

Daily Edition

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Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Man with exploiting teen girls, aggravated statutory rape charges also filed

Investigator Jeff Russell charged a Maryville man with exploiting two teen girls and having sexual relations with them following an investigation into allegations he took them to a location in Greenback in late November where he photographed them nude.

Desmond Durant Smith, 27, Calderwood Highway, Maryville was charged with sexual exploitation of a minor x 2, and aggravated statutory rape.

According to affidavits filed by Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID; on December 10th, 2010, Desmond Smith was charged with two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor. While interviewing information revealed there were several nude pictures of a 15 year old female in Mr. Smith's laptop computer.

A search warrant was issued for the computer

(see Smith pg. 7) **Smith**



Update: Decatur woman gets more charges



Lawrence

A Decatur woman charged in recent days with possession of methamphetamine received additional charges when officers

(see Lawrence pg. 7)

Couple charged with shoplifting

An area couple was taken into custody after they allegedly ate stolen cotton candy and took merchandise from Walmart without paying for it Friday evening.

Josh Randall Watson, 29, Railroad Road, Madisonville, and Rebecca Diane Arp, 25, Lakeside Road, Vonore, were charged with theft under \$500.

According to records, Friday around 6:40 PM, an Asset Protection employee of Walmart

(see Couple pg. 3)



Watson



Arp

Cast & Crew needed for film

Nashville -- Tennessee's own Curt Hahn (CEO of Film House) and Hunter Atkins (Chairman of Bank of Nashville - a division of Synovus Financial Corporation) are teaming up to produce the theatrical feature film Deadline, based on the novel "Grievances" by prize-winning author Mark Ethridge.

Set in Nashville and Alabama, Deadline is a courtroom thriller inspired by a true story.

(see Cast & Crew pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

"Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright

shall be blessed."

Psalm 112:1-2

Obituaries

Timothy (Tim) "The Bread Man" Jones Selmer Maynard Kathleen (Hughes) Hudson

Wazzup

Congratulations to Amanda and Hobie on the birth of your new baby daughter, McKenzie!

Weather

Today: Considerable

cloudiness with occasional rain showers. High 44. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Tonight: Showers in the evening, then cloudy overnight. Low

near 35. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 30%.

Wednesday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.

(see More pg. 2)

Couple

saw Ms. Arp and Mr. Watson eating cotton

candy, which hadn't been paid for. Watson had also concealed a knife set and a flash-

light in his hoodie.

Ms. Arp went to the grocery side and left, passing all points of sale. She was banned from Walmart back in 2006, due to a shoplifting conviction.

Mr. Watson was stopped by Mr. Lane and held in front of the store for law enforcement to arrive, but at some point, he took off out the door. He was

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later found in front of the store by officers.

Watson had already given up the knife set to Mr. Lane inside the store before he tried to get away.

Officer Jason Felts, LCPD made the arrests.

No License

Mario Crispin Funes Cifuentes, 42, West Third Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a li-

cense.

According to reports, Wednesday, around 5:47 PM, Officer Allen Bean, LCPD stopped a green Toyota Corolla on Highway 321 for an expired registration.

The driver, Mr. Cifuentes, admitted he didn't have a license.

Officer Bean checked TIES and NCIC and discovered Mr. Cifuentes did not have a valid license.

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Transportation Committee Meeting
 Lenoir City Transportation Committee will meet at City Hall, in the small conference room, on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting will be continued discussion of the City's various transportation projects and their respective progress.
 Thank you.

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Cast & Crew

Ethridge adapted the screenplay, working with Hahn, who will direct the film for Transcendent, the feature film subsidiary of Film House. Deadline tells the story of the murder of an African-American youth in rural Alabama that has gone unpunished, unsolved and uninvestigated for nearly twenty years. But that changes when Nashville reporter Matt Harper meets an idealistic young woman bent on discovering the

truth. Harper undertakes the investigation despite the opposition of his publisher, violent threats from mysterious forces, a break-up with his fiancée and his father's cancer diagnosis. Deadline is a story of murder, family, race, and of redemption — for a small Southern town and for Matt Harper.

