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Friday, November 4, 2016

## She dropped the imaginary skittles is why she ran over all that stuff!

Lisa Stephens, 54, Gay Street Loudon, was charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident with property Damage, DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

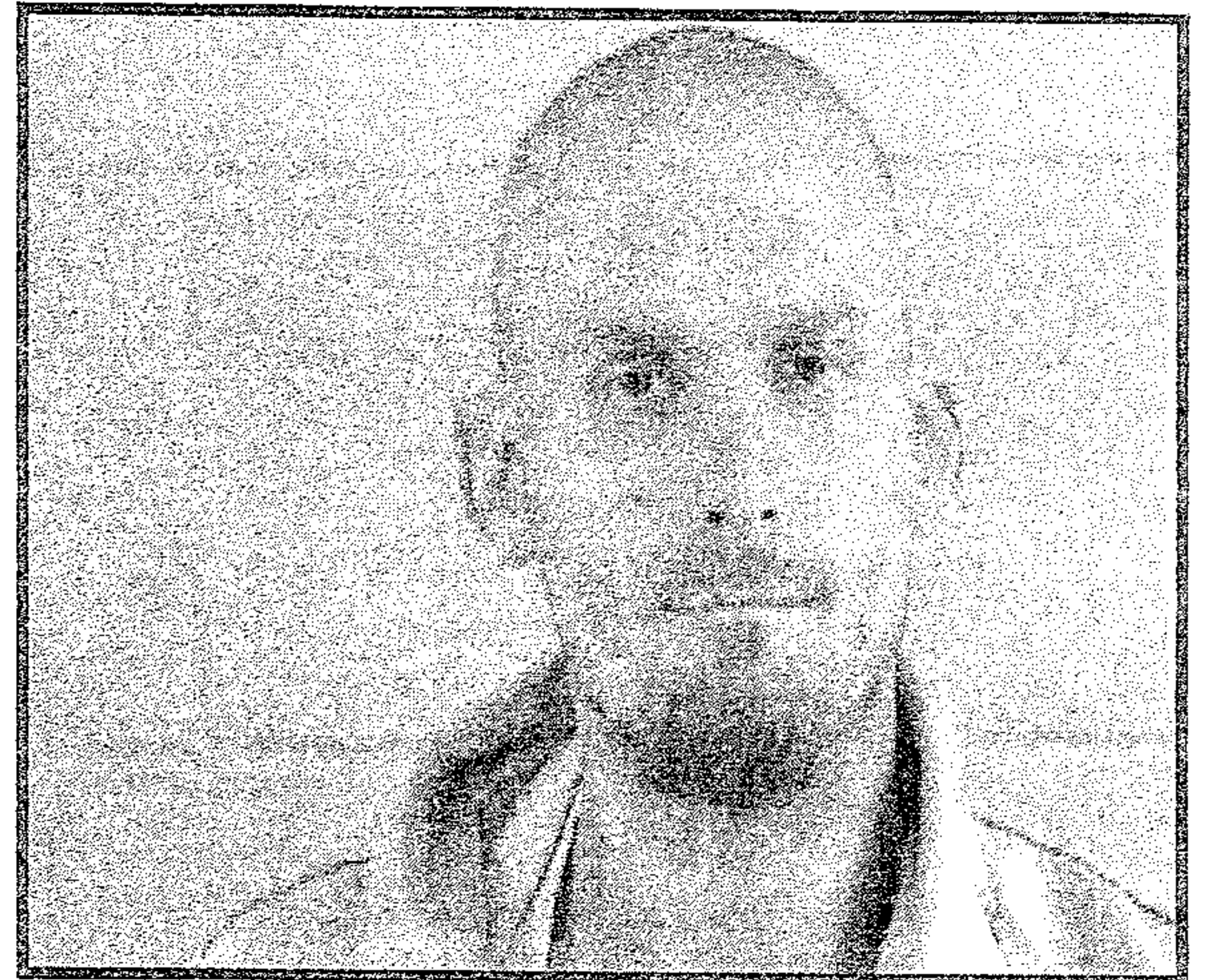
Deputy Charles Huskin LCSO, was dispatched to a possible leaving the scene of an accident where off duty officer LCSO CPL. Pete McGinley

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Lisa Stephens

## When the fire chief tells you not to burn, DON'T BURN!



Shane Price

(see fire pg. 4)

## A Primer on DarkNet Marketplaces

What They are and What Law Enforcement is Doing to Combat Them

Last week, the FBI joined a number of other U.S. law enforcement agencies in Operation Hyperion, a successful international action aimed at disrupting the operations and infrastructure of illicit DarkNet marketplaces.

