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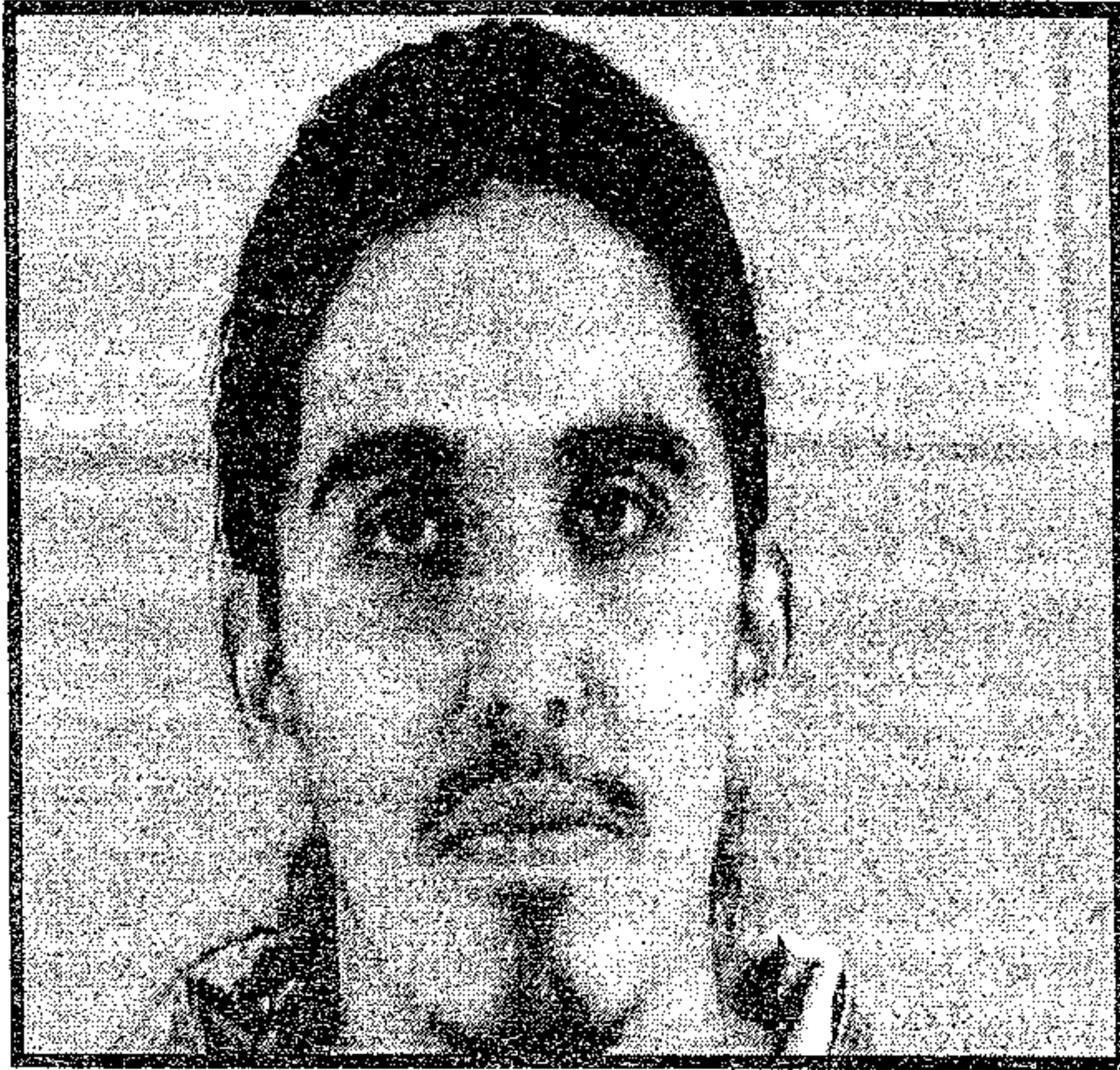
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Friday, November 7, 2014

