

Trooper critically injured in crash

Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper, Sgt. Lowell Russell of Vonore, was critically injured just before 3:00 AM Tuesday when the driver of a semi truck slammed into the rear of his patrol unit while he was inside it.

Early reports indicate Sgt. Russell had just conducted a routine traffic stop near the Gallaher View Road exit on I-40 and was

(see Trooper pg. 3)

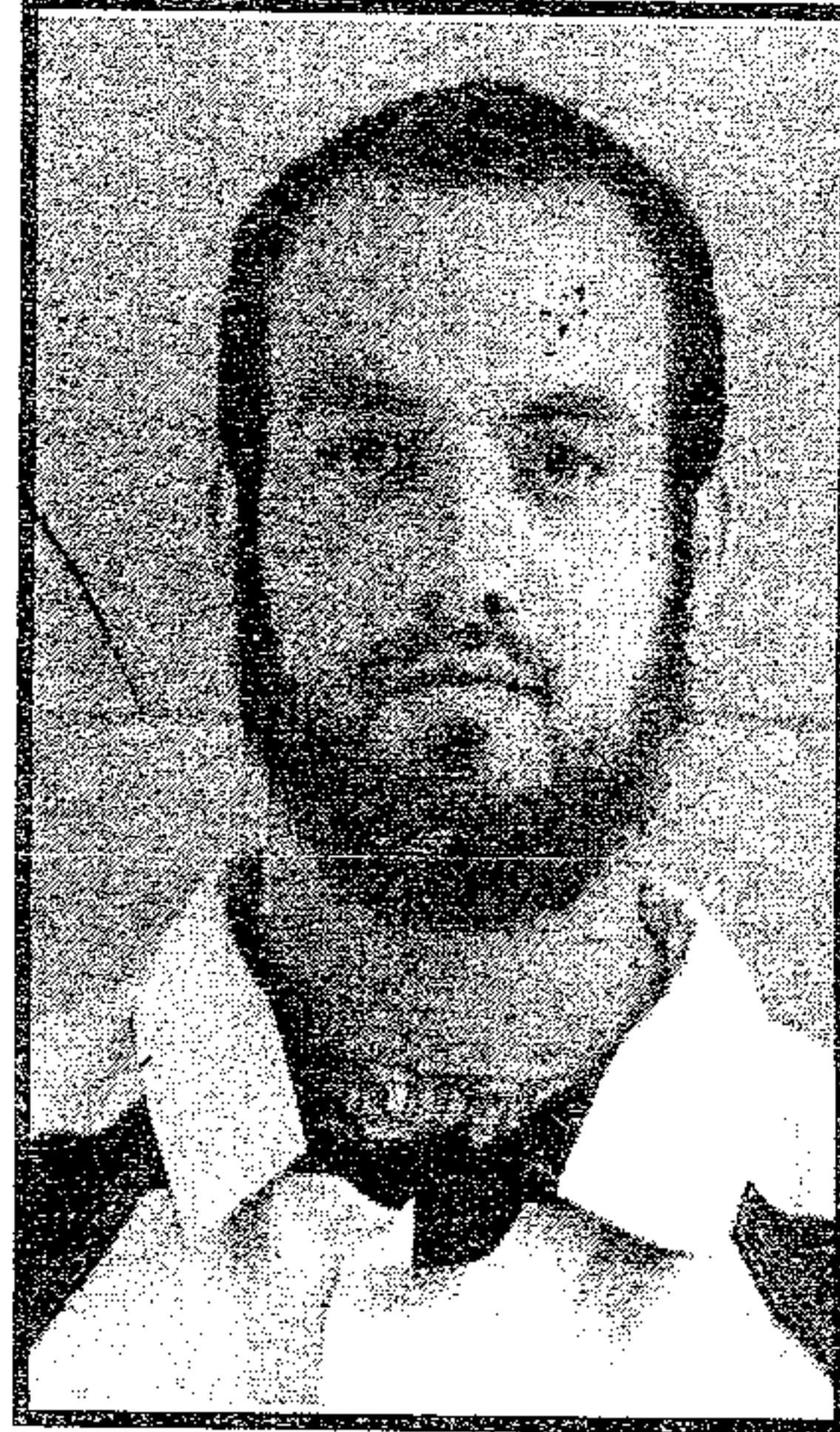


Sgt. Lowell Russell

Reckless driving lands felon & friend in jail

A Chattanooga man and his friend were taken into custody after the vehicle they were in was stopped for reckless driving. A K9 officer discovered they reportedly had illicit narcotics in their possession. One of the men who reportedly had a weapon in his possession in spite of being a convicted felon was also charged with trying to sneak pills into the jail.

