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Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Pregnant and DUI with illicit pills

Deputy Brad Rayfield arrested an Oliver Springs woman after stopping her vehicle for being all over the road and finding her reportedly under the influence of pills. The woman allegedly had numerous pills in her possession, could hardly stand on her own and told the officer she was six months pregnant.

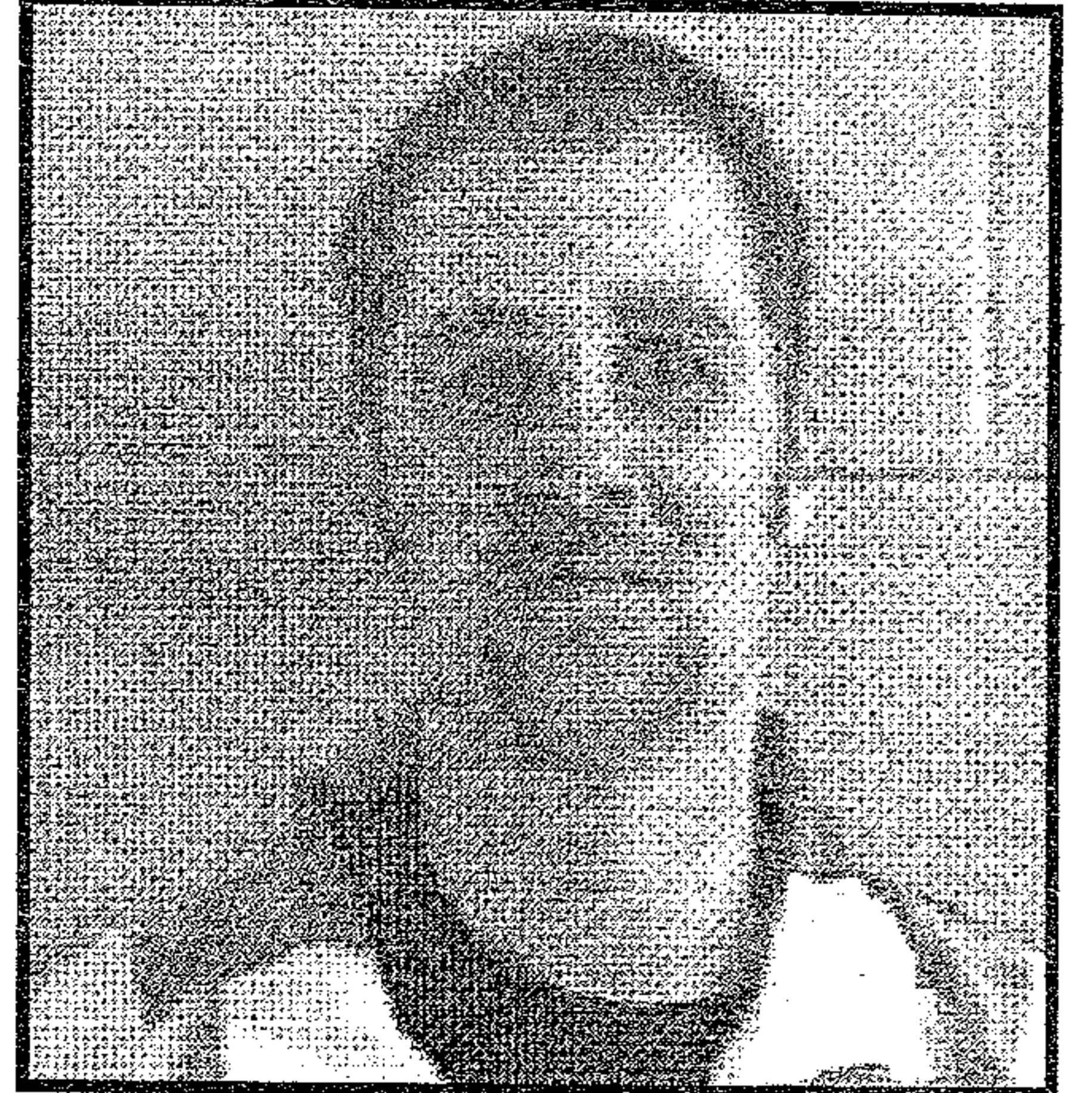


(see Townsend pg. 4) Townsend

Loaded gun and no permit lands man in hoosegow

Detective Jonathan Sartin arrested a local man Tuesday after he responded to a call along C Street and found the man with a loaded gun he had been showing around, but for which he had no permit.

