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LCPD, LCSO, LPD nab suspected auto burglars

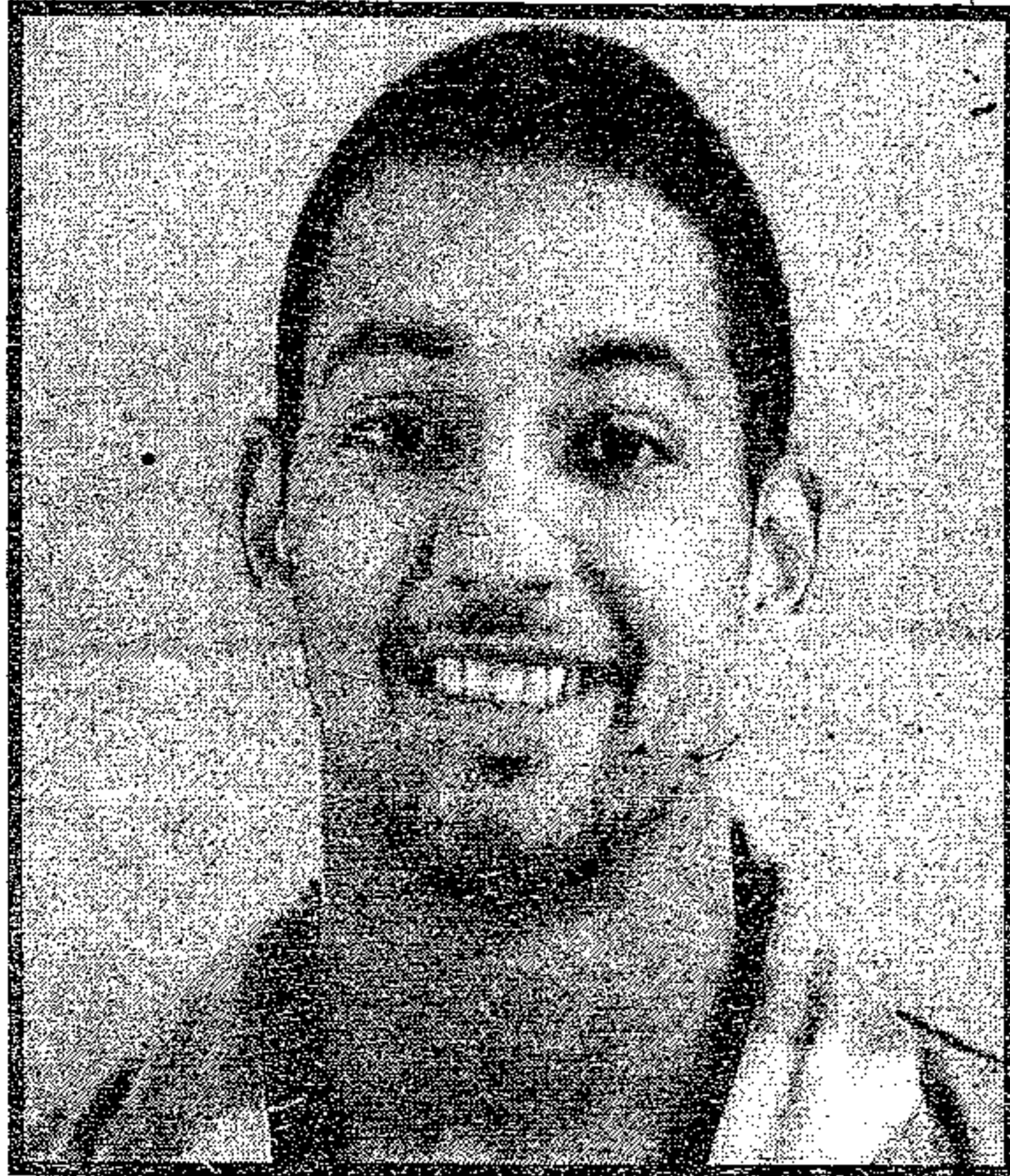
LCPD, LCSO charge teen in vehicle burglaries

Authorities from the Lenoir City Police department and Loudon County Sheriff's Office charged a local eighteen year old with the burglaries of at least two vehicles from which firearms were stolen both times.

