

Sleeping weed dealer nabbed

When police received a call of a woman passed out in her vehicle, responding officers reported finding her sleeping in a handicapped parking spot with a large amount of marijuana and U.S. currency in her possession.

Kristian Nicole Hatcher, 25, Tinnel Road, Lenoir City was charged with possession of marijuana with intent for resale.

According to reports, Sunday, at approximately 1:25 AM, Deputy James R. Bowman, (see Sleeping Dealer pg. 6)



Hatcher

Loudon man charged with assailing minor

A young Loudon man was charged with assaulting a juvenile after he allegedly beat and kicked the boy on a street corner in Loudon in late January, 2012.

Angel Gabriel Colon, 22, Atlanta Avenue, Loudon was charged with simple (see Assault pg. 7)



Colon

February TWRC Meeting Set for Nashville

NASHVILLE - The establishment of the 2012 special elk hunting season and a recommendation to add bowfishing for Asian carp as an approved method of commercial fishing will be among the agenda items for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission at its February

(see Meeting pg. 7)

Well boo-hoo; none of us like delays!

A Jamestown man apparently decided to show his displeasure at being delayed at the scene of an accident with injury on the interstate Thursday by driving recklessly, spinning his wheels and zipping around in his vehicle while he and hundreds of other motorists were being

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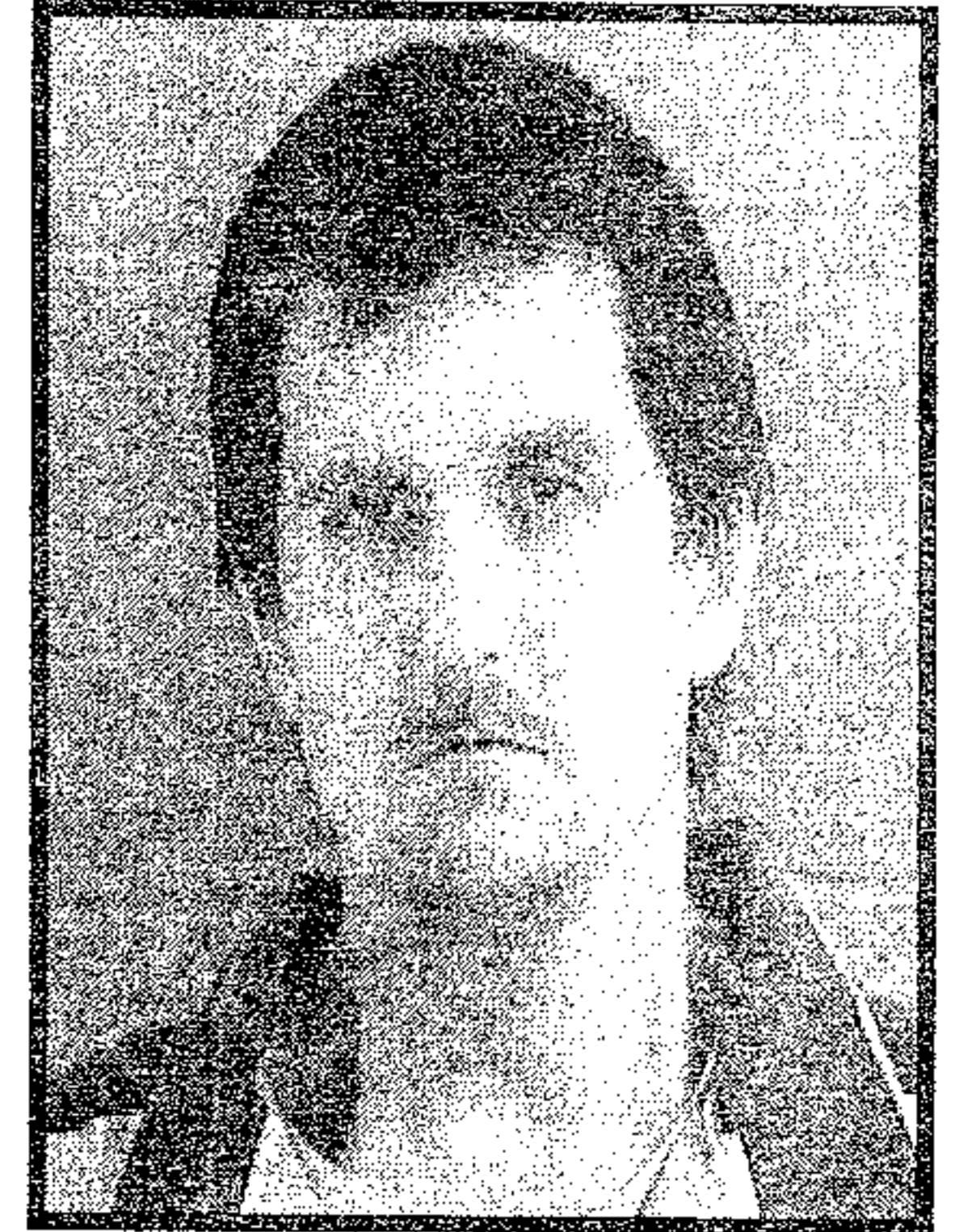


