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Monday, February 28, 2011

One tiny seed nets pound of weed, 2 charged

When officials responded to a domestic call at a Loudon location Wednesday, the presence of one tiny marijuana seed on a car seat led to the discovery of about a pound of the illicit weed once DTF agents arrived with a K-9 officer.

Joshua David Shubert Butler, 22, Church Drive,



(see Charged pg. 5) Butler



Dunlap

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoe



I recently heard Dr. Johnny Hunt say, "A man's character is defined by how he acts when he

thinks no one is looking."

Just think about that for a moment. How do YOU act when no one else is around? Do you

(see Good News pg. 3)

Trolling motor stolen

A Greenback man called authorities when he discovered someone stole the trolling motor off his boat while it was

docked on his pond.

According to records, Mr. William Andrews, Craigs Chapel Road, Greenback reported

(see Motor pg. 7)

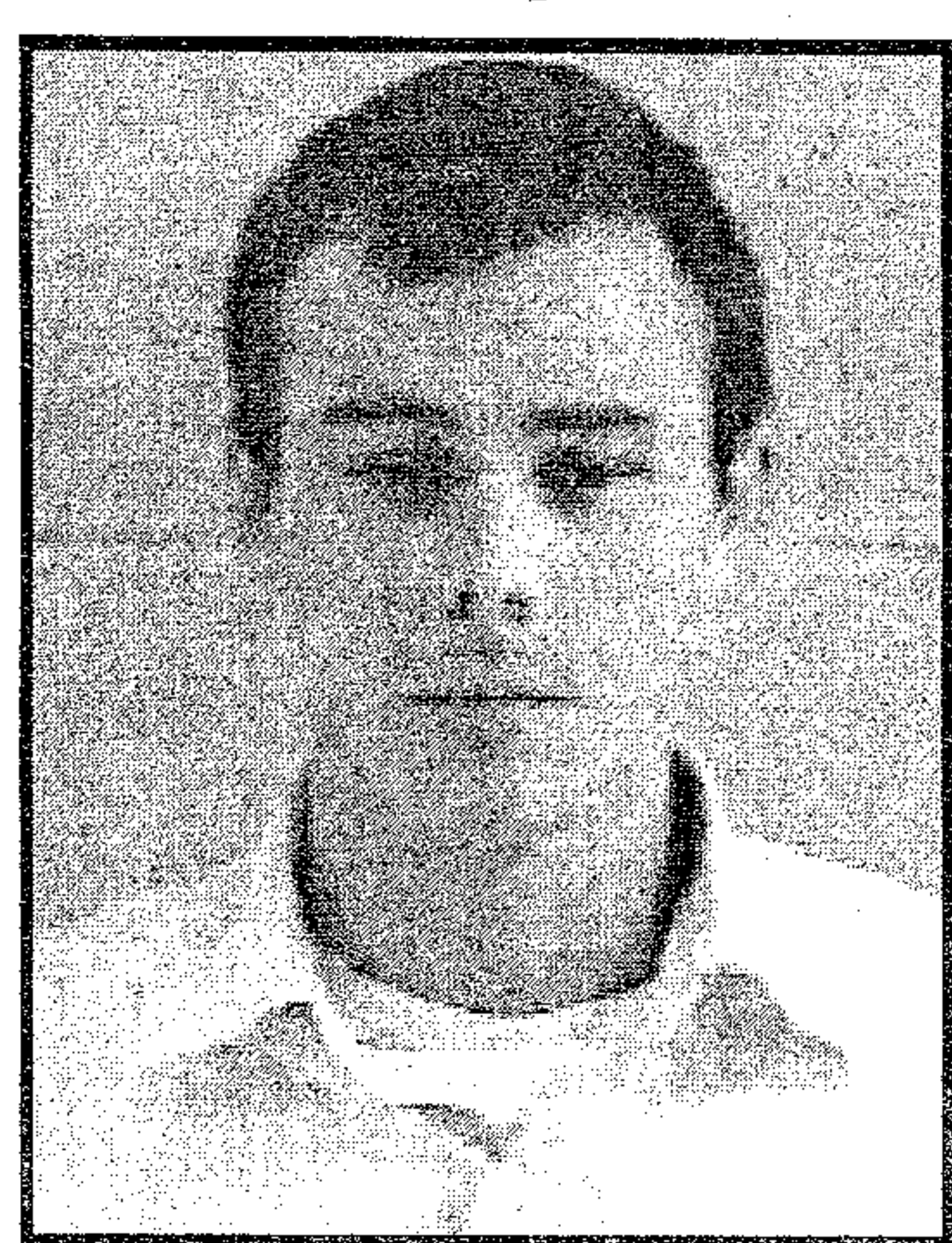
Order violated by texting



Shelton

(see Shelton pg. 4)

