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Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Suspected pill pusher nabbed after being stopped for speeding

When authorities stopped a vehicle for speeding on Highway 72 Wednesday, a subsequent search and investigation led the arrest of an alleged pill pusher who reportedly also had marijuana in her possession.

Candida Mandy Watson, 36, Dogtown Road, Ten Mile was charged with simple possession of schedule VI marijuana, possession of schedule III hydrocodone for resale, possession of schedule II oxycodone for



(see Watson pg. 6) Watson

Dishner snags wanted woman stopped in road

According to the report, Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD stopped a gold SUV for suspicious activity due to it being parked in the roadway. The driver and only occupant of the vehicle, Amanda J. Nuchols originally advised the officer she was Sharon Key. After checking it was found Nuchols was wanted in Morgan Coun-



(see Nuchols pg. 6) Nuchols

Mystery plate of food, vanishing truck result of DUI

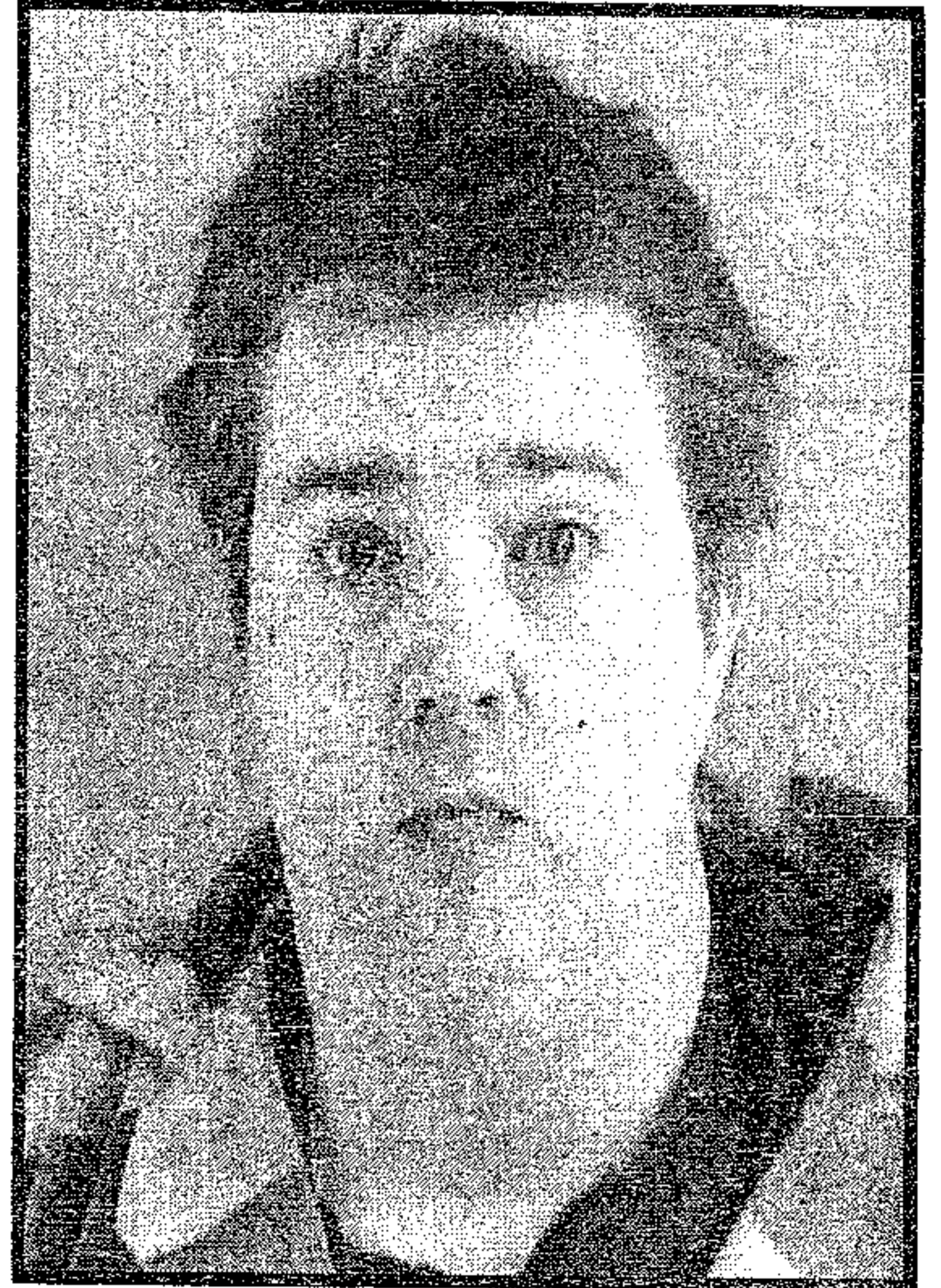
A Loudon man who received up his second DUI and other charges reportedly told authorities he had his girlfriend's pills because she doesn't take them right and that he'd had two of them himself after he was stopped for suspicion of DUI. He reportedly also thought he had lost a plate of food during the booking process, and later learned had truly lost his truck when it was seized.