Deadline will be shot entirely in Tennessee and released theatrically with support from Nashville-based Panda Fund, which provides prints and advertising (P&A) funding for

outstanding independent films. The Panda Fund's Chip Murray will work with Hahn and Atkins to design the film's marketing and release strategy. Molly Mayeux and Hahn are producing Deadline. Film House president Ron Routson is executive producing with Atkins and Hahn.

The project is expected to qualify for a 32 percent refund of qualified expenses incurred in the state through a combination of incentives offered by the

Film Commission and the Tennessee Department of Revenue. The incentive programs exist to encourage the film and television industries to expand in Tennessee and to assist with job creation for local residents. To qualify for both programs at least \$1 million must be spent by the production on Tennessee residents and Tennessee vendors. Before incentive payments can be released the production financials will be audited.

Due to participation in the incentive program, the production is aiming to hire local residents for an estimated 97 percent of the film's crew and 90 percent of the film's cast, and a significant number of local Tennessee companies also stand

to benefit directly as a result of the project.

Interested TN crew - contact Debbie Estes at debbieestes@filmhouse.com

Interested TN talent - contact Holly Allen (casting director) at hollyallen@filmhouse.com

For more information on the project visit www.DeadlineFilm.com.

Police Beat

Brandon Michael Rankin, 19, Hickory Creek Road, Lenoir City was charged with driving on suspended license.

According to records, Tuesday, at approximately 3:33 AM, Deputy James R. Bowman, LCSO stopped a white Jeep Cherokee on Hickory Creek Road. The driver, Mr. Rankin, was not wearing a seat belt.

NCIC revealed Rankin's drivers license were suspended.

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Larence

found more drugs in her wallet when they looked for her credit card for a bandsman.

Tina Marie Lawrence, 45, Valley Circle Drive, Decatur, Tennessee was charged with possession of legend drug without a prescription.

The report states, Friday, around 11:58 AM, Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSO was looking for a credit card for the

bondsman and pulled Ms. Lawrence's property bin out of the property room at the jail. The officer was looking in a purple wallet, opened a zipper compart-

ment and discovered a clear plastic baggy containing a white powdery substance, three white round pills with GG 255 marked on them identified as promethazine hydrochloride for prescription only, and two half white pills.

Narcotics Investigator Marty Stanley was notified and later came down to take pictures and seize the evidence. Investigator Stanley field tested the white

powdery substance and it showed positive for methamphetamine.

Police Beat

Heather Ann Pitts, 25, and Jimmy Derek Henderson, 27, Town-

creek Circle, Lenoir City were charged with violation of probation.

Officer Brandon

Gentry, LCPD made the arrests on 5th Avenue, Friday.

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City Council Meeting Cancellation

The Lenoir City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 27, 2010 has been cancelled due to the Holidays. City Council will meet again, in regular session, on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. Happy Holidays to you and your family from the City of Lenoir City!

Thank you.

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Smith

and it's contents. During the search of the computer, it was found that Desmond Smith had several nude pictures of one 15 year old and two

of another 15 year old juvenile female on his computer.

Upon interviewing the two young females it was discovered Smith took a picture of the two girls,

who were nude and in his vehicle.

