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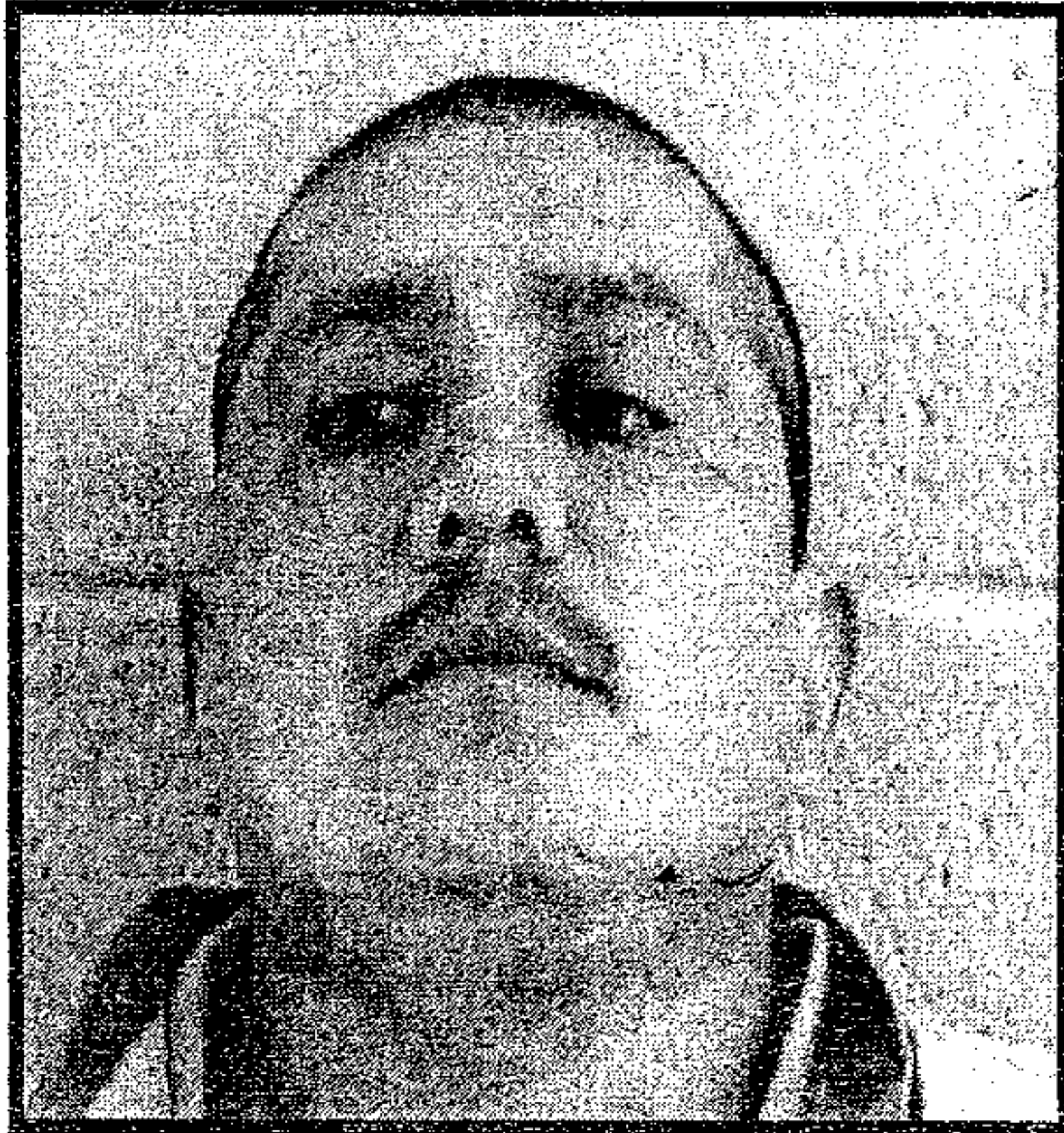
Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Man accused of using knife in assault

A Lenoir City man is accused of threatening another man with a steak knife during an argument Thursday evening.

Roberto Carlos Ortiz, 31, West Fourth Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with aggravated assault.

According to reports, Mr. Ortiz was at a residence on Waller Street in Lenoir City Thursday where he got into a



(see Ortiz pg. 3) Ortiz

Man goes to jail after public dispute

A local man was escorted to jail after he allegedly became belligerent and uncooperative with police officers who were attempting to intervene in an argument he and his girlfriend

reportedly were having at a Lenoir City market.