Two charged after LCSO traffic stop

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Lenning Martinez-Huerta



Andrika Smith

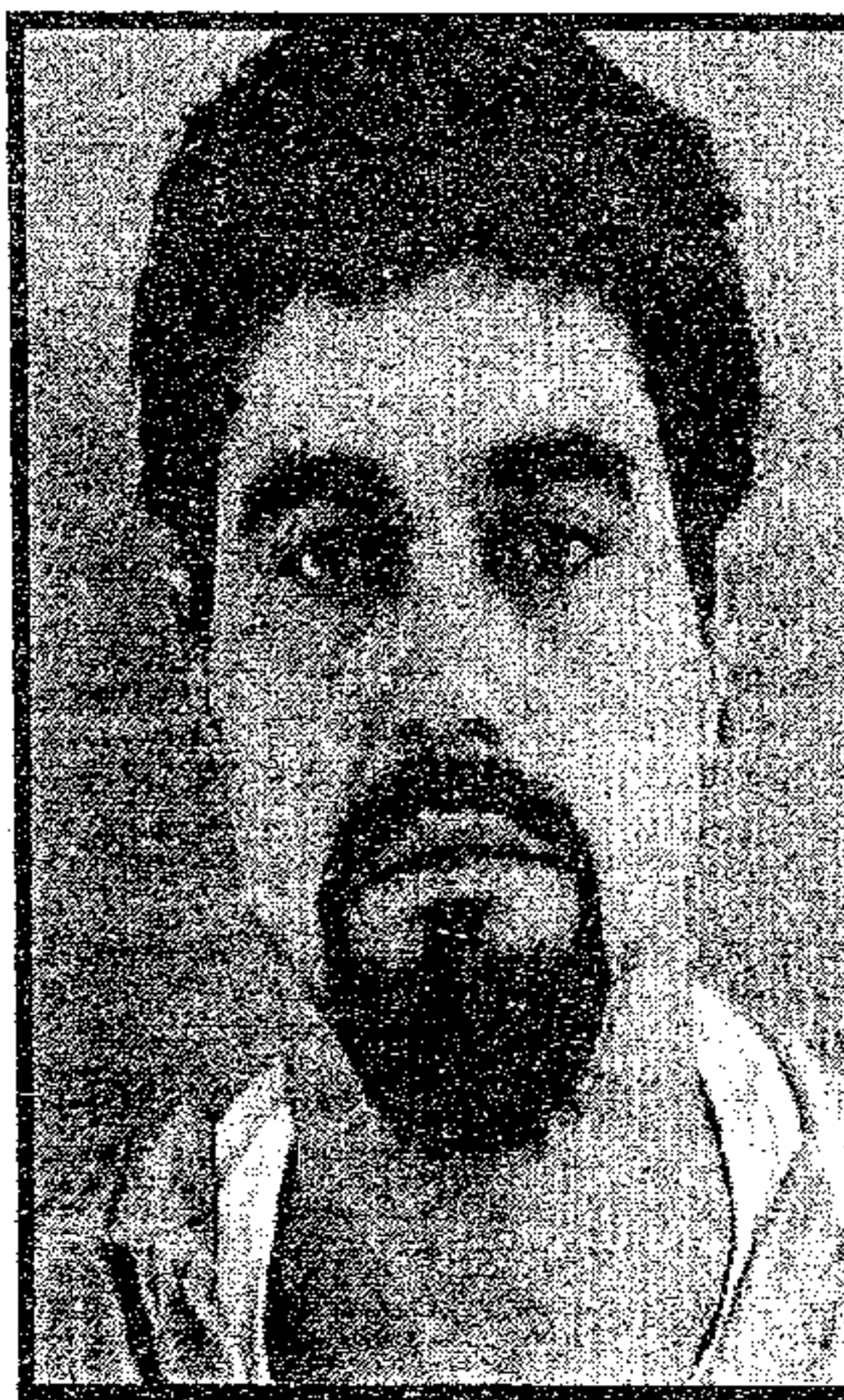
Impersonation attempt doesn't fool deputy



Israel Martinez

(see Impersonation pg. 5)

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Marty Robinson

(See Theft pg. 2)

Needles, a spoon and resisting a bad idea



William Blankenship

(see Resisting pg. 4)

Color of Law

Agent Exposes Civil Rights Crimes in Alabama Prison

There was never any dispute that Rocrast Mack, a 24-year-old serving time on drug charges in a state prison in Alabama, died at the hands of corrections officers in 2010. What wasn't immediately clear was how and why the inmate sustained a lethal beating.

What was known was this: On August 4, 2010, a female corrections officer confronted Mack in his bunk, accused

him of inappropriate behavior, and struck him. Mack retaliated, the officer radioed for help, more officers arrived, and Mack was beaten in three separate prison locations over a 40-minute period. He died the next day from his injuries. Guards claimed Mack was fighting them throughout the ordeal and sustained his fatal injuries in a fall.

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Verse of the Day

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant - not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. — 2 Corinthians 3:6

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

A big shout out to Cracker Barrel, Sure do appreciate all that good jelly with them biscuits, but ya need to add some sugar to the tea, just saying.

Weather

Today: Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. High 53F.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 33F.
Saturday Sunshine and clouds mixed. High near 60F.

Saturday Night Partly to mostly cloudy. Low 38F.
Sunday Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 58F. Low 36F.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Your opponent may be tougher than you think -

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Theft

Marty Robinson, 35, Rutan Road Harriman, was charged with Theft of Property, and Criminal Trespassing. Mart was observed by Walmart Loss Prevention concealing pants, knits hat in a Walmart bag. Then Marty put on a Walls Jacket and left the store without paying for items. Officer Rick Eubanks

LCPD, made the arrest.

Police beat

Christopher Cook, 22, Vale St. Loudon, was charged with Contempt of Court. Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, served Christopher with a Contempt Warrant and transported to Loudon Jail.

Jeremy Bennett, 22, Gayle

Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Failure to Appear. Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, served Jeremy with a FTA Warrant at the Gayle Ave address and transported to Loudon Jail.

Richard Shephard, 30, Benjamin Drive Lenoir City, was

charged with Violation of Probation. Officer Tim Holloway LCPD, arrested Richard at a address on West Broadway for a VOP Warrant and transported to Loudon Jail.

