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Tuesday August 9, 2011

Verse of the Day

Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

Psalm 144:11

Obituaries

Johnny William Adams

Wazzup

Happy Birthday Dan Bell - we hope it's super great!

A great big Happy Birthday to Myles Mitchell - we love you little blue eyes!!!

Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Ridings, may your special day be wonderful!

Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. A few storms may be severe. High near 90. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening hours. Skies will become partly cloudy overnight. Low 69. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Wednesday: More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Horoscopes

Leo 7/23-8/22

You need to push yourself to your limits or find ways to go

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Passed out at stop sign with pocket full of pills

A local man received his second DUI and several drug charges after he reportedly was found passed out behind the wheel of his vehicle at a stop sign where law enforcement officers discovered he could barely keep his eyes open.

William Matthew Allison, 28, 24720 Hines Valley Road, was charged with second offense DUI, simple possession of marijuana,

(see Allison pg. 3) Allison



Renter even takes trees!

A Georgia woman reportedly told police a man she had been renting a room to since 2009 moved out and took multiple items belonging to her, including her trees.

(see Renter pg. 7)

Property stolen

Mr. David M. Faughnan, Highway 11 West, Lenoir City reported the theft of items to Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSO, Thursday.

Records indicate Faughnan stated on

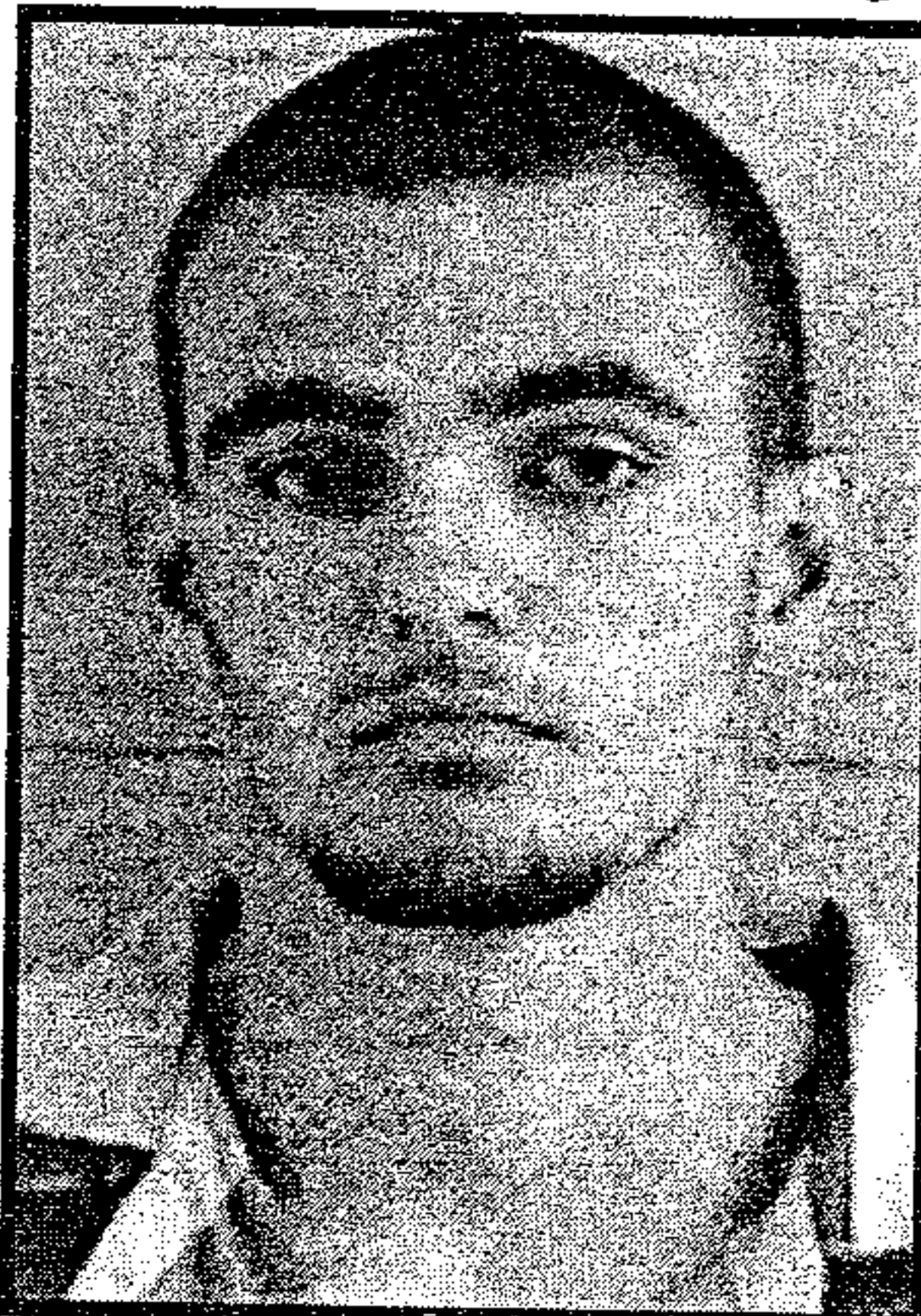
(see Stolen pg. 6)

