

Philly man charged with rape of a child

A Philadelphia man has been charged with rape of a child after an investigation conducted by the Loudon County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Child Advocacy Center showed evidence the man had been in sexual contact with a five year old child.

The man in an interview with authorities also admitted to the crime. Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO CID handled the investigation and filed the charges in the crime.

According to the warrant, filed by Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO CID; on Monday, April

(see Child Rape pg. 5)



Christopher Todd

McGhee Square woman charged in theft

Another resident of McGhee Square Apartments in Lenoir City has been charged with a crime. This time the charge is theft. The woman even decided to have a snack while she attempted to steal her lifted loot.

According to the report, Stephen Lane, loss prevention for Wal-Mart reported he ob-

(see Theft pg. 2)



Shonna Baker

From charter schools to vouchers, education reform is full of ideas, but which ones work?

Dr. Nissa Dahlin-Brown reviews "The Death and Life of the Great American School System" in its monthly lunch and learn program, Books Sandwiched In

School reform has been on the top of minds for decades, but the needle hasn't seemed to move much. While No

Child Left Behind gets its share of the blame, new movements crop up with fanfare, only to be shot down by a large

critics' circle. So what is the solution? Join Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy Associate Director Nis-

(see Vouchers pg. 3)

Drinking and pills not a good mix

Jose A. Jimenez, 50, of Galyon Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI. According to the

report, Trooper Rodney Best, THP observed a gray pickup traveling north on I75 weaving

(see Bad Mix pg. 7)

Sparks fly with officers

Robert McLure Sparks, 60, of Miller Road, Lenoir City, was

charged with domestic violence. According to the report, Deputy B.

(see Sparks pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. - Proverbs 3:7

Obituaries

Kenneth Geagley
Mary Jane McCarroll
Schrimsher

Wazzup

What do you think about the Charter Schools? School Vouchers? Home Schooling? What is your idea. Send a letter to the Editor, address on page 2

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain. High of 68F. Winds less than 5 mph.
Tonight Partly cloudy. Low of 52F. Winds less than 5 mph.
Wednesday Partly cloudy with a chance of a thum-

derstorm and a chance of rain. High of 70F.

Wednesday Night Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain in the evening, then clear. Low of 54F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20
Things may not be go-

ing your way today, buy that just means that you need to stay the course. Your energy is not quite right for this, but a challenge can be invigorating, so try your best anyway!

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Theft

served Shonna Baker conceal several items in her purse in the toy section. Mrs. Baker also was observed eating lunch meat and left the package in the buggy and then left the store passing all points

of sale. Mrs. Baker had all intentions of depriving the ownership of all such properties from Wal-Mart. The total amount taken was \$105.16. Restitution is being sought in the amount of \$5.62 for the lunchmeat eaten.

Shonna Lorissa Bak-

er, 37, of Kelly Lane, McGhee Square Apartments, Lenoir City, was charged with theft under \$500. Officer Jason Felts, LCPD made the arrest. Police beat

Eric Matthew Leach, 26, of Axleys Chapel Road, Lenoir City, was charged with violation

of probation. Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO made the arrest at the Loudon County Jail.