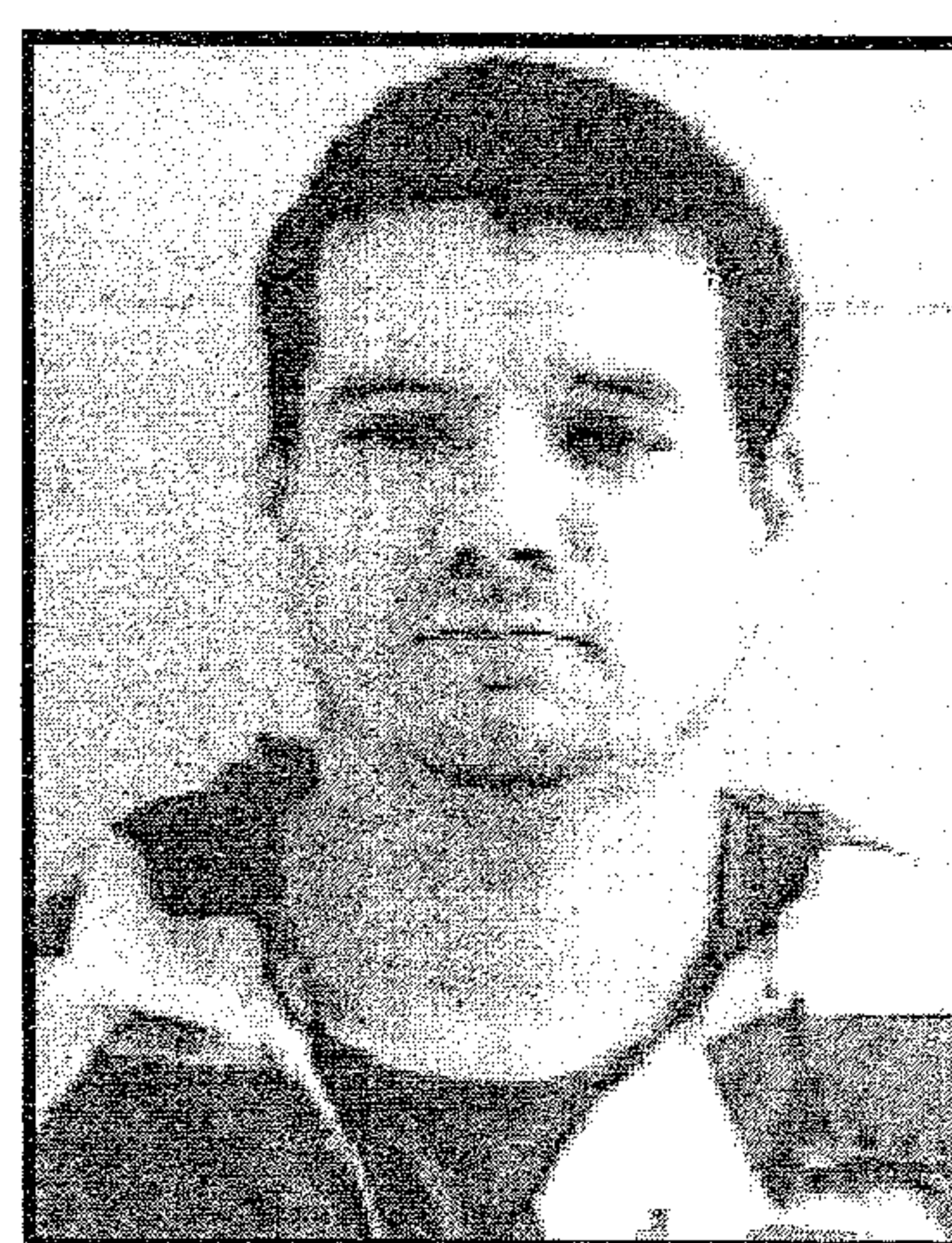
Parents checks taken, 1 jailed



Deaton

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