Seely

Shoplifter passes out at the exit

A Lenoir City man accused of stealing over \$40 in merchandise from Walmart was nabbed when police responded to the retail giant on a call concerning his behavior and found him passed out on a race car game with

(see For Real? pg. 6)



Harvey

Residue spoons, needles and stolen purse land 4 in jail

One local resident and three out-of-towners were taken to jail when officials noticed the vehicle they were in was driving around in a suspicious manner and upon stopping to see why they were parked in someone's driveway who apparently wasn't home, a subsequent search produced numerous residue filled spoons, syringes and a stolen purse.

(see Needles pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."

Hebrews 5:8

Obituaries

Rev. Gene L. Bicknell
Rev. John Wayne Headrick
Lodena Lambert

Wazzup

Today is Betty's special day, so be sure to stop by the Pilot on Broadway in Lenoir City and wish her a very Happy Birthday! We love ya, Betty!

How 'bout Kelly Beal of Lenoir City being called for Star 102 FM and ORNL's Fantastic Plastic Payoff contest?

You go, Kelly, we hope you win the big drawing!

Oh Lordy Day, Oh Man Alive, Mama Dee is 55; so stop on in at Smoke and Ale and say Happy Birthday to this crazy female! Luv ya, Mama Dee!

Weather

Today: Cloudy skies early, followed by partial clearing. High 52. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: A few clouds from time to time. Low 31. Winds light and variable.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the

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Waa!

re-routed around the crash. When officials caught up with him, he reportedly also had a handgun, but no permit in his possession.

Joseph Carrol Seely, 33, Billy Ridge Road, Jamestown was charged with reckless driving and carrying a weapon with the intent to go armed.

According to reports, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO worked a wreck with injury involving two tractor trailers and three cars on Interstate 40 at the 367 mile marker around 11:59 AM, Thursday. While the deputy and TDOT were trying to get traffic flowing, Mr.

Seely drove through in a reckless manner.

Seely was attempting to go back westbound on I-40 and law enforcement was assisting him and hundreds of other vehicles to cross back over. Mr. Seely apparently became angry over the delay and while he was crossing from the eastbound lanes to the west, he began to spin his wheels, went sideways and pulled away at a high rate of speed. When he approached other vehicles, he passed them at a high rate of speed and never used any turn signals.

Deputy Hamilton ran back to his patrol unit and went after the speeding 2008

Dodge 2500 and finally caught up to it on Highway 321 going toward Lenoir City. Mr. Seely was placed under arrest for reckless driving and while inventorying his vehicle the deputy found a loaded Smith & Wesson .40 caliber Sigma pistol in the console beside him.

The pistol was within hand's reach of Mr. Seely and he stated he did not have a handgun carry permit.

