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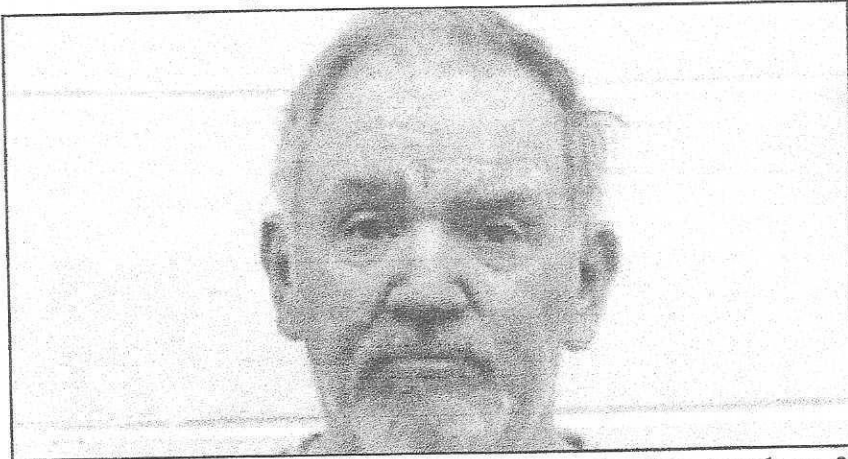
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Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Gun Used in Aggravated Assault; Man Charged After Past Incidents

Heated Argument Leaves Victim with Injuries After Aggravated Assault



James Epperson



(see Agg. Assault pg. 2) Justin Conley

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It's Best to NOT Be Intoxicated When You Show Up For Court!

New Guidance Aims to Improve Accountability in Volunteer Fire Departments

The Tennessee Comptroller's division of Local Government Audit has launched a new resource designed to improve and emphasize the importance of good financial management within Tennessee's hundreds of volunteer fire departments.

"While volunteer fire departments provide essential services across the state, they are also prone to finan-

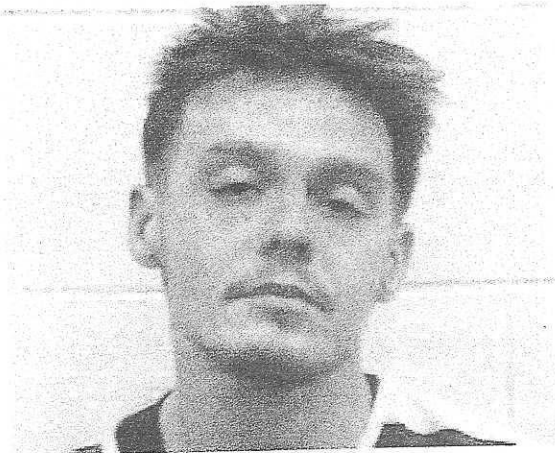
cial troubles including fraud, waste, and abuse," said Comptroller Jason Mumpower. "Many of these departments have been the subject of fraud investigations by my Office."

The first edition of the Volunteer Fire Departments Financial Reporting and Procedures Manual offers clear guidance to developing policies and procedures that help mitigate risks around activities such as fund-

raising, purchasing, the sale of surplus property, grant expenditures, and many more.

The new manual also reminds each volunteer fire department that receives government money of the requirement to file an annual financial report with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and each local government body

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Joshua Davis

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Verse of the Day

To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. —Deuteronomy 10:14

Wazzup

Wow! What an amazing response to the

Call for Help from Hamps Barbershop in Loudon. They are gonna go give some free haircuts and give away some donated coats and winter gear! You still have time to donate!

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 59F.
Tonight: Clear. Low of 35F.
Thursday: Sunny. High of 63F.
Thursday night: Overcast. Low 36F.

Horoscope

Libra 9/23-10/22

Today you may have some important phone calls to make, Libra, and want to get them out of the way before doing anything else. You will definitely get



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Agg. Assault

James Albert Epperson, 57, Lenoir City was charged with Aggravated Assault.

According to the warrant, the victim arrived at Lenoir City Police De-

partment to report several past incidents of domestic violence. The victim stated she and James Epperson had been in a past relationship three years ago that lasted six months. The victim has repeatedly asked Epperson to move out of

her home, but he has refused. Epperson stays in the basement and has been told not to access the rest of her home.

The victim stated on September 19, 2024 about 1030pm, she arrived home and went to bed. About 130am the next morning, Epperson was drinking alcohol, made entry to her locked bedroom while she slept, argued about her whereabouts and threatened to kill her and subsequently himself. Epperson pointed a pistol at the victim while mak-

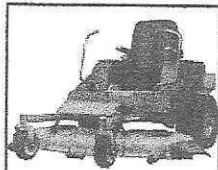
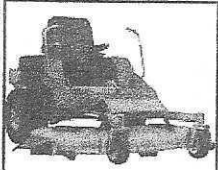
ing the threat. The victim feared for her life but was afraid to report the incident to law enforcement due to two past incidents where Epperson had fired shots inside the victims home coupled with threats made by Epperson if she involved law enforcement he would "shoot it out" with police. Epperson violated TCA 39-13-102, Aggravated Assault, by Intentionally and knowingly causing the victim to fear imminent bodily injury involving the use or display of a deadly weapon.

