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Loudon County Jury Convicts Woman of Vehicular Assault and DUI After Day-Long Trial

Michael James Moore of Ten Mile left work at TVA on Thursday, September 29, 2011 thinking what a beautiful day it was to be riding home on his motorcycle. As he rode along enjoying the early fall scenery his thoughts turned to the "End of Chemo" party that his

wife had planned for the upcoming Saturday to celebrate his final cancer treatment. When he awoke in Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center some six weeks later these were the last things that he could remember. He could not remember being hit later that day by a drugged

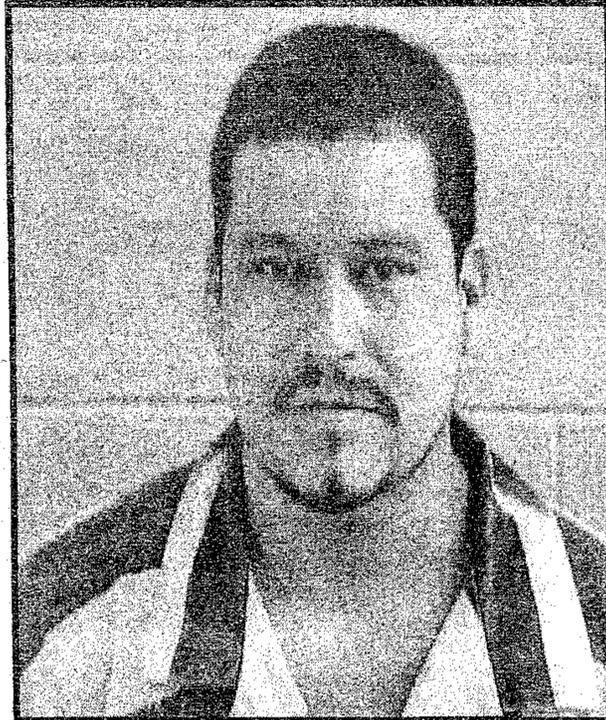
driver who hit him from behind and dragged his motorcycle under her car for almost 100 feet. This was the substance of the short testimony Moore gave a twelve-member jury at the day-long jury on Tuesday, some two years to the week of his near fatal encounter with Angela

Coker's Mitsubishi sedan on the Highway 11 Tennessee River Bridge leading into downtown Loudon. The jury ultimately convicted Coker of vehicular assault and DUI. During the trial the State's proof showed that Moore was riding his motorcycle towards Loudon on Highway 11

because of construction on I-75 at the interstate bridge over the Tennessee River when a Mitsubishi sedan driven by Angela Coker struck him from behind. According to the testimony of Loudon Police Officer Bill Evans, upon responding to the scene he discovered Moore near

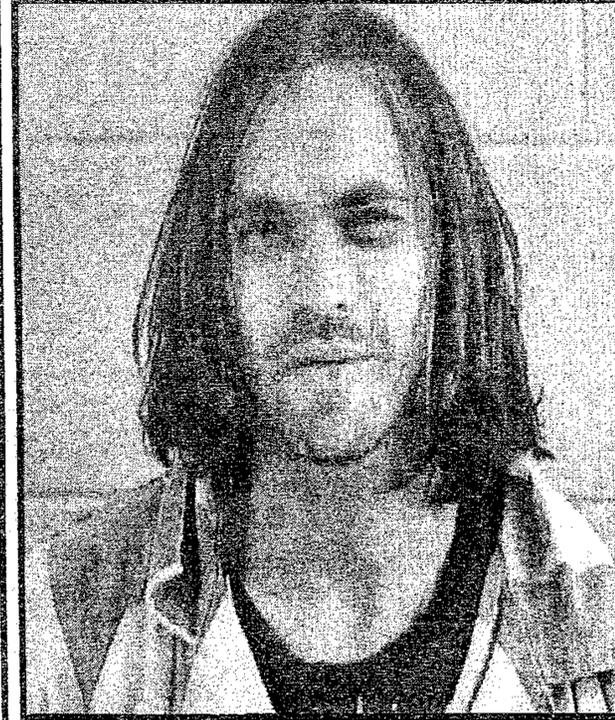
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No license and DUI



Adolfo Lopez

Shopping spree at KFC?



