

Tweaker couple busted with meth making materials

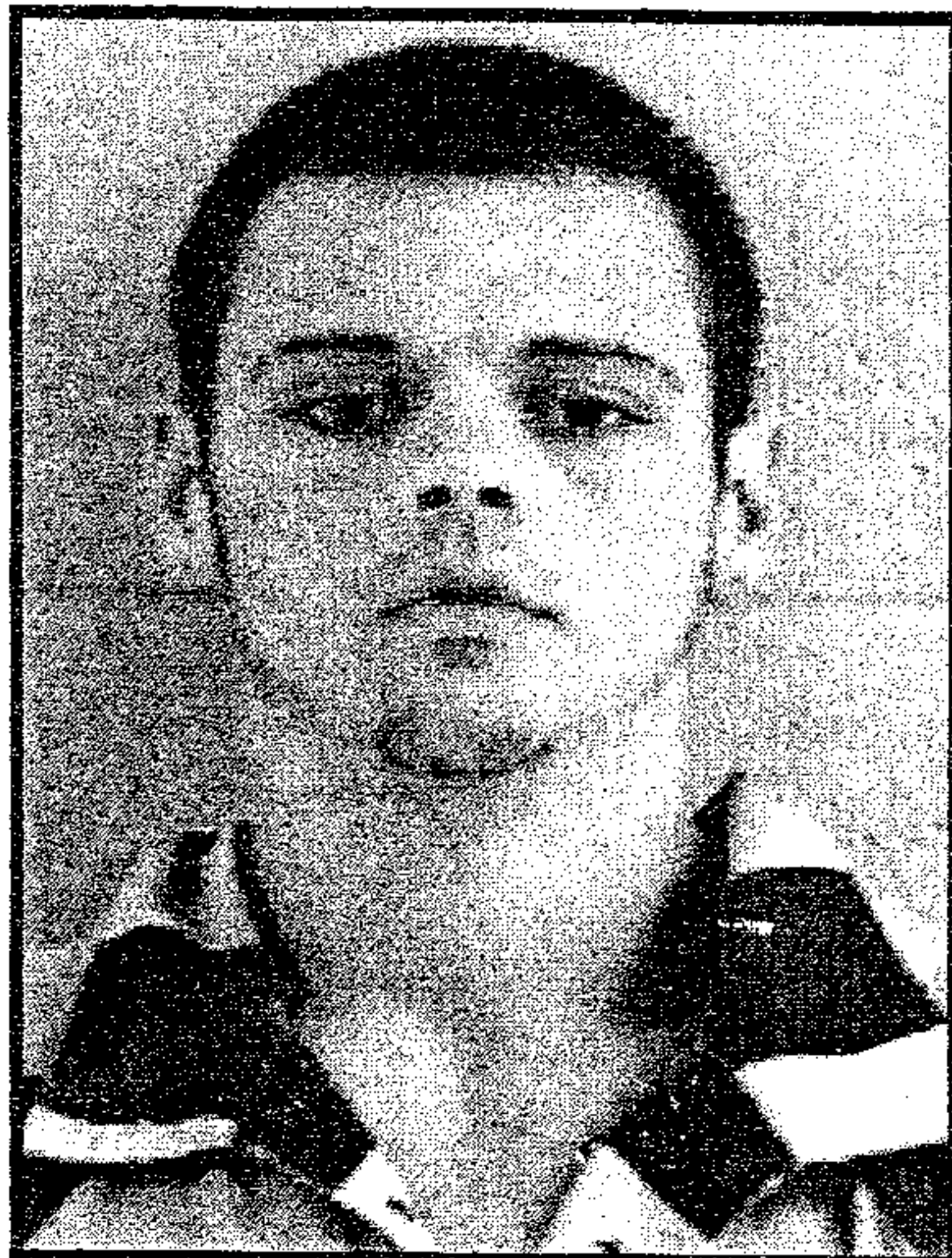
A young local couple found themselves jailed when authorities stopped the vehicle they were in for a broken headlight and found what amounted to an operating meth lab in the car, complete with a bottle of acid that was being used as a gas generator.

Brittani Lauren Flint, 21, McGhee Square, Lenoir City was charged with promotion of the manufacture of methamphetamine, felony possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving

(see Couple pg. 5)



Brittani Lauren Flint



Robert Thomas Alguire

Indicted



Carla Marissa Lawson

Carla Marissa Lawson, 19, Jacksboro Pike, Knoxville was charged on a criminal court capias for promoting methamphetamine manufacture.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday at the Knox County Jail.

