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Thursday, September 22, 2011

GUILTY: Local father convicted of raping, photographing son, 2

A Loudon County man was convicted of the rape and sexual exploitation of his then two-year-old son while the toddler was visiting him at his Dunn Ridge residence last year.

Edward William "Eddie" Crandall, 24, was found guilty of felony charges of aggravated child rape, sexual exploi-

(see GUILTY pg. 3)



Crandall

Man charged with striking autistic toddler

A Lenoir City man was charged with domestic assault after he allegedly hit his autistic toddler, bruising his temple, when the child became fussy during feeding time.

Daniel Joseph Maples, 26, 8th Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with domestic assault.

The report states, Officer K. Sennett, LCPD responded to the scene of a domestic assault Thursday

(see Maples pg. 7)



Maples

Blaring racket results in arrest

When authorities responded to a disturbance call at a Philadelphia residence Thursday night, Officers reported they had to go inside to turn a blaring stereo off themselves so they could speak to the occupants. One man, however, re-

(see Christopher pg. 4)

Falling down drunk & disappearing, then reappearing

(see Charged pg. 6)

Officer Chris Law arrested two local persons Saturday after responding to a disturbance call and reportedly finding one so drunk she fell multiple times while trying to go inside and the other, who disappeared for a few minutes, also in a heav-

Jeep & boat trailer stolen from boat ramp

A Madisonville man called police Sunday to report his vehicle and boat trailer missing when he returned to the boat ramp after a fishing trip.

Mr. Jeremy Medina, Ed- (see Stolen pg. 5)

Indictments continue to trickle in



Paul Kristopher Young

Age 45, Southbreeze Circle, Knoxville was charged with a Loudon County Criminal Court capias for DUI 1st offense.

Deputy James Stegall, LCSO made the arrest Saturday.



Brittani Lauren Flint Mueller

Age 22, Mealer Road, Lenoir City was charged with a capias warrant out of Loudon County Criminal Court for initiation of process in manufacture of methamphetamine.

Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO made the arrest Monday.

Verse of the Day

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

2 Corinthians 5:10

Obituaries

Dorothy L. "Dot" Dunn

Wazzup

Thank you for all your help and hard work on my case, Detective Jack Fine. You truly are one of Lenoir City's finest!

Weather

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy

with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms possible in the afternoon. High 83. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 30%.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening, then mainly cloudy overnight. Low 61. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 30%.

Friday: Showers, maybe a rumble of thunder. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your mental energy is sharper than usual today, so make the most of it! You can reason

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GUILTY

tation and aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor after a Loudon County Grand Jury deliberated less than an hour Tuesday.

Crandall was arrested in early July 2010 after Agent Daniel Schneider, 9th DTF and other officials executed a search warrant at a camper Crandall lived in beside his grandparents Dunn

Ridge home. The search resulted in the seizure of a laptop computer, a digital camera and a media card.

The media card contained naked photos of Crandall's son and an explicit image of a man, whom authorities testified was Crandall, and the little boy. The computer had approximately 25 child porn videos and about 200 images of child porn stored on it.

Following the raid, Crandall met with the agent at the Knoxville Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Office where he also talked with Detective Tom Evans of the KPD's I.C.A.C. The conversation, Crandall stated he had removed the toddlers clothes and performed a sexual act him. He then said he again laid the little boy on the couch, mounted

him and performed a sexual act.

Schneider testified that when he confronted Crandall about the images of his son, he said Crandall at first was calm, but then cried and admitted he molested the toddler.

Crandall was not married but had visitation rights with his son, who lived with his mother, at the time of Crandall's arrest.

In closing arguments, Assistant District Attorney General Frank Harvey told jurors, "He raped his son, he took a picture of it and he downloaded child pornography."

Candall cried when the jury foreman read the verdict.

Judge Eugene Eblen set sentencing for Oct. 31. Crandall, who will remain in jail, faces prison time on the felonies.

Police Beat

Joshua Alan Moore, 20, Stockton Valley Road, Philadelphia and Fabian Pedro Aguilera, 18, Upper Street, Loudon were charged with, under-age consumption.

