

## Thievery & Assault

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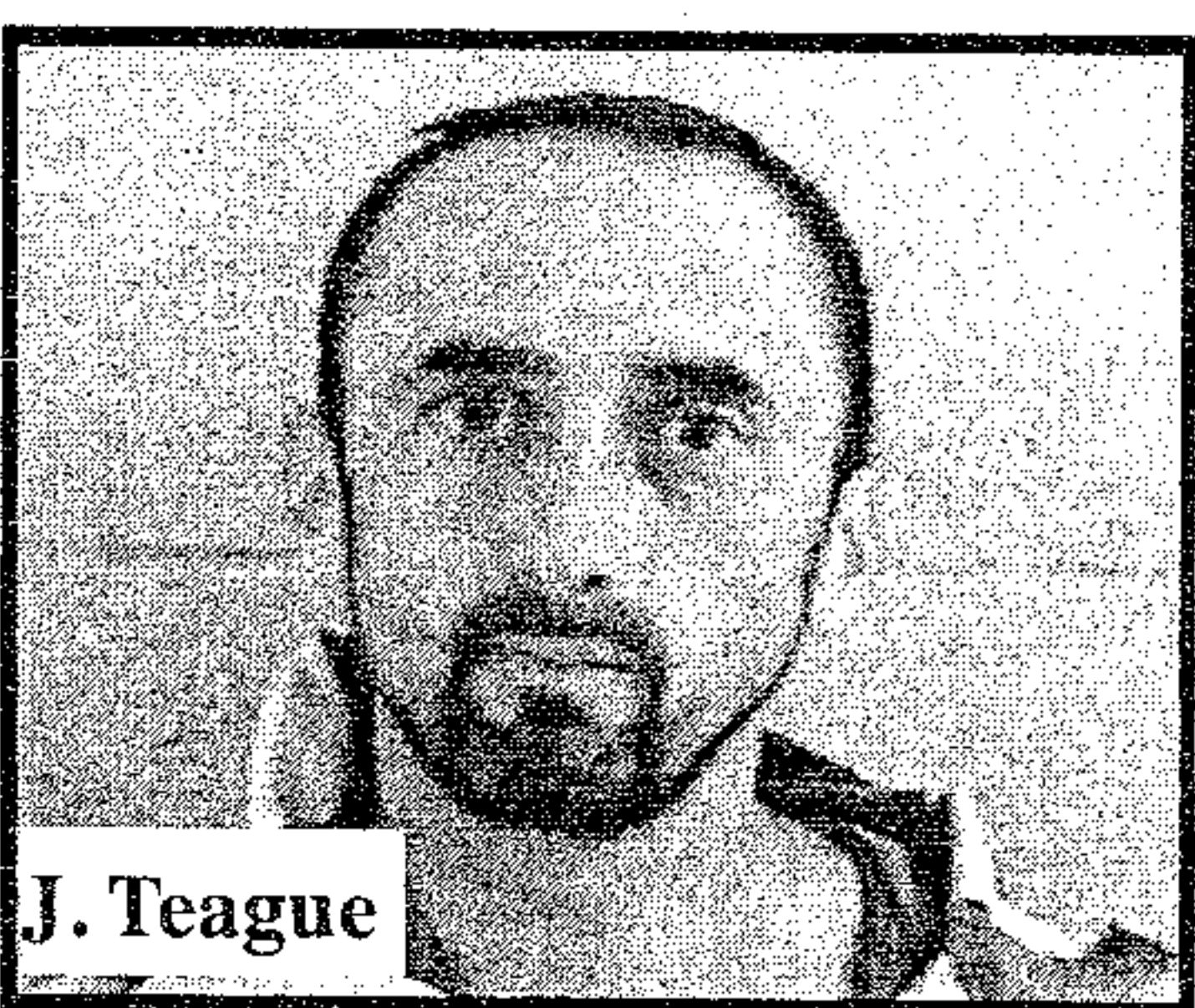


