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LPDs Yates nabs thief red handed after chase

Anthony Henry, 30, Main Street Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property, Resisting Arrest.

Officer Jonathan Yates LPD, responded to a suspicious person call on Upper St and Hospital Dr. The complainant stated that an unknown white male wearing all black

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Anthony Henry

Department of Children's Services Emerges From Federal Court Oversight

Judge's signature marks more than 16 years of sweeping foster care reform.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Commissioner Bonnie Homrich today announced that after more than 16 years of system-wide reform and a massive turnaround, Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS) is now free of federal court oversight.

U.S. District Court Judge Waverly D.

Crenshaw has approved the historic agreement between the state and Children's Rights, the New York-based advocacy group that in 2000 filed litigation known as the Brian A. lawsuit that charged that Tennessee youth in foster care suffered in an overburdened system, describing children in crowded congregate care shelters and social workers with overwhelming case-loads.

Tennessee now has

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Revoked driver charged by LCSO



Lydia Russell

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Man holds knife to victim's throat while in choke hold



Miguel Gonzalez

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Haslam Awards State Workforce Grants To Increase Education Opportunities in West Tennessee

Community Development Block Grants Will Create, Expand TCAT Programs

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today awarded state workforce development grants to two Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) institutions in West Tennessee to expand higher educa-

tion opportunities and support the Drive to 55 goal to increase the number of Tennesseans with a degree or certificate to 55 percent by 2025.

The Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) will expand current programs and develop new training programs

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Verse of the Day

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: 'Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.' — John 17:1

Obituaries

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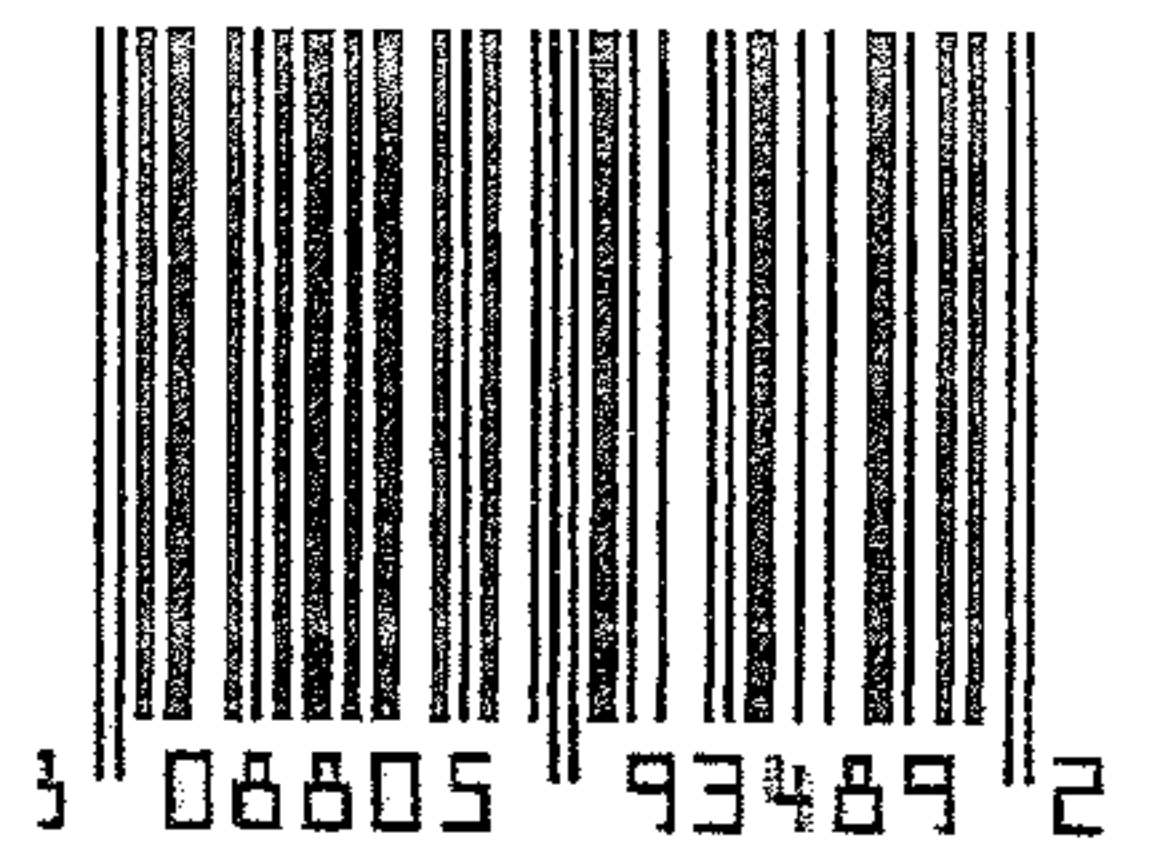
plum viral y'all! Next thing you know they'll be going on Ellen!!!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy skies. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 87F. Tonight: Mostly clear

