

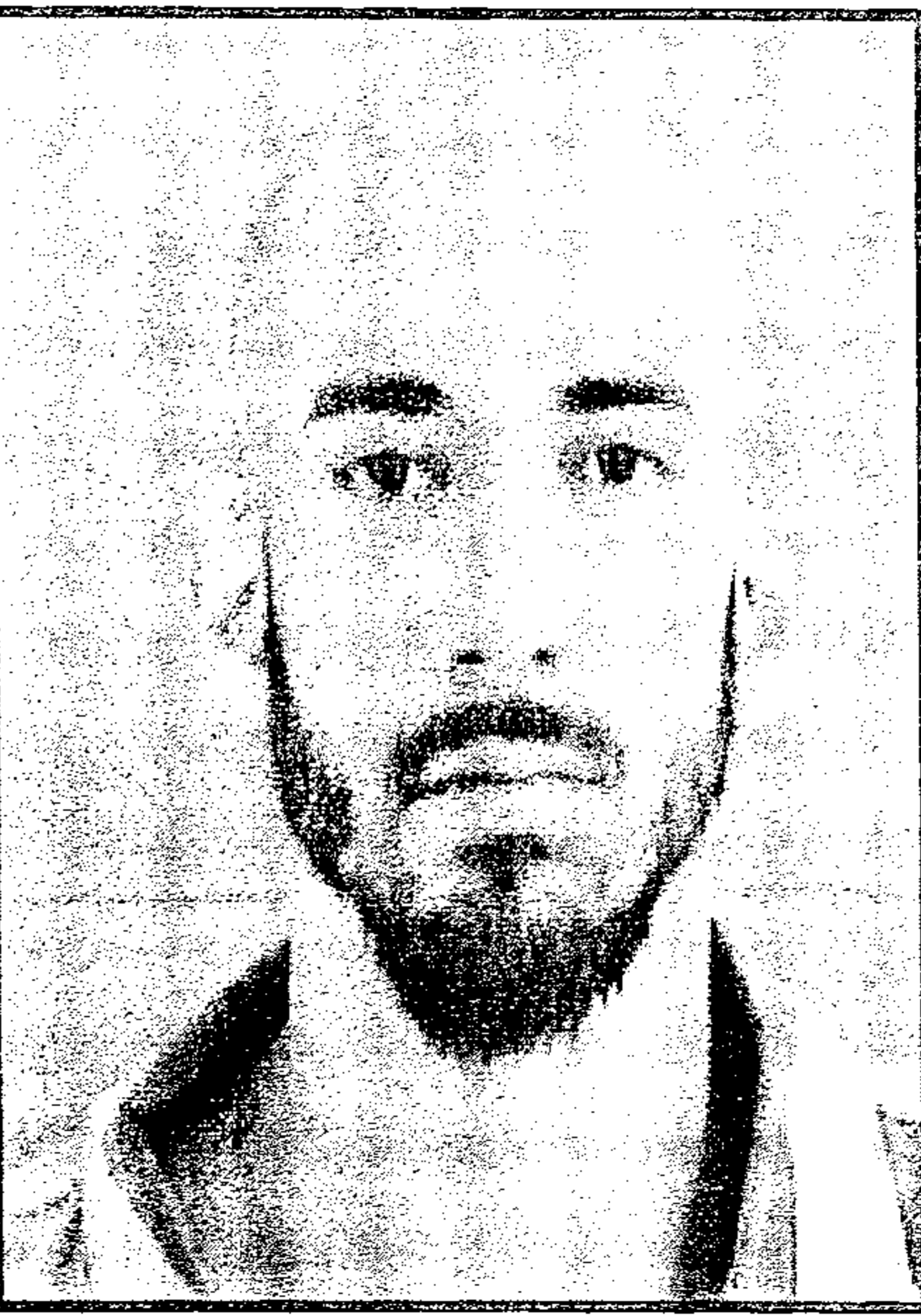
Daily Edition

Serving Loudon, Monroe and Surrounding Counties

Friday, April 8, 2016

Update: 2 Charged in Kidnapping, Rape, Robbery and Beating of Victim for 9 pills!

Charged after stealing from over 30 seized vehicles!



Tozha Grissom

(see Rape pg. 2)

Cody Chastain

Ashley Novitzke

(see theft pg. 5)

No Butts about it those are brass knucks!



