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Thursday, May 23, 2013

McGhee Square Woman charged LC woman charged after retaliating over DCS complaint | with theft and forgery

According to the warrant, filed by the victim, based on the victims statement the following occurred on May 9, 2013 on Ruritan Road in Lenoir City. Two people were asked by Brittany Cox to accompany her to find the person who reported her to DCS. Cox was going to fight her and wanted someone to stand by to make sure no one would jump (see Assault pg. 7)



Brittney Cox

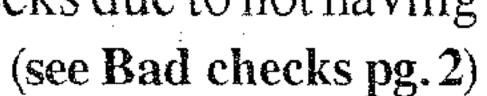


(see Forgery pg. 3)

Jamie Kitts

Over\$3000 in bad checks woman lands man in ai

According to the warrant, filed by Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO CID; on March 15, 2013 the victim reported she was approached by Gary Wayne Gibson to cash a total of seven checks between March 6th and March 11th. Mr. Gibson advised the victim he could not cash the checks due to not having

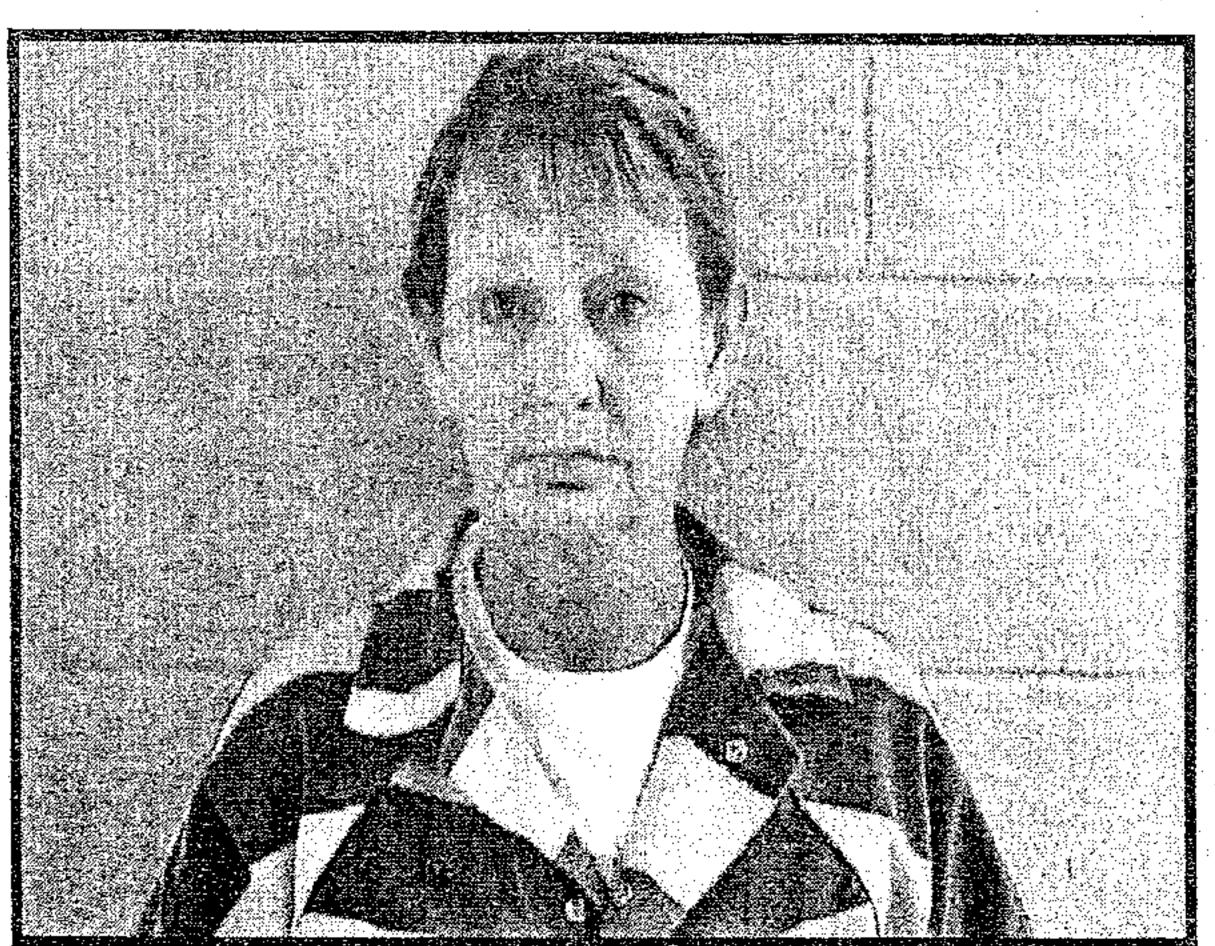


Verse of the Day ...I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. — Philip*pians 1:19*



Gary Gibson

3rd Dulfor Loudon



(see 3rd DUI pg. 3)

Melanie Hollis

Obituaries Hazel Ruth Spears Frederick Henry Peper Wazzup

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though to Kingston.