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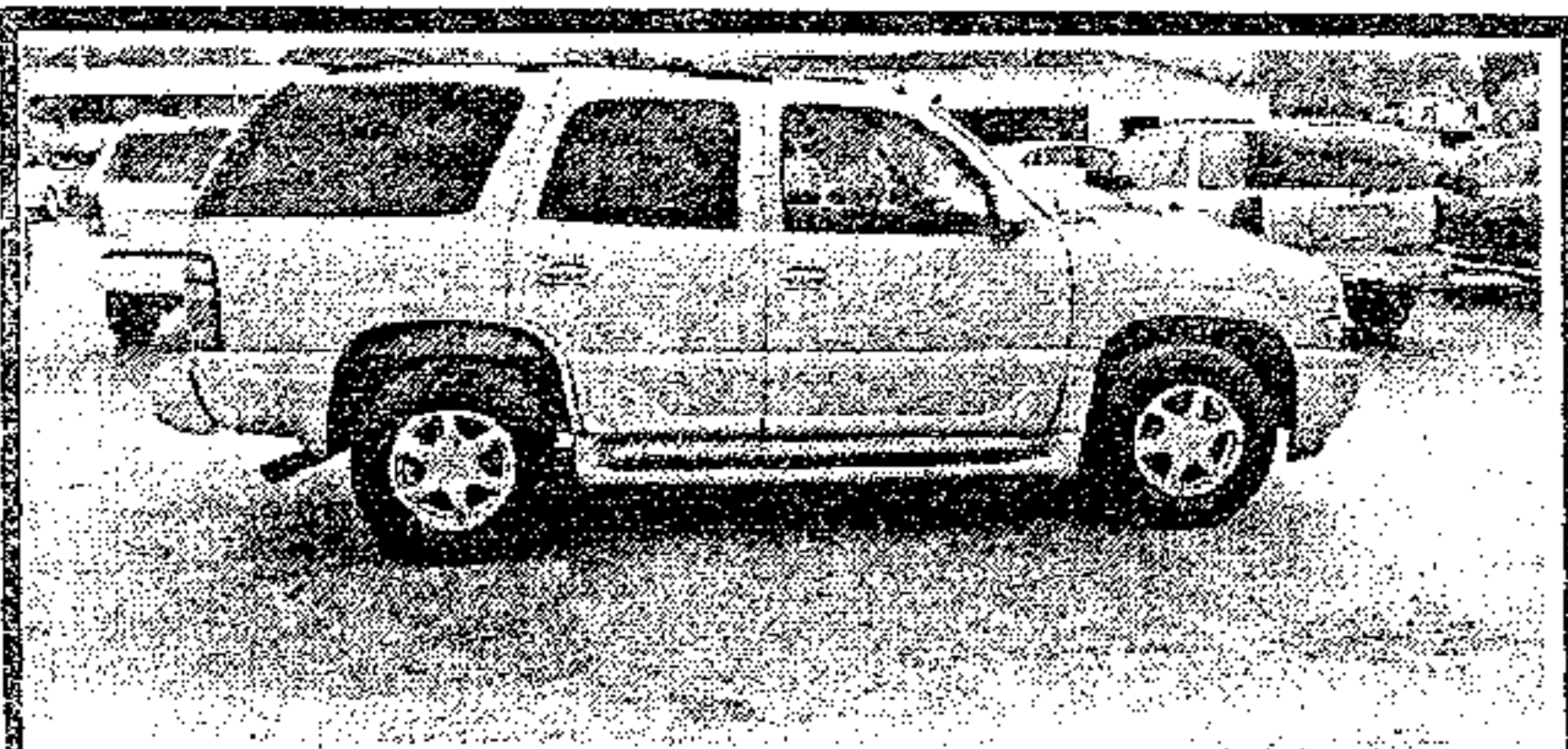
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LCSO

Lenning Martinez-Huerta, 21, Trudy Lane Philadelphia, was charged with Poss. of SCH. II x2, and Poss. of SCH. IV. Drug.

Andrika Smith, 22, Burdett Road Sweetwater, was charged with Poss. of SCH II x2, and SCH. IV Drug.

Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, observed a tan Honda Accord turn from Spring St. onto Hwy. 11 with the driver later identified as Andrika Shaquira Smith and the passenger later identified as Mr. Lenning Javier Huerta Martinez not wearing a seat belts. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on said vehicle for seat-belt violations. After issuing citations Deputy Chris Jenkins asked the owner of the vehicle Miss Smith for a consent to a search of the vehicle. Miss. Smith did give verbal consent to search the vehicle.

During the search between the passenger seat and the center console was a pink purse. Inside of the purse was 3 and

1/2 oval orange pills with markings of G3720 believed to be Xanax. Also in the purse was 1 white round pill with the markings of 54 210 believed to be Methadone. Also found was 1/2 pill with half moon marking believed to be a Opana. Miss. Smith and Mr. Huerta Martinez was found to be in access and reach of

the purse. Miss. Smith or Mr. Huerta Martinez either person had a valid prescription for the pills. Both was placed under arrest. Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, made the arrest.

Street LaFollette, was charged with Failure to Appear. Deputy Chad Petty LCSO, served a FTA Warrant on Glenn at the Campbell Co. Jail and transported to Loudon Jail.

Jonathan Gillis, 27, Knoxville, was charged with Violation of Probation. Deputy Cody Bengel LCSO, served a VOP Warrant at the Knox Co. Jail and transported to Loudon Jail.