Aggravated burglary

Police charged a young Kingston woman after she and at least two others were found in a Loudon County home that had been burglarized and vandalized.

Kayla Pennington, 22, Ravens Wood Street, Kingston was charged with aggravated burglary.

According to records, officers were called to a residence on Fog Hill Road Friday on a burglary in progress. Witnesses stated two males and one female were at the

(see Pennington pg. 4)



Kayla Pennington

100 mg. of methadone before driving is bad idea

(see Bad Idea pg. 3)

A Sevierville woman reportedly told authorities she had an accident while driving in Loudon County. She had taken a 100 mg. dose of methadone after she was injured in an accident while driving in Loudon County.

Scooter mishap leads to arrest

A local man was taken into custody after citizens reported he'd wrecked his scooter and was pushing it up the road. Sgt. Lynette Ladd reported she arrived to find him staggering

(see Mishap pg. 7)

Too many pills affect driving skills, 1 charged

(see Charged pg. 5)

Deputy Billy Hall arrested a Loudon man Thursday after stopping his vehicle for suspicion of DUI and finding he was under the influence of pills and in possession of drug

Verse of the Day

"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the

LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Isaiah 55:6-7

Obituaries

Shannon Smith

James Avery Coffman

Wazzup

Happy Cinco de Mayo!!!

You do have some pretty darn good coffee, Wilburn's hardware...

Weather

Today: Mainly sunny.

High 72. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: A few clouds. Low 47. Winds light and variable.

Friday: Occasional showers possible. Highs in the low 70s and lows

in the upper 40s.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

You need to make sure that you're moving forward today, even if it feels like you're throw-

(see More pg. 2)

Bad Idea

Mindi S. Loveday, 36, of Amolee Lane, Sevierville was charged with DUI 1st, driving on revoked and implied

consent.

According to the report, Sgt. Jimmy Whitt, THP arrived on the scene of a crash and observed Ms. Loveday

to be under the influence of some type of intoxicant and her balance was unsteady.

Ms. Loveday was transported to Ft. Loudon ER due to possible injuries from the crash.

After talking with Ms. Loveday she reported she had taken a 100 mg. methadone prior to driving and refused a BAC test. Sgt. Jimmy

Whitt, THP made the arrest.

Police Beat

Charles Richard Massey, 44, West Lee Highway, Philadelphia was charged Friday with public intoxication.

According to records, Officer Brad Parks, LPD was dispatched to a residence on Vale Street for an unknown trouble call. According to several witnesses, Mr. Massey was at the home trying to start a fight with the occu-

pants.

Officers reported seeing Massey next door to the residence in plain view of the public. He had a strong odor of an intoxicant on his person, red bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and no one to care for him.

Mr. Massey admitted to police he was drinking beer prior to their arrival. He was considered a danger to himself and others if left in the public in his condition and was placed under arrest.

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Obituaries

Shannon Smith - age 76 of Lenoir City passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at her home. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. Preceded in death by her husband, Bob Smith; parents, Alleyn and Cecile Friedrich. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Ric Best of Lenoir City; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Teresa Smith of Knoxville; grandchildren: Brad Smith and fiancee', Jenny Rowan, Wesley and Hunter Smith, Christopher and Tom Best; brother, Corydon Friedrich and wife, Laura Dean of Chicago, IL; brother-in-law, Billy Smith of Oxford, MS; several nieces and nephews; special

friends, Elaine Gentry, Earl and Caroline Lauderdale. The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. Thursday at Central United Methodist Church in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 8 p.m. with Rev. Gary Fox and Rev. Dawn Chesser officiating. Family and friends will gather at Click Funeral Home by 10:30 Friday morning and proceed to Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens for graveside services at 11 a.m. Serving as pallbearers: Christopher and Tom Best, Brad, Wesley, and Hunter Smith, David Canada, Earl Lauderdale and Bud Rogers. Honorary pallbearers will be member of Central United Methodist Women and the United Volunteer Sunday School Class. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be

made to Central United Methodist Church, 301 Hickory Creek Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

