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Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Man charged with using 5' stick during 3 day domestic

A Sweetwater man was charged with aggravated assault after he allegedly struck a woman with a walking stick during a three day ordeal in which she said she was beaten and also kicked by the man.

Steven Alan Plemons, 40, Blue Springs Road, Sweetwater was charged with aggravated assault domestic violence.

According to an affidavit filed by Investigator Jason

(see 3 Day Ordeal pg. 5) Plemons



Elderly woman victimized

An elderly reported the larceny of funds from her credit card to local authorities when she discovered someone had used it to gain over \$800 at two Loudon County businesses in February, 2012.

According to records, Wednesday, a 72 year old Rockwood woman went to the Justice Center to report her credit card had been used at two different locations in Loudon County. The woman

(see Elderly Victimized pg. 6)

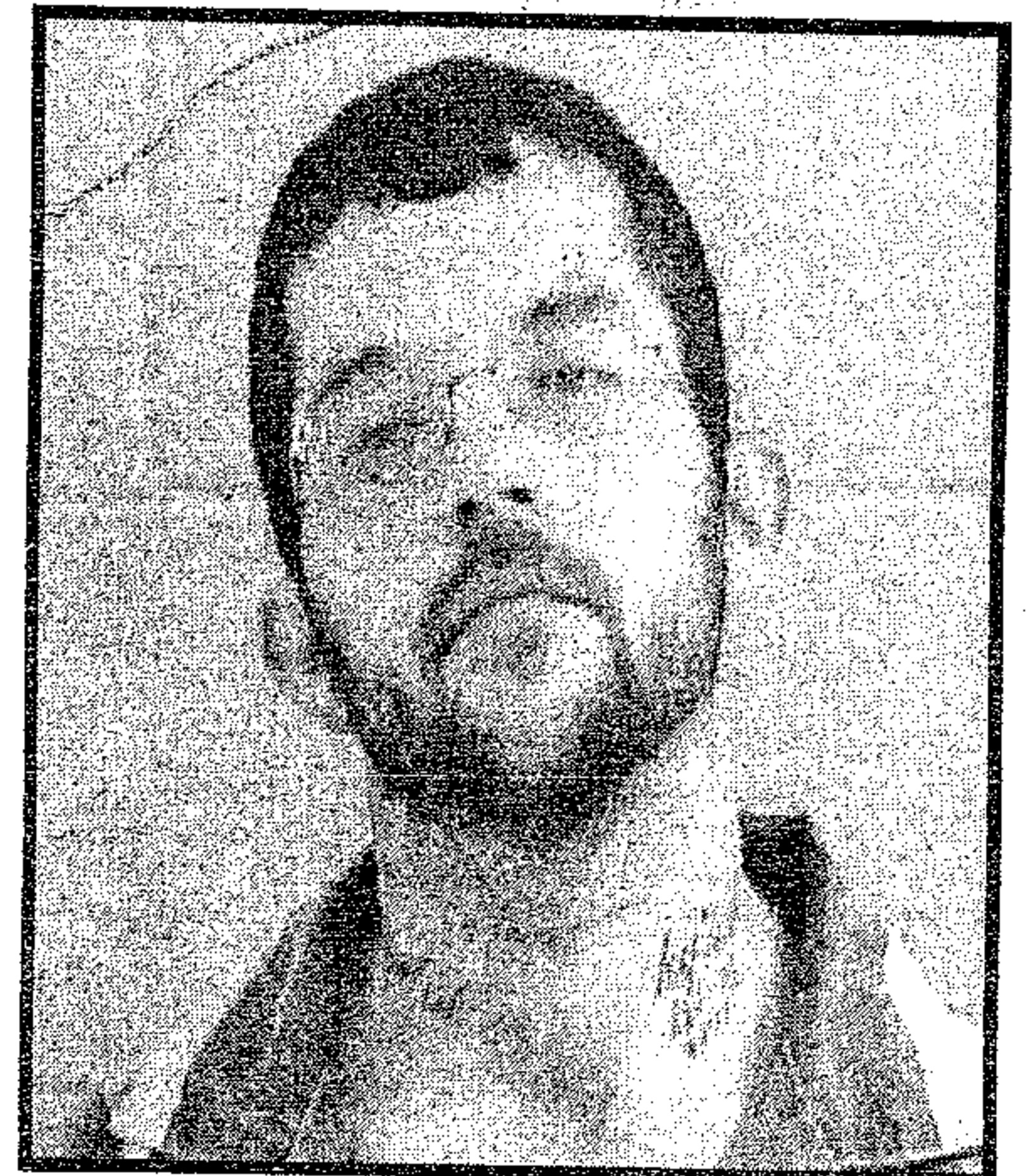
Hidden pain pills send man to jail

A local man was jailed after police stopped the vehicle he was in for a seat belt violation and numerous pain pills he reportedly had hidden were found under the hood.

Joseph Michael Tolle, 25, Old Highway 95, Lenoir City was charged with possession of schedule II.

According to an affidavit; on March 13, 2011, at approximately 12:32 AM, Investigator Jason Butler,

(see Plan Foiled pg. 3) Tolle



Dad authorizes bad checks, fails to make good on them

A local man was taken to jail after he reportedly failed to make good on three worthless checks he allegedly authorized his daughter to cash to pay someone else with.

Richard Lee Wilkerson, 68, Hickory Creek Road, Lenoir City was charged with three counts of writing worthless checks.

According to affidavits, filed

(see Bad Checks pg. 5)

Unemployment Claimants Now Required to Provide Proof of Work Searches

