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Wednesday, March 25, 2020

All three Mayors unite to keep county and cities open while urging safety

We will remain open and use the drive throughs where available as well as limit the number of those allowed to enter so we can keep most of the offices open.

-All three mayors

Loudon County, Lenoir City and Loudon are all unified in their decision to NOT close

down our community and leave that up to the State to do. The Governor has already closed

down bars and dine in restaurants along with tattoo shops, salons and spas. Outside of that it is up to the counties and cities to enforce further restrictions on residents.

Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw, Lenoir City Mayor Tony Aikens and

see Open pg. 2

Comptroller's Office Provides Assistance to Counties after Tornado

In the wake of the March 3 tornadoes that impacted several counties in Middle Tennessee, the Tennessee Comptroller's Office and its Division of Property Assessments (DPA) quickly provided assistance to county governments.

While much of

the attention was on Metro-Davidson County, two counties to the east - Wilson and Putnam - had significant damage and comparatively fewer public resources.

A major challenge for these counties involved mapping the damage and under-

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Missouri Public Corruption Ring Disrupted

County Executive Enacted Pay-to-Play Culture in Local Government

A county executive in Missouri who brazenly and illegally steered government funds to his political donors has been convicted and sentenced as a result of an FBI investigation.

St. Louis County Executive Steven Stenger, who served in the role from 2015

to 2018, repeatedly directed his staff to illegally rig county contracts to benefit his political donors.

In the fall of 2014, while still campaigning to be county executive, Stenger met St. Louis businessman John Rallo, who

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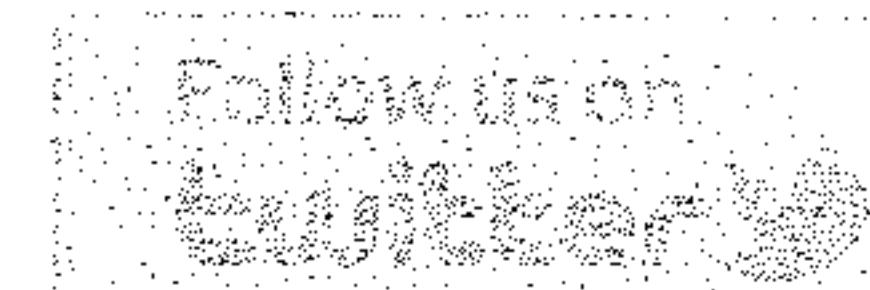
DUI and more for vehicle failing to maintain lane

Khadijah Dunner, 26, Tatum Street Etowah, was charged with DUI, and Poss. of Drug Para. Deputy Rogers LCSO, observed a white vehicle traveling on Hwy 444 activate a turn signal and then continue traveling on Hwy 444. The vehicle was travel-

See DUI P.5



Khadijah Dunner



Verse of the Day

So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

- Galatians 3:24

Wazzup

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Weather

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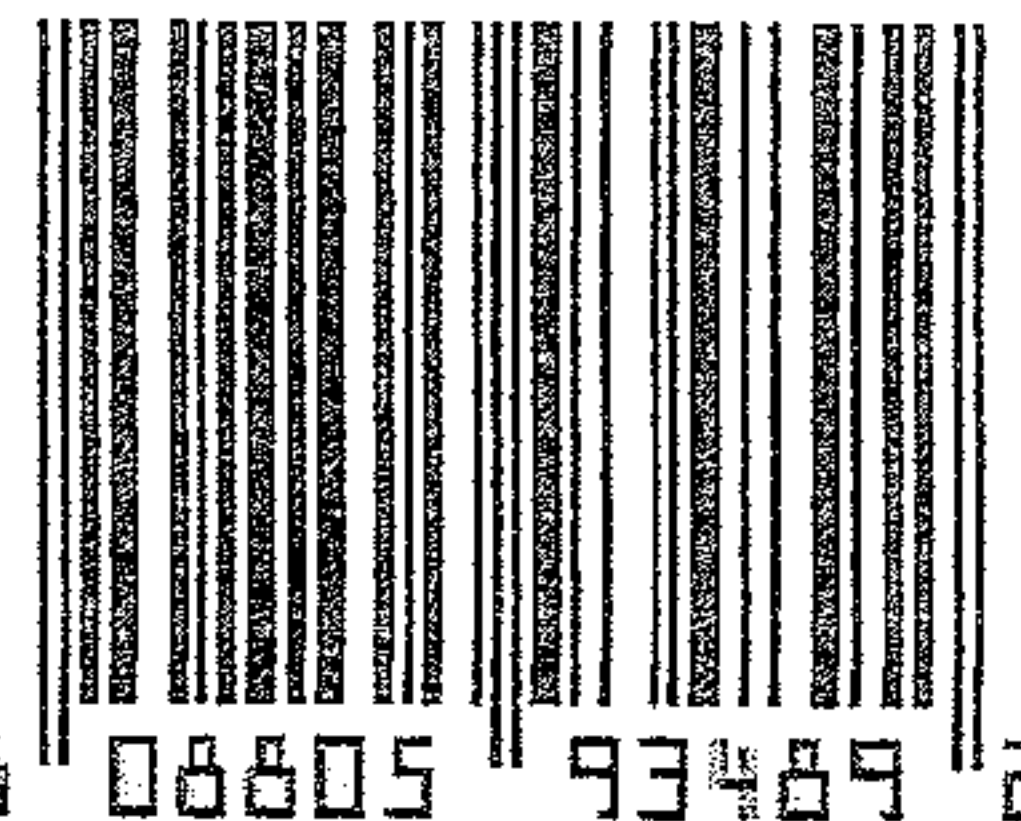
Thursday: Rain possible. High of 71F.