James Avery Coffman - 76, of Lenoir City passed away Monday, May 2, 2011 at U.T. Hospital with his daughter, Linda Wrinkle by his side. He was a great minister of the Lord and loved to preach and share the Lord with as many people as he could. He wanted them to know the Jesus he knew and loved. He also sang at church with his daughter, Linda whom he loved very much. He was loved by many people and he loved them. Preceded in death by Parents, George & Edith McGill Coffman; brothers, Billy & Bud Coffman; sister, Jerry Coff-

man; grandson, Ricky Holt. Survivors, left with beautiful memories, daughters, Linda Coffman Wrinkle & husband David, who has been his caretaker, of Knoxville, Brenda Crowe of Memphis; son, David Coffman & wife, Debbie of Kingston; sister, Christine Mercer, Lenoir City; special granddaughter who also was his caregiver, Dannielle Perkey, whom he loved so much; several other grandchildren, nieces & nephews. Special friend Floyd Owens, Lenoir City. Funeral services 7 p.m. Thursday Loudon Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop J.D. Drinnon officiating & singing. Interment 10 a.m. Friday City cemetery. Visitation 5 - 7 p.m. Thursday Loudon Funeral Home.

Pennington

residence with broken doors and when a man drove up to the house they all fled into the woods.

Officers began looking for them and a female was discovered next door running up the drive. When she finally stopped, she stated she was coming from next door. She was identified as Kayla Pennington.

Ms. Pennington admitted to being at the residence that was burglarized. The residence was damaged from the outside by breaking the window to the rear door. The furniture and the cabinets were open and broken, like something was being looked for.

Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID made the arrest.

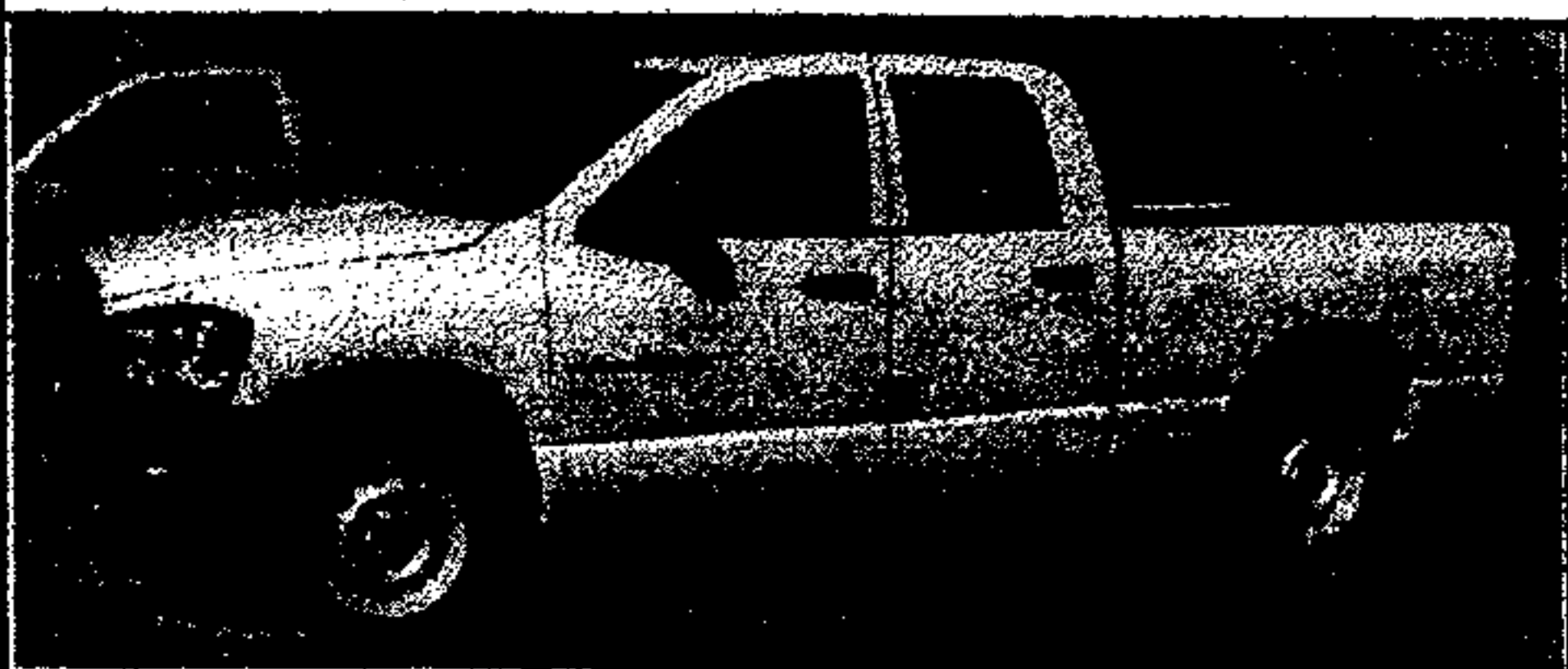
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Couple

on suspended license.