(see DUI of Pills pg. 3)

Convicted drunk driver gets 5th DUI, more after rolling vehicle

A Loudon man received his fifth DUI and other charges after he reportedly ran off the road and rolled his vehicle over while under the influence of a variety of intoxicants.

Jason Paul Akins, 37, Browder School Road, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 5th of-

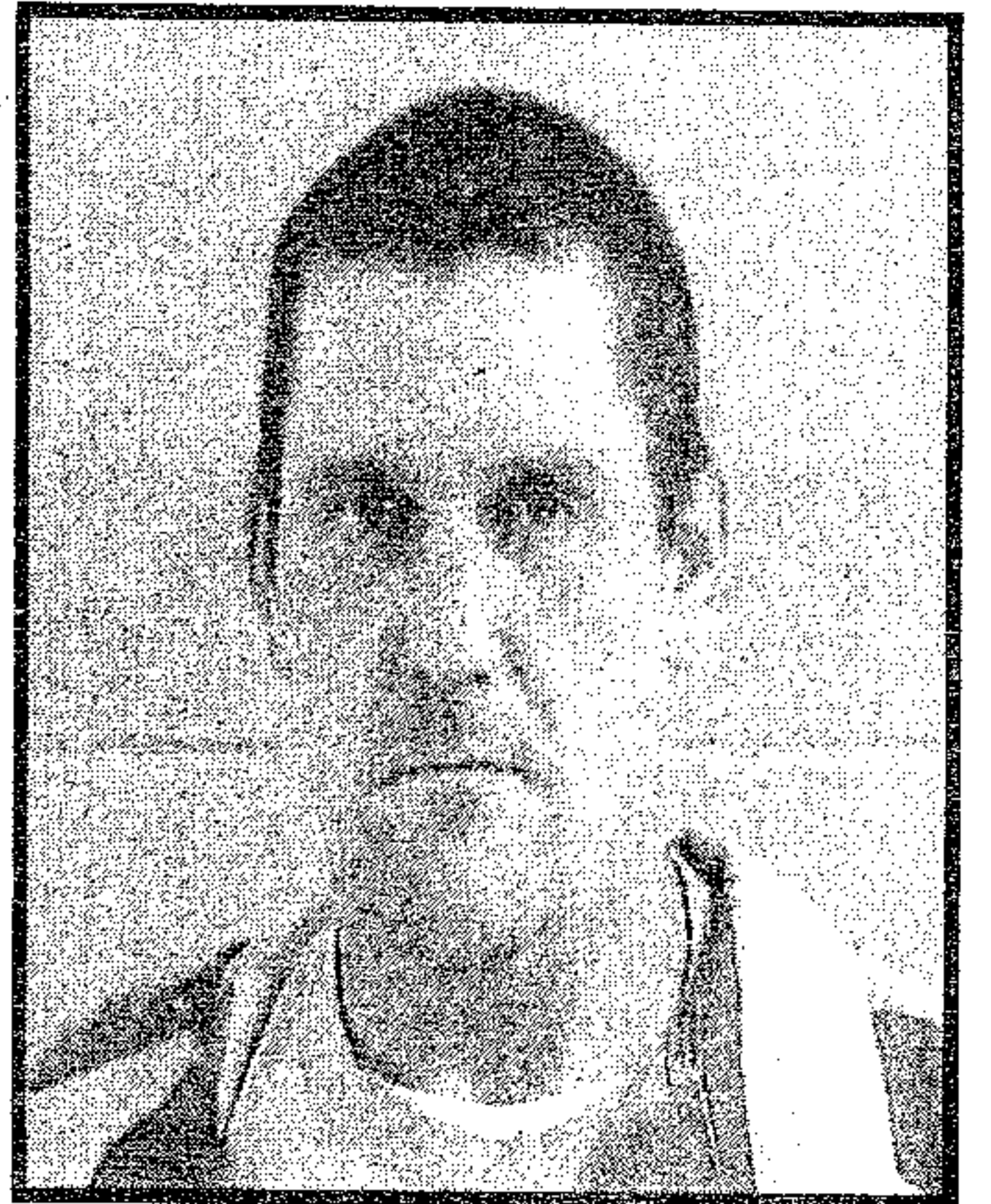


(see Akins pg. 7) Akins

Driver found "holding the can," blows .17% on BAC

Police charged a Lenoir City man with his third DUI and related charges after finding him standing beside his wrecked vehicle with a beer in his hand on booze on his breath.