skies. Low 68F. Thursday Rain showers early with some sunshine later in the day. High 87F. Thursday Night Partly cloudy skies early will give way to occasional showers later during the

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Chase

had entered their neighbors garage and was carrying a black box. Upon arrival Officer turned onto Simpson St which is one block below the complainant. Officer saw a male fitting the description walking out from between two houses and carrying a black box. As soon as he saw Officer, he ran. Officer gave

chase on foot and gave loud verbal commands to stop, he refused. Officer chased him between two houses and apprehended him in the back yard. He still had the box and it contained several wrenches and miscellaneous tools. He was identified as Anthony Ray Henry. The complainants were asked to come to the scene and they identified him as the suspect

they saw. Officer spoke with the homeowners at Hospital Dr. They identified the tools and box as theirs. They gave no one permission to be in their garage or to take any property. Officer read Mr. Henry his rights and he gave

a voluntary statement as to the fact that he did illegally enter the garage and take property that did not belong to him. The total loss is estimated at \$100.00. The defendant was arrested and transported to jail.

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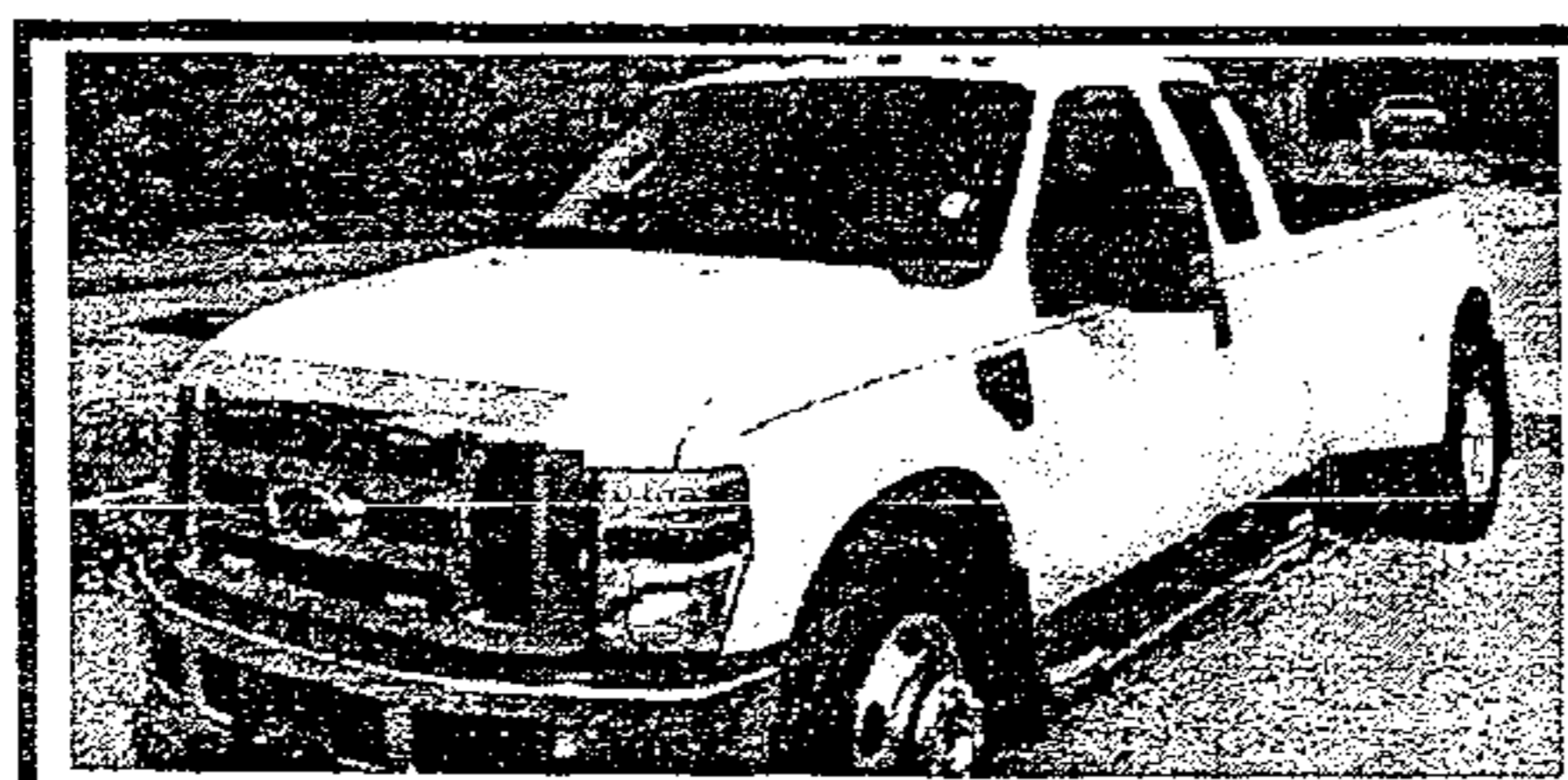
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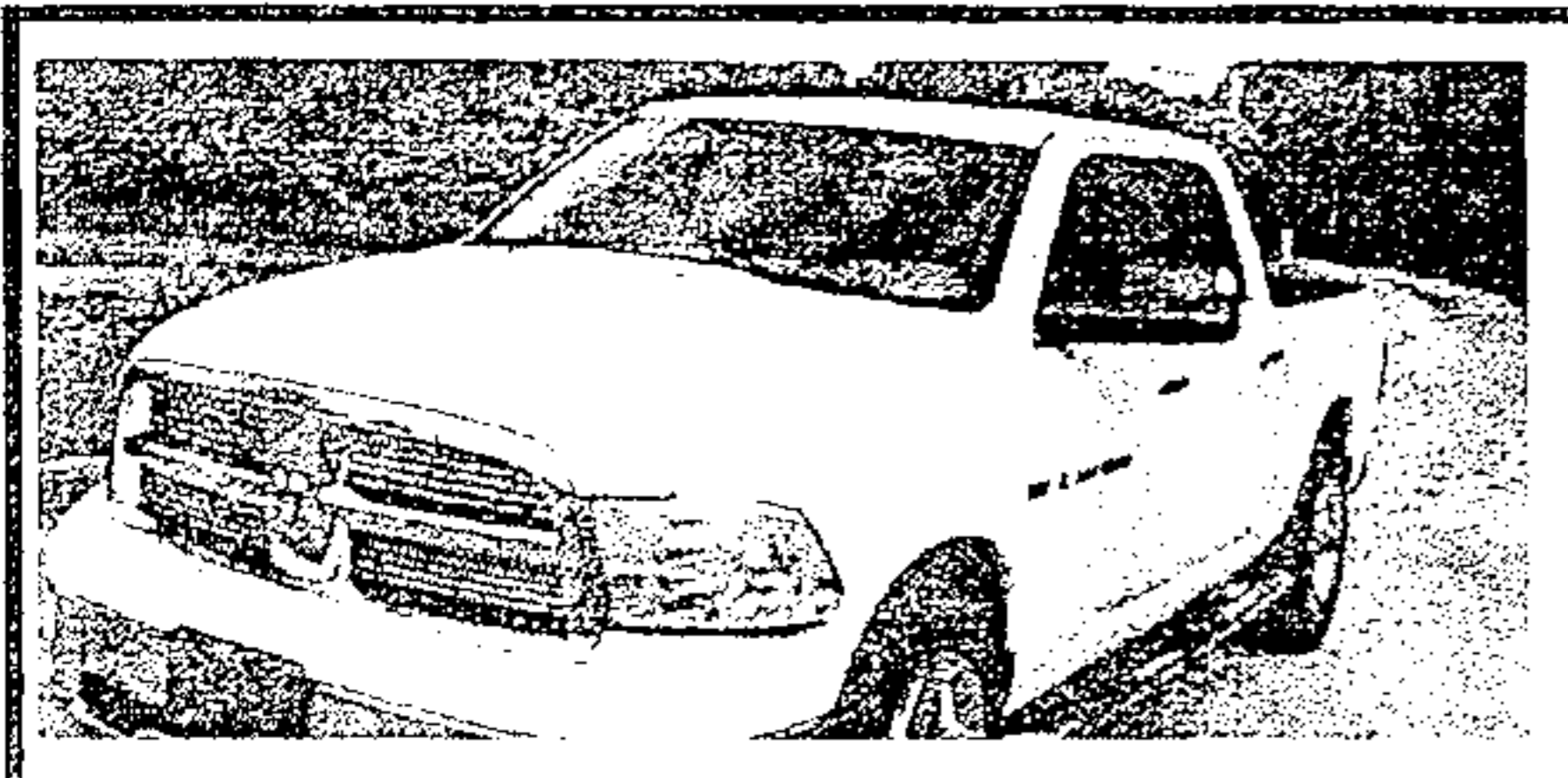
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Agg. Assault

