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Tuesday September 20, 2011

1 of 3 in last week's chase brought to Loudon County to face meth charges

One of three people who reportedly were involved in a chase that ended in Monroe County September 14th has been brought to Loudon County to face methamphetamine and related charges in a case that resulted in the apprehension of two, and a stern advisement from the District Attorney for a third suspect to turn himself in to the nearest law enforcement agency.

Arnita Derinda Sikes, 38, Corntassel Road, Madisonville was charged with promoting the manufacture of methamphetamine, felony possession of drug paraphernalia, and fleeing lawful arrest.

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Sikes

August State Unemployment Rate 9.7 %

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development Karla Davis announced Tennessee's unemployment rate for August was 9.7 percent, down from the July revised rate of 9.8.

(see Unemployment Rate pg. 5)

27" television, game system stolen

Authorities were called to a Shaw Ferry Road residence when a man returned home to

(see Stolen pg. 8)

Forging father's checks lands local in jail

Detective Jonathan Sartin arrested a Lenoir City man Thursday on charges he forged at least three of his father's checks for money. The man received another charge involving a check when a warrant for passing a worthless check caught up to him at the jail.

Joseph Winton 'Joe Joe' Vincil, Jr., 27, Jim Hartsook Drive, Lenoir City was charged with writing a worthless check, three

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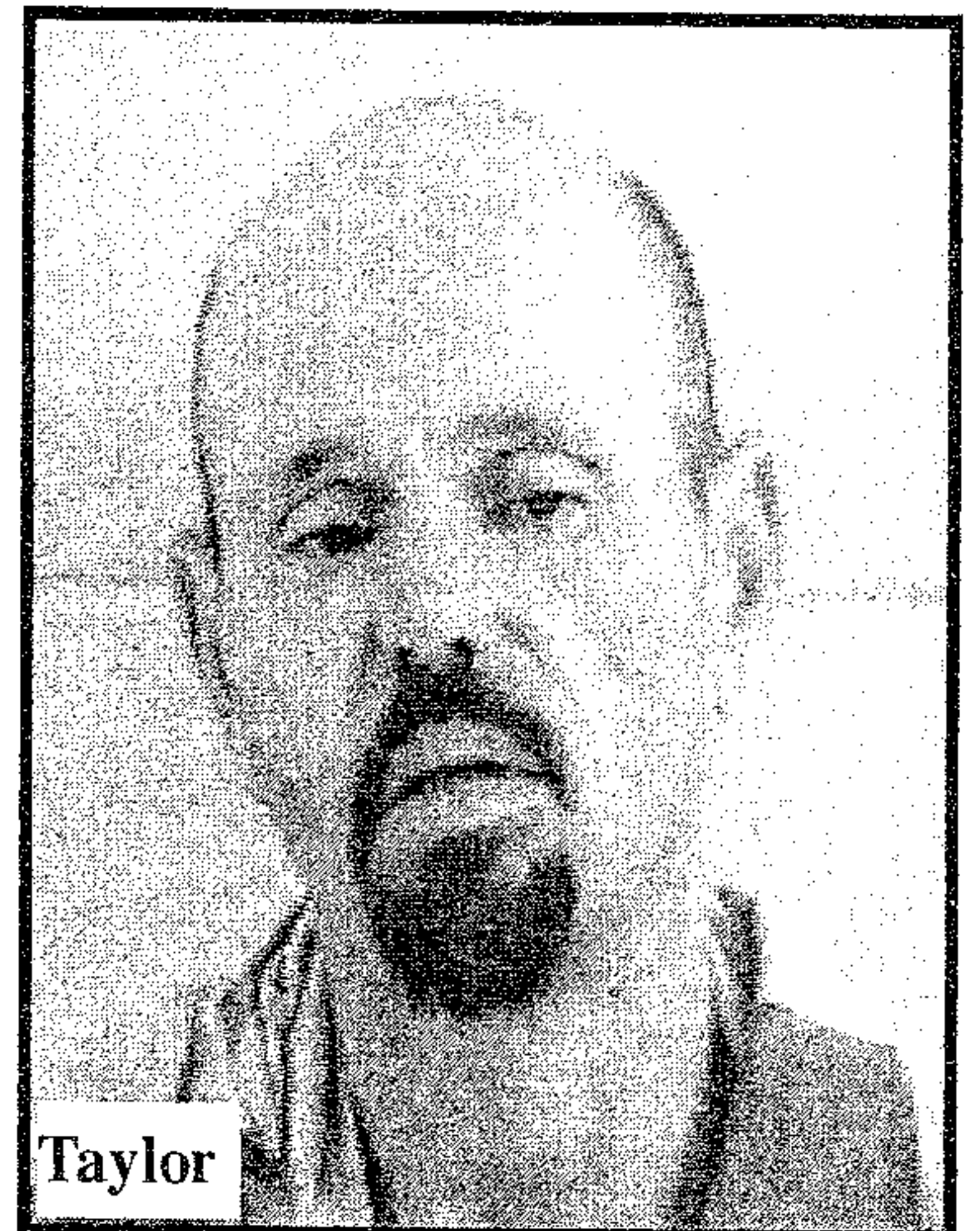
Vincil

