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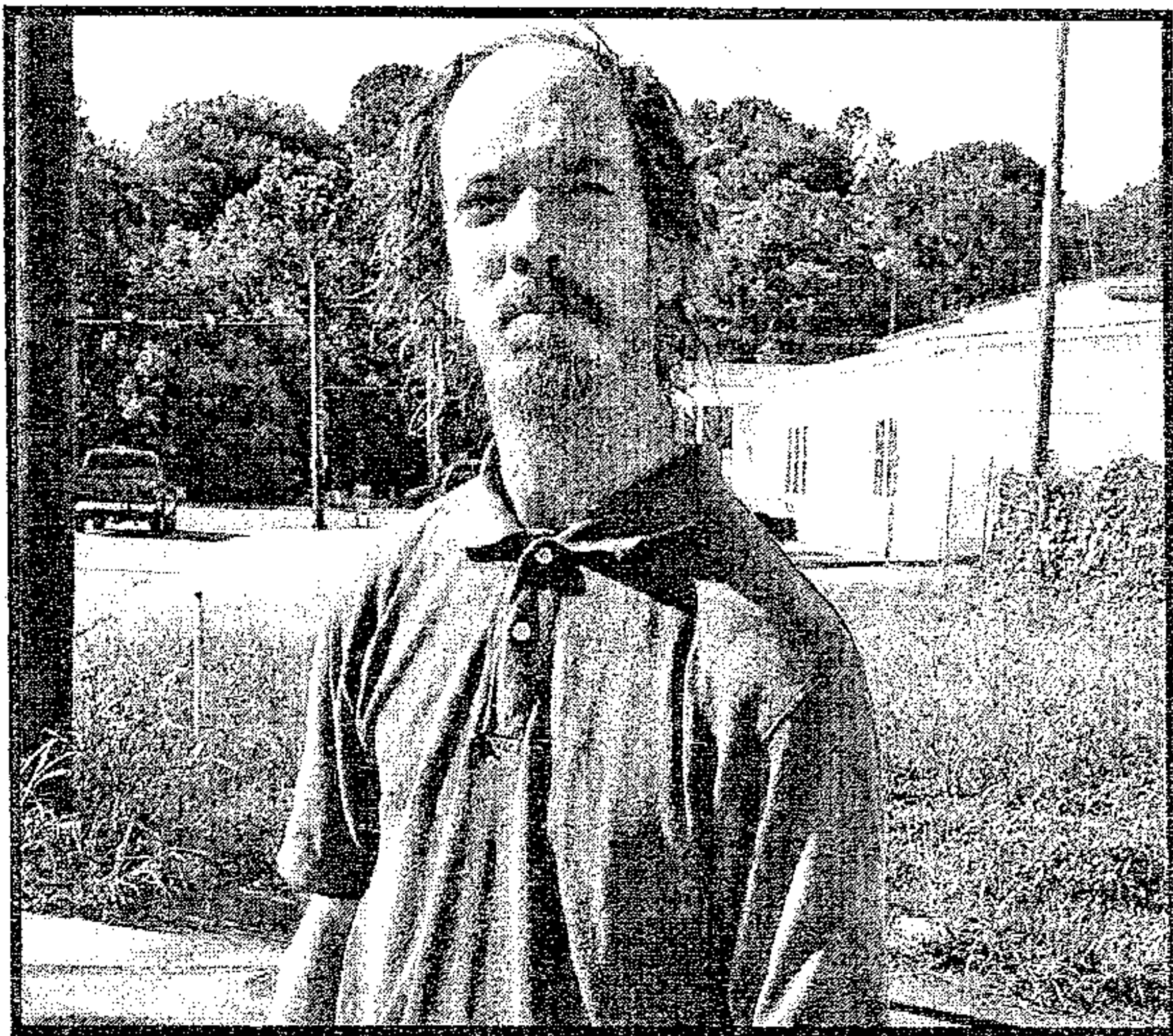
Monday September 15, 2014

Who is this man?

(See Servant pg. 4)

by Daniel Bell

You have driven down the highways of Loudon County and maybe a candy wrapper made its way out the window to the side of the road and you didn't think twice about who would pick that up. Chances are it will reside on the side of the road for quite some time. That is unless Steven Francis gets to it and then it will be disposed of without you even knowing.



Steven Francis pauses from his work after a snack at the bakery

Mealer turns himself in after evading capture in Aug. crash

Intoxicated in the square



Jason Mealer

(see Evading pg. 5)



Emily Wilson

(See DUI pg. 2)

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoc

What are You Facing?



