

Daily Edition

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Wednesday, December 21, 2011

Maryville man charged in assault, robbery of Greenback mayor

Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider today announced the arrest of Micah Kimsey, 21, of 4402 Morganton Road in Maryville, in connection with the assault and robbery of Mayor Tom Peeler of Greenback. On August 5, 2011 at 2:30 AM, Mayor Peeler heard a noise and alarm outside of his residence. After arming himself for protection he

went outside to investigate. He saw a man getting items from his outside refrigerator and confronted him. A fight ensued, with Mayor Peeler being seriously injured during the struggle and his firearm taken from him. Mayor Peeler's injuries required hospitalization and surgery. He was able to describe the assailant as a white male being about 6 ft. tall with a burr haircut and fleeing in

(see Nabbed pg. 3)



Kimsey

Local charged with assailing attorney

A local man known for beating up on his elderly mother is now accused of using his fists against his court appointed attorney during a discussion at General Sessions about the man violating a protection order filed against him for his maternal violence.

Randall Gilbert 'Randy' Houser, 46, East Coast Tellico Parkway, Greenback was charged with assault Wednes-

(see Mom's Menace pg. 7)

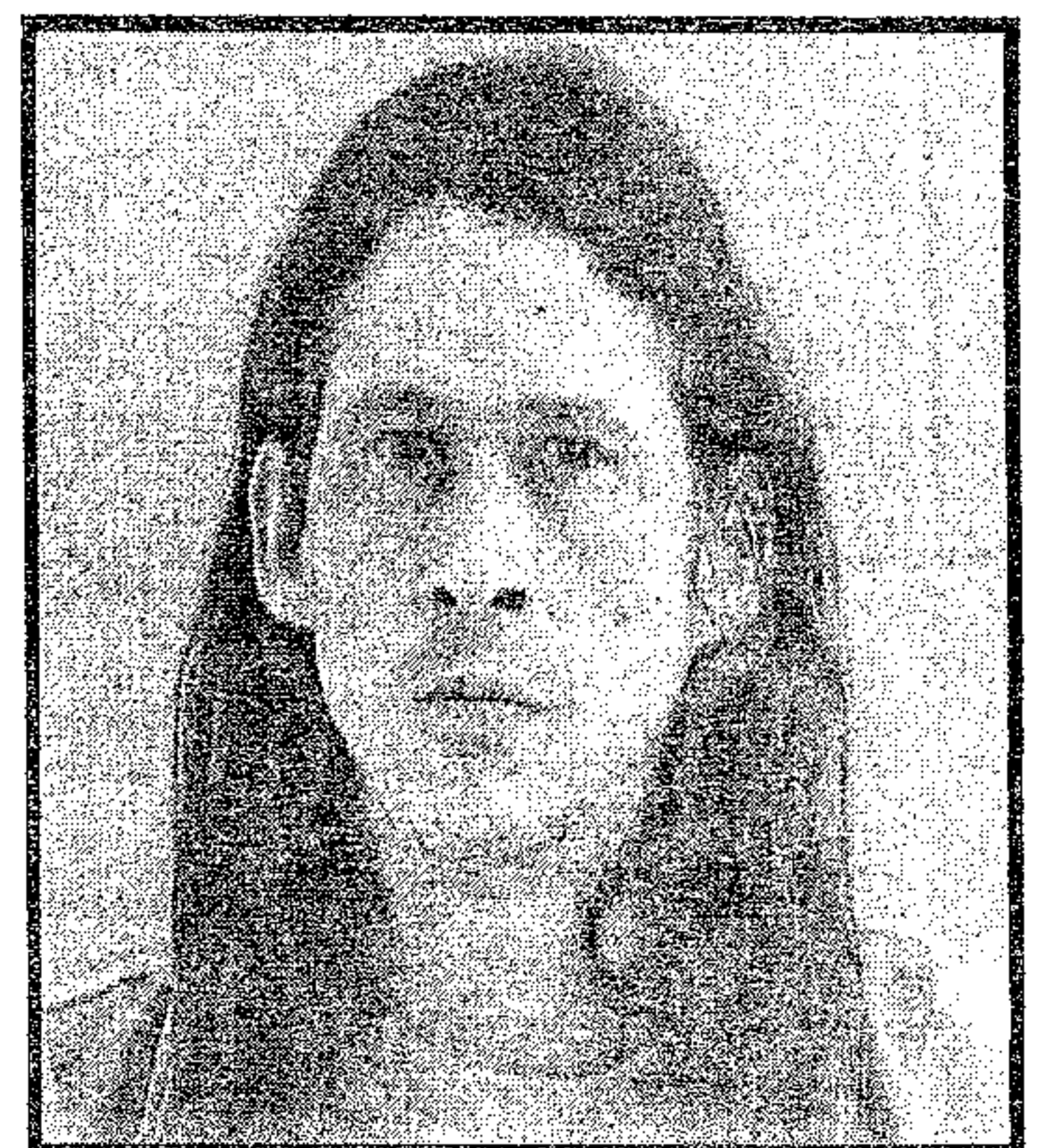


Houser

Should'a minded mama.... Vodka, medication bad combo for driver who gets 6th DUI, more

When police responded to a hit and run call in Lenoir City Friday, officers reported finding a vehicle that had been extensively damaged and driver who was under the influence of alcohol and medication. The man reportedly attempted to resist, but a short blast from a Taser helped change his mind and he was taken for a blood draw before going on to the hoosegow.

(see Mama Knows Best pg. 6)



Garrett

Loudon and Monroe Among 14 Counties on Federal Farm Assistance Request List

(see story inside)

Verse of the Day

"Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed."

Psalm 112:1-2

Obituaries

- Robert Waddell "Bob" Bollinger
- Sally Newman Collins
- Alice Sue Johnson
- James Fred Smallen
- M. Laird Willson

Wazzup

What Christmas is about and what Christmas has become are two dif-

ferent things, so with today's style of celebrating we need to remember we have only three shopping days left to show those we care about how much we love them...

Weather

Today: Periods of rain with a few thunderstorms likely. High 63. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.

Chance of rain 70%. Rainfall near a half an inch.

Tonight: Showers in the evening, then cloudy overnight. Low near 45. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Thursday: Rain with a few rumbles of thunder. Highs in the low

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Nabbed

a white pickup truck. A stolen truck fitting that description was recovered a few miles north from the assault, abandoned on Morganton Road, the same morning of the incident.