Robert Thomas Alguire, 22, Mealer Road, Lenoir City was charged with promotion of the manufacture of methamphetamine, and felony possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to reports, Friday, around 9:54 PM, Ms. Flint was driving a green Chevy Cavalier on McGhee Boulevard with the passenger side headlight out and was stopped at the Ken-Jo Market. Her Tennessee drivers license were found to have been suspended and she was unable to provide proof of financial responsibility, nor a registration for the vehicle.

It was discovered Brittani Flint and her passenger, Robert Alguire, were in possession of muriatic acid, rubber tubing, drain cleaner, ammonium nitrate, and coffee filters, which were all contained in a black backpack in the Cavalier.

Those items are commonly used to manufacture methamphetamine. The rubber tubing had been inserted into a plastic bottle containing acid and was being used as a gas generator to manufacture methamphetamine.

During a consensual search of the vehicle, three syringes also were discovered in the shifter console. LCPD Officers Allen Bean and Keith Sennett made the arrests. Investigator Shane Ezell, LCSO-ND was also on the scene.

Charged

paraphernalia.

Dustin Edward McCollister, 24, Robinson Drive, Loudon was charged with DUI 1st/ drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to records, Thursday, around 1:42 AM, Deputy Billy Hall, LCSO observed a white male who was unsteady on his feet in front of Bimbos on Highway 321. The man got into a white Nissan and pulled out onto Highway 321 towards Interstate 75.

Deputy Hall witnessed the vehicle cross into the emergency lane two times in less than 1/8th of a mile.

The Nissan abruptly slowed down and turned into the parking lot of the Marathon Gas Station with Hall right behind him. He was identified as Dustin McCollister.

Mr. McCollister had slurred speech, heavy eyes and when he exited his vehicle he was unsteady on his feet. While


he and the deputy were talking, McCollister was swaying back and forth and side to side. He failed all sobriety tasks and almost fell several times while trying to perform them.

Mr. McCollister had trouble following directions and stated he took seizure medication and adderall. After placing him under arrest, Deputy Hall discovered a bottle of xanax in his pocket. At first, Mr. McCollister said he hadn't taken any xanax, then he said he'd

had them filled that day and had only taken one.

The deputy noted in his report, the bottle contained only a small amount of xanax, well below the number that had been filled. Deputy Hall found a cut straw used to snort crushed pills in McCollister's wallet. Two more cut straws were discovered in a cigarette pack.

McCollister gave a blood sample at Fort Loudoun ER before going to jail.




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Police Beat

Billy Joe Davis, 46, Davis Drive, Lenoir City was charged with domestic violence.

According to records, Saturday, at 1:30 AM, Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSO was dispatched to Markwood Road in Loudon concerning an unwanted guest. Upon arrival, the deputy came in contact with Billy Joe Davis in the driveway.

Mr. Davis had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and was unsteady on his feet. He was cussing and being very loud.

Davis stated he and his girlfriend had been out at a bar and were arguing earlier that night. He further stated the argument was about pills. Mr Davis told Deputy Goddard he'd bought his girlfriend 60 pills, but added

he didn't do pills and the law could drug test him right then.

The female also had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath. She stated Mr. Davis showed up at her residence causing a disturbance and he had gone to her mother's residence first, blowing the horn. Once he realized she wasn't there, he came back to her house on Markwood Road. She

advised she met Davis outside on the front porch because she didn't want him going inside.

According to her, Mr. Davis said he wasn't going anywhere, except inside to sleep a few hours because he had been drinking and wasn't going to take the chance getting caught for DUI. Then he became verbally abusive, calling her names and she told him he had to leave.

