

Daily Edition

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Thursday, December 2, 2010

LC man charged in auto burglary

Detective Jonathan Sartin charged a local man with the late November burglary of a Lenoir City resident's vehicle in which a .38 Smith & Wesson was stolen.

Charly Jasper McCroskey, 28, Norwood Street, Lenoir City was charged with auto burglary and theft over \$500.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about November 27th, 2010, Charly Jasper McCroskey went to Chestnut Ridge Subdivision in Lenoir City. McCroskey and two oth-

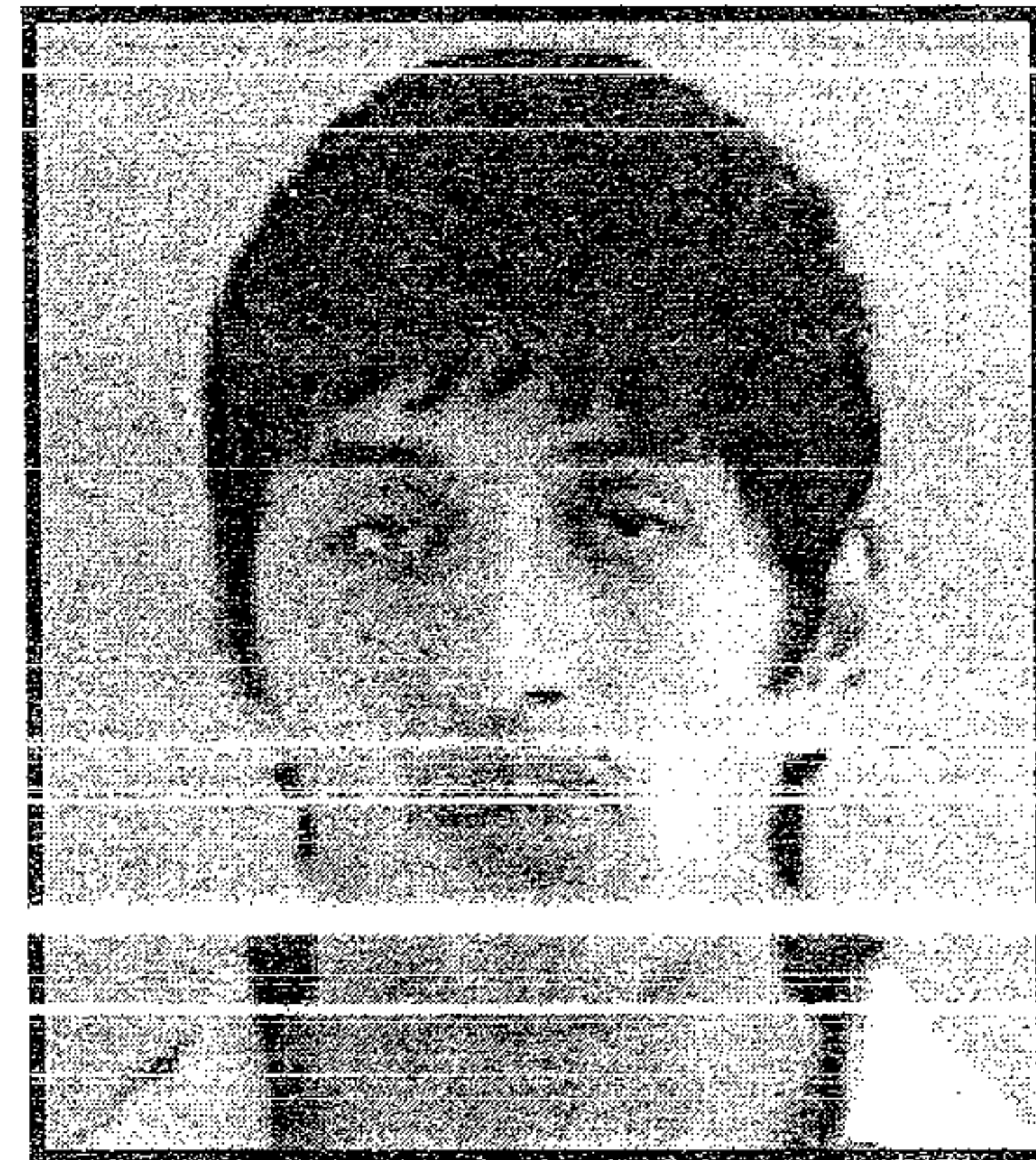


(see McCroskey pg. 5) McCroskey

Smashed teen, smashed car, smashed pole; 1 charged

An intoxicated teen was arrested in Loudon after he reportedly crashed his vehicle into a utility pole along Mulberry Street, then took off walking, leaving behind a heavily damaged vehicle and pole.

