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Wednesday September 7, 2011

## Father faces manslaughter charge in Labor Day weekend shooting death of son

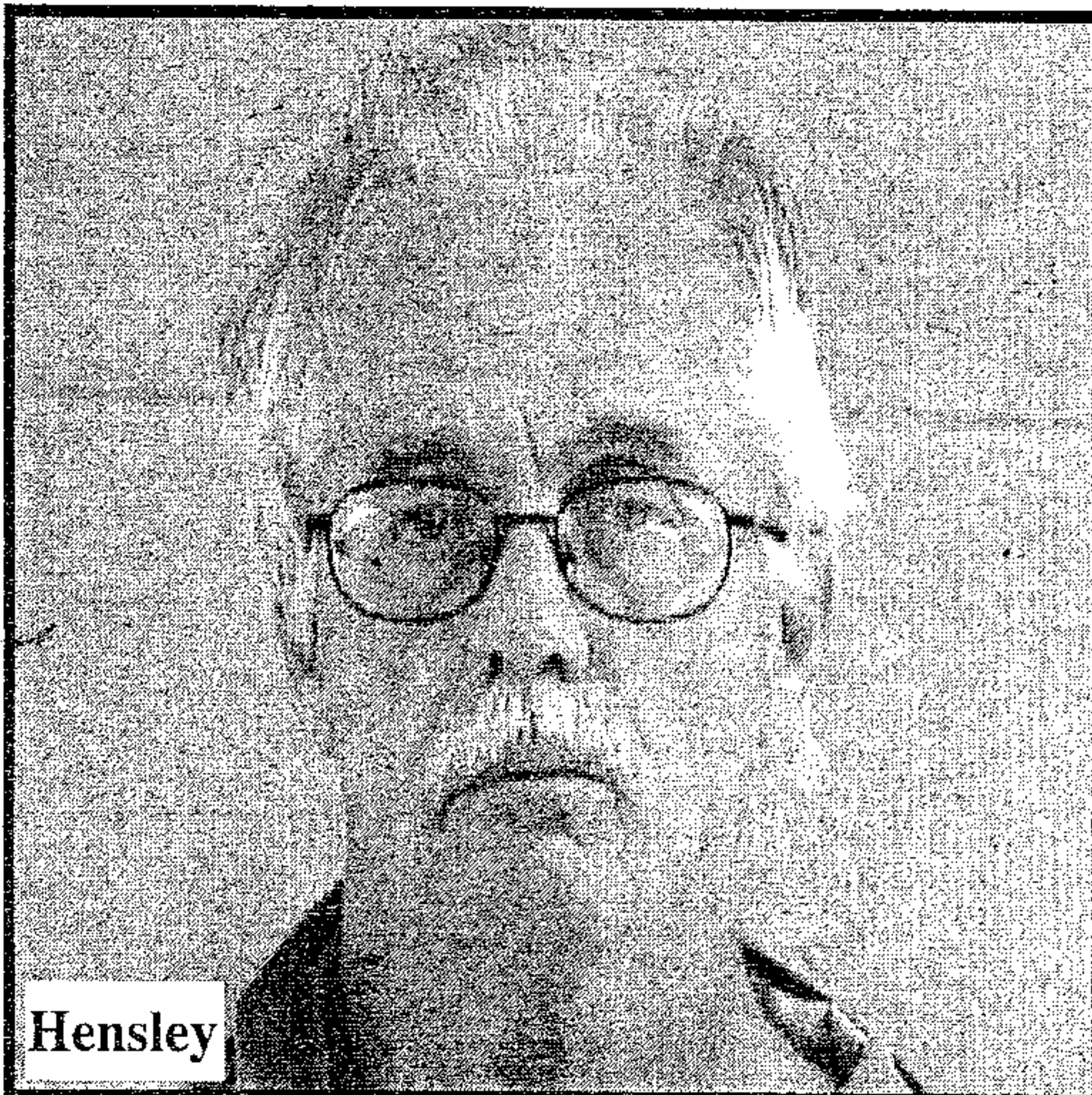
A local man was charged with manslaughter after he allegedly shot his son during a domestic dispute Labor Day. He reportedly told investigators his son had assailed him when he shot him in the leg with a pistol, causing his death.

Larry Preston Hensley, 58, Harmon Lane, Lenoir City was charged with voluntary manslaughter.

