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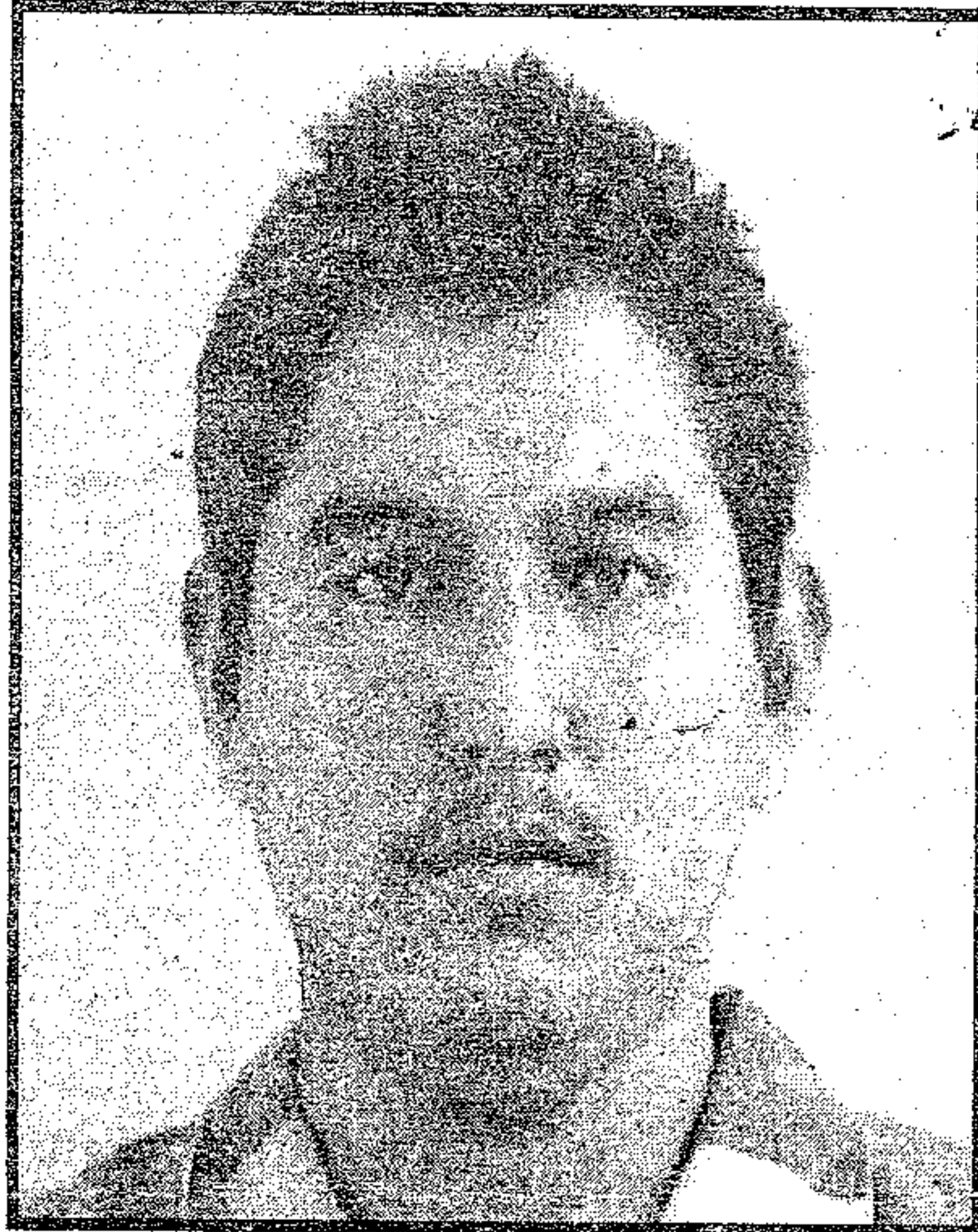
Man charged in Christmas day beating of woman

A Lenoir City man was jailed Friday after a warrant was sworn out charging he seriously beat a woman on Christmas Day, leaving her with a concussion, bruising and other head injuries.

