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Friday, January 23, 2015

Suspended Loudon teen charged with DUI after leaving party

Jordan Hardin, 19, Vale Street Loudon, was charged with DUI, and Driving on Suspended License. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, observed a vehicle traveling 53 in a 35 mph zone on Martel Rd. Upon Deputy making contact with the vehicle as it turned on Shaw Ferry Rd and turned into a unmarked driveway. Deputy made

(see DUI pg. 4)



Jordan Hardin

Extreme Case of Witness Intimidation Justice for Six Slain Victims in Philadelphia

As far as witness intimidation goes, Philadelphia drug trafficker Kaboni Savage and members of his criminal enterprise appeared to corner the market on how far they'd go to silence anyone willing to testify against the organization. The most horrifying example of this was the brutal fire-bombing that resulted in the deaths of six members of a federal witness' family in retaliation for his cooperation with law enforcement.

But a long-term, multi-agency investigation eventually proved that Kaboni Savage was responsible for those six murders—and at least six others—and that he headed a drug trafficking enterprise that excelled in using violence and other criminal tactics against anyone who threatened its drug trade. Recently, the final defendant charged

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Harassment call ends with revoked driver charged

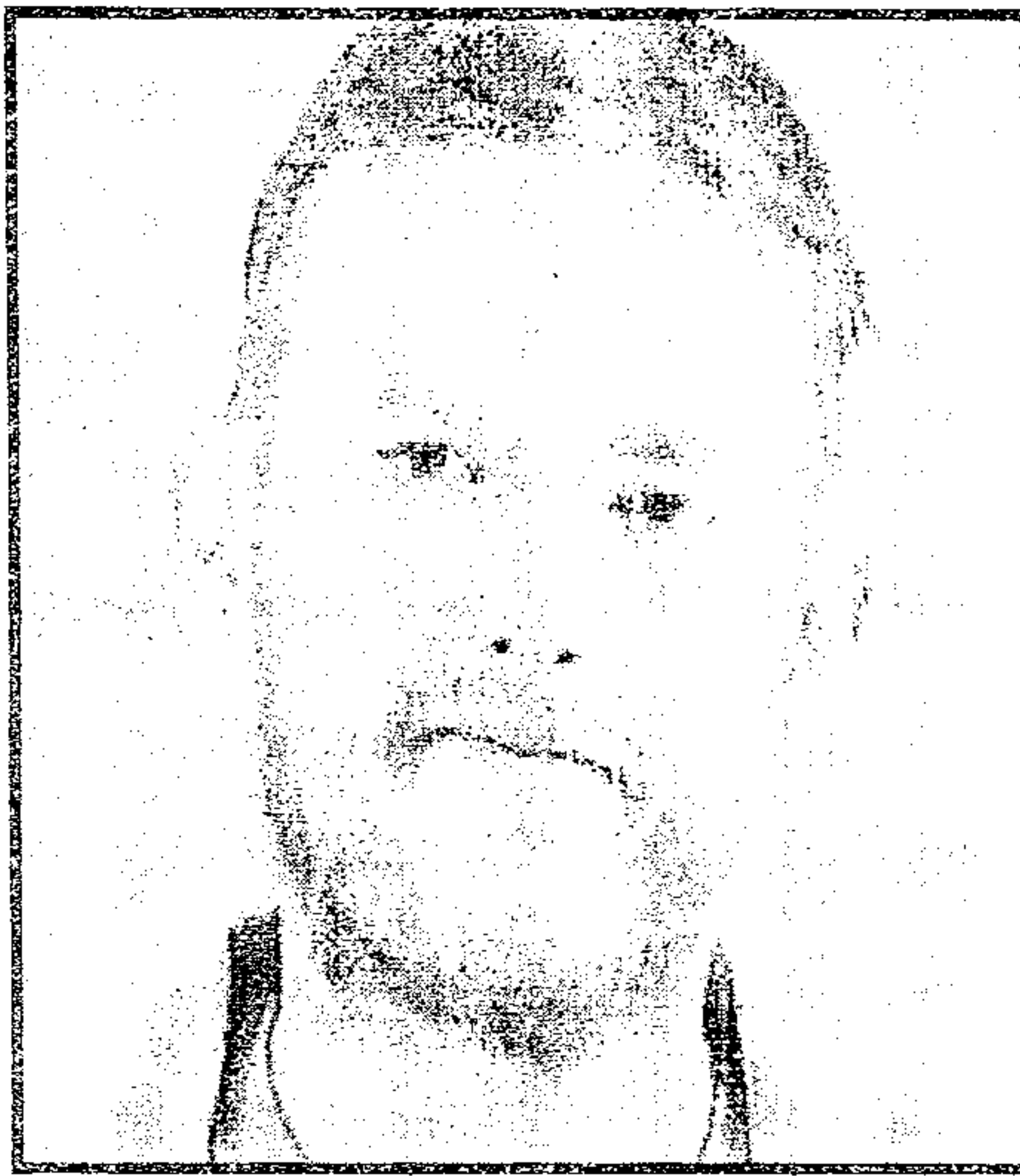


Zackery Geagley
(see Revoked pg. 3)

Thief tries to run but don't get far!

Brian Gann, 27, Carter Road Harriman, was charged with Theft of Property, Criminal Trespassing, and Contempt of Court. Officer Brandon Gentry LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter who was running

(see Theft pg. 5)



Brian Gann

Speeding 95mph lands one in jail



Alexia Guzman-Zayas

(see Stop pg. 2)

Verse of the Day

[Jesus] said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading. — John 6:20-21

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

A Big Thank You to Eddie Simpson and the Loudon County Road Crew, ya'll keep up the good work!