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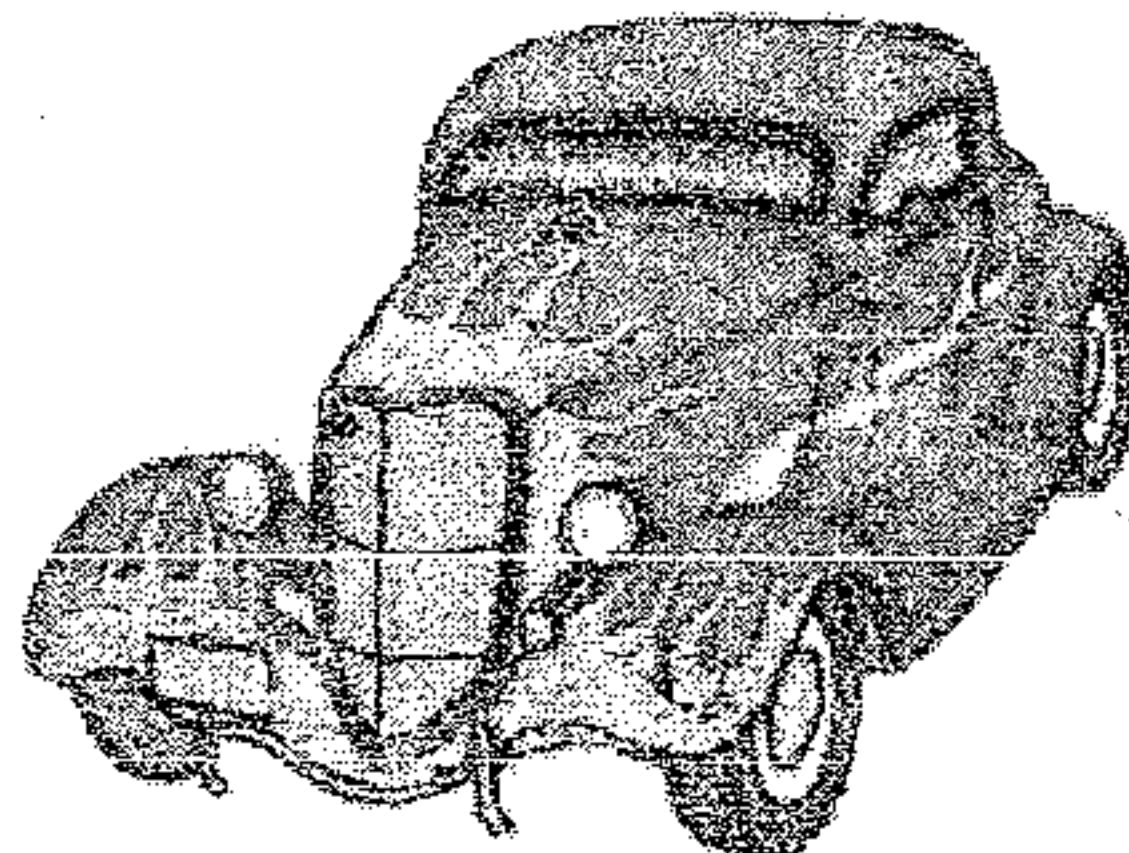
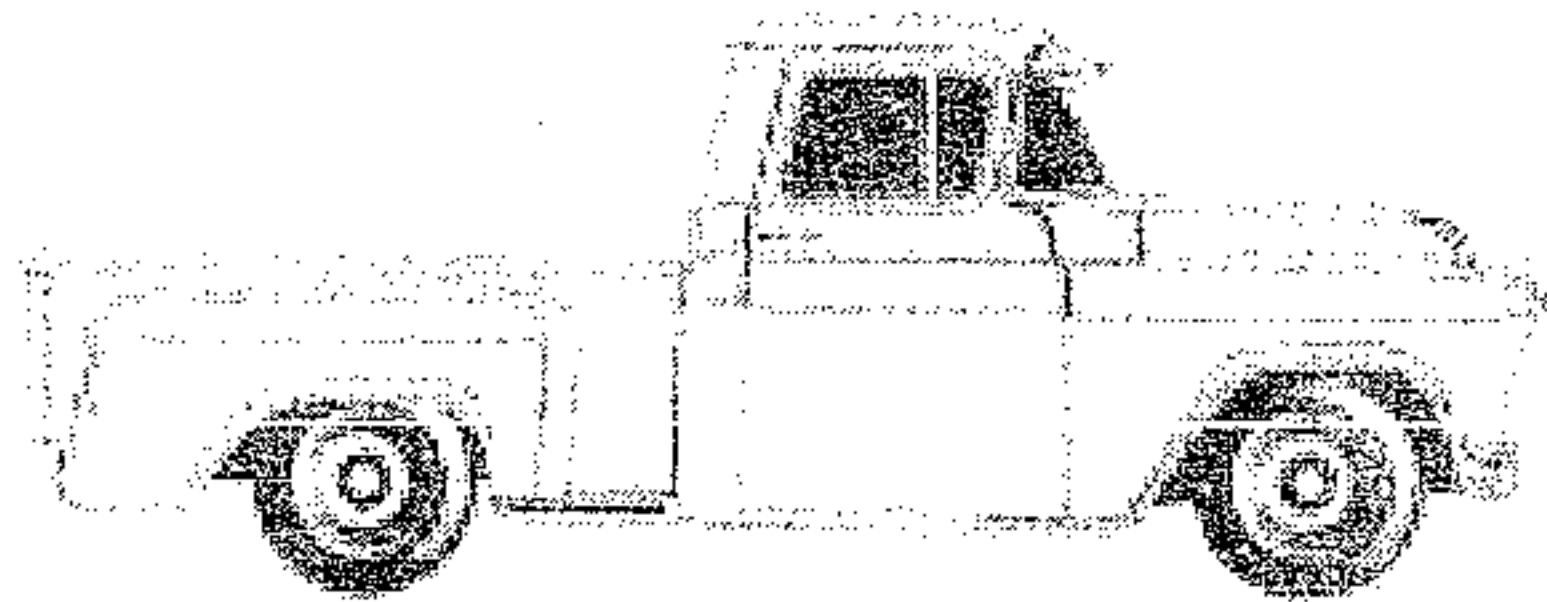