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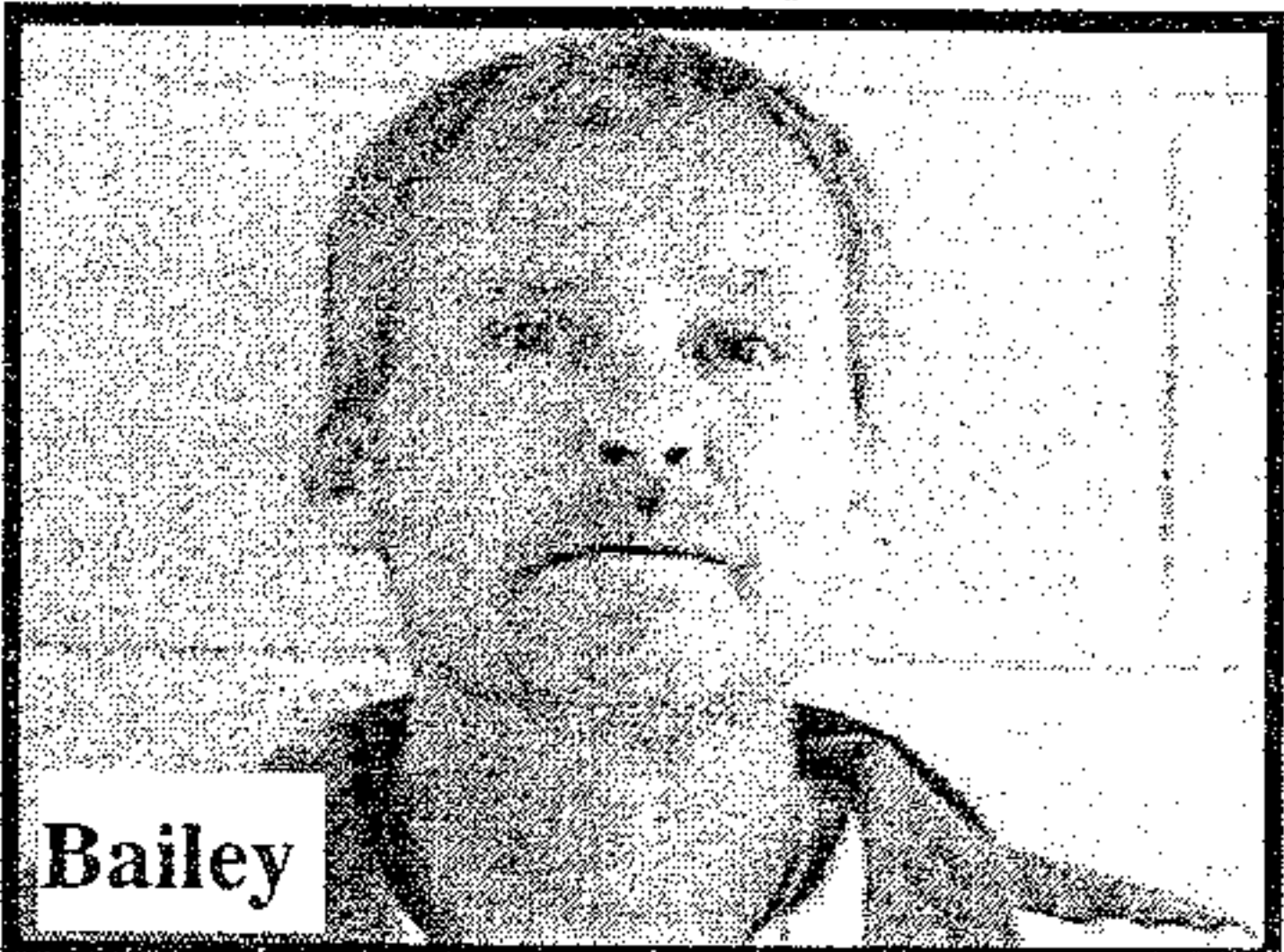


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## The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoo



Have you ever noticed that the times in our lives when we need

to trust God the most is often when we reach out to everyone except our Almighty Savior?

