

# The Daily Edition

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Wednesday, July 26, 2023

## Meth and Loaded Needles Found in Interstate Traffic Stop by LCSO

## Man Goes on Shopping Sprees at Home Depot; Charged Theft x6



Tyler Smith



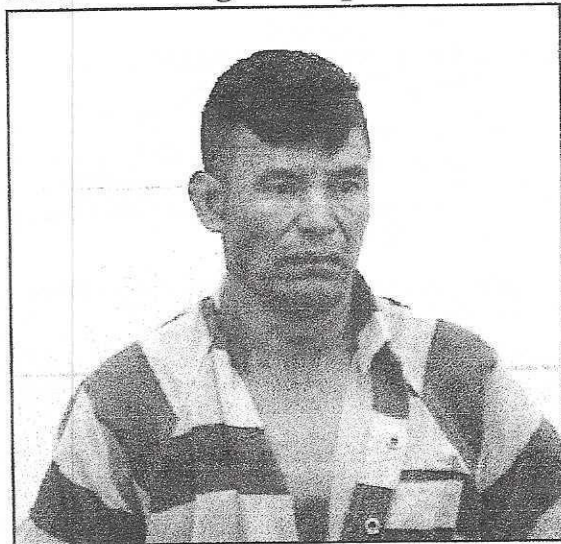
Aleksander Fote

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## Unlicensed Man Charged in Loudon After Evading Attempt

## Former Hardin County Teacher Indicted for Theft



Pedro Herrera-Solis

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A former teacher at Hardin County Middle School in Savannah, Tennessee has been indicted for theft and official misconduct based upon an investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.

Investigators determined that Amy McSwain, who taught English Language Arts, stole at least \$370 in student supply and locker rental fees. The money was paid by McSwain's homeroom

students during the 2022-2023 school year. McSwain was required to provide the money to the school's bookkeeper for deposit; however, she admitted to investigators that she did not remit any fees she collected to the bookkeeper.

School officials recovered \$180 in checks that were written to the school, but \$370 in other fees collected remain missing. McSwain told investigators that she is willing to repay the

money.

McSwain resigned from her employment with Hardin County Schools on June 30, 2023. She was indicted by the Hardin County Grand Jury on July 17, 2023.

"Hardin County Middle School teachers are required to use a collection log to account for money," said Comptroller Mumpower. "This teacher

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### Verse of the Day

Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

—Titus 2:2

### Wazzup

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Annual Highway 127 Yard Sale Next Week. I Bet They Are Already Setting Up This Weekend!!!

### Weather

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High of 93F. Thursday night: Overcast. Low of 72F.

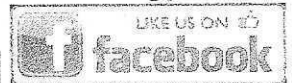
### Horoscope

Leo 7/23-8/22 If people start to hassle you today or give you a hard time about your appearance, pay them no

mind, Leo. You have the right to live your life any way you want.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Reach for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, Virgo. It's closer than you think. Indeed, your dreams are com-



**Needles**

Tyler Smith, 38, Dry Creek Road Jonesborough, was charged with Simple Possession, and Assisting other Agency.

Deputy Harrison LCSO, observed a white Acura sedan traveling on Interstate 75 northbound with an expired registration. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on Interstate 75 northbound at the 82.2-mile marker. Upon contact with the driver, and the passenger, Tyler Smith, Deputy had Smith exit the vehicle to speak with him further and issue a written warning for the registration violation. While speaking with the driver, he stated there were two bags of new needles in the vehicle, but were not

for drug use. While waiting for both subject's driver's license and warrant checks to return from dispatch Deputy asked Smith to exit the vehicle so he could speak with him further as well. Smith stated there was a used needle in the center console, and stated he had shot Suboxone earlier in the day. During a consent search of his person, the deputy located a needle in both his right and left shorts pockets. During a probable cause search of the vehicle, the deputy observed a loaded needle in the passenger seat with a purple liquid inside. Deputy also observed a black object protruding out from behind the plastic connected to the center console. Once the deputy pulled the plastic back he located a black scale with residue, another loaded

