

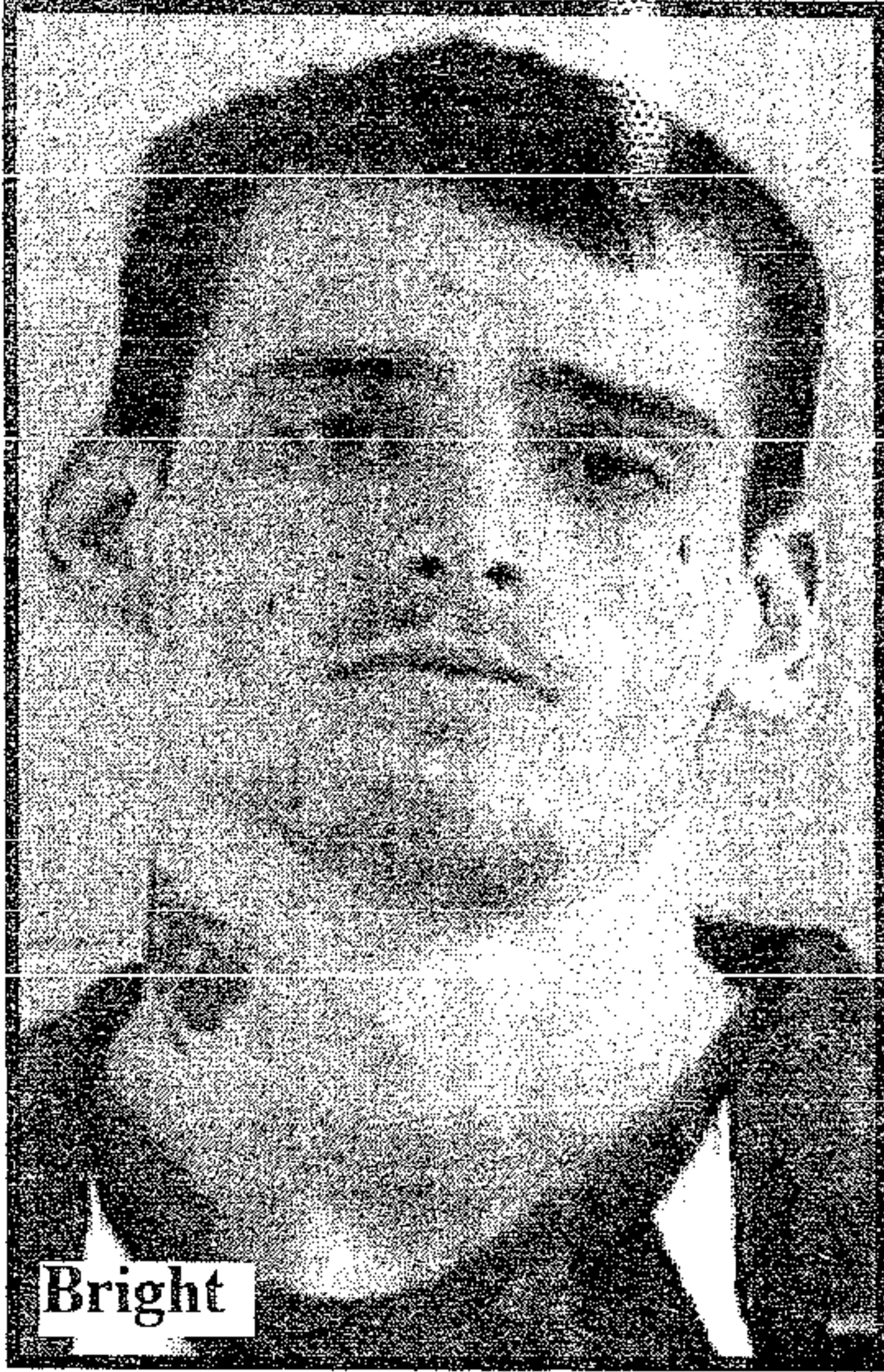
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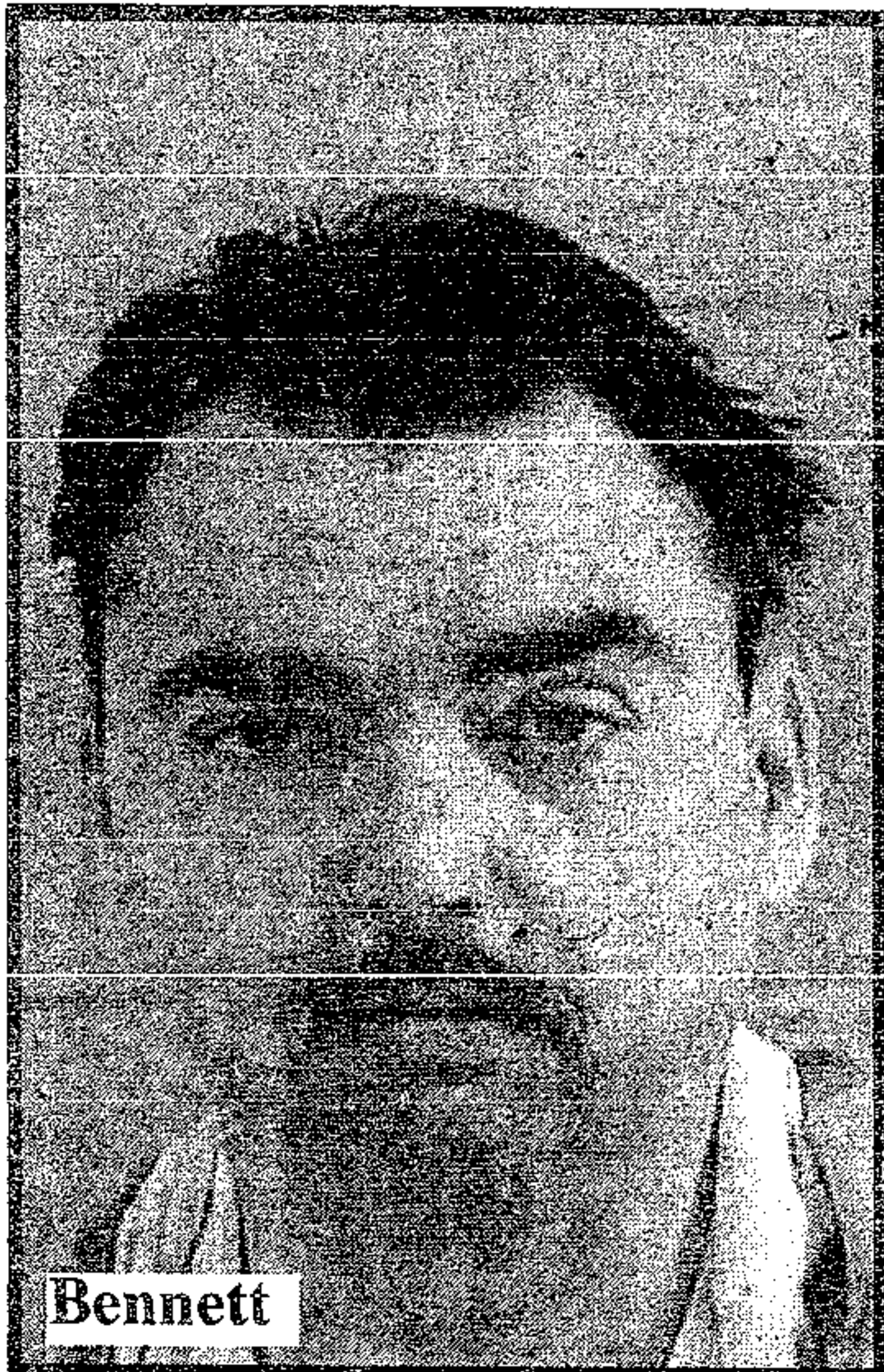
Wednesday, February 27, 2013