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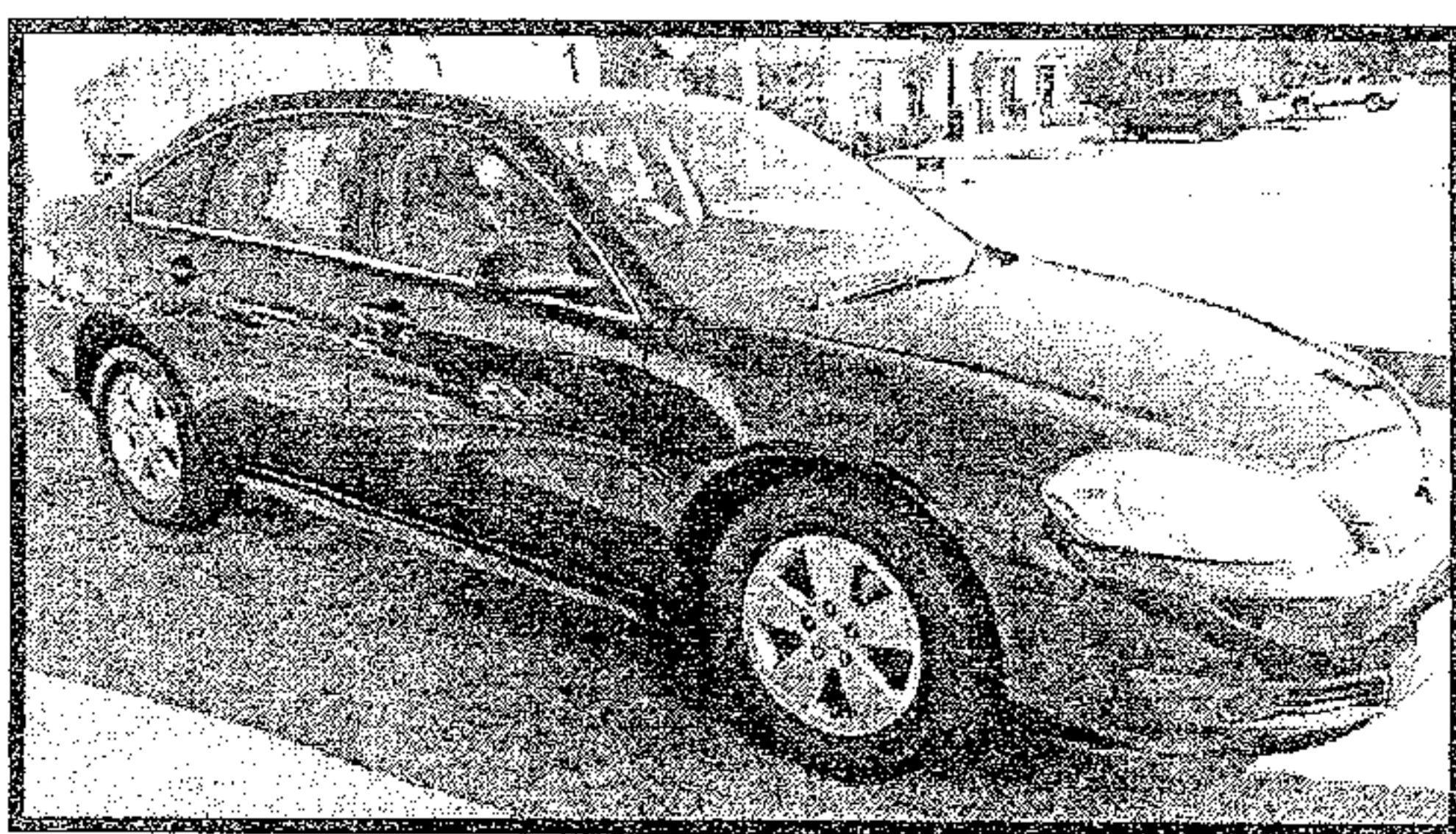