Bradley Butts

(see fight pg. 3)

US Attorney's Office supports National Crime Victims' Rights Week

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) helps lead communities throughout the country in their annual observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) every April by promoting victims' rights, and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's NCVRW will be held April 10-16, 2016. The theme -- Serving Victims. Building Trust. (see Rights pg. 5)

Blackman High School Football Booster Funneled Money to Coaches

Comptroller investigators say the Blackman High School Football Boosters used a separate bank account in order to provide cash and purchase gift cards for its football coaches. Text messages about the account appear to show that suspicious activity was occurring.

The additional account was opened eight days after the Rutherford County Board of Educa- (see money pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever

and ever! Amen. — Ephesians 3:20-21

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

Wow! It's really supposed to snow Saturday? Probably gotta get to high

ground to enjoy it but it hopefully will be the last of the cold!!!

Weather

Today: Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. High 58F. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 36F.

Saturday Partly cloudy skies. High near 55F. Saturday Night Clear skies Widespread frost likely Low 29F. Sunday Partly cloudy skies during the morning hours will become overcast in the afternoon. High 68F.

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Rape

Tozha Grissom, 19, Get Good Hollow Road Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault, Rape, Kidnapping, and Robbery.

Nathan Underwood, 28, Vale Street Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault, Robbery, Kidnapping, and Rape.

On 3/9/16 Tazha Grisson and Nathan Underwood, along with another female, did commit the offence of assault by participating in the physical attack on the victim while the victim was sitting in her vehicle at the Get Good Hollow Road address. During the attack Tozha positioned herself on the top of the victim in the driver seat

and started striking victim about her face while demanding victim turn over narcotics. Victim was able to start her vehicle but Tozha turned it off and told victim she was

(see rape ctd. pg. 7)

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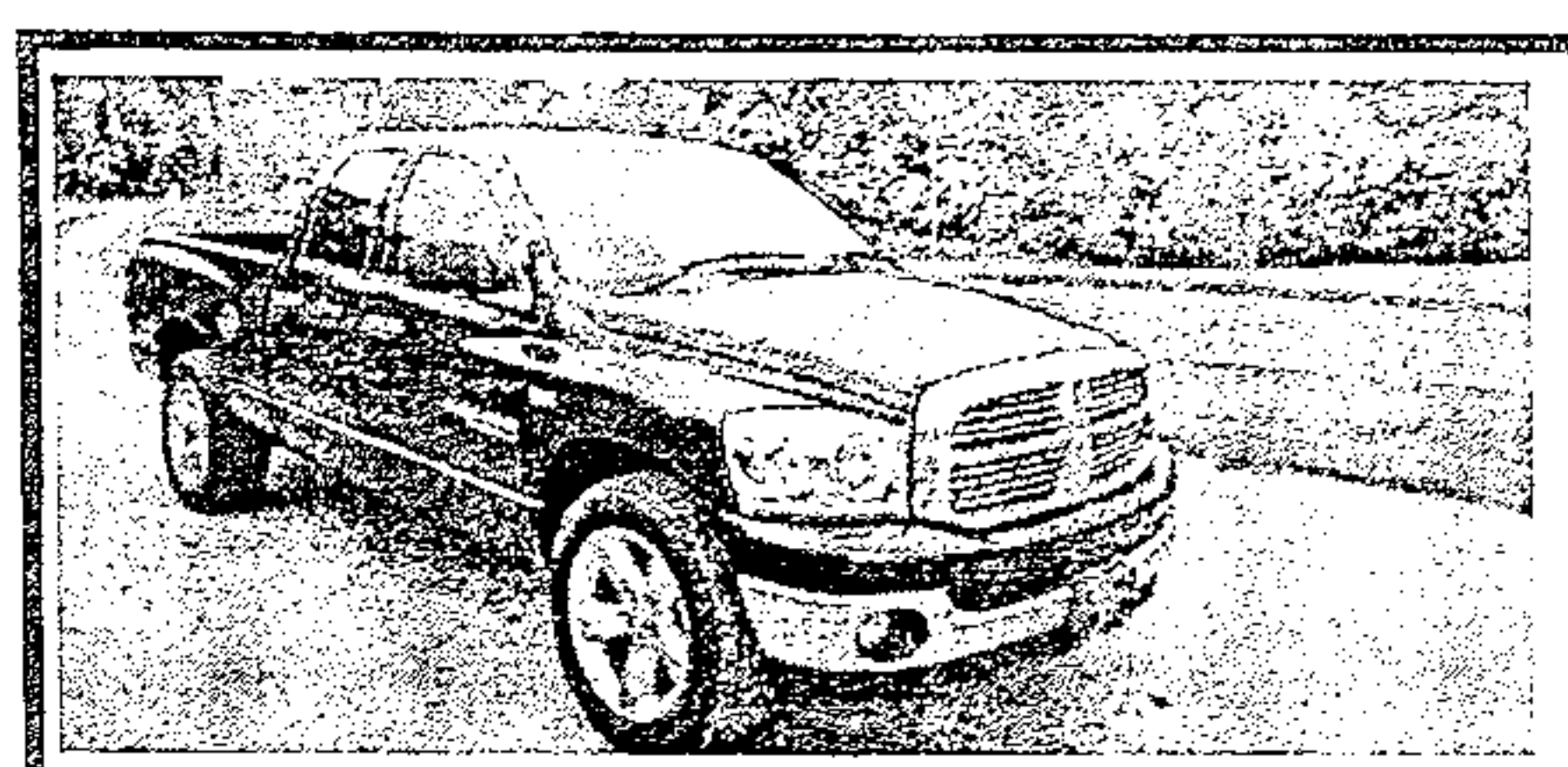
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fight