NASHVILLE - Beginning in April, significant changes to the unemployment insurance system will require in-person case management and docu-

mented work searches for nearly 56,000 claimants. Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Karla Davis

announced the receipt of guidance from the USDOL outlining new requirements for select claimants to continue receiving unemployment ben-

efits.

"The reality is that as the state unemployment rate drops there will be fewer weeks of unemployment available,"

(see Proof of Search pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

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Weather

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derstorm is possible. High 84. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: A few clouds. Chance of a shower or thunderstorm through the evening. Low 57. Winds light and variable. Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.

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Plan Foiled

LCPD-ND stopped a red Nissan VSA for a seat belt violation. Subsequent to a consent search, officers found one pill bottle containing nineteen 15 mg oxycodone tablets under the hood in the engine compartment's fuse box.

Tolle stated he and the other two passengers in the vehicle purchased the oxycodone. Upon interviewing the passengers, however, all provided independent statements regarding Joseph Tolle hiding the oxycodone tablets under the hood.

Investigator Butler made the arrest

Wednesday on C Street at Fourth Avenue.

Police Beat

Jesse Ray Huffine, 24, Norwood Drive, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Detective Kay Arnwine, LCPD made the arrest Thursday, at City Hall.

Robert Kyle Townsend, 43, West Acre Drive, Knoxville was charged Thursday, with an attachment.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest at the Blount County Jail.