An investigation by the Criminal Investigations Unit (CID) required several months of interviews with possible suspects and surveillance of several residences. The Mayor was shown several photos of suspects with no results, which indicated to investigators the suspect was not from Loudon County. In April, the CID unit received information that Micah Kimsey had been

bragging about robbing someone. When a photo lineup including Kimsey was shown to Mayor Peeler, he was positively identified as the assailant. Additional information was received recently that was able to strengthen the case enough for a Grand Jury investigation and indictment. The additional information collected included facts that no one would know unless they were involved in the crime. The indictment was for Especially Aggravated Robbery because of the major injuries received by Mayor Peeler.

Especially Aggravated Robbery is a Class A Felony that carries

a minimum of a 13 1/2 year sentence if there have been no prior convictions. Kimsey is currently serving a sentence for both Auto Theft and Felony Violation of Probation in the Blount County Jail. He also has a hold on him from Monroe County. Loudon County will take custody of Kimsey when both Monroe and Blount Counties are finished with him.

Sheriff Guider would like to thank the Blount County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in the case, and also District Attorney Russell Johnson for putting the case before the Grand Jury on short notice.

Loudon and Monroe Among 14 Counties on Federal Farm Assistance Request List

NASHVILLE—Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam announced a request for a secretarial designation of natural disaster for 14 counties due to excessive heat and drought during the summer and fall.

The counties include Blount, Cumberland, Fayette, Fentress, Haywood, Loudon, McMinn, Macon, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott and Wilson.

"This has been another year of weather extremes for Tennessee farmers," Haslam said. "Assistance would bring some relief to producers who saw heavy rains turn to record heat and drought during the same growing season."

Haslam made the request in a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. A secretarial designation would make farmers in these areas eligible to apply for lost income recovery, low-interest loans and other disaster assistance through the USDA Farm Service

Agency.

After experiencing heavy rains and flooding early in the growing season, many areas saw record high average temperatures and drought from July to October. Farmers in these areas reported crop losses ranging from 30 to 50 percent for corn, soybeans, tobacco, pastures and hay and some commercial vegetable crops.

"Governor Haslam has shown that he understands that farming is a tough business made tougher with unpredictable weather. I thank him for recognizing the importance of agriculture to our state and for acting on behalf of farmers who have suffered losses this year," said state Agriculture Commissioner Julius Johnson.

