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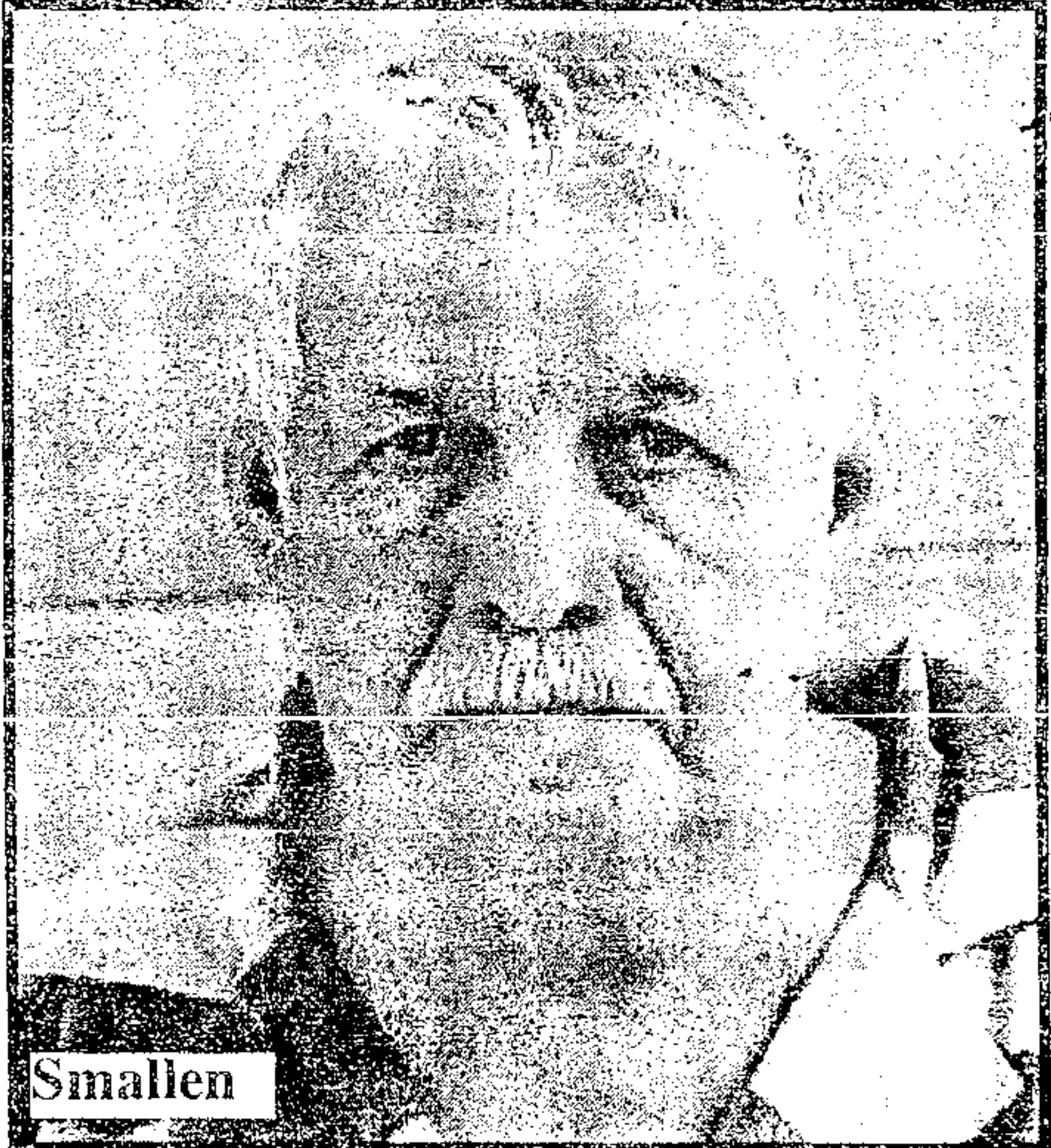
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Monday, October 29, 2012

LC man indicted on two counts of sexual battery

Deputy TJ Scarbrough, LCSO along with Investigators Russell and Smith, LCSO CID went to Hickory Creek Road to serve a warrant on Joe William Smallen. Mr. Smallen was taken into custody without incident on a criminal court capias for two counts of aggravated sexual battery.