Local charged with burglary

Detective Jack Fine charged a young local man with burglarizing a Lenoir City business after he reportedly broke out a window and took a set of keys to a vehicle he then drove off in.

James David Maples, 19, Cedar Circle, Lenoir City was charged with burglary

(see Maples pg. 6) Maples



Man charged with theft X 2

A Lenoir City man was charged with theft after he allegedly stole a computer and sold it then sold a game system to a local pawn shop where the victim had to pay to get it back.

Jeffrey Riley Veal, 29, Martel Road, Lenoir City was charged with two counts of theft.

(see veal pg. 8) Veal



THP Encourages Back to School Safety

NASHVILLE---The Tennessee Highway Patrol will assist local law enforcement efforts with a "Back to School" enforcement and educa-

tion campaign of their own, focusing on traffic safety in and around the school zones. State Troopers will target traffic violators, specifi-

(see Safety pg. 4)

MRSA: What you should know

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infection is caused by a strain of staph bacteria that's become resistant to the antibiotics commonly

used to treat ordinary staph infections.

Most MRSA infections occur in people who have been in hospitals or other health care settings, such as

(see MRSA pg. 5)

Allison

possession of schedule II narcotics and possession of schedule IV narcotics just before 2:00 PM Wednesday.

According to records, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO responded to a call of a drunk driver at the intersection of Gentry and Hines Valley Roads and arrived to find Allison standing

behind his vehicle, which was still parked in the roadway.

The lawman reported he spoke with a man who had called in the report and the complainant advised he'd pulled up behind Allison's vehicle at the stop sign and he could see that Allison was asleep behind the wheel.

Records indicate Al-

lison had very slurred speech, glassy eyes, which he could not keep open, and appeared to be very intoxicated on something.

Deputy Hamilton noted Allison could not follow directions, nor perform field sobriety tasks properly, and did not need to be operating a motor vehicle.

Upon placing Allison under arrest, the officer found a bottle of pills in his pocket. The bottle contained three oxycodone and four alprazolam. Allison also had a metal container with a marijuana roach in it taped to driver's side rear wheel well.

Deputy Hamilton concluded his report by noting, "While I was booking defendant he could not stay

awake during booking. Defendant also stated to me that he had taken two oxycodones and two alprazolam last night and they stay in him a long time."

Police Beat

Dewayne Armes Gresham, 36, Old Highway 95, Lenoir City was charged Wednesday, with violation of probation. Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO made the arrest.