Joshua Wright

Food City cashier helps self to gift cards



Amber Hooks

Verse of the Day

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love

him and show myself to him. — John 14:21

Obituaries

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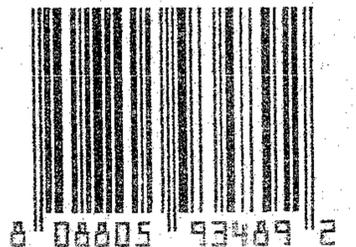
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Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 79F.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low of 57F.
Friday: Clear. High of 81F.

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DUI

Adolfo Lopez, 30 unknown, Knoxville, was charged with DUI & Unlicensed driver.

According to the report, Officer Don Lorenz, LCPD observed Adolfo Lopez

traveling South on HWY 321 near Taco Bell vehicle crossed over the center line twice and then crossed onto the shoulder three times.

Officer Lorenz stopped the vehicle and could smell a strong

odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Mr. Lopez's person. Lopez stated that he had two beers one hour ago.

Officer performed standardized field sobriety test on Lopez and he did poorly Lo-

pez was placed under arrest. Officer Don Lorenz LCPD made the arrest.

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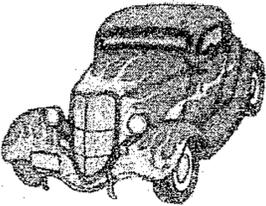
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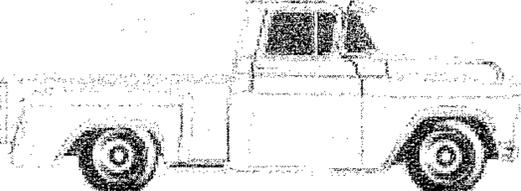
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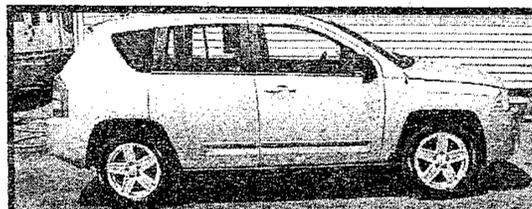
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Theft

Joshua Wright, 34 Chrisman Rd, Lenoir City, was charged with Burglary and Theft of property. According to the report, LCPD was dispatched to a breaking and entering to a vehicle at the KFC parking lot.

A description was given of the suspect and he was located next to Simpson Rd E walking. At that time the suspect stated that he was not part of any crime before anything was said to the suspect.

After speaking with the

victim identified Joshua as the suspect, he was taken into custody. Officer Charlie Parker, LCPD made the arrest.

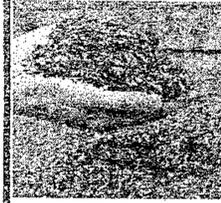
Police beat

Michael Hmielewski, 51 Bell Branch Rd, Tallassee, was charged with Driving on revoked license. According to the report, Trooper Eric Miller, THP observed a maroon vehicle cross the fog line 3 times failing to maintain a single travel lane safely. Trooper conducted a traffic stop on Interstate I-75 81 mm. Upon in-

terview subject stated he had received a text message and that was the reason for failure to maintain lane. A Driver License check by date of birth revealed the driver as Michael Hmielewski and his license being revoked, Michael was taken into custody and charged. Trooper Eric Miller THP made the arrest.

Charles Bales, 24 Ridgeview Dr. Knoxville, was charged with Violation of probation. Officer Kay Arnwine LCPD served a VOP Warrant on Charles at the Jail.

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Amber Hooks, 22 Jaynes St. Sweetwater, was charged with Theft of property X4.

Reports stated Ms. Hooks turned herself in at the Loudon Co. Jail on 4 theft of property.