We look to our friends and family or a doctor to "fix" our problems and then we worry ourselves sick while trudging through the valleys of our lives.

It's easy to forget that the Lord is STILL in control of all things and the power He displayed through many miracles

in the Bible is no less today than it was in the beginning. I too am guilty of such faithlessness and lack of appreciation for the many blessings in my life.

This past Friday Angie and I were traveling through West Virginia on the way to our next mission opportunity in the Appalachian Mountains where we planned to serve our Lord and Savior during the holiday weekend. We were probably moments away from losing cellular service when I received a call from family informing me of a critical situa-

(see The Good News pg. 3)

### Discount Smoke & Ale Customer Appreciation Day huge success

The Bhalodia's, Mama Dee and Steve would like to thank the following for our great day on June 24, 2011:

A special thanks to Lisa Bennett for collecting door prizes, serving all the food

and organizing the event; we couldn't have done it without you!

A loving thanks to Linda, Shelly, and "the boys" for getting out the flyers and spreading the word.

(see Thank-You pg. 6)

### Fatal Accidents Decline 15 Percent in First Six Months of 2011

NASHVILLE -- Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) Colonel Tracy Trott announced

the preliminary number of people killed in fatal accidents on Tennessee's highways

(see Decline pg. 7)

#### Verse of the Day

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a

cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

#### Obituaries

Grant M. Brannon  
Margaret Duff Wampler

#### Wazzup

Is anybody hereabouts eating the cicadas? We

hear tell they are members of the shrimp family and are quite tasty. Yikes!! We'll bring you a recipe or two in the coming days...

#### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy,

chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 90s.

Tonight: Lows in the low 70s.

Tuesday: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows

in the low 70s.

#### Horoscopes

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Turn away from your worst problems -- just for now -- and deal with the little things that

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**The Good News**

tion back in Knoxville. My mom, Sherry Justice, had just been diagnosed with a bleeding brain aneurysm and was being transported to Fort Sanders Regional for an emergency procedure to stop the bleeding. Our mission trip was over at that moment. We drove back to K-town where we have spent most of our time since then waiting for scattered visita-

tion periods with a mostly unresponsive loved one who is desperately fighting for her life.

Let me tell you that I am not the crying type but I have cried like Angie watching a chick flick for almost a week. I have prayed, others have prayed with me and prayed for her, I have worried nonstop and stared at the ceiling wondering, "Why her? Why now?" I'm sure one of

you reading this has been there as well.

It is easy to trust the Lord when things are going smooth but we freak out at the exact moment that we should trust Him the most. Now I know that everybody calls upon the Lord when times are hard but that's not what I'm referring to; I'm talking about fully trusting Jesus with ALL aspects of our lives and having faith to believe that God

is in total control regardless of how WE expect the outcome. That is a whole different ballgame altogether!

The truth is that Mom is alive, breathing on her own, and showing signs of improvement. I have investigated sudden deaths before where an autopsy revealed a ruptured aneurysm very similar to hers. The doctors even told me that she was fortunate to be alive and that many don't survive at all. The truth is that God IS here and He is answering those prayers. Oh me of little faith! I should be thanking Jesus for all that I do have and trusting Him to take care of my life and everything in it.

*Mathew 8:23-27 (KJV)*

*"And when He was entered into a ship, His disciples followed Him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but He was asleep.*

*And His disciples came to Him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.*

*And He saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.*

*But the men marveled,*

*saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!"*

And yet I worry that an earthly doctor may miss something that could help my mother with her illness! Our Lord and Savior is capable of calming the seas, healing the sick, causing the blind to see, making the deaf to hear and raising the dead. He is also still in the business of providing everlasting life to anyone who will believe on Him and only trust in His promise. Jesus has spared my mom's life for another week and she is making progress. I am thankful that Jesus loves me in spite of my failure to completely trust Him this week. I'm thankful to have a mother who has loved me when some would have considered me unlovable. I will continue to hold her hand and tell her to hang on as long as Jesus gives her breath. I want to thank each of you who have bowed your knees to pray for my family during this difficult time in our lives. Please continue to pray for mom's recovery and that each of us learn to trust the Lord with all of our heart, all of our strength and all of our might. Thanks for reading.