Weather

Today: Rain. High 43F.
Tonight: Light rain early...then periods of snow late. Low 36F.
Saturday Cloudy with light rain in the morning...then becoming partly cloudy. High 47F.
Saturday Night Generally fair. Low 31F.
Sunday Partly cloudy. High

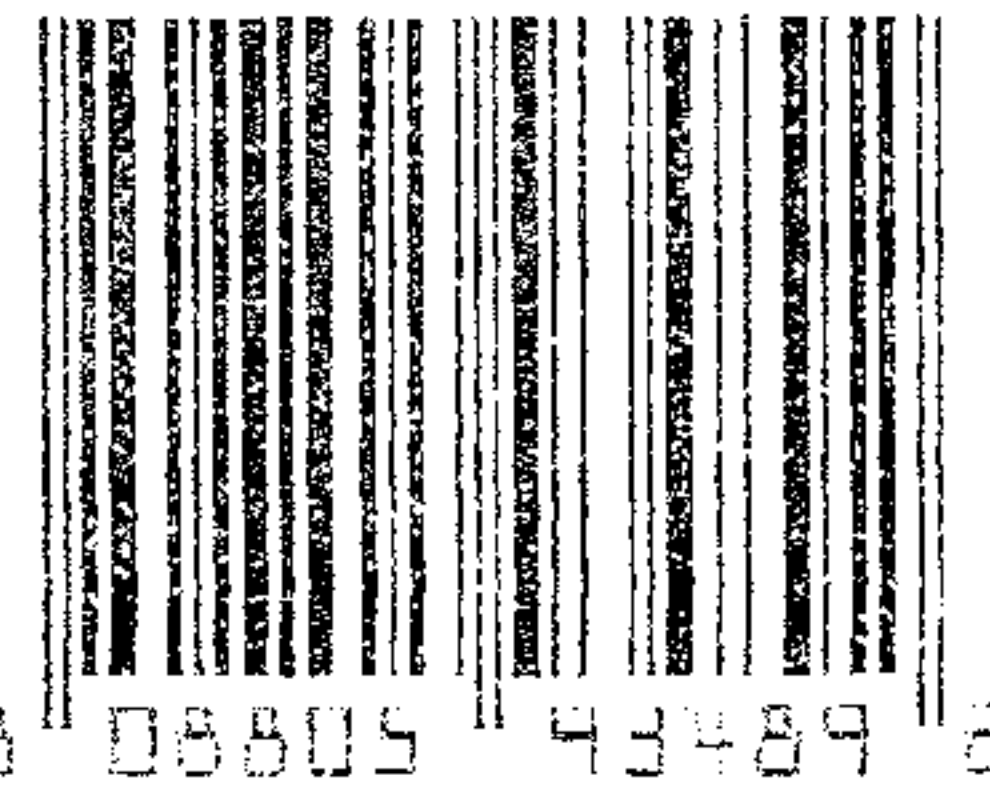
53F.

Sunday Night Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. Low 37F.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/19
There isn't a quick fix to an ongoing financial problem, although pru-

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Stop

Alexia Guzman-Zayas, 20, Pepperwood Ave Fl., was charged with Driving on Revoked License. Deputy Ben Everett LCSO, along with Deputy Fagiana were patrolling I-75 south bound when came into contact with a silver vehicle going 92 in a 70 mph zone. Deputy conducted a traffic stop and identified

the driver as Alexia Guzman a check of her license revealed them to be suspended Alexia was placed under arrest. Deputy Ben Everett LCSO, made the arrest.