Thomas Lane, 48, Jackson Bend Rd Lenoir City, was charged with Violation of Probation. Officer Tim Holloway LCPD, served Thomas with a VOP Warrant at the Loudon Jail.

Police beat

Bunnie Davidson, 52, Dogtown Road Ten Mile, was charged with Theft of Property. Bunnie was observed by Walmart Loss Prevention concealing several clothing items totaling 104.70 dollars in her purse and passed all points of sale. Sgt. Jamie Whitt LCPD, made the arrest.

Glenn Sampsel, 68, S 14th

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Resisting

William Blankenship, 25, Summit Road Vonnore, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para., and Resisting Arrest.

Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, observed a suspicious white male walking in the area of Corinth Church Rd. Deputy made contact with the subject and identified him as William Matthew Blankenship. Mr. Blankenship was very nervous upon contact. Mr. Blankenship stated that he was walking to his uncles house on Calloway Rd. Deputy did an exterior pat down on Mr. Blankenship and in his right pocket he had one tire plug screwdriver. Deputy asked Mr. Blankenship if he would take off his jacket and he did place the jacket on the hood of Deputy vehicle. Deputy continued to feel the outside of the jacket and Deputy felt one spoon and two syringes. Deputy advised Mr. Blankenship to place his hands behind his back at which point Mr. Blankenship attempted to get away. Deputy pushed Mr. Blankenship up against the driver side door. Mr. Blankenship continued to fight with Deputy. After a

brief struggle Deputy was able to place Mr. Blankenship into custody. Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, made the arrest.

Obituaries

Demetric DuWayne Heiple (DeDu) - age 32 of Loudon passed away Friday, October 31, 2014. He was a carpenter and skilled craftsman. He loved working on cars and playing with his kids. Preceded in death by his father, Clyde Heiple, Jr. and nephew, Danny Allen Crass. Survived by his fiancée, Tila McFalls; children: Jacob DuWayne Heiple, Madison Dawn Heiple, Kayden Estel McFalls, Hunter Powhatan Heiple and Triston Kane Lynn all of Lenoir City; mother, Sue Heiple; sisters, Kristy Atwater of Albers, IL, Kathy Crass, Melinda Towle, Goldie Heiple all of Lenoir City, Vickie Andaras of Texas; brothers, Bobby Heiple of MO and Ricky Heiple of Alton, IL; many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, November 6th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Thomas Lynn officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Friday in the Dogwood Cemetery for graveside services. In lieu of flowers, memori-

als may be made to the funeral home or to gofund.me/gll1k4 Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City, is in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Rhea Marine Stroup - born March 30, 1935, passed away in her sleep Thursday, November 6, 2014. She was a Christian and member of Silver Ridge Baptist Church having grown up and attending Bell Avenue Baptist Church. Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Marguaret Marine. Survived by her husband of 55 years, Donald F. "Bud" Stroup; son and daughter-in-law, Donald Paul and Lisa Stroup; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and David Denton; grandchildren: Cody, Jordan and Emily Stroup, Stefani Hall, Brandon Denton and wife, Stacey; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, November 7th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City.

Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services with Rev. Scot Wells and Rev. George Seay officiating. The family would like to thank Trish Croft, Mabel Chambers, Frieda Engle of the Senior Home Assistance for their special care during Wanda's illness. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City is in charge

of arrangements. **Marie Totten** - age 80 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away November 6, 2014 at her home. A Memorial service will be held on November 14, 2014 at 11 a.m. in the Founders Chapel of the Community Church at Tellico Village. A complete obituary will follow soon. Click Funeral Home &

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Impersonation

Israel Martinez, 23, West Broadway Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Impersonation,

Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, observed a Silver Chevrolet traveling North on Highway 321. Deputy observed the vehicle

had a headlight out. Deputy stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver. Deputy asked the passenger Mr. Israel Gonzalez Mar-

tinenez if he had any ID at which time he stated no. Deputy asked Mr. Martinez for his name and date of birth. Mr. Martinez stated that his name was Fransico with the date of birth 10-05. Deputy L. Anderson asked Mr. Martinez what his name was again at which time he stated he lied because he thought he had a warrant and his real name was Israel Gonzalez Martinez date of birth 09-05. Mr. Martinez was placed under arrest for criminal impersonation. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, made the arrest.

of North Carolina; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, November 7th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City with memorial services to follow at 7 p.m. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Frances Maxine Bailey - age 89 of Lenoir City passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2014. She was of the Baptist faith. Frances was retired from Yale & Town after many years of service. She also worked as a beautician. Maxine loved to crochet, quilt and sew. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Mary Lee Bailey; brothers, Orville, Robert and Reaford "Rusty" Bailey; sisters, Geneva "Dee" Hayworth and Audrey Faye Walker. Survived by her sister, Jean Miller of North Carolina; special niece and caregiver, Helen Gore and husband, Phil, several other nieces and nephews. A special thank you to the staff at Prestige Assisted Living in Loudon for their care and support. A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 8th at the Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City with Pastor Mike Beach officiating. Hawkins Chapel, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

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Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of Marie Totten.

Cynthia L. Rowe - age 36 of Lenoir City passed away suddenly Saturday, November 1, 2014. She is survived by her children, Michael Walters of Lenoir City, Samantha Walters of Loudon and Patrick Tarlton of Rockingham, NC; mother, Denise Powell and husband, Virgil of Lenoir City; half brothers and sisters, Roma Lloyd, Richard Dunn and Steve Dunn all

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FBI throughout the ordeal and sustained his fatal injuries in a fall.