Fredis A. Romero, 25, Old Highway 95, Lenoir City was charged with aggravated assault.

According to an affidavit; on Friday, at approximately 8:12 PM, Officer Brandon Burley, LCPD re-

(see What a gift! pg. 7)



Romero

Temper tantrum leaves home in disarray, woman in jail

A local woman brought in the new year at the Loudon County Jail after she allegedly tore up her own home when her boyfriend refused to go pick up a friend for her during the wee hours of the morning Sunday.

Cynthia Ann Fey Walters, 50, Forest Heights Circle, Lenoir City was charged with domestic assault, simple possession of

(see Temper tantrum pg. 3)



Walters

Indicted



Zachary Isacc Plemons

Age 25, Finley Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with three counts of aggravated burglary and two counts of theft of property.

Deputy Aaron Carrol, LCSO seved the Criminal Court capisases and made the arrest Thursday at the Knox County Jail.

Newly filled ATM stolen

Authorities were called to a local golf course Monday when the manager arrived to find someone had stolen a newly filled ATM machine from the premises.

(see Took machine & all pg. 6)

Who does this at a traffic stop?

While a Maryville man was undergoing sobriety tasks during a traffic stop for suspicion of DUI, his buddy reportedly decided to mosey on over to the side of the road to answer the call of nature. Both men ultimately went to jail on alcohol and related charges.

Ronald Edward Jenkins, 53, Orton Drive, Maryville was charged with DUI 2nd offense,

(see Really? pg. 3)

Tennessee Lawful Employment Act Aims to Strengthen Legal Employment Verification

Employers Required to Collect Documents or Use E-Verify Database

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commis-

(see Verification pg. 4)

Special Red Deer Hunting Season Jan. 14-22

NASHVILLE --- A special red deer hunting season is set to be held in Claiborne County

on Jan. 14-22. The special red deer hunting season was established last spring in an effort

(see Make sure it's a deer! pg. 6)

Verse of the Day

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

Obituaries

Douglas Allen Leonard
DeWayne L. Babb

Wazzup

A great big Happy Birthday to Daniel Capps! How does it feel to be a quarter century old now? Love Ya!

To the owners of the "new" dog on Allison Town Road: What good is a watchdog when the only people who hears it's

incessant nightly barking are the neighbors? A watchdog is not a dog you stick out in your yard so you can "watch" it live it's life out at the end of a chain, you know...

Local Businesses Beware: Don't take checks from Omega Turf aka Gary Mills.

Weather

Today: Mainly sunny. High 52. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Clear skies. Low near 30. Winds light and variable.
Friday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.

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Temper tantrum

schedule IV, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest.

According to records, Sunday, at approximately 5:49 AM, Deputy Robbie Lane, LCSO was dispatched to Forest Heights Circle for a disturbance. The male caller advised his girlfriend, Cynthia Walters, was throwing

furniture around.

When the deputy arrived at the scene he was met by the complainant, who was standing outside the residence. He stated Walters came into the living room where he was sitting and began to throw the furniture around the room. He said she was upset because he wouldn't go

pick up someone for her.

When the man took Deputy Lane into the home, the officer reported he observed the love seat was overturned in the floor, the couch was pulled out from the wall, the coffee table was pushed across the room and belongings were tossed onto the floor.

Ms. Walters was in her room and the deputy knocked on her door, which was locked, and told her to open the door. Ms. Walters opened the door but was holding it. She was advised to open the door and show Deputy Lane her hands, but she went and sat down on

her bed. Records indicate there was a clear bag of a green leafy substance on the night stand and a glass pipe was on the bed in plain view. When Deputy Lane asked her to stand up and place her hands behind her back, Ms. Walters stood up and tried to block his view of the room.

The lawman asked Walters again to place her hands behind her back and as he was placing the first cuff on her, she spun around and began to resist.

Deputy Lane placed Ms. Walters onto the bed where he and Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO placed hand cuffs on her.