Mr. Davis reportedly

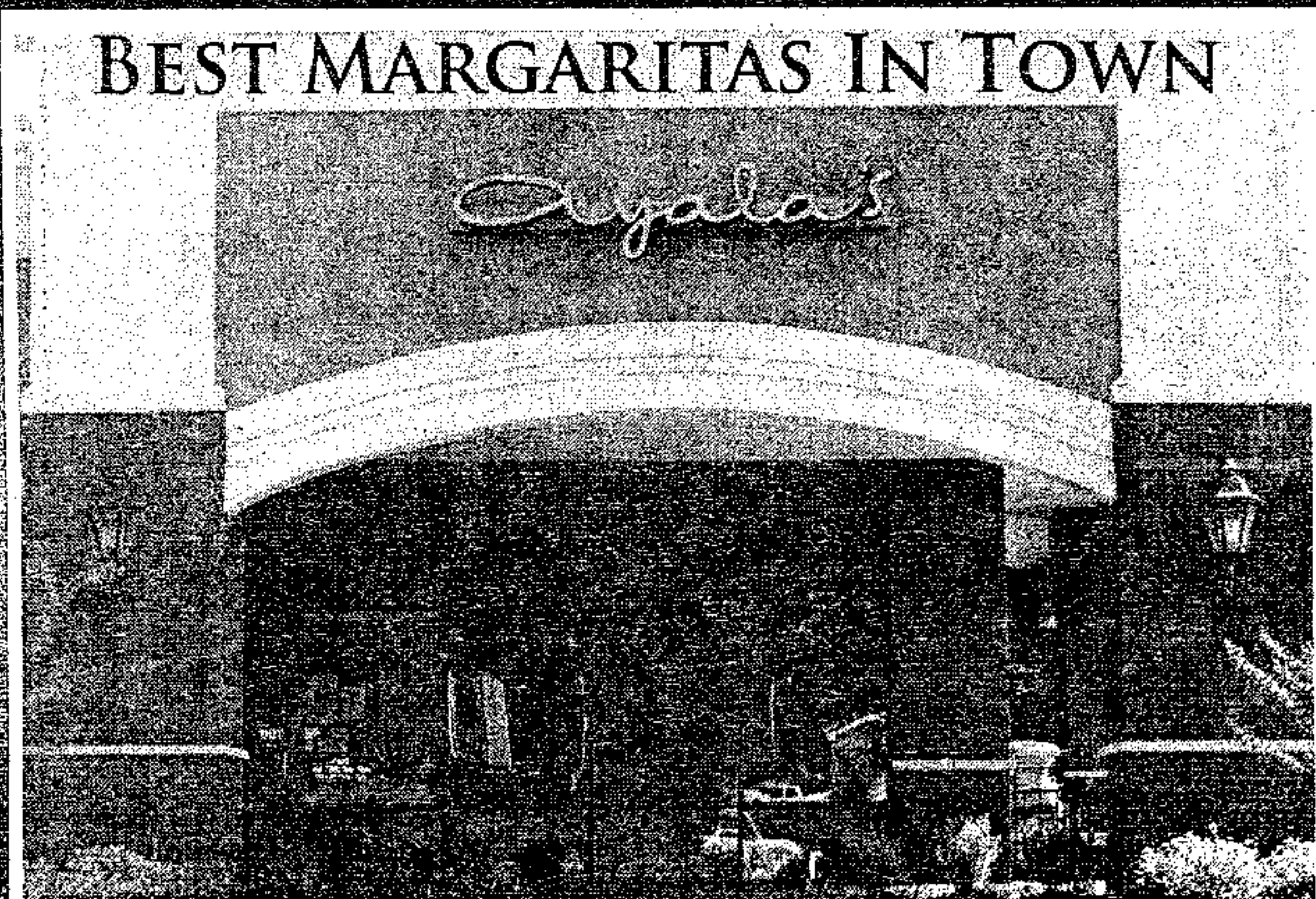
grabbed her by the face, clawing her face then grabbed her around the neck and choked her. Deputy Goddard noted in his report, the woman had a scratch on the outside of her left nostril that was bleeding. She also had blood coming from her nose as if she was possibly hit in the nose. She had red marks on her

neck where it appeared she was grabbed around her neck.

Davis said he did grab her to give her a kiss. Due to the bleeding and red marks on the woman, however, Deputy Goddard arrested Mr. Davis for domestic violence. Sgt. Jeremy Bowen, LCSO was also on the scene.

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Scooter

about while trying to push the scooter and she felt he would continue with his behavior if he was taken into custody.

Brendon Sokol, 25, Chestnut Ridge Drive,

Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Friday, at approximately 10:38 PM, Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD received a complaint from one of Brendon

Sokol's neighbors concerning his behavior. It was reported that while he was traveling on Chestnut Ridge Drive, Mr. Sokol was involved in a scooter accident and was attempting to push the scooter.

