

Meth and Pipe Found in Diaper Bag; Child Endangerment Charges Follows

Felon Winds Up With Weapon During Assault; Charges Follow



Ashley Novitzki



Mark Comer

Wrong Lane Leads to DUI Charge and More for Unlicensed Driver

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Jhonatan Roque-Vasquez

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Greene County Area Meth Traffickers Sentenced

Steven Shelton, 39, of Greeneville, Tennessee, was sentenced to 168 months' imprisonment and Shannon Crittenden, 45, of Mosheim, Tennessee was sentenced to 120 months' imprisonment by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, United States District Judge, in the United States District Court at Greeneville. Co-defendant Arthur Tidwell, 46, of Greeneville, was previously sentenced to 180

months in prison on June 26, 2023.

As part of the plea agreements filed with the court Shelton and Crittenden both pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A), and 846. Tidwell plead guilty to possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual),

in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A).

According to court documents and evidence presented at sentencing, all three defendants were involved in distributing methamphetamine in and around the Greeneville area. Tidwell was traffic stopped in Washington County

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Verse of the Day

Teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.

—Titus 2:3

Wazzup

Be Careful Out on the Roadways!!! Law Enforcement is at an all time high! Drive Safe!!!

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 95F. Tonight: Clear. Low of 73F.

Saturday: Mostly sunny. High of 95F.

Saturday night: Clear. Low of 73F.

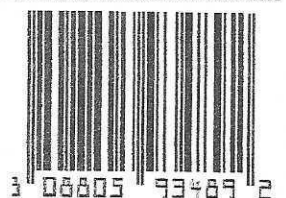
Sunday: Mostly cloudy. High of 91F.

Sunday night: Thunderstorms. Low of 68F.

Horoscope

Leo 7/23-8/22

Get up early and get working, Leo. You have a lot of emotional and physical energy that should help you accomplish whatever you need to do.



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Needles

Ashley Novitzki, 36, Rex Lane Friendsville, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Poss. of Drug Para., and Child Endangerment.

Deputy A. Gann LCSO, observed a white Volkswagon Jetta bearing a Tn tag 564-BJGR failing to maintain a lane of travel on Unitia Road East heading towards Highway 321. Deputy activated his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop due to the severity of dangerous driving observed on this vehicle. Upon contact, the deputy met Ms. Ashly Novitzki (offender) operating the vehicle. The deputy also observed a car seat in the back seat of the vehicle not buckled into the seat and sitting free and loose from the vehicle with a bottle in the baby's mouth.

Upon investigation, Ms. Novitzki gave consent to search the vehicle. Ms. Novitzki then stated she was in possession of Methamphetamine inside the vehicle. Ms. Novitzki stated the drugs and a meth pipe could be located in the front pocket of the diaper bag in the passenger seat. The deputy located a clear glass pipe with residue inside and a plastic bag with a clear crystal-like substance was found in the diaper bag sitting on top of the child's tether. Ms. Novitzki was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. This did occur in Loudon County, Tn.

Narcotics Investigators tested the clear crystal-like substance and tested positive for Methamphetamine which weighed to be 0.14 grams.

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Mark Comer, 41, James Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault x2, and Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Deputy C. Bengel and I, Deputy N. Reagan LCSO, responded to a Physical Domestic at James Drive. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the Complainant/Victim. The victim stated that she was assaulted while sitting in her vehicle by her wife's boyfriend. The victim said that she left with their three children on July 20, 2023 after a heated argument with the Offender Mark Comer. When arriving back at their residence, she stated that Mr. Comer aggressively exited the home and proceeded to assault her through the window of her vehicle while asking where she had the gun, that she had taken the day prior. The victim said she attempted to retrieve the weapon,

that was located between her legs. The victim went on to state that she was in fear of her and her children's lives. While Mark was assaulting the victim, the second Victim) struck Mark on the back with her hands in defense of victim 1. Mr. Comer was able to forcibly take the gun from victim 1.

After retrieving the gun, he emerged from the vehicle and struck the victim in the face. The victim then demanded the firearm and Mark complied by handing her the weapon. The victim and Mr. Comer gave similar statements. While interviewing Mr. Comer, he voluntarily stated that he was a convicted felon. Comer was taken into custody and transported to Loudon County Jail by Cpl. Sartin. After reviewing Mr. Comer's criminal history, it was confirmed that he was a convicted felon. This did happen in Loudon County TN, without further incident.