Tee Ray Pellom, 18, Simpson Road, Lenoir City was charged with auto burglary and theft over \$500.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about

(see Gun Thief pg. 3) Pellom



LPD busts alleged vehicle burglar

Detective Brian Jenkins charged a Loudon man with the burglaries of two vehicles after he found multiple items the victim's had reported stolen in the man's possession.

John Michael Bartolin III, 27, Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft over \$1000 and two counts of theft under \$500.

According to affidavits;

(see Electronics Thief pg. 6) Bartolin



Indictments served, three more taken to jail



Melinda Mesa Fortunato

Age 48, County Road 298, Sweetwater was charged with Criminal Court failure to appear.

Lt. Teresa Smith, LCSO made the arrest Monday at the Loudon County Criminal Court.



Eva Marie Hightower

Age 26, East Sixth Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with violation of state probation on an original charge of possession of schedule II for sale.

Lt. Teresa Smith, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.



Micah James Kimsey

Age 21, Morganton Road, Maryville was charged with aggravated robbery on a capias bench warrant out of Criminal Court.

Deputy Chip Matthews LCSO, made the arrest Thursday.

Ring missing

A local woman told authorities she had left her ring home while she was in the hospital so it would be safe, but when she was released and looked where she had put it, she discovered it missing.

(see Ring pg. 7)

Jewelry, meds stolen

A 78 year old Philadelphia woman told authorities she returned home from a doctor's visit to discovered someone had broken in and stolen her jewelry box that also contained her prescription medication.

According to reports, Thurs-

(see Stolen pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Galatians 5:22-23

Obituaries

Carl Dexter Cannon
Arnold Ray Stringer Jr.

Wazzup

It's was good seein' you, Charlie Sutton; please let Pam know we're thinking about her...

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EZ Stop whipping up biscuits and buckshot - you go, girl! And thanks for the great breakfast, y'all!

Weather

Today: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tonight: Lows in the mid 40s.

Saturday: Rain. Highs in the up-

per 50s and lows in the low 40s. Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

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Gun Thief

August 1, 2011, the victim's white Chevy Silverado pickup was parked at his residence on Myers Road in Lenoir City when Tee

Ray Pellom entered the truck without permission or knowledge of the owner/victim and took a .40 caliber Glock and two magazines from the center console.

Pellom reportedly advised he took the gun from the truck. The total value was \$520. Detective Sartin made the arrest Wednesday. According to another affidavit filed

by Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID; on or about December 12, 2011, a Forest Heights Circle, Lenoir City resident reported someone went into his 2012 Chevrolet Impala without permission and took a .22 Magnum five shot revolver from the center console. On January 9, 2012; a silver colored .22 Magnum was found hidden in a mattress in his room at Mr. Pellom's residence on Simpson Road. A check through NCIC revealed the weapon matched the serial number of the

stolen weapon from Forest Heights Circle.

Permission to search the bedroom was given by Mr. Pellom and he was present when the weapon was found. Deputy John Máples, LCSO served the warrant and made the arrest Thursday at the jail.

Police beat

Kara Lee Pierce, 29, Hunt Road, Cleveland was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Terisa Goebel, LCSO made the arrest Friday at the Bradley County Jail.

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Obituaries

Carl Dexter Cannon - age 66 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, January 16, 2012 at his home. His was of the Baptist faith. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Padgett and Geneva Cannon, and brother, Johnny Cannon. He is survived by his brothers, Danny Cannon and Gene Cannon; sister, Mamie Letsinger all of Lenoir City; nieces and nephews, Jason and Tonya Lankford and children, Alan and Christy Letsinger and children, Stephen and Krystal King and children, and special family friend, Larry Pellom. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will be follow at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jimmy

Pellom officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Friday morning and proceed the Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services and interment at 11 a.m. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Arnold Ray Stringer Jr. (Ray Ray) - age 36 of Lenoir City passed away suddenly Saturday, January 14, 2012. He was of the Baptist faith and a 1994 graduate of Loudon High School. Ray was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Stringer and stepmother, Cora Stringer. He is survived by his wife, Molly Connin Stringer; sons, Sean, Nickolas, Terrin, and Elijah Stringer; daughter, Alyssa Stringer; father, Arnold Ray Stringer Sr. and fiancée', Patricia Stevens; step-brothers, Richard McNabb and Gene McNabb; father-in-law

and mother-in-law, Kenneth "Shot" and Sharen Wilson; brothers-in-law, Clarence Wilson and wife, Tina, Nathan Wilson and wife, Jessica, Andy Wilson and wife, Katy, and Jason Connin; sisters-in-law, Christy Frederick and Annie Moser; several nieces and nephews; special friends Dennis Jenkins and Michael Crabtree. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Click-Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 8 p.m. with Dr. Ronny Jones officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 12:30 Friday and proceed Lakeview Cemetery for 1 p.m. graveside services. In lieu of flowers, please make donations towards his funeral expenses. Click-Hawkins Chapel, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Police beat