Miguel Gonzalez, 19, Crisp Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Miguel Gonzalez assaulted the victim, who is the mother of his newborn. Victim let Gonzalez in her home with out home owner permission. While in the home Gonzalez became angry because

he was not on the babies birth certificate, and because the victim allowed the baby to be circumcised. Gonzalez came behind victim and placed her in a choke like hold, and held a pocket knife to her during the assault. Gonzalez released victim and threw her to the ground and held her down until she was able to escape.


Victim suffered bruises to the neck and arm area due to the assault. Sgt. Lynette Ladd LCPD, investigated and charged Miguel Gonzalez for assault.

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Haslam

at TCAT-Ripley and TCAT-Covington in communities with limited higher education options.

"In Tennessee, we've created pathways to education with Reconnect and Promise, but we need to make sure adequate programs and training are available to citizens in all parts of the state, not just the urban areas," Haslam said. "The best jobs plan is an education plan, and these funds will help increase education and job opportunities for Tennesseans."

TCAT-Ripley received CDBG funds of \$380,154 to purchase equipment to expand its industrial electricity program in recently reallocated building space. The new equipment will help meet training demands in the fields of industrial electricity and mechatronics in Lauderdale County and the surrounding area.

TCAT-Covington received \$3,260,000 in CDBG funds to construct a state-of-the-art healthcare training facility to provide programs for students in Tipton County and the surrounding area where there is currently a void of skilled healthcare workers. The curriculum will include programs for certificates in licensed practical nursing, dental assisting, and health information technology.

Last month, the governor helped break ground at a new TCAT in Winchester, Tenn., partially funded by \$4.9 million in CDBG funds, to increase access to higher education in Franklin County.

Tennessee adults without a degree or certificate can attend Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs) tuition-free under the Reconnect program. The recently enacted Tennessee Reconnect Act added community colleges to the program, fund-

ed through the lottery for education account. Click here for more information on the Tennessee Reconnect Act.