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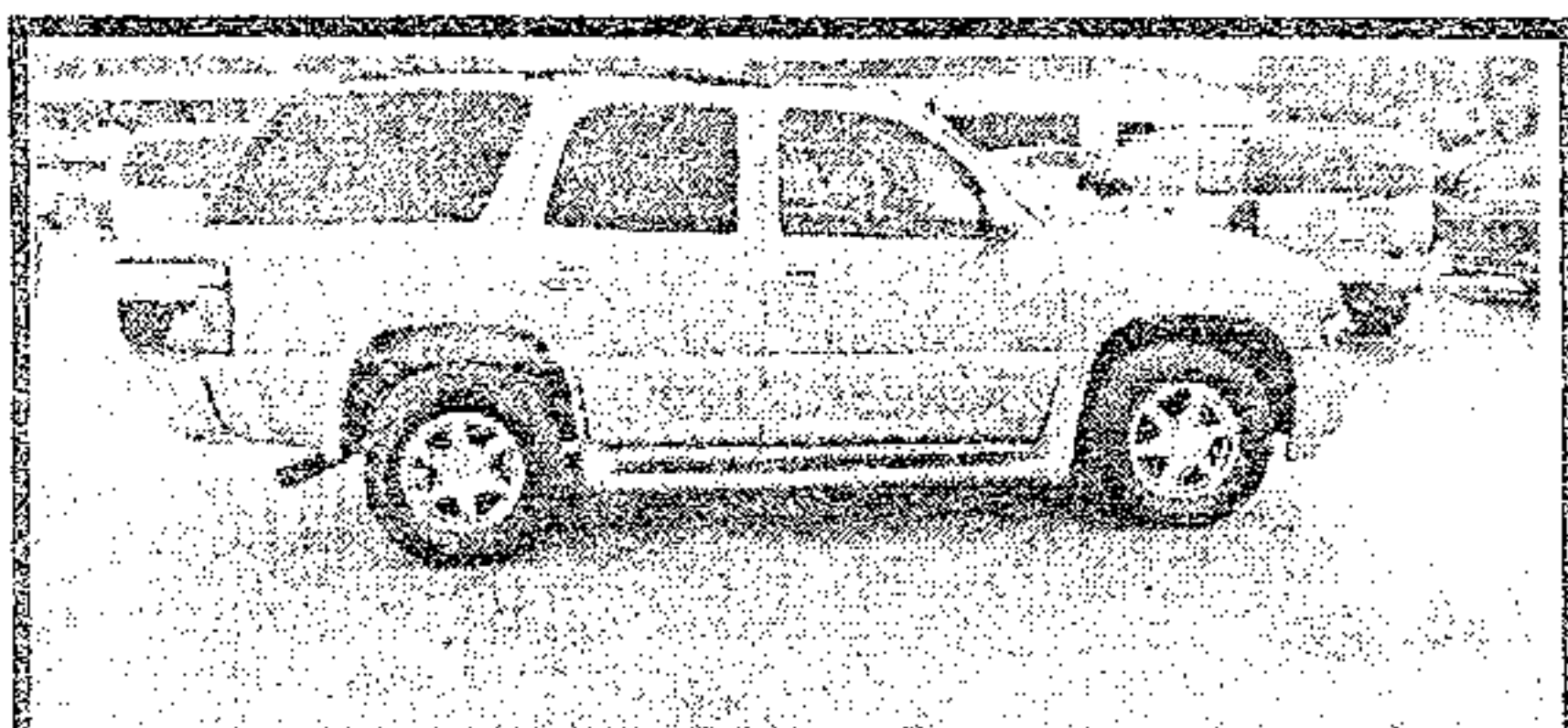
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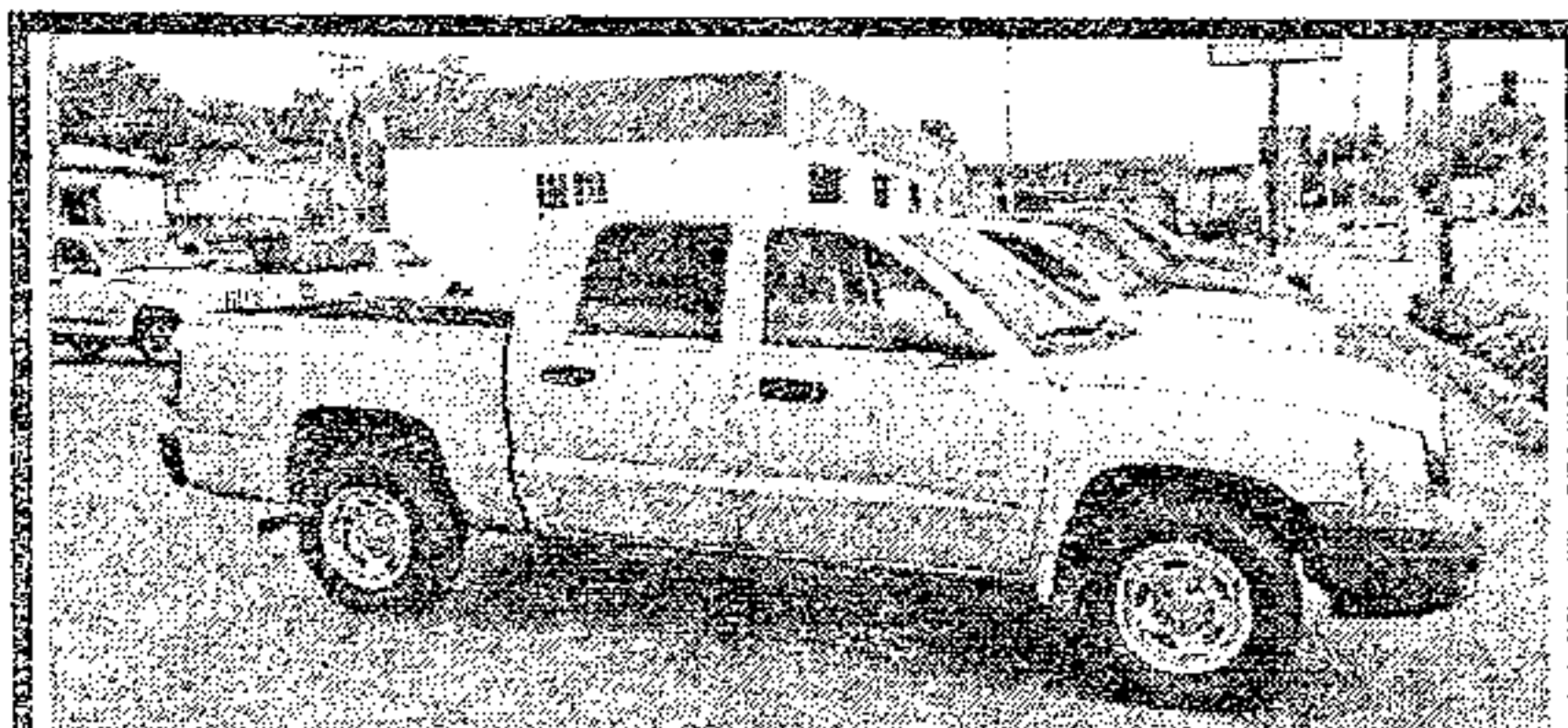
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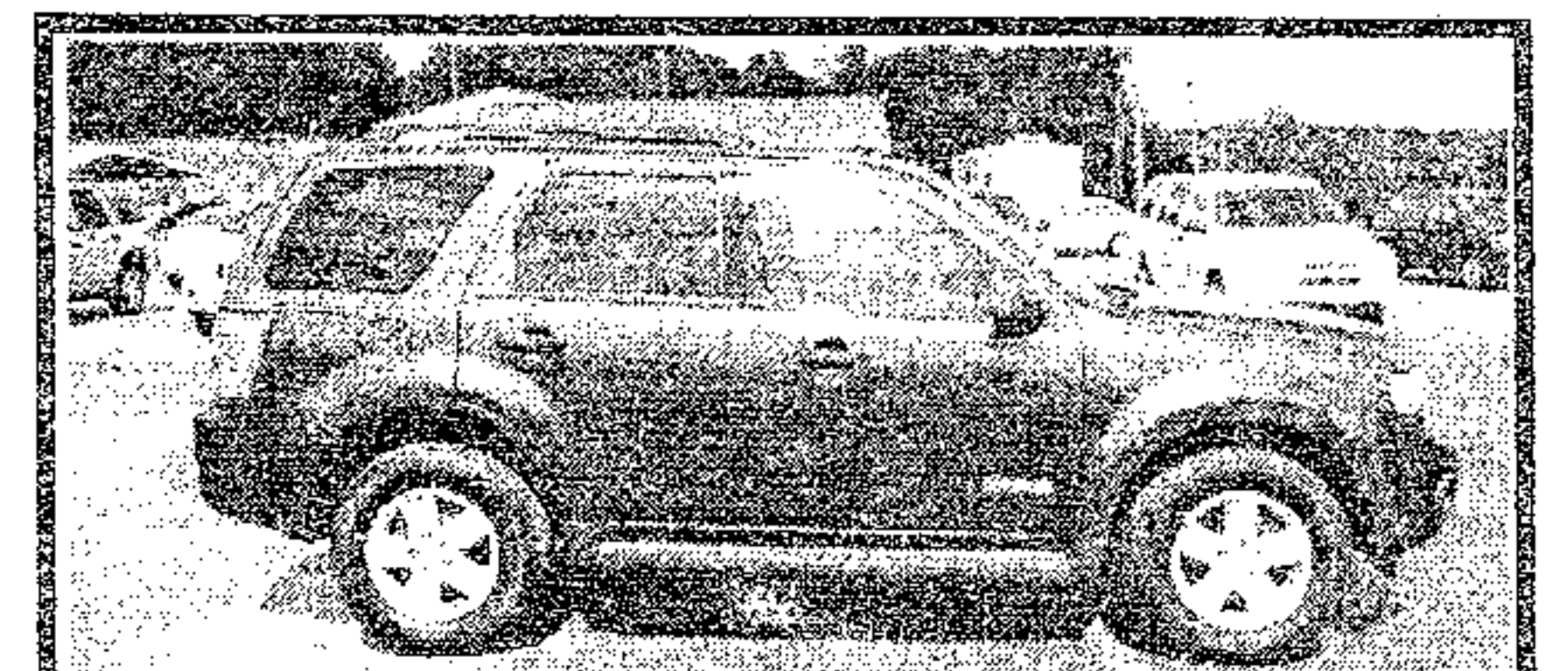