Bradley Butts, 20, Raby Road Sweetwater, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH. VI, Criminal Impersonation, and Prohibited Weapons. Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, observed

a large group of people on Spring Street a high drug trafficking area. As Deputy approached the individuals, a vehicle takes off onto a side street. After making contact with the vehicle and other subjects in the street Deputy began to investigate the activity. Deputy identified all subjects except for a black male who gave the name of another subject. The name given came back unfounded, the male was very nervous and appeared to be hiding his real identity. Deputy conducted a pat down on the male, and inside his right front pant pocket appeared to be brass knuckles. The male was detained and searched due to the investigating turned out to have been a fight. A pair of brass knuckles

were recovered, and a search of the males back pack Deputy located a box of parade sandwich bags. Inside the box was 2 clear bags individually wrapped with a green plant material believed to be

marijuana and weighted approx. 5.0 grams. The subject was later identified as Bradley Butts, who had an active warrant out of Monroe Co. Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, made the arrest.

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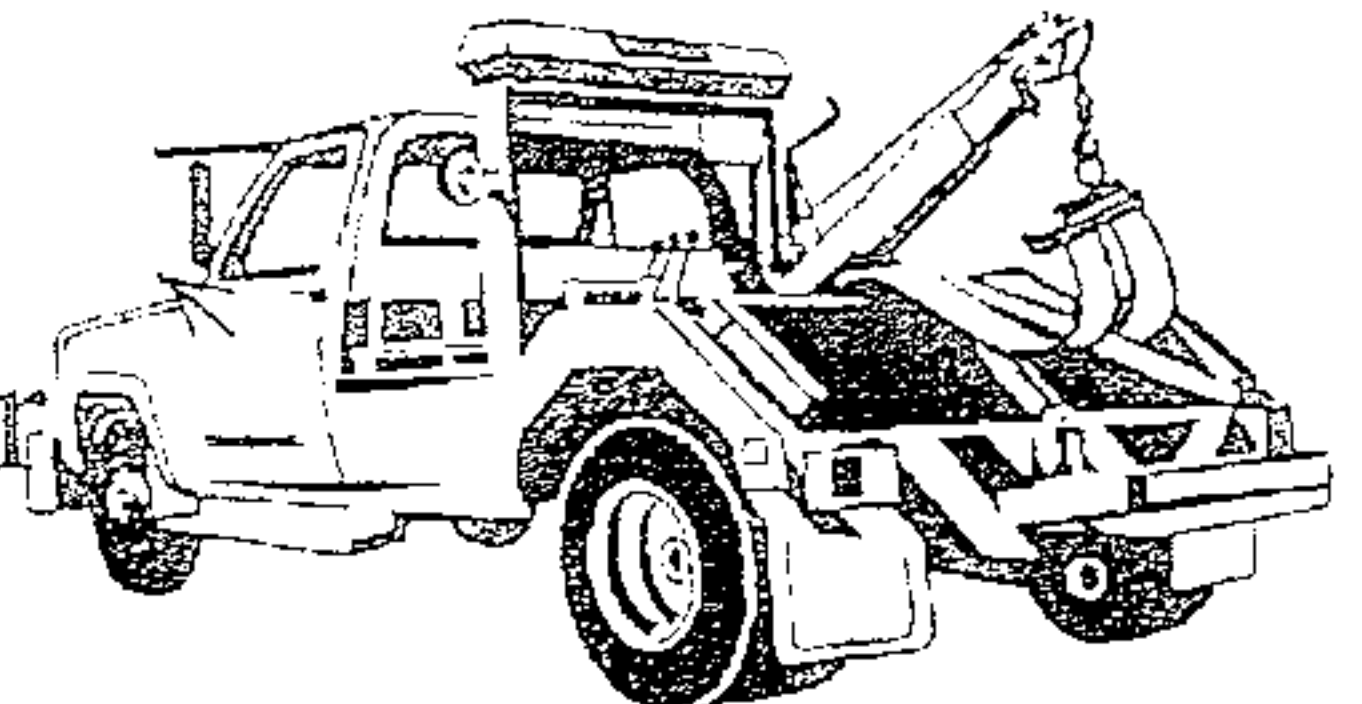
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money
 tion approved a policy requiring salaries and supplemental payments from school support organizations to be paid through the School Department's payroll system.