Joe William Smallen
(see Smallen pg. 3)



Smallen

Man nearly hits police cruiser, gets 6th DUI

Officer B. Brown, LCPD was on Broadway when a purple vehicle nearly sideswiped his cruiser while traveling east on west Broadway. According to the report, the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, which hesitated before stopping. The driver, Mr.

(see Kerr pg. 5)



Kerr

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoc

Do they exist?



ring a smoking caldron of witches brew. There are "haunted" houses and "haunted" trails nearby to test our nerves and

As Halloween quickly approaches we can expect to see plenty of young ghosts and goblins wandering from house to-house trying to increase the weight of a plastic bag full of candy. Some folks decorate their homes and property with frightful cemetery scenes or scary looking witches stir-

make the hair on the back of our necks stand up. In these, many girls jump and squeal when they hear a nearby chain saw and the guys make vain attempts to portray "Machismo" while really wanting to squeal themselves! (And some do!) What's weird is that we pay money for that!

(see The Good News pg. 7)

Knox woman gets stuck in LC yard after wreck while DUI

A Knoxville woman reportedly tried to leave the scene of an accident even though a po-

lice officer was in front of her vehicle, which was stuck in a yard at a Lenoir City residence

(see Stuck pg. 3)

Lying doesn't help

A Knoxville woman received an additional charge of impersonation when she was

(see Lied pg. 5)

No License

Estanislao Lopez-Figeroa, 34, of West First Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with

(see No License pg. 5)

Citizens Beware: Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) reports latest scam

FBI - This report, which is based upon information from law enforcement and com-

plaints submitted to the IC3, details recent cyber crime trends and new twists to pre-

(see Scam Alert pg. 2)

Verse of the Day

Correct me, Lord, but only with justice--not in your anger, lest you reduce me to nothing.

-Jeremiah 10:24

Obituaries

Judith Arlene (Myers) Kryter
Wazzup

Be sure to vote. This is the last week for early voting ends on November 1st. Election Day will be November 6. Your vote matters so vote early or on election day.

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 50s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Lows in the lower 30s.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21
Now is the time to make your move romantically. If you're already with someone, shower them with gifts and affection or just request some time alone today or tonight. You won't be

sorry!
Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
You just can't seem to get yourself going today, try as you might. It's a good time to deal with domestic issues anyway, so maybe you should call in sick to
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Scam Alerts

viously-existing cyber scams.

DATING EXTORTION SCAM

The IC3 has recently received reports regarding a scam that baits individuals into intimate online conversations and then extorting them for financial gain. The scam was initiated after the victims met someone online, such as on a dating site, and were asked to connect via a specific online social network. Shortly after, the conversations became sexual in nature. Later, victims received text messages, either containing their names, asking if it was them or containing a statement that indicated their names were posted on a particular website. The victims were provided a link to a page on the website that

claimed they were a "cheater." Photos of the victims and their telephone numbers were also posted. There was an option to view and buy the posted conversations for \$9. Victims were also given the option to have their names and conversations removed for \$99. Some were even told that once the payment was made, the information would be removed within an

hour and the website would not allow anyone to post anything pertaining to the victims' names again. However, reports do not indicate that the information was ever removed.

Police Beat

Dustin Lee Robinson, 20, of Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal John Wilson, LCSO made the arrest.