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Obituaries

Johnny William Adams - age 73 of Lenoir City passed away Friday, August 5, 2011 at the Parkwest Medical Center. He was a member of Sixth Avenue Church of God. Johnny was retired from the Lenoir City Street Department where he was the Superintendent. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas W. and Tilda Mae Adams; sisters, Nora Lee Clingan and Lorelee Adams and brother, Beuce Adams. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ellen Morgan Adams; children, John Adams Jr., David Adams and Joanne Johnson and husband, Mark; grandchildren, Marcus Johnson and Chrystal Kerley; great grandchildren, Devyn Bailey, Joshua Mitchell, Caitlyn King, Isaiah Glandon and Brayden Kerley; sisters, Louise Overton of Alabama and Wanda Garrison of Georgia; several nieces and nephews. Graveside services were Monday at Loudon County Memorial Gardens.

Safety

cally those who speed in school zones and pass stopped school buses, as well as raise awareness on school safety in Tennessee. "The ultimate goal of the Tennessee Highway Patrol is to protect children from motorists who disregard the law, especially around the school zones," said Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons. "However, we must educate motorists, parents and children on the importance of safe pedestrian movement and accident prevention in order to ensure traffic safety. We all have a responsibility to make sure children travel to and from school safely."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

(NHTSA), from 2000 to 2009, 1,386 people died in school transportation-related crashes - an average of 139 fatalities per year. One hundred and thirty (130) school-age pedestrians (younger than 19) have died in school transportation-related crashes during that same time period, and 56 (43 percent) school-age pedestrians killed in school transportation-related crashes were between five and seven years old. NHTSA states more school-age pedestrians are killed between the hours of 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. than any other time of day.

"We are urging motorists to exercise caution, be alert and to slow down in school zones and around school buses," said THP Colonel Tracy Trott. "Our state troopers will not hesitate to hand

out citations, but that is not our objective. This enforcement campaign was designed to encourage everyone to practice safe driving and pedestrian habits."

Drivers who are found distracted, impatient and careless can expect to face stiff penalties. The speed limit is 15 miles per hour in school zones and the fine for speeding in a school zone is up to \$500. It is also against the law to pass a school bus when it is stopped and loading or unloading passengers. The driver can be fined no less than \$250 and up to \$1,000.

In 2010, State Troopers issued 3,186 citations in school zones. That's down from 5,445 citations issued in 2009. Of the 2010 citations, 739 were speeding violations, while two citations were handed out for

passing a stopped school bus. Since 2006, there has been a 21.0 percent decrease in the number of crashes occurring in school zones between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and the hours of 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. There was also a 20.3 percent decline in the number of school bus-related crashes between those same hours.

Each day, 26 million children in the United States ride school buses, including 600,000 in Tennessee, according to NHTSA. NHTSA reports approximately 21 students were killed while they were entering or exiting a bus in the U.S. last year. Close to 800 children are killed annually and many more injured going to and from school in a vehicle other than a school bus, according to the NSC.

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MRSA

nursing homes and dialysis centers. When it occurs in these settings, it's known as health care-associated MRSA (HA-MRSA). HA-MRSA infections typically are associated with invasive procedures or devices, such as surgeries, intravenous tubing or artificial joints.

Another type of MRSA infection has occurred in the wider community — among healthy people. This form, community-associated MRSA (CA-MRSA), often begins as a painful skin boil. It's spread by skin-to-skin contact. At-risk populations include groups such as high school wrestlers, child care workers and people who live in crowded conditions.

Staph skin infections, including MRSA, generally start as small red bumps that resemble pimples, boils or spider bites. These can quickly turn into deep, painful abscesses that require surgical draining. Sometimes the bacteria remain confined to the skin. But they can also burrow deep into the body, causing potentially life-threatening infections in bones, joints, surgical wounds, the bloodstream, heart valves and lungs.

Keep an eye on minor skin problems — pimples, insect bites, cuts and scrapes — especially in children. If wounds become infected, see your doctor.