needle with purple liquid, and a loose crystal substance in the carpet. Deputy collected the needles and the crystal substance. Dispatch advised Smith had an active aggravated assault warrant out of Washington County. Deputy placed him in custody and read Miranda. While speaking with him Smith stated the liquid in the needles

was meth. The driver was released with a written warning and Smith was transported to the Loudon County Jail. Narcotics were notified and a TruNarc scan was conducted on the crystal substance which resulted in a positive scan for meth weighing approximately 0.3g. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee

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**Theft x6**

Aleksander Fote, 52, Greenland Drive Atlanta, was charged with Theft x6.

Asset Protection Specialist with Home Depot contacted the Lenoir City Police Department in reference to a known shoplifter that had stolen from the Lenoir City store located at 250 Abbie Drive. The protection specialist provided video evidence of a male identified as Aleksandar Fote taking lumber valued at \$123.08 from the store on

May 16th, 2023. Mr. Fote enters the store at approximately 9:00 AM and selected seventeen (17) 2X4's that were twelve feet long and placed them on a cart. Mr. Fote exited the store with the lumber passing all points of sale. The total loss to the store was \$123.08. A check of purchases for lumber showed there had been no attempt by Mr. Fote to pay for the items. Five other incidents of Mr. Fote shoplifting at the Lenoir City store were reported to have occurred as well.

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**Ldn**

Pedro Herrera-Solis, 53, Loudon, was charged with DUI, Evading, and No Driver License.

Officer Autumn Ingram LPD, received a personal call from off duty Sgt. Mike Newman regarding a possible intoxicated driver driving through the downtown area of Loudon city. He advised Officer the vehicle was all over the roadway, could not maintain speed, and was a hazard to other nearby drivers. Officer made contact with a silver Mitsubishi at the intersection of Grove St. and Mulberry St. The vehicle was braking abruptly, swerving over the double yellow line, and was going significantly under the posted speed limit of 30 mph. Officer attempted a routine traffic stop on the vehicle just before the intersection of Grove St. and Steekee St. and the vehicle fail to stop and continued on. Officer then initiated siren

and the vehicle still did not stop.

After a short pursuit, the vehicle came to a stop at the intersection of Grove St. and Robinson Dr. Officer utilized the necessary use of force and gave a loud verbal command to put the vehicle in park. Officer then made contact with the driver of the vehicle Mr. Pedro Herrera Solis, where officer safely and successfully detained him, and ensured the vehicle was in park. Mr. Solis had a strong odor of alcohol on his person, and had very clearly urinated on himself. Due to the circumstances of Mr. Solis' current state, he was unable to perform field sobriety and needed assistance walking to the patrol car. Officer Luna translated in Spanish to Mr. Solis for Implied Consent and he did consent to a blood draw.

Mr. Solis was transported to the Fort Loudon Medical

Center for the blood draw, and was then transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. He is being charged with DUI T.C.A 55-10-401, Evading Arrest

T.C.A 39-16-603B, and Driving without a License T.C.A 55-50-301.2. The vehicle was towed by James Body Shop. This did occur in the City of Loudon.

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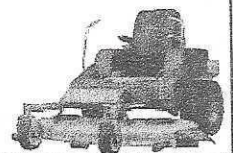
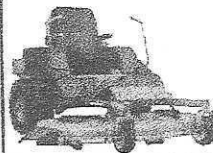
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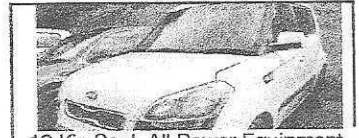


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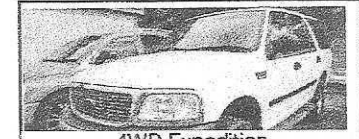
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**Theft**

did not follow school policy, which made it difficult for investigators to determine exactly how much money had been collected from students. School officials should develop a method to ensure teachers and other staff comply with the required process.”