Freddie Oliver Johnson, 42, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City, was charged with an attachment x 2 for child support, failure to appear on a previous domestic assault charge and a warrant for a prior aggravated assault for reportedly knocking an individual to the ground and repeatedly hitting the victim caus-

ing bodily injury resulting in a broken ankle that required medical treatment.

Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO made the arrest.

Brian Edward Anderson, 46, Pinetop Street, Loudon was charged with violation of probation.

Officer Bryan E. Blakney, LPD made the arrest Sunday.

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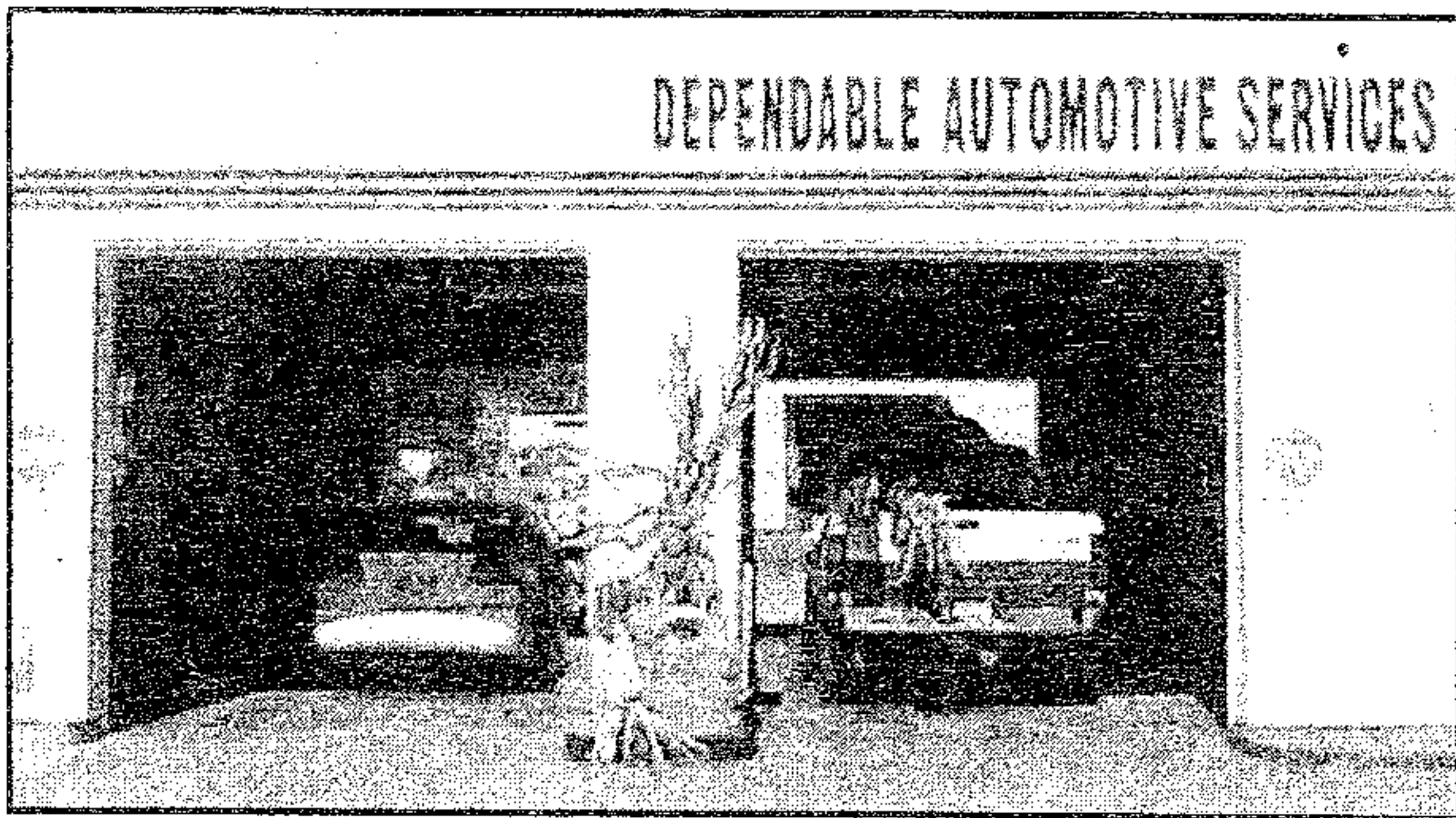
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Stolen