A small tan pipe and a pair of hemostats were also discovered on the night stand.

Really?

driving on revoked license, simple possession and open container.

Jeffery Lamar Burchfield, 53, Rockford Walker Court, Rockford was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Thursday, around 6:37 PM, Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO was advised of a possible intoxicated driver who had an open container, driving a black Ford F-150 on Highway 321 with no lights on. Sgt. Bowen observed the vehicle cross the fog line twice and noted it was (see Really? cont. pg. 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Obituaries

Douglas Allen Leonard - age 62 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, January 2, 2012. He was of the Baptist faith. Doug was a loving husband and father. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucian and Mary Leonard. Survived by his wife, Robin Leonard; daughters, Leah and Rachel Leonard; sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Leroy Stratton of Clinton; brother, Mike Leonard of Arizona; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home with funeral services to follow at 7 p.m. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

DeWayne L. Babb, Age 74 of the Tellico Village Community passed away December 28, 2011. DeWayne was a member of the Community Church at Tellico Village. He was a member of the Electrical Generator Service Associa-

tion and served as president. DeWayne was active in the Lions' Club of Tellico Village and the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group. DeWayne was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed travel, playing cards, golf and most sports. DeWayne is a graduate of The University of Southern Minnesota in Mankato, MN. His career was in the stand-by electrical generator industry. DeWayne was preceded in death by his parents and one sister. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Avis Babb; children Michelle Benge (Richard) of Denver, CO and Melissa Randall (Chad) of St. Louis, MO; granddaughter Lauren Randall; sister, Delores Albrecht of Chicago, IL and nieces and nephew. A Celebration of DeWayne's Life will be held on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Founders Chapel at the Community Church of Tellico Village followed by a reception in the Christian Life Center. In lieu of flowers memorials

may be made to either the Alzheimers Tennessee, Inc. 2200 Sutherland Avenue, Suite H-102, Knoxville, TN 37919 or the Community Church at Tellico Village. Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of DeWayne L. Babb.

Verification

sioner Karla Davis announced new requirements of all employers in Tennessee to demonstrate that they are hiring and maintaining a legal workforce.

"This online verification process is designed to be convenient for employers and only takes a few minutes to complete. The department can provide assistance to employers who don't have Internet access," said Commissioner Davis.

Signed into law by Governor Bill Haslam on June 7, 2011, the Tennessee Lawful Employment Act requires verifying the

employment eligibility of all newly hired employees through the online E-Verify program (www.uscis.gov/everify), or requesting all newly hired employees to provide one of the following identity and employment authorization documents as required:

- A valid Tennessee driver's license or photo identification
- A valid driver's license or photo identification from another state where the

license requirements are at least as strict as those in Tennessee

A birth certificate issued by a U.S. state, jurisdiction or territory

A U.S. government issued certified birth certificate

A valid, unexpired U.S. passport

A U.S. certificate of birth abroad

A report of birth abroad or a citizen of the U.S.

(see Verification cont. pg. 5)