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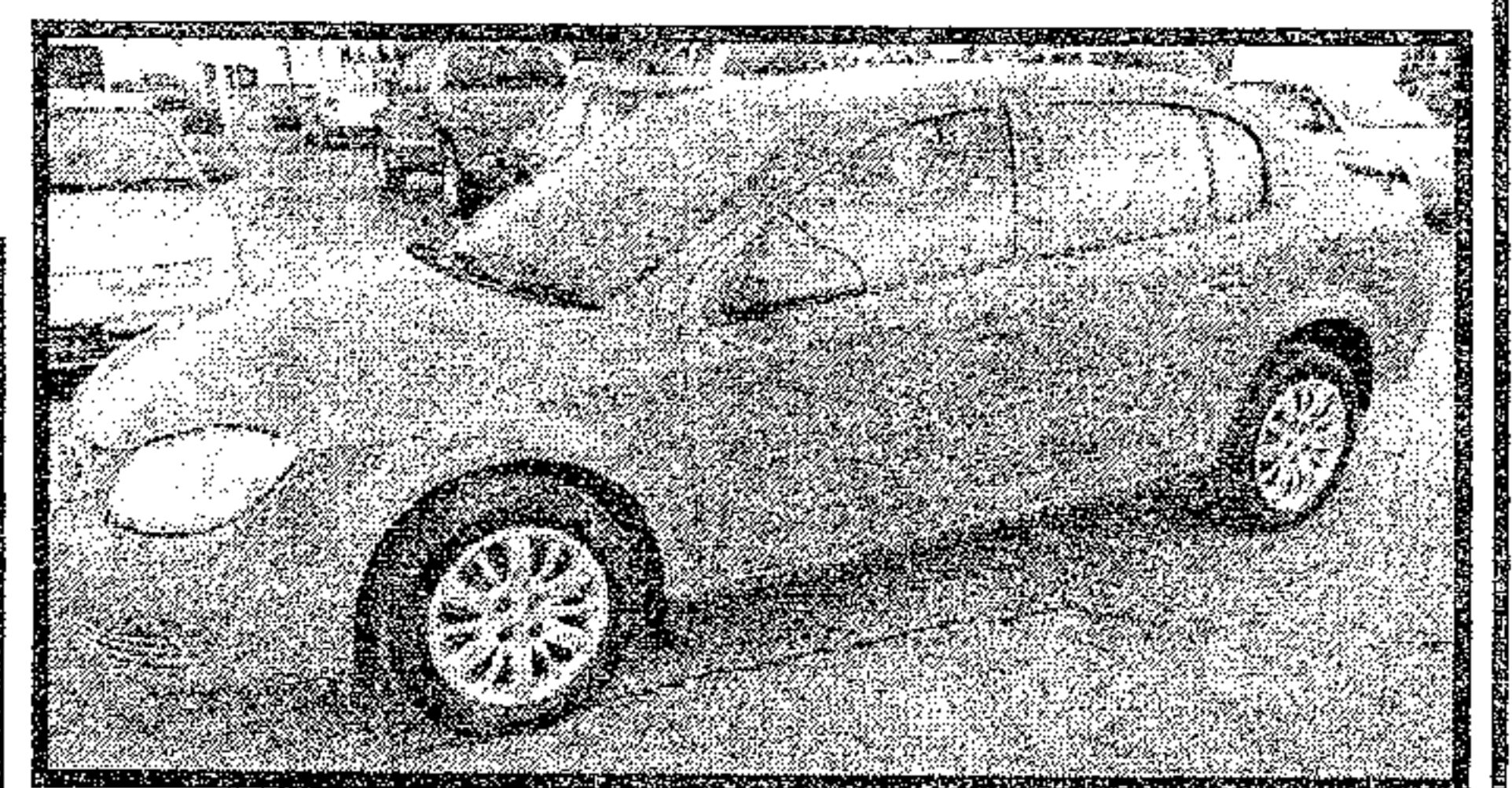
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Vouchers

