgewood Cemetery in Knoxville for graveside services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

General (OIG) announced the sentencing of Christopher T. Smith, 31 and Brittany J. Smith, 23, both of Bridgeport, Alabama. Each of them pleaded guilty to one count of TennCare fraud, and ordered to repay the state over \$16,000 for medical benefits received while they were on the program. Additionally, as a condition of probation, they both agreed they will not enroll or re-apply for TennCare benefits.

The Smiths were indicted by a Marion County Grand Jury in March of this year, for falsely claiming to reside in Tennessee and failing to notify the state that their household residence was actually in Alabama. District Attorney General J. Michael Taylor prosecuted this case.

"When people cross state lines to enroll in TennCare, they are taking services away from Tennesseans who need health care insurance," Inspector General Deborah Faulkner said. "When Tennesseans hear about anyone crossing state lines to enroll in TennCare, we need to know about it so we can stop it and make them pay restitution to the State of Tennessee."

Through the OIG Cash for Tips Program established by the Legislature, Tennesseans can get cash rewards for TennCare fraud tips that lead to convictions. Anyone can report suspected TennCare fraud by calling 1-800-433-3982 toll-free from anywhere in Tennessee, or log on to www.tn.gov/tnoig and follow the prompts that read "Report TennCare Fraud."

Couple

ing their residency in order to obtain healthcare insurance benefits through TennCare.

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Myers

bags packed and was leaving Kristin. Larry Myers was in the process of leaving when he was shot. Kristin Myers had sent numerous text messages like "have you ever heard of a drive-by shooting?" to the victim just prior to the shooting. Kristen also admitted to shooting Larry Myers.

The jury deliberated

for less than an hour and had several lesser charges to choose from before handing down the 1st degree murder conviction.

Detective Newman stated "we are pleased that all the agencies involved with us in the investigation led to a conviction. The DA's office did an excellent job in presenting the case to

the jury and were able to get a 1st degree murder conviction as a result."

"The family of the victim seemed to have closure and was pleased with the outcome of the trial and felt justice had been served," Newman concluded.

According to numerous sources, this is the

first murder in the city limits of Loudon since the 80's. This is the second murder conviction under Attorney General Russell Johnson. The previous DA had zero.

Myers is facing a possible sentence of up to 50 years. She was offered a plea deal, which she turned down, that would have given her 20 years.

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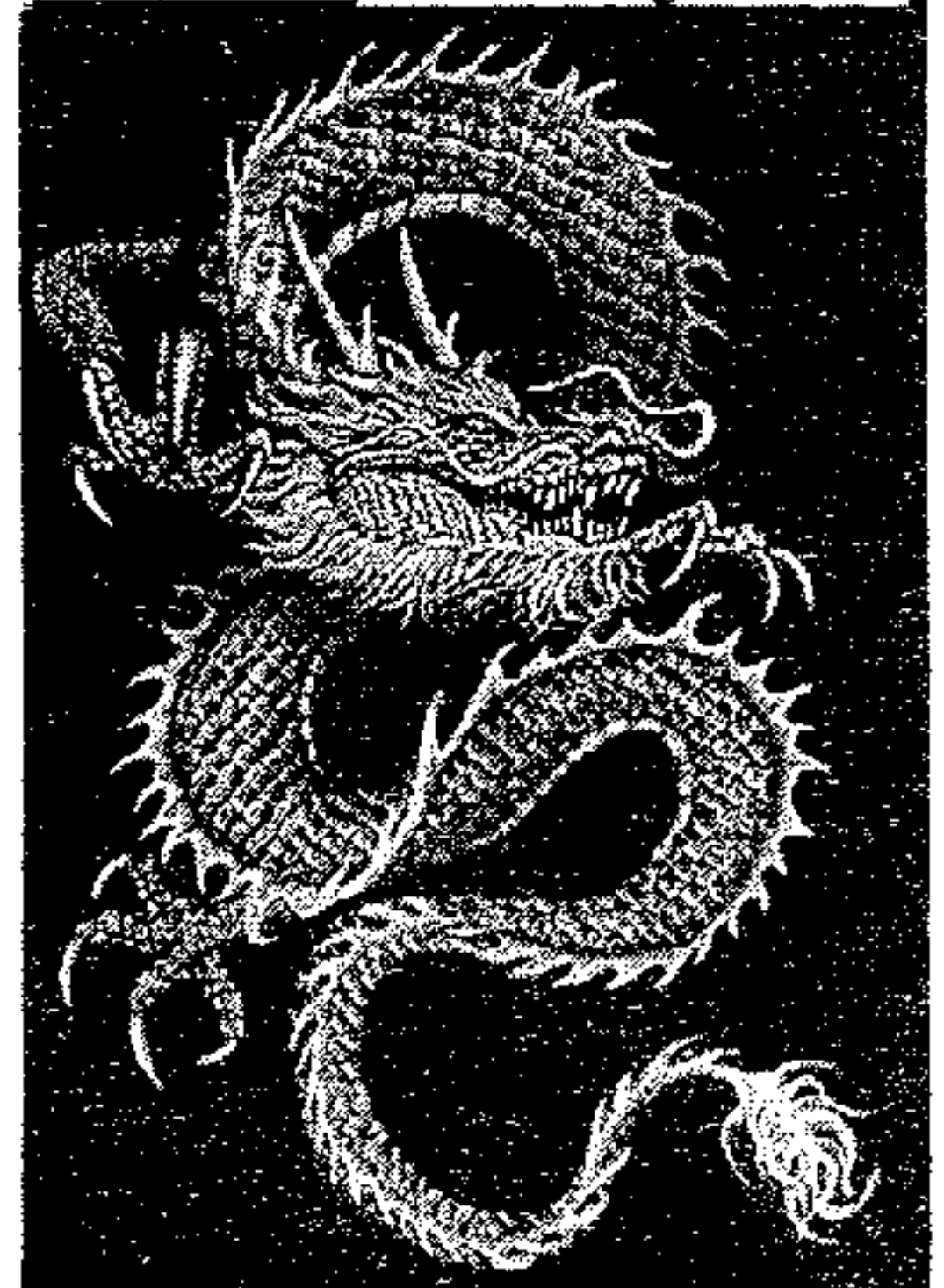
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Elmore