Revoked driver doesn't know when to quit

A Loudon man who has revoked license went to jail when police ran the expired tag on his vehicle and it came back registered to another car. He went back to jail five days later when he reportedly wrecked the same car and fled the scene of an accident with property damage.

Ronald Jack Taylor, 38, Collins Street, Loudon was charged with driving on revoked license 2nd offense.

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Taylor

Verse of the Day

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be

measured to you again."

Luke 6:38

Obituaries

Naomi Ruth Adams Blackburn
Dorothy L. "Dot" Dunn
Terry Cagle Massey
Doctor Peggy (Giffin) Savage
McWilliams
Howard E. Bobo

Jean A. Szabat

Wazzup

Here's wishing you the best of luck and a speedy recovery, Sam Eldridge - we're all praying for you.

Weather

Today: Showers in the morning with isolated thunderstorms ar-

riving in the afternoon. High 81. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Tonight: A few clouds. Low 61. Winds light and variable.

Wednesday: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.

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Vincil

counts of check forgery and three counts of theft under \$500.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about August 20th, 2011, Joseph Vincil, Jr. took a check drawn on his father's account and wrote it out for \$250 and signed it. He cashed the check at ORNL Credit Union

on Highway 321 in Lenoir City.

On August 22nd, 2011, Vincil took two more checks drawn on his father's account and cashed them at ORNL in the amounts of \$375 and \$150.

Detective Sartin made the arrest Thursday.

Vincil, 27, Jim Hartsook Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with a worthless check.

According to another affidavit filed by Mr. Bobby Fritts of West Hills Market; on June 26th, 2011, Joe Vincil gave Mr. Fritts a check for \$20 in consideration of merchandise. The check was deposited in the regular course of business and found to be account closed.

Corporal Angi M. Martin, LCSO served that warrant on Mr. Vincil while at the Loudon

County Jail Friday.

Police Beat

Mark Alan Romaella, 45, Christian Drive, Clinton was charged with violation of order of protection.

According to the affidavit, filed by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID, on August 29th, 2011, at approximately 11:00 AM, the General Sessions Court of Loudon County granted the order of protection petition filed by Mrs. Romaella against her husband Mark Alan Romaella for a period of one year.

At approximately 11:30 AM, a family member was sitting on the front porch of the residence on Kagley Drive in Lenoir City where she observed a black Dodge Durango pull into a neighbor's drive, back up, and stop along the edge of the yard.

The driver rolled down the window and yelled at the family member requesting her to come to the vehicle. She identified the driver as Mark Romaella and the passenger as his girlfriend.

Mr. Romaella questioned her about his estranged wife's financial situation and if she'd had a new roof put on the residence.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Thursday at the jail.

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Taylor

According to records, on Friday, September 9, 2011, Corporal Michael Watkins, LCSO observed a gray Chevy Lumina traveling south on Interstate 75 near the 81 mile marker. The license plate on the vehicle expired in April of 2011. A check through NCIC revealed the plate was registered to a 1991 Mercury.

Corporal Watkins conducted a traffic stop and the driver stated his name was Ronald Jack Taylor and he didn't have a drivers license, they were revoked for DUI.

A check through NCIC confirmed Mr. Taylor's drivers license are revoked with a prior charge of driving on revoked in November of 2001.

Mr. Taylor was taken

into custody. He also received citations for driving an unregistered vehicle and financial responsibility.

Taylor was arrested again just five days later on September 14 after he reportedly was driving his Chevy Lumina and wrecked, causing property damage. He fled the scene, but was located a short time later and taken into custody.

In the second incident, Taylor was charged with leaving the scene with property damage and driving on revoke license.

According to those reports, Sgt. William Evans, LPD was dispatched to a reckless driver in a gray Chevy

Lumina in the area of Highland Avenue and Vale Street Wednesday night. The vehicle in question crashed into a fire hydrant and a parked Ford Ranger in the front yard of 843 Vale Street.

