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Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Knox man charged with selling cocaine

Local officials arrested a Knoxville man Thursday in connection with two controlled buys executed in 2008 when informants reportedly bought crack cocaine from him while under observation.

Charles 'Dewayne' Ramsey, 23, Atlantic Avenue, Knoxville was charged with two counts of sell & delivery of schedule II.

(see Ramsey pg. 3) Ramsey



Aggravated assault

A local woman is accused of injuring another woman after beating her down in a driveway during a dispute earlier this month.

Brieanda Nicolle Melton, 31, Rushbrook Lane, Lenoir City was charged with aggravated assault.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about March 1st, 2011, Ms. Melton

(see Melton pg. 7) Melton



Construction equipment stolen

A Friendsville man called authorities Tuesday when he discovered someone has stolen over \$2000 worth of construction equipment from a home he is working on.

According to reports, Deputy B. Smith, LCSO responded to Highway 321 south Tuesday on a theft call. The complainant, Mr. Bradley Jackson, Friendsville Road, stated while he

(see Stolen pg. 5)

Property missing

A Loudon County man called authorities Wednesday when he began noticing items missing from his home, including a jewelry, weapons and other personal property.

According to reports, on Wednesday, Mr. Keith Bledsoe, Rest Camp Road, Lenoir City reported to Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID that starting

(see Missing pg. 6)

Record Months in 2011 for TennCare Fraud Arrests

NASHVILLE – Both January and February were record months for the agency that pursues fraud in the ranks of TennCare, the public healthcare insurance program for people who are low-income or disabled.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) made a total of 42 arrests for

TennCare fraud in the first two months of the year, with most of the arrests involving prescription drugs. That's more than in any other two-month period in the agency's seven years of operation.

The latest arrest involves a Washington County man, who is charged with TennCare

(see Record pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do that which is good in

his sight.

1 Chronicles 19:13

Obituaries

Iva Proffitt Easter

Luther D. Clotfelter

Wazzup

Please slow down on Allison Town Road in

Philadelphia - our families walk and ride our bikes in our little rural area!!!

Good meat loaf, Sharkman- thanks!

Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy. High 63. Winds ESE at 5

to 10 mph.

Tonight: Cloudy during the evening. A few showers developing late. Low 46. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%. Wednesday: Rain with a few rumbles of thunder.

Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 40s.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You feel a bit lost right now, but there's

(see More pg. 2)

Ramsey

According to affidavits filed by Investigator Adam J. Yokley, LCSO; on April 24th, 2008, the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit met with a confidential informant to purchase crack cocaine via a controlled buy from Charles Dewayne Ramsey at 185 Cedar Park Drive. The informant was wired with audio and video equipment and followed to the buy location.

During the course of the buy, Charles D. Ramsey exchanged crack cocaine for

U.S. currency. The TBI Lab report states the cocaine base weighed .3 grams. CSI Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID was also on scene.

On April 25th, 2008, the Narcotics Unit used an informant to again purchase crack cocaine from Ramsey via a controlled buy. During the course of the buy Charles Ramsey exchanged crack cocaine for U.S. currency. The TBI Lab report states the cocaine base weighed .07 grams. Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO, was on the scene.

LCSO Corporal Angi Martin and Lt. Teresa Smith made the arrest at the Clerk's Office in the Justice Center Thursday.

Police Beat

David Gene Frye, 31, Summer Street, Loudon was charged with disorderly conduct.

According to records, Officer Brad Parks, LPD was dispatched to a domestic violence call on Summer Street Wednesday. Officer April Farmer, LPD was already on the scene and was attempting to investigate the call when Mr. Frye began to cuss and argue toward her.

When Officer Parks arrived Mr. Frye started cussing him and would not follow verbal commands. While Frye was being searched at

Officer Parks' patrol unit, he tried to push away from the officer and continued to cuss both Parks and Farmer right there on Summer Street in view of the public. He was taken into custody and transported to jail.

Kenneth Randy Miles, 31, Angel Row, Loudon was charged on a warrant for his arrest for domestic assault and a violation of probation warrant.

