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## Property Dispute Leads to Assault Charge for LC Man



Paul Brown

## Teen Turned In for Meth; Charged by LCSO

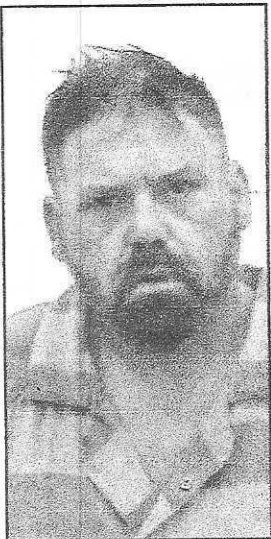


Brianna Harvey

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## Two Charged with Meth and More Following LCSO Traffic Stop



Todd Carroll



Bridgette Pike

(see Duo pg. 4)

## Former Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Dept. Treasurer Indicted for Theft

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office, working in conjunction with an investigator from the District Attorney General's Office of the 3rd Judicial District, has resulted in the indictment of Misty Taylor, the former treasurer of the Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department in Greene County.

Investigators determined that Taylor misappropriated \$20,241.67 from the

department's bank account between November 2019 and August 2022. During that period, Taylor made 78 transfers from the department's bank account to her and her husband's joint personal bank account. Taylor's husband served as fire chief for the department; however, these transfers were made without his knowledge. Both Taylor and her husband resigned from their respective positions on September 14,

2022.

Taylor told investigators that she borrowed money from the department with the intention of paying it back. Investigators identified transfers from Taylor's personal bank account to reimburse the department's bank account totaling \$13,594.05, leaving \$6,647.62 still due to the department.

Based upon this in-

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### Verse of the Day

Be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."  
—1 Peter 5:5

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### Horoscope

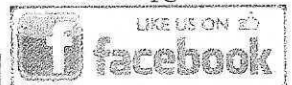
Lco 7/23-8/22

Pay attention to the news today, Leo, and not just the mainstream news but

the offbeat, smaller publications, too. Question what you hear and read.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Today is a great day to jump out of bed and get things done, Virgo. You may feel indecisive, but don't sweat it. You don't



## Assault

Paul Brown, 44, Norwood Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Assault.

Deputy Willis LCSO, along with Deputy Harrison responded to Norwood Street Lenoir City for a property dispute. Upon arrival, Paul Brown the offender/complainant was already speaking with Cpl. Wallen in the front yard. While explaining to Mr. Brown his options regarding his property line dispute, the victim was standing on his back porch. Mr. Brown began to start yelling and cussing at the victim. Deputies instructed him to stop threatening the other party and to calm down. Mr. Brown continued to make verbal threats and started to advance toward the victim. We placed him into custody for

simple assault due to the continuance of his verbal threats toward the other party. Deputies previously responded to this same address earlier in the day and in the past for the same issues. Earlier while explaining to Paul Brown his options on a recorded line through our dispatch system he became irate and stated he would harm the suspect when he got home. This did occur in Loudon County Tn.

### Police beat

Ami Jorgensen, 51, NW 101 Avenue Florida, was charged with Domestic Assault x2.

Deputy Watson LCSO, responded to Tecumseh Place in reference to a domestic assault. Upon arrival, Deputy made contact with (Victim/Complainant). The victim stated that his sister-in-law had slapped him and her son, (Victim). The deputy did not observe any marks on victim at this time. Cpl. Wallen arrived on scene and spoke with

victim 2 about the incident. Deputy made contact with Ami Jorgensen (Offender/Arrestee) in the living room of the residence. Ms. Ami Jorgensen was asked about the incident and stated that victim 1 interjected himself into a disagreement between her and a (Witness). Deputy asked Ms. Jorgensen to elaborate on the incident and she refused. Deputy asked Ms. Ami Jorgensen if she had put her hands on anyone and she

stated she may have. Deputy spoke with Cpl. Wallen about victim 2 recollection of the incident and she stated that it matched what victim 1 had told the deputy. The deputy determined during the investigation that Ms. Ami Jorgensen was the primary aggressor. Both victims gave written statements. Ms. Ami Jorgensen was placed in custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident.

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**Meth**

Brianna Harvey, 19, Unitia Road Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth.