fidavits filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about August 6th, 2011, Elmore took a check belonging to his father to Advance America, 911 Highway 321 North, Lenoir City

where he filled it out in the amount of \$230 and signed it without his father's permission or knowledge.

Mr. Elmore, Jr. received money from the check, knowing it was stolen and forged.

Detective Sartin made the arrest Friday at the Lenoir City Police Department.

Fugitives

receiving a stolen automobile.

Shawna Rae Byrd, 18, Beechwood Road, Cin-

cinnati, Ohio and Scott Aloysius Brown, 26, Amelia Olive Branch Road, Cincinnati, Ohio were charged with being fugitives from justice.

Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO, served the warrants Saturday at the Loudon County Jail and noted the couple were wanted in Hamilton County, Ohio for felony receiving stolen motor vehicle.

Police Beat

Matthew Brock Underwood, 19, Vale Street, Loudon was charged

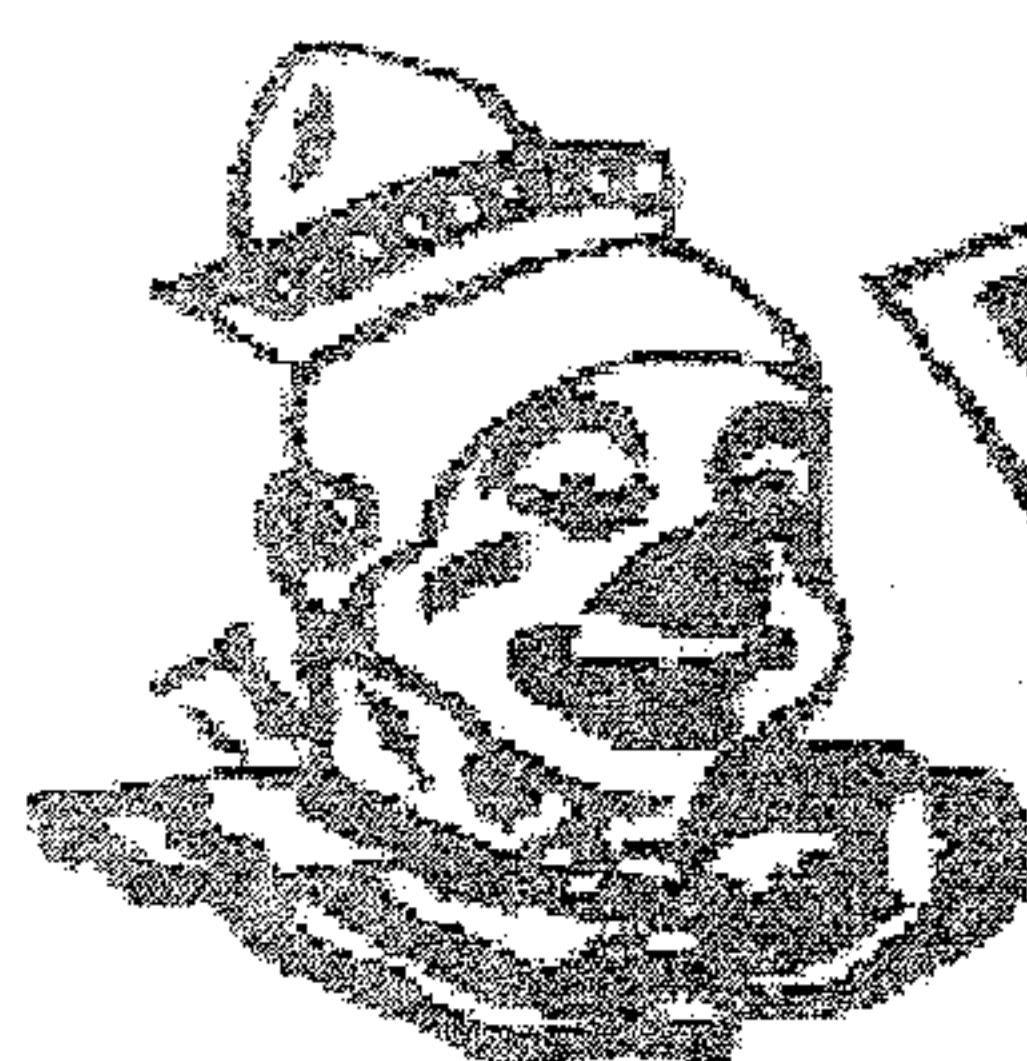
with violation of probation.

