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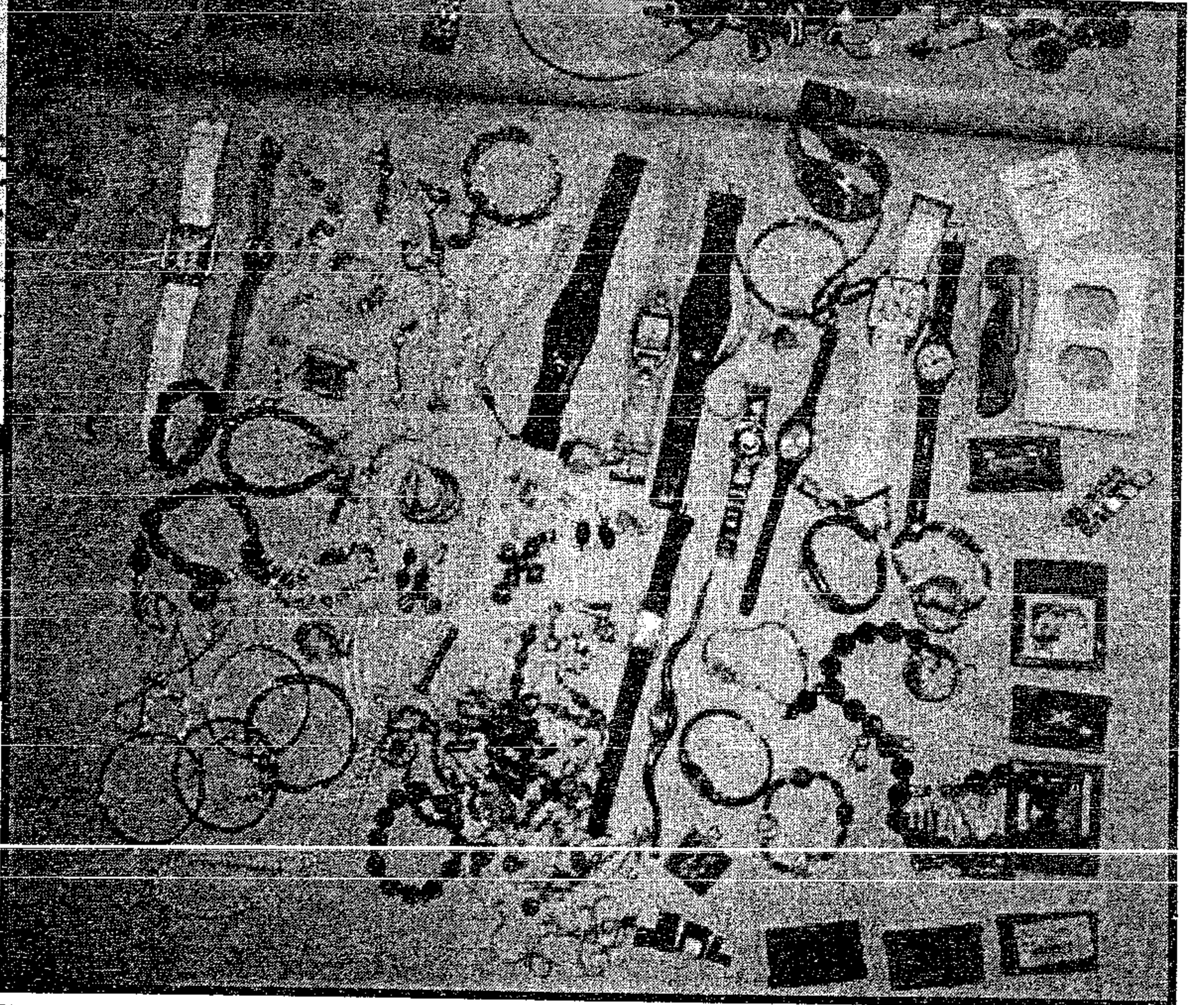
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Friday, December 17, 2010

LCSO recovers stolen property, charges 3



Jewelry, watches, electronics, weapons and a slew of other stolen items were recovered Wednesday when officials from the Loudon County Sheriff's Office responded to a burglary call on Webb Circle after a woman returned home to find two of three suspects in her house. An investigation led lawmen to the location of all suspects and the stolen goods (see Recovered pg. 8)