Deputy Kirkland LCSO, was dispatched to Unitia Road regarding the complainant's daughter using drugs in her bathroom. The mother stated that her daughter, Brianna Harvey, had handed her a bag with a needle and baggie. When Deputy arrived on scene the mother handed the officer the bag that her daughter had given her. Deputy opened the bag and discovered a hypodermic needle and a blue plastic baggie with a crystal-like substance (1.6 grams field weight). The substance is believed to be Methamphet-

amine. Brianna was very irate and began cussing out loud about her mother. Brianna stated that she should not have given her mother the drugs and that she should have just "shot the rest of it up". Brianna admitted the drugs were hers and that she was in possession of it. Brianna stated she had given her mother the drugs so she could take her (Brianna) to UT to see her boyfriend who is in critical care. Brianna was placed under arrest for possession of meth. While in my patrol vehicle, Brianna began to make threats of assault regarding her mother and also stated she would burn her house down. All of the above occurred in Loudon County.

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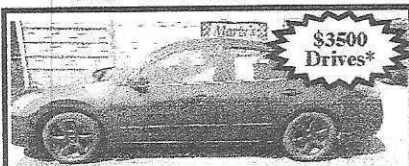
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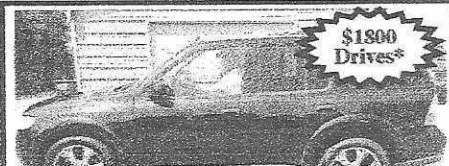
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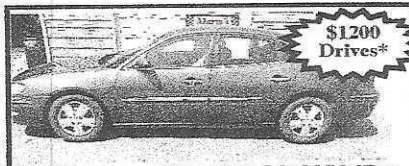
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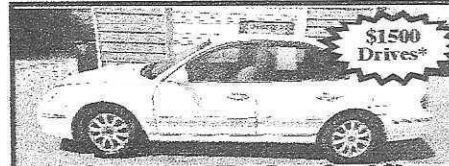
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**Duo**

Todd Carroll, 45, Boatdock Drive Dandridge, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Tampering/Fabricating with Evidence, and Unlawful carrying or Poss. of a Weapon.

Bridgette Pike, 32, Lynwood Drive Athens, was charged with Mfg. Del/ Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Assisting other Agency.

Deputy Parks LCSO, observed a Green GMC Savana van fail to maintain lane numerous times. Deputy initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and final stop was made at the 76.6 mile marker of Interstate 75 Northbound. Deputy made contact with the driver, Ms. Bridgette Pike, and the passenger, Mr. Todd Carroll. Deputy advised the two of the reason for stop and asked Ms. Pike for her license. Ms. Pike informed the deputy her license was revoked and he then asked Mr. Carroll for his license, to which he stated it

was revoked as well. Deputy advised dispatch to conduct a warrant check on the two and asked Mr. Carroll to step out of the car and talk with the deputy. While speaking with Mr. Carroll the deputy asked if there was anything illegal in the car to which he advised there was not. Mr. Carroll consented to a search of the vehicle and Deputy Lane arrived on scene. Ms. Pike was then asked to exit the vehicle to which she did and the deputy began speaking with her. Deputy asked Ms. Pike for consent to search her belongings in the vehicle to which she consented. During a search of the vehicle, a loaded needle was found in a bag Ms. Pike claimed to be hers. Dispatch then advised Ms. Pike had an active arrest warrant out of Bledsoe County and Ms. Pike was placed under arrest. After being mirandized Ms. Pike advised the substance in the needle was methamphet-

amine. While searching a bag containing male clothing and a prescription bottle that was prescribed to Mr. Carroll, a loaded Hi-Point C9 handgun was located. The firearm was made safe and dispatch advised it was clear through NCIC. Mr. Carroll advised the firearm was not his, though the belongings appeared to be and it was within his access in the van. After running a criminal history on Mr. Carroll it was confirmed he was a convicted felon and he was placed under arrest and mirandized. While returning to the van, the deputy located a baggie in the grass containing a substance

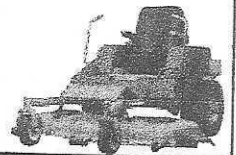
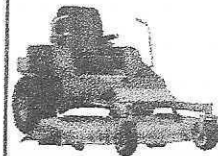
later identified by TruNarc as methamphetamine (approximately 6.4 grams field weight). Ms. Pike claimed ownership of the baggie and Mr. Carroll later admitted that he had discarded the baggie for Ms. Pike so she would not be charged. The firearm and baggie were taken as evidence, and the loaded needle was taken, photographed, and disposed of properly. The vehicle was towed from the scene by Malones and both subjects were transported to the Loudon County Justice Center without incident. All of the above occurred in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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**Theft**

investigation, in July 2023, Misty Taylor was indicted by the Greene County Grand Jury for one count of theft over \$10,000, but less than \$60,000.