The report states Officer Bennie Houser, LPD, was dispatched to Vale Street Monday around 10:30 PM where Mr. Underwood advised he had a warrant and wanted to turn himself in.

Officer Houser obliged.

Debra Kay Jackson, 51, West Hills Drive, Harriman was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday at the Loudon County Jail.



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Stolen

woods he discovered his truck had been stolen.

According to records, Tuesday, at approximately 10:41 PM, Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO met with Mr. Clyde A. Porter, Meadow

Land Lane, Louisville to take a report of a stolen truck.

Mr. Porter stated around 5:00 PM, he drove his 2002 Ford F-350 to Morganton Cemetery to go hunting and locked the truck, taking the keys with him.

Porter reported he returned from the woods

around 8:00 PM, only box in the bed, valued to find his truck was at \$18,000.

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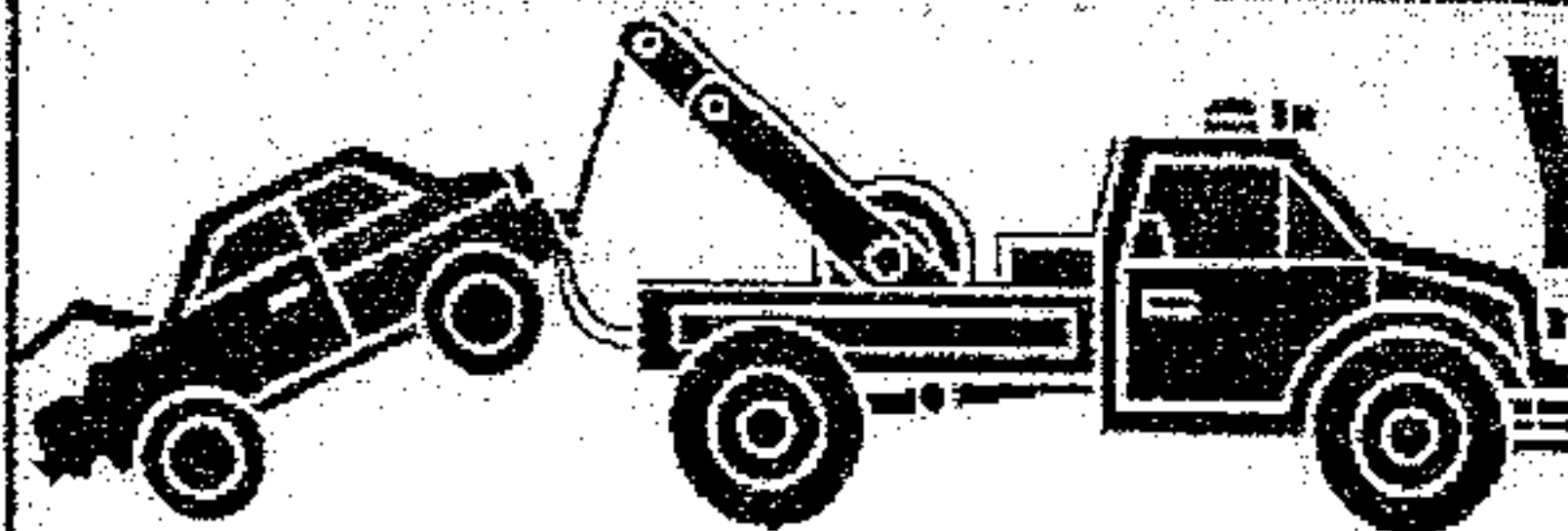


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