Bradley Lynn Chambers, 34, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with carrying a weapon with the intent to go armed.



(see Chambers pg. 5) Chambers

Wanted man nabbed

A local man was taken into custody on multiple warrants Saturday after law enforcement officials received a tip concerning his whereabouts and located him hiding in a closet.

Christopher Ryan Herman, 25, Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir City was charged Saturday, with felony evading, evading arrest and felony theft.

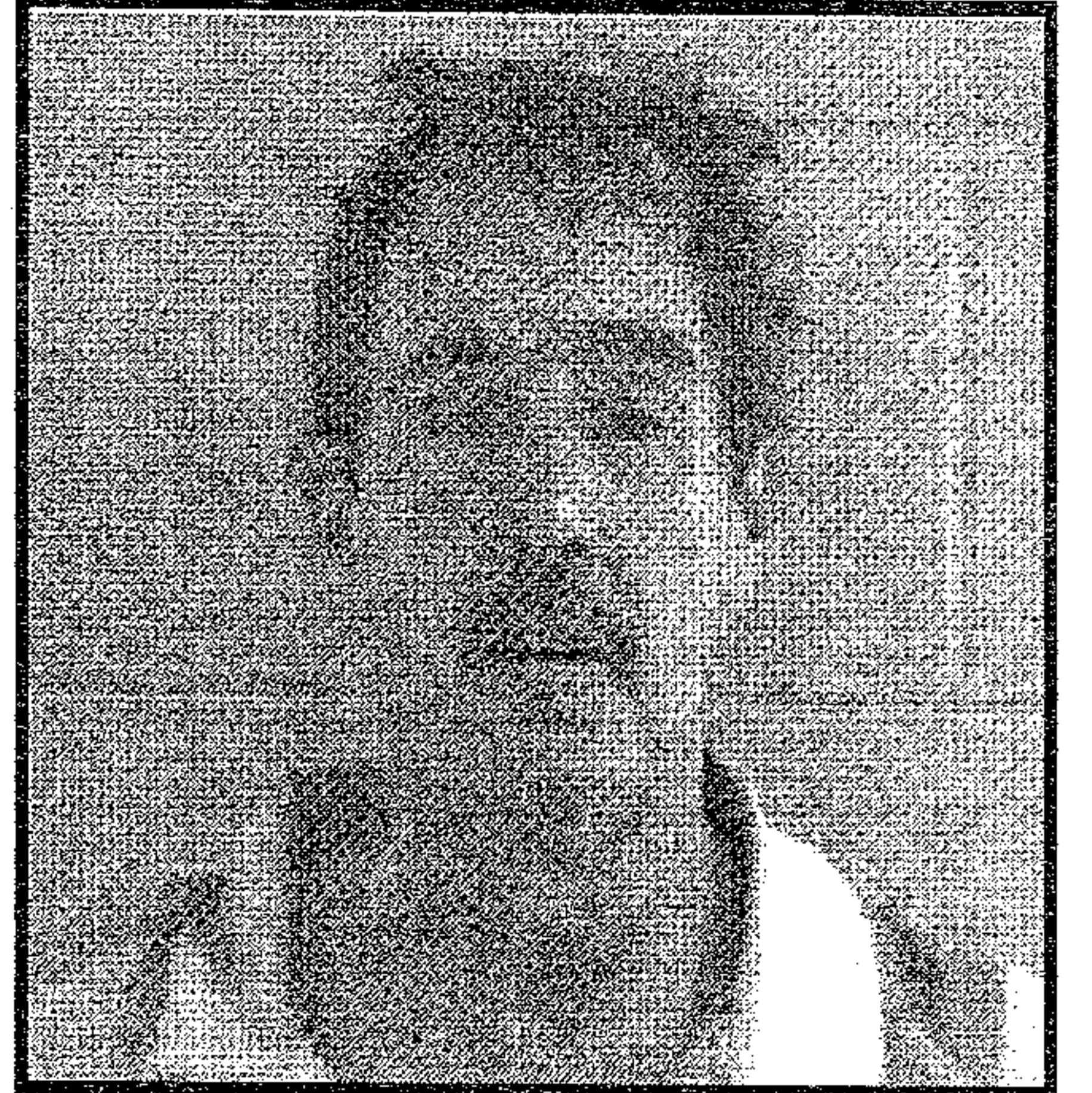


(see Herman pg. 8) Herman

False imprisonment, assault

Police took a local man into custody Friday after he allegedly assaulted a woman then held her against her will during a domestic dispute early Friday.