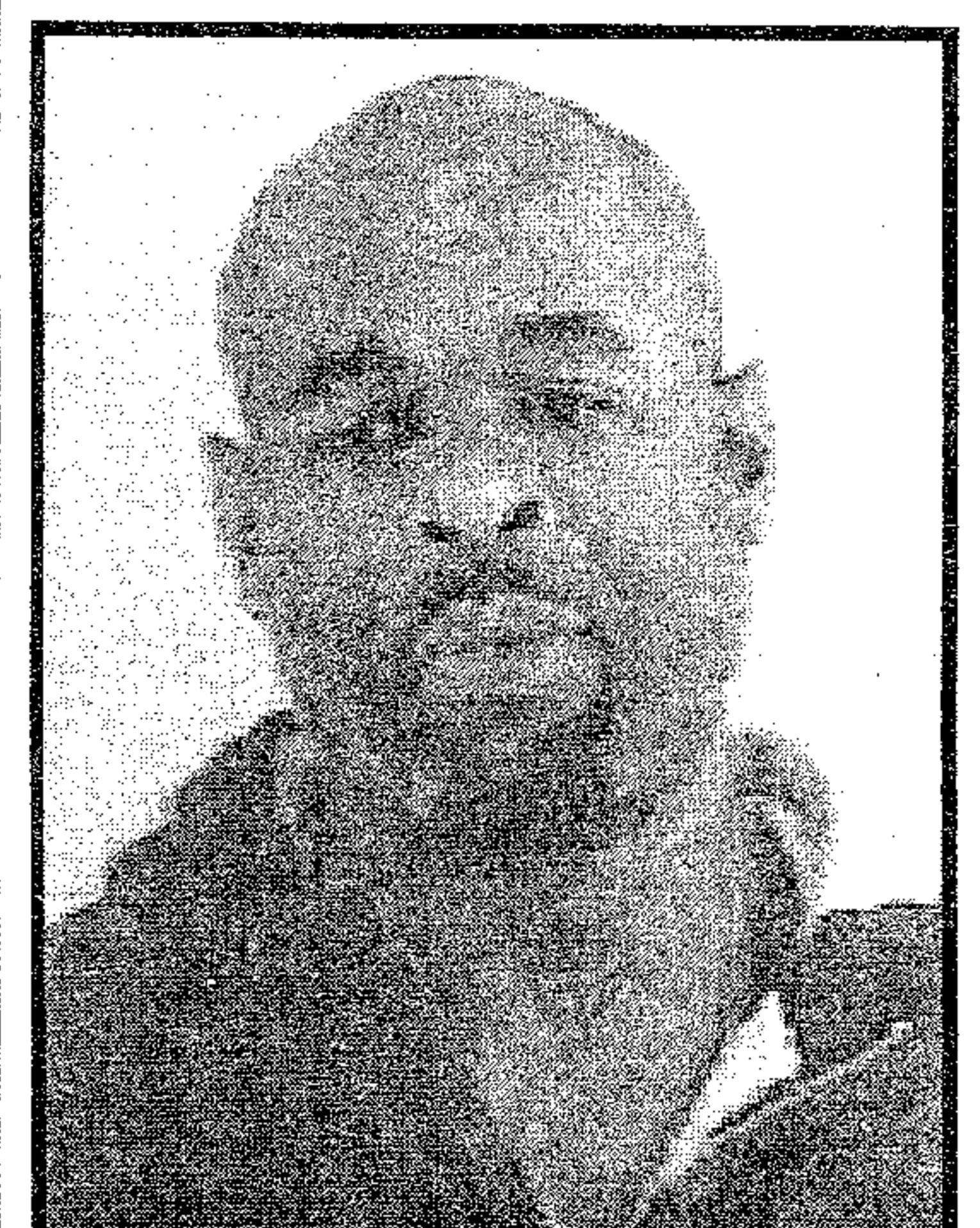
Man takes posts, charged



Johnson

(see Johnson pg. 6)

Got milk & got busted!



