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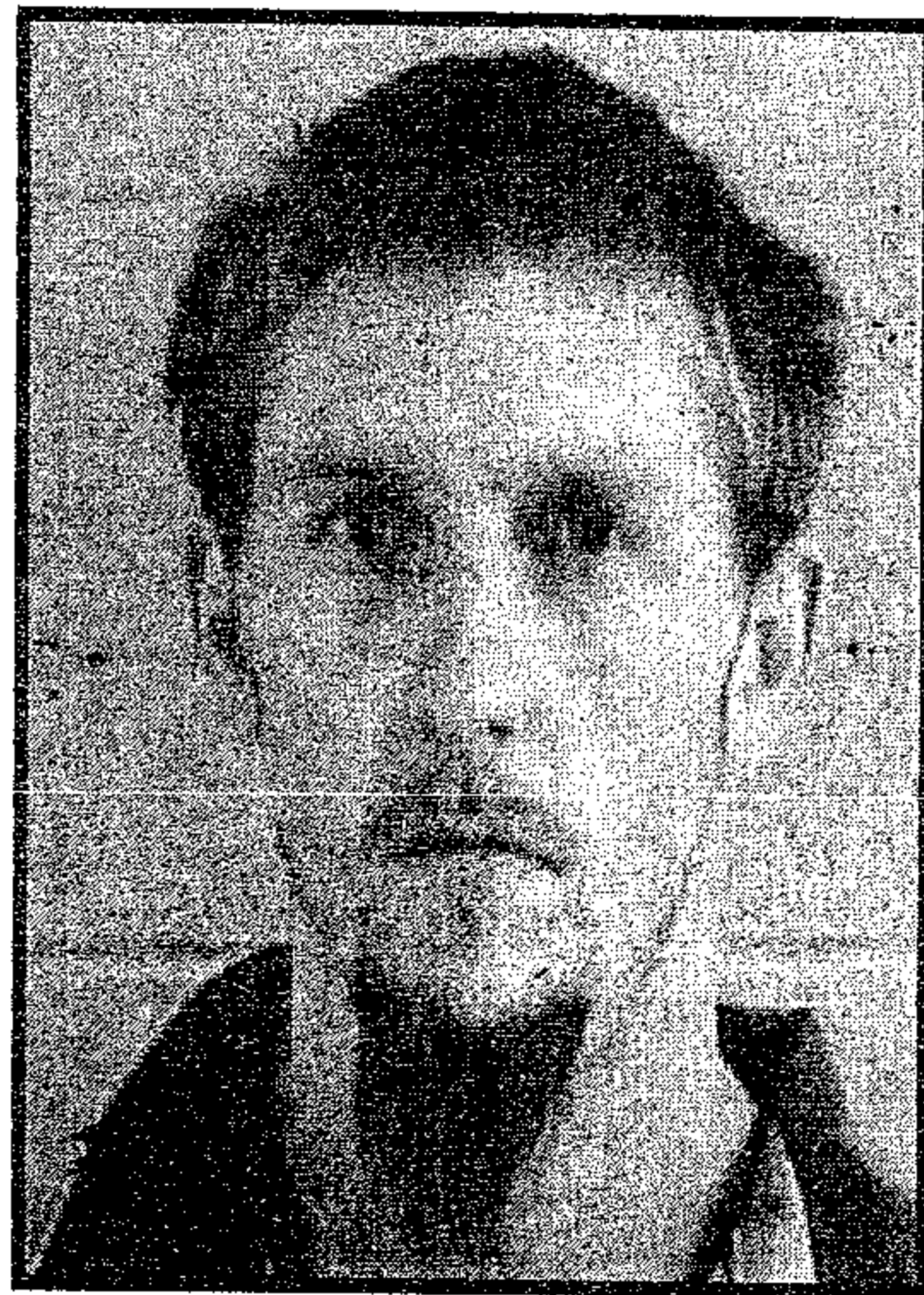
Couple faces attempted 1st degree murder charges, more after firing shots at fleeing motorists

A Maryville couple faces first degree murder charges and more after they allegedly chased a man and woman, while firing shots and recklessly passing other vehicles along the way, during an incident Monday that started on

Highway 72 and ended at the One Stop Market in Philadelphia where the accused pair finally came to a stop.