According to records, Sunday, at approximately

6:15 PM, a call was received from Larry Hensley at 197 Duggan Road, Lenoir City stating he just shot his son. When Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO arrived at the residence he found a man laying on the ground with his pants down below his waist and a large amount of blood around his body. The man was identified as Steven Hensley.

Mr. Larry Hensley (see Hensley pg. 7)



Hensley

## Man goes to jail after slapping juvenile

A Lenoir City man was taken to jail when he reportedly slapped his girlfriend's juvenile son on the face after the juvenile called his mother an obscene name and choked her during an argument.

(see Randolph pg. 5)

## Harassment

Detective Jack Fine charged a local man with harassment following an investigation that revealed he has been sending annoying and threatening text messages to a Lenoir City couple for the last six months.

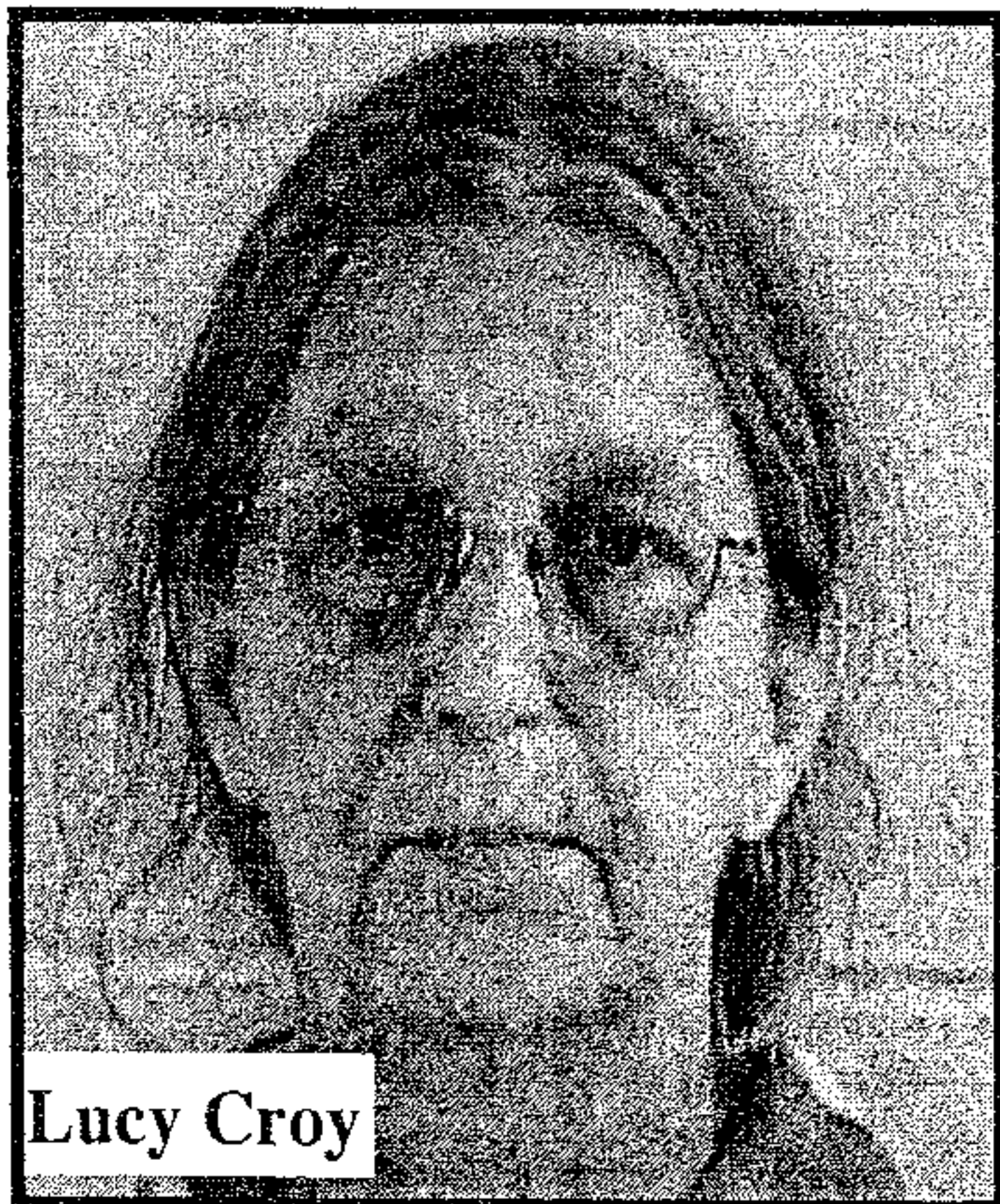
(see Shackelford pg. 6)