Scott Hemstreet, 50, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with domestic violence and false imprisonment.



(see Hemstreet pg. 6) Hemstreet

Second Annual Wounded Warrior Bass Tournament April 30 on Kentucky Lake

NASHVILLE --- The public is invited to participate in the Second Annual Wounded Warrior Bass Tournament to be held on Kentucky Lake and Marina in New Johnsonville originate from the Pebble Isle (see Tournament pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-

hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

Isaiah 61:1
Obituaries
None

Wazzup

Thanks to the crew at EZ Stop #9 in Lenoir City for some of the best biscuits & gravy ever! They were really, really good-yummm!!!

Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 59. Winds light and variable.
Tonight: Generally fair. Low 39. Winds light and

variable.

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your coworkers may (see More pg. 2)

No License

Pedro P. Pascual, 30, Clearview Street, Knoxville was charged with no drivers license.

According to records, Saturday, at approximately 12:45 PM, Mr. Pascual was driving a white Chevy pickup on Highway 321 and was stopped around Chili's Restaurant for a window tint violation.

Pascual received a verbal warning. A check of his information revealed he didn't have a drivers license.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Whitney A. Brackins, 24, Sandy Shore Drive, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 1st offense and implied consent.

James T. Price, 23, 22nd

Street, Northwest Cleveland, Tennessee was charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Saturday, at approximately 11:18 PM, a BOLO was issued regarding a white Mazda operating in a reckless and unsafe manner on Highway 70. The complainant advised he was behind the vehicle going east on Highway 70 and it was traveling around 20 mph. It also was swerving and couldn't maintain it's travel lane.

Trooper Eric Miller, THP responded and stopped the vehicle at Cheyenne Boulevard for failure to maintain it's travel lane and violation of the light law. The driver, Ms. Brackens, seemed confused and lethargic.

Brackens stated she took suboxone prior to driving and could not perform field sobriety tasks. She was placed un-

der arrest.

The passenger, Mr. Price, fell asleep while being interviewed by Trooper Miller and was also placed under arrest.

Steve Calvin Morrow, 27, Church Drive, Lenoir City was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to reports, Officer Dennis Guider, LCPD was dispatched to a residence on Church Drive Sunday, around 10:25 AM, on a domestic. The victim stated she and her live-in boyfriend, Steve Morrow, got into an argument and he started taking things from the house.

Morrow went downstairs and grabbed the X Box. The victim took the X Box from him so he grabbed her by the right arm and pushed her down. She had a red mark on her right forearm and a small welt on the back of the forearm. Morrow was placed under arrest.

Matthew Brock Underwood, 18, Vale Street, Loudon, was charged with assault by domestic violence and violation of probation.

According to reports, Officer Jason Felts, LCPD witnessed a silver Impala traveling south on Old 95, going 51 mph in a 30 mph zone. The

vehicle was stopped at the high school.

A check of all the front seat passengers names and dates of birth revealed Matthew B. Underwood had two warrants out of Loudon County. Mr. Underwood failed to report, failed to pay court costs, fines and supervision fees, thus the violation of probation.

The domestic violence warrant stems from a physical domestic that occurred on March 2nd, 2011 at 3:33 pm, Officer Brad Parks, LPD received a call of a physical domestic at a residence on Vale Street. Upon arrival, the officer spoke to a witness who stated Matthew Brock Underwood had been arguing with the victim, over him being able to buy a cell phone.

The witness further stated Matthew started throwing things in the house, one item being a cordless phone. The witness went on to say, Matthew then became very upset and swung at the victim, possibly hitting her on the hand.

Officer Parks asked her if Matthew hit her and she refused to say anything other than it didn't hurt. Officer Felts made the arrest Thursday.