2 charged with meth (see page 3)



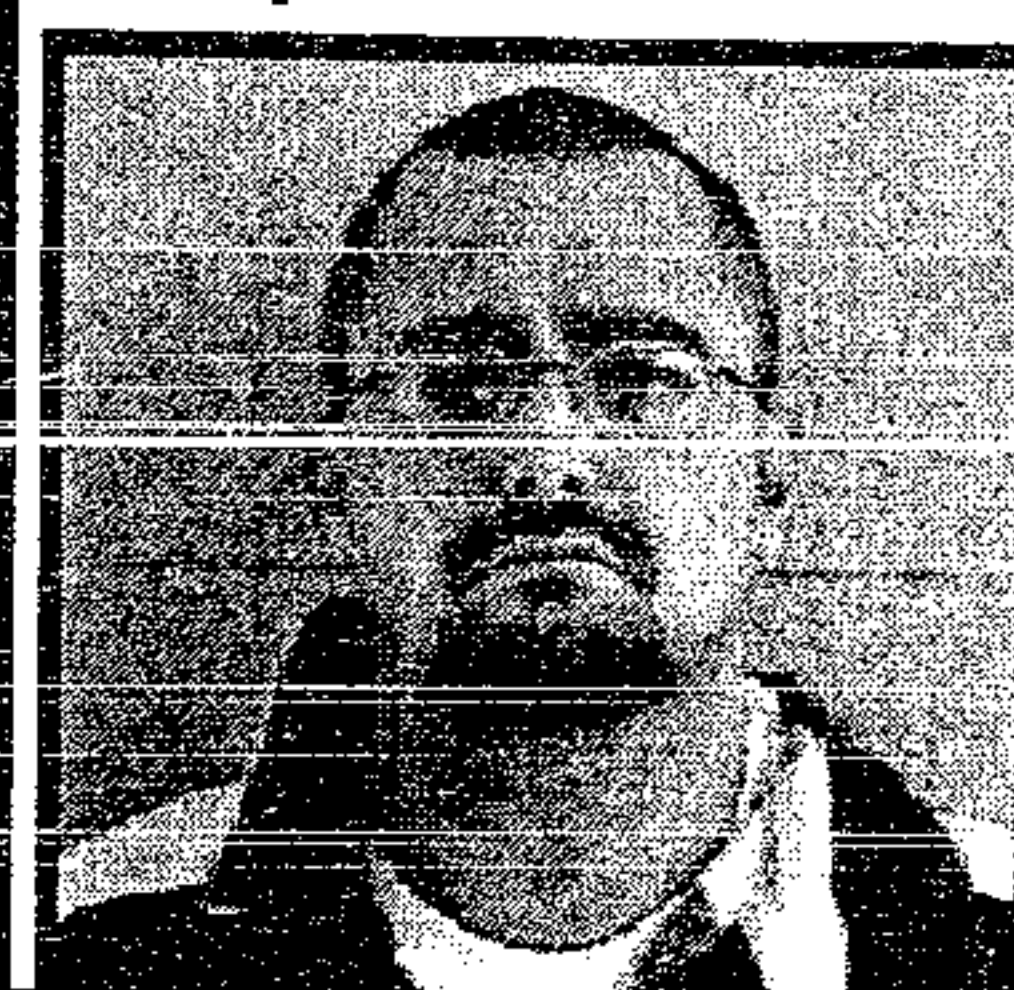
Tina Lawrence

Cory Lawrence

Runner caught



Shoplifter nabbed



1 jailed after threats



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Verse of the Day

"Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth."

Psalm 119:142

Obituaries

None

Wazzup

Happy Birthday to Ryan Mills! We hope your day is as great as you are! Luv Ya!!!

Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy. High 41. Winds light and variable.

Tonight: Overcast. Low 28. Winds light and variable.

Saturday: Morning

clouds followed by afternoon sun. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 20s.

Sunday: Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
You're stuck in the middle of a weird situation -- but resentment can't get you out of it. The only answer is to (see More pg. 2)

2 charged with meth

Two Decatur persons were arrested after a traffic stop and subsequent search revealed methamphetamine in a purse inside their vehicle and neither claimed ownership of it.