Officer James Pistole, LPD made the arrest Wednesday.

Terry Wayne Scott, 59, Sylvia Drive, Knoxville was charged on a criminal court capias Wednesday.

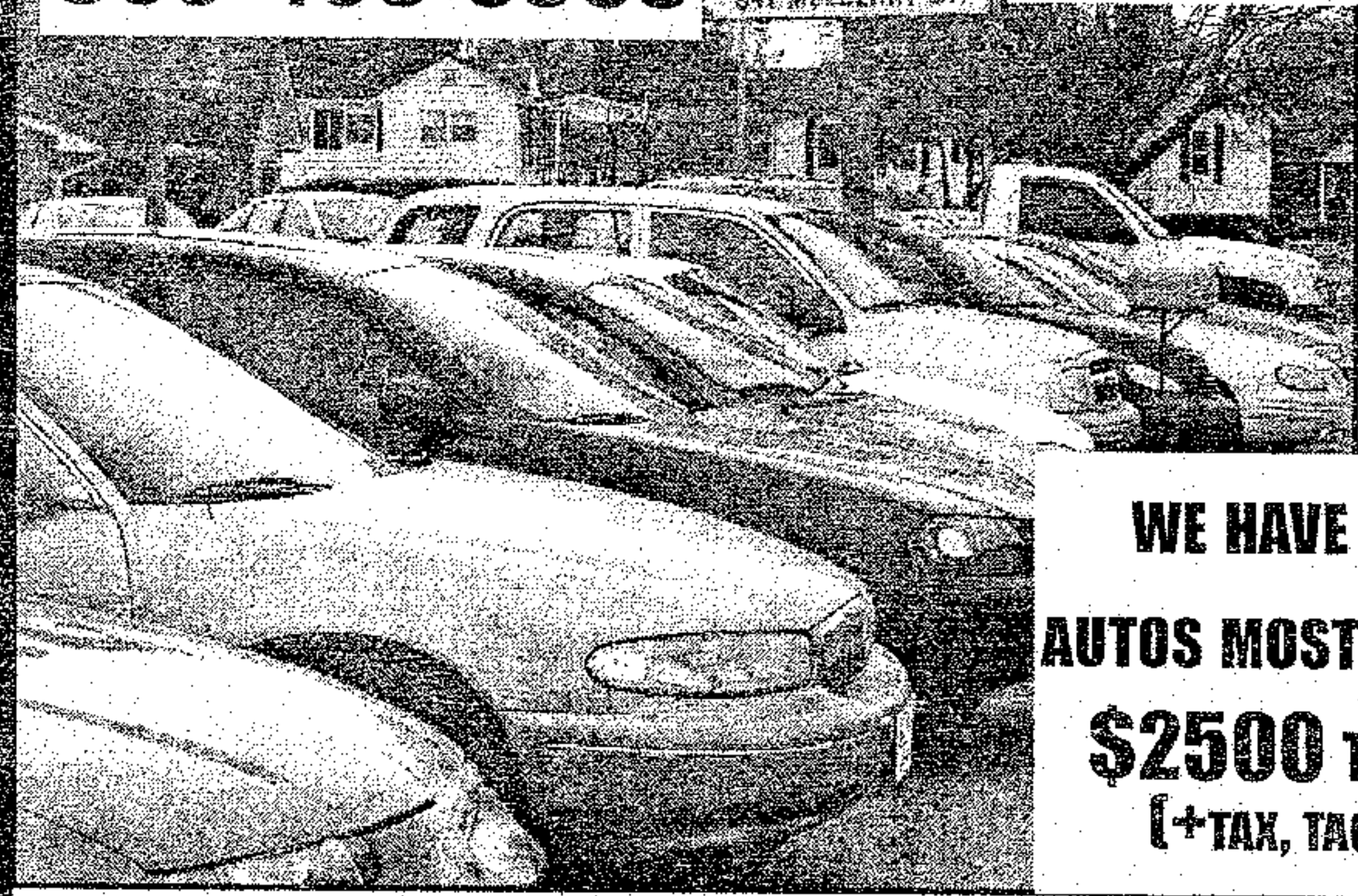
Deputy Vance Wright, LCSO made the arrest at the Knox County Jail.