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## Man pulls gun

Gary Dunn Bailey, 41, Calloway Drive was charged with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon with intent to go armed.

According to records, Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO responded to Crestview Circle Monday concerning a man with a gun. Upon arrival, the deputy made contact with the victim who stated Gary Bailey came to his house, got out of his vehicle and cocked a black handgun, pointed it at him and stated, "I will kill You."

Mr. Bailey was located leaving the scene. He told the deputy he did bring the weapon and wanted to talk to the man about him harassing his son.

Mr. Bailey also sated he only pulled the gun to hand it to his son when the man said he wanted to fight him.

A search of Bailey's vehicle produced a black 9MM automatic handgun from under the driver's seat. The weapon had a loaded magazine in it and a live bullet in the chamber.

Mr. Bailey was placed under arrest and duly charged.

## Daughter, husband, steal, extort from parents

Jason Michael Teague, 33, Pearl Drive, Lenoir City was charged with violation of parole and theft over \$1000.

Natosha Deanne Teague, 26, Old Highway 95, Lenoir City was charged with theft of property \$1000-\$10,000.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID; on March 17th, 2011, the victim reported she and her boyfriend returned home from vacation to find

her car and several items of personal property missing from her residence located on Old Highway 95 in Lenoir City. She contacted her daughter, Natosha Teague, who told her she had the car and her husband, Jason took the other items.

Neither Natosha Teague nor Jason Teague had permission to take the items from the residence.

(see Couple cont. pg. 6)

## Comptroller Investigation Reveals More Than \$1.2 Million Missing or Misspent by Medical Technology Nonprofit

Community Health Network, Inc., a nonprofit with a stated mission of providing medical technology to rural communities, lost or misspent at least \$1,266,395 over a three-year period, including more than \$700,000 from state grant funds.

The missing funds include more than \$90,000 in unauthorized salary and benefits paid to Keith Williams, the organization's former chief executive officer, and Paul Monroe, the organization's former assistant director.

Auditors also discovered that Williams and Monroe falsified grant invoices and grant reports and misused proceeds from a state grant to purchase unauthorized software at a cost of \$597,458.

Community Health Net-

work has managed a network of computer and video equipment that allowed doctors and nurses in remote health care facilities to transmit scans, images and test results to medical specialists in major medical centers hundreds of miles away. In 2009, Community Health Network had 17 member hospitals, clinics and other health care organizations that provided assistance to more than 100 clinics.

The Comptroller's Division of Municipal Audit conducted an investigative audit of Community Health Network's operations covering the 2007-2009 calendar years, with technical assistance from the Comptroller's Division of State Audit's Information Systems Audit Section.

Community Health Net-

work overbilled the state for another software purchase at a cost of \$131,163. And Community Health Network was unable to account for \$446,712 worth of grant funds provided by the Tennessee Health Foundation.

In addition to those wasted or misspent funds, Community Health Network spent \$1.47 million on a computer system that was never utilized and failed to properly process at least \$749,000 worth of grant applications requested by health care providers.

While working for Community Health Network, Williams also received compensation from a vendor that provided software to the organization. After his resignation from Community Health Network, Williams went to

work for the vendor as a paid consultant.

The review also uncovered other accounting and internal control issues, including failure to keep accurate records and failure to budget for recurring expenses such as software maintenance and telecommunication line fees.

"It is very unfortunate that public money intended to assist in providing health care to people in remote rural areas was wasted and abused in this fashion," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "The findings of our review are being forwarded to the State Attorney General's office and the District Attorney General's office."