The report states, Sgt. Joe Foster, LCPD notified Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO about two subjects walking on Foster Road. Sgt. Bowen made contact with them just off Browder Hollow Road and Mr. Moore stated he was going to a buddy's house down the road but couldn't give an address to the house.

Moore and Aguilera had an odor of alcohol on their persons.

Sgt. Bowen asked them if they had been drinking and they both said they had. They did poorly on field sobriety tasks and were arrested for under-age consumption.

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Obituaries

Dorothy L. "Dot" Dunn, who is originally from Siler City, NC and resided in east Tennessee for 41 years passed away in Loudon Saturday night, September 18, 2011 at age 84. She was preceded in death by husband, Thomas A. Dunn; mother and father, Mildred and Henry Lowe; and her sisters, Muriel Moody and Helen Barrett. She is survived by daughter, Marilyn L. Adams; grandson, Thomas A. Adams; and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City, Thursday evening, September 22nd from 6 to 8 pm. Graveside services will be held Friday, September 23rd, 11 am at Highland West Cemetery in Knoxville, TN with Rev. Kim Isley officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be A. D. White, Tom Vance, Phil Cole, and Harris Porter. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City, TN is in charge of arrangements.

Christopher

portedly turned it right back and was taken to jail when he began arguing and would not cooperate.

James Roy Christopher, 67, Christian Street, Philadelphia was charged with disturbing the peace.

According to records, Deputy James Stegall, LCSO responded to Christian Street Thursday night on a disturbance call. Upon arrival, the deputy heard loud music coming from a trailer. The front door was open and there was four people inside.

The lawman reported he stood at the door for several minutes and then stepped into the doorway. Mr. Christopher was asked three times to turn the music down and refused. Records indicate Corporal Michael Watkins, LCSO had also responded to the home and stepped over Christopher to turn the radio off. Just as the lawman got it turned off,

Christopher turned it back on and at that point became argumentative and refused to comply.

Mr. Christopher was very intoxicated and was taken into custody for his safety and the safety of others.

Police Beat

Christopher Alan Miller, 48, West Seventh Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to reports, Friday, around 3:27 PM, Officer Jason Felts, LCPD noticed Christopher Alan Miller driving a white Honda Accord pulling out of Ingles parking lot and onto McGhee Boulevard.

Officer Felts, having prior knowledge Miller's license are revoked, pulled him over in the Walgreens parking lot.

A check of Miller's Tennessee ID revealed he was indeed revoked.

Mr. Miller was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Jordan Alexa Brummette, 18, Rock Springs Road, Lenoir City was charged Thursday with violation of probation.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest.

Ryan Andrew Palmer, 23, Thistle Way, Maryville was charged with failure to pay child support.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

Matthew Brian Guider, 23, East Sixth Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Officer Allen Bean, LCPD made the arrest Friday at Rock Springs Park.