sa Dahlin-Brown for a look at The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How testing and choice are undermining education by Diane Ravitch on Wednesday, May 15, 12:00 p.m. in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium, at 601 South Gay Street, in this month's Books Sandwiched In series, co-sponsored by Knox County Public Library and the City

of Knoxville.

"This book looks at education reform efforts over the last few decades and the author's evolving opinion regarding this reform," Dahlin-Brown says. "Dr. Ravitch has come full circle from one embracing No Child Left Behind to one questioning whether this is the right way to go."

In The Death and Life of the Great American School System, former assistant secretary

of education and a leader in the drive to create a national curriculum, Diane Ravitch examines her career in education reform and repudiates positions that she once staunchly advocated. Drawing on over forty years of research and experience, Ravitch critiques today's most popular ideas for restructuring schools, including privatization, standardized testing, punitive accountability, and the feckless multiplication of charter schools. She shows conclusively why the business model is not an appropriate way to improve schools. Using examples from major cities like New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Denver, and San Diego, Ravitch makes the case that public education today is in peril.

"Join me and let's discuss the book, what we can learn from it and what we feel from our own readings, our own experiences, what might add to the education discussion for the Knoxville region," Dahlin-Brown says. "Are we on the right track or not? Is testing the answer? Are charter schools or vouchers the answer? What about community schools? Join me and let's share and discuss as we learn from one another and this reading."

The public is invited to join the conversation. Bring your favorite sandwich or pick up something from a downtown restaurant. Copies of the books are available at the Library if you'd like to read one before the program.

The series will continue on June 19, when Knoxville News Sentinel Editor Jack McElroy discusses Collapse: How societies choose to fail or succeed by Jared Diamond.

For more information, please call Emily Ellis at (865) 215-8723.

Police beat

James Daniel Davis, 22, of Depot Street, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to the report, Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO observed a green vehicle over the center line into oncoming traffic on Davis Ferry in Loudon.

The deputy stopped the vehicle in a driveway on Mt. Zion Church Road. A check showed Mr. Davis to have a revoked license for failure to file security after an accident. Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO made the arrest.

Alicia Dawn Partin 22, of Steekee School Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest.

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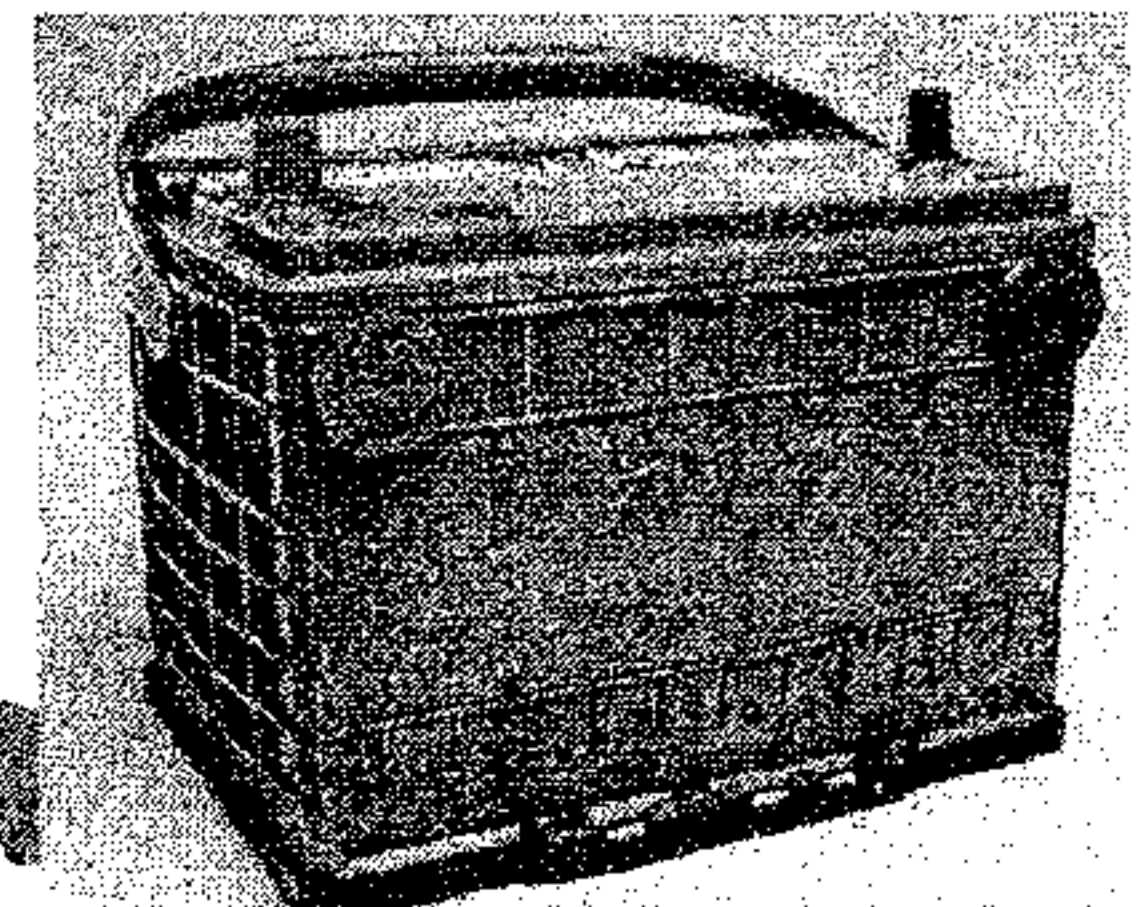
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Child Rape