The investigative report also includes information that the department approved to pay the monthly personal cell phone bill of Taylor and her family. Although she was expected to reimburse the department, investigators were unable to determine that all reimbursements were made.

The report also notes the Sunnyside VFD failed to comply with state law requiring approval of games of chance.

"Volunteer fire departments should have some basic internal controls in place to safeguard money and other assets," said Comptroller Jason Mumpower. "These controls should include separating financial duties between multiple people, reviewing and reconciling bank statements, and requiring two signatures on checks."

To view the investigative report, go to [tncot.cc/doireports](http://tncot.cc/doireports). To view a map depicting Comptroller investigations, go to [tncot.cc/mappinginvestigations](http://tncot.cc/mappinginvestigations).

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**Police beat**

Larry Melton, 53, Roanoke Street Christiansburg, was charged with Simple Possession, Poss. of Drug Para., DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Deputy B. Slattery LCSO, was dispatched to the park-

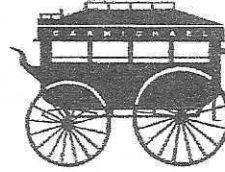
ing lot of Clay Stone Station Pottery in reference to a male asleep behind the wheel of a dark grey Nissan SUV. The caller witnessed a grey Nissan SUV in the parking lot with a male passed out behind the wheel.

Deputy arrived on the scene and observed the male slumped over in the driver's seat with his head on the steering wheel. When the deputy pulled into the parking lot the male attempted to leave, but he stopped once the deputy activated her emergency equipment. Deputy made contact with Larry Melton, his speech was slurred and had glossy/bloodshot eyes. While the deputy was talking with Mr. Melton he seemed confused with no idea of where he was, and was sweating profusely.

Deputy observed a glass pipe in his passenger seat and she could the odor of marijuana. Mr. Melton began S.F.S.T's. He requested to stop during the walk and turn due to knee pain and consented to perform A.R.I.D.E. Cpl. L. Hawkins conducted A.R.I.D.E on Mr. Melton and advised me that he showed signs of impairment. During all testing, Mr. Melton was talking to himself and making no sense. The deputy placed Mr. Melton into custody for DUI and read him the implied consent advisement. He refused to provide a sample. Deputy then conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle. Along with the glass pipe, 24.3 grams of marijuana was found in the center console.

The vehicle was towed by Malone's wrecker service. Deputy transport Mr. Melton to the Loudon County Jail. The above did occur in Loudon County Tennessee.

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### Horoscopes

have to make any great commitments.

Libra 9/23-10/22

The name of the game today is action, Libra. The air has cleared, and it feels like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Take some of that knowledge you've gathered and processed over the past few weeks and begin to spread it around, Scorpio. It's time to put your communication skills to work.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Your physical stamina is apt to be strong today, Sagittarius. You should consider going to the gym to release some of that pent-up energy.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Take a break from the seriousness that has prevailed over the past couple days, Capricorn. Upbeat conversations are the way to navigate through today's waters.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Jump back on stage and say what you have to say, Aquarius. Your participation in the con-

versation is critical to maintaining a healthy energy flow.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your solid grounding may become a bit unstable today, Pisces, but don't worry about it. Be a little more flexible and release your tight grip on the situation.

Aries 3/21-4/19

There's no excuse for laziness today, Aries. Get out of bed before noon. The more active you are, the happier you will be. Come out of your cave and express your thoughts to others.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Don't let things stagnate, Taurus. It's time to take action. See how far rather than deep you can go in everything you do today.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

You may feel like you've come into the light today, Gemini. A weight has been lifted, but there is still a great deal of emotional drama that needs to work itself out.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Take a break from your steady climb today, Cancer. Look at things around you. Enjoy a night out with friends and take an active role in the conversation.