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Joshua Davis, 22, Walnut Street Lenoir City, was charged with, Public Intoxication.

Officer Parmer LCPD, received a phone call from Lt. Dragon, advising that there was a male under the influence at Lenoir City Municipal Court, 530 Hwy 321 N. Upon arrival, the officer observed the male, identified as 22-year-old Joshua Davis. While watching Mr. Davis, the officer observed him nod out multiple times while sitting in a chair inside the court room. The officer had Mr. Davis walk out to the foyer with him, and while speaking with him, Mr. Davis continued to nod out, sway, and had slurred speech. Mr. Davis was placed into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail. The above did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon County, Tennessee.

CDC Confirms 3rd Human Case of H5 Bird Flu in California

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed a third human case of H5 bird flu in California. Like the two cases in that state confirmed last week, the person reported occupational exposure to infected dairy cows. To date, all three California cases occurred in dairy workers from three different affected farms with no known contact with each other, suggesting animal-to-human spread. Also consistent with the two previous California cases, the person experienced mild symptoms, including eye redness or discharge (conjunctivitis). None of the three cases has been hospitalized. The identification of H5 in people with exposure to infected animals is not unexpected and does not change CDC's risk

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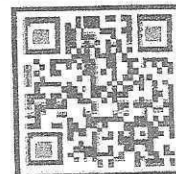
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Charged

Justin Conley, 33, Avery Circle Lenoir City was charged with, Aggravated Assault.

Sgt. Rogers LCSO, was dispatched to a domestic disturbance at Avery Circle. Upon arrival Sgt. Rogers made contact with the victim, and witness, who both stated that Mr. Justin Conley arrived and became aggressive with the victim. During a heated verbal altercation Justin ran at the victim and hit her with a closed fist on the right shoulder and face. Justin also grabbed the victim by the throat and was choking her. The victim was able to run to the next room at which time Justin pushed her on the bed and began throwing things at her. He then grabbed the tv and stomped it before the witness, Justin's sister, grabbed him and stopped the altercation. Sgt. Rogers did observe the victim to be red and

bruised on her right shoulder, neck and face. Cpl. Wallen and Rogers arrived at Avery Circle, where Justin had fled to and took him into custody. Justin did admit to slapping the victim and throwing her tv. Justin was transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. Said did occur in Loudon County, Tn.

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assessment for the general public, which continues to be low.

Including this most recent case, 18 human cases of H5 bird flu have now been reported in the United States since 2022; 17 cases during 2024. CDC is awaiting 2 additional presumptive positive specimens from California for confirmatory testing.

CDC Lab Update on First Two California Cases

Sequences from the first two cases in California

confirmed these are clade 2.3.4.4b A(H5N1) viruses closely related to viruses detected in dairy cattle. The whole genome was sequenced from one of the two cases (A/California/135/2024) and was confirmed to be a B3.13 genotype virus. There were no genetic changes observed that are known to be associated with an increased ability to infect or spread between people or known to reduce susceptibility to antiviral medications. These sequences have been publicly posted in GISAID and have been submitted to GenBank. Sequencing from the third confirmed case is underway.

CDC continues to underscore the importance of recommended precautions for people with exposure to infected or potentially infected animals. People with close or prolonged, unprotected

exposures to infected birds or other animals (including livestock), or to environments contaminated by infected birds or other animals, are at greater risk of infection.

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from which the department receives appropriations.

In addition to the new manual, the Comptroller's Office has also created a training video to help volunteer fire departments implement financial best practices and recommended internal controls.

"Although volunteer fire departments are often overseen and staffed by unpaid volunteers, they still have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure money is used properly," said Comptroller Mumpower. "This manual establishes a basic level of financial management that will improve accountability and integrity within these incredibly important organizations. It's essential reading for any volunteer fire department in Tennessee."

To view the new volunteer fire department resources, go to tncot.cc/vfd

Tennessee Highway Patrol Seeks Public Assistance

On Oct. 13, at approximately 8:17 p.m. troopers were dispatched to a person lying in the emergency lane of I-40 eastbound in Roane County at the 341-mile marker. This area is approximately one mile east of exit 340, the Rockwood Municipal Airport Road exit. Upon arrival, troopers found a black female with serious injuries. Immediately Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were notified and upon their arrival, EMS transported the female to UT Medical Center.