When Sgt. Ladd arrived on scene she witnessed Sokol staggering about the roadway try-

ing to push his scooter. He had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person, extremely slurred speech, and was unstable on his feet.

Mr. Sokol was deemed a danger to himself and others if left in public and the officer believed his unsafe behavior would continue. He

was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County jail.

Arrest

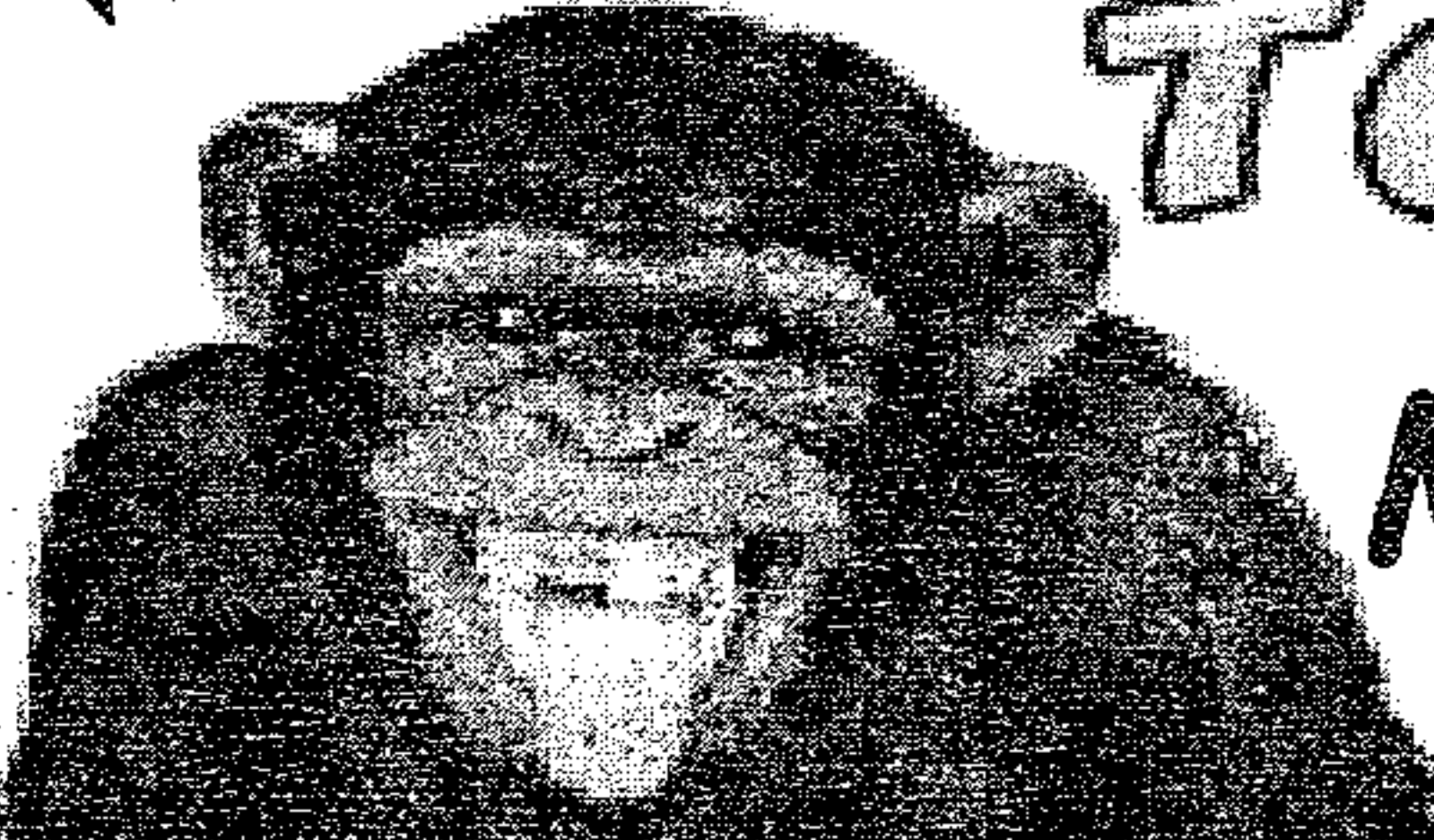
Melinda A. Fortunado, 47, C Street, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of community corrections.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest.

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