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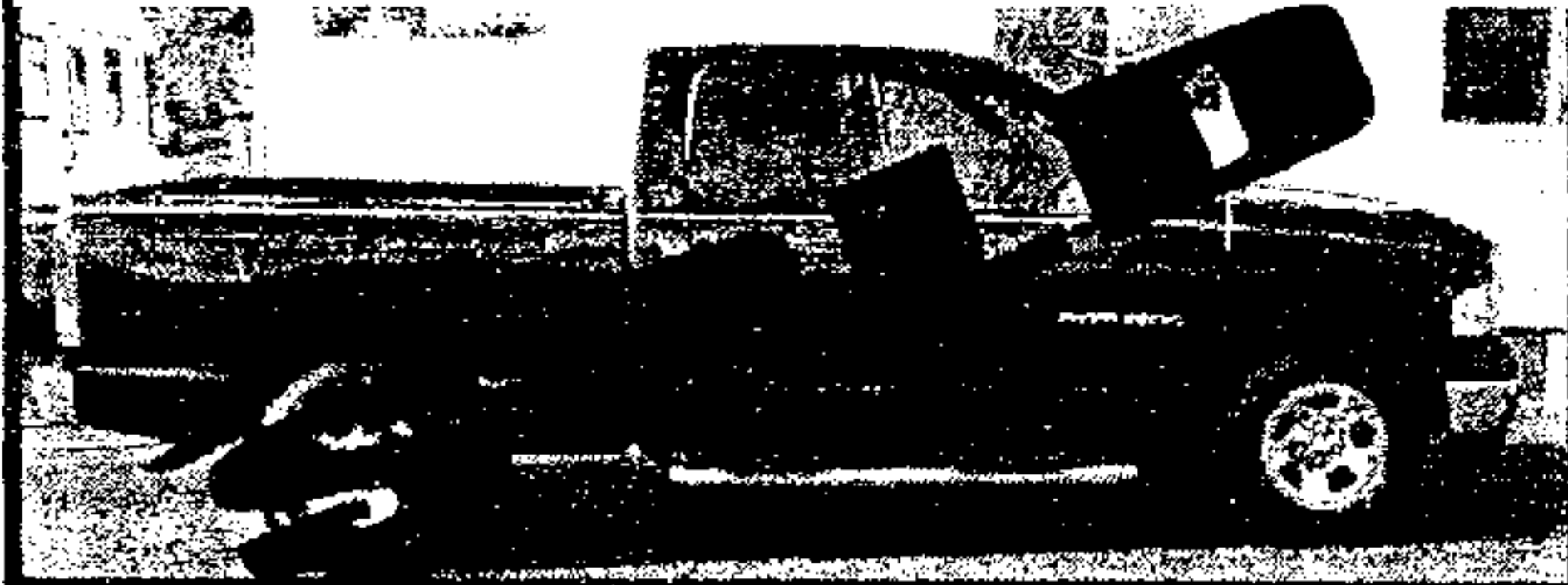
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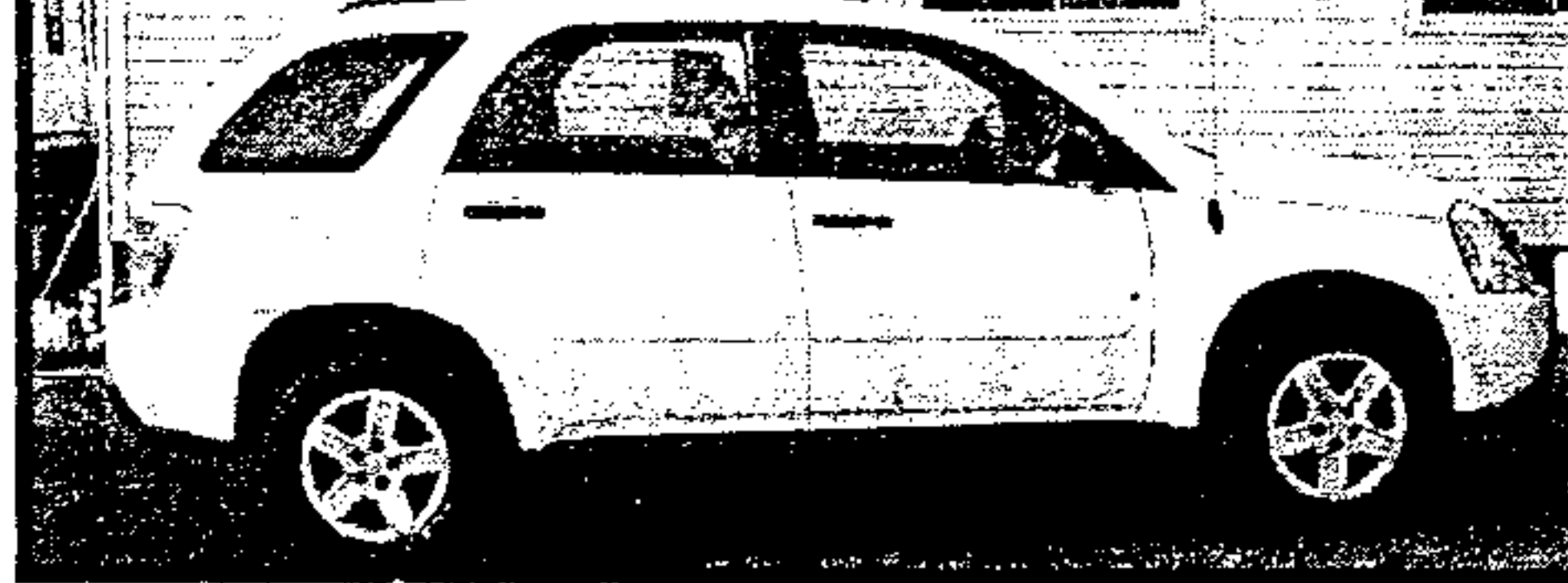
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Smaller
 len, 57, of Hickory Creek Road, Lenoir City, was charged with two counts of aggravated sexual battery.
 Deputy TJ Scar-