As I am writing this, Jeff is in a conference in Seattle, Washington. He has some intensive computer/internet training this week and asked that I write The Good News for him.

While I have been praying and thinking about this week's article, I can't help but think about all of my

friends and family who have tough things going on in their lives right now. My Aunt Jan, who I love with all my heart, is very sick from cancer. There are no more treatment options for her, and she is now bedridden. My family is extremely close and my

(see TGN pg. 3)

9th DTF and LPD team up in heroin bust



Ryan Smith

(see Heroin pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. — Psalm 121:1-2

Obituaries

none

Wazzup

Thanks for being on the lookout Marty at Dr. Marty's, couldn't have pulled it off without ya!

Weather

Today: Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High 84F. Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 63F. Tuesday Partly cloudy. High around 85F. Low 56F.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your spiritual energy is just right for today's big question. In fact, you may want to do nothing but just kick back and

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Theft

Emily Wilson, 27, County Road Etowah, was charged with DUI, Poss. of SCH. II Drug, and Violation of Implied Consent Law. Officer Brandon Gentry LCPD, was dispatched to McGhee Square Apt. in reference to an intoxicated driver in the complex. The call was on a green vehicle. Officer Alex Gambrel made contact with the

vehicle on McGhee Blvd. and stopped the vehicle at Weigles.

Officer identified the driver to be Emily Wilson. While speaking with Emily Officer noticed she had droopy eyes, slurred speech, and movement was delayed. Officer had Emily do several sobriety test which she did poorly on all test and was placed under arrest. Officer Brandon Gentry LCPD, made the arrest.

Police beat

David Martin, 37, Sleepy Valley Road Madisonville, was charged with Theft of Property. Officer Jason Felts LCPD, made contact with Walmart loss prevention, he stated that he observed David consume a Mountain Dew inside the store and pass all points of

sale without paying for it. David was placed under arrest.

Bobby Spears, 31, Grandview Loudon, was charged with Violation of Probation. Cpl. Peter McGinley LCSO, served Bobby with a VOP Warrant at an address on Pine St. and transported to Loudon Jail.

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heart breaks for my Mamaw and my Aunt Judy as they are there with Jan watching her go through this horrible time in her life.

I have a cousin in South Carolina who is in her 30's and has just been diagnosed with cancer for the second time.

One of the people who is dearest to me is facing something that I can't even begin to comprehend. The situation in her future is life changing, and I would love to just put my arms around her and tell her face to face how much I love her. Being 2000 miles away from family is hard – especially when friends and family are sick and hurting.

As I pray about things going

on in my life and those close to me, it's sometimes hard to understand why we have to go through such difficult times and why we have to see those that we love suffer through cancer and other things. It is so easy to get wrapped up in the sadness of our lives and forget just how much God really does love us.

Whatever sickness or circumstances we must face, it is important to remember and understand that Jesus knows first-hand all about physical and mental anguish. He knows what it feels like when the body has taken all it can. He understands the hurt that others have watching bad things happen to loved ones and family members.

Imagine Jesus on the cross looking down at Mary, his own mother! I'm not saying a bunch of spiritual words. Imagine – really think about

the setting – there hangs Jesus as people are laughing, mocking and have beaten Him. The physical pain that He must have endured is something none of us will ever fully understand. But can you imagine how He felt when He looked at Mary, His momma, and saw the pain she was going through? Jesus knows hurt. He understands pain.

Now, think about this... Love. Jesus knows love. He understands love. He showed us all how to love and even commands us to love. The

physical torment that He went through was because He loved us. He loved me. He loved you! Jesus let His friends and family go through all the emotional trauma because He was providing a way that we wouldn't have to spend eternity in hell. He gave His life so we could have Him as our Savior!

When I put things that I am going through in perspective with what Jesus willfully went through for us, it is comforting to know that He knows how I

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Servant

Who is Steven Francis you ask? He's "that guy" who walks everywhere and is carrying bags of trash with him and when you passed him you asked yourself "what the heck is this guy doing?" This has been a question for many years for many people.

I took a short walk with the man known as Steven Francis and he gave me a little insight as to why he walks around and picks up trash all day.

Steven stated "I've done this my whole life I was called to be a servant to the Lord God in a way that would both help keep me healthy and clean up the city I love to be in."