day, around 2:45 PM, Deputy T.J. Scarborough, LCSO was dispatched to a residence on Stockton Valley

Road in reference to a burglary where a 78 year old woman told the deputy she returned home from a visit to the doctor and discovered

her rear sliding glass door had been broken out.

The woman advised a maroon leather jewelry box containing costume

jewelry and prescribed medication were gone from the residence.

The total value of the loss was estimated at \$200. The investigation is ongoing.

Police beat

Lee Alexander Johnson, 21, Calloway Drive, Lenoir City was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to records, Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSO responded to a physical domestic dispute on Calloway Drive. The complainant/victim stated Johnson started arguing over the use of her vehicle. During the argument, Mr. Johnson reportedly got into her face yelling and spitting from yelling.

The victim further stated she put her hand up over his mouth and told him to stop spitting on her. Mr. Johnson then hit her in the left side of her face. She had a visible red mark on the side of her face and neck area.

Johnson reportedly also hit the victim in the thigh area and she grabbed him by the hair to try to make him stop. Mr. Johnson told the deputy he did slap the victim during the argu-

ment.

Mr. Johnson was deemed as the primary aggressor and was placed under arrest.

Joshua A. Tunkel, 23, Adams Road, Sweetwater was charged with DUI 1st offense.

The report states, Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD observed a white Toyota Corolla with a headlight out, traveling at a high rate of speed, through the parking lot of the BP Valley Mart on Highway 72. The vehicle ran over the curb at the front door of the business causing a loud crashing sound as the bumper went over the curb.

As the officer approached the vehicle he immediately detected a strong odor of an intoxicating beverage emitting from the vehicle and the driver who was identified as Joshua A. Tunkel.

Mr. Tunkel stated he'd had four or five beers. He was unsteady on his feet and had slurred speech. He did poorly on field sobriety and was arrested for DUI and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Mr. Tunkel submitted to an intox test and registered a .14%.

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Electronics Thief

on December 28, 2011, Detective Brian Jenkins, LPD discovered Bartolin had in his possession a car audio system consisting of one Alpine CD player, one Scosche 500K Micro FARAD power reducer, one black carpeted box containing two Memphis Audio 15 inch Subs and one CD 2410 Concept Amp. The total value of the items was around \$2000.

The items were reported stolen on April 6, 2011, from a vehicle belonging to the victim while it was parked at the victim's residence on Valley Vista in Loudon.

Mr. Bartolin also had a case full of audio CDs which were taken from a vehicle parked at another victim's residence

on Walnut Street in Loudon.

Also in Bartolin's possession was a Duel brand car CD player, stolen on April 8, 2011, from a vehicle parked at another residence on Church Street in Loudon. The victim was able to positively identify the CD player as his by it's appearance, the wiring harness, and the fact that it still held the exact same CD as it did the day it was stolen.

Bartolin knowingly obtained and exercised control over the items without the owner's consent or knowledge.

Officer B. Blakney, LPD made the arrest Thursday on Poplar Street in Loudon.

Police beat

Shaun Wesley Pena, 39, Valley Drive, Loudon was charged with driving on revoked

license.

According to records, Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSO was traveling west on Sugarlimb Road and noticed a red GMC pickup going east on Sugarlimb, at a high rate of speed near Loudon Ridge Road.

Radar clocked the truck at 83 mph in a 50 mph zone.

Deputy Goddard turned around and caught up to it at Highway 11 and Sugarlimb at the stop sign where it made a left turn onto Highway 11. The deputy conducted a traffic stop on Highway 11 at Hatley Drive and asked the

driver for his license, registration and insurance.

The driver, identified as Shaun W. Pena, stated his license were suspended.

Mr. Pena had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and stated he'd had two

beers about an hour before being stopped. He performed well on field sobriety tasks but a check of his name and date of birth for his driving status came back revoked for DUI. He was placed under arrest.