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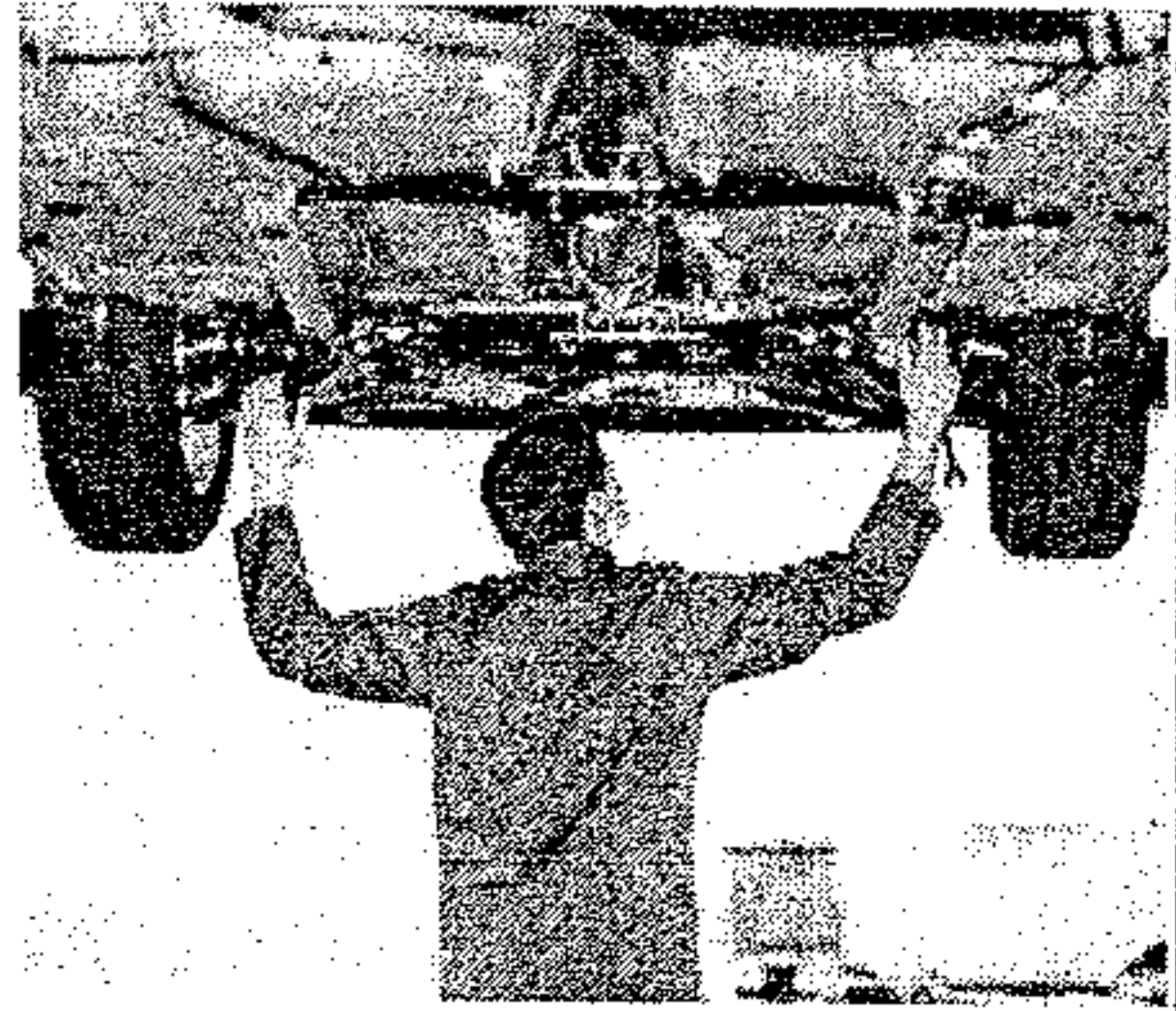
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Townsend

Laura Nicole Townsend, 29, Delwood Drive, Oliver Springs was charged with DUI by alcohol and/or drugs, possession of schedule IV xanax x 2 and possession of schedule III suboxone.

According to reports, Thursday, around 7:51 PM, Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO was on patrol on Highway 321, when he noticed a white Pontiac Sunbird weaving back and forth

with no headlights on. The deputy stopped the vehicle at Highland Park Drive for the possibility of DUI.