Steven has taken his "Clean and Gleam" ministry from Wexford, PA while in college to Knox, OR, to Charlottesville, VA to Kingston, TN and then here in Lenoir City.

Steven shares four children by marriage with his former spouse Rosario, who are all now adults and reside in Auburn, Knoxville, Nashville and Georgia.

After getting ready for the day, Steven begins his 14+ mile daily walk early in the morning and stops to get his money he will need for

the day. He then begins the "walk" and returns home from his "daily route" well after supertime in the evening hours. He stops for his meals of course and takes breaks as he needs them but nothing deters Steven from his task.

Steven then takes all the clutter and litter he has collected for the day and sorts it into recyclables taken off and trash put on the curb.

Steven does not ask see Servant conc. pg. 7

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Applications will be accepted for children from Age 1 through 8th grade that are enrolled in the Loudon County or Lenoir City School systems. ALL applications must be returned to the Loudon County Sheriff's Department by 4 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014. It is requested that everyone please submit their application as soon as possible. Applications must also include a copy of the parent or guardian's current income information. A current Tennessee Driver's License or State Issued ID is required from the parent, and a copy of the child's social security card is also required. Names will be available beginning in mid-October through business and churches. If you are considering helping a child this Christmas, please be assured that applicants are thoroughly checked to make sure they require this assistance. Names are also compared with the school systems to make sure no one is receiving duplicate assistance. If your business or church would be willing to take names please call Debbie Hines, Toys for Tots Coordinator at 988-2300.

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Jason Mealer, 36, Dutton Road Loudon, was charged with Driving on Suspended License, Evading Arrest,

and Resisting Arrest. On 08-08-2014 at approximately 6:51 PM, Cpl. Rondel Branam LCSO, observed a blue scooter traveling on Sugarlimb Road, Dep-

uty identified the driver as Mr. Jason Daniel Mealer, from having previous contact with him. Deputy also had prior knowledge that Mr. Mealer's drivers

license is Revoked for Driving Under The Influence.

Deputy attempted to stop Mr. Mealer on Hotchkiss Valley Road West at Sugarlimb Road by activating my blue lights, but he continued down Hotchkiss Valley Road West. Deputy then activated his siren in an attempt to stop Mr. Mealer but he continued down Hotchkiss Valley Road West and accelerated to approximately 52 MPH in the posted 35 MPH zone.

Mr. Mealer continued down Hotchkiss Valley Road West for

approximately two miles and turned in to the driveway of Hotchkiss Valley Road West. Mr. Mealer crashed the scooter in the yard and fled on foot to the back yard.

Deputy ordered Mr. Mealer to stop and continued to flee on foot. At that time Deputy deployed his taser and it was not effective, allowing Mr. Mealer to continue flee over a chain length fence. He then ran through the back yard, across another fence, through a wooded area, crossed both north and south bound lanes of Interstate 75, and disappeared in to the woods on the other side.

Sgt. Michael Watkins arrived on scene and did deploy his K9 partner Derro to track Mr. Mealer, but he was not located. Cpl. Branam issued Warrants on Jason. On 9/11/14 Jason did turn himself into the Loudon Jail where Cpl. Pam Snow LCSO, served Jason with the Warrants.

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Ryan Smith, 31, Taliwa Garden Road Knoxville, was charged with SCH. II Drug Violation. On 8/14/14 an arrangement was made for Ryan to deliver an amount of a substance field tested positive for Heroin. Ryan delivered the Heroin to an address in Loudon County. Ryan arrived at the address driving a blue vehicle. Ryan delivered the Heroin which was packaged in small pieces of paper. The exchange was monitored by Officer April Farmer LPD, and Agent Brendan DeBoer DTF, who provided surveillance for the buy. Ryan was placed under arrest. Officer April Farmer LPD, made the arrest.

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am feeling and that He wants to be there for us during the hard times. The Bible even directs us to lean on God. I Peter 5:6-7: "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

I attended church at South Hills Baptist Church this Sunday after I dropped Jeff off to go to the airport. Have you ever heard a sermon and felt like it was just for you? As I share this last thought, I pray that it will touch your heart as it did mine. II Corinthians 4:16-18: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed

day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

As we go through struggles in life, it often seems like nothing else matters except whatever we are facing. The Bible describes perishing times as light and momentary afflictions. We have the promise through Salvation that no matter how big problems and circumstances seem for us and no matter how much we hurt that those things are only temporal.