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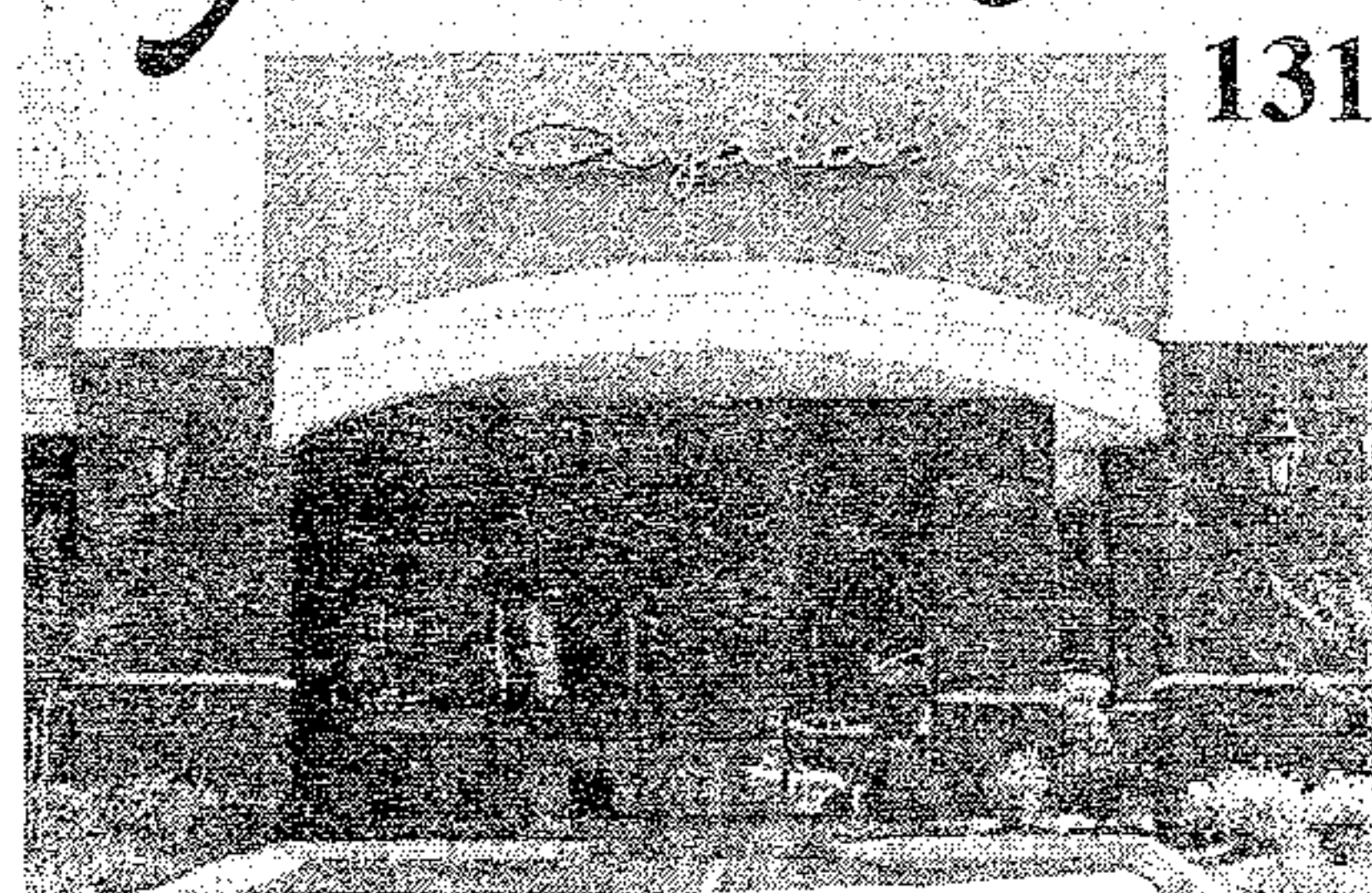
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Ring

According to records, Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO took a report Wednesday concerning the theft of a ring from a home on Crestview Circle. The victim stated she went to Parkwest Hospital for knee surgery and when she returned home a few days later, she opened a drawer in her bedroom and discovered her gold band with diamonds was missing.

The victim told the deputy she had left her ring at home during her hospital stay for safe-keeping. The estimated value of the ring was

\$2000.