The full report can be viewed online at: <http://www.comptroller1.state.tn.us/ma/>

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Transportation Committee Meeting

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We'd also like to thank our own personal families for putting up with the hours and Mama Dee offers a heartfelt thank-you to my husband, who puts up with the "evil side" of me and keeps the home

front in order!

Many thanks & love to all, Mama Dee, Steve & the Bhalodia's

### Couple cont.

During the investigation, some of the items listed by the victim as missing were located at area pawn shops, the sellers being both Natosha and Jason Teague.

Also during the investigation Mr. Teague called the victim and said if she would wire \$300 by West-

ern Union, he would tell her where the items were and if she didn't wire the money, they would find the car in pieces.

The total amount for the missing items is approximately \$9000.

Investigator Cosner made the arrests.

### House guest charged

Jason Earl Gage, 29, Cannon Avenue, Knoxville was charged with theft over \$500.

According to an affidavit filed by Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO-CID; on July 3rd, 2011, the female victim who lives on Murrays Chapel Road in Sweetwater reported to Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO she had a theft of items while she was away. She advised when she returned home she discovered her John Deere chain saw worth \$500 and race car cards worth \$2000 were taken from her residence.

The woman further

advised Jason Gage was staying at her home at the time.

Upon further investigation, it was learned Mr. Gage had been in a pursuit in Sweetwater and when stopped he had in his possession, the stolen John Deere chain saw. On Wednesday, July 6th, 2011, Lt. Upton interviewed Mr. Gage and he admitted he took the victim's chain saw and two race car cards on the weekend of June 24th, 2011, without her consent.

Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO served the warrant and made the arrest at the jail.

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**Decline**

and roads is down 15 percent for the first six months of 2011, compared to the same time period in 2010. The THP reports 440 fatalities in Tennessee from January

1 through June 30, 2011. That is 77 fewer than the 517 people killed in vehicle accidents during the same dates in 2010. These figures include all vehicular fatalities in Tennessee reported by law enforcement agen-

cies across the state.

Colonel Trott also noted the number of arrests made by state troopers for driving under the influence (DUI) has increased 30.7 percent for the first half of the year, compared to the same

time period in 2010. State troopers made 2,132 DUI arrests from January 1 through June 30, 2011. In 2010, the number of arrests made during that time was 1,631.

In addition to sobriety checkpoints, the THP also regularly holds seat-belt and driver license checkpoints across the state.

In 2010, a total of 1,031 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in Tennessee. Preliminary statistics indicate 289 people were killed in traffic crashes in 2010 that involved alcohol (28%).

Statistics for the recent Fourth of July holiday weekend are still being calculated and will be released at a later date.

**Wow, what a sis!**

Sarah Ann Sawyer, 'aka' Sarah Ann Mitchell, 29, Dry Valley Road, Loudon was charged with aggravated domestic assault.