## Georgia couple nabbed with 40 pounds of marijuana

Trooper Kelly Smith reported finding about 40 pounds of marijuana in a Georgia couple's vehicle when he smelled the illicit weed and called a K-9 Trooper in to investigate during a filed interview after he stopped their vehicle for speeding.

Lucy Ann Croy, 51, Roland Hayes Parkway, Calhoun, Georgia and James Lamar Croy, 52, Espy Street, Sum-

(see Couple pg. 3)

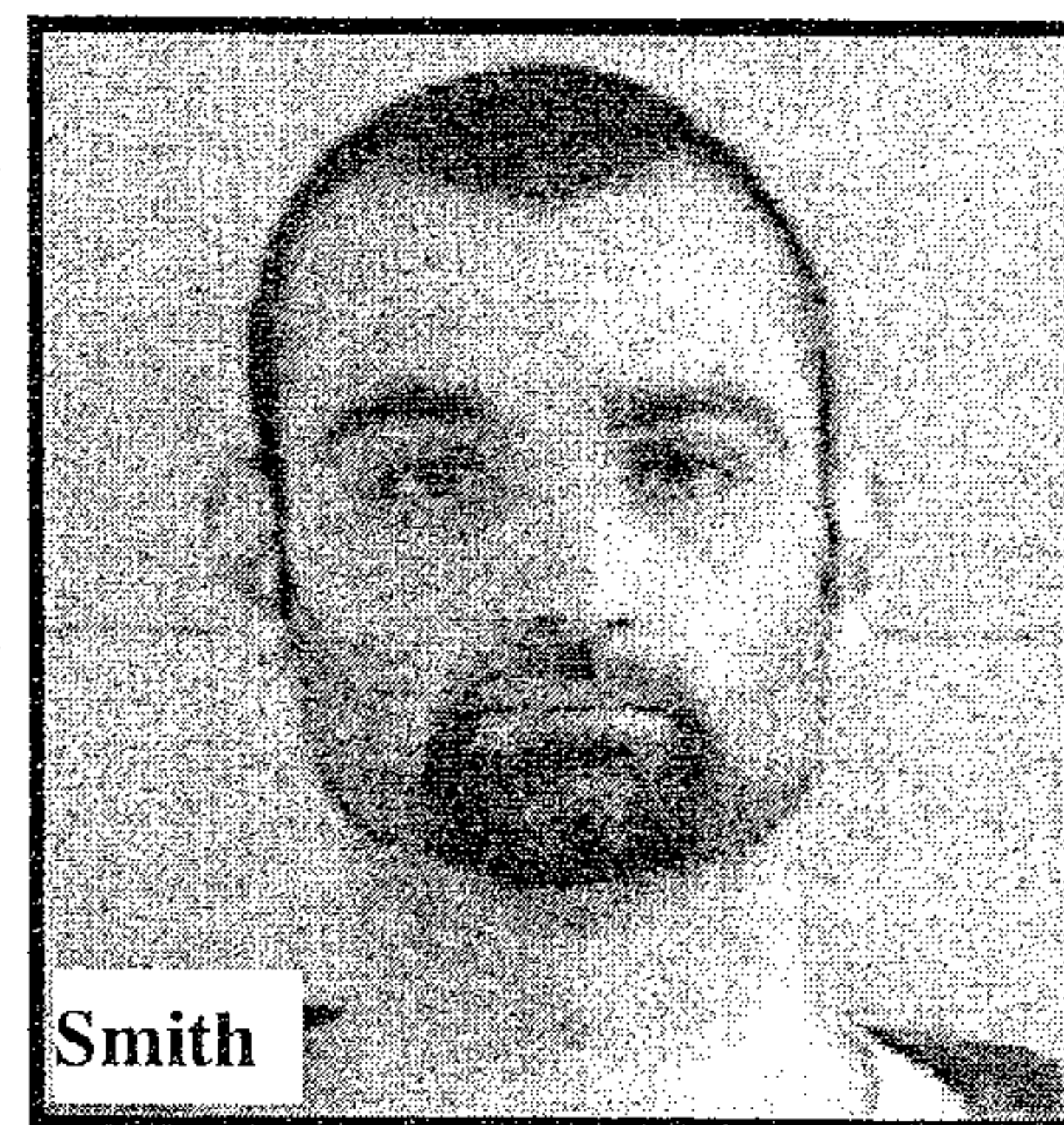


Lucy Croy



James Croy

## Obstruction charges for 2 after 1 evades



Smith

Two persons were charged with obstruction after they reportedly helped a third per-

(see Obstruction pg. 8)

### Verse of the Day

*"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him."*  
Ephesians 1:10

### Obituaries

Carl D. Keener  
Delores Faye Smith  
Mary Elizabeth Blankenship Robertson  
James Garland Dunkin

### Wazzup

We're praying for you Sharon Morgan; we love you and hope

you are all better soon!

Traffic on U.S. Highway 321 across Fort Loudoun Dam will be reduced to one lane for bridge inspection today and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. till 3 p.m.

### Weather

Today: Rain showers in the morning becoming more intermittent

in the afternoon. High around 70. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Tonight: Cloudy with a few showers. Low 58. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 30%.

Thursday: Few showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper

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**Couple**

merville, Georgia were charged with felony possession of marijuana for resale.

According to reports, Tuesday, at approximately 3:30 PM, Trooper Kelly Smith, THP stopped a green Ford Ranger traveling 60 mph in a 50 mph zone on US 441 northbound at mile marker 3. There was an odor

of marijuana in the vehicle when the officer approached.

The driver, Mr. James Croy, stated the tires were small and it affected the speedometer. Both James and Lucy Croy appeared to be nervous, visibly shaking, and fumbled around trying to get license, registration and insurance.

Trooper Smith requested the driver to

exit the vehicle and when he looked at the registration he discovered the Ranger was registered to Ms. Croy. As the trooper approached the vehicle to obtain her license, he reported he smelled marijuana again.

During the conversation the man and woman spoke of different travel plans. The couple gave verbal consent to a search of the vehicle

and a THP K-9 was on the scene and gave a positive alert to narcotics.