The initiative was the brainchild of the Five Eyes Law Enforcement Group (FELEG), an international coalition of law enforcement agencies from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States who share criminal intelligence and collaborate on operations to combat transnational crime. FELEG has

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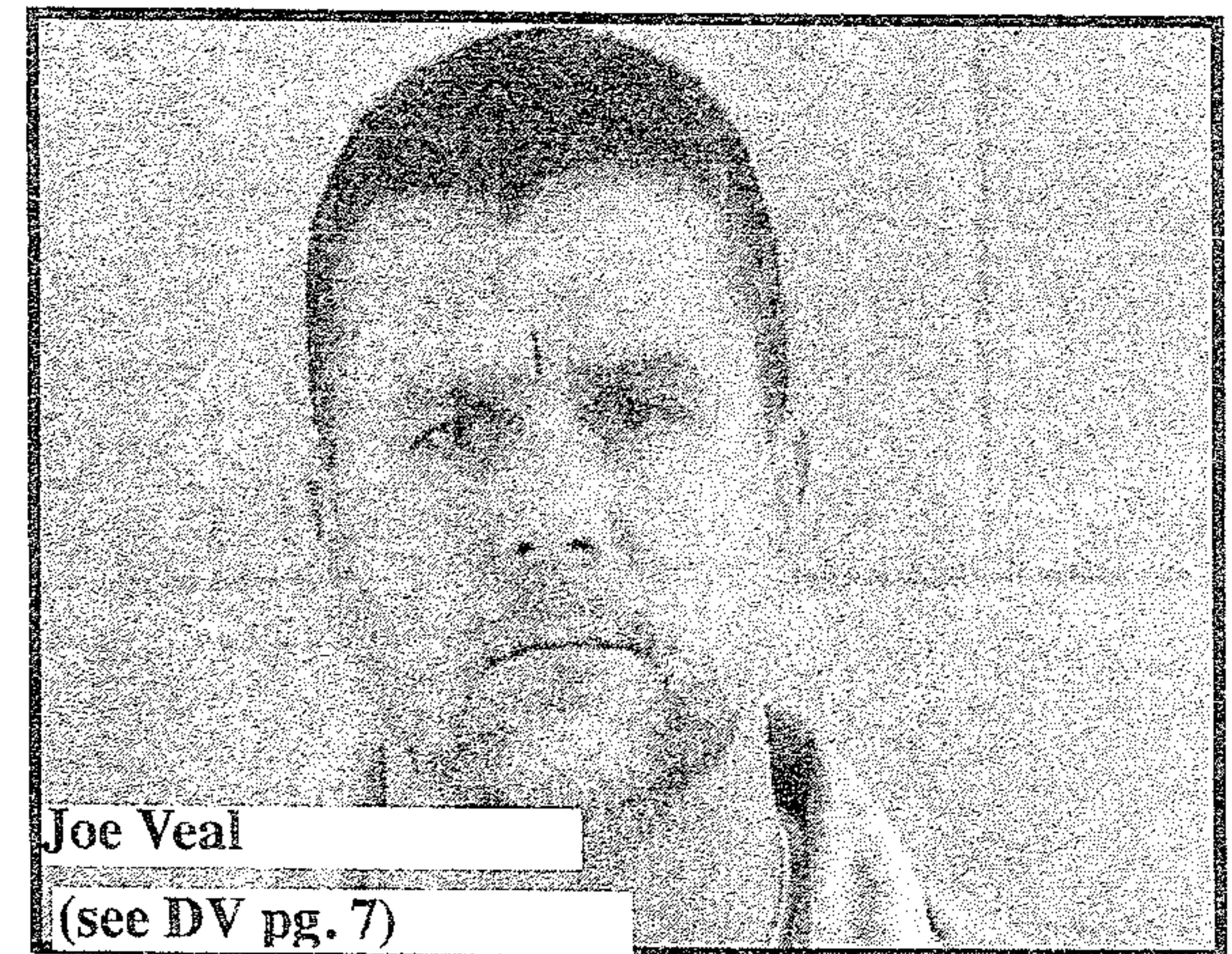
## DUI for reckless speeder in LC