For the latest crop forecast and statistics on Tennessee farm production, visit the USDA National Agricultural Statistics, Tennessee Field Office at www.nass.usda.gov/tn.

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Mama Knows Best

Donald Ray Garrett, Jr., 39, South Wingate, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 6th offense, resisting arrest, and duty upon striking unattended vehicles.

According to affidavits; on December 16th, 2011, Officer Brandon Burley, LCPD responded to South Wingate on a hit and run call from the Loudon County 911 Center. On arrival, Officer Burley and Officer Jason Felts, LCPD observed a white Ford Taurus in the driveway on South Wingate with extensive damage to the driver's side front and rear door, as well as one tire gone from the driver's side front wheel. There was also damage to the driver's

side front end of the vehicle.

The officers knocked on the door of the residence in an attempt to locate the driver. After being told to come into the residence, they entered and asked who was driving the Ford Taurus.

When Donald R. Garrett, Jr. raised his hand and stated he was the driver, Officer Burley proceeded to pat him down for any weapons and he started to pull away and resist. The officer reported he smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Mr. Garrett's breath.

After doing the pat down, Officer Burley asked Garrett to step outside to perform field sobriety tasks and do an accident report. Mr. Garrett began

resisting and would not obey lawful orders from Officers Burley or Felts. Officer Felts deployed a Taser X 26 via drive stun on Mr. Garrett, at which point Garrett placed his hands behind his back and Officer Burley was able to place handcuffs on him. Mr. Garrett's mother advised she'd told Garrett not to drive after taking his medicine

and drinking vodka and handed the officer 200 ml Smirnoff Vodka of which about 6/7 of the bottle had been consumed. Mr. Garrett's mother also advised Donald consumed an unknown amount of 200 mg. lamotrigine as well as an unknown amount of 40 mg. paroxetine hcl.

Officer Burley then administered field so-

briety task to Mr. Garrett, and he provided multiple clues as to his level of intoxication. He was placed under arrest and read the implied consent advisement and consented.

Garrett submitted blood at Fort Loudon ER before being transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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Mom's Menace

day. According to an affidavit filed by local attorney Mr. Kent Booher; on December 14th, 2011, at approximately 12:30 PM, Mr. Booher was meeting with his appointed client, Randall Houser and after Mr. Booher asked Mr. Houser to step out of the courtroom, they went to the Probate Office, located in the Justice Center, to talk.

Attorney Booher began to read the warrant for a charge of violation of order of protection that Houser's mother took out against him, but after Mr. Booher read the first line,

Houser interrupted and stated, "That's a lie."

Mr. Booher reminded Houser that was what his mother had sworn to in court, to which Mr. Houser responded, "That is a f---ing lie."

Mr. Booher reported he told Houser not to use language like that towards him and Houser then stood up, picked up a chair, and acted like he was going to strike Mr. Booher. Mr. Booher then told Houser "We're done here," and went to leave.

As he was leaving, Houser punched Mr. Booher from behind, on the right side of his face. Mr. Booher then walked

from the office and went back into the courtroom to get an officer to assist.

Mr. Houser followed into the courtroom and sat down beside his mother, whom he is to have no contact with.

Deputy Ammons, LCSO transported Randall Houser from the Loudon County General Sessions Courtroom to the Loudon County Jail where Corporal Angi M. Martin, LCSO served a warrant for assault and placed him under arrest. Soon after his arrest, Deputy Martin served Inmate Randall Houser another warrant for violation of probation.

Later on, that evening,

Deputy Pameja Snow, LCSO served Inmate Houser a third warrant for violation of order of protection.

Police Beat

Steven Cain McDaniel, 22, Smith Street, Tellico Plains, and Christmas Road, Lenoir City, was charged on a capias bench warrant out of Loudon County Criminal Court for aggravated child abuse.

Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID made the arrest Tuesday at the Loudon County Justice Center.

Mindy Shauntal Love-day, 37, Amolee Lane, Sevierville was charged with violation of proba-

tion on driving on suspended license and reckless driving.


Lt. Teresa Smith, LCSO made the arrest Thursday at the Sevier County Jail.

Matthew David Ferguson, 23, Harrison Road, Lenoir City was charged Friday with failure to appear.

Officer Allen Bean, LCPD made the arrest.

John Allen Sentell, 34, Simpson Road, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation and failure to appear.

Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO made the arrest Saturday at the Pilot Station on Watt Road.



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