Investigators identified \$96,415.69 in unauthorized coaches' supplements and other questionable transactions that occurred between June 16, 2011 and March 27, 2015. These disbursements came from both the boosters' main account and the additional account. The former head football coach resigned on March 27, 2015.

Some of the questionable transactions included checks writ-

ten to "Cash" and marked with descriptions on the memo line such as: "coaches supplement," "summer \$\$ #2," "summer \$ - final," and "gift cards." Other checks were written directly to coaches.

Booster club officials claim the former head football coach directed them to provide cash or purchase gift cards for himself, assistant coaches, and others. The former football coach denied receiving cash from football boosters other than reimbursements.

Comptroller investigators also question \$69,649.42 in fuel payments made by Blackman High School to a local gas station. Of

this amount, \$9,930.98 was used for fuel purchased by the former head football coach or members of his family. Investigators could not determine if the fuel was used for school-related or personal purposes.

The findings and recommendations in the investigative report have been reviewed with the district attorney general for the Sixteenth Judicial District.

"Booster clubs are required to follow some basic rules to ensure that money is being handled appropriately," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Our investigators determined that many of these requirements were not being met. I've noted the booster club accounts have now been closed, and the remaining funds have been deposited to the school account."

To view the investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>

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ler's toll-free hotline at (800) 232-5454, or file a report online at: www.comptroller.tn.gov/hotline. Follow us on twitter @TN-COT

Obituaries

Willa M. Helton 93, of Loudon went to be with the Lord Saturday morning April 2, 2016 at Prestige Assisted Living in Loudon. She was born in Duck Town, Tn and was a member of Central Baptist Church in Loudon. and preceded in death by her parents, Marshall and Fannie Hamby Gaddis, husband, Floyd, son Thomas "Tommy" Helton, daughter-in-law Cathy Helton, brothers, Jack Gaddis, Paul Gaddis, Wade Gaddis, sister, Doris Turner and Niece, Nancy Turner. survivors, son, Richard Helton of Wartburg, grandchildren, Jonathon Helton of Knoxville, Eli Helton of Knoxville, great-grandson, Tyler Helton of Loudon, sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Archie Gilm-

ore of Niota, sister-in-law, Shirley Gaddis of Knoxville, several nieces and nephews and a very special friend Jan Kennedy of Loudon. Funeral service 7 p.m. Tuesday Loudon Funeral Home chapel with Pastor David Houser officiating. Family and friends will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Kingston Memorial Gardens for Entombment service. Family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday prior to the service at Loudon Funeral Home. www.loudonfuneralhome.net

Raymond H. Maynard 80, of Lenoir City, passed away Saturday morning, April 2, 2016, at Parkwest Medical Center. Raymond was a retired school bus contractor with Loudon County School's and retired from the Loudon Co-Op. Preceded in death by parents, Robert and Elsie (Shaw) Maynard; and brother, James Arthur Maynard. Survivors; wife, (see obits ctd. pg. 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Loudon County Corrections Partnership Committee will meet April 13, 2016 at 12:00 at the Justice Center to discuss future plans.