There are different varieties of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria, commonly called "staph." Staph bacteria are normally found on the skin or in the nose of about one-third of the population. The bacteria

are generally harmless unless they enter the body through a cut or other wound, and even then they usually cause only minor skin problems in healthy people.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 1 percent of the population carries the type of staph bacteria known as MRSA.

MRSA is the result of decades of often unnecessary antibiotic use. For years, antibiotics have been prescribed for colds, flu and other viral infections that don't respond to these drugs. Even when antibiotics are used appropriately, they contribute to the rise of drug-resistant bacteria because they don't destroy every germ they target. Bacteria live on an evolutionary fast track, so germs that survive treatment with one antibiotic soon learn to resist others.

Because hospital and community strains of MRSA generally occur in different settings, the risk factors for the two strains differ.

Risk factors for HA-MRSA include: Being hospitalized. MRSA remains a concern in hospitals, where it can attack those most vulnerable — older adults and people with weakened immune systems; Having an invasive medical device. Medical tubing — such as intravenous lines or urinary catheters — can provide a pathway for MRSA to travel into your body; Residing in a long term care facility. MRSA is prevalent in nursing homes. Carriers of MRSA have the ability to spread it, even if they're not sick themselves.

Risk factors for CA-MRSA include: Participating in con-

tact sports. MRSA can spread easily through cuts and abrasions and skin-to-skin contact; Living in crowded or unsanitary conditions. Outbreaks of MRSA have occurred in military training camps, child care centers and jails; Men having sex with men. Homosexual men have a higher risk of developing MRSA infections.

MRSA infections can resist the effects of many common antibiotics, so they are more difficult to treat. This can allow the infections to spread and sometimes become life-threatening.

MRSA infections may affect your bloodstream, lungs, heart, bones or joints.

Doctors diagnose MRSA by checking a tissue sample or nasal secretions for signs of drug-resistant bacteria. The sample is sent to a lab where it's placed in a dish of nutrients that encourage bacterial growth. But because it takes about 48 hours for the bacteria to grow, newer tests that can detect staph DNA in a matter of hours are now becoming more widely available.

Both community- and health care-associated strains of MRSA still respond to certain antibiotics. In some cases, antibiotics may not be necessary. For example, doctors may drain a superficial abscess caused by MRSA rather than treat the infection with drugs.

In the hospital, people who are infected or colonized with MRSA often are placed in isolation as a precaution to prevent the spread of MRSA. Visitors and health care workers caring for people in isolation may be required to wear protective garments and must follow strict hand hygiene procedures. Contaminated surfaces

and laundry items should be properly disinfected.

Tips for preventing CA-MRSA include: Washing your hands. Careful hand washing remains your best defense against germs. Scrub hands briskly for at least 15 seconds, then dry them with a disposable towel and use another towel to turn off the faucet. Carry a small bottle of hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol for times when you don't have access to soap and water; Keep wounds covered. Keep cuts and abrasions clean and covered with sterile, dry bandages until they heal. The pus from infected sores may contain MRSA, and keeping wounds covered will help keep the bacteria from spreading; Keep personal items personal. Avoid sharing personal items such as towels, sheets, razors, clothing and athletic equipment. MRSA spreads on contaminated objects as well as through direct contact; Shower after athletic games or practices. Shower immediately after each game or practice. Use soap and water. Don't share towels; Sanitize linens. If you have a cut or sore, wash towels and bed linens in a washing machine set to the hottest water setting (with added bleach, if possible) and dry them in a hot dryer. Wash gym and athletic clothes after each wearing. (www.mayoclinic.com)

Police Beat

Michael Dewayne 'Tattoo' Ross Jr. 48, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with failure to pay child support.

Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

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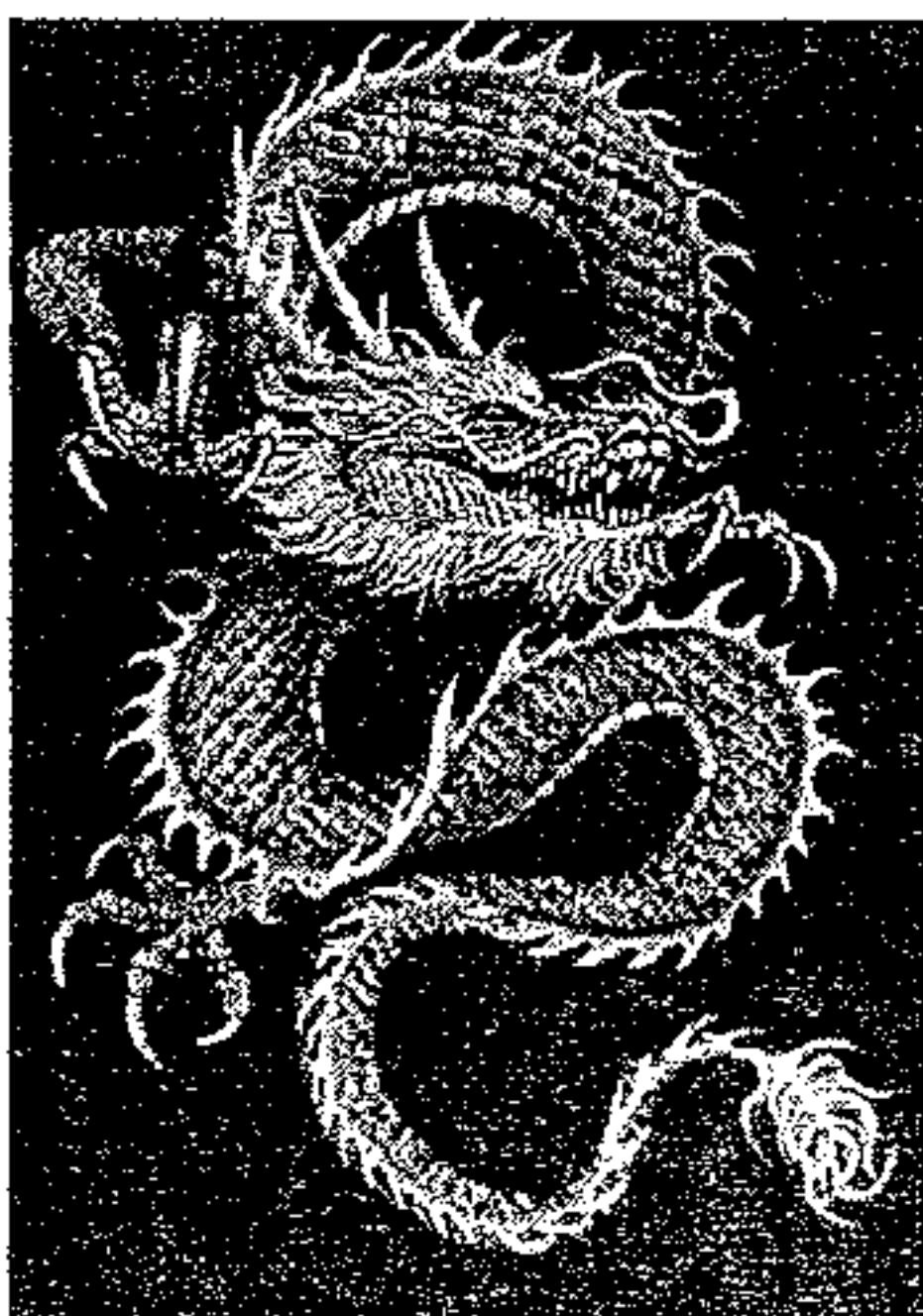
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Renter

According to records, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO responded to a residence on Wade Road West to take a theft report Thursday. The complainant, Lori

A. Wiles of Locust Grove, Georgia stated she had been renting her home on Wade Road to a man since October 20th, 2009 and on July 24th, 2011 she went to the property and discovered her renter took

several items from the home that belonged to her.