Batts

(see Batts pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven

him." James 5:15

Obituaries

None

Wazzup

Can you believe today is the last day of February and we're going into the third month of 2011

tomorrow??? Time does fly, but the good news is Spring is on the way!!!

Weather

Today: Showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tonight: Lows in the mid

30s.

Tuesday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You are all fired up with righteous an-

ger (or hope, or even dread). You know you're on the right side, which is something, but it might be harder than usual for you to convince the

(see More pg. 2)

Cooper

talk differently, have a glass of wine or a cocktail, flirt with someone at your job, look at pornographic material or maybe just have an ungodly attitude?

I will be the first to admit that I have done and said many things in the past that I knew in my heart were wrong. I would find ways to justify or at least minimize my actions in my own mind, telling myself that what I was doing wasn't that bad or not as bad as others.

While doing so I didn't consider that Jesus was well aware of what I was doing and that

each day I was getting further and further away from Him until I had no meaningful relationship at all with the one person who gave His life for my sake.

I was supposed to be a Christian! Imagine how many folks I may have been able to lead to the Lord if not for my selfishness and sinful ways. Imagine how many people read my name on this article each week and laugh at me or question the reason that I write it.

It's ok. I deserve the skepticism. That is the whole point of today's article, to share with you that Jesus Christ changed me, and if needed He can change you

too. Jesus is very much alive and healing those of us with "Character flaws." He still forgives, He still loves us all and He still has a plan for each of us regardless of what we have done if we will just call out to Him and be willing to change.

If you're a Christian, you know what I'm talking about. Jesus expects and deserves more than what we give. Our character reflects our faith and there is much work to be done in our communities by those faithful to Christ.

If you don't know our Lord and Savior, please know that He loves you and gave His life for you. He can fix your character, heal your broken heart, remove your sins or addictions and give you peace that I can't even describe. (Not to mention free you from a one way ticket to a very undesirable eternal fiery furnace.) As far as GOOD NEWS goes, it just doesn't get any better than that.

Romans 10:9&10 NKJV tells us plainly:

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Feel free to share your GOOD NEWS story, a prayer request or just contact us with

any thoughts or questions at jeffvittatoe@yahoo.com and also visit thegoodnews-dailyedition.com for more GOOD NEWS.

Please remember that while biblical and true, this article is not to be read as the opinion of The Daily Edition.

Police Beat

Brian D. Blanton, 40, McCaslin Avenue was charged Saturday with DUI 1st offense.

According to records, Deputy Stegall, LCSO was advised of a possible drunk driver on Interstate 75 South. Upon arrival in the area the deputy observed a black Chevy pickup traveling at a high rate of speed, passing several vehicles in the left lane and weaving from side to side in the lane. The speed was confirmed at 89 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Deputy Stegall activated his emergency equipment and stopped the truck. The driver was identified as Brian Blanton.

Mr. Blanton had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. When asked if he had been drinking he stated he'd drank two beers at the hockey game. Later on, he stated he was drinking before the game.

Mr. Blanton was given several field sobriety tasks. He was also read the implied consent and gave blood before being transported to the jail.