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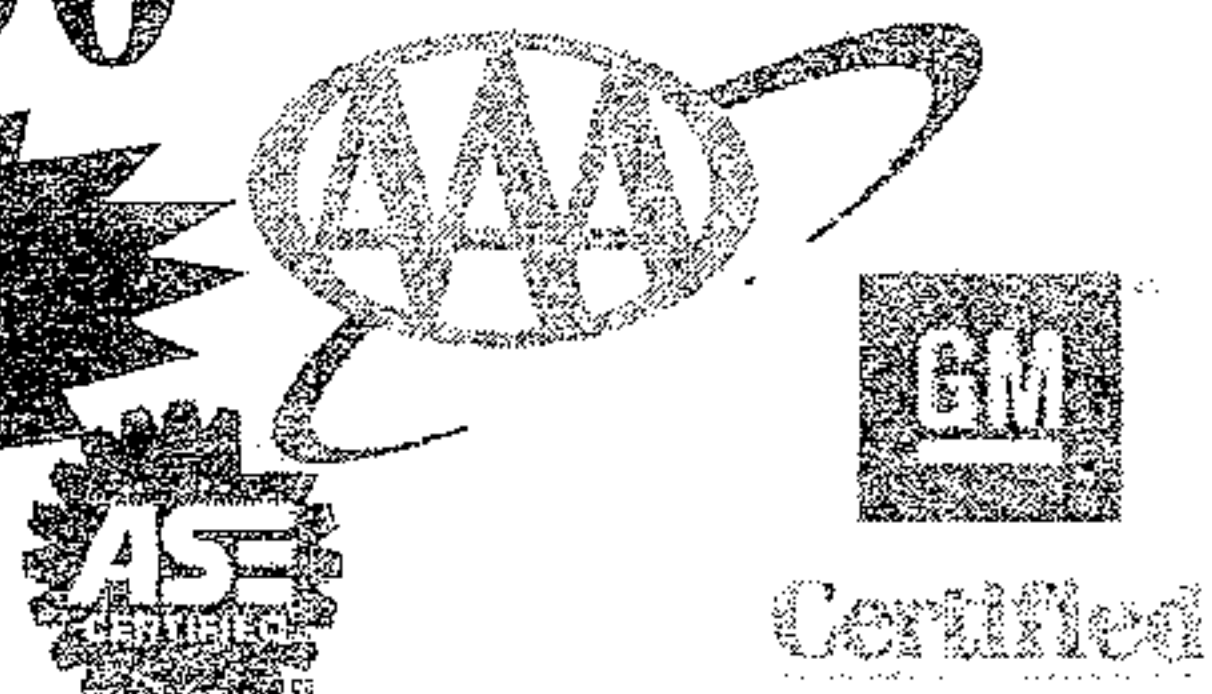
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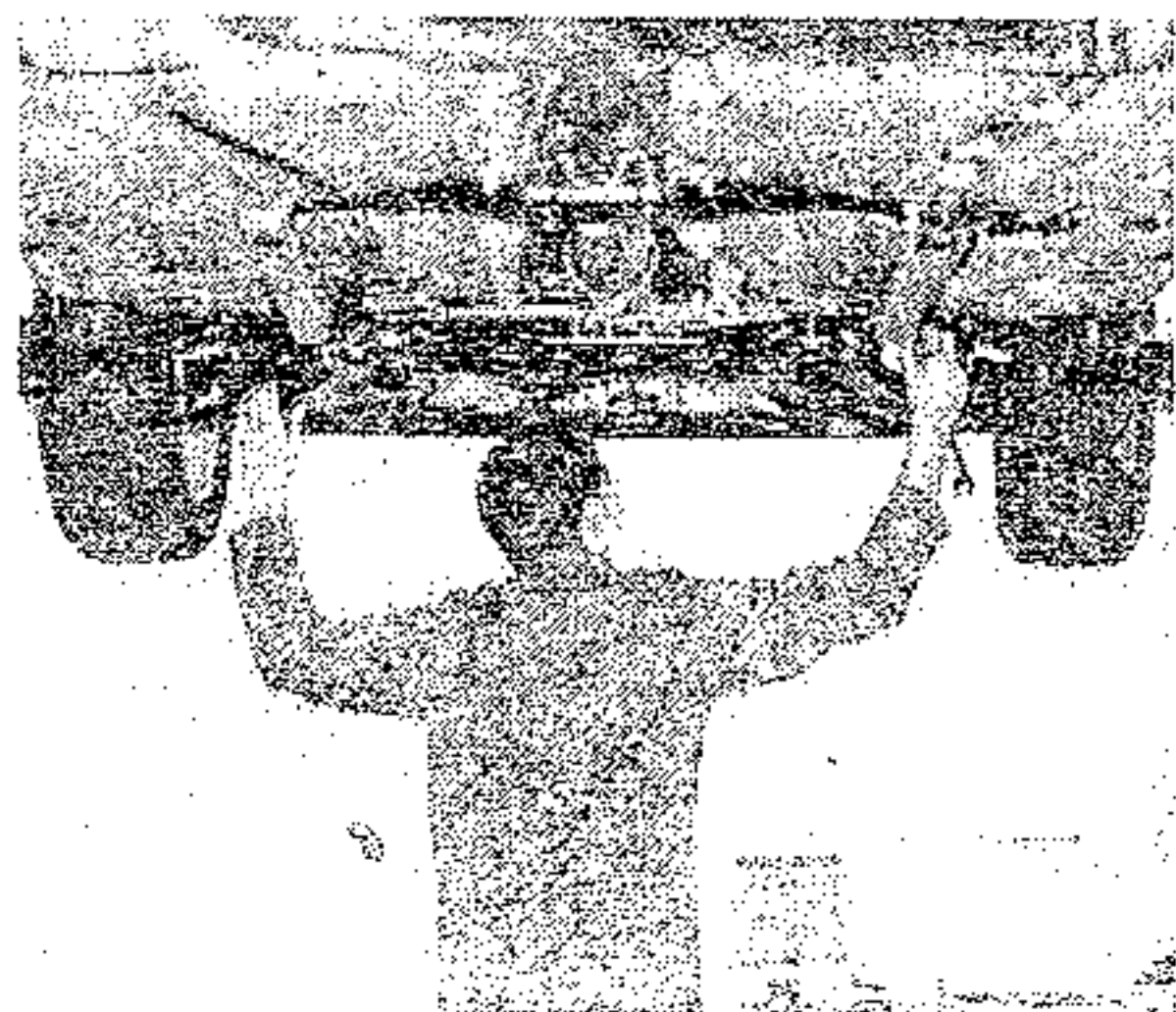
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Needles