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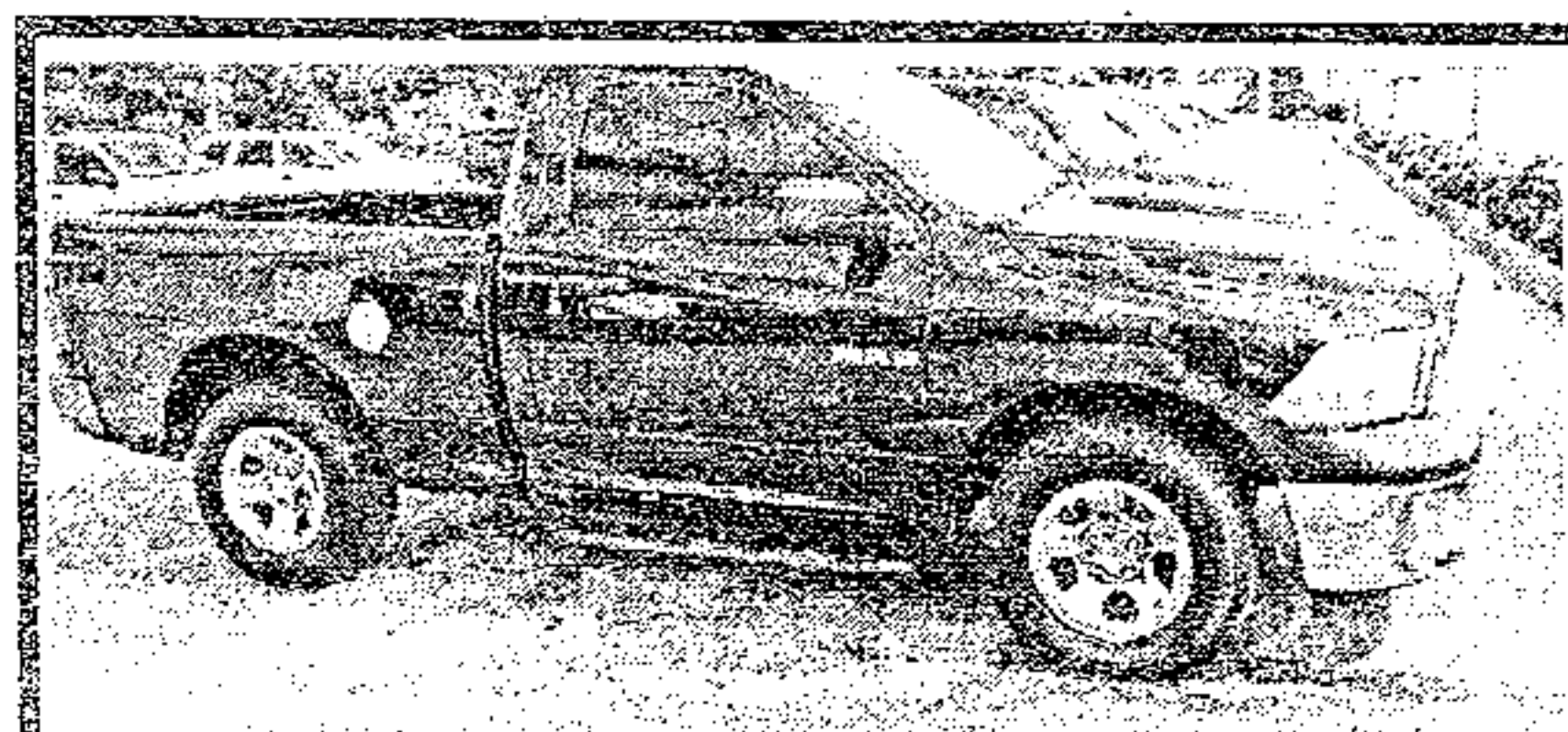
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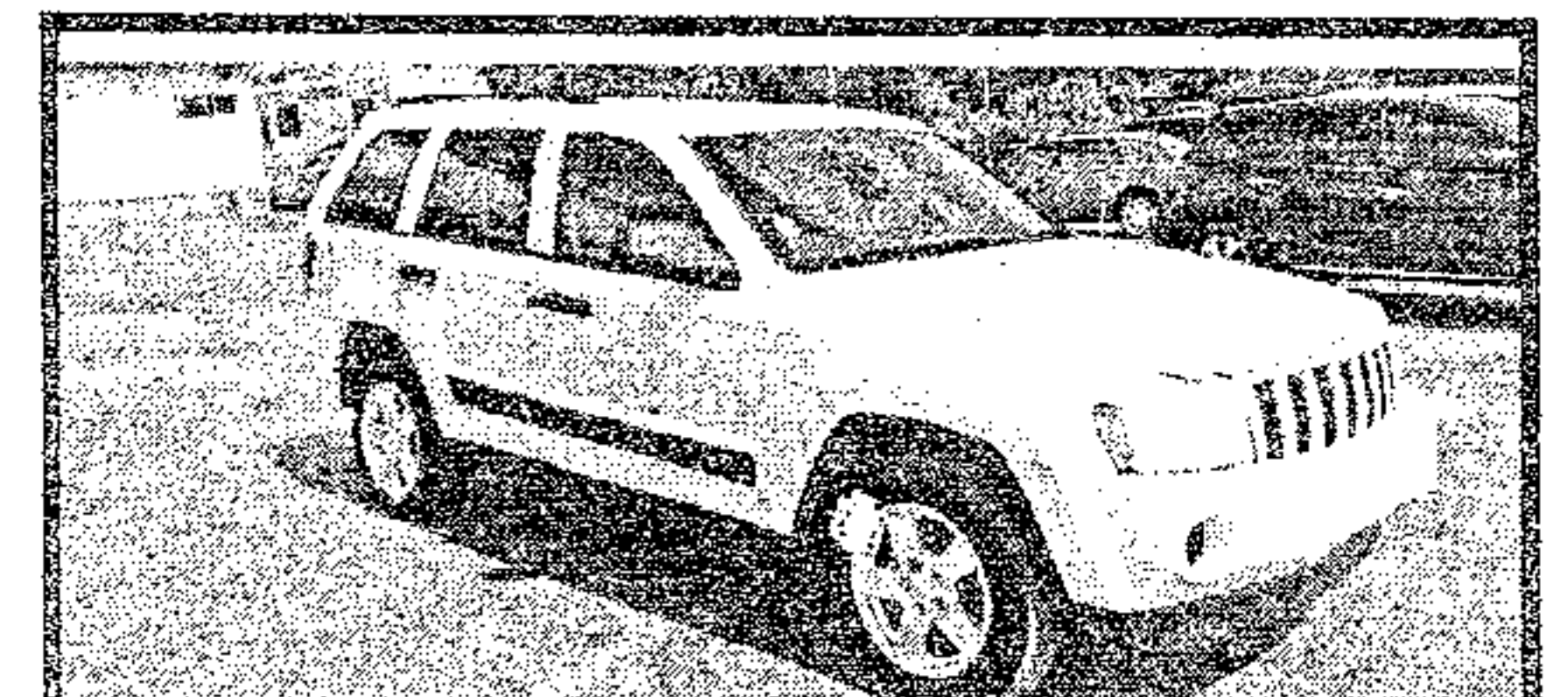
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Revoked