Jesse Ray Huffine, 23, Norwood Street, Lenoir City was charged Sunday, with disorderly conduct.

(see Huffine pg. 6)

Man disrupts investigation, goes to jail

A Philadelphia man was taken to jail when he allegedly refused to stop cussing and be-

ing belligerent and let a law enforcement officer conduct his investigation into a theft

(see Gamsjager pg. 5)

Unlicensed driver hits bridge

Police arrested a local man after responding to an accident call and finding the unlicensed

driver had hit a bridge wall.

Julio Cesar Mendez Gomez, 37, Lenoir City was charged

(see Gomez pg. 6)

Criminal impersonation

Authorities took an Ohio man who was arguing with his girlfriend at Exit 81 into custody after he reportedly attempted to lie multiple times about his identity.

Timothy Wayne Gatliff, 23, Morgan Road, Cleves, Ohio was charged Friday, with criminal impersonation.

According to records, Deputy James Stegall, LCSO was

(see Gatliff pg. 7) Gatliff

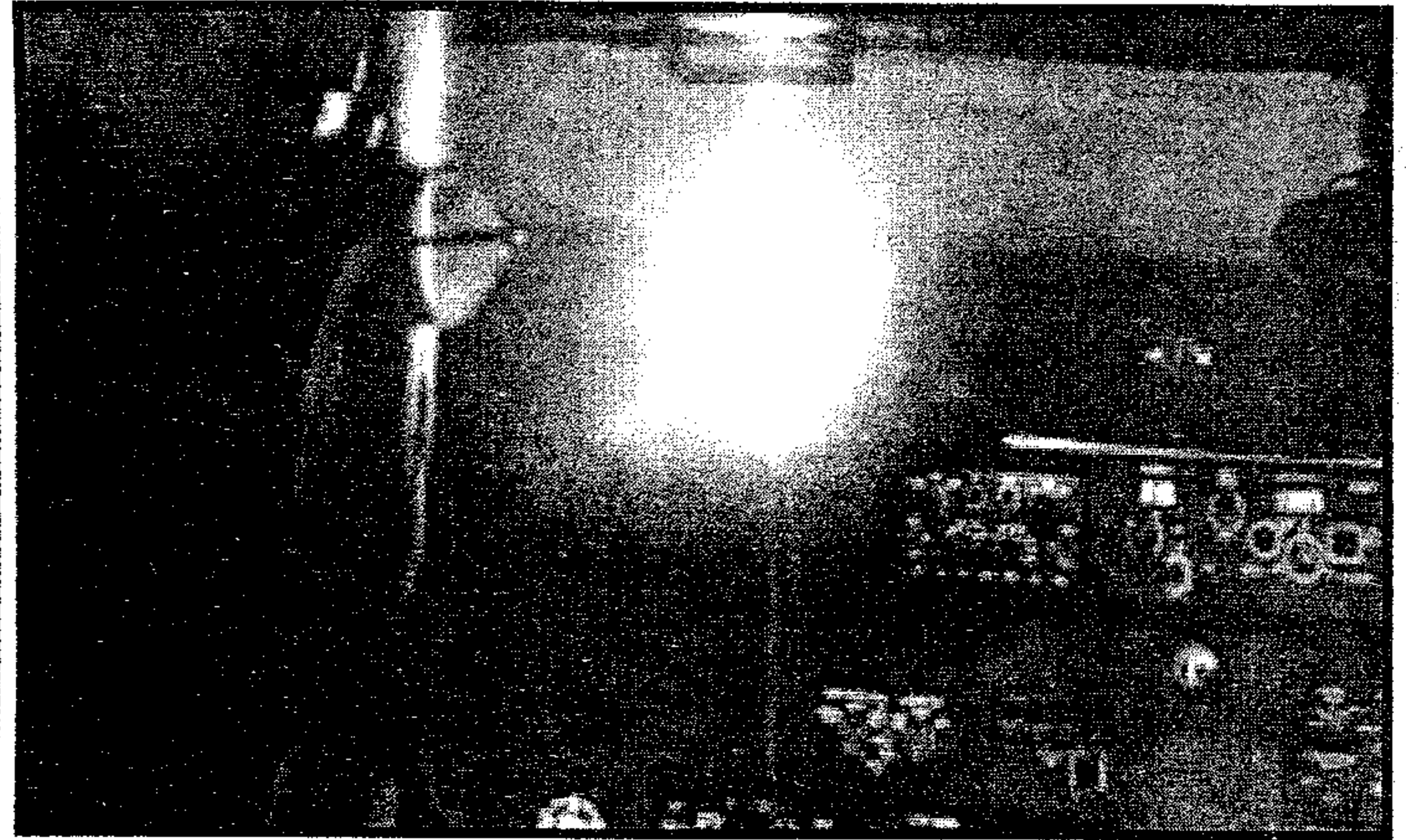


Cattle trailer stolen

Authorities were called to Road location over the weekend to investigate the larceny of a cattle trailer from a Fooshee