Melanie Irene Ballard, 32, Fowler Lane, Clinton; Melissa Clark Douglass, 42, White Loope Road, Clinton;

Jeffery Graves, 24, Jackson Bend Road, Lenoir City; and Charles Frederick Womble, 41, Georgia Avenue, Oak Ridge were charged with pos-

session of schedule IV narcotics and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to records, Deputy J. Stegall, LCSO was patrolling on High-

way 95 north Saturday around 5:56 PM, when he observed a blue older model Buick with four occupants. As the lawman watched the vehicle, it slowed in a suspicious manner in an area where several break-ins have occurred.

The lawman noted it pulled into the first empty driveway on Highway 95, around the 4200 block and he watched as a male exited the vehicle from the left rear, and saw him look around, then go to the front door and knock. No one answered and the man returned to the car and it remained in the driveway, raising more suspicion from the officer.

Deputy Stegall pulled in the driveway behind the Buick. As he approached, he found the driver to be Melanie Ballard of Clinton and the front seat passenger to be Melissa Douglass, also of Clinton. The left rear passenger was identified as Jeffery Graves of Loudon and the right rear passenger was Charles Womble of Oak Ridge.

The deputy asked Mr.

Graves to exit the vehicle and asked him why he was at the residence. Graves replied he was looking for his dog. Deputy Stegall then checked warrants and asked the driver, Mrs. Ballard and the front passenger, Mrs. Douglass, who was in charge of the vehicle. The deputy got permission to search from the two ladies and called Corporal Watkins, LCSO and his partner to search the vehicle.

After the K9 was deployed around the Buick, he alerted to drugs being in or having been in the car. The search rendered five spoons with drug residue on them, five syringes, and 24 yellow pills believed to be klonopin.