Zackery Geagley, 21, Freedmon Street Loudon, was charged with Driving on Revoked License. Officer Brandon Nix LPD, was dispatched to the area of Robinson Drive for a possible harassment. Complainant advised dispatch that Zackery was following the complainant and was threatening to do bodily harm. Complainant advised that Zackery was driving a silver vehicle. Officer made a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with Zackery a check of his license revealed them to be suspended for failure to satisfy citation. Zackery was placed under arrest. Officer Brandon Nix LPD, made the arrest.

FBI

in the firebombing deaths was sentenced to 40 years in prison, and Savage himself, convicted in 2013 on mur-

der and racketeering charges, eventually received the death sentence.

In the late 1990s, Kaboni—then a small-time drug dealer—began buying cocaine in bulk and building his criminal organization. He was making a name for himself, especially for his often-brutal methods of operation— which included murders, beatings, kidnappings, and threats—against anyone who crossed him (customers, rival gang members, his own underlings, even law enforcement).

Law enforcement, however, had Kaboni in their cross hairs, and he and his organization soon became the focus of an investigation by the Philadelphia FBI's Safe Streets Task Force, made up of local, state, and federal agencies. In May 2004, Kaboni and others were indicted for conspiring to distribute cocaine, money

laundering, firearms offenses, and later on, witness intimidation. The perpetrators were arrested and held for trial.

