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Monday, November 24, 2014

Woman flees scene of wreck with injury

A local woman was charged after fleeing the scene of an accident where the driver of the other vehicle was injured. The woman didn't stop to even check on the victim and was followed before being detained.

Lori McGaha, 37, Martel Road Lenoir

(see DUI pg. 3)



Lori McGaha

Child Pornography Case Results in Lengthy Prison Sentences Couple Abused Child in Their Care

It was a horrific instance of child sexual exploitation that went on for approximately three years. But in the end, Patricia and Matthew Ayers—who pled guilty to crimes against a child in their custody—were recently sentenced to an astonishing 2,340 years collectively behind bars (1,590 for her, 750 for him).

The federal judge who handed down those sentences told the defendants, "I have been on the bench since 1998 and this is the

worst case I have personally dealt with. ... You robbed this child of her childhood and her soul, and a maximum sentence is the only sentence appropriate."

The case began in Alabama in December 2012, when a friend of the Ayers contacted local authorities after seeing digital pornographic pictures of a child that were provided to him by Patricia Ayers. The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at the Ayers' residence in Florence

(see FBI pg. 5)

Steaks stolen from local stores



Abby Duggan

(See Theft pg. 2)

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoo

The Best Day Ever



I am writing to you on Monday, November 17, 2014, from my living room in Helena, Montana. I realize that it will be days before these words are published and read by others but today is a special day for me, and I am excited to share with you the reason.

Twenty-seven years ago today I was a sixteen year old boy sitting on the back row of a one room church just off

Hotchkiss Valley Road during a Monday night revival. Yes, it was the little wooden church near the overpass that had an outhouse!

I can clearly recall our older, white haired pastor preaching on the eternal consequences of rejecting Jesus Christ. His name escapes me, but the message God gave him pierced my

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Loudon County Toys for Tots Sponsors Needed

Due to an increased number of applications and a decreased number of sponsors, the Loudon County Sheriff's Office is asking for businesses, churches, Sunday School classes, other groups, or even individuals to consider "adopting" children from the Toys for Tots

list. Currently there are about 75 names that have not been taken and that means 75 Loudon County children between the ages of 1 and 13 that face a dismal Christmas. To adopt names, contact Debbie Hines at the Sheriff's Office 865-986-4823, Monday – Friday 8-4

Verse of the Day

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Je-

sus Christ. — Ephesians 5:19-20

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Happy Birthday to Larry at Advanced Transmission, Hope it

was a great one!

Weather

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 62F.
Tonight Partly cloudy skies. Low around 35F.
Tuesday Sunshine and some clouds. High 52F.
Tuesday Night Some clouds

early will give way to generally clear conditions overnight. Low 29F.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21
Your thoughts are so loud today that you might believe everyone can actually

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Theft

Abby Duggan, 35, Homeless, was charged with Theft of Property x2. Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, made a traffic stop on Abby for a license plate light warning. During the traffic stop Officer noticed several packages of steaks from Walmart and Food City. It was determined

that the items were stolen and Abby was placed under arrest. Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, made the arrest.

Police beat

Michael Green, 33, Mt. View Road Sweetwater, was charged with Failure to Appear. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, served a FTA Warrant on Michael at the Monroe

CO Line and transported to Loudon Jail.

Goldie Heiple, 28, Cynthia Lane Knoxville, was charged with Contempt of Court. Deputy Cody Bengel LCSO, served a Contempt Warrant on Goldie at the Knox Co Jail and transported to Loudon Jail.

Margaret Chambers, 58, Browder Hollow Rd Lenoir City, was charged with Violation of Probation.

Deputy Mike Watkins LCSO, arrested Margaret on a VOP Warrant at Hwy 11 @ United Grocery and transported to Loudon Jail.

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DUI

City, was charged with DUI, Leaving the Scene of Accident Property Damage, Violation of Implied Consent.. Deputy JC Schultz LCSO, responded to w wreck with injury call where one party fled the scene at Hwy 11@ Muddy Creek. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the other driver who followed the driver that fled the scene in front of Lee Hights Church. Both vehicle was moved to the church parking lot. The driver that fled was identified as Lori McGaha. The other driver was taken to Ft. Loudon Hospital to be checked. Lori was given sobriety test and did poorly and stated to Deputy that she had taken Gabapentin and Zanax on this date. Deputy JC. Schultz LCSO, made the arrest.