Felipe Diaz Lopez

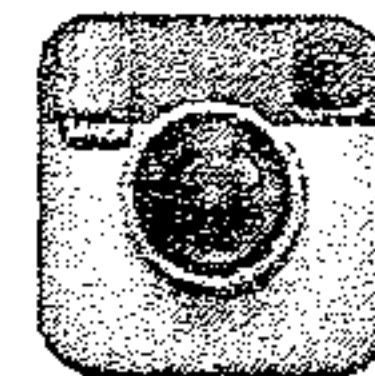
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## He throws dinners in the trash, calls 911 and then goes to jail



Joe Veal

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### Verse of the Day

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. — Hebrews 11:3

### Obituaries

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How 'bout them Cubs? First World Series win since 1908! Wow Go Cubbies!!! What a game 7 too. Wow! Couldn't

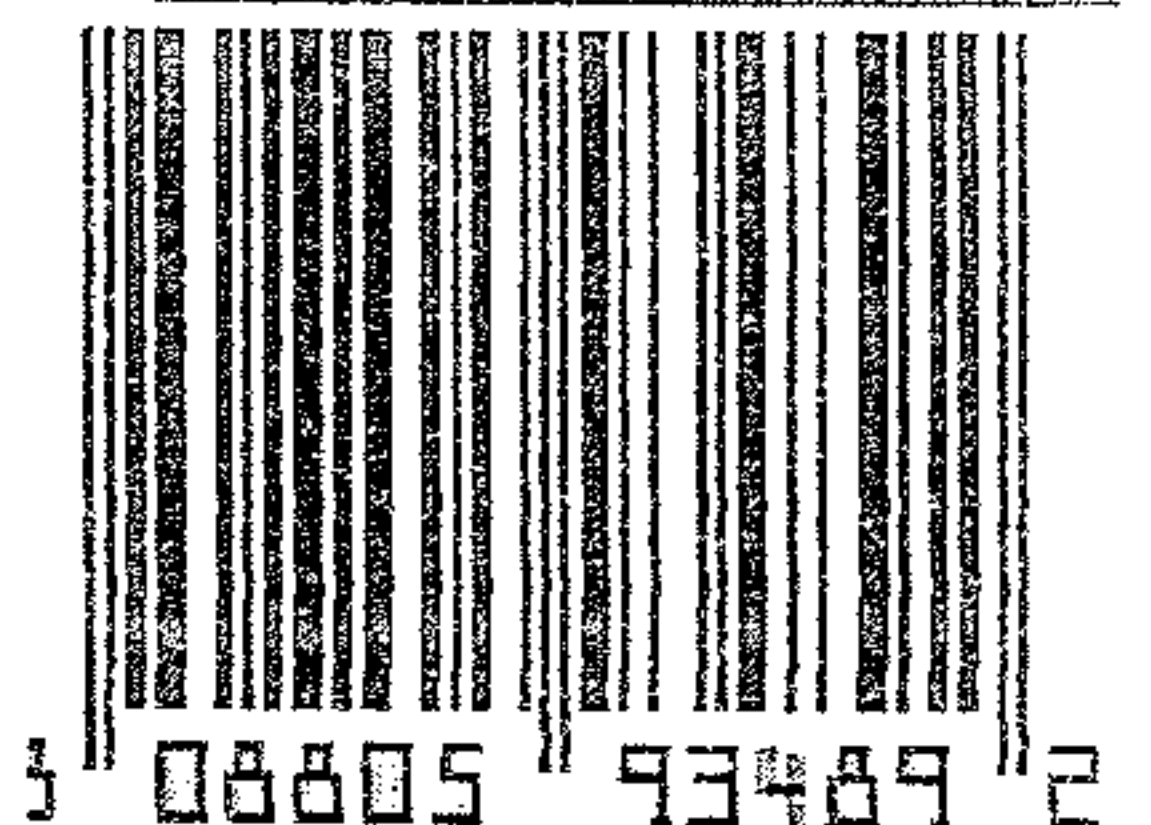
have been better!