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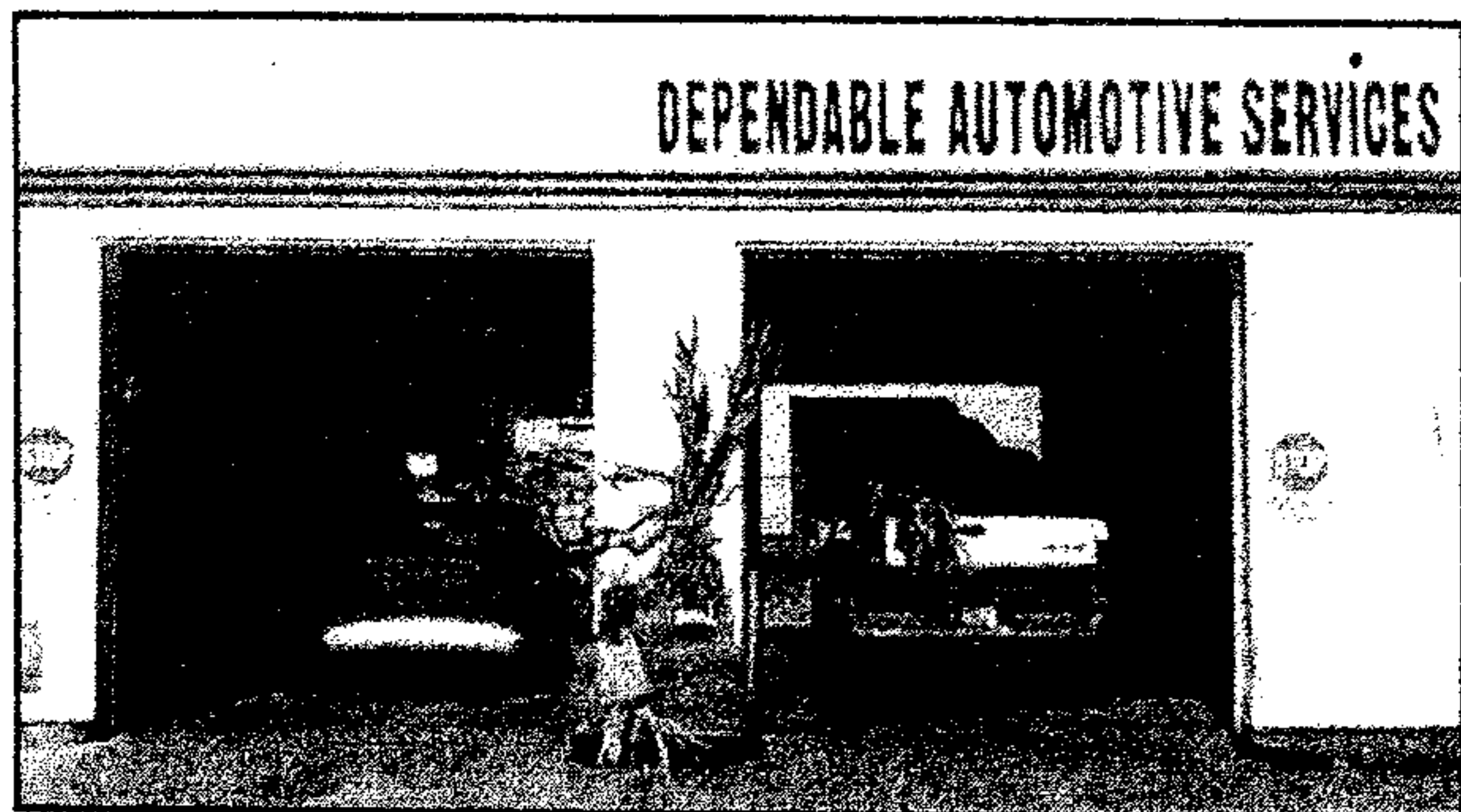
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Verification cont.

A *certificate* of citizenship
 A *certificate* of naturalization
 A *U.S.* citizen identifica-

tion card
 A *lawful* permanent resident card
 The law also requires employers to obtain and maintain a copy of one

of the above listed identity/employment authorization documents for all non-employees as well. A "non-employee" is defined as any individual,

other than an employee, paid **directly** by the employer in exchange for the individual's labor or services.

The employment verification provisions referenced above will be phased in as follows:

All *state* and local government agencies must enroll and participate in E-Verify or request and maintain an identity/employment authorization document from a newly hired employee or non-employee no later than January 1, 2012.

All *private* employers with 500 or more employees must enroll and participate in E-Verify or request and maintain an identity/employment authorization document from a newly hired employee or non-employee no later than January 1, 2012.

All *private* employers with 200 to 499 employees must enroll and participate in E-Verify or request and maintain an identity/employment authorization document from a newly hired employee or non-employee no later than July 1, 2012.

All *private* employers with six to 199 employees must register and utilize E-Verify or request and maintain an identity/employment authorization document from a newly hired employee

or non-employee no later than July 1, 2013.