Jeremy Russell Vandermeeden, 31, Trigon Road, Maryville, was charged with

(see Murder Attempt pg. 7)



Vandermeeden



Elrod

Unrestrained children lead to man's arrest

A Loudon man found himself behind bars when his vehicle was stopped because two children in it were not properly restrained and he was found to have been driving under the influence on revoked.

Marc Christopher Hoover, 24, Crock Road, Loudon was charged with DUI 2nd offense, driving on revoked 2nd offense, two counts of reckless endangerment, and two counts of violation of the child restraint law.



Hoover

(see Charged pg. 5)

Duster huffer busted

A young local man reportedly went to the Walmart parking lot Saturday for an evening of getting high by huffing canned air, a product also known as gas duster, which is used to clean electronic equipment

and other sensitive devices that cannot be cleaned using water. He was taken to jail about three and a half hours after his first purchase of the canned air when he was seen huffing it and passing out, then

(see Huffer pg. 3)

Heat-related illnesses: What you need to know

(see Heat Sick pg. 5)

A heat-related illness is a medical condition that may occur as a result of heat exposure. Even short periods of

high temperatures can cause serious health problems. Heat-related illness encompasses a spectrum of conditions

that range from minor illnesses to life-threatening medical emergencies. There are several heat-related illnesses,

including heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, heat syncope (fainting), and heat rash.

Summer can bring heat waves with unusually high temperatures that can last for days and sometimes weeks.

Verse of the Day

"But will God really dwell on earth with men? The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!"

— 2 Chronicles 6:18

Obituaries

Robert Charles "Bob" Glass

Bruce Tansey

Wazzup

You are in our thoughts and prayers, Joanne Johnson - we hope you get to feeling better soon. We love ya!

How about a mother who leaves her cancer-stricken daughter stuck in another state with two small kids and

no way to get home, knowing she's missing treatments and doctors appointments? And it's so she can get her life back together? Really, how does that work?

Weather

Today: Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Light winds. Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in

the lower 60s. Light winds. Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Lows in the upper 60s.

Horoscopes

Cancer 6/22-7/22

You need to take great care around the house, or you may find that little things pile up

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Huffer

coming to long enough to do it all again.

Steven James Bowers, 20, Abbott Drive, Lenoir City was charged with public

intoxication and inhalants.

According to reports, Officer E. Lawson, LCPD responded to Walmart around 2:27 AM, Sunday in refer-

ence to a man passed out in a maroon Toyota parked on the side of the building. While enroute, the complainant advised he was witnessing the man "huff"

(inhale) canned duster, then pass out and wake up and inhale the duster again.

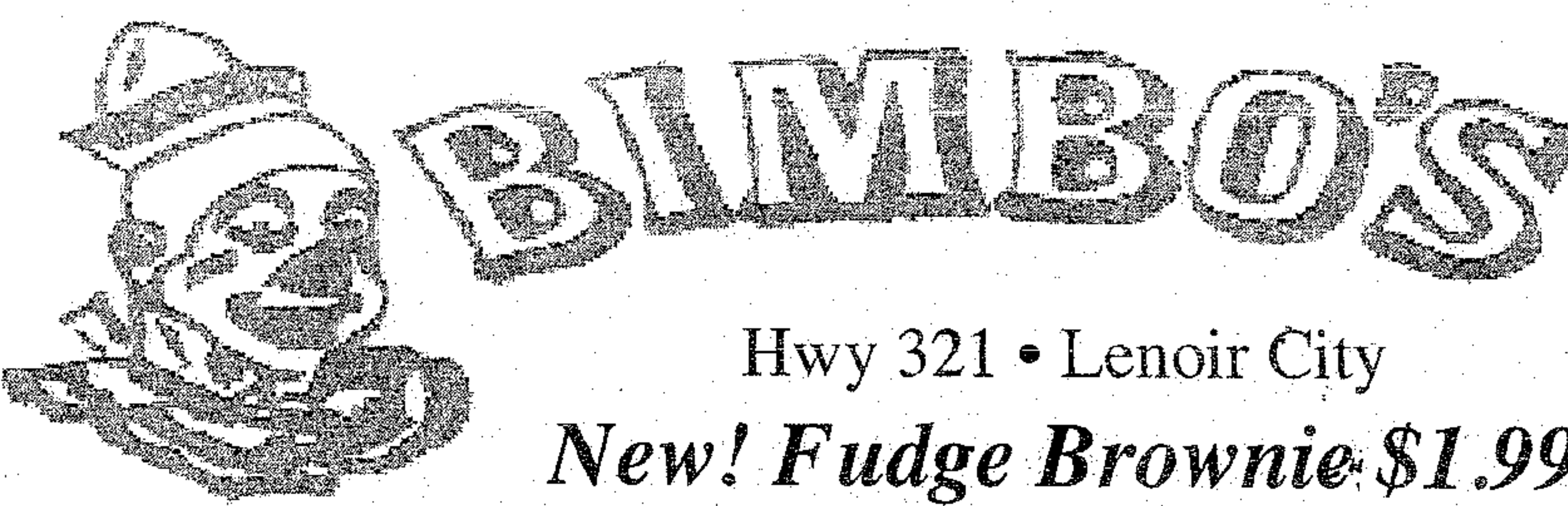
On arrival, Officer Lawson observed a white male later identified as Steven Bowers, passed out behind the wheel of a brown Toyota Cressida. A can of Ultra Duster Industrial Strength compressed air was in his right