(see Stolen pg. 7)

Making a Point about Lasers: Illegal Use of Devices a Serious Crime



What appears as a dot of light on the ground can illuminate an entire cockpit, disorienting a pilot or causing temporary blindness. (see Lasers pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

Deuteronomy 19:20

Obituaries

Peter A. Raft

Connie McMurtery Moore

Wazzup

It's time to break out the sweaters and jackets because Autumn is definitely upon us and will soon feel like it. The corn mazes are opening up and plans are being made for upcoming spookiness and pumpkin fun!

Weather

Today: Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 81. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: A few clouds. Low 58. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the

mid 50s.

Horoscopes

Libra 9/23-10/22

Get in touch with an old friend today -- your social energy is making you somewhat nostalgic. At least one person is trying to get in touch with you, but

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Ortiz
a argument with the vic-
tim.

Mr. Ortiz reportedly
picked up a four-inch
steak knife and began
waving it in a threaten-
ing manner at the vic-
tim. The victim was in
fear for his safety and
life.

Officer B. Brown,
LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Epifanio Ramirez Or-
tiz, 32, Malachi Circle,

Knoxville was charged
Saturday with driving
on suspended license.

According to reports,
Mr. Ortiz was the driver
of a gray GMC Yukon,
involved in an accident
at 1850 Old Highway
95 in Lenoir City. The
accident involved prop-
erty damage greater
than \$400.

Mr. Ortiz could not
produce a drivers li-
cense or proof of in-

surance and his license
had been suspended for
failure to provide evi-
dence of financial re-
sponsibility.

He was taken into
custody and transported
to the Loudon County
Jail by Deputy Mike
Williams, LCSO.

Huffine

According to records,
Officer Kevin Condee,
LCPD responded to
West Hills Market on a

report of a disturbance.
He encountered Mr.
Huffine as he came out
of the market. Huffine
had apparently been in-
volved in a verbal do-
mestic dispute with his
girlfriend.

Huffine began making
derogatory comments
towards her, causing the
argument to resume. He
was escorted around the
corner of the building
to diffuse the situation,
and as LCPD Officers
B. Burley and Condee

attempted to question
Huffine about the inci-
dent, he was uncoopera-
tive, interrupting ques-
tions and cursing loudly.

Huffine was warned
several times to cease his
behavior as he was caus-
ing a disturbance, but, he
continued his belligerent
behavior, cursing loudly
at the officers, thereby
causing a disturbance in
a public place.

Huffine was placed
under arrest and trans-
ported to the jail.



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Lasers

Justin Stouder was aiming a laser pointer at a distant tower from his suburban St. Louis yard one April evening in 2010 when a police helicopter appeared in his line of sight more than a mile away.

At the time, the 24-year-old had no idea that his decision to point the laser at the helicopter was a federal felony—or that the beam of light might have serious consequences for the pilot and his crew.

“It’s equivalent to a flash of a camera if you were in a pitch black car at night,” said St. Louis Metropolitan Police Officer Doug Reinholz, the pilot on patrol that night when Stouder’s green hand-held laser “painted” his cockpit. “It’s a temporary blinding to the pilot,” he said during a recent news conference highlighting the danger of lasers directed at airplanes and helicopters.

Interfering with the operation of an aircraft is a crime punishable by a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, and laser incidents are on the rise. Since the FBI and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) began keeping records of laser events in 2004, “there has been an exponential increase every year,” said Tim Childs from the Federal Air Marshal Service, who serves as a liai-

son officer with the Bureau on laser issues.

In 2009, there were 1,489 laser events logged with the FAA—that is, pilots reporting that their cockpits were illuminated by the devices. The following year, that figure had nearly doubled to 2,836, an average of more than seven incidents every day of the year. And the overwhelming number of the incidents involved green lasers—especially dangerous because the human eye is most susceptible to damage from the yellow-green light spectrum.