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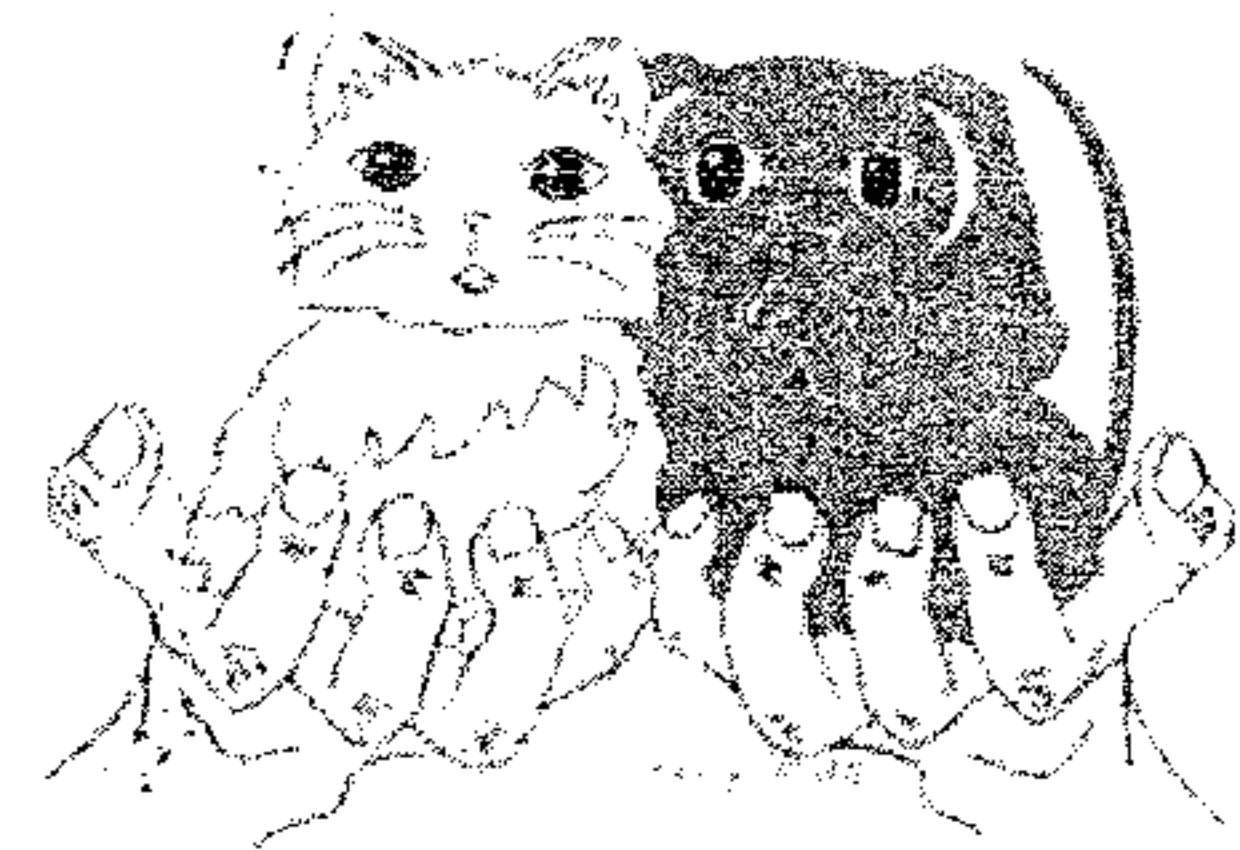
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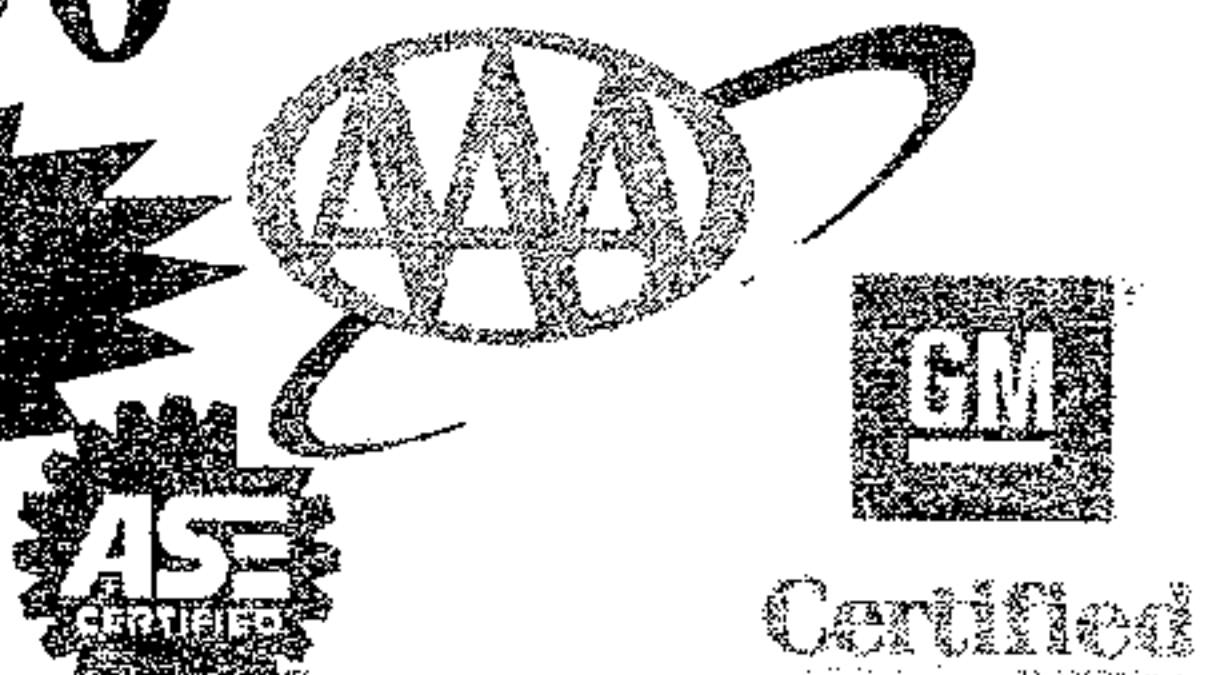