The Tennessee Department of Labor does have the authority to impose penalties for non-compliance. For a first violation, \$500 for each employee or non-employee not verified, for a second violation, \$1,000 for each employee or non-employee not verified, and \$2,500 for a third violation.

The private employer must submit evidence of compliance within 60 days of the final order. If the employer fails to submit such documentation, then the commissioner has the authority to suspend the private employer's license until the employer remedies the violation.

Any lawful resident of Tennessee or any employee of a federal agency may file a complaint alleging a violation of the employment verification provisions of the Act. If there is satisfactory evidence of a violation, the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development will conduct an investigation.

For more information on the Tennessee Lawful Employment Act visit <http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/eVerify/> or contact the Labor Standards Division toll-free at 1-855-TNEBILL (1-855-863-2455).

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Took machine & all

According to reports, the manager of River-view Golf Course, Mr. Kenneth Hillard, arrived at work around 7:35 AM, Monday and discovered the front window was missing and the ATM machine had been taken from the club house. The ATM was filled up on December 30th, 2011 and held several thousand dollars in cash.

Records indicate it appeared the machine was pulled through the opening of the missing window and small black skid marks were

found on the front porch. Some hedges also were broken where the machine was taken off the porch.

The crime occurred between January 1, 2012, at 6:00 PM, and January 2, 2012, at 7:35 AM.

Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID responded to collect evidence. The investigation is ongoing.

Make sure it's a deer!

to manage the small population of the exotic deer.

At the December meeting of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission, an amendment to the proclamation allows for an expansion to the original area.

Last spring, in an effort to eliminate a small population of exotic red deer in Claiborne County, a

two-week red deer season was established after the white-tailed deer season ends. The hunting season is open in the portion of Claiborne County east of Highway 25E from the Kentucky state line to the Highway 33/25E intersection in Tazewell and east of Highway 33 from the Highway 33/25E intersection to the Union County line.

Since the proclamation was passed, the area where the red deer are located shifted. The amendment allows for an expanded hunting area in the county.

There is no bag limit on red deer and either sex may be harvested by gun, muzzleloader or archery equipment. Hunters must submit red deer harvested for biological sample by taking them to Southern Outdoors, 2809 Hwy 25E in Tazewell. Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency personnel will be

present to collect samples during specific times. Otherwise, instructions for hunters will be posted at the Southern Outdoors location.

Most of the herd is located on private lands. Hunters are reminded that they must have permission of the landowners to hunt on private lands. State law prohibits hunting from a motorized vehicle and hunting from or across a public road or

right-of-way.

The TWRA also wishes to make hunters aware that red deer resemble elk in appearance and that anyone convicted of illegally killing a wild elk are subject to up to \$2,500 in fines and up to 11 months/29 days in jail.

Please contact the TWRA Region IV office in Morristown at (423) 587-7037 or 1-800-332-0900 with any questions.