An investigator from Alabama's State Bureau of Investigation thought the stories didn't add up and called the FBI, which investigates cases of abuse of authority—or color of law—and other civil rights violations. When Special Agent Susan Hanson opened her case at the Ventress Correctional Facility, it was evident her biggest challenge would be getting to the truth.

"The injuries that caused Mack's death did not match up with the story the corrections officers were telling," said Hanson, who works in the Dothan Resident Agency,

a satellite office of the FBI's Mobile Division. Meanwhile, witness accounts were suspect, given the questionable reliability of the sources. "You could have 10 different inmates who were in the very same room and they would give you 10 different stories," she added.

What did emerge was a portrait of a corrupt prison environment led by a heavy-handed guard—Lt. Michael Smith. Smith, the main subject in the investigation, held sway over corrections officers and inmates alike. A few guards privately acknowledged that Smith's history of intimidation could eventually land him in hot water. For Hanson, who conducted hundreds of interviews over nearly three years, the key to

cracking the case was to find a sympathetic guard whose conscience carried more weight than his fear of Smith.

"It really was working with one of the officers, spending a lot of time with him, and telling him that the story just doesn't make sense. It cannot have happened that way," Hanson said. The guard implicated Smith but never broke ranks from the original narrative—that their use of force was justified.

To build her case, Hanson and Special Agent William Beersdorf enlisted Mobile's Evidence Response Team (ERT) to take extensive photographs from witnesses' vantage points that could support or refute their

claims. "That's where she was able to start separating fact from fiction," said Beersdorf. Specialists were brought in from the FBI's Charlotte office to collect exact measurements and chart graphical representations of where each of the assaults occurred.

"Susan then could eliminate witnesses be-

cause of what they could or couldn't see," said Bryan Myers, an ERT technician who made six trips to the prison during the course of the investigation. The Special Projects Unit at FBI Headquarters assembled an interactive blueprint of the prison that showed everyone's precise locations during

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Police Beat From Pg 7

the beatings. In the end, the evidence revealed how a cadre of guards, led by Smith, struck and kicked Mack so severely he died—and then conspired to cover it up.

“It was very helpful during trial,” said Hanson. Four officers were convicted last year on civil rights, obstruction of justice, and conspiracy charges and received prison terms—including Smith, who was sentenced to 30 years.

Hanson, who was named a finalist for the Service to America Medal by the Partnership for Public Service for bringing the guards to justice and exposing corruption in Alabama’s prisons, said the case is still heartbreaking to her because Mack was in the care of officials

who had been bestowed a public trust.

“He was serving his time, he was not a problem child, and he was beaten to death because of conduct that had gotten out of control,” she said.