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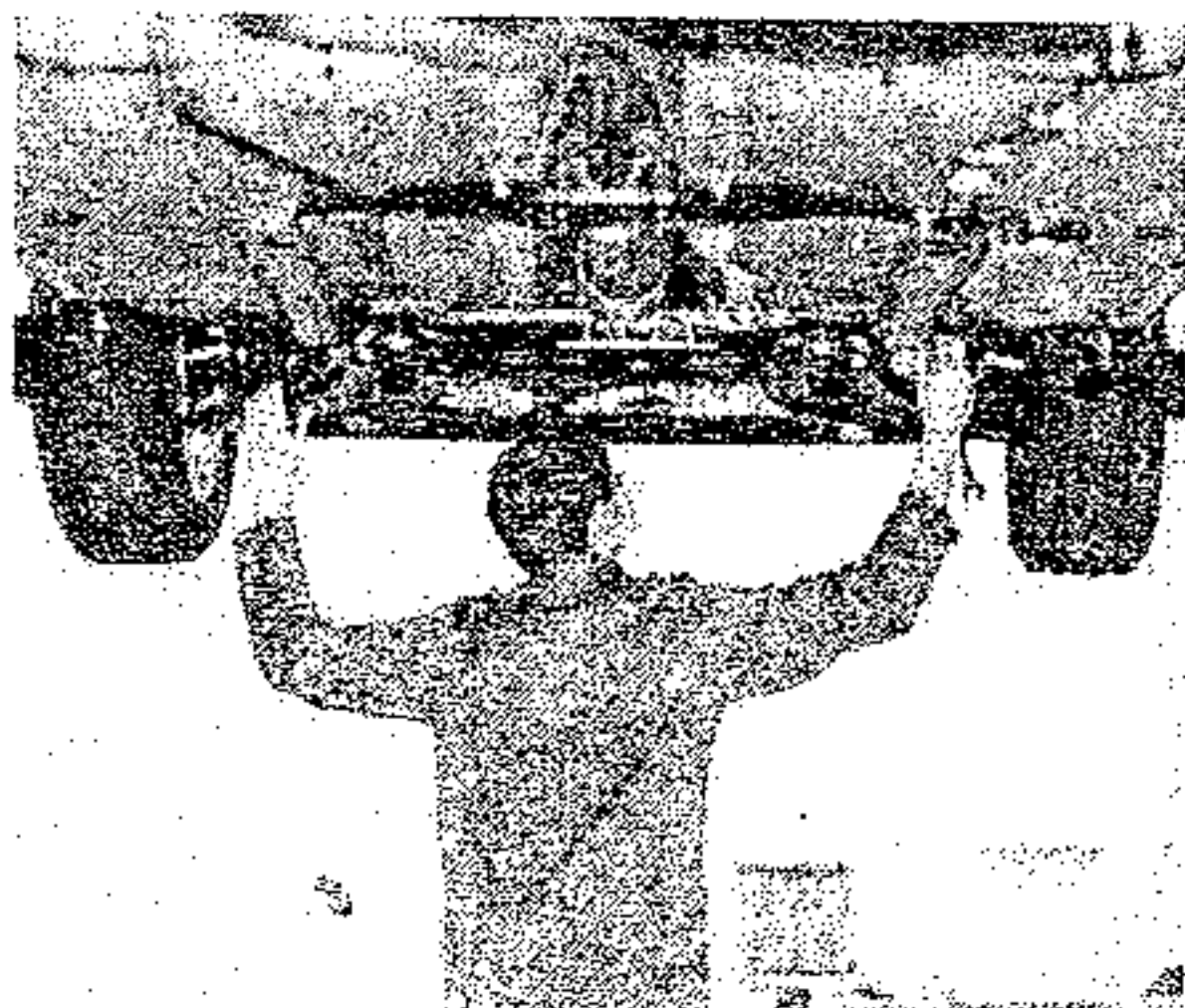
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3 Day Ordeal