According to Warrants written by Detective Brian Jenkins LPD after investigating and determination of probable cause that the offense occurred. The offense by Ms. Hooks is she is accused of theft of visa gift cards which were activated by Amber while working at the Food City in Loudon. Deputy Mike Williams LCSO made the arrest.

Police beat

Jeffery Stewart, 45 Homeless, was charged with Violation of Community Correction. Deputy Bowen was dispatched to Hotchkiss Valley Rd to assist with the apprehension of the defendant he was placed under arrest and transported to Loudon Co. Jail. Deputy Chris Bowen LCSO made the arrest.

Jody Garrett, 37 Hillcrest Drive, Kingsport, was charged with Violation Of Probation. Deputy Robert Gray LCSO, served a VOP Warrant at Sullivan Co. Jail and transported to Loudon Jail.

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Steekee Road, Loudon, was charged with Violation of Probation x2. Deputy Smith did arrest Carmen for 2 VOP Warrant at Riveview Rd. Deputy Brian Smith LCSO made the arrest.

Sean Bronner, 20 Thornwood Dr. Knoxville, was charged with Attachment and Violation of Probation. Deputy Bobby Hamilton LCSO arrested Sean at Martel Rd for VOP, and Attachment Warrants.

Crystal Shubert, 33 Church Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Violation of Probation. Sgt. Eddie Range LCPD, arrested Crystal at Church Dr on a VOP Warrant.

Darrell Kearney, 30 Haleigh Court Rockwood, was charged with Failure to appear. Emily Lawson LCPD served a FTA Warrant on Darrell at Roane Co.

Jail and transported to Loudon CO. Jail.

Angela Ledbetter, 42 McConnell Rd. Greenback, was charged with Capias for Failure to Appear. Sgt Lynette Ladd LCPD served Angela with a FTA Warrant at the Jail.

Justin Disney, 24 Benjamin Dr. Lenoir City, was charged with Failure to Appear. Deputy Robert Gray LCSO, served a FTA Warrant on Justin at the Rhea CO. Jail and transported to the jail.

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Convicted

the point of impact and the motorcycle underneath Coker's vehicle and thought, given the condition of the motorcycle and the amount of blood coming from Moore, that he would be working a fatal crash scene. While emergency responders worked to save his life, Officer

Evans took Coker to perform field sobriety tests and, later, for a blood test at the hospital. That blood test that was subsequently analyzed by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab showed that Coker had a 'cocktail' of prescription medications in her system that, according to TBI Crime Lab Analyst Mi-

chael Tiller, could have had a 'synergistic' effect on her system that could have affected her motor skills and reaction time, leading to her being under the influence and contributing to the crash. Lab reports showed Coker had Citalopram (Celexa), Oxycodone, Carsiprodol (a muscle relaxer), Valium and Alprazolam (Xanax) in her system. Coker claimed that she had prescriptions for all of these medications, but she did not produce them during her testimony. According to the

lab analyst, the Oxycodone was almost twice the level that would be considered therapeutic, meaning the normal amount if taken as prescribed.

Officer Evans further testified that there were no skid marks from Coker's car, indicating that she never braked before or after striking Moore on his motorcycle. In fact, Evans went on to say that he measured gouge marks from the foot pegs and handle bars of Moore's bike that showed once

the car ran over onto the bike that it was dragged some 75 to 100 feet before it came to an un-braked stop. Moore ended up with traumatic brain injuries, a broken shoulder and broken ribs as well as other serious and permanent injuries from which he has now somewhat recovered, except for a loss of some sight in his eye (that has required multiple surgeries) and some use of his left hand. Moore spent almost a month in a coma at UT Hospital and only regained consciousness at Patricia Neal several weeks later. The jury deliberated for approximately 45 minutes before returning a guilty verdict on both charges. Loudon County Criminal Court