Hand-held lasers—about the size of fountain pens—are used legitimately by astronomy hobbyists and in industrial applications. Anyone can purchase one, and technology has made them inexpensive and more powerful. Lasers costing as little as \$1 can have ranges of two miles—strong enough to target a variety of aircraft.

And what appears as a dot of light on the ground can illuminate an entire cockpit, disorienting a pilot or causing temporarily blindness. That’s because the farther the beam travels the more spread out it becomes. “At 500 feet,” Childs said, “that two-centimeter dot you see on your wall can be six feet wide.” To date, no aircraft have been lost as a result of laser incidents, he added, but there have been eye injuries, and perpetrators have gone to jail.

Those responsible for “laser-ing” aircraft fit two general

profiles, Childs explained. “Consistently, it’s either minors with no criminal history or older men with criminal records.” The teens are usually curious or fall victim to peer pressure, Childs said. The older men simply have a reckless disregard for the safety of others. There are also intentional acts of laser pointing by human traffickers or drug runners seeking to thwart airborne surveillance, Childs added.

As for Justin Stouder, the helicopter pilot he lasered helped guide police to his house, where he was arrested minutes after the incident.

“I had no idea it illuminated the whole cockpit and blinded everybody inside,” Stouder said during the news conference. He offered a public apology and volunteered to tell his story in the hopes of educating the public about the dangers of laser pointing. “It was really a selfish mistake,” he said of his actions.

Gamsjager

complaint at a neighbor’s house.

Steve Ray Gamsjager, 61, Christian Street, Philadelphia was charged with disorderly conduct.

According to reports, Saturday, around 2:36 PM, Deputy J. Schultz, LCSO answered a theft call on Christian Street. On arrival, the deputy made contact with the complainant.

While investigating the theft, Mr. Gamsjager wouldn’t stop cursing and interrupting the interview. Deputy Schultz

warned the man he was interfering with his investigation and he needed to go home, as he was a neighbor of the complainant and lived close by. He also explained the definition of disorderly conduct. The deputy then tried to proceed with his investigation and Mr. Gamsjager informed him he did not give a d#mn, stating he wasn’t afraid of the law.

Gamsjager became belligerent and refused to allow Deputy Schultz to finish his investigation.

Deputy Schultz then took Gamsjager into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Police Beat

Ariel Vargas, Reed Springs Road, Philadelphia was charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Deputy James Stegall, LCSO was on patrol Saturday night, in the Philadelphia area when several motorists advised him a man was walking in the middle of Pond Creek Road. The man was identified as Ariel Vargas.

While speaking with Vargas the deputy smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and Vargas was unsteady on his feet.

Mr. Vargas was deemed a danger to himself and others. For his safety, he was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

George Scott Mizer, 24, Caldwell Road, Loudon was charged Thursday with violation of probation.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest at the McMinn County Jail.

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Gomez

with driving without a license and financial responsibility.

The report states, Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD responded to a motor vehicle accident on McGhee Boulevard Thursday, around 6:02 PM and discovered a pickup truck had hit the wall of the bridge just past Rock Springs Road.

The driver was identified as Julio Gomez and NCIC revealed he did not have a valid drivers license. Mr. Gomez also stated he didn't have insurance.

Gomez was placed into custody.

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Police Beat

Alfredo Garcia-Sanchez, 28, Highland Avenue, Maryville was charged with failure to appear on a driving on revoked license charge.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Sunday at the

Blount County Jail.

Robert John Davis, 30, Tennessee Avenue, Greenback was charged with violation of probation and failure to appear.

Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO made the arrest Saturday.