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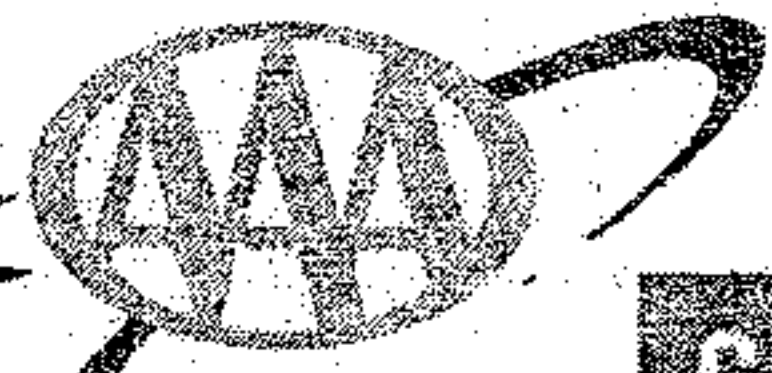
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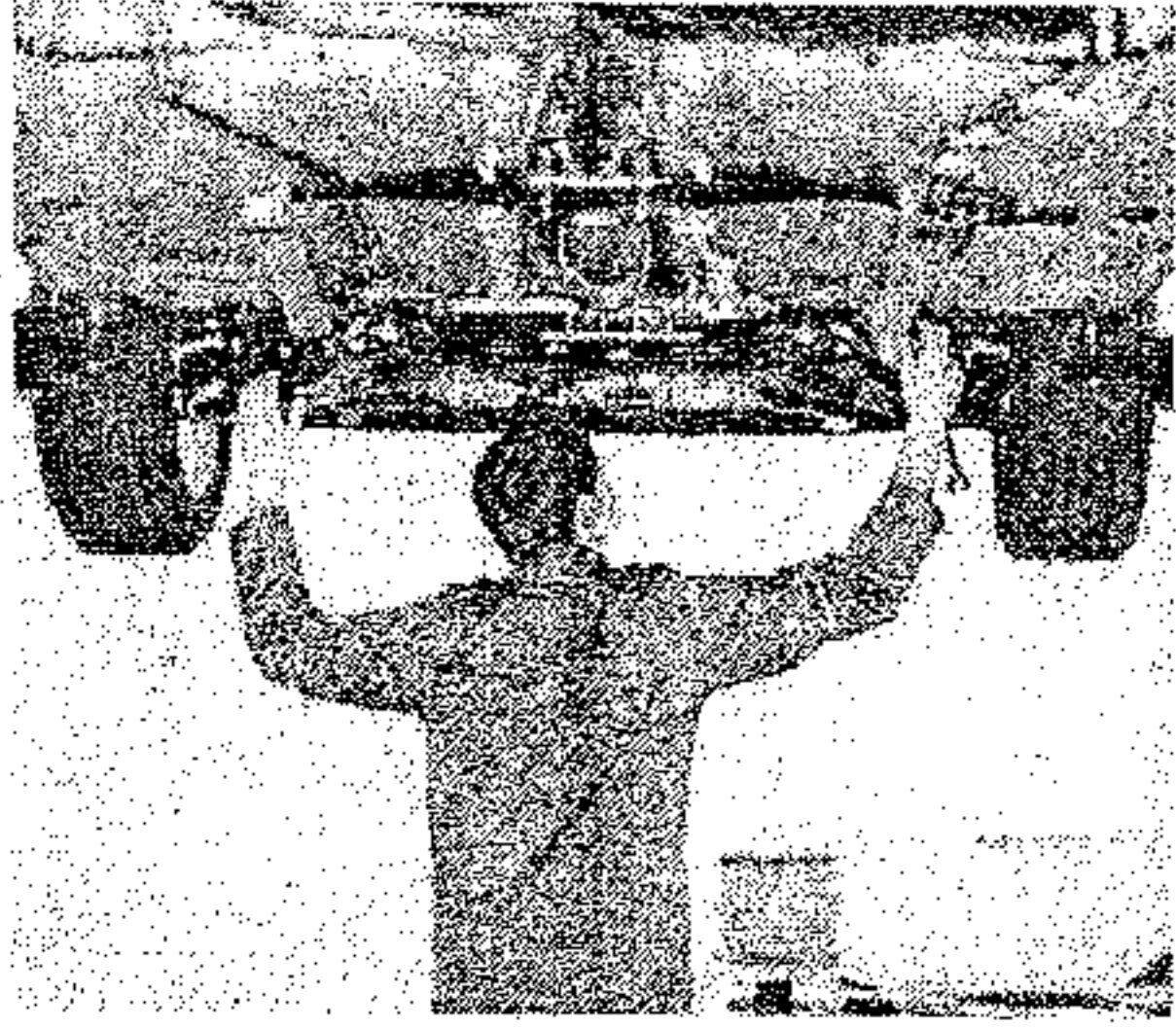
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Record