It was from jail that Savage orchestrated the arson murder of six members of Eugene Coleman's family. Coleman, a member of Savage's gang who was among those named in the May 2004 indictment, had agreed to cooperate in the case. Through visits with family members—including his sister, Kidada—and surreptitious phone calls with other gang members, Savage planned the murders and solicited the help of his sister and two other gang members—Lamont Lewis and Robert Merritt. Kidada Savage passed the plan on to the other two and identified the Coleman home. Then Lewis and Merritt, in the early morning hours of October 9, 2004, drove to the Philadelphia row house, fired warning shots into the residence, and threw two full gasoline cans with a

lit cloth fuse into the home.

After extinguishing the flames, the fire department found the bodies of six victims—Coleman's 54-year-old mother, his 15-month-old son, and four other relatives, including a 10-year-old girl and 12- and 15-year-old boys. (Coleman was incarcerated at the time of the arson.) Through investigative techniques like court-authorized electronic surveillance and the use of informants, members of the task force were eventually able to collect evidence—some of it in Kaboni Savage's own words—of how the plot was hatched and carried out.

Kaboni Savage and four of his associates went to trial in November 2004 on the initial drug trafficking charges—14 others had already pled guilty before trial—and were convicted and sentenced. Eventually, though, Kaboni Savage and a number of his associates—including Kidada Sav-

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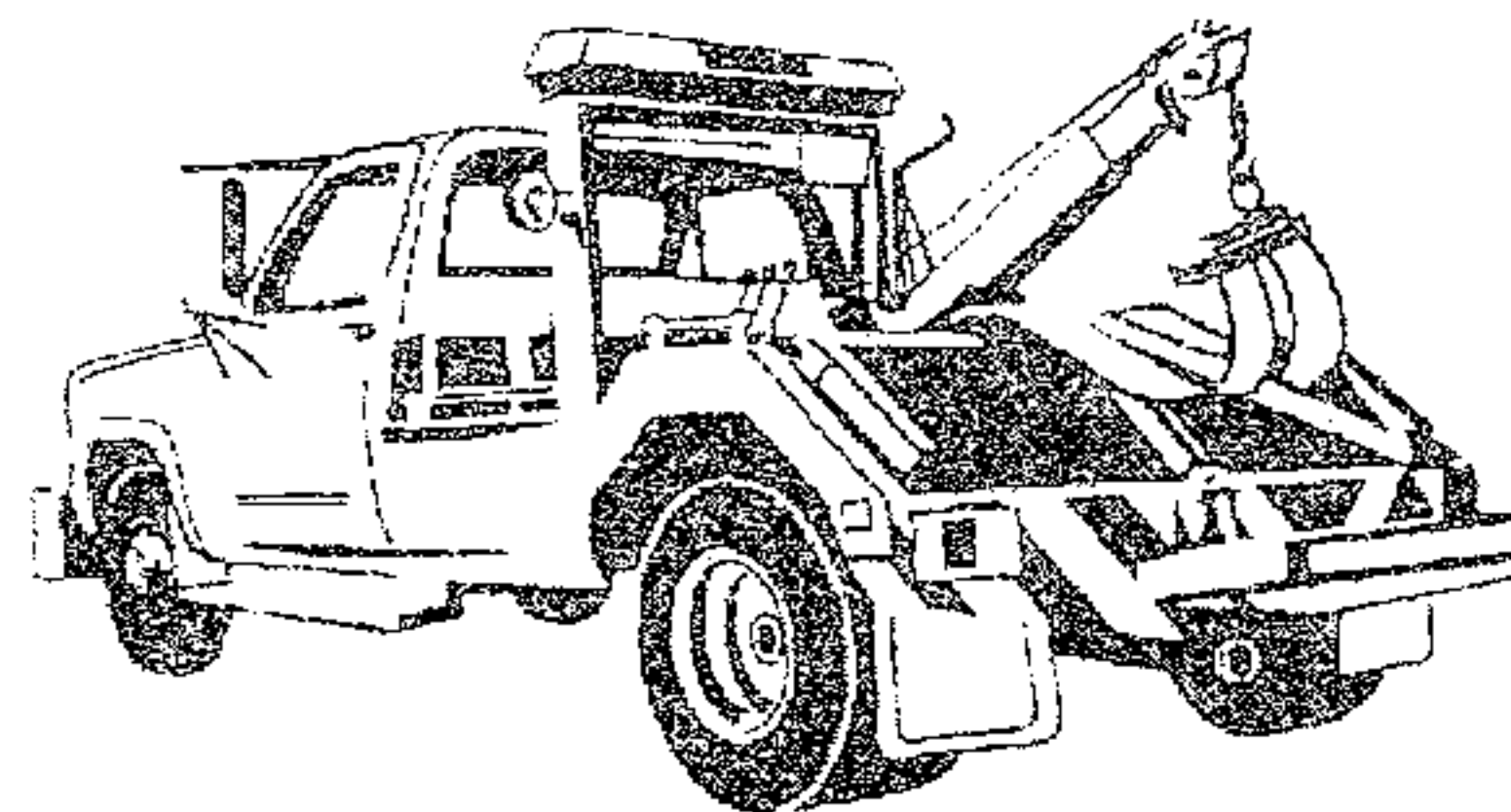
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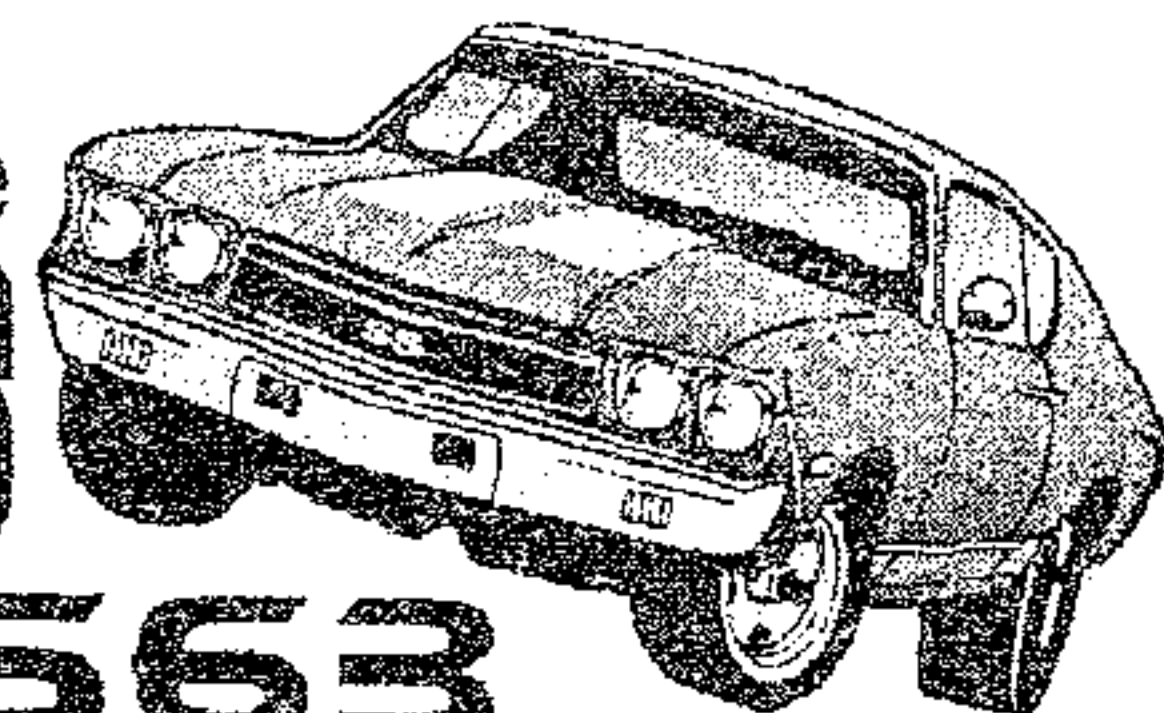
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contact with the driver Jordan Hardin. Upon contact with Jordan Deputy found a empty bottle of Vodka and two small liquor bottles laying in the passenger side floor board. Jordan stated that he had just left a residence where alcohol was being consumed. Jordan had an odor of alcoholic beverage about his person. Jordan stated to Deputy that he had consumed about 5 shots of vodka and did poorly on sobriety test. Jordan was placed under arrest. Deputy Billy Lewis LC/SO, made the arrest.

