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Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Update: LCSO Narcotics charges two others in drug raid on Cress Lane

Members of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division, including Sgt. Billy Hall, Investigator A.J. Yokley, and Deputy Shane Ezell, along with LCSO patrol units executed a search warrant at a local residence as a result of an investigation conducted by the division over a long period. Eight people were taken into custody at the scene and placed on investigative hold for several days. Three persons were subsequently charged.

Johnny Wayne Coffman, 42, Turman Drive, Lenoir City was charged Wednesday, with 2 counts of possession of schedule III for resale, 4 counts of possession of schedule II for resale, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft over \$1000.

According to the report, the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division served a search warrant at 200 Cress Lane in Lenoir City. Johnny Coffman was

(see Coffman pg. 4)



Johnny Wayne Coffman

Tammy Sue Conner, 39, County Road 656, Athens was charged with promotion of Methamphetamine manufacture, possession of drug paraphernalia and sell and delivery of schedule II Oxycodone.

According to reports, on Wednesday the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit along with CID, and Patrol executed a search at 200 Cress Lane. The officers searched a black 1997

(see Conner pg. 3)



Tammy Sue Conner

Special Called Meeting

The Loudon Regional Planning Commission will meet at 12:30 p.m. April 29, 2009.

Planned agenda items include:

Request consideration of approval of site plan for 72 Wine and Spirits located at

(see Meeting pg. 2)

No license

Sean Thomas Sorrentino, 25, Randy Scott Drive, West Carrollton, Ohio was charged with driving without a license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, Monday at approximately 12:05 a.m. while on routine patrol Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a tan 2004 Buick with someone with a hoodie on sitting in the driver's seat at the Super 8 Motel.

The officer made contact with the driver,

(see No License pg. 8)

Fire destroys barn, contents

A fire claimed a Greenback family's barn and all it's contents during the wee hours of the morning Friday.

According to records, Friday at approximately 4:03 a.m. Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSO was dispatched to Wade Road West on a structure fire.

Mrs. Marsha Oody stated around 4:00 a.m. she got woke up by the dogs barking.

(see Fire pg. 3)

Verse of the day

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:
Exodus 13:21

Obituaries

Larry Ray Ferguson

Weather:

Today: Mainly sunny. High 67.

Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 46.

Thursday: Except for a few afternoon

clouds, mainly sunny. High 77.

Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Damian and April. Hope your special days are wonderful!

Today is Earth Day, do something nice for your

planet. Picking up trash is always a good way to start.

Horoscopes Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

This is not the time for you to sign on with anything that seems

unclear or unwise -- you might not be able to wiggle out later! Defer any big decisions until later unless you are absolutely sure.

Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

Today is perfect for (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Conner

Ford Thunderbird registered to Timothy Queen and the passenger was Tammy Sue Conner.

While searching the vehicle officers found a green tube with a white residue that field tested positive for Ephedrine, two bottles of Roto household drain cleaner (lye), and a roll of aluminum foil which are items used to manufacture Methamphetamine.

Also in the vehicle were two hypodermic needles, a spoon with white and blue powder substance, a small squeeze bottle of water, a small piece of aluminum foil and a small plastic straw to smoke Meth. A check through the Tennessee Methamphetamine Data Base showed Tammy Sue Conner has been purchasing different amounts of cold medication that is used to manufacture Methamphetamine.

During an interview with Ms. Conner she allegedly admitted she bought the two bottles of Lye to sell to different people that make Meth. She also reportedly stated she went to the residence of Johnny Coffman and traded Oxycodone for US currency and other illegal narcotics.

A pill bottle with Tammy Sue Conner's name on it containing fifteen Oxycodone 30 mg. pills was found at the home of Johnny Coffman.

Queen was charged with promotion of methamphetamine manufacture and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Investigator Adam J. Yokley LCSO made the arrest. Witnessed by Sgt. Billy Hall LCSO and Deputy Shane Ezell LCSO.

Fire

As she was walking through the house she noticed a bright light through the bathroom window.

Mrs. Oody advised she looked out the window and discovered their barn was on fire. She woke her husband and called 911.

The barn was fully engulfed in flames when Deputy Goddard arrived. Loudon County Fire Rescue, Philadelphia Fire Department and Vonore Fire Department responded to the scene.

The barn and everything inside it was a total loss.

Mr. Oody stated there was tac equipment, bridals, halters, a saddle, garden tools and three weed trimmers inside the barn. There was power to the barn. Mr. Oody stated he left a radio on all the time.

According to the fire department it appeared the fire was accidental. No one was injured in the fire. The total amount of the loss was unknown at the time of the report.