The driver, later identified as Ronald J. Taylor, fled the scene and abandoned the Lumina approximately one mile later at Fort Hill and Collins Street. He left on foot and went to 208 Collins Street. He was found at that residence at approximately 8:30 PM.

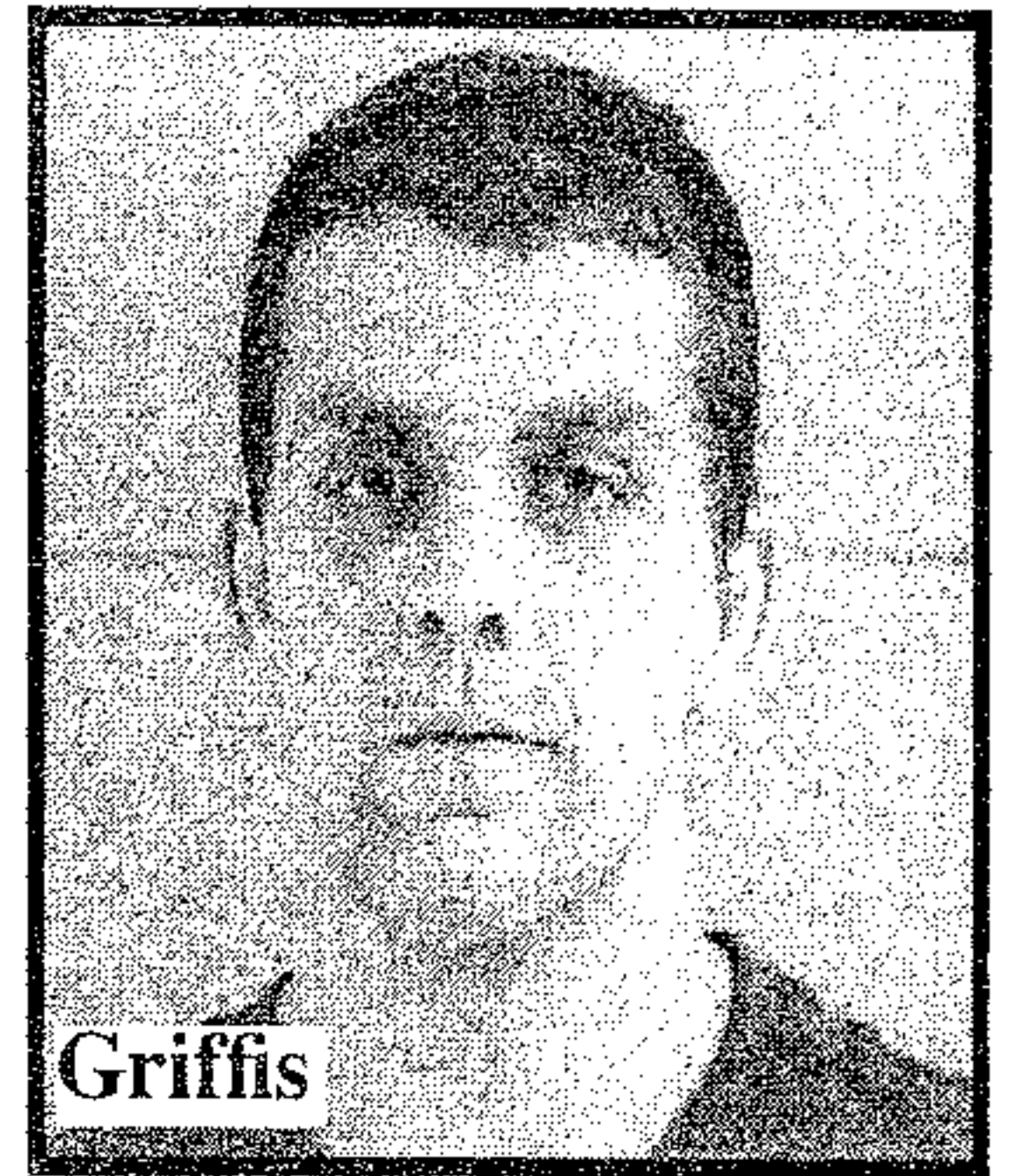
Mr. Taylor admitted to driving the Chevy Lumina and striking the fire hydrant and the parked vehicle.

A check through

NCIC confirmed Mr. Taylor's license are revoked. Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was also on the scene.