According to an affidavit; Deputy Ron-del M. Branam, LCSO responded to Mur-

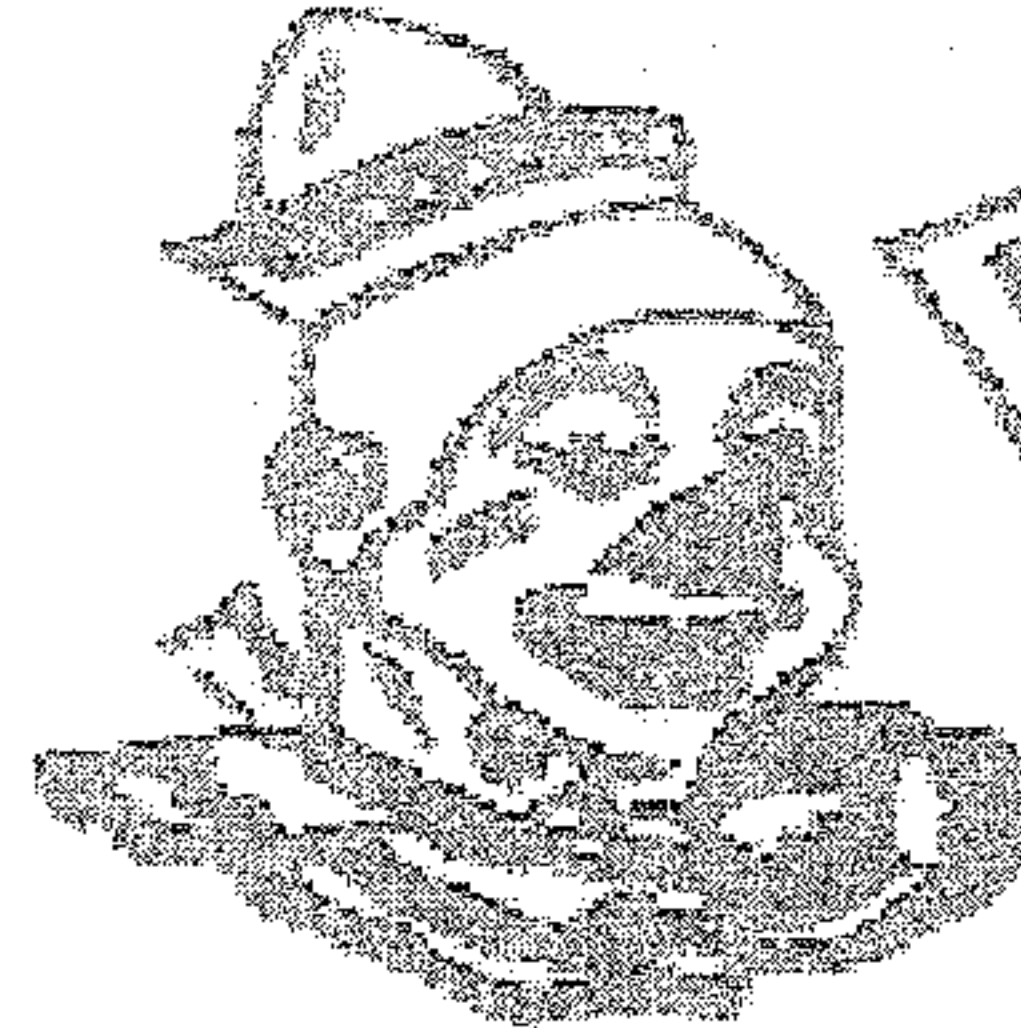
ry's Chapel Road in Sweetwater Sunday on a 3rd party call of a possible domestic between sisters. The victim advised her sister, Sarah A. Sawyer and her child were at the residence where they were having a birthday party for the victim's child. Sarah allowed her child to open the victim's son's birthday present and play with it. That caused a verbal altercation between the sisters.

As the victim went outside the residence trying to get away from Ms. Sawyer, Ms. Sawyer picked up bricks and started throwing them at her with the intent to do bodily harm. The victim stated she was in fear for her life so she left the residence with two male friends to get away from her sister.

When Deputy Branam arrived on the scene, Ms. Sarah Ann Sawyer had fled the residence and was not located at the time of the report.

Two days later, Deputy Branam served the warrant and arrested Ms. Sawyer at the Fort Loudoun Medical Center's Emergency Room on Tuesday.

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## Battery bandit busted

Jonathan Russell McGee, 24, homeless was charged with theft of property \$500-\$1000, and attempted theft of property \$500-\$1000.

According to records filed by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID; on June 27th, 2011, Mr. David Thompson was at his business when he observed a male subject attempting to remove batteries from

a truck that belonged to Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson confronted the man and the man fled the scene prior to removal of the batteries.

The batteries were valued at more than \$500 but less than \$1000.

Mr. Thompson said he found another truck on his lot with a total of four batteries missing from it, with each having a value of more

than \$500 but less than \$1000.

During the investigation, Jonathan McGee was interviewed about his involvement in the theft at that lo-

cation and Mr. McGee admitted to being the one who attempted to take the batteries on June 27th, 2011 and advised he took the batteries from the

other truck on the lot approximately 2 to 4 weeks prior. Detective Cosner made the arrest Wednesday at the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

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