Tina Marie Lawrence, 45, Valley Circle Drive, Decatur, Tennessee and Corey Lee Lawrence, 19, also of Valley Circle Drive, Decatur, were charged Saturday with possession of schedule

II methamphetamine.

According to records, Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSO stopped a black BMW with the passenger side brake light not working on Interstate 75 North. The driver was identified as Tina Lawrence and while the deputy was writing her a warning citation, a drivers license and warrants check was conducted through NCIC.

Upon receiving verbal consent to search the vehicle, Deputy Jenkins deployed K9

Diego for a drug sniff. The K9 alerted to a black purse between the front passenger and driver's seats.

A search of the purse revealed a clear plastic bag containing five smaller bags with a white powder substance believed to be methamphetamine. The substance, which field tested positive for methamphetamine, weighed approximately 3 grams.

Neither Ms. Lawrence, nor her passenger Cory Lawrence, claimed ownership and both were within reaching area of where the

narcotics were found. Both were charged.

Deputy Jenkins made the arrests. Trooper

Dan Morton, THP and Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSO were also on the scene.

Runner caught

A wanted woman reportedly lied to officers before she fled the scene of a traffic stop and got a ride to a Lenoir City location where she threw her clothes in the trash before being apprehended by police.

Hillary P. Shallaw, 18, Church Drive, Lenoir City was charged with expired drivers license, traffic control device and registration violation.

Angela M. Cheatham, aka 'Oneda M. Norman', 30, Gay Street, Loudon was charged with criminal impersonation and resisting, stop, halt, frisk.

According to reports, Friday, around 11:20 PM, Ms. Shallaw's 1995 Dodge Neon was stopped for running a

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stop sign at Highway 95 and Adesa Boulevard. A license check showed her license expired on September 1st, 2010.

Ms. Shallaw was also driving an unregistered vehicle.

Shallaw's passenger, Angela Cheatham, gave a false name and date of birth of Oneda M. Norman with a date of birth of May 8th, 1977, in an effort to evade arrest. She stated she had to use the bathroom and fled the scene.

Cheatham was later caught at the Shoney's in Lenoir City after someone picked her up and gave her a ride. She had taken off her clothes and disposed of them in the trash. It turned out Ms. Cheatham had active warrants against her in Anderson County and Oliver Springs.

Trooper R. Smith, THP made the arrests.

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Joined after threats

A Lenoir City man reportedly took away all the phones inside a residence where he is alleged to have threatened others with a BB gun during a dispute Monday.

Gary Wayne Riley, 21, Martel Road, Lenoir City was charged with two counts of aggravated assault.

According to reports, LCSO Deputies Craig Brewer and Brian Smith responded to Martel Road concerning a fight in progress and arrived at the residence to find Gary Riley in the kitchen.

Upon checking Mr. Riley, the lawmen found a black semi-automatic weapon with the numbers PRO77 on the side. The weapon turned out to be a BB gun.

Witnesses stated Mr. Riley held the weapon up to another man and threatened to hit him with it. Then he pointed the weapon at a woman and stated he would kill her and his girlfriend, who was standing with her.

Mr. Riley also took

all the phones in the house from the owner of the residence so no one could make any calls.

Police beat

Benjamin W. Hopson, 24, Jim Hartsook Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with 6 out-

standing attachments out of Knox County for assault x 2, criminal impersonation, resisting stop, frisk, halt, evading arrest, and public

intoxication.

Officer Law, LCPD, made the arrest Sunday.

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Shoplifter nabbed

A Lenoir City man went to jail after he was caught allegedly stuffing a Passport hard drive in his pants and leaving Walmart with it.

Thomas Micah John-

ston, 28, Dairy Lane, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500 and criminal impersonation.

According to reports, Saturday, at approximately 1:50 PM, Mr.

Johnston was observed by Walmart Loss Prevention in the hardware department concealing a My Passport Essential SE portable hard drive in his pants. He proceeded to the front

register and purchased a flash drive and then attempted to leave on the general merchandise side, passing all points of sale.

The man said his name was Josh M. Ev-

ans and his birth date was September 14th, 1986 before officials learned his true identity. The total amount of the merchandise was \$119.

Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made the arrest.