Indicted

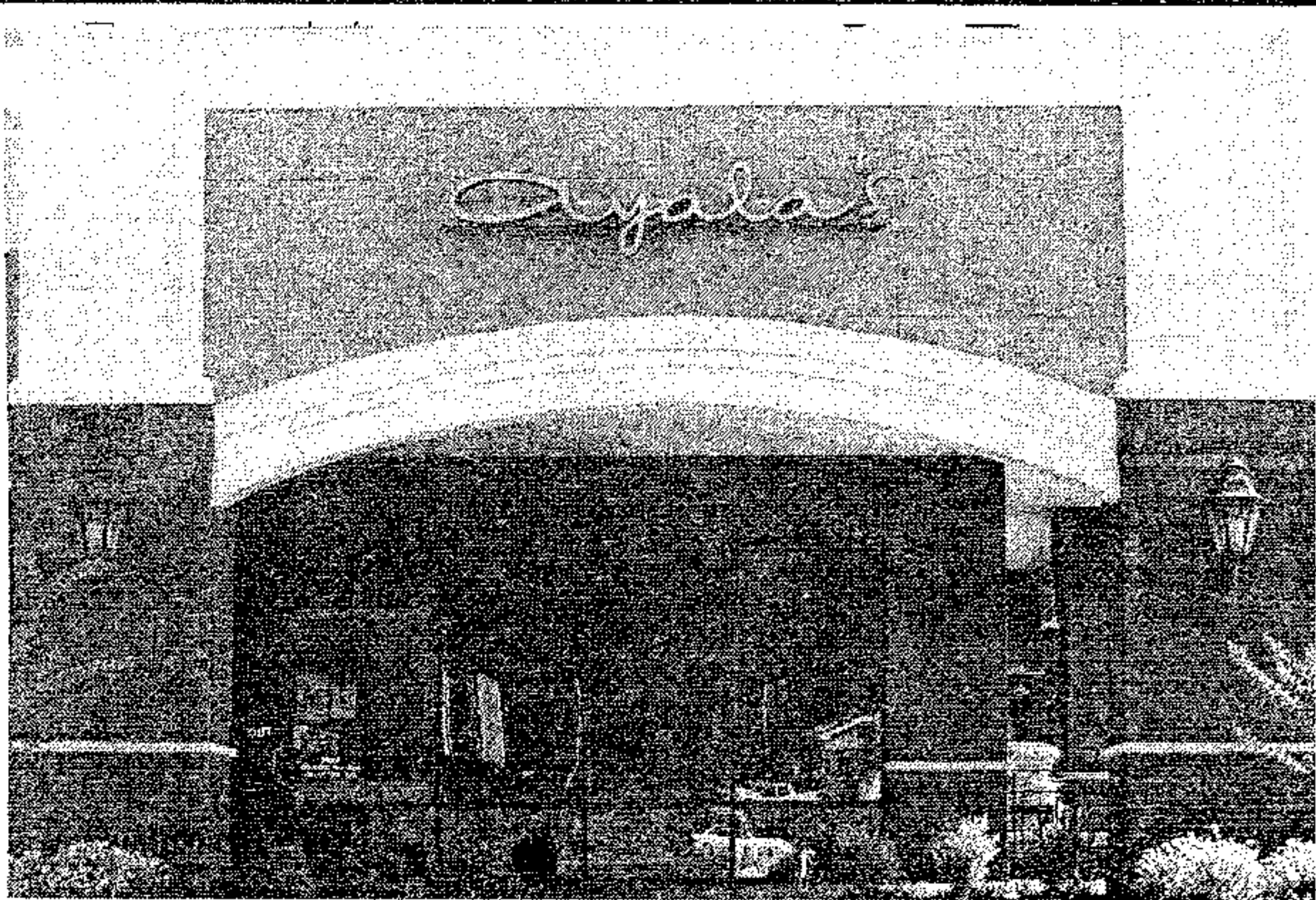
John Wesley Griffis, 30, Highway 321 north, Lenoir City was charged with a criminal court capias for failure to appear on original charge of: sexual offender registration violation.



Deputy Bruce Padgett, LCSO served the warrant at the Loudon County Jail.

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Sikes

lawful arrest.

According to records, Wednesday afternoon, Agent Brendan DeBoer, 9th DTF observed Sikes in the Walgreens parking lot acting sus-

picious after buying a pseudoephedrine based product. Sikes walked to a waiting vehicle at the Weigels gas station on Highway 321 in Lenoir City.

DeBoer followed the Chevy Blazer and wit-

nessed it fail to maintain it's lane by crossing over the center yellow line numerous times as well as traveling 60 mph in a 50 mph zone on Highway 444 in Loudon. The lawman attempted to

stop the vehicle using his audible and visual emergency equipment but it failed to stop, increasing it's speed to 90 mph at times. It passed several vehicles over the double yellow line and attempted to elude Agent DeBoer on a chase that went into Monroe County and ended on Eves Mill Road in a corn field.