April gardening tips

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Obituaries

Larry Ray Ferguson, age 50, of Philadelphia, formerly of Knoxville, passed away suddenly early Saturday morning, April 18, 2009. His father, Jess Ferguson, preceded Larry in death. He is survived by his wife, Jo Marie Lawhorn Ferguson; children, Jess Ferguson and James Ferguson and wife, Sheena all of Knoxville, Cyann and Nicole Ferguson both of Philadelphia; grandchildren, Lucy, Jaboky and Trey; mother, Mary Ferguson of Knoxville; sisters, Glenda Huffaker of Concord, Patsy Humphrey of

Maynardville, Deborah Cole of Kodak; brother, Danny Ferguson of Knoxville; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday with funeral services to follow at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel with Rev. Lewis Gardner officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pleasant Forest Cemetery for graveside services. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Ferguson family.

Coffman

named in the search warrant along with several other subjects.

A camper located on the property was searched. Allegedly found in the camper was a small lock box containing twelve Hydrocodone 10 mg. pills and 8 Hydrocodone 5 mg. pills, which are a schedule III drug, seventeen Morphine 30 mg. pills, a schedule II drug, four and one quarter Suboxone pills, a schedule III drug, and one Oxycodone 10 mg. pill, a schedule II drug; a small metal bowl with a white powder that tested positive for Cocaine, one set of digital scales with powder residue that field tested positive for Cocaine and several items used to sell and consume controlled substances.

Found in the bathroom where Coffman reportedly was located attempting to flush evidence was a small bag of a substance that field tested positive as Methamphetamine.

In the main room of the camper another metal bowl with pow-

der substance was found. It tested positive as Cocaine.

While interviewing Coffman, he allegedly admitted to selling Cocaine, prescription pain medication, and Methamphetamine. Coffman reportedly also admitted he had several controlled substances in the camper and claimed ownership of the lock box as well. He further stated when police arrived he was flushing controlled substances down the toilet.

Also found on the property was a engine, doors, hood, and other parts of a white Eagle Talon that was reportedly stolen from

Homer's Body Shop a couple of months ago. The vehicle was identified via a VIN number located on some of the car parts.

During the interview with Coffman he allegedly advised officers he knew the car was stolen and he dismantled the vehicle.

The value of the vehicle was between \$1,000 and \$10,000 dollars.

The total weight of the Cocaine discovered was less than one gram and the total weight of the Methamphetamine found was less than one gram.

Deputy Shane Ezell, LCSO assisted by Sgt. Billy Hall and Investigator A.J. Yokley made the arrest.

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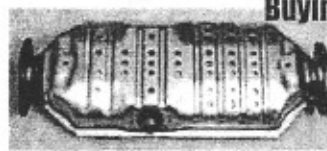
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Police Beat

Robert Daniel Goddard 19, Cherokee Heights Drive, Maryville was charged with underage consumption and two resisting arrest warrants out of Blount County.

According to records, at approximately 11:15 p.m. Officer Bennie Houser, LPD

observed a green 2001 Ford F-150 traveling south on Maremont Parkway drifting in his lane of travel. The officer stopped the vehicle on Maremont Parkway at Highway 72.

The driver was identified as John Britton. Officer Houser advised Mr. Britton why he was pulled over and asked

to see his license registration and proof of insurance.

The passenger was identified as Robert Goddard.

Both of their driv-

ers license's and ID were ran through the E 911 Center. Mr. Goddard had two resisting arrest warrants from Blount County. He also reportedly had

a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and stated he drank two beers.

Blount County put a hold on Mr. Goddard.

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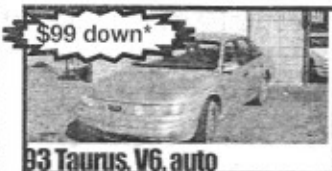
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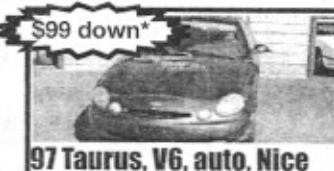


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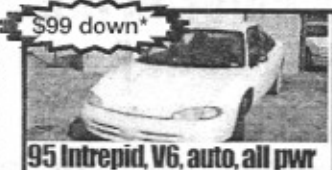
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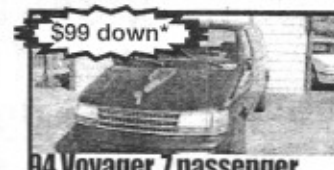
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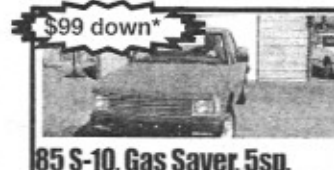
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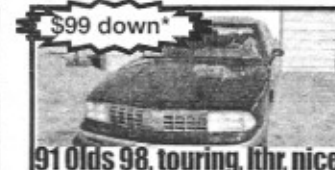
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Police Beat

Brandon S. Cook, 37, Arden Street, Loudon was charged Sunday with assault by domestic violence.