brought, LCSO made the arrest.
Stuck
 where she crashed while allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol.

Melissa Nicole Bradley, 25, of Cedar Lane, Knoxville, was charged with DUI 1st offense.
 According to the report, Officer B. Burley, LCPD was dispatched to

an accident on A Street in Lenoir City. Upon arrival the officer observed a silver vehicle with extensive front end damage that had come to rest in the front yard of a residence. Ms. Bradley was found in the drivers seat with the vehicle still running. The officer immediately detected the odor

of an alcoholic beverage on Ms. Bradley's person and noted she had blood shot eyes and slurred speech.

When the officer told Ms. Bradley to shut the car off, she placed it in drive and attempted to flee from the officer with Officer Alan Bean, LCPD in front of it. The vehicle was stuck and Ms. Bradley was unable to flee.

Bradley admitted to drinking and a gave a BAC at the hospital. Officer B. Burley, LCPD made the arrest.

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TALKING POINTS

- FINANCES:** I have over thirty years experience in Administrative Assistant and Executive and Financial Secretarial positions. I have studied the City Budgets and Annual Audits of the past few years. We CANNOT CONTINUE to borrow and overspend taxpayers' money under the assumption that our economy is going to improve!
- HIRING:** I think it is time we tell City Council that THE CITY AND LCUB JOBS ARE NOT THEIR JOBS TO GIVE AWAY! The Lenoir City government is not a family business and should not be run as if it were. We need a hiring policy that would insure equal opportunity for anyone to apply and be considered according to merit for every open position in the future. (This would not affect current employees.)
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** I would like to see us return to the original intent of the City Charter that made the City Council and the LCUB Board two separate groups of individuals. As it is now, it is not uncommon for the Council/LCUB Board to pass a motion serving as one entity, and vote to pass the motion on to THEMSELVES for their own additional approval, serving as the other entity. (To sit in a meeting and see this take place is unbelievable.)
- ACCOUNTABILITY:** I believe we need an appointed Ethics or Oversight Committee that would consist of at least ten city residents who are not related to (or business affiliates of) the Mayor or any member of City Council. (Presently, the City Attorney oversees ethics in our City government. The City Attorney is hired by the City Council.)

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Kerr
Larry Dennis Kerr, had slurred speech and delayed motor skills. The officer reported he also observed an

open container of alcohol in the driver's side floorboard. Kerr admitted to drinking six beers and upon a pat down the

officer detected the overwhelming odor of an alcoholic beverage on Kerr's person. Kerr performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

At the jail Kerr registered .17% on the intoximeter, which is over twice the legal limit.