## Roundup: the many faces of drug dealing

(see Roundup pg. 2)



Bright



Bennett



Duckett



Hyett



Thomas



Russell



Skidmore



Chambers

### Verse of the Day

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled

to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

— Romans 5:9-10

### Obituaries

Harvey Olen Jones  
Georgia Ruth Harris

### Wazzup

A big shout out to all those students who are still doing Science fair stuff. We hope to see some great things from our schools this year!

### Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy

with a chance of rain. High of 54. Breezy. Chance of rain 20%.  
Tonight: Overcast with a chance of rain. Low of 37. Breezy. Chance of rain 40%.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 45. Chance

of rain 20%. Overnight: Overcast with a chance of rain. Low of 36.

### Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You're having more fun than you thought you could on a day like today -- so keep pushing! You  
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**Roundup**

On Thursday, members of the 9th Judicial Drug Task Force were joined by agencies represented in the latest attack on drug dealers including narcotics investigators and officers

from Lenoir City Police, Loudon Police, Loudon County Sheriff's Office, Loudon County Communications Mobile Unit, Harriman Police S.W.A.T. Unit, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration,

Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Unit and others. The main target of the warrants is prescription pills as they are the number one problem in Loudon County even over meth

and marijuana.

Several vehicles, U.S. currency and other assets were also seized

from those suspected in selling drugs in and around Loudon County. (see Roundup ctd. pg. 3)

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Nabbed in the round-up: *Corey Shane Bright*, 22, Dry Valley Road, Loudon was charged with facilitation of sale and delivery of a schedule II controlled substance.

According to records filed by Agent Steve Cook, 9th Judicial Drug Task Force: on September 20, 2012, agents with the 9th DTF conducted a controlled purchase of six 30 mg. schedule II oxycodone

pills from a man named Paul Orick at Bright's Grayson Freedman Lane residence.