Israel Gonzalez 'Izzy' Martinez, 19, West Broadway, Lenoir City was charged with underage DUI 1st offense and leaving the scene of an ac-



(see Martinez pg. 3) Martinez

Intoxicated teen nearly runs over youth in front of deputy

A Philadelphia teen was arrested after she nearly hit a child with her vehicle in front of officials who were investigating a fight call. Once stopped, the allegedly intoxicated driver told police she had dropped her phone just before she nearly struck the child. She also had a toddler in her vehicle.

Laken Suzanne Russell, 18, Sunnyside Road, Philadelphia was charged with underage



(see Russell pg. 4) Russell

Louis Vuitton, Mastercard, more stolen in car burglary

A local woman reportedly told police her unlocked vehicle was parked in her driveway

when thieves broke into and made off with her laptop computer, credit cards and Louis

(see Stolen pg. 6)

Driver intoxicated, passenger unconscious after I-75 wreck

When authorities arrived at the scene of a one vehicle accident along I-75 Friday, troop-

ers reported finding a passenger was unconscious from the crash and the driver was intox-

(see Wreck pg. 4)

Jewelry, check missing

An elderly Loudon County man called authorities Saturday when he and his grand-

daughters discovered jewelry and an old check missing from

(see Missing pg. 6)

Verse of the Day

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and

it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

Matthew 5:14-15

Obituaries

Judith Easter Berry

Phillip Knouse

Wazzup

The white and brown

mama dog with black around her right eye has made it to the Food City shopping center on Highway 72. We hope the young lady who was trying to coax her was able to get her. She's

still skittish, and won't let anyone touch her, but appears to be doing okay on her northward journey....

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High 49. Winds W at 5

to 10 mph.

Tonight: A few clouds. Low 28. Winds light and variable.

Friday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s

(see More pg. 2)

Martinez

cident with property damage.

According to records, Thursday, at approximately 6:15 AM, Officer Samuel Harrison, LPD came in contact with Mr. Martinez, who was

walking in the alleyway behind the Pro Maintenance business on Mulberry Street in Loudon. Martinez had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and breath and advised the officer he had been drinking Budweiser

beer at a friend's house.

Mr. Martinez said he was walking to another friend's house, but could not advise exactly where it was.

Upon investigating further, Officer Harrison discovered Israel Martinez had actually been involved in a motor vehicle accident moments earlier

on Mulberry Street just north of the NAPA Auto Parts Store where he struck a utility pole while traveling south on Mulberry, causing major damage to his 1999 Dodge Intrepid and to the utility pole.

The Intrepid was located in the parking lot of NAPA Auto Parts.

Mr. Martinez performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was placed under arrest. Once in custody, he was read the implied consent law and con-

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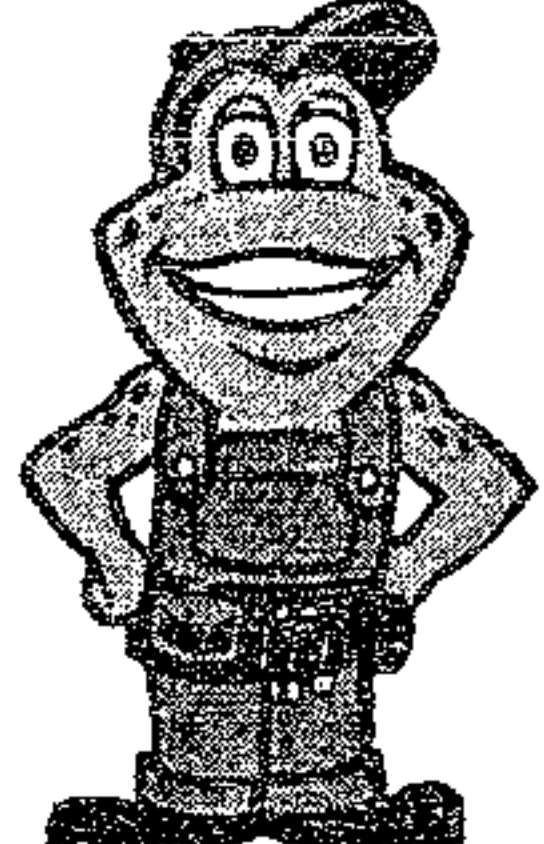
sent to a breath test. His BAC was 0.05%. The legal limit for underage DUI is 0.02%. Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was also on the scene.