fraud for helping someone else gain access to TennCare benefits they weren't eligible for. With the assistance of the Carter County and Washington County Sheriff's Offices, the OIG announced the arrest of Michael Miller, Jr., 24, of Johnson City.

Miller was indicted by a Washington County Grand Jury and charged with TennCare fraud for aiding and abetting another person who was not eligible for TennCare in an effort to fraudu-

lently obtain medical assistance benefits through the program.

"We hope those that are abusing the TennCare program are getting the message that we are aggressively pursuing TennCare fraud and making arrests statewide," Inspector General Deborah Y. Faulkner said.

TennCare fraud is a Class E felony carrying a sentence of up to two years in prison. District Attorney General Anthony Clark is prosecuting.

The OIG, which is separate from TennCare, began full op-

eration in February 2005 and has investigated cases leading to over \$2.5 million paid in restitution and recoupment to TennCare, with a total estimated cost avoidance of over \$171 million for the TennCare program, according to latest figures. To date, over 1,300 people have been charged with TennCare fraud.

Through the OIG Cash for Tips Program established by the Legislature, Tennesseans can get cash rewards for TennCare fraud tips that lead to convic-

tions. 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."

File Online with Revenue this Tax Season

NASHVILLE - Tax season is approaching, and the Tennessee Department of Revenue is reminding taxpayers and practitioners to utilize the department's convenient, worry-free electronic filing options. Electronic filing of the sales and use tax, consumer use tax, individual income tax, professional privilege tax, business tax, and franchise and excise tax minimum and estimated payment returns and extensions is available via the department's Web site, www.TN.gov/revenue. Bill payments and many business tax registration activities also can be completed online.

The tax on certain investment income, commonly known as the Hall income tax, is due April 15. Although the federal income tax filing deadline for 2011 was extended to April 18, the Department of Revenue does not have the authority to extend the Hall income tax deadline to April 18.

Taxpayers can make credit card payments using the Department of Revenue's secure electronic services accessible at www.TN.gov/revenue. MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card are accepted and will be charged an associated 2.49 percent processing fee.

In order to assist taxpayers with compliance to electronic filing, the Department of Revenue provides computer access in its offices in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Jackson, Johnson City, Memphis and Nashville. The department also offers an electronic commerce hot line to assist taxpayers and tax practitioners at (866) 368-6374. Nashville-area and out-of-state callers should dial (615) 253-0704. All taxpayer data, whether paper or electronic, filed with the Department of Revenue is confidential data protected under Tennessee law.