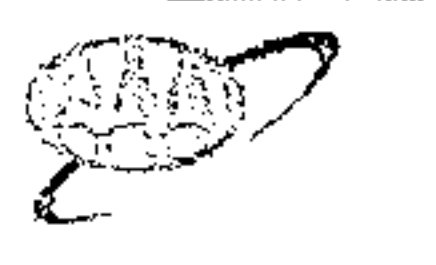
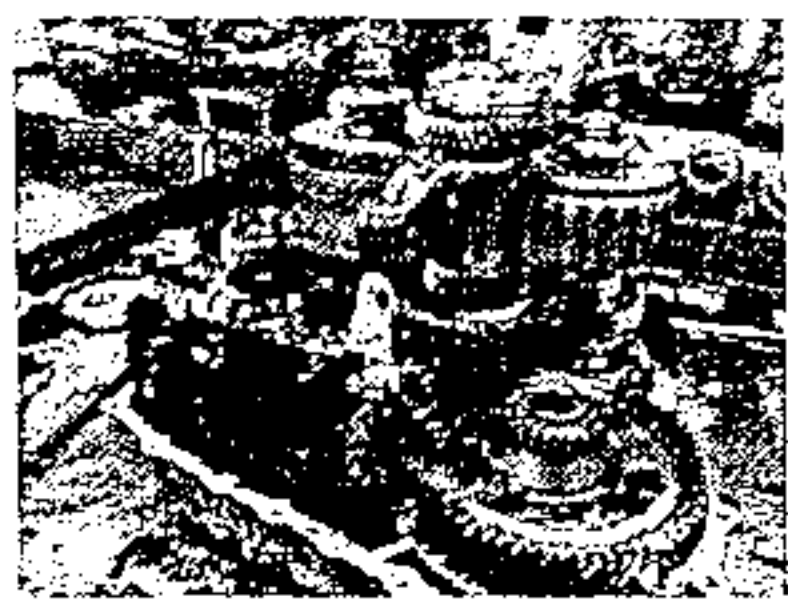
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theft

Ashley Novitzke, 28, Washington Pike Philadelphia, was charged with Burglary of a Motor Vehicle x3, and Theft of Property x3. Deputy Brad Rayfield LCSO, responded to HWY 11 East on the burglary to several vehicles. Deputy arrived on scene at the rear of the lot, and made contact with the com-

plainant/victim. DTF agent Brendan Deboer advised Deputy that 30 seizure vehicle had been gone through, and most of them had the keys taken. The rear fence of the seizure lot had been cut and vehicle had been gone through. Several items were taken. An investigation was conducted and it was determined that Ashley Novitzke, did commit

the offence. Detective Charlie Cosner LCSO, made the arrest.

Rights

Restoring Hope. -- presents the opportunity to highlight the importance of providing needed services at the earliest stage of victimization. Early intervention helps prevent both further victimization and involve-

ment in the criminal justice system, thus addressing the cycle of violence and restoring hope for the future.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, Apr. 13, 2016, various agencies, including the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee, will celebrate NCVRW with displays in the courtyard of the Howard

Baker Federal Courthouse, Knoxville. These displays will commemorate the advancement of victims' rights by honoring all champions in advocating for expanded support and services to communities affected by crime.

NCVRW honors and celebrates the achievements of the past 30 years in securing rights, protections, and services for victims. The bipartisan Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), passed by Congress in 1984, created a national fund to ease victims' suffering. Financed by fines and penalties paid by offenders, the Crime Victims Fund supports services for victims of all types of crime, including assistance for homicide survivors, survivors of child sexual abuse and victims of human trafficking, as well as rape crisis centers and domestic violence programs among others. VOCA also funds victim compensation programs that pay victims' out-of-pocket expenses such as counseling, funeral expenses, and lost wages.

(see rights ctd.. pg. 7)