No License

Ivan Nieves-Castaneda, 28, Kingsley Drive, Harrogate was charged with no drivers license.

According to reports, Mr. Castaneda was involved in a motor vehicle accident Wednesday, around 12:32 PM on Highway 321 at Courtyard Plaza. A check of his license came back expired.


Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.



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Judith Easter Berry - 66 of Loudon, passed away suddenly at her home. Judith was an employee for the state of Tennessee and preceded in death by parents, Jesse Hugh "Jack" Easter & Edith Rucker Easter. Survivors: daughter & son in law, Holly & Brad Seaton; two grandchildren, Jacee & Bryce Seaton of Oklahoma; several aunts, uncles & cousins. Funeral services 8 p.m. Wednesday Loudon Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Jon Henson officiating. Interment 11 a.m. Thursday Corinth Cemetery. Visitation 5-8 p.m. Wednesday Loudon Funeral Home. www.loudonfuneralhome.net

Phillip Knouse, age 73 of the Tellico Village Community died on Monday, November 29th at Parkwest Medical Center after a long, courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Phillip was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Ethel Knouse of Garnett, KS and brothers Jack and Bill Knouse. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joyce and daughters and sons-in-law; Kathryn and David Ramp of Hampton, IL and Linda and Michael Batten of Indianapolis, IN. Phillip was a graduate of the University of Kansas where he received an ROTC scholarship. He served 4 years as a naval officer on ships on the east and west coasts. He received his masters degree in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California. In addition to his career in engineering, he also taught electronics technology at Black Hawk College in Moline, IL and Virginia Highlands

College in Abingdon, VA. During retirement, he and his wife taught computer classes on board cruise ships. Phillip loved traveling, gardening, bridge and was an active member of the Community Church at Tellico Village. The family wishes to give special thanks to the Fifth Floor Oncology nurses and staff at Parkwest Medical Center and the Palliative Care and Hospice nurses and staff. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Church at Tellico Village. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Christian Life Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Community Church at Tellico Village, 130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774. Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of Phillip Knouse.

Russell

DUI, driving on revoked 1st offense, and child endangerment.

According to reports, Thursday, around 6:09 PM, Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO was dispatched to the area of Sunnyside Road to a possible fight. When he arrived in the area, he stopped in front of a residence on Sunnyside and spoke to a juvenile male in the street to ask if he had heard anyone fighting. About that time, Deputy Butler noticed a red Ford Co-

dal come over the hill at a high rate of speed and almost strike the juvenile right in front of him.

The officer activated his blue lights and stopped the vehicle at the intersection. The driver was Laken Russell. The lawman told her she almost struck the juvenile and she replied she dropped her phone.

Ms. Russell had slurred speech and was asked if she had been drinking or taking medication. At first she said no and then she said yes, she took three xanax. Russell performed poorly on all field sobriety tasks.

Deputy Butler ran Ms. Russell's drivers license through TDOS. Her driving status came back revoked. She also

had a two year old child in a safety seat in the back seat of her vehicle. Ms. Russell's actions placed the child at risk of serious injury and or death.

Russell was read the implied consent advisement, but refused to submit a blood sample.

Wreck

icated. Both went to the hospital, then the driver went to jail.

Isaias E. Guichapa, 27, Vale Street, Loudon was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to records, Friday, around 5:12 AM, Mr. Guichapa was involved in a one vehicle, two passenger wreck with injury on Interstate 75 South at the 76 mile marker.

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Guichapa's Ford Mustang was unconscious due to the impact of the crash. Both were transported by EMS to UT Medical Center.

During the crash investigation follow-up, Mr. Guichapa had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and admitted to consuming four mixed drinks prior to driving.

Alternate field sobriety tasks were conducted. Mr. Guichapa could not perform the tasks as instructed. He was read the mandatory implied consent blood draw.

After being released from UT, Guichapa was transported to the Loudon County Jail. Trooper Eric Miller, THP, made the arrest.

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& Wesson pistol from the vehicle without permission or knowledge of the owner.

