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Monday, January 15, 2024

# Drugs, Money and Gun Found Three Charged After After Wreck Response by LCPD Reckless Driver Call



Christopher Stevens



Marcos Ortiz

see Trio pg.4

#### **DUI** Follows Response by LCSO to Unconscious Male



Kelsey Lovingood

(see DUI pg. 3)

#### Verse of the Day

For [God] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption. the forgiveness of sins. -Colossians 1:13-14

#### Wazzup

What a crazy wild card weekend it's been and still going! Who's Gonna Make it???? Weather

Today: Snow. High of

Tonight: Snow. Low of

### see Drugs pg. 2

### **Gibson County Audit Reveals Financial** Weaknesses and Costly Mistakes

The Comptroller's Office has completed its angovernment for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2023, and the results show needed in the county's financial operations.

The audit report includes six findings that outline deficiencies, weaknesses, and areas of noncompliance within the Office

Tuesday: Cloudy. High

Tuesday night: Overcast.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

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Low of 7F.

Horoscope

Tennessee of the County Mayor, which employs the county finance direcnual audit of Gibson tor. Two additional findings relate to the Office of Trustee and Sheriff respectively.

Auditors found that that improvement is Gibson County officials failed to comply with federal reporting requirements for grant money received during the pandemic. The failure to report and subsequent failure to provide an expla-

director also failed to deposit checks on time, and three checks totaling \$11,920 are currently

nation has resulted in

\$109,463 that is be-

ing withheld from the

county by the U.S. De-

partment of Treasury.

The county's finance

missing. The checks have been received by the county, have not been deposited, and have not

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tends to be quick and agile, Capricorn, but today you might find it going a thousand miles an hour as a result of intriguing new information received Your mind always through books, news-

#### Drugs

Christopher Stevens, 29, Highway 301 Georgia, was charged with Mfg/ Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Possession of a Handgun, Unlawful Carry or Possession of a Handgun, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer Carroll LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart on a private property wreck that had occurred in the parking lot. Upon arrival, Officer spoke with off-duty Officer Ernie Gallo who was the complainant on the call. Officer Gallo advised that he observed a vehicle strike an unoccupied vehicle in the parking lot, and went

to speak with the driver es." Officer advised Mr. who struck the other vehicle. Officer Gallo advised that the driver got out of his vehicle, and went over to the vehicle he struck, and tried to "fix the damage." While on scene, the Officer spoke with the driver, who was identified as Christopher Allen Stevens.

Upon speaking with Mr. Stevens, the officer noticed a strong odor of Marijuana emitting from his vehicle. and observed a small marijuana roach sitting in the ashtray in the center console. Mr. Stevens immediately became belligerent, and started yelling "I do not consent to any search-

Stevens that due to the odor of marijuana, and observing the marijuana roach in the ashtray that the officer would be conducting a "Probable Cause search." During the search, there was a backpack in the passenger seat of the vehicle, inside the backpack officers located approximately 1.6 pounds of a white crystal-like substance in several different individually packaged baggies.

Also located in the backpack was a scale believed to be used for weighing the baggies. In between the driver's seat,

and the center console a firearm was found(.32 caliber revolver) unloaded, but was wrapped in a bandana. In the driver's side door there was \$1,861.00 found in total. There was 17 \$100 bills, 1 \$50 bill, 1 \$20 bill, 2 \$10 bills, and 71 \$1 bills. Mr. Stevens was placed into custody, and transported to the Loudon County Jail. The money, firearm, vehicle, and Methamphetamine found were all seized. This incident did occur within Loudon County, TN. While at the jail, Dispatch advised Mr. Stevens did have a full extradition warrant out of Georgia.

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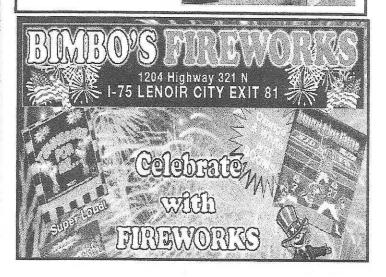
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DUI

Kelsey Lovingood, 27, Mecca Pike Tellico Plains, was charged with DUI.