To view the investigative report, go to [tncot.cc/doireports](http://tncot.cc/doireports).

**Police beat**

Caden Collins, 18, Country Hill Road Knoxville, was charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

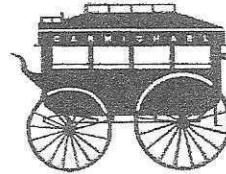
Deputy C. Watson LCSO, along with Deputy J. Willis responded to a 911 call for a suspicious vehicle that was parked in the middle of Dunsmore Road. Deputy arrived on scene and found a red Toyota Solara parked in the road still running. As Deputy exited his patrol car the deputy observed movement through the rear window of the vehicle. As he approached the vehicle the deputy observed a male and female attempting to get dressed in the back seat. Deputy made contact with the male who he identified as Caden Collin (Offender/Arrestee). The deputy also identified the female as the (Victim/Juvenile). During investigation, the deputy was able to determine that Mr. Collins was 18 years of age and the victim was 15 years of age. The deputy then detained Mr. Collins and placed him in the back of his patrol vehicle. Deputy Huskin transported the victim to her residence near Dunsmore Road to make contact with her father. The victim father was identified. After speaking with the father it was determined that the victim did not have permission to be out at this time of night or to be with Mr. Collins. Due to these circumstances we placed Mr.

Collins under arrest for contributing to the delinquency of A Minor and transported him to the Loudon County Detention Facility without further incident. Mr. Collins' vehicle was towed from the scene by Malones Wrecker Service. This did occur in Loudon County.

Hunter Manatt, 26, Unaka Street Harriman, was charged with Reckless Driving, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Financial Responsibility Law, and Prohibit Use of Wireless Telecommunication Device.

Officer H. Wilkes, with the Lenoir City Police Department, was on routine patrol when the officer observed the driver of a white Mitsubishi Mirage, bearing Tennessee registration BKL3200, traveling with his cell phone up to his ear. While attempting to catch up to the vehicle, the officer observed it traveling at a higher rate of speed than the rest of the cars on the public roadway and swerving in and out of traffic. During this time, the officer observed the driver to operate his vehicle with disregard for the safety of other people, and property. A traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle at U.S. Highway 321 and Elm Hill Rd, where the officer identified the driver to be Hunter Manatt. After running Mr. Manatt's drivers license through dispatch, he revealed to have a suspended license status. Mr. Manatt also stated that he did not have proof of insurance on the vehicle. Ultimately, Mr. Manatt was placed into my custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. The vehicle was towed per Malones with inventory on file. All of the above did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon County, Tennessee.

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**Scorpio 10/23-11/21**  
 Expand your mind to its furthest reaches today, Scorpio. There's an incredible opportunity opening up in which you can make great strides in a creative realm.  
**Sagittarius 11/22-12/21**  
 Your mind may seem rather cloudy today, Sagittarius, but don't let this hinder you. In fact, you can use this dreamy feeling to your advantage.  
**Capricorn 12/22-01/19**  
 This is an excellent day for you, Capricorn, in which your emotions will be strong. Trust that your instincts are serving you well, better than any other sign.  
**Aquarius 1/20-2/18**  
 Things may get a bit confusing today, Aquarius. Don't feel like you need to make sense of it all. In fact, that may be impossible. Whatever

you do, make sure you're being yourself.  
**Pisces 2/19-3/20**  
 Mix your reality with a bit of fantasy today, Pisces. Kick back for a while and rest. Try to spend time meditating and clearing your head of daily worries.  
**Aries 3/21-4/19**  
 Let yourself go into creative mode today, Aries. Drift into a whole other world. Escape your present reality and explore your fantasies through artistic endeavors.  
**Taurus 4/20-5/20**  
 Things are slipping into place quite nicely for you, Taurus. Your persuasive manner and gentle nudges are enough to get people where you want them.  
**Gemini 5/21-6/20**  
 When faced with ten entrees on a menu, it may be hard for you to choose just one. Order two or more, Gemini. Don't let indecisiveness hinder you.  
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**Obituaries**