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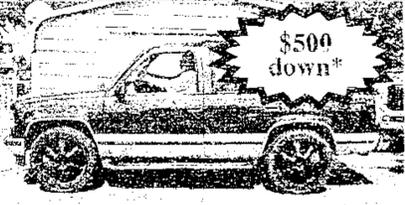
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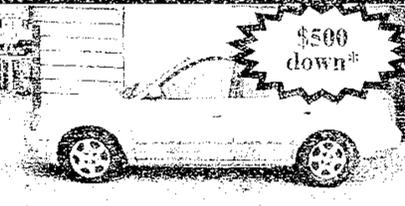
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Judge E. Eugene Eblen will sentence Coker on December 16th at 1:00 pm. After the verdict was announced and the jury dismissed, the defendant through her attorney admitted to having a prior conviction for DUI. Under Tennessee's Rules of Evidence a jury is never allowed to be informed about a defendant's prior DUI conviction history, so while listening to this case, the jury was not aware of Coker's prior conviction. Therefore, at sentencing, Coker faces 2 to 4 years on the Class D felony vehicular assault and a minimum of 45 days to up to 11 months, 29 days on the DUI which has to be treated as a 2nd offense due to a prior DUI conviction. Dep-

uty District Attorney Frank Harvey prosecuted the case for the State of Tennessee and Brian Nichols represented the defendant, Ms. Coker.

Police beat

Jimmie, Arden Jr. 48 Crisp Rd. Lenoir City, was charged with Failure to appear.

Agent Brendon Deboer 9th DTF arrested Jimmie Arden On a FTA Warrant at HWY 321 @ McGhee Blvd and transported him to Loudon Co. Jail.

Shelyn Collier, 24 Marney Cove Rd, Kingston was charged with Violation of Probation.

Deputy John Bearden LCSO served a VOP Warrant on Shelyn while housed at Roane Co. Jail and transported to Loudon Jail.

Ronnie Spurgeon, 50 Homeless, was charged with Violation of Probation. Deputy Kyle Collins LCSO served Ronnie with a VOP Warrant at the Loudon Jail.

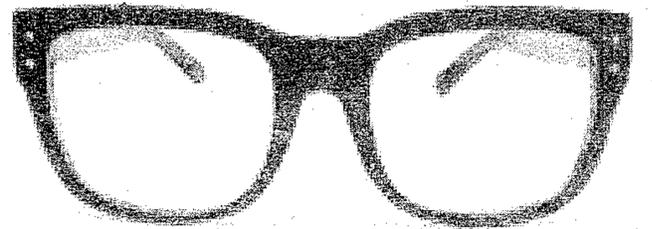
Christopher Johnson, 21 Boyds Bridge Pk. Knoxville, was charged with Driving on Suspended. Trooper Robert Woody observed a white vehicle on I-75 with the driver not wearing a seatbelt and the window tint to dark. A check of the driver Christopher Johnson license revealed he was suspended for three failure to satisfy citations out of Knox. Christopher was arrested and transported to Loudon CO. Jail. Trooper Robert Woody, THP made the arrest.

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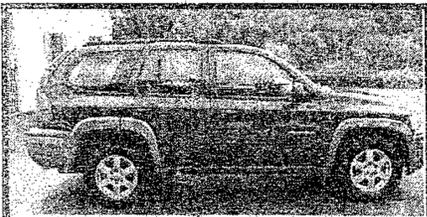
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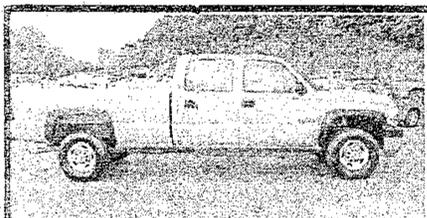
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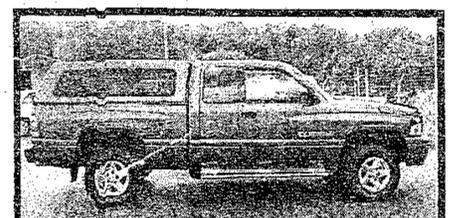
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