Deputy Hilton LCSO, was dispatched to a Unconscious Male at Morganton/ Meadow Road. Upon arrival, Deputy was assisting Deputy Willis when as he was speaking to the male that was unconscious. The driver of the vehicle ( Kelsey LovingGood) interrupted Willis, as he was asking the male what happened. Deputy asked Kelsey if she would to talk to me while Willis was speaking with male. Deputy made it to the front of her car when he noticed her eyes were dilated and when she talked her speech was slurred. Deputy notified Willis that he believed she is intoxicated and he advised she was the driver. Deputy asked Kelsey if she would consent to doing a few field sobriety test to make sure she was safe to drive. Kelsev consented to the tests to which she performed poorly. Kelsey was taken into custody for Driving Under

the Influence. Kelsey was read implied consent, agreed to give blood and was taken to Fort Loudon Hospital for blood draw. Kelsey was then taken from the Hospital and taken to Loudon County Jail without further incident.

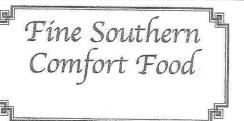
Timothy Corbin, 24, Homeless Loudon, was charged with Public Intoxication.

#### **Police Beat**

Officer Law LCPD, was on routine patrol when Officer observed a dark colored sedan (TN Tag BPD-8458) make a wide left turn onto Highway 11 E from Highway 321. Once behind the vehicle Officer observed it touch the center line multiple times, and then officer paced the vehicle doing 56 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. Officer then conducted a traffic stop at 7200 E Highway 11 "Butler Brothers" and identified the passenger to be Timothy Corbin. During his investigation, the officer observed Mr. Corbin to have blood shot glossy eyes, and he stated he had consumed alcohol prior to our encounter. During investigation it was determined that Mr. Corbin was under

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Marcos Ortiz, 26, Knoxville, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Lucas Cruz, 20, Knoxville, was charged with Public Intoxication.

Comytos Maximo. 36, Knoxville, was charged with Public Intoxication.

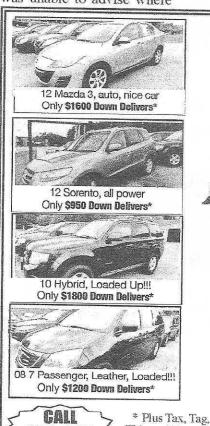
Cpl. L. Hawkins LCSO, was dispatched to Interstate 75 South at the 67 mile marker to assist Dep. D. Harrison on a reckless driver. Deputy arrived on the scene and Dep. Harrison advised him that Marcos Ortiz, was asleep in the divers seat and in physical control of the 2010 Dodge Ram 1500 parked on the side of Interstate 75 South. Mr. Ortiz stated that he consumed "3 shots of tequila" and that it was "too much" so he pulled over. He was unable to advise where

he was coming from but advised he was going to Alabama and to "Work". Also in the vehicle were two passengers, Lucas Cruz and Maximo Comytos. While speaking with Mr. Ortiz, an odor of an alcoholic beverage was emitting from him. His eyes were bloodshot and barley open. Deputy asked him if he would conduct Field Sobriety Testing and he declined. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted due to the odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. 9.05g of suspected marijuana was found in-between the front seat and center console, along with open "Corona" bottles in the back floorboard. Based on the circumstances, Deputy placed Marcos Ortiz in custody for DUI. Both passengers were swaying and emitting an alcoholic beverage as well.

Their eyes were bloodshot and they advised they had no one to come get them because they were headed to Alabama. All three subjects advised they do not speak English, while translating my speech to Spanish they still appeared confused and incoherent. Lucas Cruz and Maximo Comytos posed a danger to themselves due to their intoxicated state. Both passengers were placed into custody for Public Intoxication. Deputy transported Mr. Ortiz and Dep. C. Lane transported Mr. Cruz and Mr. Comytos to The Loudon

County Jail. Dep. Harrison and Cpl. Dishner remained on the scene with James Towing as they loaded the vehicle. When Deputy arrived at the jail, he asked Mr. Ortiz if he would provide a blood sample for testing and he refused. Identifying information for all three subjects were given to Dispatch, they could not locate Identification for all three. No address could be determined as well, all the subjects would advise is "Alabama". The marijuana was logged for destruction. All the above did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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#### Audit

cleared with the grantor.

Additional issues include financial statements that required material audit adjustments at year-end. This is a strong indicator that a serious accounting weakness exists within the bookkeeping office.