Smith allegedly also had oral sex with one of the 15 year old females in a Blazer belonging to a family member after they

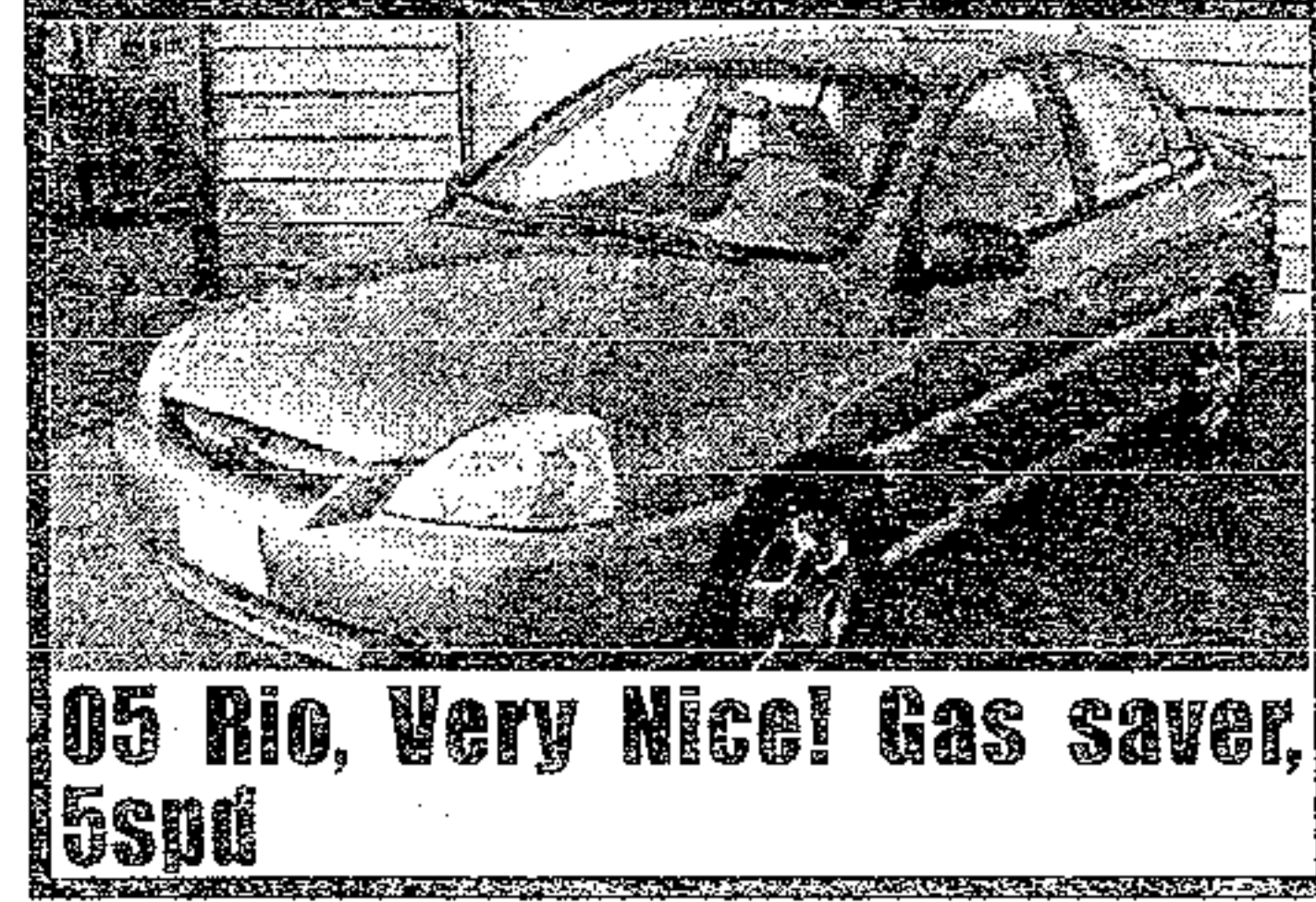
parked in a abandoned house trailer lot in Greenback on Highway 411.