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Recovered

Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider announced the arrest of three individuals who were found to be in possession of several items believed to be from previous burglaries. Oscar Obdulio Funes, 44, of 7851 Highway 11 West, Lenoir City, has been charged with Felony Theft. Two juveniles will also be charged with two counts of burglary each.

On December 15th at approximately 1:50 PM deputies were dispatched to a Webb Circle address on a report of a burglary in progress. The homeowner had returned home to find two subjects in her home. The subjects fled into a nearby field.

The two suspects were described as one white male and one Hispanic male, both wearing hooded sweatshirts. Rather quickly, several officers and a K-9 unit responded to the scene and canvassed the area. Witnesses stated

they saw two subjects running toward some apartments located nearby on Hwy 11. The K-9 unit gave track and along with the other officers converged on the apartments. One apartment door was standing open. After clearing that apartment, for the suspects, investigators noticed in the apartment several items that matched the descriptions from another burglary. Officers heard movement in another apartment two doors away. Officers knocked on the door and gave verbal commands for the occupants to open the door and come out. Upon entering the second apartment, officers found two males fitting the description of the suspects, who were also found to be runaway juveniles from a Greeneville, TN group home. Funes was actually the resident of the first apartment. After consent to search was given, several items believed to be stolen from at least two other bur-

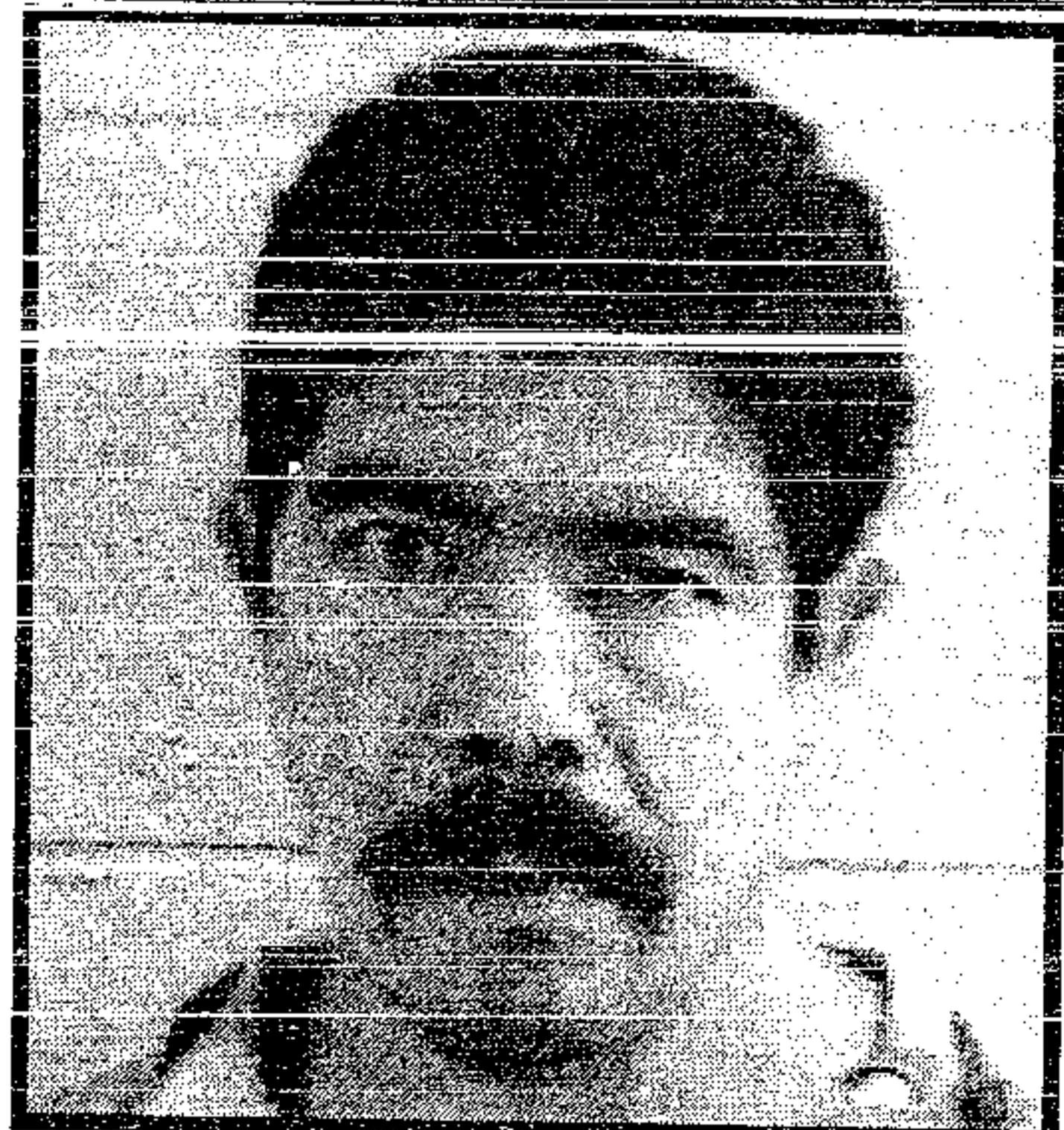
glaries were recovered from both apartments.