The General Capital Projects fund also had a cash overdraft of \$107,965 at June 30, 2023 because checks were issued that exceeded the cash on deposit with the county trustee.

Furthermore, the office had deficiencies in its budget operations including expenditures exceeding the appropriations approved by the county commission.

"Just two years ago Gibson County had a clean audit without any findings," said Comptroller Jason Mumpower. "It's concerning to see the county's financial management heading in the

wrong direction. I encourage county leaders to utilize its Audit Committee and management oversight to improve the situation."

#### **Obituaries**

Kelly Suzanne Lawson - age 66 of the Tellico Village Community in Loudon, passed away suddenly January 4, 2024 at her home. Kelly was born on May 9, 1957 to parents, Achey "Sonny" Lawson and Charlotte Mills Lawson. Her father, "Sonny" preceded her in death. Kelly is survived by her sons, David Heptinstall (April), and Scott Heptinstall; her granddaughter, Skylar Heptinstall; mother, Charlotte Lawson: sisters, Theresa Lawson Harvey (Michael) and Marty Lawson, and her brother. Stan Lawson; aunts, Linda Hines Anderson and Pat Foster Fulghum (Wayne); along with many nieces, nephews, cous-

ins and friends. Kelly was a loving and devoted mother, Mimi, sister and friend. She graduated from Lenoir City High School in 1975 where she was a varsity cheerleader for four years. She then graduated from Harriman Vocational school in 1977 and almost immediately went to work for Bellsouth AT&T. Kelly worked there in various capacities, including spending her last 20 plus years as management until she retired in 2019 with 42 years service. Her favorite hobbies include gardening/landscaping, boating and spending time with her precious Skylar.

Donna (Major) Olsen age
75 of Lenoir City, peacefully passed away September 30, 2023. She was the eldest of five girls who were raised in Palos Heights, Illinois. Donna worked as an LPN of Obstetrics in the Chicagoland area, loved it, and later on missed it tremendously. She enjoyed

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boating on Lake Michigan, was a proud mother and grandmother, and loved her dogs. She took pleasure in watching old sitcoms while snacking on M&M's and a Pepsi. She will fondly be remembered as a determined woman who enjoyed a good laugh! Donna was preceded in death by her father, John Major and her sister, Teresa Gniadek. Survivors include her mother, Wilma Major; her husband, Dennis Olsen; her son, Christopher Olsen and his wife Christina; her granddaughters, Sydney Colegrove and Shianne; her sisters Linda Major, Sandra Tobin and Sheryl Soberano. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 am on February 27th at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 1955 S Belcher Rd. Clearwater, Florida 33760. Interment will follow in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 5233 118th Ave. N, Clearwater, FL

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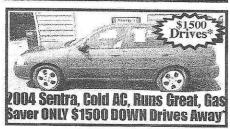




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#### Horoscopes

papers, television, or the Internet. Discussions with others could also contribute.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Some new equipment made available for your use might prove fascinating, Aquarius, and you're apt to want to learn as much as you can about how it works.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Today you could find yourself searching for a particular piece of knowledge that you need in order to move on with something you're doing, Pisces. You'll probably find it, perhaps through a friend or colleague.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Today you might find yourself working with an exciting group of people, Aries. Perhaps this involves an opportunity to increase your skills or a new project or even a whole new job.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Social events could put you in touch with some exciting

new people, Taurus. They may either share a current interest of yours or bring you opportunities to expand your interests. A lot of stimulating discussions could well result. Gemini 5/21-6/20

Contacts made through friends or colleagues, perhaps younger people, might bring new ideas for bettering your home life, Gemini. Perhaps a new housemate wants to move in, you could install some new equipment, or you might even have the chance to move to a roomier place.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Discussions with close friends, children, and romantic partners take on an especially exciting aura today, Cancer. New information is likely to be circulated that might make a big difference both in your household and in your community.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Visitors to your home today might engage you in discussions of innovative ways to increase your income, Leo. This may either be through the use of computers or through other forms of modern technology.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your mind is sharp, quick, and full of ideas, Virgo. Discussions with others bring useful information that could well open new doors for you if you make the most of it.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Newspapers, books, and TV are apt to bring a lot of new, exciting, and useful information your way, Libra. This might set your mind going in such a direction as to bring new ideas for projects or business opportunities your way. Scorpio 10/23-11/21

The opportunity to make a change in your life, which you may have been contemplating for a long time, could finally manifest itself today, Scorpio. This could be a move to a new neighborhood, a return to school for an advanced degree, an entirely new profession, or all of the above.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Paperwork involving money could be a real drag today, Sagittarius, but someone close to you might just show you a way to get it done quickly and efficiently on computers or via another technological innovation.