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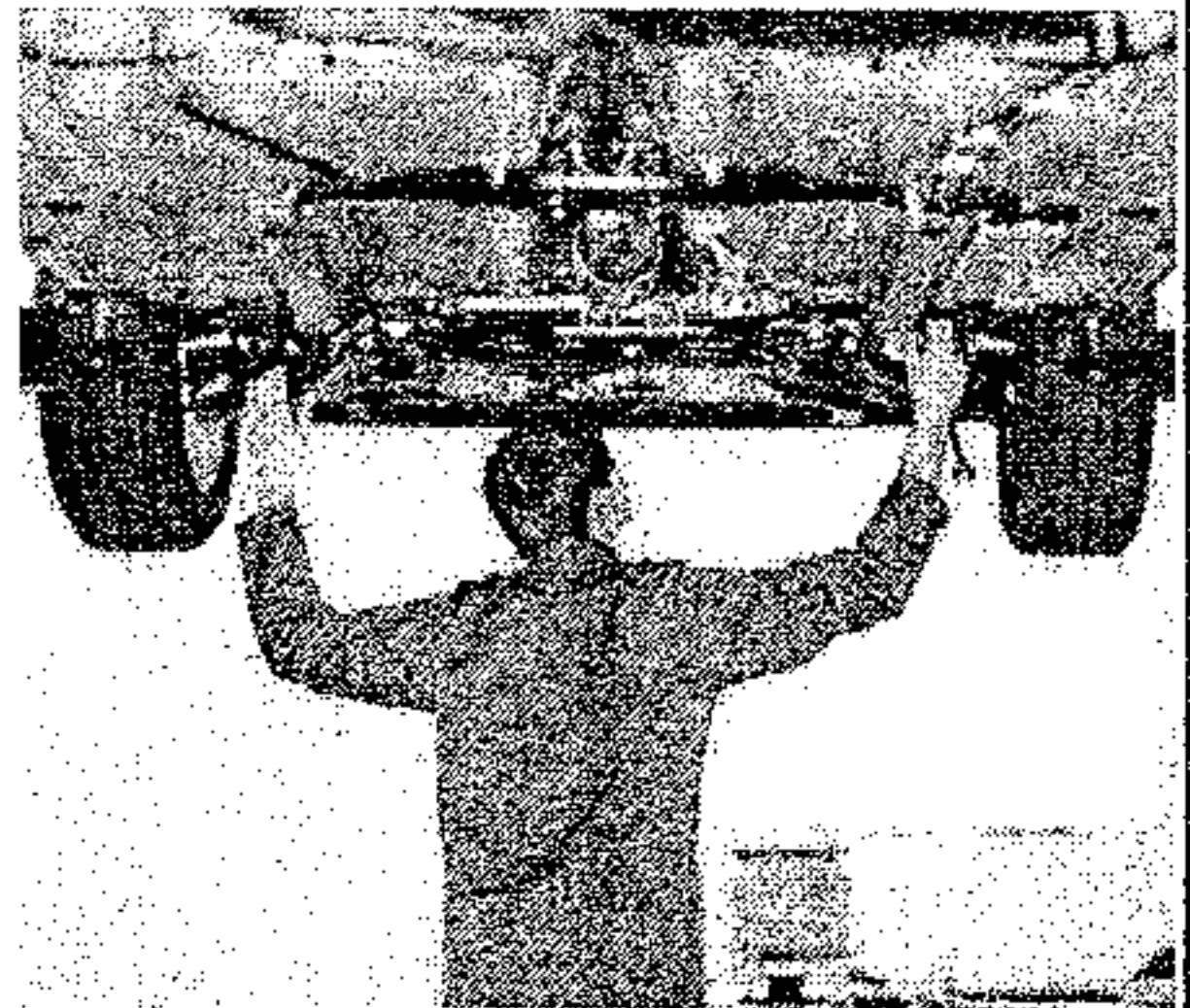
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Shelton

A local woman is accused of violating an order of protection another female has against her by sending the female numerous text messages that include pictures of serial killers and people in coffins.

Sherron Lee Shelton, 41, Holland Trail, Lenoir City was charged with violation of order of protection.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; on February 13th,

2011, beginning at 1:21 pm, Sherron Shelton did communicate with the victim, Sarah Cannon, this occurred while the victim was at work and Ms. Cannon has a order of protection on file with the Loudon County Justice Center issued on August 9th, 2010.

Ms. Shelton is accused of communicating with the victim by sending texts saying things such as "get cha," "lost it yeah for shore," and by sending pictures of serial killers such as Charles Manson

and Ted Bundy, along with pictures of people in coffins.

There were six different times Ms. Shelton made contact with Ms. Cannon in a 30 minute time frame. Shelton was arrested Saturday.

Batts

Police arrested a Chattanooga man Tuesday after he allegedly stole a pint of milk from a Lenoir City grocery store.

Darrin Lee Batts, 41, Hunt Drive, Chattanooga was charged with theft under \$500.

According to records, Tues-

day, around 12:10 PM, the manager at the Lenoir City Food City witnessed Mr. Batts conceal a pint of milk in his jacket. Batts then purchased a fritter and failed to pay for the milk. The total amount was \$1.25 and Food City is seeking restitution.

Officer Rick Eubanks, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Nathan Raleigh Smith, 31, Anglewood Drive, Lenoir City; Barkley Blair Wiseman, 28, Summer Street, Loudon; and Poinsettia Marie Lennex, 29, Vale Street, Loudon were all charged with public intoxication.