The driver, Ms. Townsend had extremely slurred speech. Deputy Rayfield asked her if she was taking any prescription or non prescription medication and she said no.

The officer then asked Townsend if she would try to perform field sobriety tasks and she agreed to try. Ms. Townsend had trouble

standing on her own and had to prop up on her car several times.

Townsend performed extremely poorly on the field sobriety and was placed under arrest.

After being read the implied consent advisement Ms. Townsend agreed to a blood test.

A search of Townsend's purse revealed three small clear bags. One contained eight white pills identified as 2 mg. xanax, another con-

tained twelve small blue pills also identified as xanax, and the third bag contained ten small orange pills identified as suboxone. Ms. Townsend then advised Deputy Rayfield she was six months pregnant. She was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for a chemical test before going to jail.

Corporal Chad Estes, LCSO was also on scene.

**January 2011
County Unemployment Rates**

Rates Increase in 95 Counties
NASHVILLE – Tennessee's unemployment rate for January was 9.5 percent, up 0.1 from the December rate. The national unemployment rate for January 2011 was 9.0 percent, 0.4 percentage point lower than the December rate.

County non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for January 2011, released today, show that the rate increased in 95 counties.

Williamson County registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate at 6.7 percent, up from the December rate of 6.2 percent. Scott County had the state's highest unemployment rate at 23.2 percent, up from 19.7 percent in the previous month, followed by Pickett County at 18.4 percent, up from the December rate of 15.4 percent.

Knox County had the state's lowest major metropolitan rate of 7.5 percent, up from 6.8 percent in December. Hamilton County was 8.7 percent, up from 7.6 percent the previous month. Davidson County was 8.6 percent, up from 8.1 percent in December, and Shelby County was 10.4 percent, up from 9.4 percent in December.

NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/labor_figures/jan2011county.pdf

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Chambers

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about March 1st, 2011, Mr. Chambers was at a location on C Street in Lenoir City. Upon his arrival at the location, Mr. Chambers had a 9 mm pistol in the back of his waist band.

Chambers had reportedly pulled the pistol out and was showing people that the pistol was loaded.

Chambers does not have a gun permit.

Officer Jason Felts, LCPD made the arrest Thursday.

Police Beat

Binak Mirakaj, 44, Wright Way, Pigeon Forge was charged Friday, with DUI 1st offense and implied consent.

According to records,

Trooper R. Smith, THP stopped Mr. Mirakaj's maroon Toyota Tacoma Friday, around 10:59 PM, for erratic driving and crossing the fog and center lines on Highway 321. He had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and admitted drinking one beer prior to driving.

Mr. Mirakaj was unsteady on his feet and was unable to perform field sobriety tasks as instructed. He was asked to give a breath sample on the Intox ECIR II breathalyzer machine, did not follow instructions and the breath test was aborted.

Anthony Shane Kilby, 32, Grimes Road, Loudon was charged

with failure to appear.

Deputy Bryan E. Blakney, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

Albert Louis Compton, 28, Old Highway 95, Lenoir City was charged Friday, with violation of probation and failure to appear.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSO made the arrest.

Jeanette Marie Smith, 28, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

Tammy Sue Conner, 41, County Road 656, Athens was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest Thursday at the McMinn County Jail.