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the influence of alcohol and marijuana. Mr. Corbin was deemed a danger to himself and others if left in the state due to the driver being arrested for DUI. Mr. Corbin was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All the above occurred in Lenoir City, TN.

Pedro Meza-Mendez, 28, Melstone Road Knoxville, was charged with DUI.

Officer Law LCPD, was on routine patrol in the area of Highway 321 North and McGhee Blvd when Officer was almost struck by a white SUV. Once behind the vehicle Officer Law identified it to be a white Ford Explorer (TN Tag BFJ-1542), Officer Law then conducted a traffic stop at Highway 321 North and Simpson Road and identified the driver to be Pedro Meza-Mendez. While speaking to Mr. Mendez the officer observed him to have blood shot watery eyes, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his persons. Lieutenant Dragon was on scene to assist in translation, Mr. Mendez stated he had three large beers prior to our encounter. Mr. Mendez then consented to SFST, Officer observed lack of smooth pursuit, distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation, and an onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees in both of Mendez's eyes. During the walk and turn, Mr. Mendez was told repeatedly to maintain the position he was in, and he kept stepping off the line. During the walk and turn Mr. Mendez appeared to be swaving as he was walking, and he did an improper turn. Mr. Mendez was placed under arrest and then transported to the Fort Loudoun Medical Center for a consented blood draw. Mr. Mendez was then transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All the above occurred in Lenoir City, TN.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 827 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 7009

CHARLES ELBERT BALES,

JR., deceased, a resident of

Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2024 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLES ELBERT BALES. JR., who died on the 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2023, were 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 above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 11THDAY OF JAN-UARY 2024

STEVE HARRELSON,

CLERK BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) DONNA S. BALES

Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$20.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12699 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771 published January 15, 2024 and January 22, 2024

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: CHARLOTTE J. COO-PER BRODERS, deceased DKT#7008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 10TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of CHAR-LOTTE J. COOPER BROD-ERS who died on the 10th day of DECEMBER 2023 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 10TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024

Steve Harrelson, Clerk BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Dep-

By Personal Representative(s) ROBERT ERIC WEAVER

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: JAMES LLOYD MILLSAPS, deceased DKT# 7006

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the THE 9th (st/nd/rd/th) DAY OF JANUARY 2024, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of JAMES LLOYD MILLSAPS who died on the 9TH day of DECEMBER 2023 be issued to the undersigned by the LOUDON County PRO-BATE 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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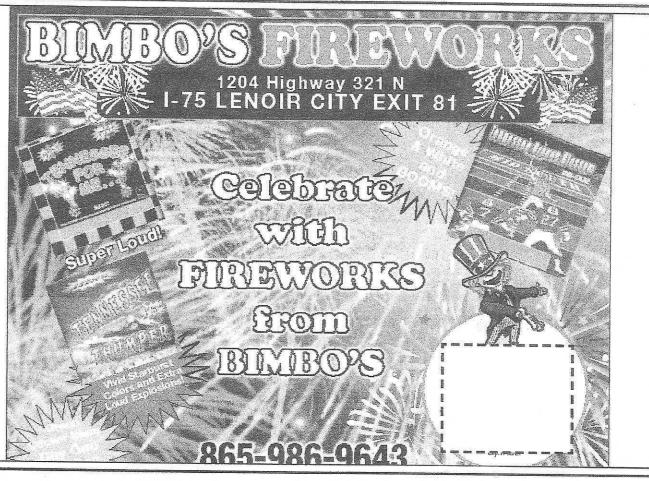
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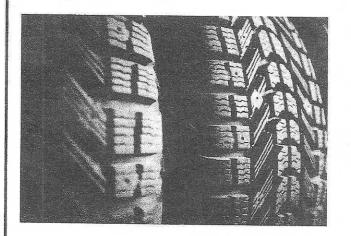
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