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Murphy



Sryock

5 finger discount sends 1 to jail



Hardy

A Lenoir City woman is accused of stealing

(see Shoplifter pg. 3)

Driver blows .16%, gets 3rd DUI

A homeless man was charged with not being properly licensed to operate and driving on the roadway while reportedly driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday.

Arnoldo P. Torres, 50, homeless was charged with DUI 3rd offense, drivers

(see 3rd DUI pg. 6)



Torres

Teen charged with helping minors run away

Detective Jonathan Sartin charged an eighteen year old Lenoir City woman with contributing after she allegedly helped two minors run away from home and then continued to aid them by helping them avoid being caught.

Jessie Marie DeSola, 'aka' Jessie Sewell, 18, Abbott Road, Lenoir

(see Age is Everything pg. 6)



DeSola

Verse of the Day

"Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised." Proverbs 31:30

Obituaries

Cecelia "Jeannie" Davidson
Johnnie Tuck
Loretta Jenkins Doyle

Gerald Eugene "Gene" Hill
John Henry Williams

Wazzup

Love 'em or hate 'em, the law enforcement officer is the very first one to step up and stand in between civilian citizenry and danger and despair. Please keep THP Trooper Sgt. Lowell

Russell and his family in your thoughts and prayers. We're rooting for you, Sgt. Russell...

Weather

Today: A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny. Near record high temperatures. High around 80. Winds light and variable.

Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low

53. Winds light and variable. Thursday: Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

People feel more dangerous than usual right now -- but
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Trooper when the tractor trailer left
sitting inside his cruiser fin- the roadway and crashed
ishing up some paperwork into him, causing his ve-

hicle to burst into flames. Ammunition and flares were inside the trunk of the car and added to the intensity of the fire.

A McMinn County EMS worker returning from a trip to a Knoxville hospital was injured when he stopped to help KPD officials pull the unresponsive trooper from his burning vehicle while it was wedged against a wall.

Sgt. Russell was rushed to UT Medical Center where he remained in critical condition at press time and was suffering from what early reports indicate included severe burns and broken bones.

The driver of the tractor trailer reportedly has been charged with felony aggravated assault, felony reckless endangerment,

failure to move over, and violation of due care and reportedly admitted to dozing off when he left the roadway. His identity had not been released as of press time Tuesday.

Sgt. Russell served three years with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office before going to the Tennessee Highway Patrol and suffered a personal tragedy in September 2011 when Marine Lance Cpl. Franklin Namon "Frankie" Watson, 21, of Monroe County was killed in Afghanistan. Watson had lived with Sgt. Russell, who was his father figure, since age 12.

I-40 westbound was shut down for several hours while the investigation was started and the crash scene was cleaned up.

The investigation continues and the Daily Edition will bring you more information as it becomes available.

Shoplifter

numerous items, including toiletries and a pacifier from Walgreens Friday.

Michelle Lee Hardy, 24, West Broadway, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

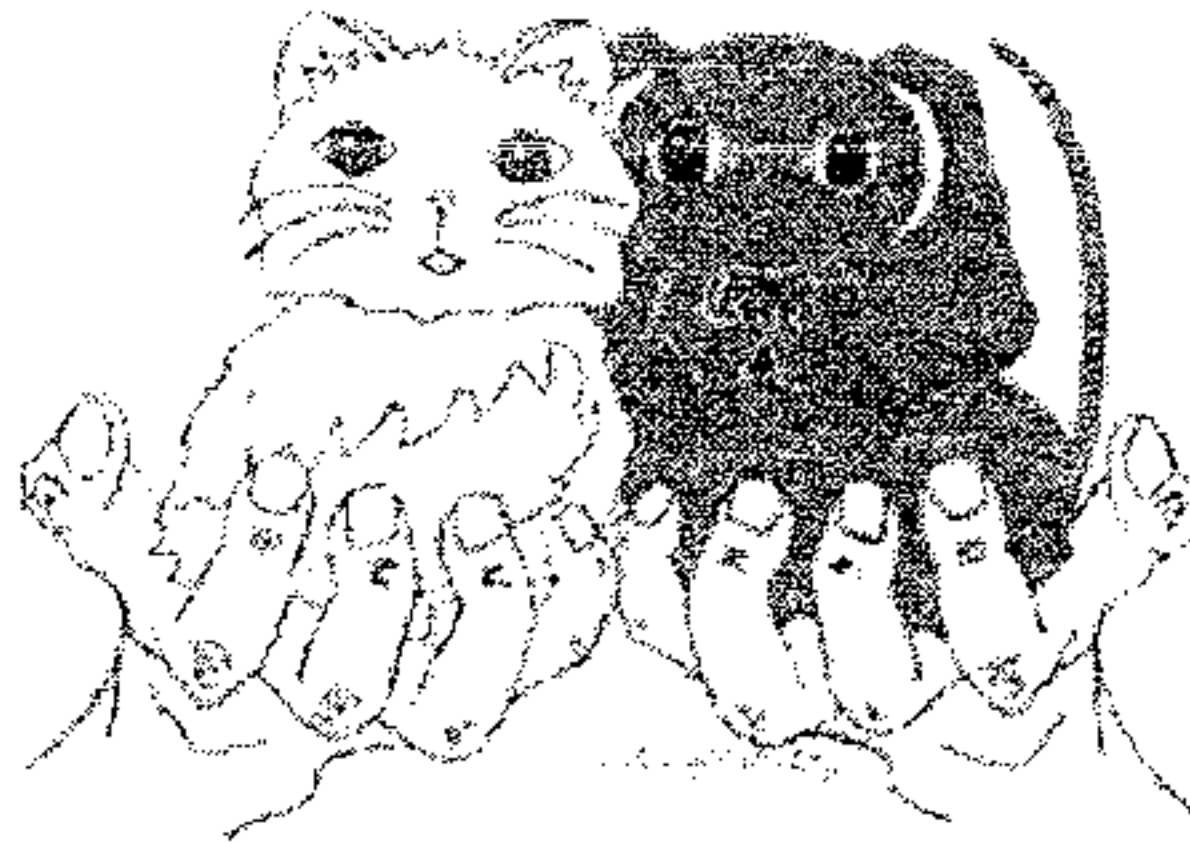
According to records, Ms. Hardy was observed entering Walgreens on Highway 321 in Lenoir City Friday where she began shopping and was seen by a store clerk acting suspiciously and placing various items in her purse.