### Weather

Today: Abundant sunshine. High 72F. Tonight: Clear. Low 42F. Saturday Sunny. High near 70F. Saturday Night A few

clouds from time to time. Low 39F. Sunday Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 72F. Sunday Night Clear. Low 42F.

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skittles

was pursuing the vehicle south bound on hwy 11 and did traffic stop the vehicle at 7866 hwy 11 west. When Deputy arrived on scene Deputy made contact with Ms. Lisa Stephens and observed Ms. Stephens having a very lethargic disposition and having very slurred speech. Deputy ask Ms. Ste-

phens what she thought made her leave the highway and hit the mail boxes , and she stated that she had dropped her skittles in which there were no skittles in the vehicle or on her person. Deputy ask Ms. Stephens to exit the vehicle where she was very unsteady on her feet. Deputy did ask Ms. Stephens if she would do standardized field sobri-

ety where she did performed poorly on these task's. Deputy read Ms. Stephens Tennessee Implied Consent Advisement where she did refuse. Ms. Stephen was advised that she was under arrest for Leaving the scene of an ac-

cident with property damage, Driving under the Influence, and Violation Of Implied Consent. CPL Pete McGinley did write a statement as a witness for Ms. Stephens running over 2 mail boxes and 2 pa-

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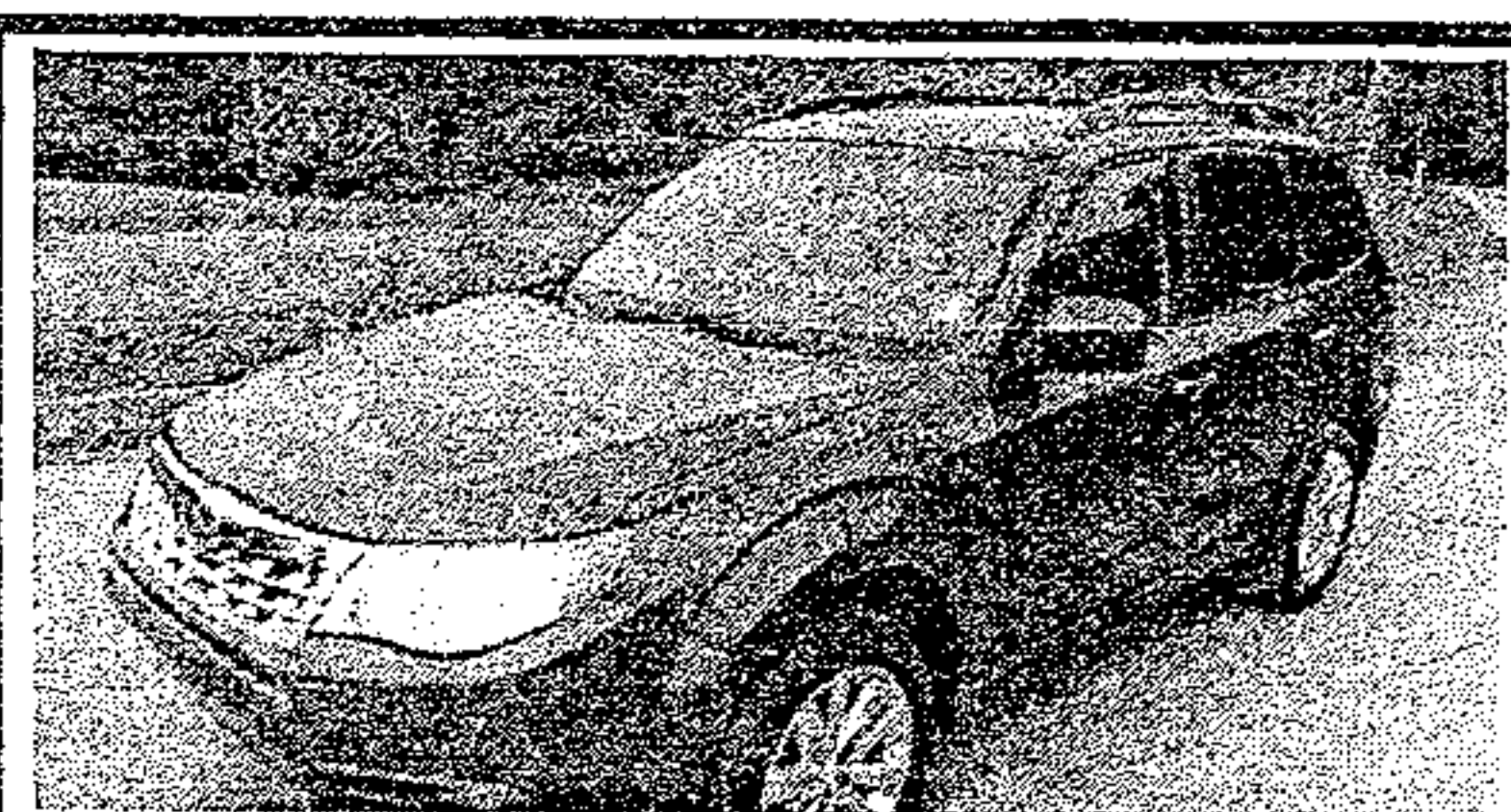
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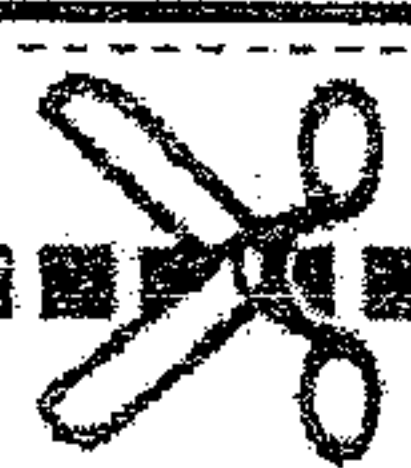
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fire  
 Shane Price, 27, Niles Ferry Road Greenback, was charged with Reckless Burning, and Violation of Probation. Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, responded to Niles Ferry Road to a report of a person burning at this residence. Upon arrival Deputy met Chief Ronnie Lett of the Greenback Fire Dept. who told Deputy that he had been out earlier to the residence for the burning and had advised Shane Price to let the fire burn down and put it out that there was a burn ban in the county. Upon arriving back Lett found that Price had added more to the fire and it was