Thursday night: Rain. Low of 47F.

Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19
Getting the opportunity to know yourself better is truly a gift. Today's

New Moon in your 1st House of Self will be like having a mirror held up to you, and you might feel a tinge of pain as you reflect on how you are viewed by the world. Whether this is because
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Open

Loudon Mayor Jeff Harris each gave a statement Monday letting residents know that the respective government offices will be open with restrictive visits and meetings will take place as much as possible with limited audience members and that all other businesses are able to operate with business as they deem fit.

Mayor Bradshaw also reported that one case of the Chinese Virus COVID-19 has been confirmed in Loudon County we do not know who or their condition we only have confirmed we have one case. All three mayors are asking citizens to use common sense and unless you need to be out it is best to stay at home and if you are out use social distancing and together we can get

through this. Later that evening, each city held their respective council meetings and while some parks will remain open like the city park and rock springs park, the

central park on Broadway in Lenoir City will close for safety, according to Lenoir City Mayor Aikens. There is also sanitizer at all government buildings for use as well.

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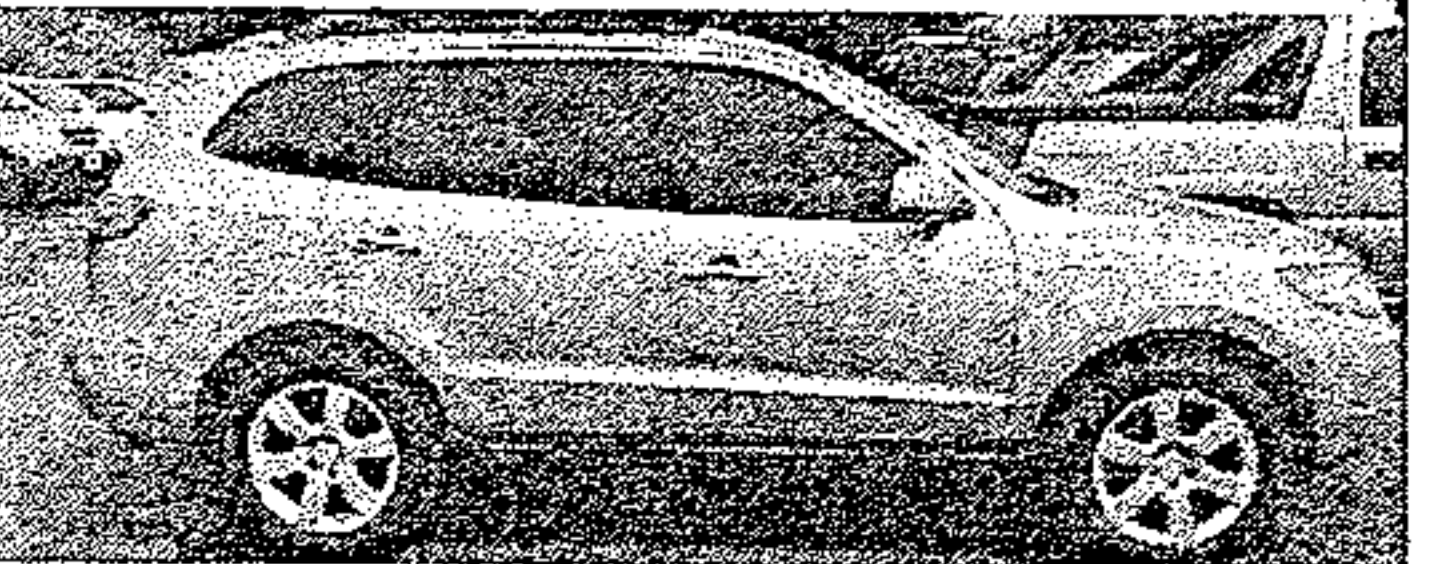
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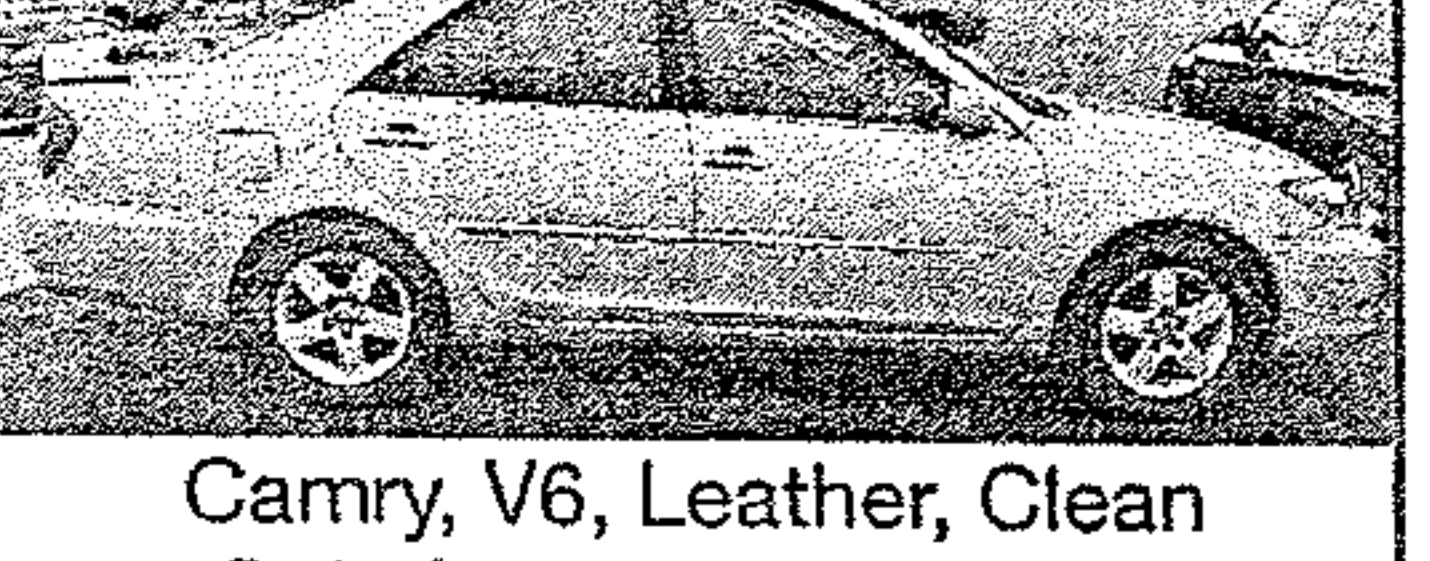
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Ring

made a \$5,000 donation to Stenger's campaign. Rallo explicitly told Stenger he was "tired of giving money to politicians and not getting anything in return," according to court documents. Stenger assured Rallo that he would steer county business to him in exchange for the donation—a violation of federal law.

"When Rallo donated with the clear understanding that he would receive county funds in return, that's where it crossed the line into public corruption," said Special Agent Andrew Ryder, one of the agents who worked the case out of the FBI's St. Louis Field Office.

After Stenger was elected, Rallo continued to donate to him, believing he would receive a county insurance contract in return. Rallo also recruited other donors, who in total gave Stenger's campaign about \$50,000.