According to affidavits filed by Sgt. R.S. Newman, LPD; on Friday, around 11:44 PM, Loudon Police Department responded to a possible fight near 607 Wharf Street. Upon arrival, officers determined Mr. Nathan Smith had been in an altercation with the resident at 607 Wharf Street.

According to the witness, Mr. Smith smacked the man with his hand after an argument. The man at the residence did not want Mr. Smith at his residence. Nathan Smith was intoxicated and could not care for himself if left in the public.

Mr. Wiseman was sitting on a wall near the road. He appeared to be intoxicated too. He smelled of an alcoholic beverage and stated he only drank a couple. Barkley Wiseman was deemed a danger to himself and anyone he came in contact with if left in the public.

Ms. Lennex was also sitting on the wall near the road. She was crying and also appeared to be intoxicated. She stated she had been in an argument with the resident on Wharf Street. Ms. Lennex smelled of an alcoholic beverage and stated she had taken a couple shots of liquor. Poinsettia Lennex would have been a danger to herself and anyone she came in contact with if left in the public.

The tipsy trio were arrested and transported to the Loudon County Jail. LPD Officers Brendan DeBoer and Brad Parks were also on the scene.

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Charged

Lenoir City was charged with possession of schedule VI marijuana for resale.

Paige Nicole Dunlap, 22, Holland Trail, Lenoir City, was charged with manufacture, sale/delivery of schedule VI.

According to an affidavit; on Wednesday, around 9:30 AM, Officer Brian Jenkins, LPD responded to a domestic violence call at the America's Best Value Inn on Highway 72. Upon arrival he was met by a female pointing and saying the other party had just left in a vehicle the officer had passed coming up the drive.

The lawman turned around and caught up to the suspect's vehicle and stopped it on Interstate

75 northbound around the 73 mile marker. The driver was identified as Joshua Butler.

Officer Jenkins was standing on the passenger side speaking to Butler about the domestic incident through the open window and in plain view, on the passenger side seat, the officer noticed a marijuana seed. When he challenged Butler about the seed, Butler confirmed it looked like marijuana to him as well.

At that time, Officer Jenkins requested assistance from members of the 9th Drug Task Force. When they arrived, Officer Jenkins asked Agent John Yates, 9th DTF to deploy his K9 for a free air sniff of the vehicle. The K9 indicated positive to the presence of narcotics.

A search of the vehicle incident to the K9 alert recovered a large quantity of a leafy green substance believed to be marijuana. The substance was estimated to be approximately one pound and divided into several baggies as if broken down for resale.

While the search was going on, Mr. Butler's cell phone rang several times, with all the calls coming from a person saved in the phone as "Paige." The lawmen noticed several messages in the phone came from "Paige" around the time of the traffic stop.

Agent Richard Wood, 9th DTF went to America's Best Value Inn and made contact with the female involved in the initial complaint and she was identified as

Paige Nicole Dunlap. Dunlap was asked about the marijuana in the vehicle and she originally denied any knowledge. Agent Wood asked for consent to search her phone and she agreed.

Text messages in the phone indicated Ms. Dunlap was actively involved in the distribution of narcotics. Once advised of her rights Ms. Dunlap stated she and Joshua Butler used money gained from the sale of narcotics to pay for their room at the

motel. She also admitted people did indeed contact her to attempt to purchase marijuana from her and Butler.

9th DTF Agent Jeff Vittatone was also on the scene.

Police Beat

Joshua Beau Bloomer, 21, West Lake Drive NE, Cleveland, Tennessee was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal John Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Sunday at the Bradley County Jail.