near a wooded structure. Upon checking Price through dispatch revealed him to have an active VOP Warrant. Price was taken into custody.

speeder

Felipe Lopez-Diaz, 29, North A Street Lenoir City, was charged with DUI. Officer Jordan Henderson, and Morgan LCPD, observed a white vehicle erratically and traveling at a high rate of speed. Officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver Felipe Lopez. Lopez smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage. Officer then ask Lopez

to step out of the vehicle and he was very unsteady on his feet, bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and unable to follow simple instruction. Lopez performed poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest.

Governor Haslam, Commissioner Boyd Announce Commercial Façade Improvement Grants

Grants will assist nine communities with downtown building improvements

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Economic and Community De-

velopment Commissioner Randy Boyd recently approved nearly \$750,000 in Commercial Façade Improvement Grants to assist Tennessee communities with downtown improvements.

Commercial Façade Improvement Grants are derived from Tennessee's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and are used to improve commercial buildings in downtown districts that have active revitalization pro-

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**DarkNet**

a number of working groups that concentrate on specific criminal or functional areas, and one of those groups—the Cyber Crime Working Group—focuses on identifying the sophisticated perpetrators operating key criminal services in the cyber underground marketplace.

But what are these underground marketplaces, and what exactly is the DarkNet? To understand both, you first have to

have a basic understanding of the entire Internet.

First, there's what's known as the Clear Web, or Surface Web, which contains content for the general public that is indexed by traditional search engines (like websites for news, e-commerce, marketing, collaboration, and social networking). The FBI's own public website is part of the Clear Web.

But there is a vast amount of web content out there on the Inter-

net, and much of it is not indexed by traditional search engines—that part of the web is known as the Deep Web. Its content is still available to the general public, but it's harder to find unless you have the exact URL. Examples of Deep Web content are websites and forums that require logins, websites that don't allow for indexing or aren't linked to anything, and databases.