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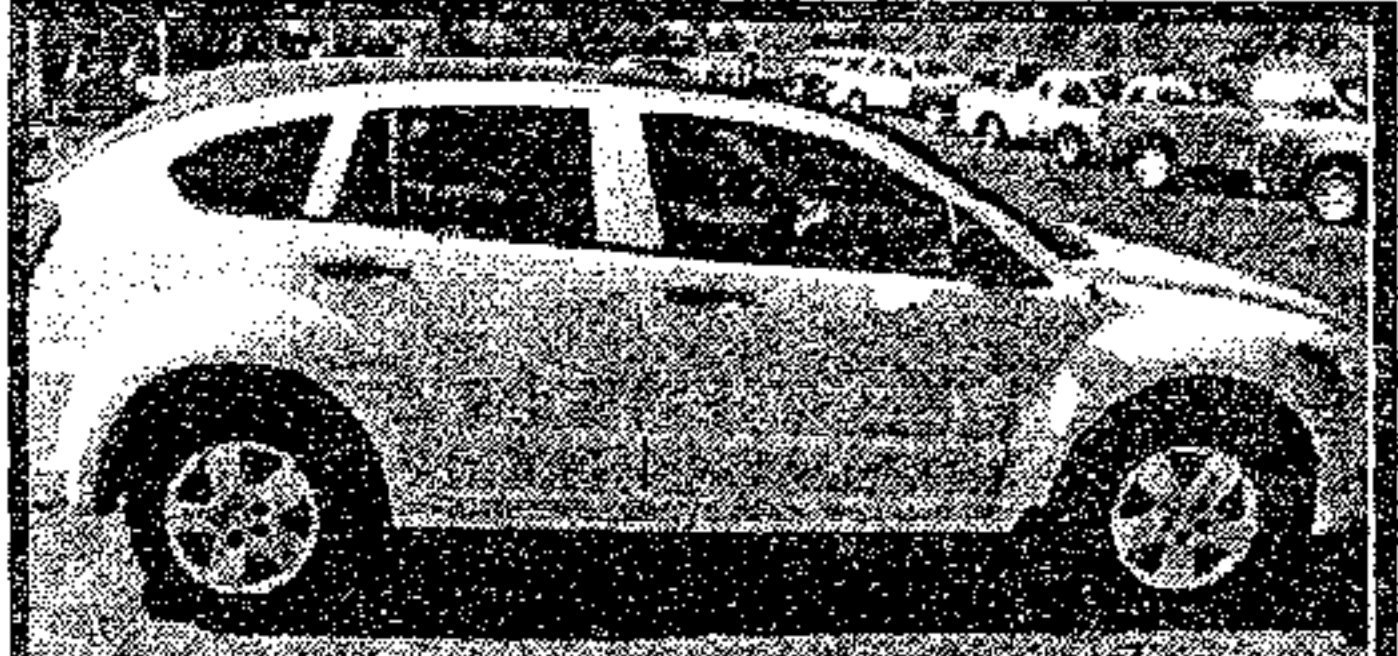
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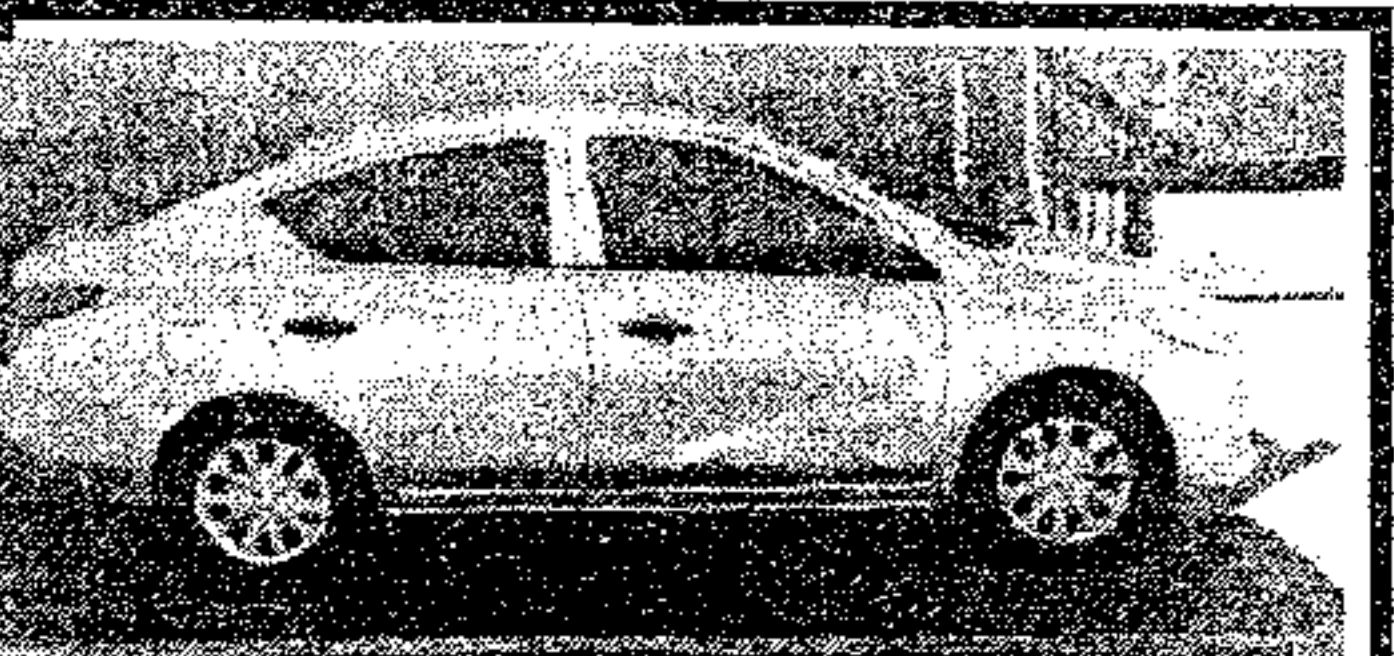
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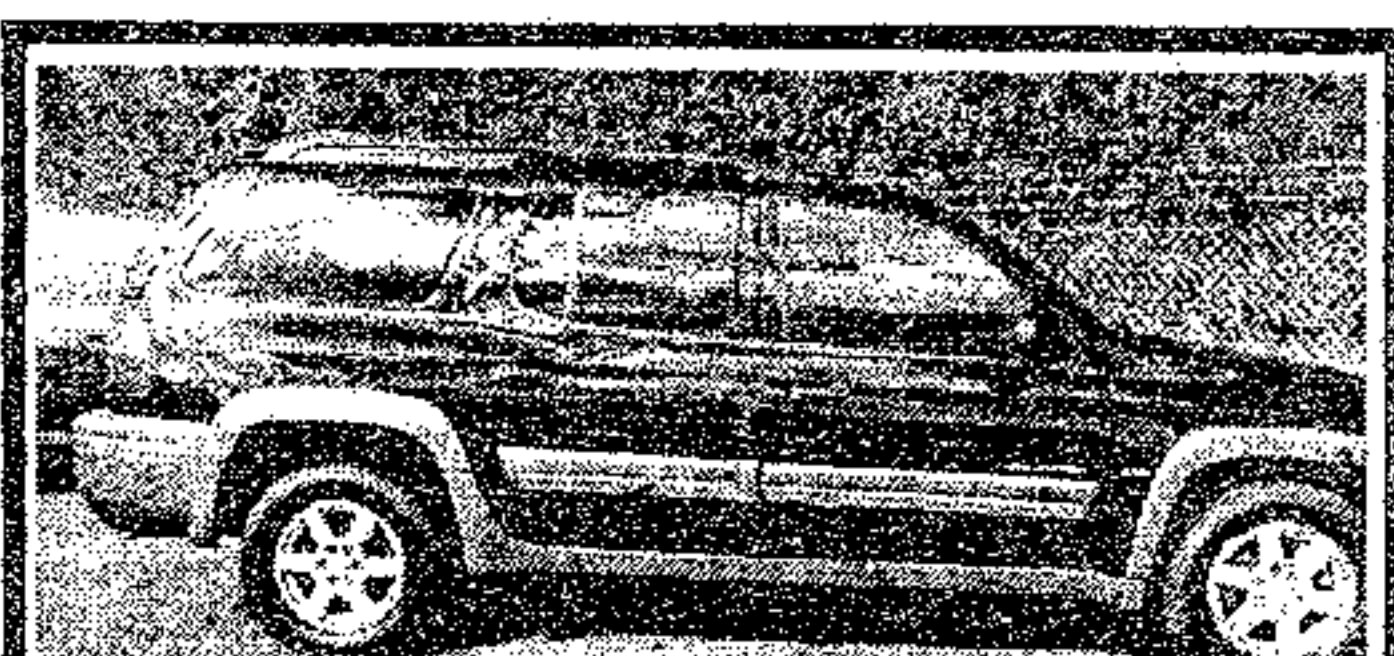