When staff thwarted Stenger's initial efforts to steer county insurance contracts to Rallo, Stenger and Rallo focused on getting Rallo a contract for marketing services.

Although Rallo had no experience in marketing, Rallo told Stenger he could get a famous television personality he knew to do promotional work. Stenger told his staff Rallo was a donor to his campaign, and he expected Rallo's company to get the \$100,000 contract.

When the county put the marketing job out for bid, it received proposals from companies with actual experience. The St. Louis Port Authority, which controlled the funds, issued the contract to Rallo at the county executive's direction. Stenger's staff even tacked an additional \$30,000 onto Rallo's contract—money that was illegally funneled to another of Stenger's supporters.

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Andrew Ryder, special agent, FBI St. Louis

"It was a sham contract. No actual work was done for the county," Ryder said.

Stenger later facilitated a land deal for Rallo and worked to get a \$149,000 county contract for another donor—all in exchange for donations.

After these deals began to get local media attention, several cooperators came forward to the FBI to provide information on the illegal activity. After search warrants and interviews with cooperators exposed the crimes, Stenger and Rallo agreed to plead guilty to bribery and mail fraud charges. Stenger resigned from office.

"We had a lot of cooperation in this case from St. Louis County employees who were concerned about what was going on. The culture in the government was so toxic that people were willing to talk to us about it," said Special Agent Lindsay Wegge, who also worked on the case.

In August 2019, Stenger was sentenced Ring etd. pg. 4

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tenced to 46 months in prison. In March 2020, Rallo was sentenced to 17 months in prison.

For the investigative team, the case sends a message that public corruption—one of the FBI's top investigative priorities—will not be tolerated.

“Citizens should be able to expect honesty from their public officials, and we hope this case will send a message to future officials who might consider engaging in these illegal activities,” Ryder said.

Tornado

standing how it would affect property valuations.

After reaching out to the Assessors of Property in Wilson and Putnam Counties, Stephen Goodall and Steve Pierce, respectively, DPA determined how it could assist.

DPA staff specializing in geographic information systems (GIS), quickly developed and deployed a damage survey app so that each assessor could capture GPS coordinates, photos, and damage assessment on a mobile device. Data collected in the app fed directly into an online dashboard for a comprehensive view of the tornado damage. The tool can also be leveraged to determine which properties need to have their assessments prorated.

An example of the data collected can be seen in this dashboard <https://arcg.is/qbLOL> for Wilson County.

In addition to GIS support, “boots on the ground” appraisal support from DPA's Field Operations team has been offered to each county as assessors begin the process of pro-

rating assessments of the affected properties.

Ultimately, the support to these counties will include multiple departments within DPA showcasing expertise in GIS, appraisal, systems, and special projects.

“The tornadoes that struck our state were both devastating and tragic,” said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. “I'm pleased that we were able to provide a swift response to Wilson and Putnam counties that will help those local governments effectively respond to this disaster.”

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Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd DAY OF MARCH 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of CARL HAROLD EK, SR. who died on the 30th day of January 2020 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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THIS THE 23rd DAY OF MARCH 2020