Ms. Wiles further stated the man, whom she identified, had to move out by July 3rd due to unpaid monthly payments and a judgment

from Loudon County General Sessions.

The missing items were described as a black 20 hp Yard Machine riding lawn mower, a Pro Mart stainless steel gas grill with a side burner, a light blue reclining lift chair, a red leather sofa, four Leyland cypress trees and ten shrubs.

The estimated value of the loss was \$4043. The theft was turned over to an investigator.

Police Beat

James Tyler Gracie, 20, Elm Grove Street, Loudon was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday.



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Veal

According to records, on October 17th, 2010, Mr. Veal was at a residence on East 1st Avenue, in Lenoir City where he took a Dell laptop computer and sold it.

The total value of the

property was \$1200.

Then on May 14th, 2011, Mr. Veal sold a Sony PS3 player with 2 controllers and 4 games to Executive Jewelry and Pawn.

The property was reported stolen on May

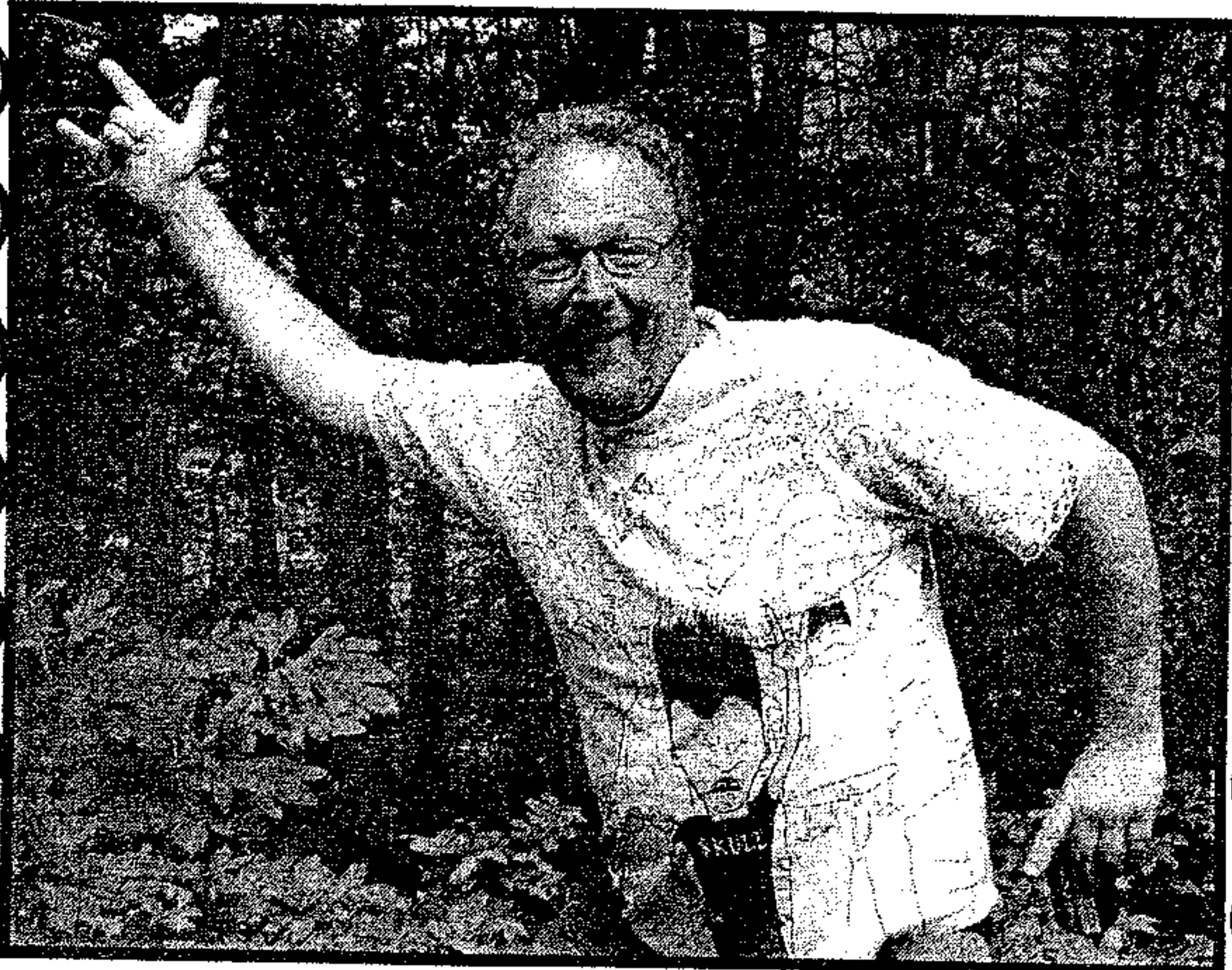
17th, by the victim. The victim chose to pay the \$70 to the pawn shop get his property back.