R. Smith, LCSO-CID; on March 15, 2012, deputies responded to County Road 296 in McMinn County in

reference to a female being assaulted. Upon arrival, Deputy Travis Estes, LCSO, spoke with a female, who stated she had been at Mr.

Plemons' residence on Blue Springs Road and while there Plemons, whom she has dated in the past and whom she had moved back in

with, had assaulted her by grabbing, punching and kicking her over the past three days. The woman had multiple contusions on her body and stated she was also struck in the upper arm with a walking stick by Mr. Plemons. She further advised her phone had been smashed by Mr. Plemons.

Mr. Plemons was brought to the Justice Center where he was interviewed. After hav-

ing been read his rights, in a recorded interview Mr. Plemons advised that during the arguments things became physical and he had struck the victim on the arm with a 'stick. The stick was approximately five feet long and approximately one half inch thick.

Investigator Smith made the arrest Friday at the Loudon County Jail.

Bad Checks

by Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID; on August 17, 2011, a woman reported she had cashed personal

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Elderly Victimized

told Investigator Jason R. Smith, LCSO-CID when she received her statement in the mail, she discovered several charges she did not authorize.

On February 18, 2012, the card was used at the BB&T located at 302 Village Square Drive, Loudon to withdraw \$403. The second time it was used was at 2370 Highway 72, Loudon, for \$403, also on February 18, 2012.

The victim did not authorize anyone to withdraw any money from her account and the crime is under in-

vestigation.

Bad Checks ctd.

checks for Ms. Richelle Whisnant dated August 4, 8, and 9, 2011, in the amounts of \$295, \$395, and \$390.

The checks were written from the account of Mr. Richard Lee Wilkerson, the father of Ms. Whisnant and were returned to the victim's bank for insufficient funds.

During the investigation, Mr. Wilkerson was contacted and he made a verbal statement that he did sign the checks and authorize his daughter to pay the victim with the checks.

Upon contacting the bank that holds the checking account for Mr. Wilkerson, there were insufficient funds in Mr. Wilkerson's bank account to cover the amounts authorized.

The victim stated she has made several unsuccessful attempts to collect the amount owed to her from Mr. Wilkerson.

Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday at the man's home.

Police Beat

Roberto Perez Rafael, 33, West First Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Officer Allen Bean, LCPD observed Mr. Rafael stumbling while walking in the roadway on G Street in Lenoir City. When the officer

made contact with him, he noticed Mr. Rafael had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath, red glassy eyes and he was unsteady on his feet.

Mr. Rafael seemed very confused and was deemed a danger to himself and others.

While speaking with Rafael, Officer Bean was advised by dispatch he had a warrant for his arrest out of Loudon County. He was taken into custody.

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Proof of Search

said Davis. "These new requirements will make sure claimants are on track to find employment and not get caught off guard when their benefits expire."

All claimants receiving Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC 08) must complete two work searches weekly and provide documentation to Labor and Workforce Development upon request. Additionally, claimants must participate in case management at a Tennessee Career Center including ori-

entation, eligibility review, assessment of skills, participation in remedial workshops, and commitment to a work search plan.

"The federal government has raised the bar on accountability for claimants," said Commissioner Davis. "Claimants will be required to prove that they are looking for work, and they will be engaged face to face with our job service employees. If these requirements are not met they will no longer be eligible to receive benefits."

In February 2012,

federal legislation was enacted extending the deadlines for federally funded unemployment benefits through December 2012. The changes to the structure of federal benefits reduced the total amount of benefit weeks, but did not create additional benefits for those who have exhausted their unemployment benefits.

For up-to-date information visit <http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/2012>

Update.html or follow the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/TNLabor>.

Police Beat

Jonathan Michael Bolter, 36, Celenente Drive, Knoxville was charged with failure to appear on driving on revoked.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest Thursday, at the Roane County Jail.

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