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morning, then clear. High of 72F.

Friday Night Clear in Your good energy is the evening, then mostly cloudy. Low of 45F. Saturday Overcast. High of

73F. Low of 48F. Sunday Overcast in the spirits -- even your morning, then mostly own! It's a great time cloudy. High of 79F. Low

of 55F.

<u>Horoscopes</u>

Gemini 5/21-6/21 still flowing strongly today, so you should be able to lift anyone's to cement your repu-(Continued on page 6)

ad checks

account. The victim ashed the checks and cy came back as inficient funds. The necks totaled \$3070. The checks were on a sheila Bowie account. A check of bank records indicated that as

of March 6, 2013 there was not enough money to cover the checks that were written.

Sheila Bowie had opened the account in February 2013 and listed Gary Wayne Gibson as her fiancée. During a recorded interview and after having been read

his rights Mr. Gibson stated when he presented the checks to Ms. Gibson he knew the account did not have sufficient funds to cover the amounts.

Gary Wayne Gibson, 33, of Foster Road, Lenoir City, was charged with worthless

checks over \$1000. Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO CID made the arrest.

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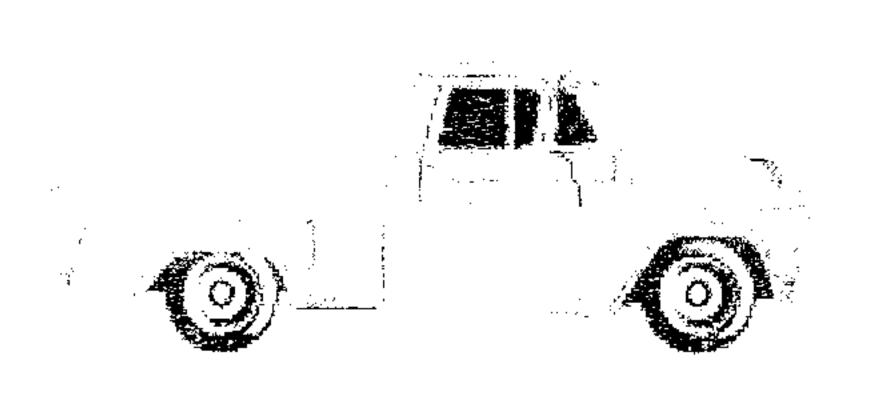
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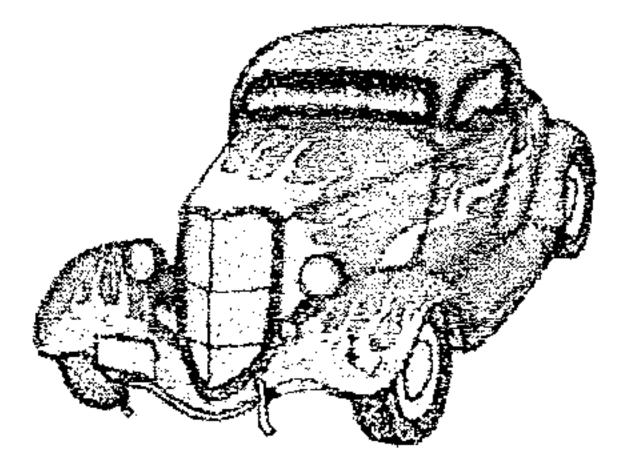
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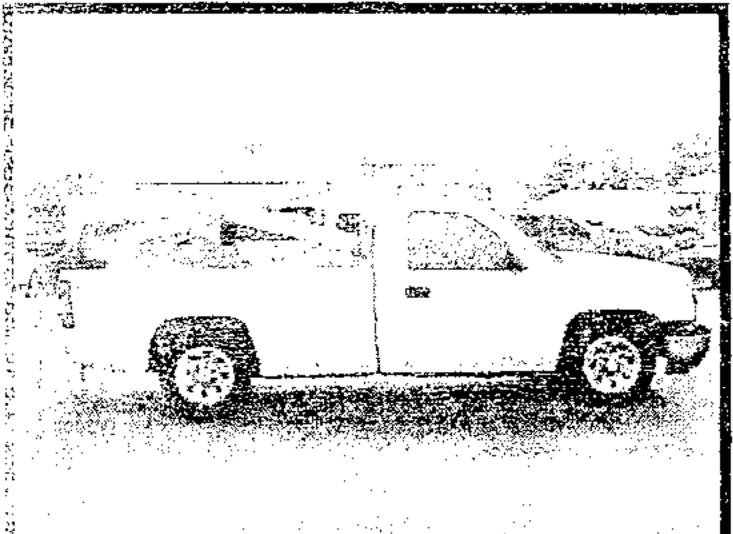