A search of the vehicle revealed approximately 20 pounds of marijuana concealed in a box behind the truck seat. Another box was discovered in the bed containing approximately 20 pounds of marijuana.

Each package was individually wrapped in approximately 1 pound

increments.

The pair were taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

**Police Beat**

Troy Todd Pulver, 43, Lazy Acres Trailer Park, Lenoir City was charged Thursday with failure to appear on a driving on revoked charge.

Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD made the arrest on Highway 321 at City Park Drive.

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**Randolph**

Jarrold Wayne Randolph, 32, Lewis Lane, Lenoir City was charged with assault on a minor.

According to records, Sunday, at approximately 3:50 PM, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was dispatched to a disturbance on Carding Machine Road where he made contact with a woman who stated she and her juvenile son had been in a verbal argument and he had choked her.

The juvenile told the officer Mr. Randolph, his mom's boyfriend, slapped him across

the face and made his nose bleed.

Mr. Randolph advised the juvenile had called his mother an obscenity and he slapped the minor across the face. Mr. Randolph further advised he thought it was legal to open hand slap a juvenile.

Officer Marty Ward, LPD was also on the scene.

**Police Beat**

Wayne Bryan Patterson, 21, Ewing Road, Powell was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to reports, Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO stopped a white Honda Accord Monday for suspicion of

DUI. The sgt. was in the parking lot of the Justice Center when the Honda Accord came down Sugarlimb Road and ran through the stop sign, skidding onto Highway 11.

Sgt. Bowen followed the vehicle going west on Highway 11 and witnessed it cross the center line twice, and noticed it also had a passenger side brake light out.

The sgt. stopped the car at Natalie Way and Highway 11 and made contact with the driver and passenger. When the officer approached, he smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The passenger was stuffing something under his seat when Sgt. Bowen got to the window.

The officer had the driver exit the vehicle and sit on the bumper of his patrol unit and asked the passenger what he'd put under the seat. He advised it was a bong used to smoke marijuana. He was cited for simple possession and paraphernalia.