Obituaries

Thurman Sloan Clardy, Jr., age 68, of Loudon, TN, passed away on January 19, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer. Thurman graduated from Wampee High School in Little River, South Carolina and received a BS in Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University, top 1% of his class. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970. He married Alice Ward in 1967. They lived together in Nashville

for 35 years before relocating to Loudon. Thurman worked as a medical imaging salesman, company executive and ultimately an independent consultant until his retirement in 2008. Thurman was an active member of the Community Church at Tellico Village. He was passionate about helping others solve problems, loved teaching and sharing knowledge, served over 20 years as a Sunday School teacher, and found happiness working in the yard and around the house. His sunny personality, do it yourself spirit, and imaginative sense of humor will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thurman and Carrie Cox Clardy, and his sister Iris Clardy Ellis. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Alice Ward Clardy; daughter, Angela Clardy of Nashville; son and daughter-in-law, Sloan and Lori Clardy of Atlanta, GA; two grandsons, Pierson and Brant; brother and sister-in-law, Eldred and Jane Clardy of Camden, SC. Funeral services 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Community Church of Tellico Village with Dr. Rhonda Abbott Blevins, Dr. R. Tim Meadows and

Pastor Edd Templeton officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. CST on Friday at Riverview Cemetery in Fayetteville for graveside services. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Community Church of Tellico Village, www.tellicochurch.com or to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Clardy family.

Dr. James A. Horak - age 83 of Lenoir City passed away Saturday, January 17, 2015. Jim served in the U. S. Air Force and was a member of Martel United Methodist Church. He retired from Oak Ridge National Laboratory where he was a nuclear metallurgist. Preceded in death by his parents, John and Gladys Horak, and brother, John Horak. Survived by his wife of 60 years, Diane Judy Horak; children, Ralph Horak and wife, Amy, Kendell Horak, and Greg Horak; grandson, Aaron Horak and great granddaughter, Savannah Horak. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, January 23rd at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Ralph Horak officiating. Fam-

ily and friends will gather at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Martel Cemetery for graveside services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