Ms. Sikes was a passenger in the vehicle and when it came to rest she got out and ran into the woods. She was apprehended after she made it a short distance into the woods and crossed a creek.

The male occupants in the vehicle had a previous history of methamphetamine activity.

A search of the Blazer was performed for inventory purposes and numerous types of drug paraphernalia were found including, but not limited to, Coleman fuel, batteries and individual baggies commonly used to package narcotics.

Ms. Sikes was found to be over her limit for pseudo purchases in a 30 day period in July and August of 2011. She was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID and Lt. A.J. Yokley, LCSO were also on the scene.

A press release issued last week by the (see Sikes cont. pg. 8)



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Stolen

find someone had broken in and stolen his television and gaming system.

According to records, Deputy Chuck Butler, LCSO took a report Sunday on the burglary of a Lenoir City man's residence. Mr. David T. Sanders told the officer he left his residence to go pick up some food and when he returned home, he noticed his Toshiba 27" television and a Nintendo Wii game station were missing.

Mr. Sanders said the windows and doors were secure and he was unsure how the home was entered.

The total value of the loss was estimated at \$1000. The theft was turned over to an investigator.

Sikes cont.

Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office advised a Monroe County Sheriff's K-9 and its handler, B.J. Johnson, captured Jonathon Best of Madisonville in a barn a short distance from the vehicle. Best was believed to be the driver of the vehicle and was transported to the Monroe County Sheriff's Department for a Violation of Probation.

The third suspect who was not found was later identified as Anthony Plemons of Madisonville.

Plemons is facing numerous charges in Loudon County and is advised to turn himself in to the closest law enforcement agency.

The three individuals involved all have pending charges for evading law enforcement and narcotics

violations related to methamphetamine.

Police Beat

Adam Wayne Norman, 31, West 2nd Avenue, Lenoir City was

charged with failure to appear.

Lt. Gil Morgan, LCPD served the warrant Wednesday at the Loudon County Jail.

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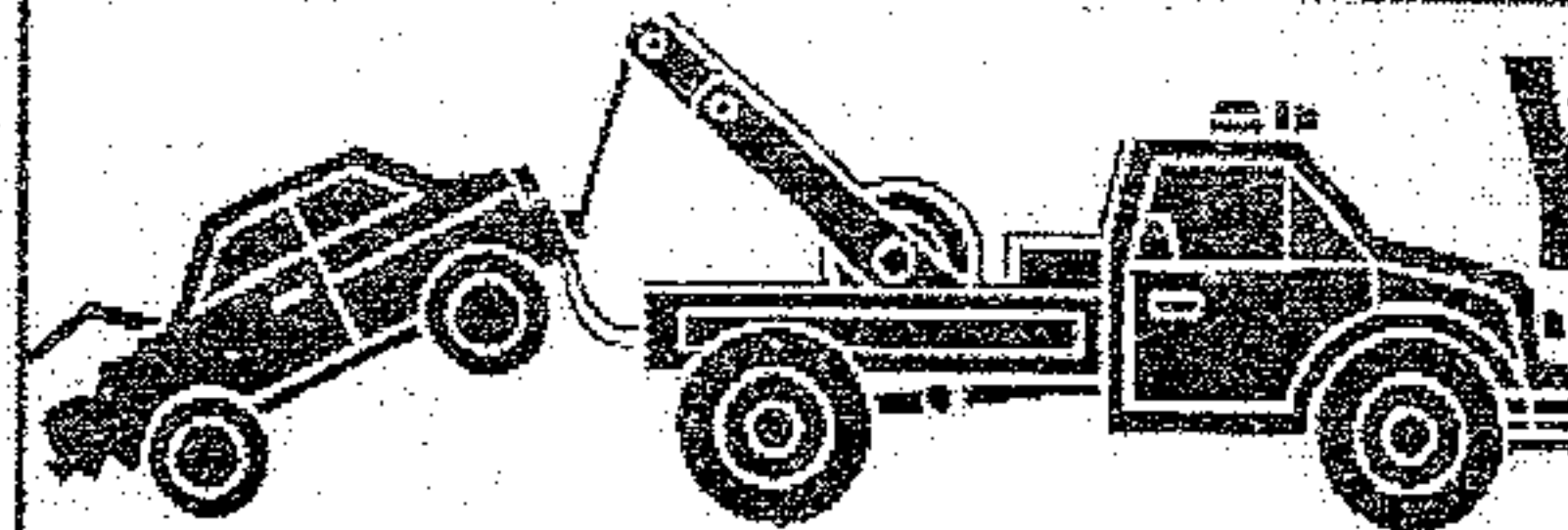


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