There was also a purse found with identification for a woman who was not in the vehicle and later, after speaking with her, it was discovered the purse had been stolen.

None of the occupants claimed the drugs or the paraphernalia and all four were taken into custody and the car was towed.

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Sleeping Dealer

LCSO was in the area of Highway 321 and Bimbos when dispatch advised Lenoir City Police Department of a suspicious white Nissan Maxima with a female passed out behind the wheel. Deputy Bowman spotted the white Nissan illegally parked in a handicapped parking space without a proper tag.

The driver, Ms. Kristian N. Hatcher, had red bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. She performed field sobriety tasks okay, but when asked if there was anything illegal in the vehicle she stated no. After receiving consent to search, however, the deputy found a small clear baggie with a green leaf like substance in the passen-

ger seat within arm's reach of the driver, Ms. Hatcher.

Also found in the same seat was a brown bag with a large amount of a green leaf like substance in a clear baggie. The total weight was about 4 ounces.

There was several bills in U.S. currency consisting of twentys, fives, hundreds, and one dollar bills lying on top of the brown bag and more bills in U.S. currency were found in Ms. Hatcher's purse. The total amount recovered was \$1343.

Hatcher was read her rights and due to the felony amount of marijuana found in her vehicle, Deputy Bowman seized the U.S. currency along with the vehicle. Hatcher was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

For Real?

the stolen goods in his possession.

William Michael Harvey, 35, Wilson Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500 and public intoxication.

According to records, Monday, around 3:37 PM, Officer Jason Felts, LCPD responded to Walmart on a shop lifter call after Mr. Harvey was observed by Walmart associates staggering around the store and acting strange.

On arrival, the officer found Mr. Harvey in the game room of Walmart, passed out while playing one of the race car games.

Officer Felts reported he woke Harvey up and he had slurred speech and could

hardly stand on his own.

While patting Mr. Harvey down a pack of beef jerky fell out of his pants and upon further investigation of Mr. Harvey's two bags of merchandise, it was discovered he didn't have a receipt

for all the items.

Video surveillance was reviewed and Mr. Harvey was seen throughout the store selecting the items found in his bag and not paying for them. The total value of the stolen merchandise was \$40.28.