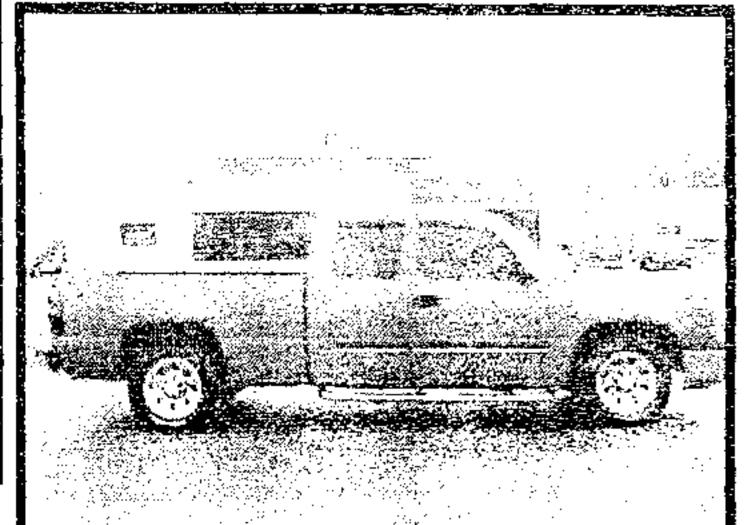
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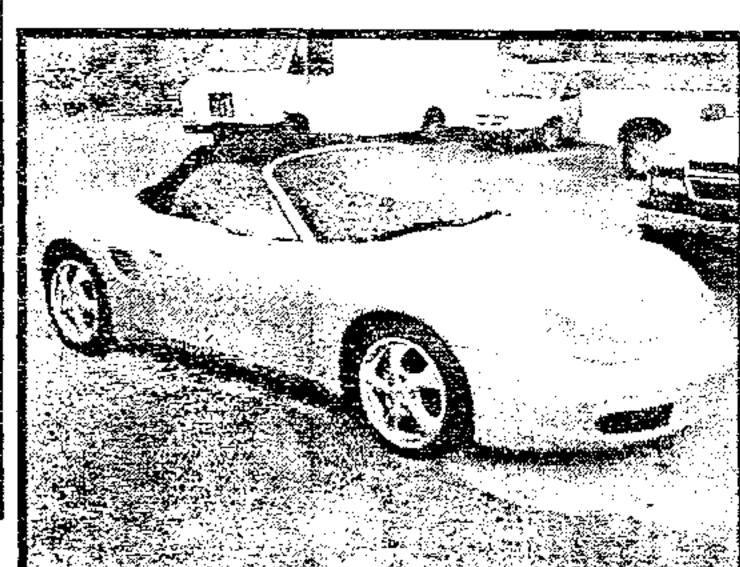


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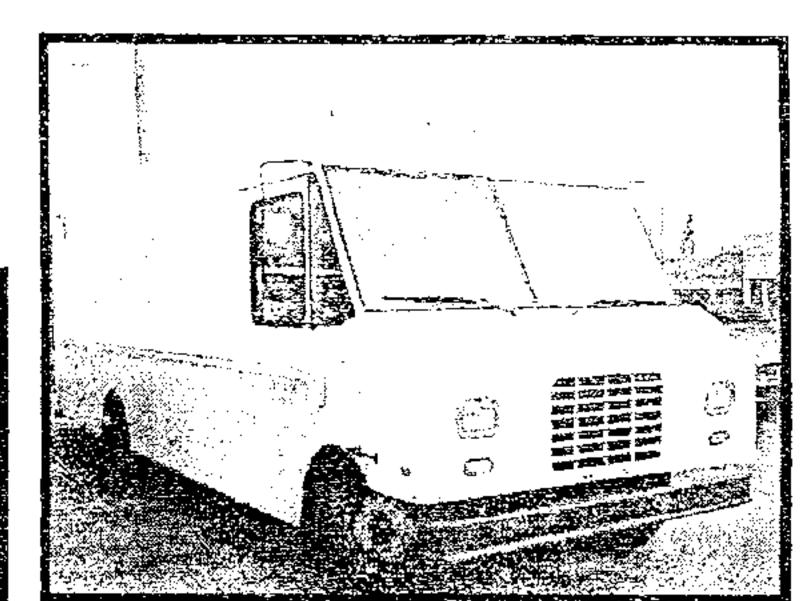