James Dewey Range, 40, Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City was



(see Range pg. 3) Range

Verse of the Day

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Obituaries

James Chamberlain

Robert L. "Bobby" Clark
Claudia E. Skidmore Hughes
Virgil Mashburn
Wanda Bruner
Karen Lewis Stow
Charles Wheeler Jr.
Forrest Clayton Gearhart

Wazzup

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duper awesome, Mama Dee - we will definitely be adding extra Cilantro to our herb beds this year just for you!

Weather

Today: Variable cloudiness and windy. Slight chance of a rain shower. High 57. Winds SSW at 20 to 30 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 38. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You're thinking quite a bit

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Range

charged with DUI 3rd offense and driving on revoked.

According to records, Corporal Michael Watkins, LCSO was dispatched to an accident on White Wing Road at Echo Hollow Road Wednesday night around 7:04 PM. On arrival, the corporal discovered a white Ford F150 in a ditch and the driver standing in the road with a beer in his hand. He was identified as James D. Range.

Mr. Range was unsteady on his feet and

had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person. A check through NCIC revealed Mr. Range's drivers license was revoked for DUI. He performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was arrested.

Mr. Range was read the implied consent advisement and agreed to a BAC test which was administered at the Loudon County Jail on the intoximeter. He registered .17%.

DUI of Pills

Bobby Joe Arden, 27, Steekee. Road, Loudon

was charged with DUI 2nd offense, driving on revoked license and possession of the legend drug tramadol.

According to reports, Sunday, at approximately 7:00 PM, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a blue Chevy S14 pickup pull into the middle of the intersection at Steekee Street and Highway 72,

while the light was red. It sat there for about 30 seconds before backing back onto Steekee Street. When the light

turned green and the truck crossed Highway 72, Officer Houser began to follow it.

The vehicle went off (see DUI of Pills cont. pg. 7)

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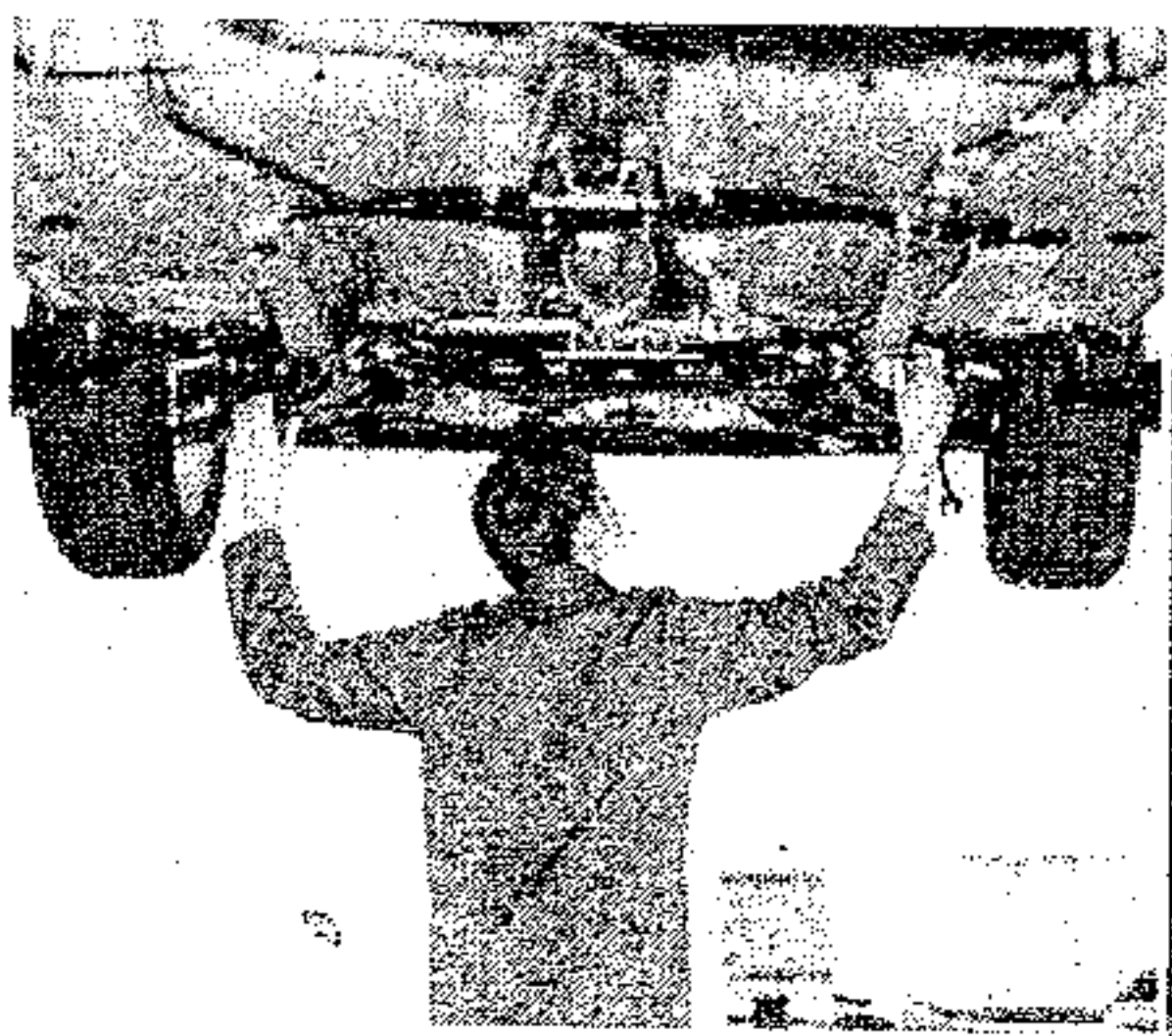
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Watson