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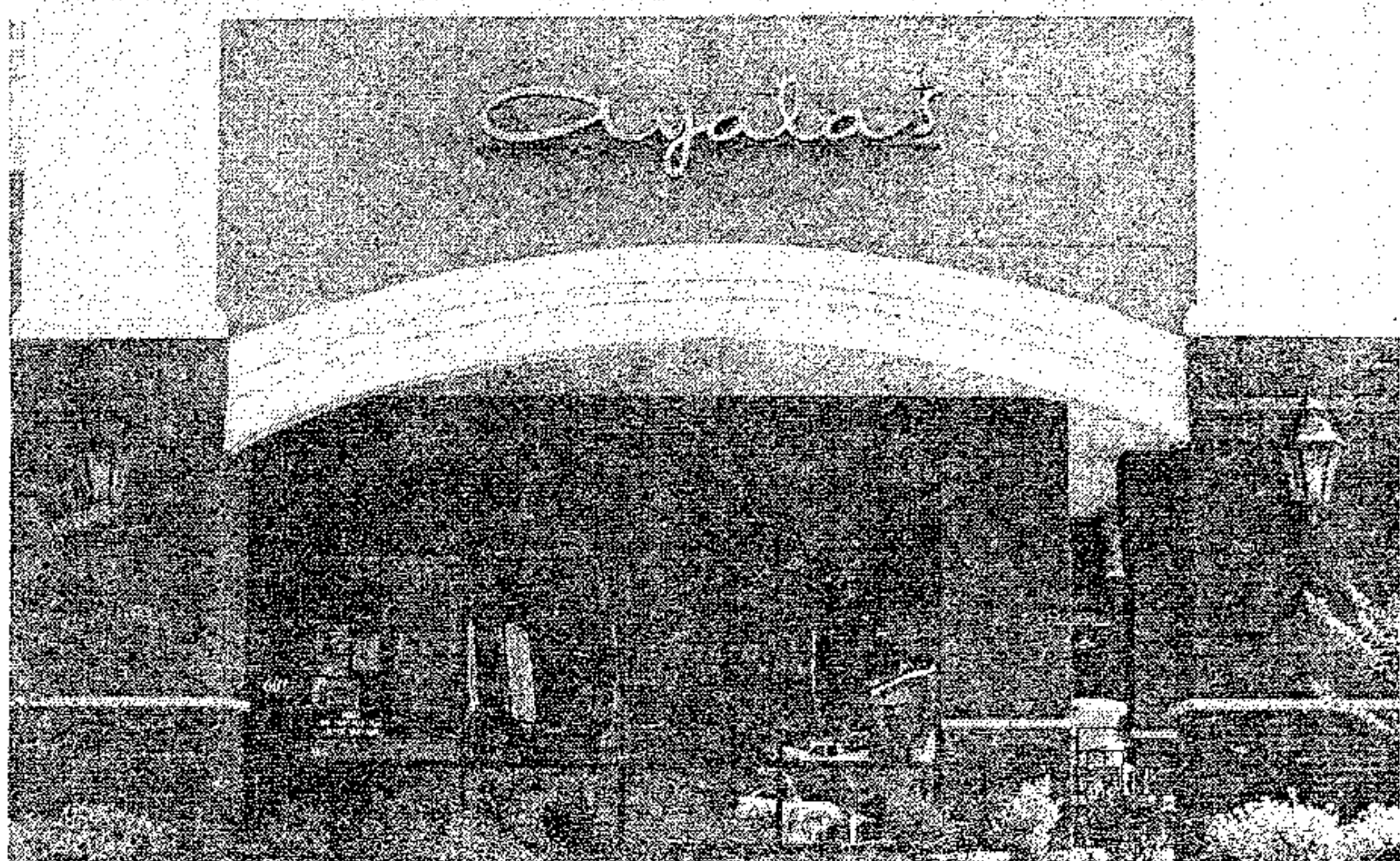
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All bids must be received no later than Friday, October 7, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. and a formal bid opening will take place at that time. All bids should be mailed to Lenoir City Utilities Board, Attn: Leon Shields, 200 Depot Street, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771. LCUB has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.



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Gatliff

exiting on the north-bound exit 81 of Interstate 75, when a woman flagged him down. The 20 year old woman from Ohio and her boyfriend Timothy Gatliff

were having a domestic dispute on the off-ramp. While getting information, Mr. Gatliff gave the deputy three names and dates of birth and different social security numbers.

During a search of

their blue Dodge Stratus, Mr. Gatliff's real identity was discovered after the woman was asked several times and several prison letters addressed to Gatliff were found in the trunk.

Mr. Gatliff was taken

into custody.

Stolen

According to reports, Saturday, around 9:34 AM, Deputy J. Schultz, LCSO, answered a theft call on Fooshee Road and made contact with Mr. Henry Purdy, Jr. who stated his red 16' bumper hitch Hurst cattle trailer had been taken from his carport at his home place across from 4063 Fooshee Road.

The theft occurred between 6:30 PM, Friday, and 8:30 AM Saturday and Purdy said the trailer had dents in both fenders, the floor was made of 2x4's and 1x4's and the right tail light was broken out.

The value of the loss

was estimated at \$1200. The investigation is ongoing.


Police Beat

Travis Blake Langley, 27, Oakland Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with criminal trespassing.