And finally, there's the DarkNet, which is a

subset of the Deep Web. DarkNet content is not indexed and consists of overlaying networks that use the public Internet but require unique software, configuration, or authorization to access. And this access is predominately designed to hide the identity of the user.

There is some criminal activity—like fraud schemes—that takes place on the Clear Web and on the Deep Web. And there are some legitimate uses—and users—of the DarkNet.

But because of the anonymity it offers, many criminals and criminal groups gravitate toward the DarkNet, often doing business through online marketplaces set up for nefarious purposes.

What's available for sale through illicit DarkNet marketplaces? Typically, products and services involve child sexual exploitation; drugs; guns; chemical, biological, and radiological materials and knowledge; stolen goods; counterfeit goods; and computer hacking tools. Payment for these goods and services is usually through virtual currency like bitcoin, also designed to be anonymous.

On illicit DarkNet marketplaces—just like on legitimate online marketplaces on the Clear Web—buyers can also provide feedback on products and services, communicate through internal messaging, and take part in website forums. The difference, of course, is that the feedback, internal messaging, and forums on DarkNet marketplaces focus on topics like the quality of child pornography images, the potency of a

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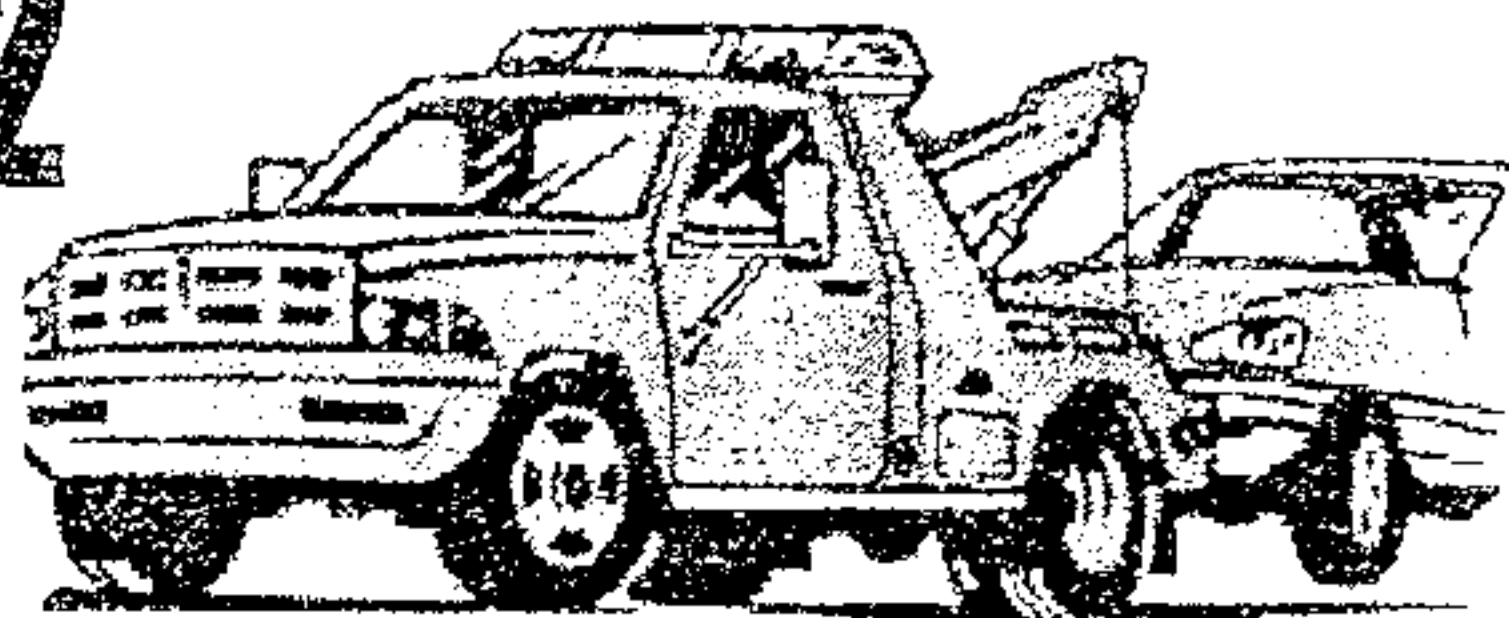
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## Burglary