According to the report, at around 9:04 p.m., Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD along with Officer April Farmer, LPD responded to

Arden Street in reference to a domestic disturbance. The assailant left prior to their arrival and was stopped on Maremont Parkway.

The man was identified as Brandon Cook.

Upon investigation it was discovered both Cook and his

livein girlfriend, who he has two children with, had been arguing. The argument escalated to the point that Mr. Cook allegedly broke down a bedroom door where his girlfriend was.

The woman attempted to call 911 and Cook took the phone away from her and broke it. He also reportedly threw a bag of items at her that struck her in the face and head.

The woman started to have trouble hearing and complained of head pain. The call came into dispatch by Mr. Cook's 11 year old son who ran over to the neighbor's house.

The victim allegedly had signs of assault to include redness of the

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ears and face area. She was checked out by EMS. Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD made the arrest.

Eric Andrew Miller, 21, Highland Avenue, Knoxville was charged with simple possession casual exchange and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, Monday afternoon at approximately 1:21 p.m. Patrolman James Bowman, LCPD stopped a blue 1996 Chevy Tahoe on Wilson Street at Old Highway 95 for the driver not wearing his seat belt.

The driver, identified as Eric Miller was reportedly very nervous while the officer was talking to him.

Officer Bowman asked for consent to search and Mr. Miller allegedly said no. A county K-9 unit was called in and the dog alerted on the front driver side and passenger side of the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle found some seeds believed to marijuana and some JB 1.5 rolling papers in the drivers side floor board within arms reach of the driver.

Upon asking Mr. Miller if he had anything illegal on him, he pulled a clear plastic baggy out of his pants with a green leafy substance in it believed to be marijuana weighing 3 grams. He also had \$1,220 in cash in his front left pocket.

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License

an Thomas Sorrentino and advised him why he stopped him. When asked to see his license Mr. Sorrentino handed Officer Pouser a ID only and stated he had a motel room and was just listening to the radio. The vehicle was running and he was in the driver's seat. A

After running Mr. Sorrentino's ID number through the E911 Center the status was ID only.

While checking Mr. Sorrentino the officer discovered a marijuana pipe in his right back pocket.

Roberto Salgado, 29, Redpond Road, Sweetwater was charged with driving without a license.

According to re-

cords, Monday around 8:39 p.m. Patrolman Dewayne Williams, LPD noticed a blue 1995 Ford traveling south on Highway 11 cross the line several times.

The officer stopped the vehicle on Ward Avenue at West End Storage. The driver was identified as Roberto Salgado.

A check of Salgado's name and date of birth through NCIC came back unlicensed in Tennessee and the United States.

Police Beat

Johnathan Ray Ward, 23, Ward Road, Kingston was charged with DUI 2nd offense, driving on suspended 1st offense and simple possession of schedule VI.

According to the

report, Saturday at 10:39 p.m., Trooper Matthew Armes, THP received two dispatches of a possible drunk driver operating a green S-10 pickup east bound on Interstate 40. The officer observed the vehicle east bound at the 368 mm.

The pickup was reportedly weaving from the center line to the fog line in excess of three times within one mile. The vehicle was pulled over and the driver identified as Johnathan Ward.

Upon exiting his vehicle Ward had to steady himself. He also had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his

person.

Ward was unable to perform field sobriety tasks. He was placed under arrest for DUI.

Ward presented a North Carolina drivers license which were suspended for a prior DUI offense.

During an inventory search of the vehicle there were several hand rolled blunts with a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana found. There was also a clear plastic baggie containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana in Ward's right front pocket.

Mr. Ward was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for a BAC, then to the Loudon

County Jail.

April gardening tips

Check trellis and support wires on climbers before the plants are fully developed. Winds, frost and snow can often dislodge supports during the winter.

Check the brackets used for hanging baskets. Once the flowers are in full bloom and compost is moist they will become much heavier.

Dig in compost, manure and other amendments in planting areas when the soil is dry enough.

Cover crops are planted to keep soil from eroding during heavy rains. These crops make excellent organic fertilizer. If you have planted cover crops last winter, make sure you turn them now.



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