Smith reportedly stated he had knowledge of the victim's age. The other 15 year old female was

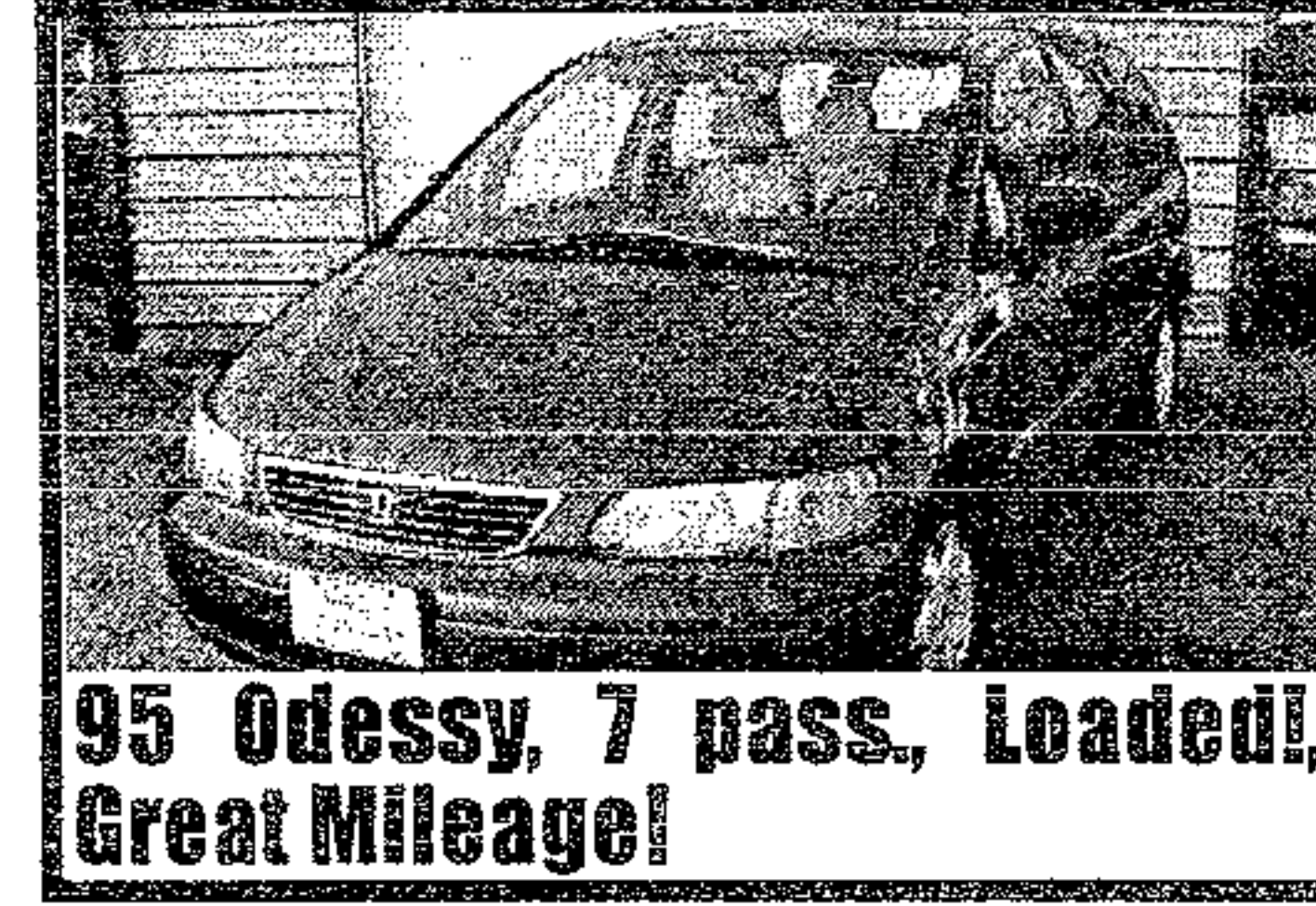
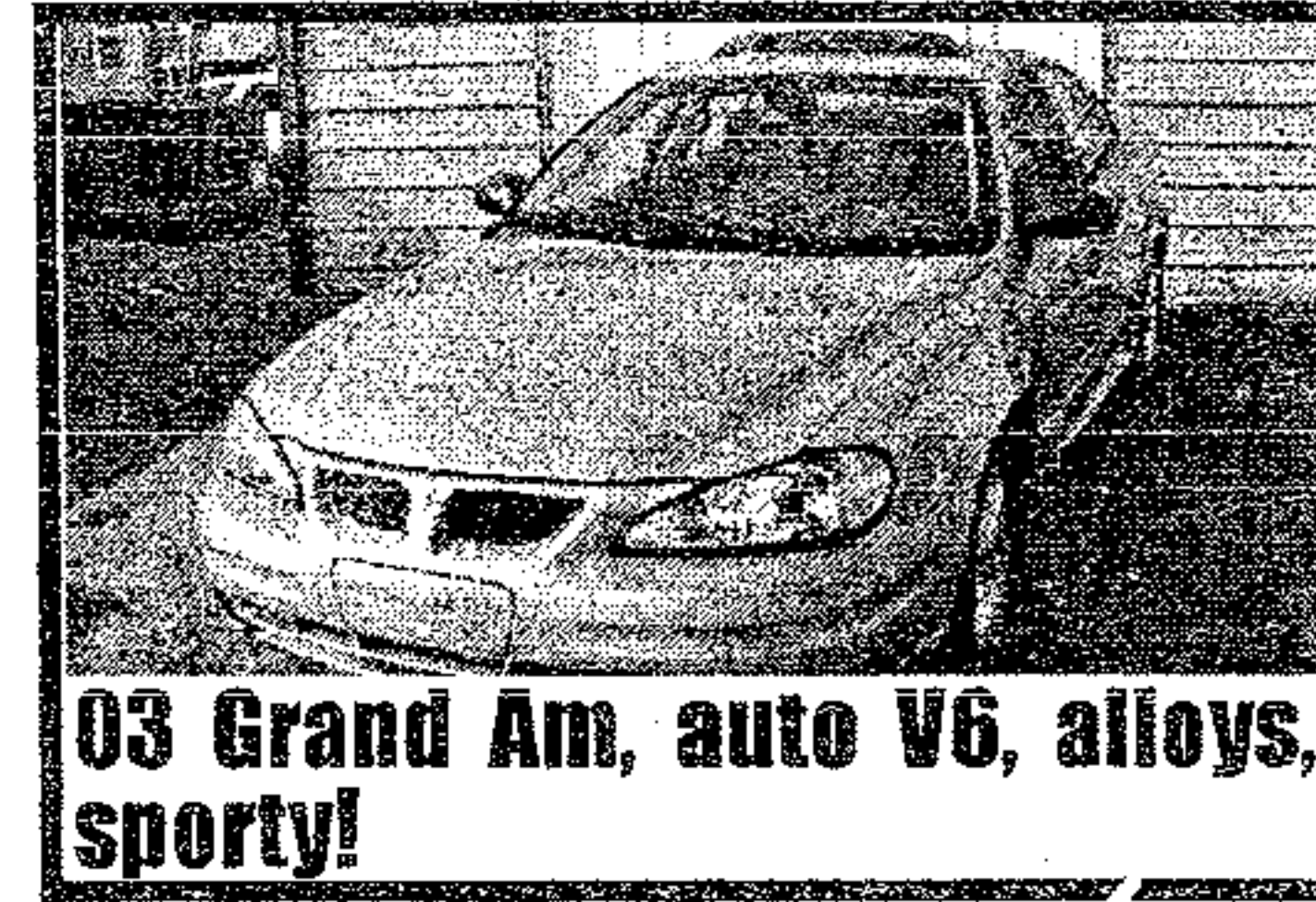