TWO PLEAD GUILTY IN FEDERAL EXTORTION CASE INVOLVING FORMER EAST TENNESSEE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - On Nov. 21, 2014, Robert E. Cummings, 61, of Knox County, Tenn., and Benito D. Lopez, 62, of Knox County

pleaded guilty to attempting to commit extortion under color of official right. Sentencing for Cummings was set for 1:00 p.m., on Mar. 23, 2015. Sentencing for Lopez was set for 9:00 a.m., on Mar. 30, 2015. Each faces a maximum of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervision by the U.S. Probation office upon release from prison.

Under "color of official right," a public official obtains a payment to which he or she is not entitled, believing that the money is being given to him or her in return for taking, withholding, or influencing official action. Cummings was a former University of Tennessee Police Officer. Lopez was a former TVA Police Officer.

Both Cummings and Lopez were indicted earlier this month by a federal grand jury,

along with three other former or current law enforcement officers: Jimmy W. Douglas, 43, of Knox County, a former Deputy Sheriff for Knox County Sheriff's Office; Samuel T. Hardy, Jr., 42, of Knox County, a former Deputy Sheriff for Knox County Sheriff's Office; and David L. Joyner, 44, of Sevier County, a detec-

tive with the Pigeon Forge Police Department. Another former officer involved in the scheme previously pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to an information charging him with violations of the Hobbs Act. Douglas, Hardy and Joyner have all entered not guilty pleas and are await- (see Extortion ctd. pg. 5)

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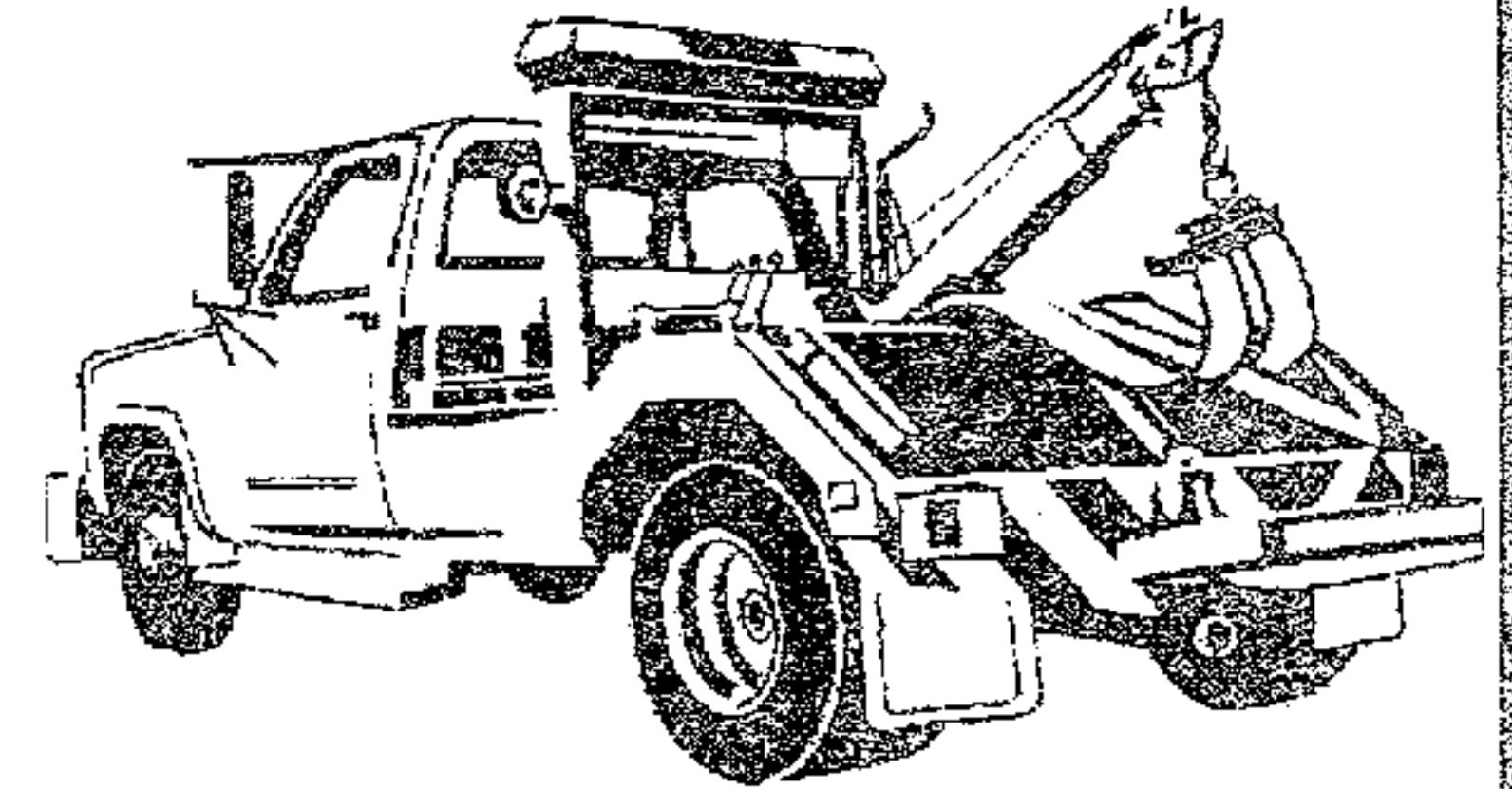
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FBI and seized computers, cell phone, cameras, and electronic storage media devices. Patricia Ayers—who admitted taking the