Investigators are actively seeking any information that helps determine the identity of this person. If you have any information on who she is, or how she came to be at the above location, please call the Tennessee Highway Patrol Knoxville District Dispatch Center at 865-544-

3380, Extension 0. Again, if you have any information that may contribute to this

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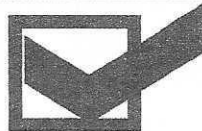
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Horoscopes

your message across because your communicative abilities are very strong. Words combine with feelings to create understanding between you and just about anyone, whether you're talking on the phone or writing.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Good news about money could create some excitement in your household today, Scorpio. One of your goals might be to invest some of the funds in fixing up your living situation. You might even consider moving or purchasing a new home.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

An intriguing new neighbor, perhaps someone you're attracted to, could move in near you, Sagittarius. This might prove very exciting. You will probably strike up a conversation and enjoy talking with him or her.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Your intuitive abilities should be operating at a very

high level today, Capricorn. You might inadvertently receive some positive psychic messages about your future, and this could prove very exciting. These insights could be a source of inspiration that propels you to accomplish wonders in some aspect of your life.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

A friend could tell you about an exciting new person for whom you feel a very powerful physical attraction when you see their picture, Aquarius. Your first conversation could prove exciting but stay calm and remain objective. If your feelings are too obvious, he or she could well lose interest before anything has time to develop!

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Some exciting career developments could have you flying high today, Pisces. Perhaps you've just reached a long-term goal or managed to get a break that tells you that your goals are now within reach. Whichever it is, you're likely to be on the receiving end of some con-

gratulations, perhaps from unexpected people.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Tonight, you might decide to attend a small group activity of some kind, if possible, perhaps one concerned with philosophical or spiritual matters, Aries. Everyone who attends is apt to feel very strongly about the subject, so discussions could prove lively and exciting. Your mind could be spinning like a top when you leave, so if you can, walk home so you can clear your head.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Your financial situation could be greatly boosted by a development you hadn't expected, Taurus. Perhaps some investments suddenly skyrocket in value, or maybe the homes in your neighborhood are suddenly worth more than you thought.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

A legal matter that may have been pending for a while could finally be completed today, Gemini. It's very likely to go in your favor. Therefore, if you've been sitting

on a contract, agreement, or other document that needs your signature, read it carefully before you sign.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Your physical energy is likely to be high today, Cancer, so you might not feel like staying indoors. Take care of your body first, and get in a good workout. You may also want to explore, perhaps by driving out of town for the day or going to an amusement park, if possible.

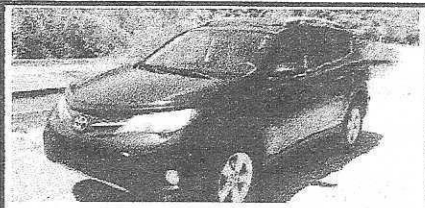
Leo 7/23-8/22

An exciting rush of physical passion could hit you today when you're introduced to an interesting new person, Leo. Take care not to wear it on your face. You generally don't like to reveal that much of yourself!

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Chores that need to be done around the house could be at the top of your priority list today, Virgo. A female visitor, perhaps your mother, could come by and making your place look great will preoccupy you.

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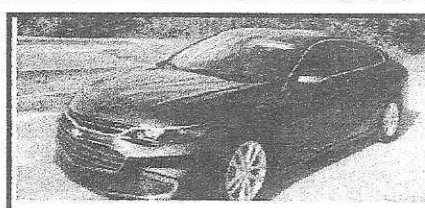
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Obituaries

Neal Forrester age 53 of Lenoir City passed away October 9, 2024. He was a graduate of Lenoir City High School. Neal was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He loved cars and was a talented mechanic with the ability to diagnosis the most complex issues. Neal enjoyed music, especially playing guitar with this friends. He was preceded in death by his father, John E. Forrester; paternal grandparents, John D. Forrester and Haline (Treece) Forrester; maternal grandparents, William Loren Reed

and Mary A. Reed. He is survived by his daughter, Loren Rose Forrester who he dearly loved; devoted mother, Gail Reed Forrester; sister, Hale-na Forrester and several life-long friends. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 12th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Memorial services will follow at 3 p.m. with Pastor Don Hawkins officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local animal shelter. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

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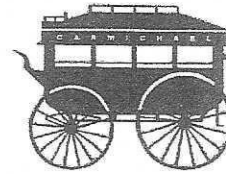
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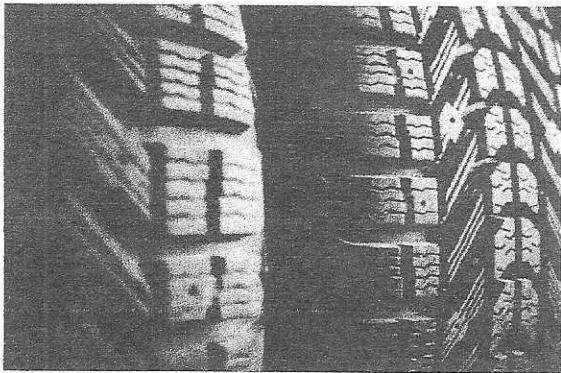
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