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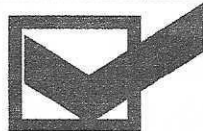
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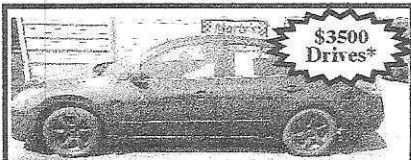
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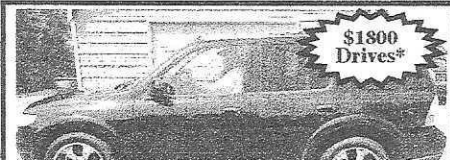
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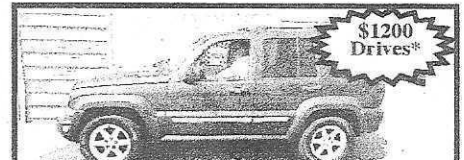
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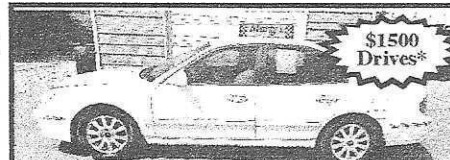
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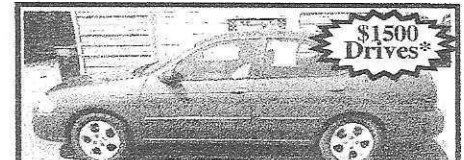
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DUI+

Jhonatan Roque-Vasquez, 25, Jan Way Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Violation of Implied Consent, Open Container, License Required, and Financial Responsibility Law.

Officer A. Lee LCPD, was conducting routine patrol on US Highway 321 near Elm Hill Rd when he observed a Silver Nissan Frontier stopped in the straight only, lane of travel, with a left hand turn signal on, despite there being a left hand turn lane available. Officer initiated a traffic stop while the vehicle was still stopped on US Highway 321. The vehicle turned left onto Elm Hill Road and refused to stop until reaching Bussell Ferry Road. Upon contact with the driver, Jhonatan Roque-Vasquez, the officer could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath and person.

Once outside of the vehicle, the Offender was unsteady on his feet along with having bloodshot & watery eyes. Lt. C. Dragon responded to the scene to assist with translation due to a language barrier. Lt. Dragon advised the officer that the Offender admitted to consuming multiple alcoholic beverages. The Offender to agreed to perform SFST. Multiple indicators of impairment were observed during the first test. The Offender became uncooperative and refused to complete the other standardized tests. Officers could see in plain view several open containers of alcohol located in the rear floorboard of the vehicle. Due to the totality of the circumstances, the Offender was taken into custody and advised of the TN Implied Consent Law to which he refused to provide a blood sample for analysis. Officers attempted to verify

that the vehicle was insured utilizing the TN Insurance Verification Program. Central Dispatch advised the vehicle did not show insurance confirmation.

The Offender was subsequently transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. All the above did occur in Lenoir City, Loudon County, TN.

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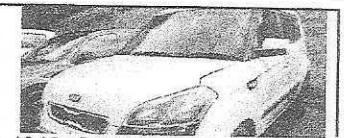
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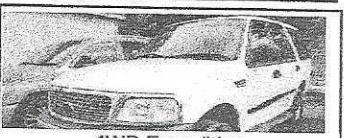
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by the Tennessee Highway Patrol and caught with a significant quantity of methamphetamine, was released on bond, and was then arrested just over a month later in Greeneville with another large quantity of methamphetamine. Shelton and Crittenden sold methamphetamine to an individual working with law enforcement on five occasions, which led to a search warrant being executed at Shelton's Greeneville residence where a large quantity of methamphetamine was found. The investigation revealed that Tidwell was supplying Shelton with methamphetamine, who was in turn supplying others, including Crittenden.

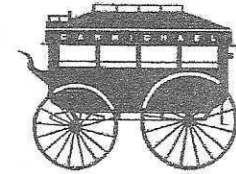
"The United States Attorney's Office is committed to targeting the ongoing threat to our communities from drug traffickers who bring large quantities of high-purity methamphetamine into our communities," said U.S. Attorney Francis M. Hamilton III. "We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to ensure that those who seek to profit from flooding our communities with dangerous drugs will face justice."

This sentencing was the culmination of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) investigation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the United States by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the joint investigation which led to the indictment and subsequent convictions in this case, included the Third Judicial Drug Task Force, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Greeneville Police Department, Johnson City Police Department, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Numerous agencies from the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force assisted in the investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Christian Lampe represented the United States.