Police Beat
Jeremy Aikens, 40, Jackson Bend Road, was charged with Failure to Appear.

Jeremy Dial, 38, Cedar Grove Road Loudon, was charged with Violation of Probation.

Thomas Fortune, 38, Washington Pike Philadelphia, was charged with Failure to Appear.

Roy Baker, 52, Highland Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Violation of Community Supervision.

Kevin Dagnan, 43, McKinney Road Hariman, was charged with Failure to Appear.

Lillian Durmer, 34, Calderwood Hwy

Maryville, was charged with Failure to Appear.

Jessica Graves, 28, Jackson Bend Road Lenoir City, was charged with Attachment x3.

James Gregory, 28, Eugene Disney Lane Greenback, was charged with Criminal

Court Capias, and Violation of Probation.

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DCS a thoroughly reformed foster care system. The reform comes after years of collaboration with Children's Rights and the Technical Assistance Committee, a

panel of nationally recognized child welfare experts that served as the federal court monitor for the Brian A. consent decree.

"This is monumental for Tennessee's children and the state. After

years of intervention, the federal government is saying that Tennessee is providing service to children in a way that models what it should look like for the rest of the country," Haslam said.

"This stage in our journey represents the hard work, commitment and innovation it has taken to get here. So on behalf of our children, families, staff and partners, I can say that we're just thrilled and thank-

ful," Hommrich said. "But the work goes on. We will always have tough problems before us. At DCS, we promise to bring our full energy and attention to whatever lies ahead, and we will use the same focus and dedication that has brought us to this point today."

The reform follows intense work with a wide range of institutions, including Tennessee's private provider network, the state's leading universities, the University of Chicago's Chapin Hall Center for Children, the state's juvenile courts and the Tennessee General Assembly.

DCS achieved its court-required performance during 2015, and the Brian A. agreement stipulated that Tennessee maintain that performance throughout 2016.

Highlights of the department's reform include:

Among the nearly 140 foster-care benchmarks DCS achieved are measures of time to reunification, time to adoption, re-entry into the foster-care system, length of time in placement, parent-and-child visits and case-manager caseloads.

DCS emphasizes family-style placement for youth in foster care, in place of institutional settings such as orphanages.

DCS has become a national leader in timeliness to adoption and in implementing a child-and-family teaming model that encourages birth parents, case