Sgt. Bowen then had the driver perform field sobriety in which he did poorly. The driver, Wayne Patterson had bloodshot eyes and a strong odor of marijuana coming from his person and admitted he smoked marijuana on the way down the interstate.

Mr. Patterson was placed under arrest and read the implied consent law and he agreed to be tested. He was transported to Fort Loudoun ER where he gave blood and urine samples.

There was approximately 10 grams of marijuana found in a black bag along with a grinder and scales. Mr. Patterson was cited for both, then transported to the Loudon County Jail. LCSO Deputies Robbie Lane and Chuck Butler were also on scene.

Matthew Paul Bingham, 33, Axley Chapel Road, Greenback was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to records, Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO was dispatched to an assault call on Axley Chapel Road Wednesday. The complainant stated she and a man were in bed inside her residence and Matthew P. Bingham entered the residence and began to assault the man.

The complainant stated she was in fear of bodily harm or injury from Mr. Bingham and they had been separated from each other for approximately 3 months.

The man was transported to Blount Memorial Hospital to be checked for his injuries. Bingham left the residence and walked to a relative's house approximately 1 1/2 miles from where the incident occurred. When officers arrived at the residence, Bingham came out into the driveway with his hands raised, dropped to his knees and advised he'd entered the residence and committed the assault. He was placed under arrest.

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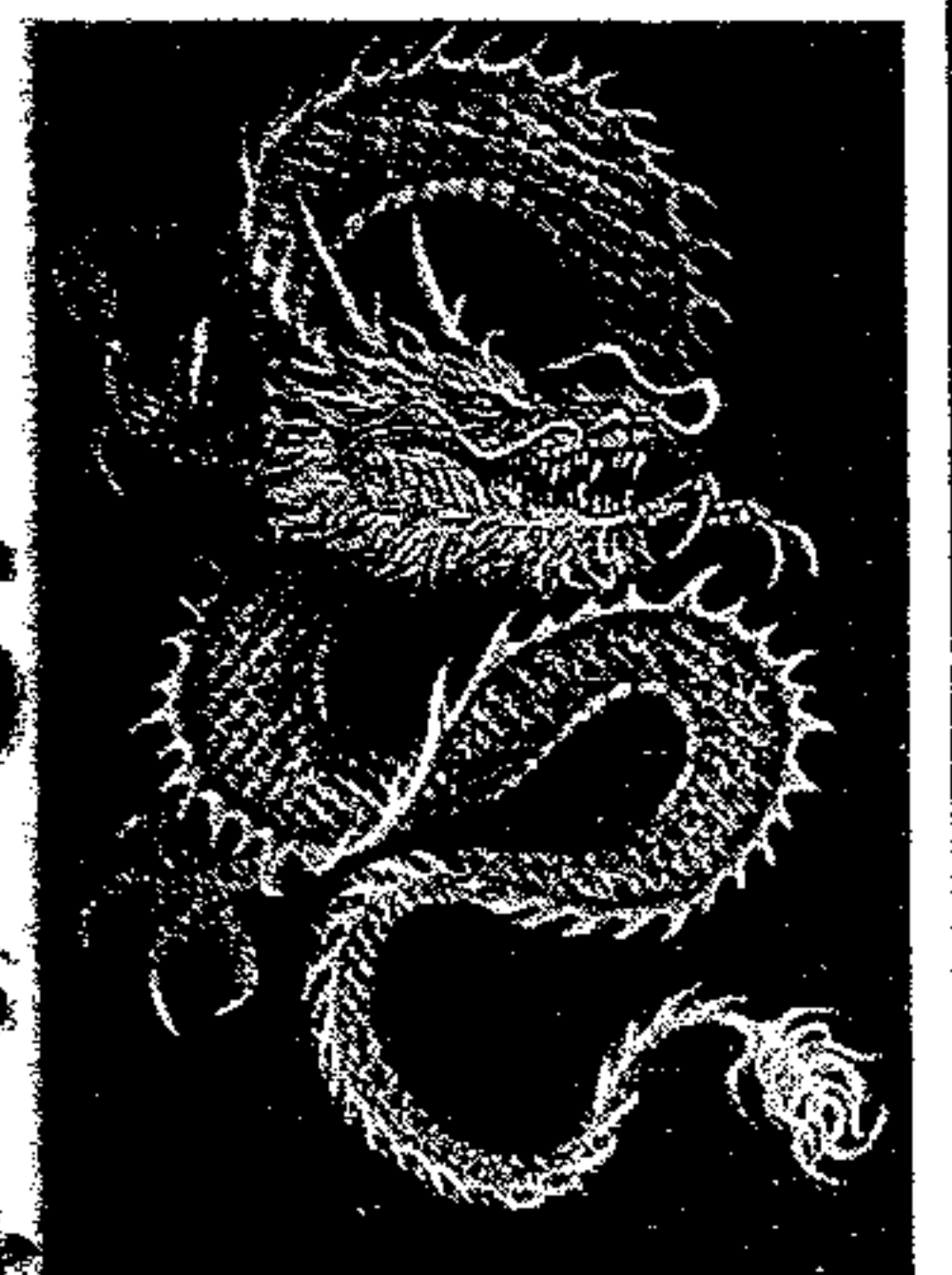
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## Shackelford