images of the child, initially claiming they were taken for the purposes of documenting a rash—was arrested.

Found among the thousands of pornographic im-

ages on the seized devices were pictures of Matthew Ayers and the young victim engaged in sexual acts—he was then arrested by local authorities as well.

In early January 2013, Lauderdale authorities requested the Bureau's assistance, and our Florence Resident Agency (out of the FBI Birmingham Field Office) opened a federal child pornography investigation.

Another search warrant was served at the Ayers' residence to locate and document items seen in the child pornography images suspected of being produced in the home. A previous address that the Ayers occupied was also searched—with the consent of the current homeowners—and law enforcement identified wallpaper in that house as the same wallpaper visible in some of the images.

During the course of the investigation, an agent from our Dallas Field Office who was working another child pornography matter was able to connect his case—and his subject—to Patricia Ayers through an automated search of FBI records. Among other links, Patricia Ayers had e-mailed the subject of the Dallas case images of child pornography, including pictures of the child in the Ayers' custody. The Ayers were indicted on federal charges in May 2014.

Assisting Bureau agents on the Ayers case was an FBI Computer Analysis and Response Team expert who reviewed all of the digital evidence seized during the search warrants, as well as FBI analysts

who carefully scrutinized every image for clues as to when and where it was taken, what was being shown, and who was pictured.

Also involved were forensic child interviewers from our Office for Victim Assistance at FBI Headquarters, who are specially trained to get young crime victims and witnesses to talk about what they experienced while not traumatizing them any further. And FBI Birmingham's local victim assistance specialist worked with the victim from the beginning of the case through sentencing and beyond, offering much-needed support, some counseling, and additional community resource referrals. The victim—who is believed to have been around 6 years old when the abuse started—is now in the care of family members.

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ing trial in U.S. District Court.

The indictment and subsequent guilty pleas by the these individuals are the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Valley Authority - Office of Inspector General, and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Theodore represents the United States.

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heart like none before or since. God used that pastor, and that message, to invite me into a saving relationship with Jesus.

Although I resisted God's invitation throughout the service, I could not go to bed that evening without admitting that I was lost, confessing that Jesus was truly the risen Savior and inviting Him into my heart. Twenty-seven years ago this evening God wrote my name into the Book of Life in heaven and my eternal destination has been sealed ever since!

It's true that I later wandered from God for quite some time as an adult but God never wandered away from me! He never said, "Sorry Jeff, that last sin is gonna cost you your salvation." I have been

a Christian, a child of the King, since November 17th, 1987 and tonight I praise God for that invitation!

It was absolutely the most important decision that I have ever made. When my life is over, when my days on earth are completed, if it be tonight or forty three more years from now, I know without a doubt that I will then spend eternity with Jesus.

In the last few years I have come to know what a relationship with Jesus looks like and what it feels like to have the Spirit of God dwelling within me throughout the day. A life surrendered to Christ doesn't include dreading tomorrow or being afraid of the many things that "could happen". The Christian life is meant to be filled with the joy of knowing

that Jesus is in control of what happens next and that He desires to use us to reach other people.

When you experience God working through your life to accomplish His work, you come to understand that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. We are invited to have a personal relationship with the One who spoke the world into existence! God wants to be involved in our lives!