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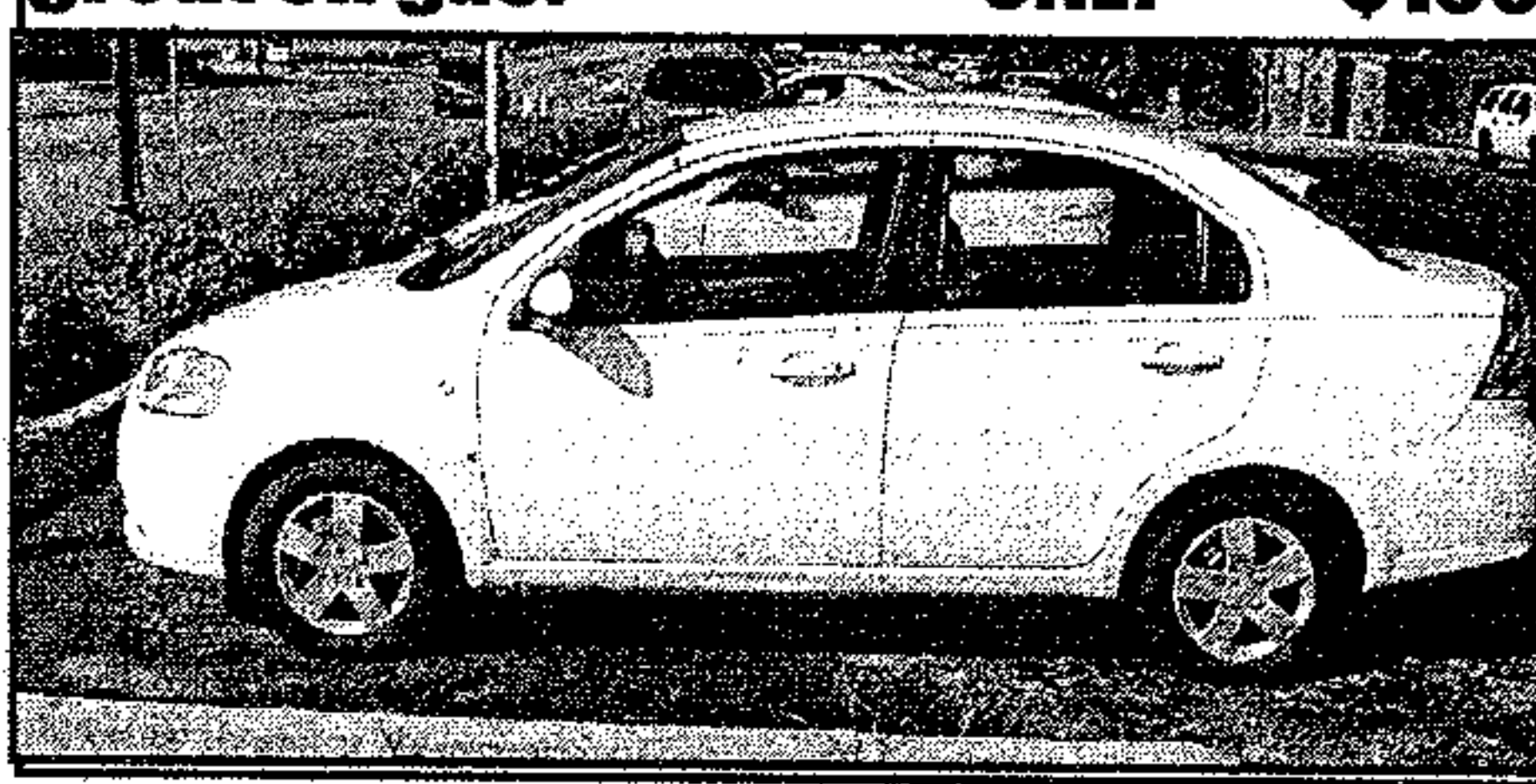
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Stolen

wards East Street told Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO when he returned from fishing he found his Jeep and Bear brand boat trailer were gone.

The Jeep was described as a black 1990 Jeep Wrangler with oversized wheels and tires. His Bear boat trailer was also black in color.

The total value of Mr. Medina's loss was estimated at \$7000. The case was turned over to a investigator.

Police Beat

Tammy Sue 'Connor' Conner, 42, County Road 656, Athens was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO served the warrant Wednesday at the jail.

Larry Eugene Justice, 33, Lakeview Drive, Loudon, was charged with failure to appear.

Robert Earl Sorah, 46, Emory Road, Knoxville was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO made both arrests Wednesday at the Knox County Jail.

Ryan Joseph Smith, 27, Breedlove Road, Rockwood, was charged Wednesday, with violation of probation. Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO, made the arrest at the Roane County Jail.

Danny Ray Dunn, 32, Finn Long Road, Friendsville was charged with violation of probation.

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

Study Finds Uniform Grade Standards Haven't Significantly Changed Eligibility for Lottery Scholarships

There are as many or more public high school students eligible for lottery scholarships based on their grade point averages as there were before the state standardized the grading scale five years ago. That is the key finding in a report released today by the Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA).

Before a uniform grading system was implemented July 1, 2006, grade point scales varied from school district to school district. For example, some districts regarded scores between 90 and 100 as A grades, while other districts treated scores of 95 to 100 as A's.