The lawman noted Bright arranged and facilitated the purchase and the controlled buy was accomplished using an undercover drug agent whose career has seen numerous drug investigations result in

state and federal convictions for drug related crimes.

The operation was audio recorded and the TBI crime lab confirmed the pills were oxycodone.

Lt. Teresa Smith,

LCSO made the arrest. *Hubert Eddie Bennett*, 38, Foster Road, Lenoir City was charged with sale and delivery of a schedule IV substance.

According to an affidavit (see Roundup ctd. pg. 4)

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fidavit filed by Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF: on September 15, 2010, Agent Deboer and other agents of the 9th DTF conducted several controlled purchases of oxycodone and clonazepam. Agents also purchase a handgun from Bennett.

Bennett has a conviction for possession of schedule I with a conviction date of October 6, 1997, making him a convicted felon and not eligible to possess or sell a firearm in the state of Tennessee. Bennett also has numerous convictions for domestic violence.

Officer Brandon Nix made the arrest.

*Johnnie Rhonda Duckett*, 40, Fairview Road, Tellico Plains was charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

An affidavit indicates the 9th Drug Task Force conducted an investigation with the assistance of the Loudon Police Department, Meigs County Sheriff's Office, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office into a group of individuals found to be involved in a criminal organization responsible for the manufacture and delivery of substantial amounts

of methamphetamine in the Loudon County area.

Brandon McKinley conspired with Shannah Moore of Lenoir City and Rhonda Duckett of Madisonville to obtain and manufacture this methamphetamine by several means, including but not limited to the use of "Smurfs," people hired to purchase pseudophedrine for another with the intent to deliver it to that person for an unlawful purpose, in this case to manufacture methamphetamine, and further facilitating this conspiracy by committing the offense of burglary and theft in several counties including Meigs, Monroe, and Loudon.

*Lora Dene Hyett*, 33, Glendale Community Drive, was charged with sale and delivery of a schedule III controlled substance.

According to an affidavit filed by Agent Steve Cook, 9th DTF: on February 19, 2013, agents with the Ninth Judicial Drug Task Force conducted a controlled purchase of ten schedule III hydrocodone pills from Lora Dene Hyett who at that

time lived at Silver Hills Apartments.

The controlled buy was accomplished by using an undercover agent and the operation was audio recorded by the 9th DTF.

Officer B. Brown, LCPD made the arrest.

*Stevie Denise Thomas*, 26, Foute Town Road, Lenoir City was charged with two counts of sale and delivery of schedule VI marijuana.

According to affidavits filed by Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF: agents from the 9th Drug Task Force conducted numerous drug purchases at Thomas's residence and on February 14, 2013, a confidential source purchased 1/2 ounce of marijuana. During the deal, agents observed an unusually high amount of traffic on Foute Town Road, which is a dead end. The traffic would stop at Thomas's residence and stay for minutes, if not less, and then leave, which

is usually indicative of narcotics activity.

The agent further reported a confidential source set up another deal and under the DTF's directions was provided with pre recorded by money to make the purchase. An undercover agent drove the source to identify the residence and Thomas sold the source a small amount of marijuana and asked for more customers.

The undercover agent reported small children, believed to be Thomas's children, were present at the time of the operation.

Thomas's home is approximately 750 feet from the Christian Academy on Martel

Road.

Officer Sam Harrison made the arrest.

*Michelle Lynn Russell*, 29, Collins Street, Loudon was charged with sale and delivery of a schedule II controlled substance.

According to an affidavit filed by Agent Steve Cook, 9th DTF: on January 9, 2013, agents with the 9th Judicial Drug Task Force conducted a controlled purchase of five schedule III hydrocodone pills from Michelle Lynn Russell at an apartment on Grayson Freedman Lane, also known as Silver Hills Apartments, in Lenoir City.

The controlled buy

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**Roundup cont.**

numerous drug investigations result in state and federal convictions for drug related crimes.

On June 20, 2012, agents purchased three schedule II oxycodone pills from Skidmore who was accompanied by Candice Chambers.

The controlled buy was again accomplished using an undercover agent and the operations were audio recorded. The TBI Crime Lab also confirmed all the pills were schedule II oxycodone.

Officer Brandon Nix made the arrest.

Candice Gail Chambers, 22, West Fifth Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with facilitation of sale and delivery of a schedule II controlled substance.

An affidavit filed by agent Steve Cook, 9th DTF indicates on June 20, 2012, agents with

the 9th DTF conducted a controlled purchase of two schedule II oxycodone pills from Vicky Skidmore at the Ingles parking lot in Lenoir City. Chambers drove Skidmore to the location and was in the vehicle participating in conversations that included the undercover agent and Vicki Skidmore discussing the purchase.

The controlled buy was accomplished using an undercover drug agent whose career has seen numerous drug investigation resulting in state and federal convictions for drug related crimes. The operation was audio recorded and the TBI Crime Lab confirmed the pills were oxycodone.

Officer Sam Harrison made the arrest.

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