resale, and possession of schedule II percocet for resale.

According to reports, Wednesday, around 8:45 PM, Investigator Shane Ezell, LCSO-ND stopped a red Ford Taurus for speeding on Highway 72. The driver was identified as Candida M. Watson.

While issuing Watson a citation for speeding, Lt. Paul Curtis, LCSO-ND and K-9 Deacon conducted a K-9 sniff of the vehicle. K-9 Deacon gave a positive alert to the odor of narcotics coming from inside the car.

A burnt marijuana roach was found in a cigarette pack in the back floorboard. Two burnt marijuana roaches were found in a cigarette pack in the center console. Another cigarette pack containing one hand rolled marijuana

cigarette, a paper towel containing four 7.5 mg hydrocodone and a plastic baggie containing one 10 mg hydrocodone, one 30 mg oxycodone and three 10 mg oxycodone/acetaminophen percocets were found inside Ms. Watson's purse. She was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Records indicate a search warrant was issued for the contents of Ms. Watson's cell phone. Text messages on the cell phone were consistent with and indicated the sale of narcotics.

Investigator Marty Stanley, LCSO-ND was also on the scene.

Nuchols
ty for a failure to appear

on simple possession, introduction of contraband to a penal facility.

Prior to the completion of the officers investigation Ms. Nuchols fled on foot. She was apprehended a short time later by Deputy Michael Watkins and his K9 partner, LCSO.

Amanda J. Nuchols, 25, of W. 2nd Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with criminal impersonation, resisting stop, halt, frisk and search and failure to appear in Morgan County. Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