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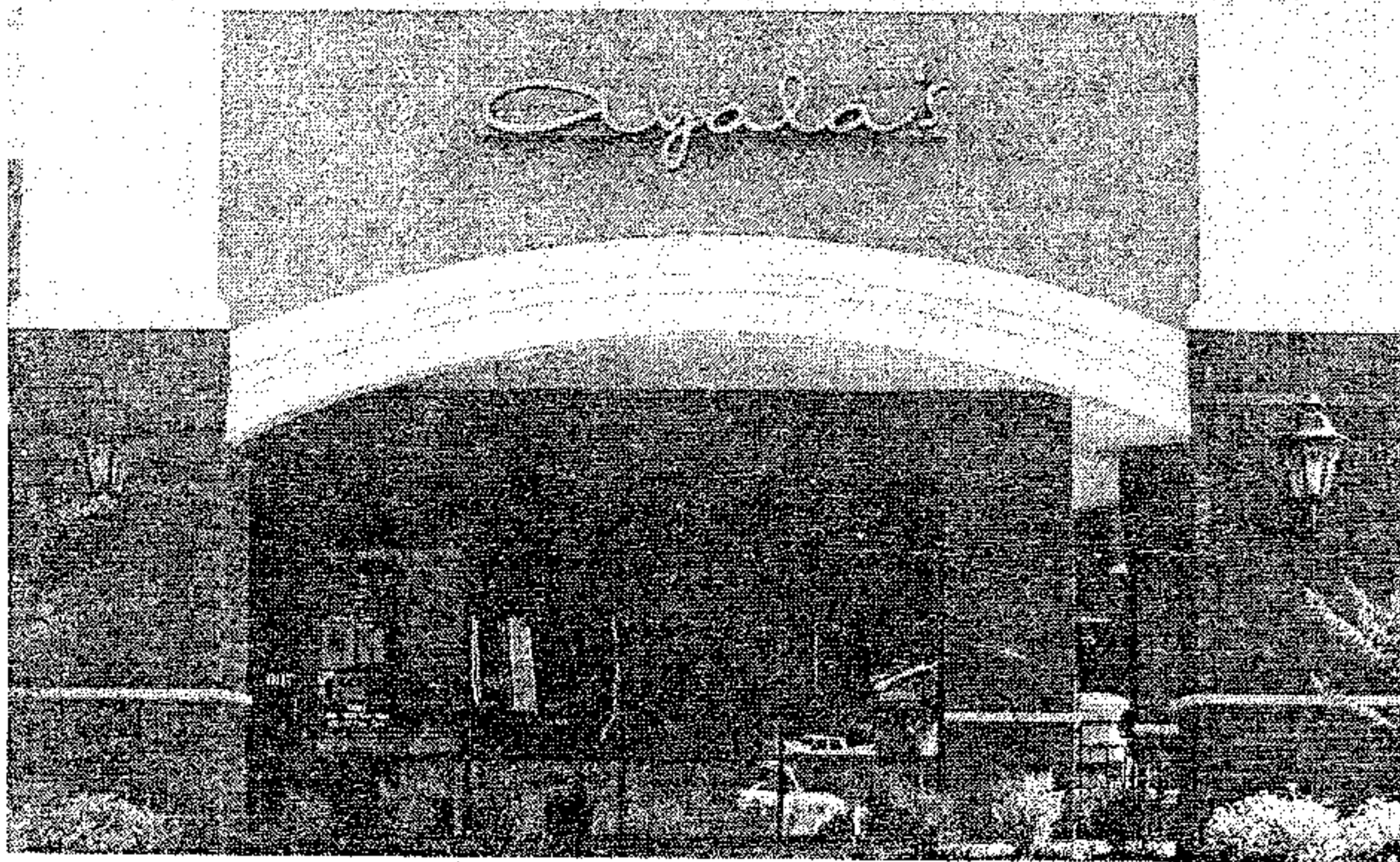
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold a workshop on March 16, 2011 at 6:00 pm. The Commissioners will meet at the Housing Authority office on 101 Oakwood Drive. If you have questions please call Debbie Goodman, 986-8707.

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Hemstreet

According to records, Friday, at approximately 1:00 AM, Officer Shane Tilley, LCPD was dispatched to a residence on Browder Hollow Road on a domestic. According to the victim, she and Scott Hemstreet got into a verbal argument and Hemstreet took her to the ground

and banged her head on the kitchen floor.

The victim advised Hemstreet also took her phone so she couldn't phone for help.

Hemstreet admitted to physically preventing her from leaving, placing her in imminent fear of serious bodily harm. He was placed under arrest and duly charged.

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Tournament

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see Wildlife Resources Foundation.

The registration cost is \$100 per boat. For an additional \$10, an angler has the option to participate in the big fish pot. Participants who register by April 15 will receive a tournament T-shirt.

For more tournament information and to register, go to the foundation website at www.twrf.net. Tournament contacts are Andy Edwards (931) 638-8478 and Bill Terry (615) 878-5099. For tournament sponsorship information, con-

tact Mike Bradley at mbradley@twrf.net.

Founded in 2002, the Wounded Warrior program works to raise awareness for the needs of severely injured service men and women. The TWRFF assists the TWRA with habitat conservation initiatives and various educational programs.