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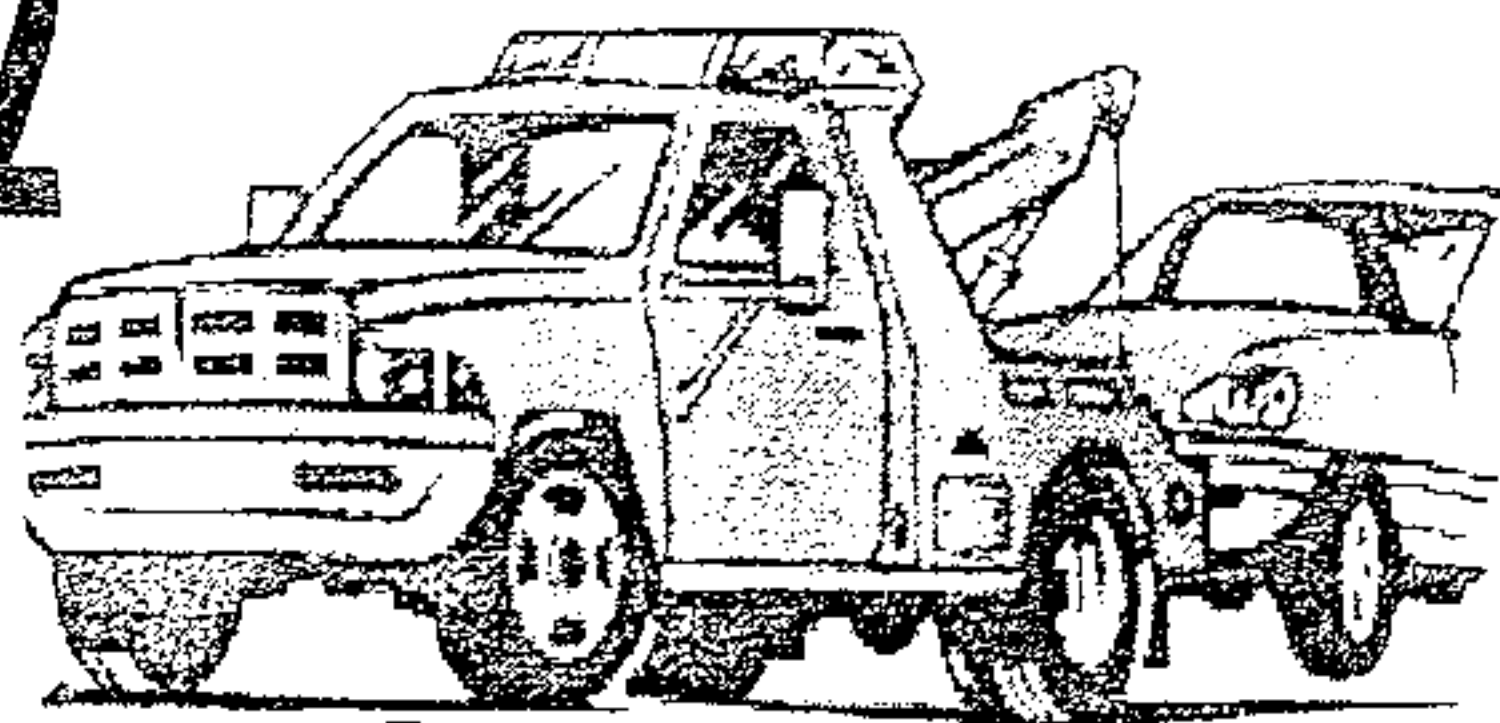
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Revoked

Lydia Russell, 51, Caldwell Road Loudon, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Deputy Z. Frye LCSO, observed a black Chevrolet Trailblazer traveling south on Hwy 11. The vehicle did not have an operational passenger side brake light. Upon traffic stop of the vehicle Deputy made contact with the driver Lydia Russell. The drivers DL came back

revoked for failure to satisfy date of 05-10-16. Ms. Russell was placed into custody for driving on revoked DL. This all did occur in Loudon County, TN.

managers, care providers and foster families to work together on behalf of a child.

DCS has developed a process that has put the department on a path to a more professional workforce, with

bachelor's and master's degree programs for case managers and supervisors.

DCS has built a robust, modern case-management computer system, TFACTS, that handles everything from case notes, management tools to billing days. It replaced a patchwork of computer systems that did not always work together reliably.

Although not a Brian A. requirement, DCS has achieved re-accreditation by the Council on Accreditation. Tennessee is one of the few states in the nation accomplish this.


Tennessee is the first state in the U.S. to offer independent living services to 100 percent of the youth who age out of foster care. This program is an outgrowth of pioneering work with private provider Youth Villages.

Today there are approximately 7,300 children in Tennessee foster care. The department is also responsible for the


approximately 1,100 youth who comprise the state's juvenile-justice population. These youth were not part of the Brian A. suit.

Obituary

Russell Arthur Puckett, 42 of Loudon, passed away Sunday, July 16, 2017 due to health complications. He is preceded in death by father, Tom Puckett, grandparents, Lucille & Russell Puckett and Arthur & Bess Dwyer, several uncles and aunts. Russell is survived by his mother, Kathy (Wayne) Wiggins of Loudon, siblings, Steve, Carol & Connie Puckett (Dana Frye), all of Illinois, Aunt, Pat (Wayne) Morgan of Lenoir City, several cousins located throughout the United States, special cousin and friend, David Morgan, and a host of friends from Tennessee to Illinois. No memorial service is planned.



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