The merchandise reportedly consisted of various toiletry items, deodorant, facial masks, perfumes, a baby pacifier and facial cloths totaling approximately \$85. All the items were recovered.

Hardy hid the items in her purse and attempted to leave the store without paying.

Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

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Busted

Brenden Andrew Murphy, 23, Enret Drive, Chattanooga was charged with possession of schedule IV xanax, possession of schedule II vyvanse, possession of a weapon while in commission of a felony, introduction of drugs into county jail and possession of a weapon while a convicted felon.

Johnny Andrew Sryock, 36, Spruce Street, Rossville, Georgia was charged with possession of schedule II vyvanse.

According to reports, Deputy Chris Jenkins,

LCSO was assisting (see Busted ctd. pg. 7)

3rd DUI

license required to operate and driving on roadway.

According to the affidavit, filed by Trooper Russell Smith, THP Sunday, around 12:54 AM, Mr. Torres was stopped on Interstate 75 at the 82 mile marker for driving erratically and crossing the fog line several times. He had an obvious odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person, slurred speech, was unsteady on his feet and admitted drinking three beers prior to driving.

Mr. Torres was asked

to perform field sobriety tasks and he stated he had been drinking and just wanted to go to jail.

Mr. Torres was offered a breath test at the Loudon County Jail and blew a .16%.

Age is Everything

City was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about February 29, 2012, two minor siblings left their home on North C Street without permission of their father. One is 16 years old and the other

is 14 years old. Jessie DeSola picked them up and took them to a location in Knox County, knowing they were runaways.

Since then, DeSola has had the 16 year old's phone texting from it and the 16 year old has had DeSola's

phone. She is contributing to them by helping them avoid being caught.

Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD served the warrant and made the arrest Tuesday.