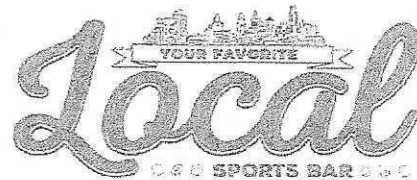
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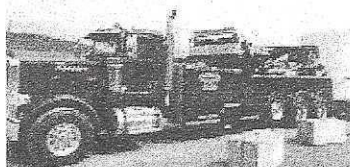
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Virgo 8/23-9/22

Speak up today, Virgo. Perhaps no one has heard your point of view in a while. More than likely, it's incredibly important for them to hear it.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Someone has just turned on the fan and papers are flying everywhere, Libra. The pace is picking up and you're scrambling to pick up the pieces. Stay in close communication with others today, for this will be your saving grace.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

No one is going to cater to your needs today, Scorpio, so get up and do things on your own. There's little sympathy from others, and strong opinions are a dime a dozen.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

en closely to the wind, for the answers are blowing right in front of you, Sagittarius. Make contact with people you haven't heard from in a while.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

You might be sidestepping in order to avoid a commitment today, Capricorn. Don't keep giving someone the runaround.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You're at a dramatic climax in your monthly emotional cycle today, Aquarius. It's quite possible that you will erupt like a volcano.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your philanthropic side may want to come out and do good works today, Pisces. Your default mode is to care for others.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Today is a terrific day, Aries, and you can get a lot accomplished using your quick mind and sharp wit.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Why me? You may feel like you ask yourself this question more than anyone else, Taurus. Your life may seem like an intense roller-coaster ride that never stops.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

Your brain may buzz like a beehive today, Gemini. That's good. There is a great deal of information to process now.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Don't automatically assume that you can work out all your problems alone, Cancer. Just talking things out with others may help shed light on a situation that baffled you earlier.



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Tristan Rayne Ridings age 25 of Loudon passed away July 19, 2023 following an auto accident. He was a former student of Loudon High School and former employee of Monterey Mushroom. Tristan enjoyed video games and spending time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Ted Ridings; great grandparents, Barbara and Wesley Carver. Survived by his parents Chad and Charity Ridings; brothers, Gage Ridings and Pacey Ridings; sister, Emery Ridings; grandparents, Jennifer Lovett, Freddy McMahan, and Patsy Ridings; fiancé, Lakrissia Cox; uncles, Seth Beasley, Kenny Ridings and James Johnson; aunts, Tiffany McMahan, Star Vineyard, Rhonda Kirk, Patricia Bolton and Karen Guider; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Private services for family and friends will be held. Donations may be made to the funeral home to help with expenses. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Kim Norman, age 49 of Lenoir City passed away July 26, 2023 at Parkwest Medical Center. She was dearly loved by her family. Kim was a

graduate of Lenoir City High School and former employee of P. S. Engineering in Lenoir City. Preceded in death by her parents, Chuck Norman and Sue Hendrix; grandparents, Bill and Irene Norman, and Edith Covington. She is survived by her children: Hannah Norman, Sam Ridlon and Sidney Ridlon; sister, Billie Daniels; brother, Adam Norman; aunts, Robin Hicks and Norma Jean Norman along with many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 28th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Saturday morning and proceed to Lakeview Memory Gardens for graveside services at 11 a.m. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

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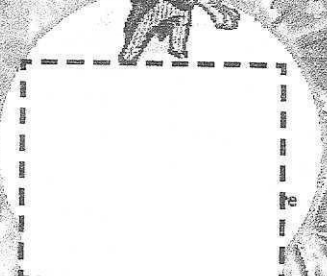
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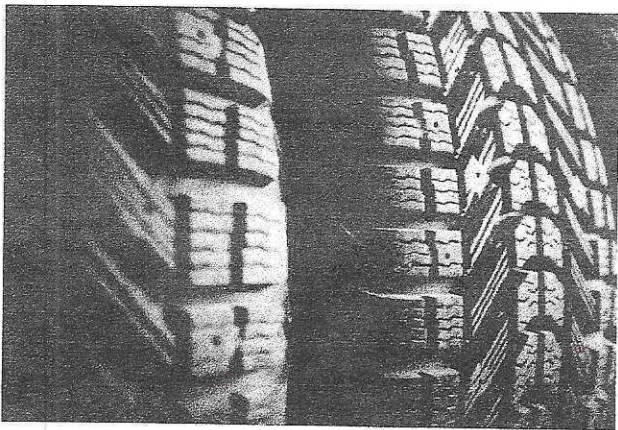
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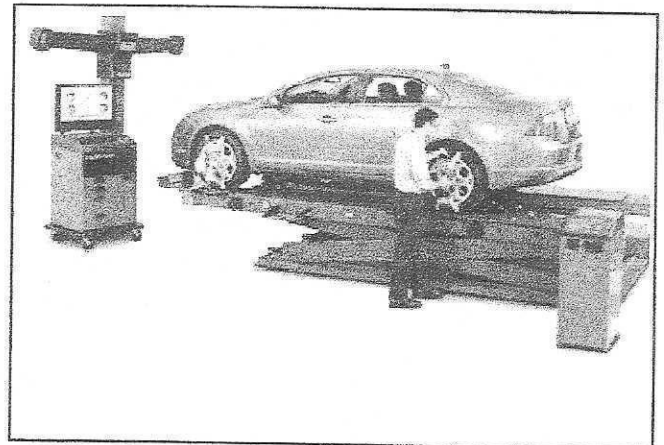
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