Kenneth Allen Shackelford, 44, Calloway Circle, Lenoir City was charged with harassment.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; according to the victim's statement, starting in February 2011, until August 2011, Kenneth A. Shackelford has been harassing a couple via text messaging. The messages were threatening, stating he knew where they were at all times.

More messages stated he would destroy the female victim and "that punk," the male victim, before he goes.

The messages are annoying, alarming, and at times are inconvenient to the vic-

tims and offensively repetitious and for no legitimate purpose.

Deputy Chuck Butler, LCSO made the arrest Saturday.

### DUI at .17% and with no license

Kevin Joshua Murphy, 24, Bell Avenue, Lenoir City was charged Tuesday with DUI and driving without a license.

According to records, Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO observed Mr. Murphy slide to a stop with his left turn signal on in front of Sonic on Broadway. His gold Dodge then took off again and went further down Broadway and turned. Sgt. Bowen stopped the vehicle in front of a resi-

dence on Bell Avenue. Kevin Murphy had a strong odor of alcohol on his person and was asked to exit the vehicle to perform field sobriety tasks.

Murphy performed poorly on all tasks and was read the implied consent law and he consented to the test.

A check of Mr. Murphy's license revealed he was unlicensed. He was placed under arrest and transported to the

Loudon County Jail.

After waiting the allotted time, Mr. Murphy took a breath test and blew .17%.

Lt. David Flynn, LCPD was also on scene.

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**Hensley**

was interviewed by Lieutenant Patrick Upton and Investigator Jeff Russell of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. During the interview, Mr. Hensley

stated he and his son Steven had been arguing and Steven pushed him down and struck him in the head. When he got to his feet he pulled a pistol from his left pocket and warned his son to quit or he

would shoot him.

At that time, Steven stepped back a few steps and then started to come towards his dad. As he came forward, Larry Hensley fired the weapon, striking his son Steven in the up-

per left leg, ultimately causing death.

The elder Hensley stated he unloaded the weapon and placed it in the residence at 197 Duggan Road. The

weapon was recovered in the residence, unloaded. Investigator Russell made the arrest.

Steven Hensley was 36 years old.

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**Obstruction**

son get away from police. The third person, who was wanted on a capias warrant, was captured a short time later, resulting in all three ending up in the hoosegow.

Brandon Coyet Spencer, 23, Kellewt Road, Crossville and Amanda Rose Spencer, 20, Willington Manor, Loudon were charged with obstruction of legal writ.

Robert Lynn Smith, 24, West First Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with evading arrest.

According to records, Deputy James Stegall, LCSO was en route to serve a warrant on Robert Smith and observed Mr. Smith in the back seat of a black Chevy Camaro at Ford Road and Town Creek West.

Mr. Spencer was driving the vehicle and slowed down to a crawl, while the passenger Ms. Spencer, opened the car door in order for Smith to exit the vehicle allowing him to escape a legal writ.

The couple was stopped and taken into custody.

Deputy Stegall later took Mr. Smith into custody a short distance away for a capias bench warrant out of Loudon County General Ses-

sions Court for failure to appear on a charge of theft of property \$500-\$1000.

**Police Beat**

Kathy Ann Lance, 54, Watt Road, Sweetwater,

was charged with violation of probation out of Monroe County.

Sgt. R.S. Newman, LPD, made the arrest Thursday, at the Ethra office.

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