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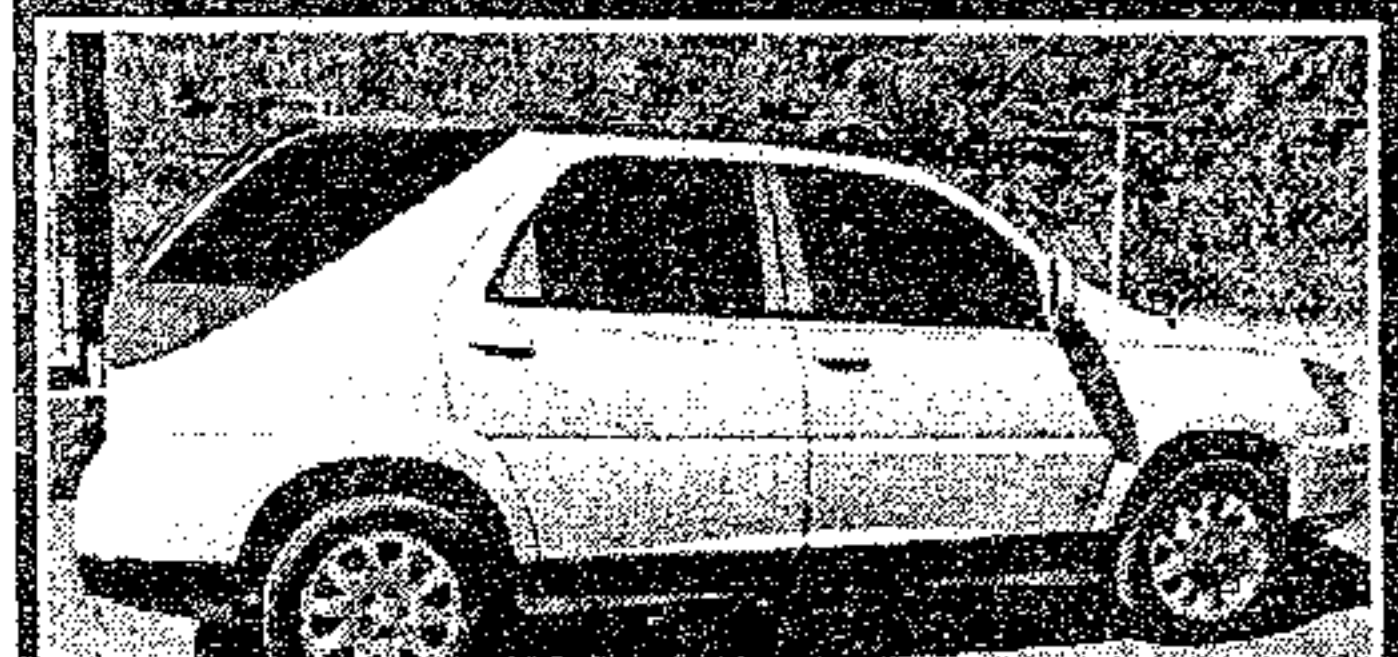
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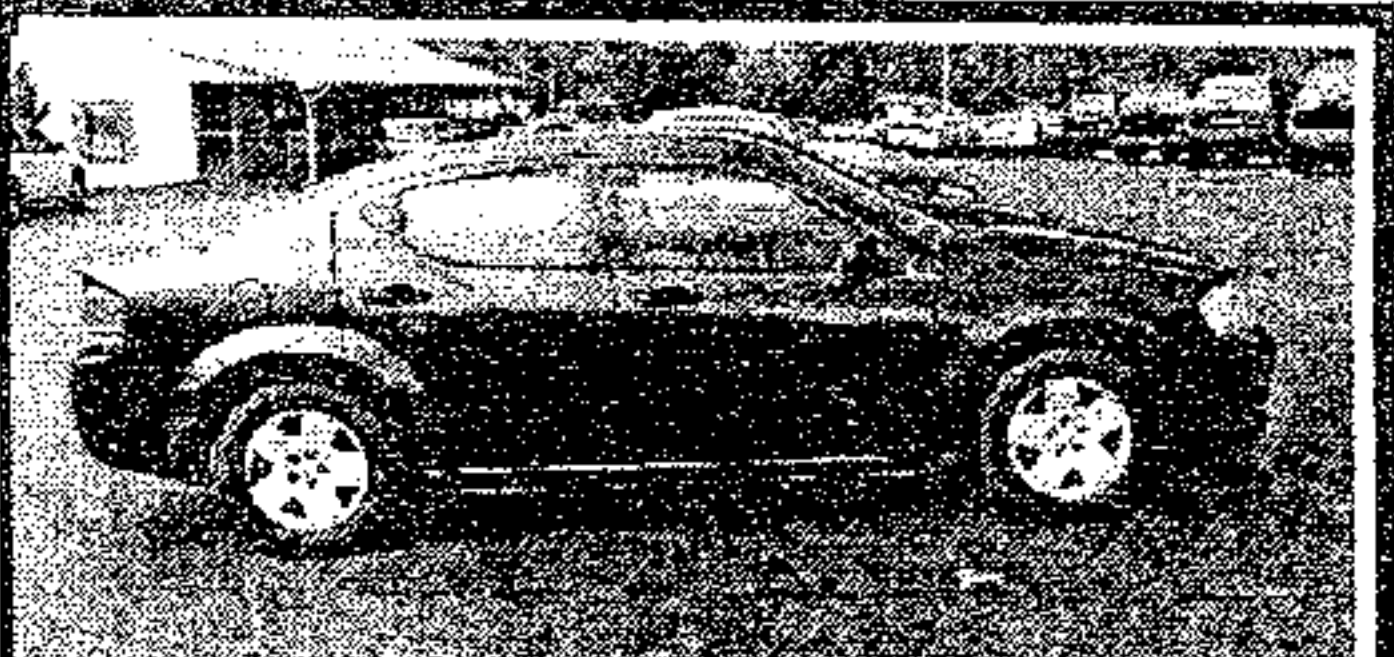
2006 Chevy Silverado, clean, only 50k miles