That meant the numerical grade point averages awarded by school districts varied, which had the potential to affect eligibility for some students seeking Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships.

The report, titled "Evaluation of Tennessee's High School Uniform Grading Policy," includes survey data from school districts across the state. Most of the survey respondents said the standardized scale was identical to or more lenient than the scales they had been using prior to the implementation date.

OREA concluded that the number of students who qualify for lottery scholarships based on grade point averages alone had remained the same or increased slightly over the

last five years.

The report, which is available online at <http://www.comptroller1.state.tn.us/OREA/>, addresses several other issues, including:

Despite the standardized scale, grading can vary from district to district, school to school and even classroom to classroom. Therefore, eligibility for lottery scholarships based on grade point averages alone can still vary among students of similar academic ability.

Although the change in state law requires standardization for the purpose of determining lottery scholarship eligibility, school districts are free to report grade point averages differently on student transcripts. These transcripts are often used by colleges and employers in evaluating recent high school graduates.

Private schools are not required to follow the standardized scale in determining their students' eligibility for lottery scholarships.

School districts have the option of adjusting grades for honors or advanced placement classes. However, not all schools offer those types of courses. That creates the potential for some students to have advantages or disadvantages in qualifying for lottery scholarships by grade point average.

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Charged

ily inebriated state.

Kristi Dawn Hartman, 32, A Street, Lenoir City and Christopher Bradley Newcomb, 24, Doyle Street, Lenoir City were charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Saturday, at approximately 12:19 AM, Officer Chris Law, LCPD was dispatched to 800 West Fourth Avenue in reference to a disturbance call. Upon arrival, the officer observed Ms. Hartman and Mr. Newcomb unsteady on their feet.

Ms. Hartman had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. When Officer Law asked her to go inside she fell on the ground three

times.

In the meantime, Mr. Newcomb disappeared from the scene and after making contact with him again, Newcomb had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and smelled of an intoxicating beverage.

Officer Law found Ms. Hartman and Mr. Newcomb to be a danger to themselves and others and took them both into custody.

Police Beat

James Anthony Shaffer, 45, Peble Court, Lenoir City was charged with assault domestic violence.

According to records, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO re-

sponded to a residence on Peble Court Wednesday on a domestic dispute. The victim stated her husband, James Shaffer had been drinking and she went down to the bedroom and got into bed. When Shaffer came busting in the bedroom, he jumped on the bed and started hitting her about the head and telling her he hated her. He then pushed her out of the bed.

Mr. Shaffer wasn't at the residence when Deputy Brewer arrived but when he went to his patrol unit after finishing his report another deputy

spotted Mr. Shaffer's car on Highway 70 headed back towards the residence.

Deputy Brewer pulled to the entrance of the subdivision and saw Mr. Shaffer's orange Mustang with a white center stripe pull into the church across from the subdivision.