29, 2013 the victim age five reported that Christopher Todd, age 19, made her do things to his private area. A fo-

rensic interview at the child advocacy center in Lenoir City was set up and during the interview the victim stated Chris told her to do

things, referring to his private. This occurred on Spring Street in Philadelphia. Mr. Todd came to the Loudon County Justice Center

on May 2nd, 2013. In a recorded interview and after having been read his rights Mr. Todd did admit the victim placing her lips on his private while they were on the bed. He stated this occurred after she began touching him under his clothing.

Christopher Michael Todd, 19, of Spring Street, Philadelphia, was charged with rape of a child. Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO CID made the arrest and filed the charges.

a silver Honda Accord. Upon arrival the only vehicle in the drive through was the suspect vehicle. After checking the vehicle and identifying the driver as Ms. Galyon, it was determined through NCIC that Ms. Galyon's license is revoked for DUI. This is her 2nd offense as well. Officer Kent Russell, LPD made the arrest.

No License

Gilberto Martinez-Miguel, 24, of Sunset Road, Clinton, was charged with driving without a license. According to the report, Officer T. Buckner, LCPD was dispatched to a hit and run wreck with injury on Hwy 11. After making contact with the first vehicle the officer was advised a county unit had the vehicle that left the scene and was located on Browder School Road. Upon making contact with Gilberto he was found to have no license. Officer T. Buckner, LCPD made the arrest.

Sleeping in the drive thru?

Elizabeth Dawn Galyon, 30, of Clyde Street, Loudon, was charged with driving on a revoked license 2nd offense. According to the report, Officer J. Kent Russell, LPD was dispatched to McDonalds on Hwy 72 to check on a female falling asleep in the drive through in

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within its lane of travel. The trooper followed the vehicle for about 3 miles and observed it cross the fog line three times as well as unable to maintain a constant speed.

After stopping the vehicle the trooper approached the passenger side door and opened it and immediately

smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle as well as discovering an open 12 pack of beer with 8 unopened.

The trooper asked Mr. Jimenez to exit the vehicle and he stumbled as he walked and had a hard time getting his paperwork from his wallet.

Mr. Jimenez reported

he drank a 6 pack and had not eaten anything. Mr. Jimenez performed poorly on sobriety tasks and gave a BAC test at the hospital.

Mr. Jimenez later reported he had taken Xanax and Roxy's 2 hours prior to being stopped as well. Trooper Rodney Best, THP made the arrest.

Sparks

Burley, LCSO responded to a domestic violence call in progress, which was mobile in an Isuzu vehicle. Deputies Burley and Rondel Branam stopped the vehicle on Broadway next to the Sonic.

Mr. Sparks was the driver of the vehicle and was extremely irate and combative toward deputies. Sparks then admitted to grabbing

the victim and while driving down the highway struck the victim in the chest as well.

Additionally the victim reported he was struck twice in the head by Robert Sparks. Robert Sparks was extremely combative and is believed to be the primary aggressor in the incident. Deputy B. Burley, LCSO made the arrest.

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