Joe Veal, 43, Ootsima Way Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy JC. Schultz LCSO, answered a physical domestic at Ootsima Way. Upon arrival Deputy came in contact with the victim. The victim stated that her husband Joe Veal came home angry took the food off the stove and threw it in the trash then argued some more. Victim stated that she was holding their daughter, and Veal wanted their daughter, so victim gave her to him, Veal then grabbed victim

by the arm and pushed her outside where they both fell to the ground. Veal then locked her out of the house and called 911. Both victim and Veal stated that Veal had placed his hands on her first. Victim had dust on her back and back of her legs, Veal had dust on his knees from the altercation. Veal was placed under arrest.

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per route boxes at the same addresses. Ms. Stephens was transported to the Loudon County Jail and the vehicle was towed by James Wrecker Service.

During the inventory of the vehicle Deputy did find a bottle of clonazepam in the center console of the vehicle containing 32 pills with a count of 60 filled on 10-19-2016. This did happen in Loudon county.

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particular poison, or the speed at which a cache of guns is mailed to its buyer.

Screenshot of a listing taken from the website of an illicit DarkNet marketplace featuring the various categories of illegal merchandise that buyers can browse through.

Shown is a screenshot of a listing taken from the website of an illicit DarkNet marketplace featuring the various categories of illegal merchandise that buyers can browse through.

In its investigative efforts against DarkNet marketplaces, the FBI—much like in our other criminal priorities—focuses its resources not on individual criminals but on the most egregious criminal organizations and activities.

Illicit DarkNet marketplaces, by their very nature, are difficult to penetrate. But not impossible. The Bureau, with its partners, uses all available investigative techniques to target buyers, sellers, marketplace administrators, and the technical infrastructure of the marketplaces themselves. And we have had success doing it.

For example, in November 2014, federal law enforcement took action against more than 400 hidden service DarkNet addresses, including dozens of illicit marketplace websites operating on what is known as the Onion Router, or Tor, network, which was designed to make it practically impossible to physically locate the computers hosting or accessing websites on the network. One of the most prolific websites taken down as a result of those investigative activities was Silk Road 2.0—and the website's operator was arrested

and charged.

Successes like this are vital. Yes, they allow us to dismantle illicit websites and go after those responsible for them. But they also enable us to develop actionable intelligence on other websites, criminals, and criminal organizations. And the knowledge we gain from these investigations helps us create more sophisticated investigative tools to shine a brighter light into criminal activity on the DarkNet.

More on Operation Hyperion

During Operation Hyperion, FBI agents made contact with more than 150 individuals around the country suspected of purchasing illicit items from various DarkNet marketplaces. Some of these individuals confessed to ordering a range of illegal drugs and controlled substances online, including heroin, cocaine, morphine, and ketamine.

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improvements including new awnings and signs, painting, windows and doors, brick repair and other upgrades.

“The downtown area is the heartbeat of a city and these communities are taking steps to help their downtowns thrive,” Haslam said. “I congratulate the nine communities awarded the Commercial Façade Improvement Grants this round. They are moving their downtowns in the right direction and helping us reach our goal of making Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs.”

“With the assistance of the CDBG Commercial Façade Improvement program, these communities will be able to improve their downtown districts and attract new business,” Boyd said. “With renovations like these, the nine communities that were awarded these grants will be able to succeed in our state which will promote future growth in each community.”

The 2016 Commercial Façade grantees are:

- Athens - \$100,000
- Bolivar - \$79,250
- Dyersburg - \$100,000
- Lebanon - \$100,000
- Mountain City - \$50,000
- Rogersville - \$100,000
- Savannah - \$100,000
- Smithville - \$100,000
- Tiptonville - \$20,000

Seven of the nine grantees are accredited Tennessee Main Street communities, and two are Tennessee Downtowns communities. Each is required to provide a 25 percent match for the funds and administer the façade improvement programs.

This is the fourth annual round of Commercial Façade Improvement Grants.

Each application was supported by the community's senator and representatives in the Tennessee General Assembly.

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