If you have never placed your faith in Jesus then you may not understand the joy I am referring to. You may not comprehend the peace and satisfaction that Jesus brings to those who accept Him. If you have never made that decision and God begins to speak to

you about the condition of your soul then I encourage you to respond to Him.

I am proud and excited to share with you that in the floor of my bedroom, with no one else around, at about 10:30 p.m. on November 17th, 1987, after a Monday night revival, JESUS SAVED ME! I confessed to Him that I was lost without Him,

that I believed He gave His life for my sins, that He was raised from the dead and that He is the only way to inherit eternal salvation.... And HE SAVED ME! Right then, right there, at that moment, I became a Christian and have been a Christian every day since then.

What is the condition of your soul today? If

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 your life ended before the sun rose tomorrow, where would you spend eternity? If you have never placed your faith in Jesus then your eternity will not be in heaven. It really is that simple.

If you have wandered from God and no longer experience the joy of your salvation as you once did, take it from one who has been there. Call on Jesus! He will forgive you. He will give you strength to get through whatever

you are facing. He will change your life if you will trust Him. He sure changed mine!

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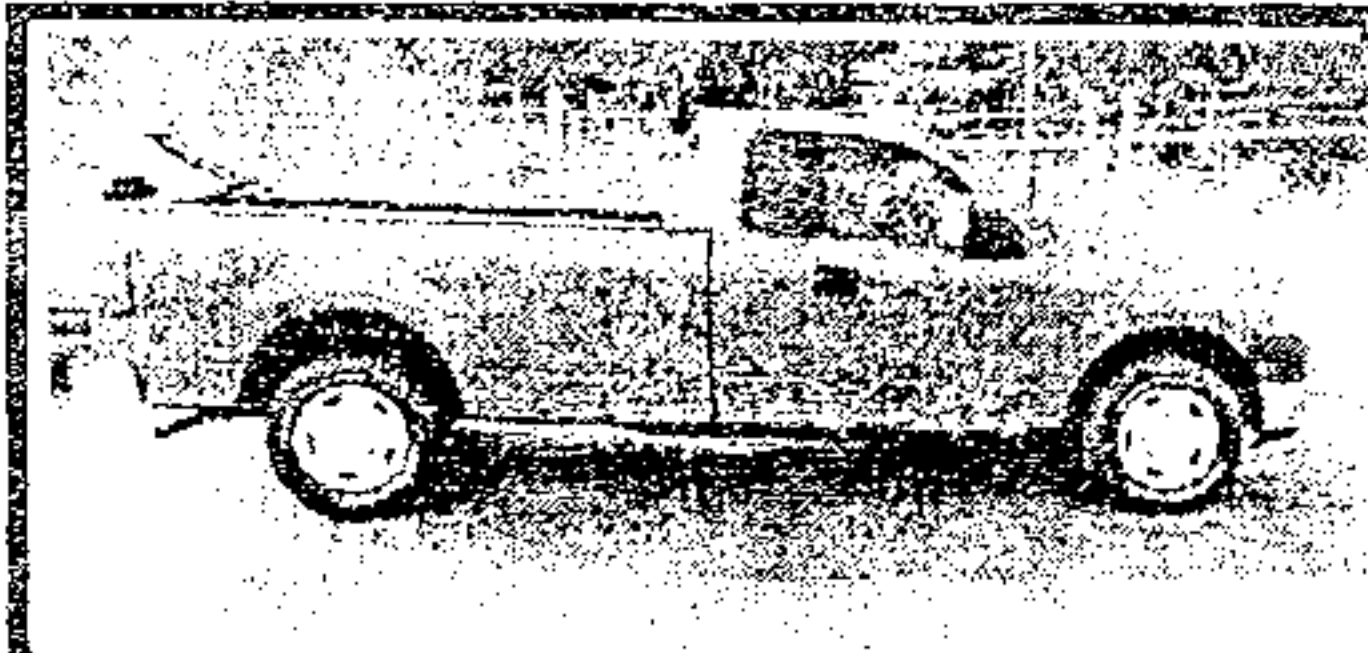
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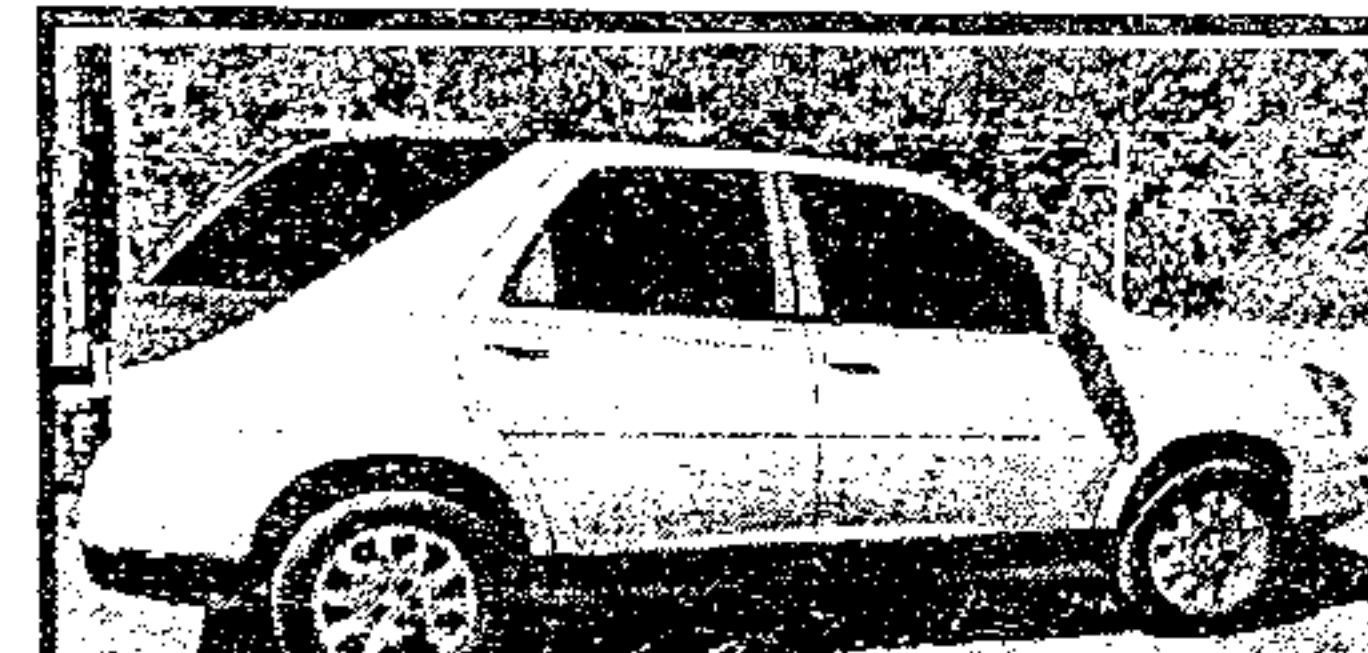
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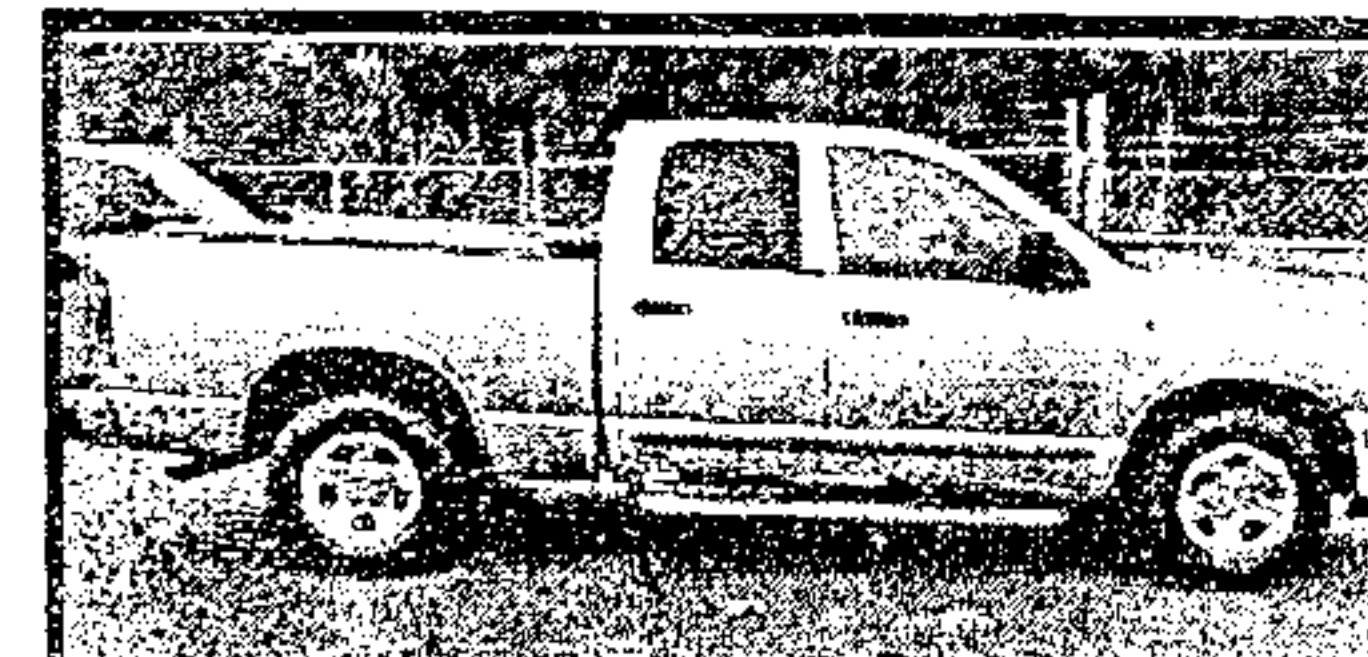
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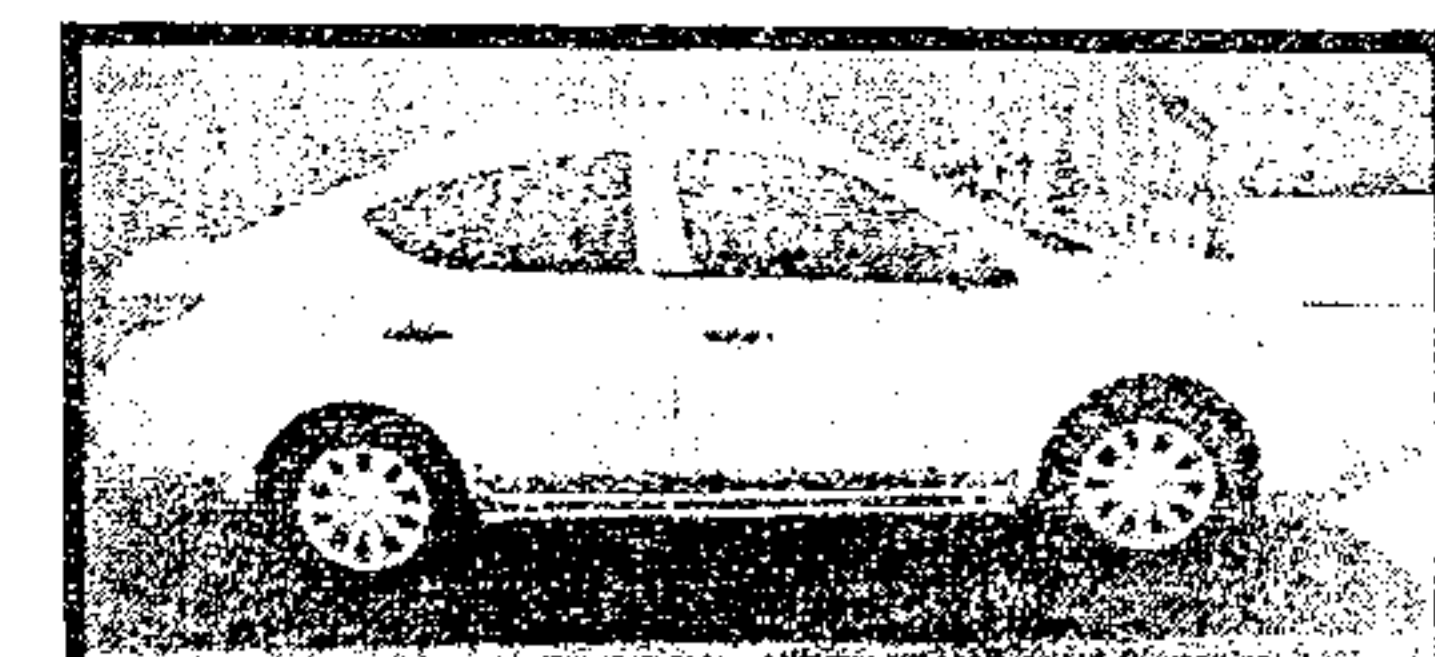
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