**Terry C. "T.C." Fritts** - age 71 of Lenoir City, passed away July 19, 2023 at his home. T.C. was a member of New Providence Baptist Church and a retired carpenter. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, camper and square dancer. Preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Opal Fritts, and his companion, Joyce Fritts. T.C. is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Sandy Fritts; grandchildren: Austin Fritts, Makayla Fritts, Joshua Fritts and wife, Samantha; sister, Cherry Fritts Flanary along with many special nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 22nd at New Providence Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. with Rev. Eddie Click officiating. Interment will be in the New Providence Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Providence Baptist Church. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

**Brenda A. Porter**, age 76 of Lenoir City passed away Friday, July 21, 2023, following a courageous fight with cancer. She was a Christian woman who loved God and her family. Brenda enjoyed taking great care of her "Granddog", Riley. She was

generous and had a wonderful heart. Brenda will be remembered as a woman who knew how to show kindness. Preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Ersa Porter; brothers, Larry Porter "Bug" and Steve Porter. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Michelle Porter; grandson, Joshua Porter (Bridgette); niece, Samantha "Sam" Vittatote, and cousin, Tommy Porter.

Family and friends will gather at Click Funeral Home by 1:30 p.m. (est) on Monday, July 24th and we will proceed to Lakeview Cemetery in Lenoir City for graveside services at 2 p.m. with Rev. Tony Collins officiating.

Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

**William Jack Trollinger Jr.**, age 58 of Knoxville, formerly of Lenoir City, passed away July 16, 2023. Billy Jack was a graduate of Lenoir City High School. He enjoyed raising blue tick hound dogs and hunting with them.

Preceded in death by his mother, Margie Patten Massengill Hayworth Trollinger; father, William Jack Trollinger; grandparents, George and Mary Patten; half brother, Dennis Hayworth. Survived by his half brother, Dale Massengill and several nieces and nephews.

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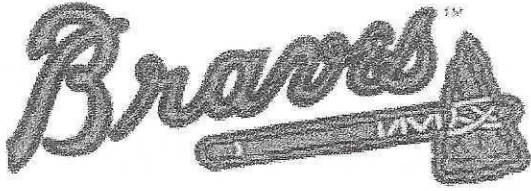


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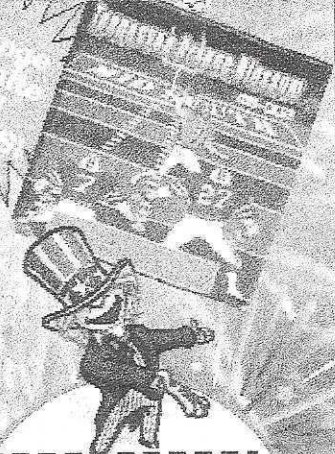
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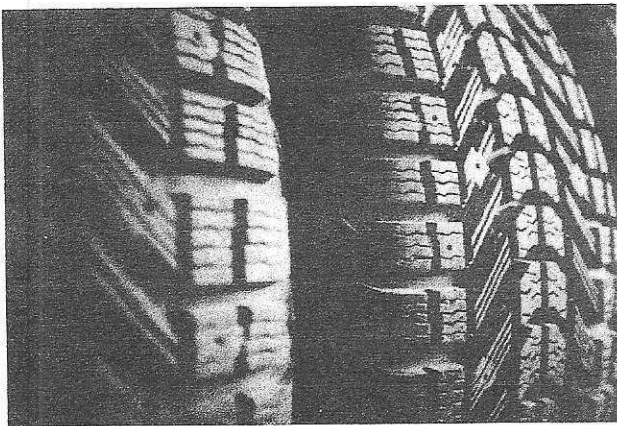
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