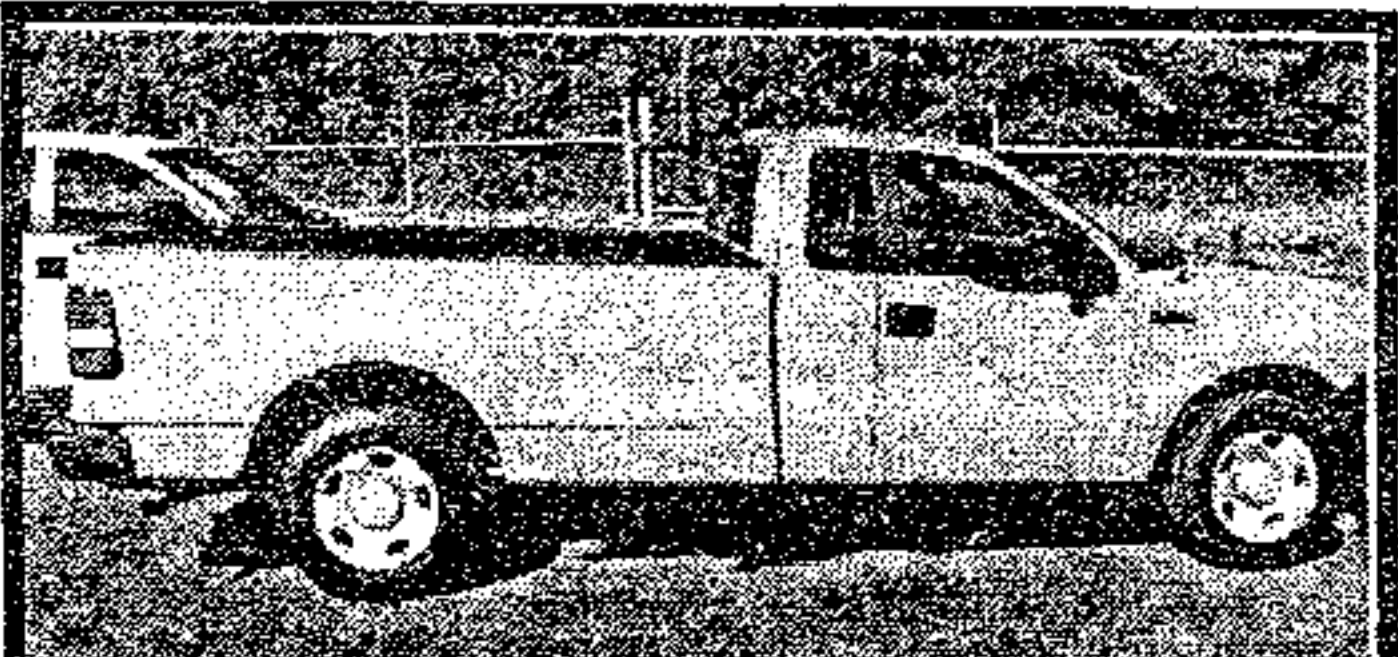
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