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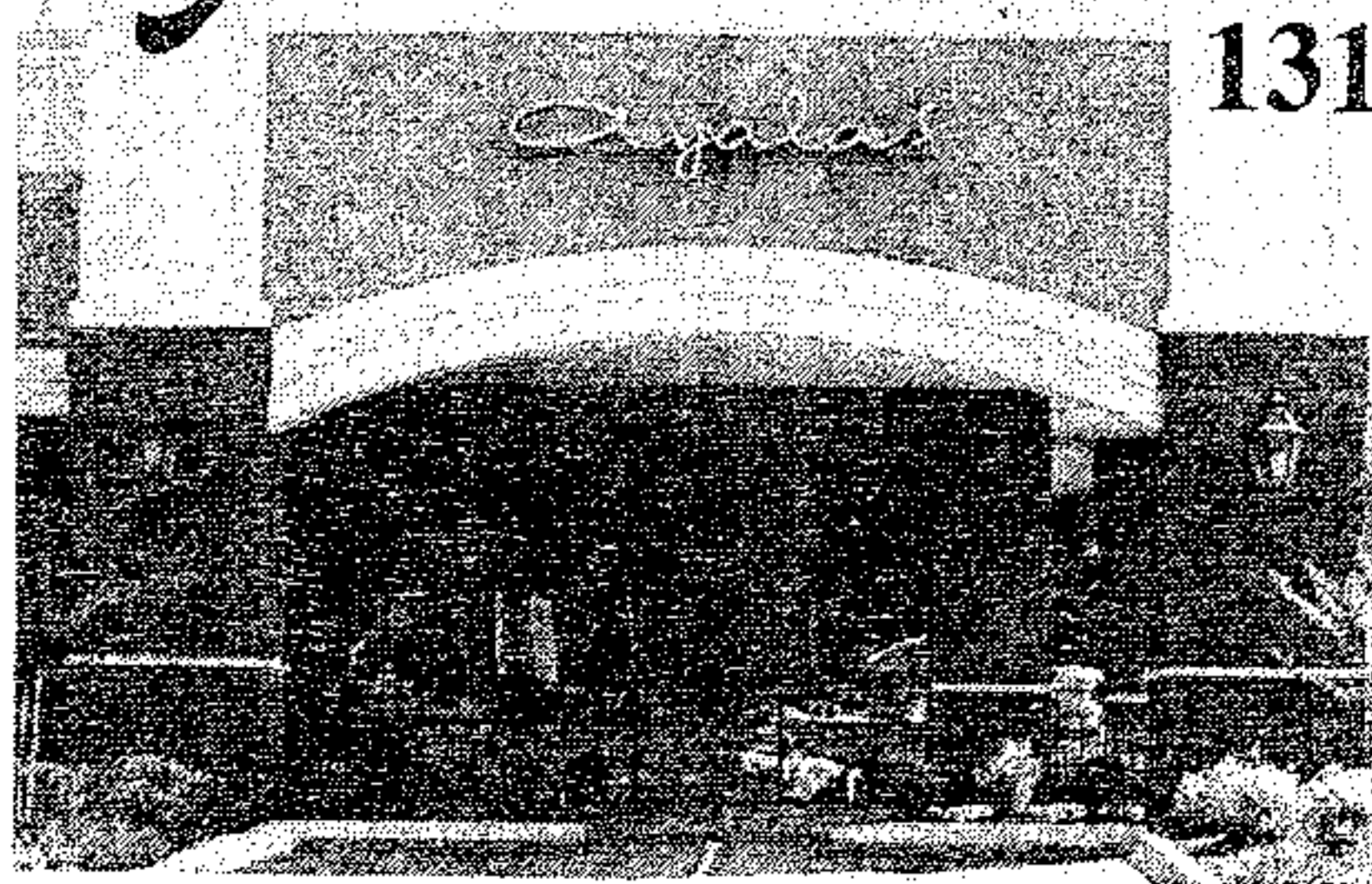
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Akins
fense, driving on revoked 2nd offense, possession of a legend drug without a prescription and financial responsibility/proof of insurance.

The report states, Wednesday, at approximately 10:41 AM, Mr. Akins was traveling west on Harrison Road and ran off the right side of the roadway. The silver Nissan Xterra he was driving landed on it's top.

Mr. Akins' eyes were glassy and his pupils were dilated. He had several packets of cold medicine in his pocket, a couple of bottles of Visine, an emp-

ty black container and one black container with two white pills he stated were Neurontin and he had a prescription for it. The medication was not in it's marked prescription bottle at the time of the crash.

Mr. Akins was unsteady on his feet when he stood up and was very pale. He appeared to be under the influence of some type of drug. Mr. Akins' license were revoked for DUI. He's had four prior DUI charges since March 22, 2000, and his proof of insurance was expired.

DUI of Pills cont.

the right side of the road and almost struck a guard rail then crossed the center

line with oncoming traffic. Officer Houser engaged his emergency equipment and the truck pulled into the Loudon High School parking lot and parked next to the fence.

The driver was identified as Bobby Joe Arden and he appeared to be confused. A check of his license came back revoked due to a DUI.

When asked if he had any weapons on him, Arden stated no, then reached into his right front pants pocket and pulled out a plastic baggie and tried to put it in his left pocket. It turned out to be cellophane from a cigarette pack containing nineteen 50 mg tramadol. Mr. Arden stated they were his girlfriend's but she don't take them

right. He further stated he'd taken two of them.

Arden reportedly further advised he was on some other type of medications but didn't remember what kind. Mr. Arden performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was read the implied consent advisement and agreed. He was transported to the

Fort Loudoun ER for a BAC.

While booking Mr. Arden in at the jail he asked Officer Houser where his plate of food went and the officer told him he didn't have a plate of food. Mr. Arden said a lady gave him a plate of food.

Mr. Arden's pickup was seized.

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