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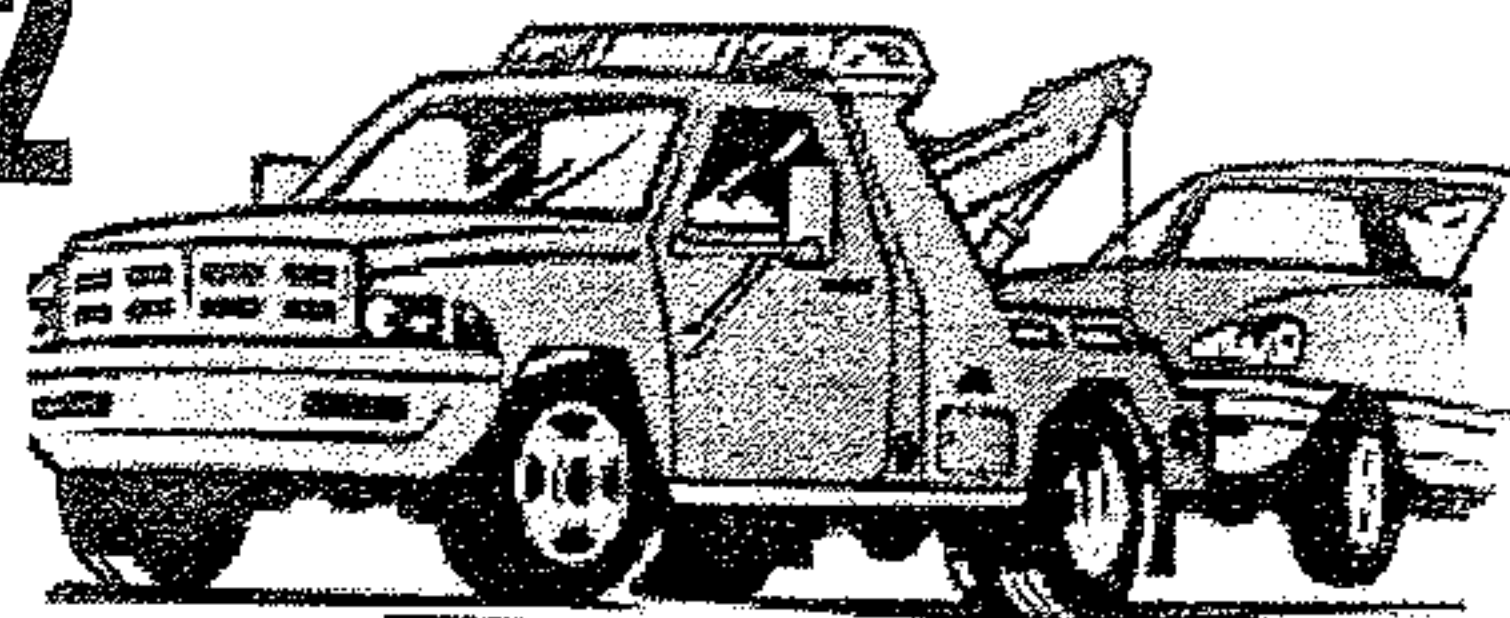
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Rape ctd. from pg. 2

not leaving, then continued the attack. Victim refused to turn over any narcotics,

Tozha then started choking victim. Nathan Underwood and the other female instructed and encouraged Tozha to choke victim because they only located four pills, and Nathan order Tozha to continue choking the victim because he knew victim had at least nine pills. Nathan and the female held victim's arm so she couldn't fight back while Tozha searched victim bra area, victim stated they retrieved 300.00 dollars.

In an attempt to stop

the attack victim complied with the demands to penetrate her own private area as proof she did not have any narcotics inside her.

Tozha then removed the victim from the vehicle by the hair on her head forcing her face down on the ground where she was searched again.

The report stated, the victim did sustain injuries to her face and neck that required medical treatment. On 4/2/16 Tozha Grisson was arrested and on 4/3/16 Nathan Underwood was arrested.

Det. Charlie Cosner LCSO, made the arrests.

rights ctd. from pg. 5

"If victims are to trust that the criminal justice system will work for them, we must meet them where they are—physically, culturally, and emotionally," said Joye E. Frost, Director, OVC, U.S. Department of Justice. "When we take the time to focus on the victim in the aftermath of crime—to address their needs for safety and justice—we can begin to build trust and restore the hope of those victims and their communities. We all play a role in helping victims as they rebuild their lives."

OVC encourages widespread partici-

pation in the week's events and in other victim-related observances throughout the year. For additional ideas on how to support victims of crime, visit the Office for Victims of Crime website, www.ovc.gov.

obits ctd. from pg. 4

Bertha M. Maynard; son, Tim Maynard, of Lenoir City; sisters, Francis Humphreys, of Loudon, Pauline Glass, of Tulsa, OK. and Edna Stevens, of Tulsa, OK; brother, Alvin Maynard, of Tulsa, OK; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Gary Cook

and Rev. Ronnie Davis officiating. Graveside service 11 a.m., Thursday, Union Fork Creek Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, prior to the funeral service. Loudon Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. www.loudonfuneralhome.net

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