ICE is being notified of Funes, allegedly from Guatemala, to investigate his legal status.

Sheriff Guider noted that in addition to the Sheriff's Office deputies, investigators and K-9's that were in-

involved in the arrests, he appreciated the participation of the Lenoir City Police Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

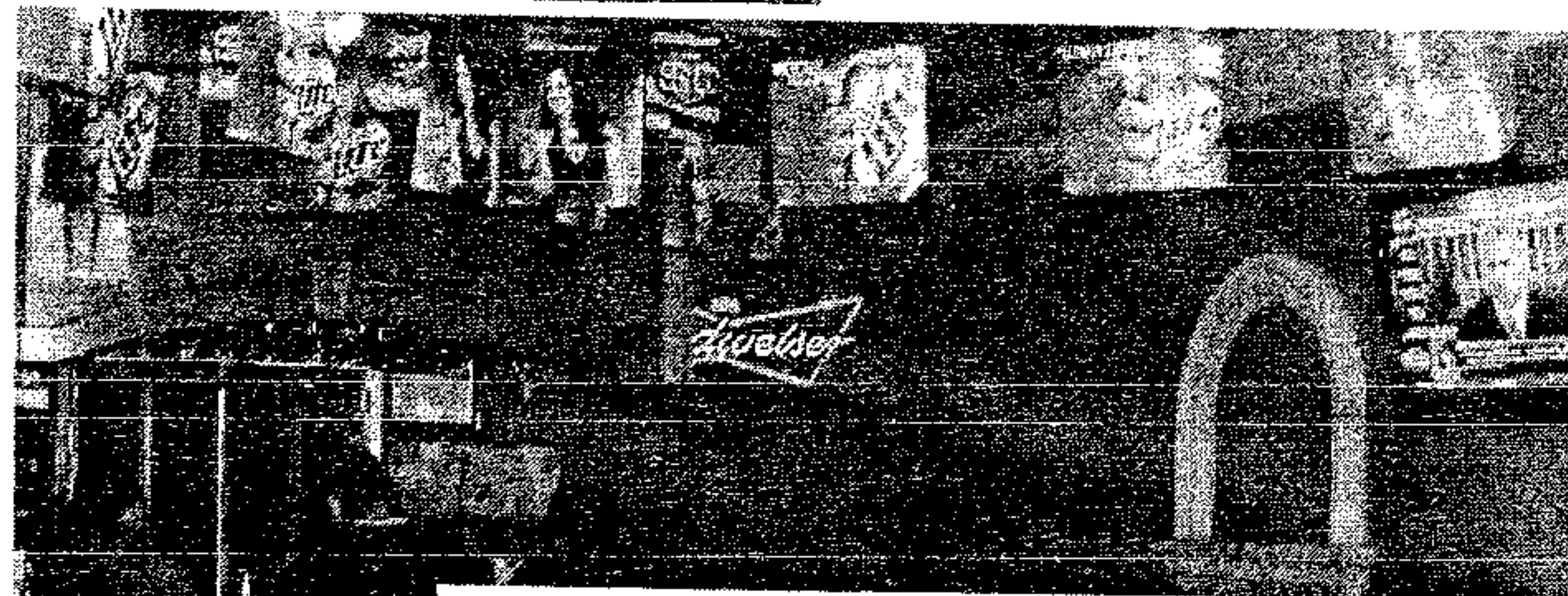
photo right: Oscar Obdulio Funes and two juveniles are suspected of multiple area burglaries