hand.

When Bowers roused and saw one of the patrol cars, he slid the can of duster into the passenger floorboard. A second can of duster was also noted in the passenger floorboard.

Both cans were in plain view and were seized from the vehicle. One was empty and the

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Charged

According to reports, Deputy Stegall, LCSO was patrolling at Highway 321 and Melton Hill Campground Sunday

when he noticed a green Mustang with two adults in the front seat and two underage juveniles in the back, who were not in proper restraint seats. The

Mustang pulled into the Melton Hill Market and the driver, Marc Hoover, exited the vehicle in a hurry.

The deputy asked Mr.

Hoover to stop and return to his vehicle and Hoover replied, "What for?"

Deputy Stegall reported he asked Hoover a second time to stop and get back into his vehicle and Mr. Hoover became verbal and was placed into custody.

The deputy then asked Mr. Hoover to get into the patrol unit, but he refused and had to be assisted. Deputy Stegall asked Hoover to move his legs so the door could be closed and Hoover started cursing the deputy. He was asked again, but still refused to move his legs.

Deputy Stegall noted he advised Hoover he would be Tasered if he didn't comply and Mr. Hoover reportedly said,

"Go ahead." He was asked one more time and then Tasered, after which he complied.

Mr. Hoover had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and breath. When asked if he had been drinking he said, "Yes, at the lake." Due to the struggle, however, field sobriety was not conducted.

It was discovered Mr. Hoover's license was revoked for DUI and he had one prior driving on revoked.

The children in the back seat, ages 4 and 5, were not in proper child safety seats and that was the reason for the stop in the first place. Mr. Hoover was read the implied consent advisement and refused.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board will have a Special Called Board Meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 600 East Broadway, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771. The agenda is as follows:

1. Consideration of awarding bid for General Liability and Workman's Comp Insurance.

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Heat Sick

It is estimated that approximately 700 people die annually due to heat-related illness. In the summer of 1980, a severe heat wave hit the United States, and nearly 1,700 people lost their lives from heat-related illness. Likewise, in the summer of 2003, tens of thousands of people died in Europe from an extreme heat wave. High temperatures put people at risk.

Heat stroke: Heat stroke is a form of hyperthermia, an abnormally elevated body temperature with accompanying physical symptoms including changes in the nervous system function. Unlike heat cramps and heat exhaustion, two other forms of hyperthermia that are less severe, heat stroke is a true medical emergency that is often fatal if not properly and promptly treated. Heat stroke is also sometimes referred to as heatstroke or sun stroke. Severe hyperthermia is defined as a body temperature of 104 F (40 C) or higher. Infants, the elderly, athletes, and outdoor workers are the groups at greatest risk for heat stroke. Common symptoms and signs of heat stroke include: high body temperature, the

absence of sweating, with hot red or flushed dry skin, rapid pulse, difficulty breathing, strange behavior, hallucinations, confusion, agitation, disorientation, seizure, and/or coma.