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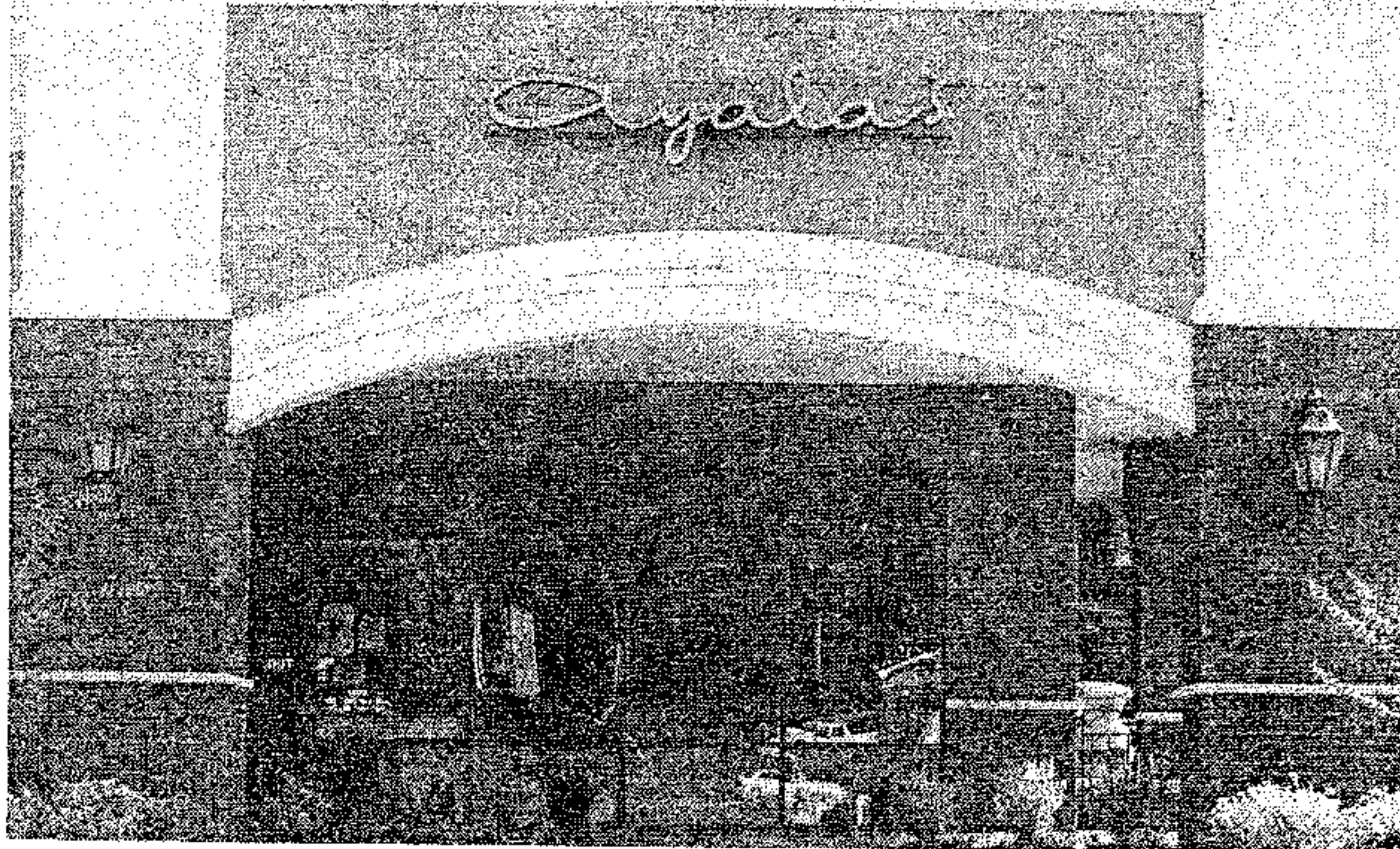
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Johnson

Detective Jonathan Sartin charged a Lenoir City man with the larceny of wrought iron posts taken from a neighbor's yard.

James Daniel Johnson, 37, North C Street, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin,

LCPD; on or about January 28th, 2011, James D. Johnson went to a neighbor's residence on North C Street and while there he took two wrought iron porch posts from the yard.

Johnson took the posts without the permission or knowledge of the owner. The total amount was \$20.

Detective Sartin made the arrest.

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Motor

Friday someone stole his trolling motor from his boat. The motor was bolted to the rear hull of the boat which was secured to a dock on his pond. The pond is at the rear of his residence and

is secluded from view due to brush and wooded area.

Mr. Andrews was unsure when the motor was taken, but believes it was sometime within the past thirty days. He advised a similar theft of a boat motor occurred at his neighbor's residence approximately two weeks ago.

The motor was de-

scribed as a dark blue Minnkota electric trolling motor with yellow letters. The estimated value of the loss was \$350.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSO took the report. The theft was turned over to an investigator.