Investigator Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest Wednesday.

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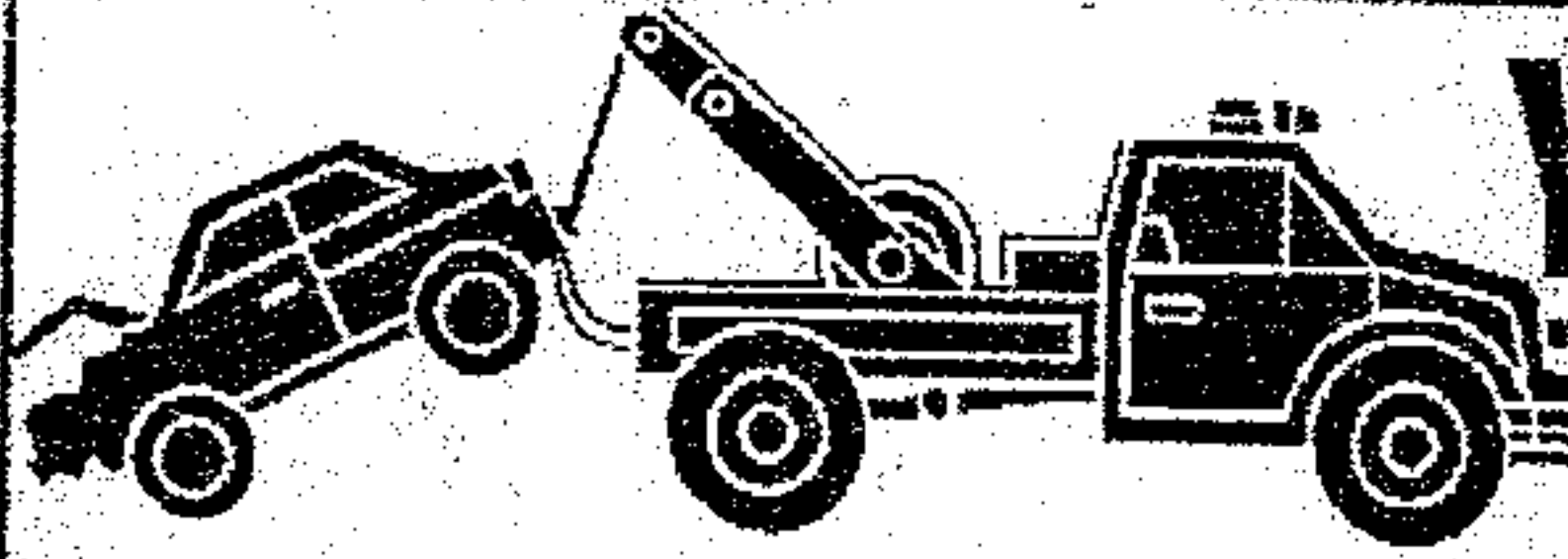


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