Larry Dennis Kerr, 38, of Henrietta Drive, Knoxville was charged with DUI 6th offense, open container and financial responsibility. Officer B. Brown, LCPD made the arrest. **Lied**

taken into custody for theft when she reportedly tried to lie about her true identity.

Christina Ann Hedrick, 26, of Keck Road, Knoxville was charged with criminal impersonation.

According to the report, Hedrick was arrested at Walmart and charged with theft. Hedrick gave a different

name and social security number at the time of her arrest.

Records indicate during the investigation officials learned the woman's true identity was Christina Hedrick.

Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest and filed the charges.

No License
driving without a license.

According to the report, Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO was on Steekee Road and observed a white sedan sitting off the roadway in a yard. The officer activated his lights and identified the driver as Mr. Figueroa.

A check showed Figueroa had no license. Deputy Butler made the arrest.

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The Good News

It's all in good fun and I am not writing to condemn it. I do, however, hope to remind you of a real life spiritual war that is constantly present and raging around each of us. The realities of which are very encouraging for those who have Jesus as their Savior. As for those who do not know Jesus..... Well you are the one I am trying to reach with the truth before it's too late.

A week or so ago I was visiting my favorite barber shop when the owner and I had a discussion about demonic spirits and angels. My barber asked me a question that I thought I would share with you. He said, "So Jeff, do you believe in ghosts?"

I told him that I believe there are spirits

that dwell on the earth, both from heaven and those of Satan, but I did not believe there were souls trapped between death and eternity just wandering around talking to folks.

He shared an experience that happened to him a few years back and how his faith in God was strengthened through being exposed to the evil that lurks around us.

Another patron waiting for a "new do" stated that he also believes there are spirits and noted that folks who dabble in demonic games, sorcery and other types of witchcraft are dealing directly with the devil in a very dangerous way. I agreed with both of them but have also given the topic much more thought since then.

There are many stories in the Bible that directly

relate to demonic spirits being inside people, talking through people and even speaking to Jesus before being cast into a herd of pigs and jumping off a cliff into the sea.

There are also many references to angels appearing to folks such as the three wise men at the time Christ was born, to Mary at the tomb of Jesus, and many more. If we believe the Bible then we cannot deny the existence of such forces.

Paul stated the following in Ephesians 6:12; *For we do not wrestle against the flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

As a Christian, the following scripture encourages me each day as I walk out my door to face the evil that is described in Ephesians.

II Kings 6:15-17 (NKJV)

(15) And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas my master! What shall we do?" (16) So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." (17) And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Imagine being that young servant who just experienced the awesome power of the Most High God! Imagine how cool it must have been to be Elisha, seeing his "back up," if you will excuse the law enforcement terminology. Elisha could actually see the protection that God was providing, he knew that God was in control. Elisha knew that there was no reason to fear the enemy.

Friends, there are most likely demons lurking near us all but there are also angels sent to us from God above. If we place our trust in Christ, He will protect us from the horrors that we can see, as well as the things we may not see.

As Halloween is upon us I will admit that I do believe in "ghosts" and I do believe there are forces


of God and forces of Satan that battle all around us. I take comfort in the fact that, "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." If you don't know Jesus as your Savior, I pray that your eyes be opened so that you may fully understand how important that decision really is for your eternal future.

As my friend David Choate recently preached, we must wake up each morning and prepare ourselves with the armor of God found in Ephesians Chapter 6 and we should walk out our door each morning prepared to face the demons of the day.

Thank you for reading today and thanks to everyone who has recently encouraged our family as we seek to love others as Jesus loves us. It really is worth it! Send us your thoughts, your testimony or even a prayer request to jeffvittatoc@yahoo.com. Blondie and I have discovered that salvation is too important not to talk about and many Christians are ashamed to share their story.

Your story might be the one that convinces some lost person to accept Jesus, so why not share it with me and others? If you believe that spirits are real as in today's article, then you should also believe there is a place called hell and all who don't know Jesus will one day live in eternal torment for refusing the gift that has already been paid for. Think about it!

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