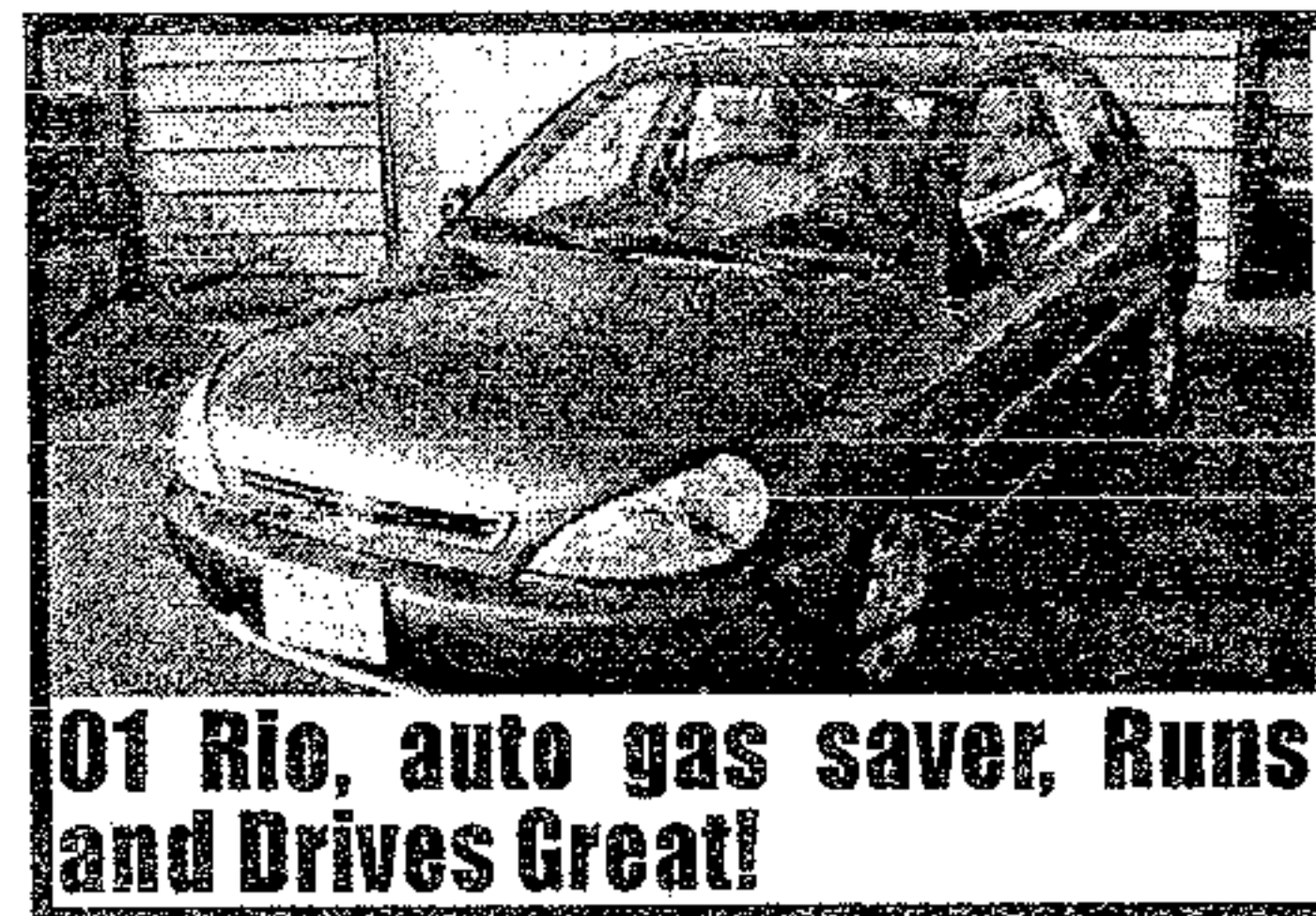
present during the act.

These events happened on November 26th, 2010. Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO served the warrants and made the arrest Saturday at the Blount County Jail.

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