Heat exhaustion: Heat exhaustion occurs when a person exercises or works in a hot environment and sweating cannot dissipate the heat generated within the body. Often dehydration occurs because the person hasn't replaced the water lost by sweating. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include profuse sweating, weakness, nausea, vomiting, headache, lightheadedness, and muscle cramps.

Heat cramps: Heat cramps are intermittent, involuntary muscle spasms that occur in an individual who is physically active in hot weather. Heat cramps usually affect the major muscles that are being stressed in a hot environment. Individuals at risk for heat cramps include those who work or are active in a hot environment. Individuals with impaired temperature control mechanisms, such as infants, young children, and the elderly, are also at a greater risk of heat cramps. Heat cramps are the earliest symptoms of a heat-re-

lated illness. Symptoms of heat cramps include profuse sweating with involuntary spasms of the large muscles in the body. Heat cramps also may be a symptom of heat exhaustion.

Heat rash: A heat rash occurs when sweat ducts become clogged and the sweat can't get to the surface of the skin. Instead, it becomes trapped beneath the skin's surface causing a mild inflammation or rash. Heat rash is also called prickly heat or miliaria.

Dehydration: Dehydration occurs when the amount of water leaving the body is greater than the amount being taken in. The body is very dynamic and always changing. This is especially true with water in the body. We lose water routinely when we breathe and humidified air leaves the body (this can be seen on a cold day (the breath you see in the air is water that has been exhaled); sweat to cool the body; and eliminate waste by urinating or having a bowel movement. In a normal day,

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a person has to drink a significant amount of water to replace this routine loss.

Understanding one's environment is perhaps the most important step in preventing heat-related illness. If possible, strenuous activities should not be performed in excessively hot or humid environments. However, people often have to work in the heat of the day, or indoors in hot situations and need to make the effort to protect their bodies. These can include frequent breaks taken in a cooler areas, adequate fluid intake, and slowing the pace of work to decrease heat generation within the body.

Huffer etd.

other was partially full. A Walmart receipt for one unit of canned air was found with one of the cans and was time stamped June 16th, 2012 at 10:52 PM.

Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO asked Mr. Bowers if he had been in the

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parking lot since 10:52 PM, and he stated he had indeed been there since that time sniffing duster.

Mr. Bowers was taken into custody. He gave consent for law enforcement to search his car and they found another Walmart receipt for a unit of canned air, time stamped June 17th, 2012 at 1:45 AM. Officer Lawson made the arrest.

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Murder Attempt

two counts of attempted 1st degree murder, felony reckless endangerment and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Jennifer Michelle Elrod, 29, Trigon Road, Maryville, was charged with two counts of attempted 1st degree murder, felony

reckless endangerment and felony evading arrest.

According to reports, a man and a woman were chased in an aggressive manner while traveling on Highway 72 in Loudon County by Jennifer Elrod, the driver of a gray Dodge Durango, and Jeremy Vandermeeden, the passenger in the Durango. During

the chase, Mr. Vandermeeden fired several shots from a handgun at the victims, in disregard of the safety of the public. One bullet struck the passenger side mirror and two other bullets struck the tailgate of the couple's vehicle.

As Vandermeeden was firing at the victims, Ms. Elrod sped up to stay in close contact with them. During the chase, Ms. Elrod passed other motorists both on the left side and right side of the vehicles, disregarding the safety of the public.

The man driving the fleeing vehicle, fearing for his and his companion's life, pushed her

into the floorboard and sped up to high speeds attempting to flee from the gunfire. The couple continued to flee, traveling on Highway 72 as Loudon County Sheriff's deputies and Loudon City Police officers intervened by intercepting the Dodge Durango and attempting to stop it at the intersection of Highways 72 and 11.

The Durango continued onto Highway 11, traveling south at a high rate of speed and didn't stop for the pursuing police officers. The vehicle traveled approximately three and a half miles before stopping in the parking lot of Sunoco gas sta-

tion in Philadelphia.

The driver was identified as Jennifer Elrod and the passenger, Jeremy Vandermeeden. They were taken into custody and during the process of taking Vandermeeden into custody, the front passenger side door was opened revealing a handgun under the front passenger seat.

Sgt. Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID made the arrests Wednesday at the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

Police Beat

Jeffery Allen Sutherland, 41, Orchard Road, Elizabethton was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest at the Carter County Jail.

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