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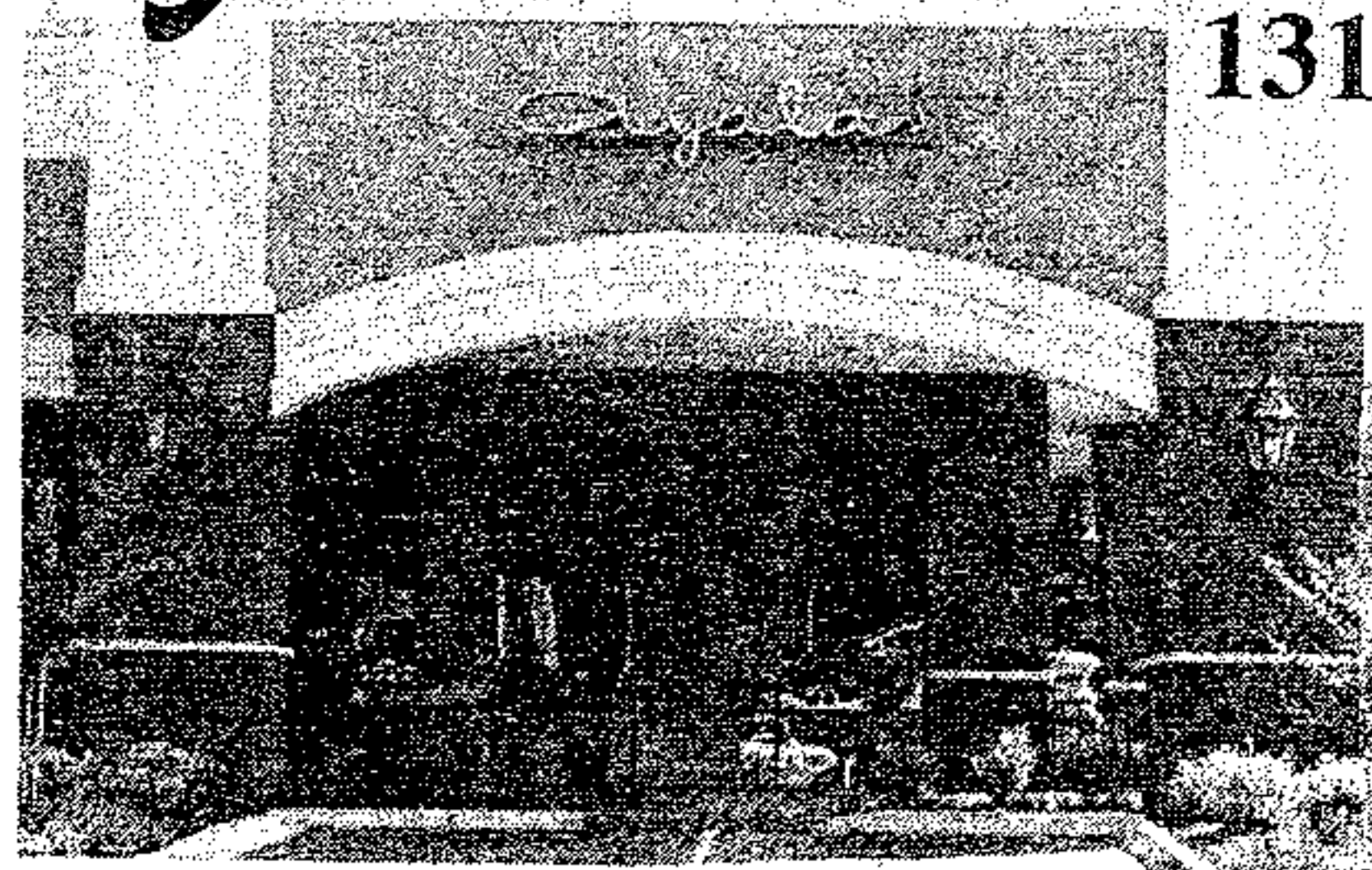
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Busted ctd.

Trooper Sgt. Jimmy Whitt, THP with a traffic stop on a gray Nissan Pathfinder for reckless driving Saturday and all the occupants were removed from the vehicle due to officials finding toy guns in plain view that appeared to be real.

While Trooper Whitt

and Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSO checked for warrants and drivers license and issued citations, Deputy Jenkins deployed K9 Diego for a drug sniff of the vehicle and he alerted to the passenger side window area.

A pat down was conducted on the occupants for officer safety and the driver was identified as Brenden A. Murphy. Mr. Murphy gave verbal consent for officers to search him and they discovered a blue oval

pill in his right sock, which was identified as xanax that Murphy didn't have a prescription for.

A search of the vehicle revealed a black jacket in the drivers seat that Mr. Murphy said was his. A Raven Arms .25 caliber automatic with six rounds in the magazine was found in the jacket. Mr. Murphy claimed ownership of the gun, but he did not have a handgun carry permit. Mr. Murphy was placed under arrest.

The passenger was identified as Johnny A. Sryock. Mr. Sryock gave verbal consent to be searched and officers found two white capsules in the watch pocket of his pants. The capsules were identified as 20 mg vyvanse. Mr. Sryock didn't have a prescription for the medication and was also placed under arrest.

Before entering the jail, Corporal McGinley asked Mr. Murphy twice if he had anything illegal on his person before being searched and Mr. Murphy said he didn't. Due to Mr. Murphy having illegal narcotics hidden in his clothes, a strip search was conducted and Mr.

Murphy had a clear plastic wrapper with ten white oval capsules in his crotch area. The capsules were identified as 20 mg vyvanse and he didn't have a prescription for them.

A check for a criminal history on Mr. Murphy showed he is a convicted felon who has convictions for weapons and narcotic possessions.

Police Beat

Jason Michael Melton, Sweetwater Vonnore Road, Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation Wednesday.

Deputy Aaron Carroll, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

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