Steve Harrelson, Clerk

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Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
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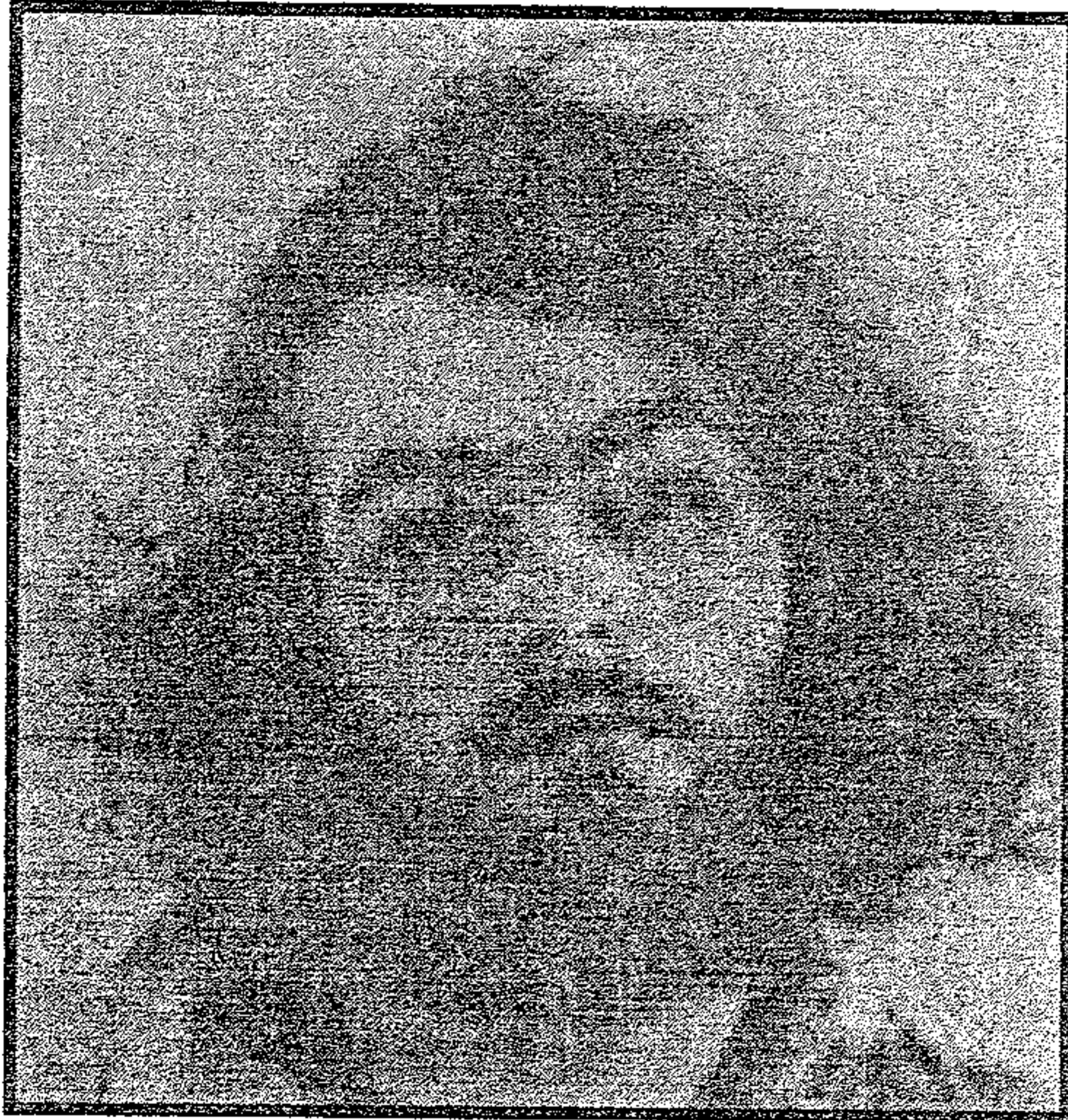
DUI

ing 52 mph and failed to maintain its lane. Deputy initiated a traffic stop in the area of St. Thomas Way and upon contact with the driver Khadijah Dunner. Deputy smelled an order of marijuana as well an alcoholic beverage coming from Dunner. Deputy also observed several empty beer cans throughout the vehicle. Dunner had bloodshot watery eyes and struggled to find he DL, which was located in her seat when she exited the vehicle. Dunner advised Deputy that she did have marijuana in the vehicle and had smoked earlier. Dunner performed poorly on sobriety test. Deputy did locate a small amount of marijuana, a pipe to smoke the substance, several blunts in the ash tray, and a small yellow bag with white residue within it. Khadijah Dunner was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Teen charged with lots of charges after leaving accident scene

Ethan Rodgers, 19, Homeless Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault, Reckless Driving, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Financial Responsibility. Officer Bobby Lankford LPD, received a call of a hit and run at Highland Ave, and Mulberry in Loudon. Upon arrival Officer spoke with Priority worker who stated he witnessed a subject later identified as Ethan Rodgers driving a red vehicle, attempted to run another vehicle off the roadway, and drove recklessly passing several vehicle on a double yellow line on Mulberry disregard traffic signals at Ward Ave. Officer spoke with the victim in the other vehicle who stated a red vehicle did try numerous time to run him off the roadway and finally blocked him in at Mulberry and Highland, who then produced a pistol type weapon later identified as a BB Gun, and pointed it at the victims. Rodgers

then fled the scene almost struck the witness. Officer Marty Ward LPD, stopped the red vehicle and placed Ethan Rodgers under arrest.



Ethan Rodgers

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