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Forgery

A Lenoir City man was charged with forgery and theft following an investigation by the Sheriff's Office. The man reportedly wrote two checks for over \$300 each that were stolen. The checks were written at Food City in Loudon.

Jamie Diane Kitts, 23, of Lakeview Road, Lenoir City, was charged with forgery x2 and theft under \$500 x2. According to one warrant, filed by Investigator Jeff Russell,

LCSO CID; on or about May 9, 2013 the victim reported someone had taken a check and purchased items at Food City in Loudon in the amount of \$369.62. In another warrant, on the same date the victim reported another check was taken to the Food City in Loudon and items purchased in the amount of \$330.95. This was done without the permission or knowledge of the owner of the check. Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO CID made the arrest and filed the charges.



Funds Intended to Benefit Homeless and Abused Animals Stolen from Morristown Shelter

An employee of the Morristown-Hamblen Humane Society altered receipts to conceal the theft of \$51,130 from the organization's adoption fees and other funds, an audit by the Comptroller's Division of Investigation has revealed.

Receipts in the humane society's computer system were backdated - up to 11 years before the installation of the computer system - so they would not be included in daily collection reports. That meant money from adoption fees and other sources didn't appear in the organization's records. Investigators concluded that money was stolen by the employee, who was later fired.

viewed records from July 1, 2009 through October 31, 2011 after Hamblen County officials discovered the altered receipts from collections were not deposited into the humane society's bank accounts. The stolen funds should have been used to operate the animal shelter, enforce animal control ordinances and conduct ani-

3rd DUI

According to the warrant, filed by Trooper Colby Huff, THP; on May 14, 2013 the trooper was on Tellico Parkway and met a white vehicle. As the white vehicle approached the trooper it crossed over the fog line and the trooper turned and observed the vehicle make an extremely slow, rigid turn and stopped it. The driver was identified as Melanie Leigh Hollis and she had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person and performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

Melanie Leigh Hollis, 47, of Tommotley Drive, Loudon, was charged with DUI 3rd offense. Trooper Colby Huff, THP made the arrest.

mal cruelty investigations.

The employee involved had been responsible for gathering collections, matching collections with receipts and delivering those collections to the bookkeeper for deposit. During questioning by investigators, the employee admitted to backdating one receipt to "borrow" \$120. The employee refused to speak with investigators after being fired.

Investigators also found weaknesses in the humane society's accounting and record-keeping procedures, which made the theft easier to conceal.

"It is very important that there is an appropriate amount Investigative auditors re- of oversight when public funds are being accepted, recorded and spent or deposited," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "Putting too many responsibilities in the hands of one individual without that kind of oversight can create situations that are ripe for fraud or abuse. It is very unfortunate in this case that money that could have been used to help stray and abused animals in Hamblen County isn't available for that purpose because of this."

> The Comptroller's Division of Investigation has forwarded copies of its report and supporting information to the Office of the District Attorney, Third Judicial District.

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Assault

in. The trio arrived at Ruritan and while driving into Ruritan another car drove behind them with 3 occupants. The male walked into the woods to use the bathroom when all of a sudden he heard his girlfriend yelling for Brittany to stop. A person identified as Ricky

approached the male in the woods and started fighting with him. While on the ground the male could see his girlfriend on the ground with Brittany kicking her on her head.

The male assailant as well as Brittany Cox sped off and law enforcement arrived and an ambulance took the woman to the hospital

and the officer took the male to the hospital.

Brittany Cox, 26, of Kelly Lane, Mc-Ghee Square Apartment, Lenoir City, was charged with assault. Detective Kay Arnwine, LCPD made the arrest at the Square.

Police beat

Kimberly Michelle Mal-

with failure to appear. Wilson, Deputy N. LCSO made the arrest.

Christopher Lee Smallen, 34, of Matlock Alley Road, was charged with violation of probation. Deputy Kenneth Palmer, LCSO made the arrest.