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Obituaries

Iva Proffitt Easter, 95 of Loudon, passed away Sunday evening, March 6, 2011 at the Loudon Health Care Center. Mrs. Iva was a member of Valley View Free Will Baptist Church, retired school teacher of the Loudon County School System. Preceded in death by husband, Bob Easter, former Road Commissioner of Loudon County; parents, Sanders and Margaret Whaley Easter; 3 brothers, Wayne, Curtis and John Proffitt; 2 sisters, Ethel Frisbie & Zelma Bramlett. Survivors: daughter & son in law, Kay & Carl Littleton, Loudon; two granddaughters, Alicia Millsaps & husband, John, Loudon, Robin Brandon & husband, Brant of Nolenville, TN; great grandsons, Alex Brandon & Asa Brandon; several nieces & nephews. Special thanks to the staff of Loudon Health Care for wonderful care provided for my mother. Funeral services 1 p.m. Tuesday

Loudon Funeral Home chapel, Rev. Norman Heath & Rev Billy Easter officiating. Interment Valley View Cemetery Visitation 12 noon - 1 p.m. Tuesday Loudon Funeral Home. www.loudonfuneralhome.net

Luther D. Clotfelter - age 65 of Loudon passed away early Monday morning, March 7, 2011. He was pastor and founder of Trinity Chapel. Luther was a retired iron worker. He is survived by his wife, Glenda Clotfelter; daughter, Tammy; 2 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 3 sisters; 1 brother; mother-in-law, Sarah Fox; special young man, Andrew "Bubby" Walker, who Luther loved like a son; several nieces and nephews; his church family and loyal friends. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m with Rev. Cecil G. Parsons offi-

ciating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Wednesday morning and proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services with J. C. Fox officiating. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Stolen

was out of town someone entered a house he had been working on, and took some of his construction equipment.

A suspect was named.

The missing items included a black and gray Porta Cable sheetrock sander with vacuum, an orange and white heavy duty tile saw with a black table, and a blue and silver Magnum paint machine on wheels.

The total value of the loss was estimated at \$2200. The theft was

assigned to a investigator.

Police Beat

Jose Alfredo Granados, 19, Hall Street, Lenoir City was charged with simple possession.

According to records, LCSO Deputy Robbie Lane and Lt. Teresa Smith were attempting to locate Mr. Jose Granados Wednesday for a court appearance that he missed. At around 12:35 PM, Deputy Lane located Granados walking on Highway 321 in

front of East Tennessee Discount Drug Store.

Granados was placed in custody and transported to the Loudon County General Sessions Court. Deputy Lane searched Mr. Granados and found a page from a magazine in his right front pocket. Inside the page was a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Granados stated it was marijuana.

The weight of the package was approximately 0.23 oz.