Police Beat

Della Ann Thomas, 46, County Road 181, Decatur was charged on an outstanding McMinn County warrant for arson, conspiracy to commit arson, and insurance fraud - \$60,000 or more.

Officer Bobby Lankford made the arrest Friday at Maremont. Officer Kenny Ridings was also in attendance.

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Deaton

Detective Jonathan Sartin charged a local man with theft following an investigation into allegations he took some of his parents checks without their permission

and cashed them at Walmart.

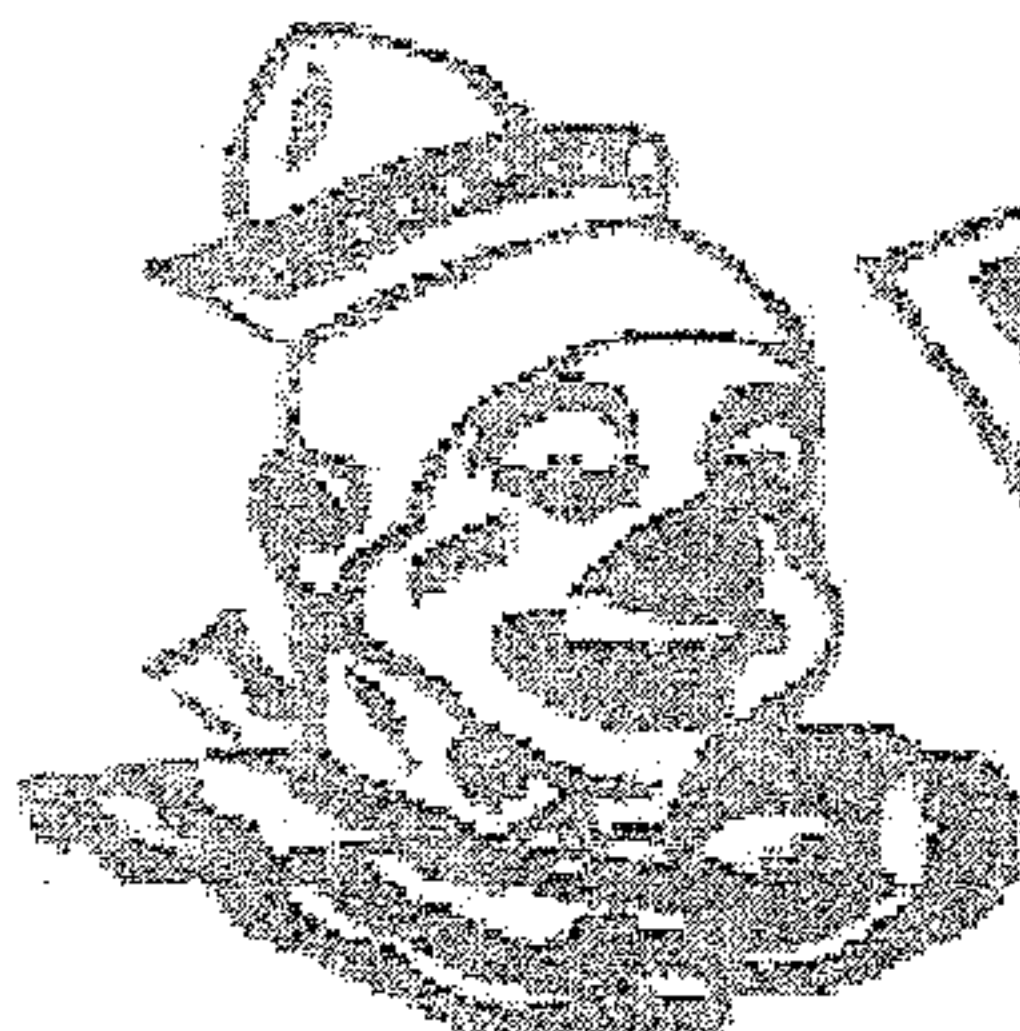
Brandon Thomas Deaton, 20, Phelps Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin,

LCPD; on or about November 29th, 2010, Brandon Deaton started taking checks to Walmart on Highway 321 in Lenoir City. He took the checks from his parents and passed them at Walmart for a total of \$437.92.

Deaton took the checks without the permission or knowledge of his parents.

Detective Jonathan Sartin made the arrest Wednesday.



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