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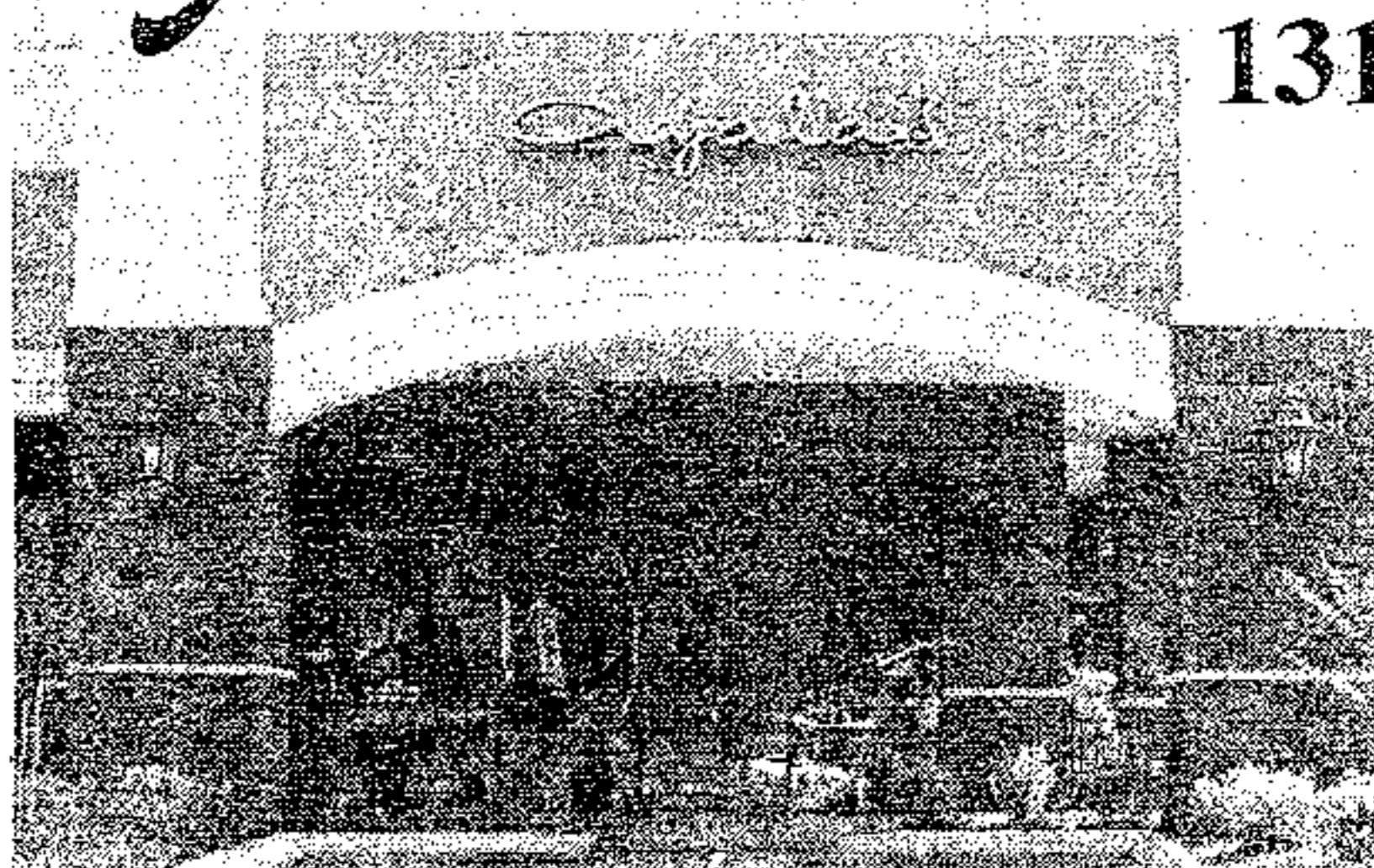
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sponded to a residence on Old Highway 95 on a past domestic call. The victim advised on De-

ember 25, 2011, her boyfriend, Fredis A. Romero, punched her in the face.

The officer reported the victim had a black eye and concussion, as well

as other head injuries sustained during the altercation.

A witness to the incident wrote a statement advising Romero punched the victim causing serious bodily injury. Officer

Burley made the arrest.

Really? cont.

driving at approximately 40 mph. He conducted a traffic stop and identified the driver as Ronald Jenkins.

There was a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle and the sgt. asked Mr. Jenkins if he'd been drinking. Jenkins stated he'd had four beers. He was very unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and could not perform field sobriety tasks as instructed.

There was also an open

container in the console and an open one under the passenger's feet.

Mr. Jenkins was placed under arrest and asked if he had anything on him and he stated he had a small amount of marijuana in his shoe. Jenkins was transported to the Fort Loudoun ER for a BA then on to the jail.

While Sgt. Bowen was performing field sobriety on Mr. Jenkins, the passenger, later identified as Jeffery Burchfield, got out of the passenger seat and urinated on the side of the road. He was very unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and red watery eyes.

Burchfield did poorly on field sobriety and was placed under arrest.

Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO transported Burchfield to the Loudon County Jail.

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