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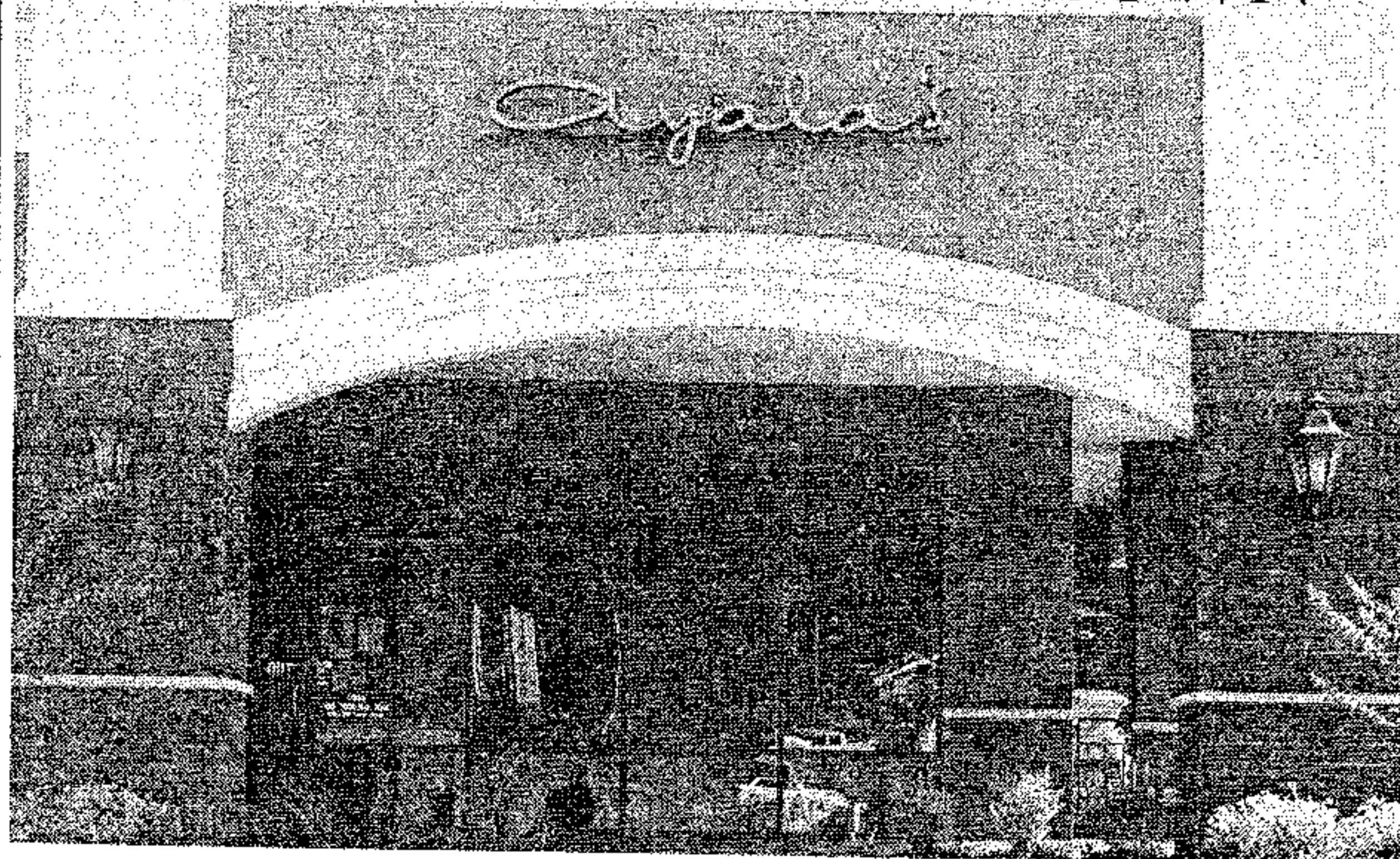
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Missing

on Sunday he noticed items missing from his home when he discovered some money missing.

Bledsoe said then, on Tuesday night, he discovered his Glock 9mm handgun was gone.

Other items discovered missing were his wife's rings, an iPod

Touch flip camera and old silver dollars.

During the investigation the handgun was located at a local pawn shop and some of the jewelry was found at a local business that buys gold. The estimated value of the loss was \$3350.

The burglary is under investigation.

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Melton
 went to a residence on Browder Hollow Road in Lenoir City with her boyfriend to get his clothes and while standing in the driveway, Melton started hitting a female on the premises and knocked her down. Melton is accused of then kicking the victim about the head, legs, arms and back causing serious bodily injury after she was on the ground.
 Deputy D.H. Smith,

LCSO served the warrant at the Flying "J" Truck Stop and transported her to the Loudon County Jail Friday.

Police Beat
 Nicholas Allen Sentell, 31, Simpson Road West, Lenoir City was charged with a child support attachment, DUI 1st offense, violation of implied consent and driving on revoked license.

According to reports, Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD was behind a brown Chevy pickup on Simpson Road Thursday and paced it at 35 mph in a 30 mph zone. The truck turned into a

driveway about the time the officer activated his emergency lights, but wouldn't stop. It traveled approximately 400 yards before it finally stopped.

The driver was Nicholas Sentell. Mr. Sentell smelled heavily of an alcoholic beverage. He also had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and was uncooperative at the time of his arrest. Once at the jail Sentell was asked to perform field sobriety tasks and refused. He also refused implied consent. NCIC showed his license were revoked.

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