The theft is under investigation.

Police beat

Samantha Kay Medley, 26, Lawson, Avenue, Knoxville was charged with DUI.

According to records, Ms. Medley was driving north on Old Highway 95 in Lenoir City when Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD noticed her maroon Dodge run off the shoulder of the road. The detective stopped the vehicle at the Interstate 75 overpass and when he walked up to it he smelled a strong odor of alcohol on Ms.

Medley's breath.

The lawman reported Medley was unsteady on her feet, had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. Ms. Medley performed poorly on field sobriety and stated she'd had about three drinks.

Timothy Robert Crowder, 36, County Road 655, Athens was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy C. Huskin, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

Brandon Lee Smith, 32, Steekee, Road, Loudon was charged

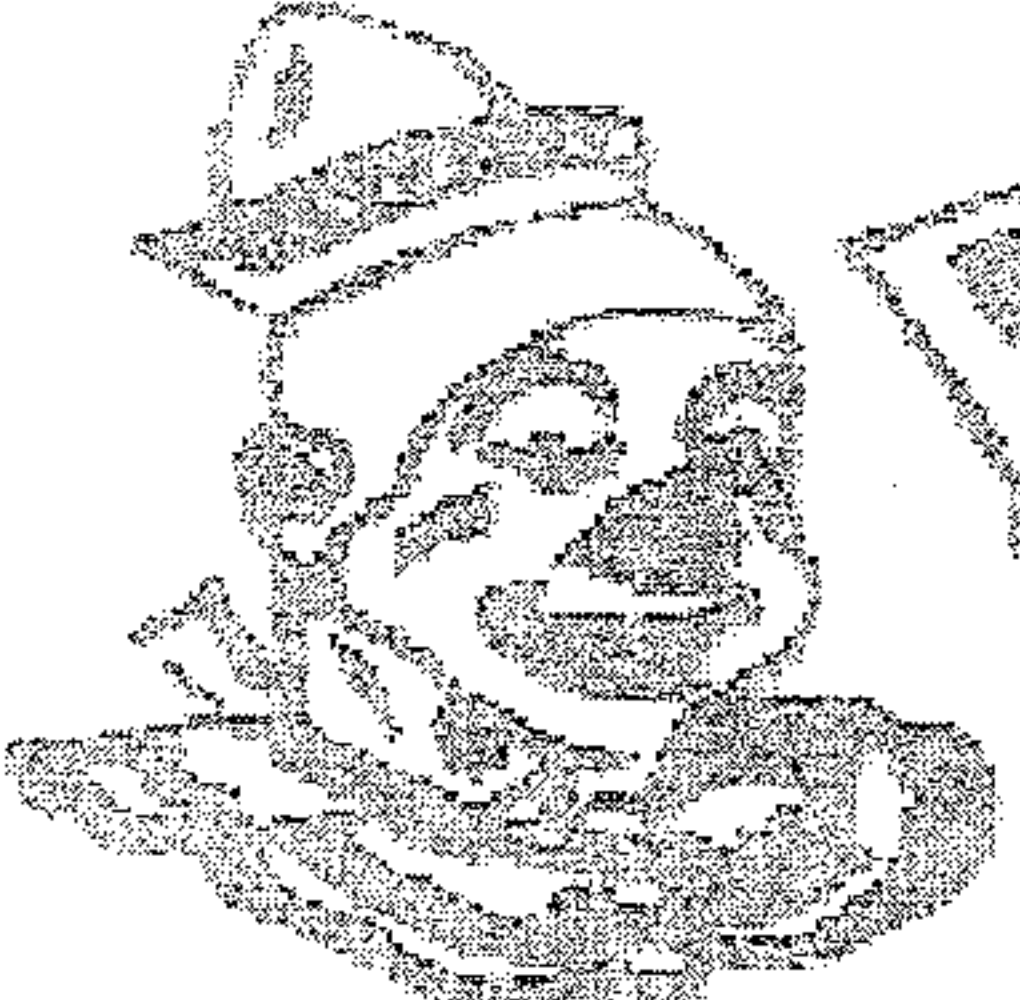
with violation of pro-

bation. Officer Brandon Nix, LPD made the arrest Saturday.

James Dennis Lamb,

37, Fairfield Drive, Maryville was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Bruce Padgett, LCSO made the arrest at the Knox County Jail.



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