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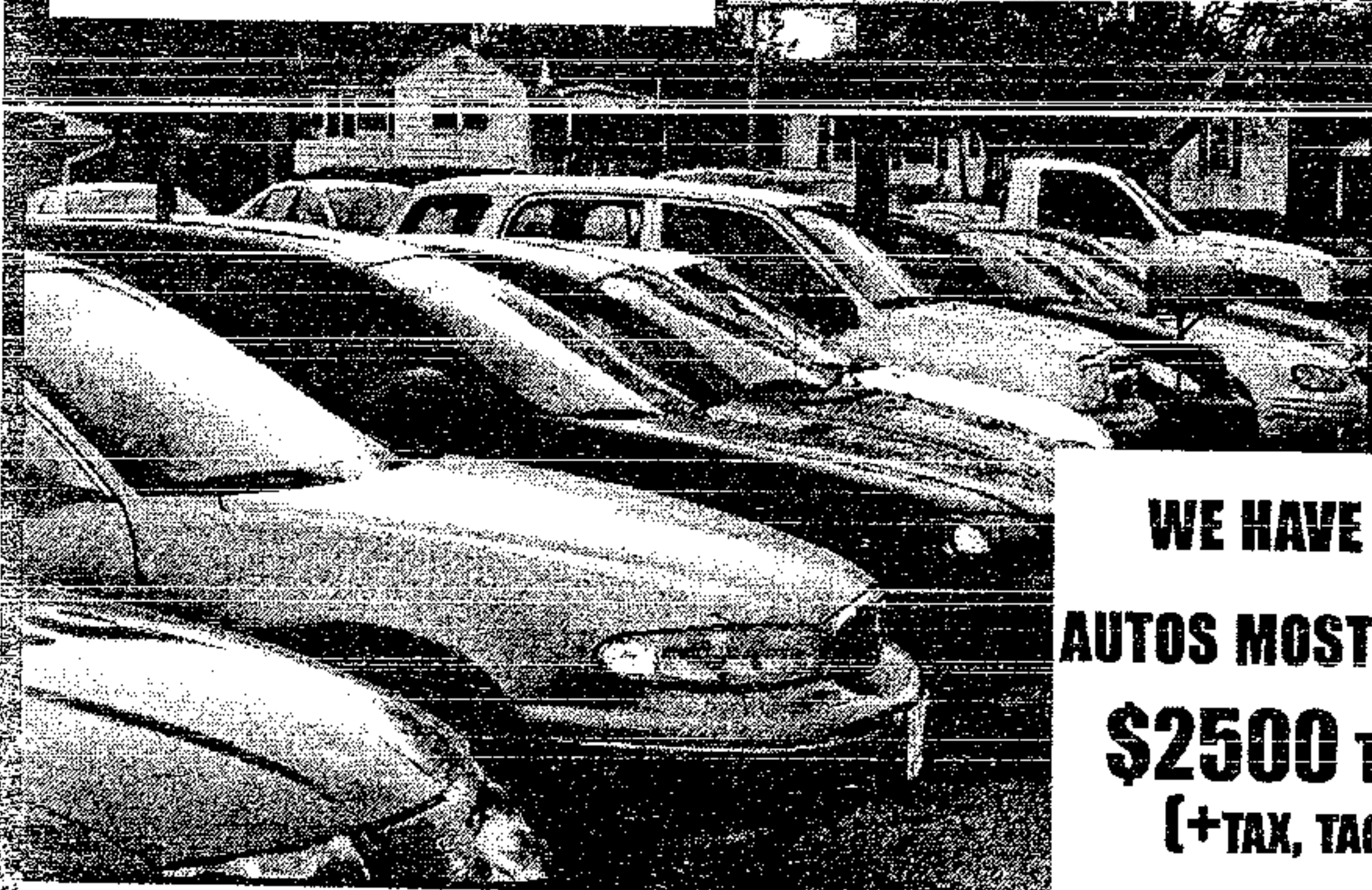
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