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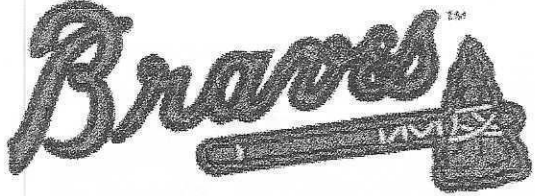
Eric Mason, 38, Sweetwater Vonore Road Sweetwater, was charged with Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer Padgett LPD, responded to Hwy 72 N. (Exxon Gas Station) on a Welfare check on a male subject passed out in the driver seat of his Truck at one of the gas pumps. Upon arrival Officer made contact with a male subject asleep in his truck, the officer knocked on his driver side window and when the male subject awoke Officer saw Drug Paraphernalia in the male subjects lap. Officer and Deputy Chase Lane assisted the male subject out of his vehicle and he was Identified as Mr. Eric Mason, Mr. Mason had in his possession tin foil with black burnt residue on it, a metal pipe with burnt residue on it, and a clear plastic bag with two blue pills Identified as Schedule II crushed Fentanyl pills. Mr. Mason stated to Officers that the blue pills were crushed Fentanyl pills that he purchased somewhere on a back road in Loudon County, but Mr. Mason did not want to advise the numeric. Officer had EMS respond to my location to have Mr. Mason medically cleared to be transported to the Loudon County Jail, EMS did clear Mr. Mason the officer then

transported Mr. Mason to the Loudon County Jail without further incident.

Preston Daly, 25, Wells Road Talbott, was charged with Violation of Boating Safety Law x2, Refusing Inspection, and Criminal Impersonation.

Preston Daly was operating a personal watercraft (PWC) on Tellico Lake in Loudon County. Mr. Daly had a subject on the PWC that was not wearing a life jacket, who jumped off. TWRA Officer White, stopped the PWC and upon asking for boaters education, Mr. Daly provided the false name of Rea with the false date of birth. TWRA Officer was writing Mr. Daly a warning for the no boater education, and when Officer tried running the subject through dispatch and it did not return a valid drivers license or social security number. Mr. Daly then told the officer that Rea was not his real name and that it was Preston Daly. Mr. Daly was asked to get into the officer boat, which he refused. After multiple attempts, he finally complied and the officer placed him under arrest for 39-16-301 criminal impersonation and transported him to the Loudon County Jail. He was also charged with 69-9-226 violation of boater safety course requirements, 69-9-502 No life jacket on a pwc, 70-6-101 refusal of inspection. This did occur in Loudon County,



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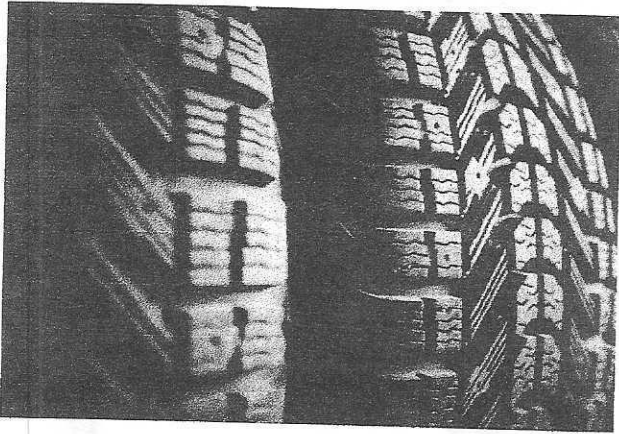
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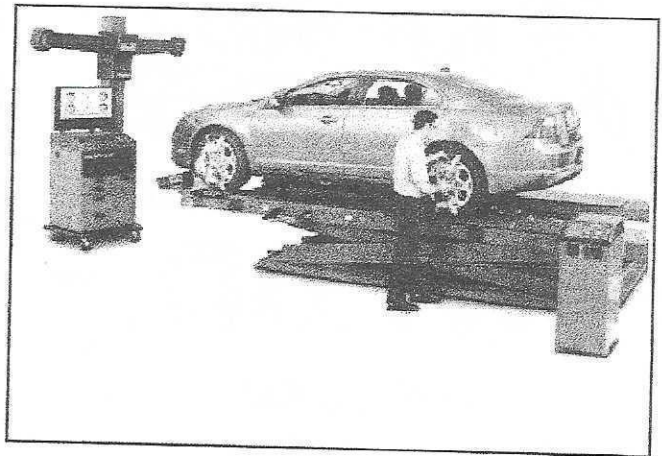
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