If you are facing a

trial or struggle and want to have us join you in prayer, feel free to share it in an email at angie@tgnmissions.com. If there is something good that God has done in your life, we would like to hear that encouraging news as well! Thanks for reading and letting us share our lives with you. With love in Christ, Angie Vittatooe

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for money or attention, he very humbly explains "the work of the Lord is very important to me and he has given me this opportunity to keep healthy by walking, and picking up litter and clutter serves the city I love as well."

Steven works six days a week and gets

in generally 14 miles per day and only stops to eat. Steven attends Central United Methodist Church at Eaton's Crossroads where he also walks to and from every Sunday.

If you would like to make a donation Steven has asked please do so through Central United Methodist Church under the name of Steven Francis. He only allots himself a daily per diem out of any money he does receive.

I personally want to thank Steven for his hard work in Lenoir City for all these years, it is greatly appreciated. The next time you see Steven take the time to say hello and thanks!

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Police beat

Robert Steed, 36, Pinnacle Drive Knoxville, was charged with Theft of Property.

According to the warrant, On 8/3/14 Robert took a vehicle that belong to the victim from victim residence on Chestnut Drive Lenoir City, without the victim knowledge or consent.

Other items in the vehicle was also taken valued at \$500.00

Detective Kevin

Condee LCPD, issued Warrant for Robert. On 9/10/14 Deputy Jordan Samuels LCSO, served Robert with the Theft Warrant.

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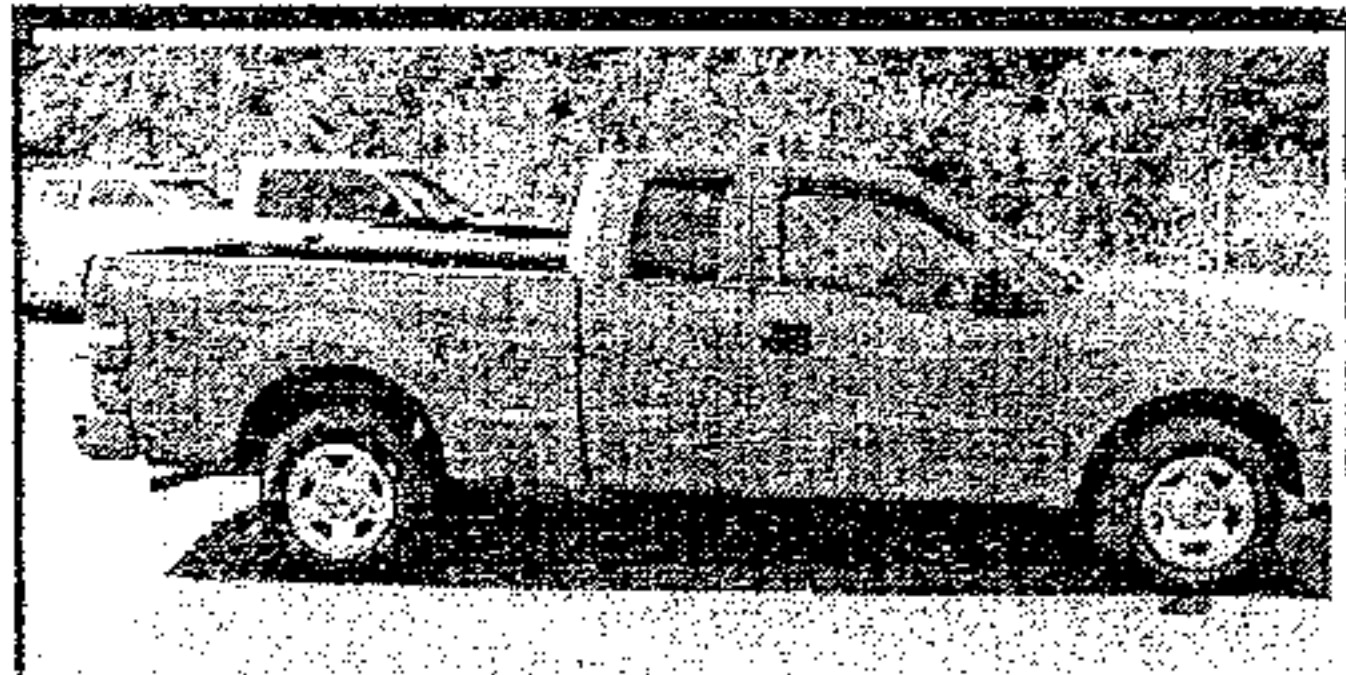
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