No other charges had been filed at the time of the report.

Police Beat

Douglas Edward Branum,

26, Finley Drive, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation out of Roane County and was cited for a seatbelt violation and driving on suspended license.

Officer Brandon Gentry,

LCPD made the arrest Friday.

Joanna Dawn Burger, 37, Highway 95 North, Lenoir City was charged with harassment.

Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday.

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Broken

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According to records, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSO responded to an auto burglary at a residence on Sandy Shore Drive in Lenoir City Saturday. The victim, Mrs. Donna G. Rhyne told the officer she parked her 2003 Jaguar in her driveway on Thursday night around 10:45 PM, and on Saturday at 4:50 PM, she noticed her gray Sony Vaio laptop, a brown Louis Vuitton computer bag, two Mastercards, one Visa, and one small Louis Vuitton ID wallet had been taken out of it.

Rhyne advised the vehicle was unlocked when the burglary occurred. The total estimated value of the loss

was \$1575. The burglary is under investigation.

Missing

his residence.

According to reports, Deputy Steve Helm, LCSO was dispatched to a theft call on Buttermilk Road Saturday, at approximately 7:20 PM. The 72 year old complainant advised he and his granddaughters found jewelry missing from a jewelry box after their 94 year old grandmother noticed a watch was missing.

A check, out of an old checkbook on a account that was closed in 1996, was also missing.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$340.

An antique diamond wedding band, with one of the diamonds missing, was also sto-

len, but the value of the ring was unknown. The case was assigned to a investigator.

Police Beat

Freddie Walter Latham, 36, Thomas Weaver Road, Knoxville, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday at the Knox County Jail.

Edward Gene Mas-sengill Jr., 21, Afton, Tennessee was charged with violation of probation out of Greene County.

Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

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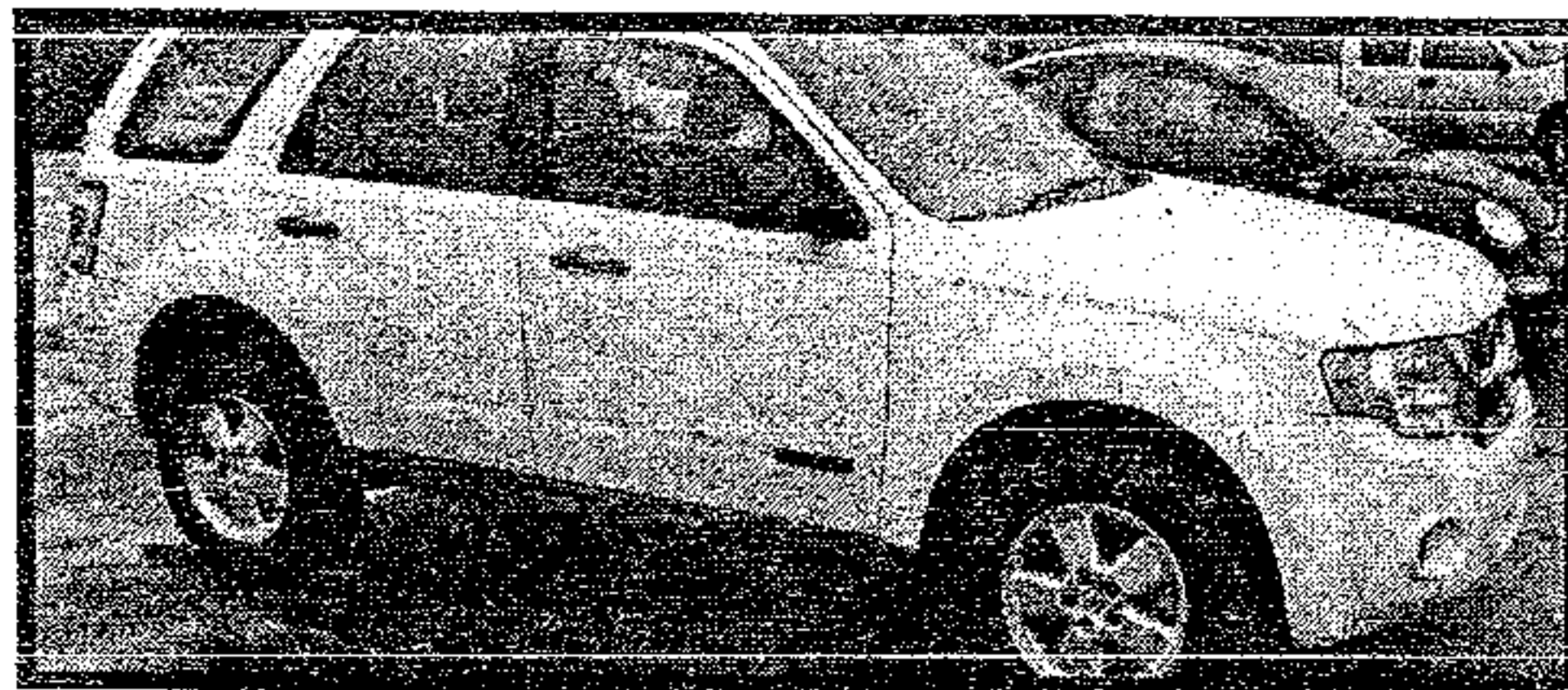
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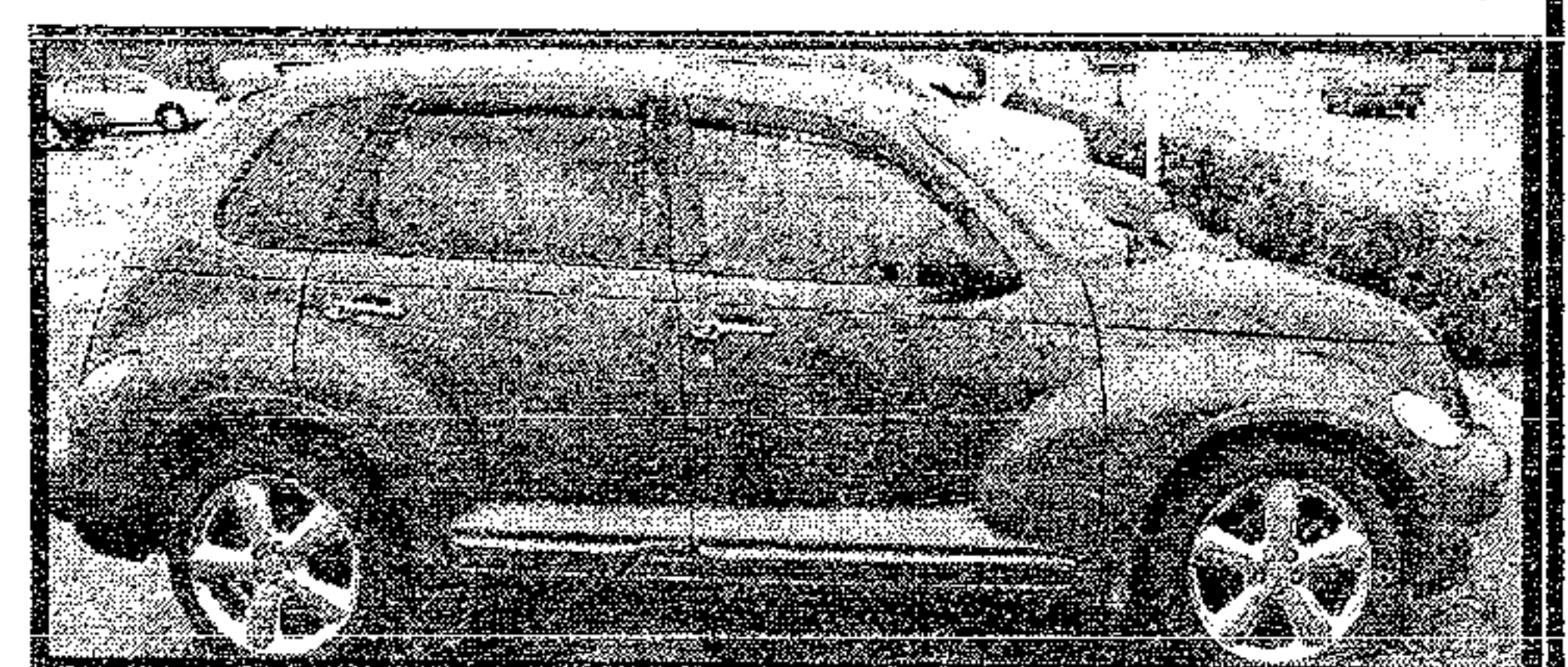
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