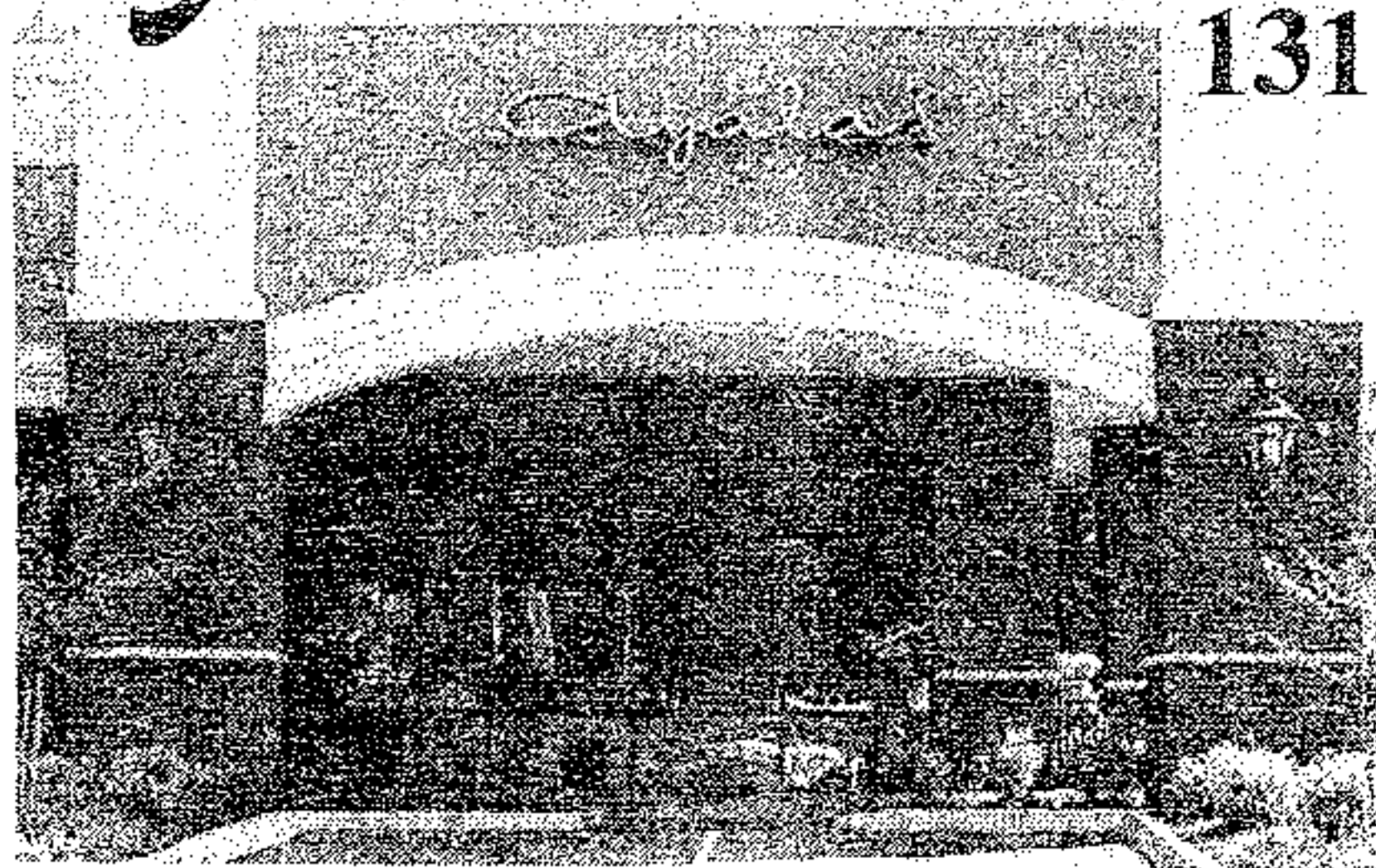


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Assault

assault. According to an affidavit filed by a juvenile's parents; on January 28, 2012, Angel G. Colon assaulted their 16 year old juvenile son with his fist, causing noticeable swelling and bruising to the victim's face.

Mr. Colon is also accused of kicking the victim in the face with his knee.

The assault occurred on

the corner of Ferry Street and Atlanta Avenue in the city of Loudon.

Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD made the arrest Monday.

Police Beat

meeting.

The TWRC will meet Feb. 9-10 (Thursday-Friday) at the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's Region II Ray Bell Building in Nashville. Committee meetings will start at 1 p.m. on Thursday and the formal meeting is at 9 a.m. on Friday.

Currently, bowfishing is only allowed as a sport fishing method. The proposal will allow bow anglers the opportunity to shoot and sell Asian carp as incentive to reduce their numbers.

Daryl Ratajczak, TWRA Wildlife Division Chief, will make the agency's recommendation for the 2012 elk hunt. Also, as instructed at the January TWRC meeting, the agency had a period for public comments regarding the addition of a youth hunt. Those comments

will be presented at the meeting.

The National Wild Turkey Federation Convention is scheduled for Feb. 9-12 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The commission will be briefed on the opportunities to visit the NWTF events, The TWRA works with the NWTF to provide conference support and technical representation.

The commission will receive a presentation regarding the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) issues at Cummings Cove Wildlife Management Area (Aetna Mountain) in southeastern Tennessee. A brief history, update and future plans for the area will be discussed.

A presentation highlighting recent engineering construction projects will be made. The commission will be informed about a new radio show on famed radio station WSM-AM 650.

Police Beat

Ronald Douglas Tutterow, 54, Poplar Street, Loudon was charged Sunday with driving without a license.

According to reports, Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD witnessed Mr. Tutterow driving a tan Mercury Cougar on Sixth Avenue and noticed he was not wearing a seat belt.

A check through NCIC revealed Tutterow did not have a valid drivers license. He was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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