

# Unwanted house guest leaves his mark

In Lawrence County, Tenn., law enforcement officials are confronting the fallout from a new drug known as “Wasp” (crystallized wasp repellant mixed with methamphetamine). To wit: On Dec. 18, as the Johnson family baked Christmas cookies in their Lawrenceburg kitchen, Danny Hollis, 35, walked into their home and asked for help. NewsChannel 5 in Nashville reported Hollis poured himself a glass of water from the sink before grabbing a knife and cutting across his throat.

Teenage son Canaan

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Johnson said Hollis then ran up to the second floor, heaved an oak dresser down the stairs, and jumped out a window onto a gazebo below, seriously injuring his neck. The Johnsons, meanwhile, had retreated to their car, where they called 911. Hollis chased the car down the street, but got hung up on a barbed wire fence, then stripped naked to free himself and climbed a nearby tree, where offi-

cers found him, according to police reports. Hollis fought them off by allegedly throwing his own feces at them, as they tased him out of the tree. Hollis was booked into the county jail on numerous charges.

### BRIGHT IDEAS

-- Polk County (Florida) Sheriff's officers responded to an unusual 911 call on New Year's Eve: Michael Lester, 39, of Winter Haven, started off

by telling the dispatcher, “Umm, I'm drunk. I don't know where I'm at. I'm just drunk driving.” The dispatcher urged Lester to pull over and park, but he explained he was driving on the wrong side of the road near a Publix and wondered where the police were.

WTVT reported that officers finally caught up with Lester, who helpfully explained he'd had several beers, hadn't slept much and had taken methamphetamine earlier in the day; he was jailed on a DUI charge. Officers later posted on their Facebook page that

“in this particular incident, nobody was hurt, so we couldn't help but LOTO (that means we Laughed Our Tasers Off).”

### ANIMALS GONE WILD

Postal workers in the Rocky River suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, were unable to deliver mail to about two dozen homes for three weeks in December and January after being attacked by aggressive wild turkeys. Local ordinances prevented the city from eliminating the birds, so residents were asked to pick up their mail at the post

office.

Rocky River Mayor Pam Bobst encouraged residents to stop putting out bird food, hoping that would discourage the turkeys from hanging around. “There's a lot of bird feeders over there, so there's a food source in that area,” she told Cleveland.com. The USPS said several carriers were pecked, but no serious injuries had been reported.

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