According to records, Mr. Langley was spotted in apartment 6 G at McGhee Square Apartments by Randy Daugherty, manager of McGhee Square.

Langley was previously barred from all McGhee Square properties and was notified of his restriction on March 18th, 2011.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD served the warrant and made the arrest Wednesday.



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The Loudon County Sheriff's Office is again able to offer the Toys for Tots program. Beginning Tuesday, September 6, 2011 applications will be available at the Loudon County Sheriffs Department and the Department of Human Services in Lenoir City. Applications will be accepted for children from Age 1 through 8th grade. ALL applications must be returned to the Loudon County Sheriff's Department by October 14, 2011. It is requested that everyone please submit their application as soon as possible. Applications must also include a copy of the parent or guardian's 2010 Federal Income Tax Return. Names will be available in late October through business and churches. If your business or church would be willing to take names please call Debbie Hines, Toys for Tots Coordinator at 988-2300.

Loudon County Humane Society spay/neuter voucher pickup days

Loudon County Humane Society has been conducting a spay/neuter program for low-income/no-income families in Loudon County for many years. To be eligible for the program, you must be a resident of Loudon County and earn less than \$20,000/year as an individual or \$30,000/year for a household. If you are a qualified resident and are interested in participating in this program, please attend a voucher session beginning at 10:00 AM at one of the following dates and sites:

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Police Beat

Barry Green, 55, Highway 411. Greenback was charged Monday, with violation of probation.

Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSO, made the arrest.

Gregory Clay Berry, 29, West Broadway, Lenoir City was

charged with failure to pay child support Monday.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO served the attachment and made the arrest.

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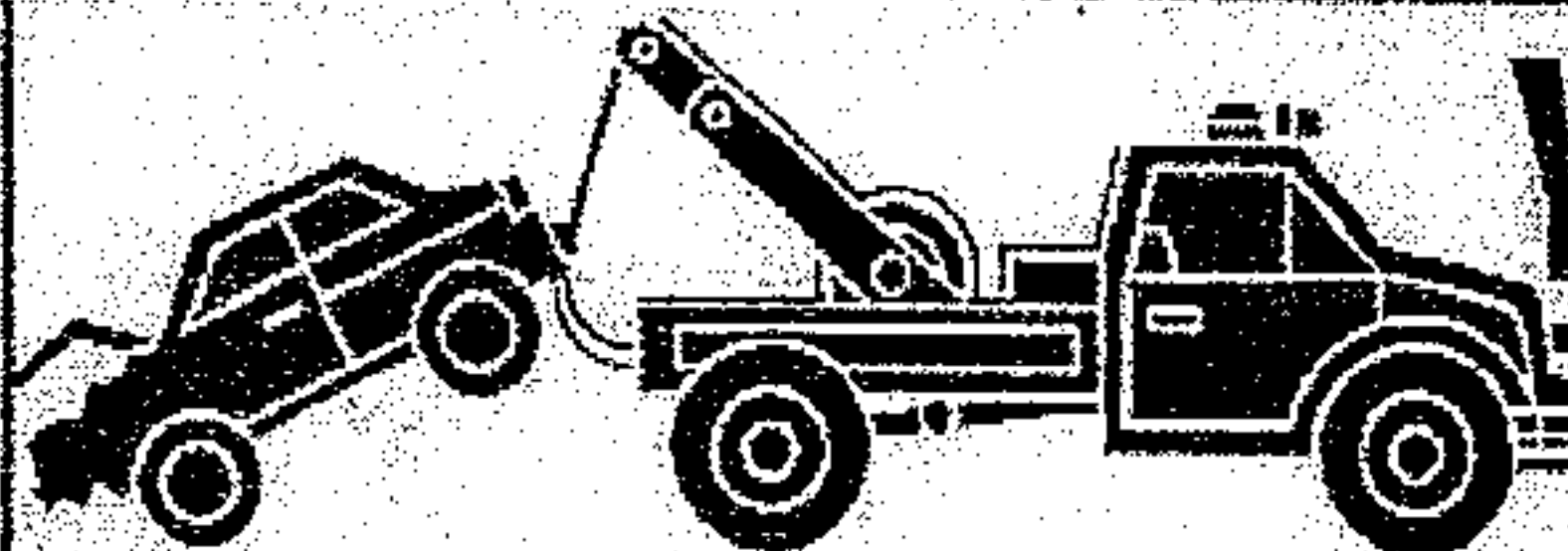


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