Christopher Bryan licoat, 32, of Colt Drive, Turner, 23, of Nichols Knoxville, was charged road, Crossville, was charged with violation of probation. Corporal M. Wilson, LCSO made the arrest.

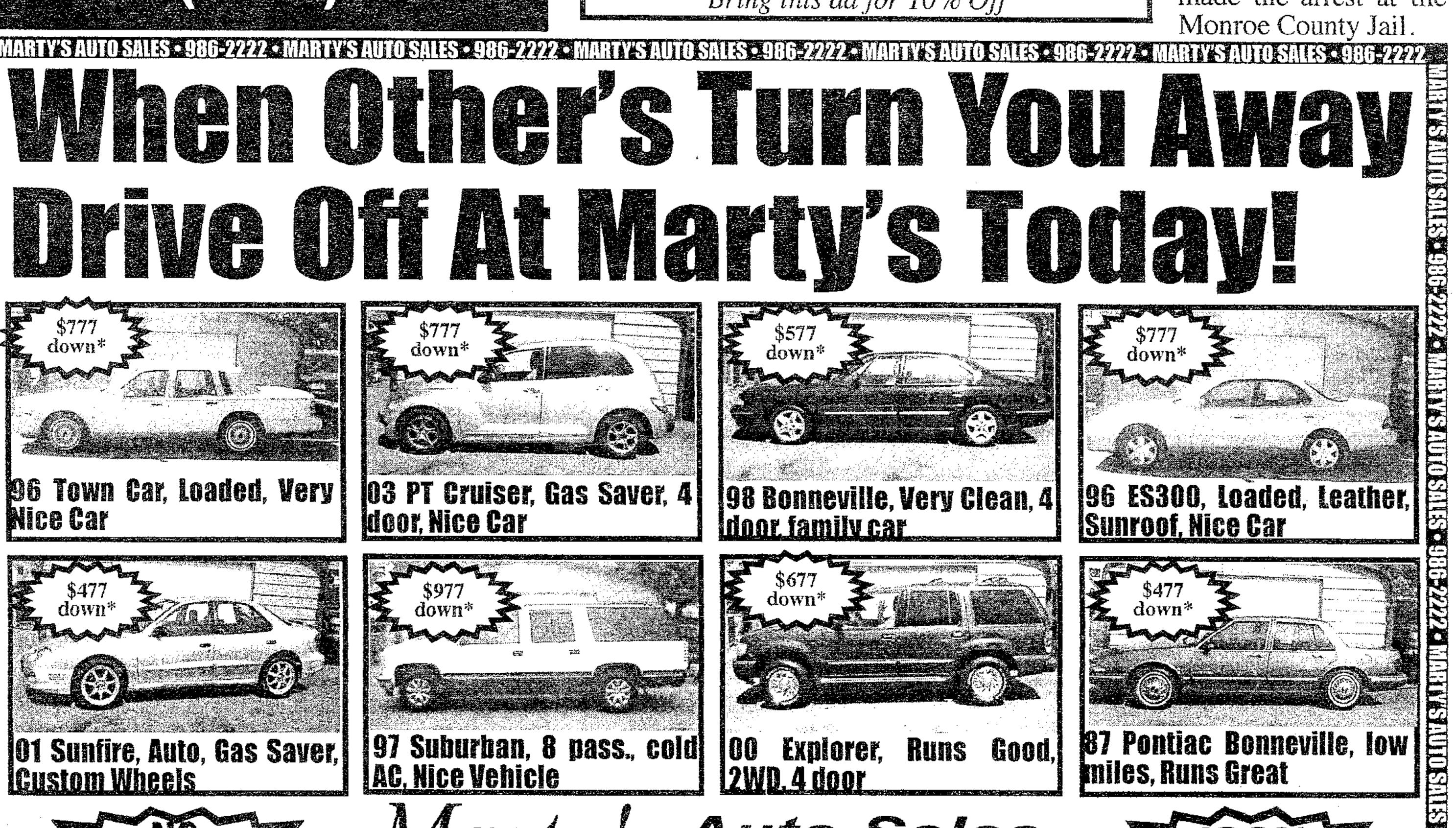
Jessica Marie Crowder, 29, of Powell Avenue, Sweetwater, was charged with violation of probation. Deputy Jason Arden, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

James Isaac Lawson, 45, of Cardwell Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation. Deputy Vance Wright, LCSO made the arrest.

Joshua Shontele Mc-Cleary, 25, of West Street, Sweetwater, was charged with violation of probation and an attachment. Deputy Jason Arden, LCSO made the arrest at the









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