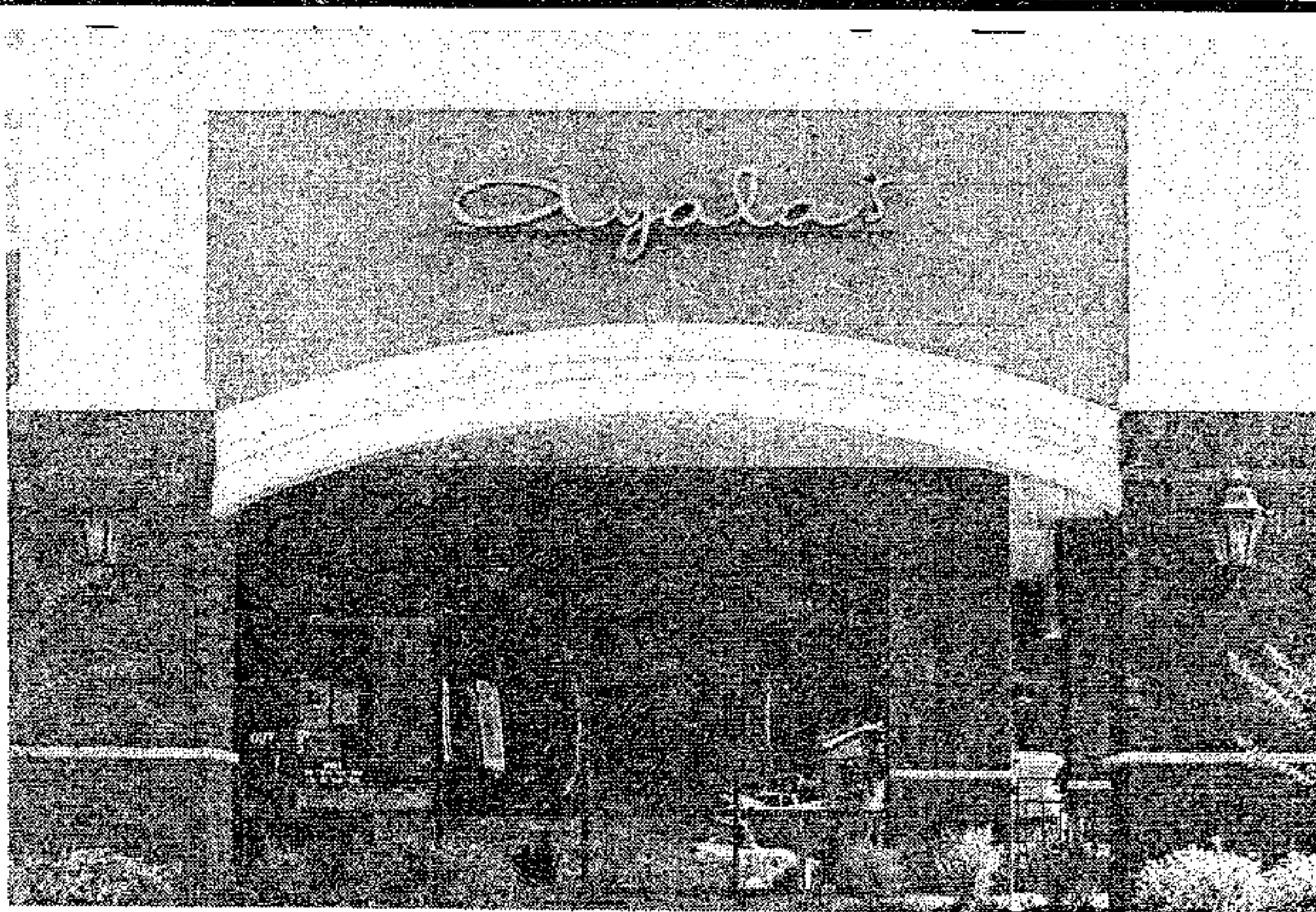
The deputy approached the vehicle

and found James Shaffer was the driver.

Mr. Shaffer was not willing to talk about what went on at the residence and was vague when talking about what happened. He had an odor of an intoxicating beverage about his breath and person, bloodshot eyes and admitted to having at least 3 beers.

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Student

afternoon where he determined Mr. Maples had been feeding his 2 year old son when the child became fussy and wouldn't eat his dinner.

Mr. Maples hit the child with a closed hand, according to the child's mother.

The little boy was checked out by EMS at the scene and appeared to be OK, but did have a red bruise forming at

his right temple.

Mr. Maples stated his son is autistic and the boy's mother told the officer Mr. Maples has done this in the past.

She further stated that before police arrived Mr. Maples apol-

ogized to her for hitting the child.

An older child at the home told officers he was very disappointed in his dad for doing this.

Maples was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Police Beat

Starr Lee Ann Miller, 31, Grove Street, Loudon, was charged Friday, with violation of probation.

Deputy Brandon Dix-

on, LCSO, made the arrest at her residence.

Sarah Lynis 'Sassy' Smallwood, 23, Park Street, Sweetwater was charged with failure to appear on a possession of drug paraphernalia charge out of Lenoir City Municipal Court. Officer

Allen Bean, LCPD, made the arrest Monday at the Monroe County Jail.

Floyd Joey Edwards, 41, Mealer Road, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Monday at the Knox County Jail.



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