Police Beat

Rachel Koster, 29, Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

Ms. Koster turned herself into the jail Friday morning. Sgt. Jeramie Bowen, LCSO made the arrest.

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Herman

The report states Deputy D.H. Smith, LCSO responded to a tip that Christopher Ryan Herman was at 111 Oak Wood Apartments. Mr. Herman was wanted on two

warrants from the Loudon County Sheriff's Office for evading arrest and one felony warrant from Knoxville Police Department for theft over \$1000.

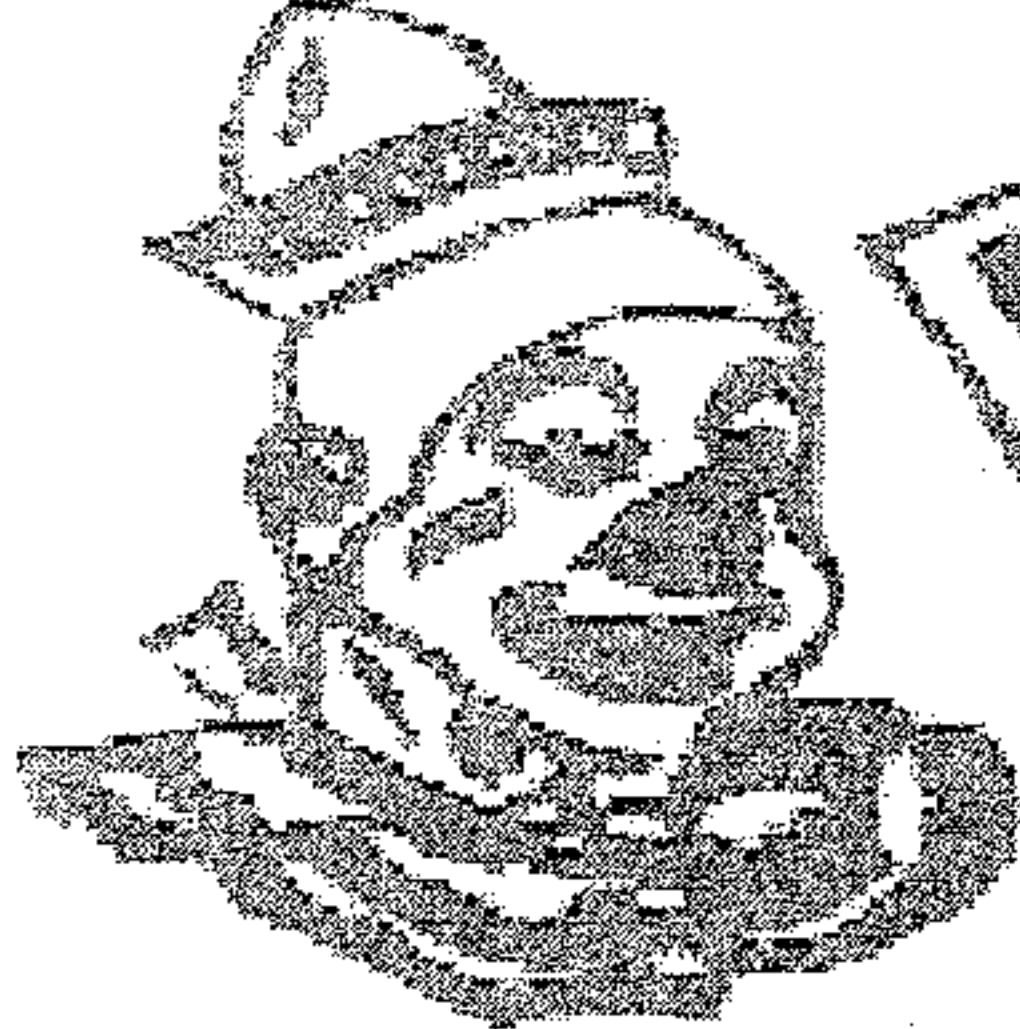
Lt. Gillis Morgan, LCPD, Deputies C.

Jenkins, T. Branson and Deputy Smith, LCSO, approached the apartment. A female resident opened the door and when asked if Mr. Herman was there, she nodded her head and pointed toward the hall and

said in the bedroom.

Mr. Herman was located hiding in the closet of the first

bedroom. He was arrested and taken into custody.



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