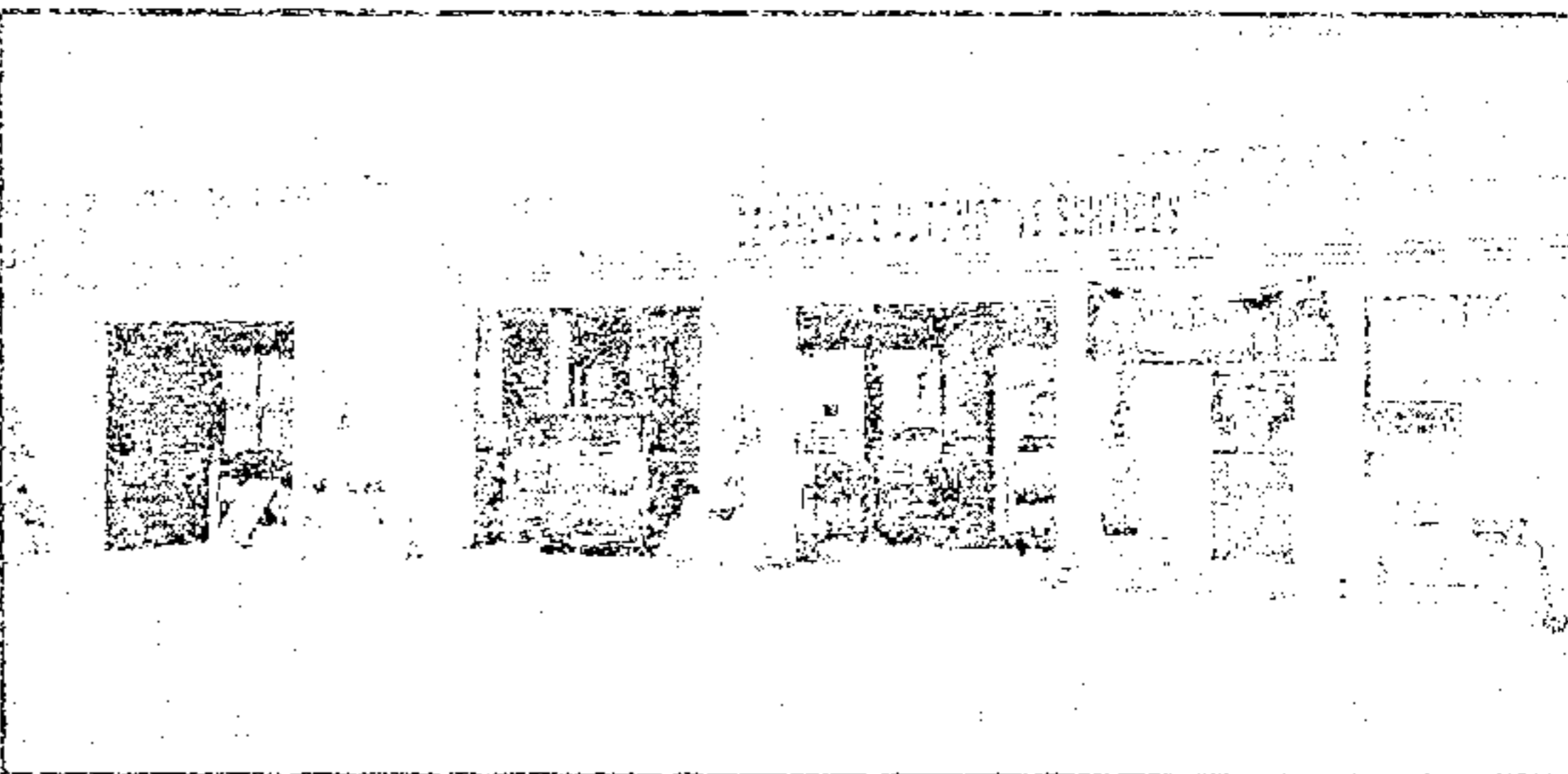
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his home surrounded by the love of his family. He peacefully transitioned home after his battle with pancreatic cancer. He came to know the Lord as an adult and professed his faith in Jesus as his Savior. George was born May 21st 1951. He was born to Georgia Mae Siler, and George Wilkerson Sr. In 1972 he began his career as a welder at K25 and had worked there for 25 years and was an active leader for the Union. Afterwards he started his own company Peabody Lawn and Garden. George enjoyed life, loving family, friends, music and dancing. He lived an active lifestyle. He could be found outdoors motorcycleing with his closest friends, cycling the hills of east Tennessee or tending his land. He is survived by his loving wife Jane Wilkerson, Son Jason and Laura Wilkerson, Daughter Jayme and Marcus Robinson, Grandchildren Jaylen Wilkerson and Beniah "B" Robinson, Siblings Sara and James E. Brown, Uncle Gene and Rosetta Wilkerson, Uncle James Denton and Laura-Ann Wilkerson. Predeceased By Brother Gregory "Lulu" Wilkerson, Sister Darlene Wilkerson and Nephew Terry Brown. Memorial Services to be held at Loudon Funeral Home. Visitation Tuesday January 20th 5pm-7pm with funeral to follow. Officiated by Pastor Chad Oody. No interment will follow the service. Honorary pallbearers: Jason Wilkerson, Marcus Robinson, Greg Wilkerson, Travis Brown, Micheal Abron, and Tristan Scruggs. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

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age—were indicted and ultimately convicted by a federal grand jury looking into the arson deaths of Coleman's family.

By the time it was all over, Kaboni Savage's criminal organization was dismantled—thanks in part to former associates and others willing to testify against him. And those six innocent people murdered in their home—one of many ruthless attempts by Savage to keep his operations running—finally received justice.

Cash Missing from Clarksville Area High School Booster Club

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has revealed a number of concerns relat-

ed to the West Creek High School Coyote Cheer Booster Club (CCBC). West Creek High School is part of the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System.

Investigators found that the booster club had a cash shortage of at least \$1,699 and had questionable expenses totaling \$56,458.

The cash shortage stemmed from various fundraisers in which the money collected was not reconciled with the amounts that should have been collected based on the cost and sales price of the items sold. The CCBC's lack of accounting records also made it impossible to determine if all collections were

deposited into the CCBC bank account.

The questionable expenses related to the CCBC not following its bylaws requiring accurate records of club meetings, reviewing bills, approving disbursements, and ensuring that collections were appropriately documented in the accounting records.

The CCBC ceased operations on July 31, 2014. The Comptroller's findings and recommendations have been reviewed with the district attorney

general for the Nineteenth Judicial District.

"Booster clubs are non-profit groups led by parent volunteers who raise money in support of school organizations," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "These groups are required to follow a financial policy that provides basic checks and balances to reduce the risks of fraud and theft."

To view the investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>

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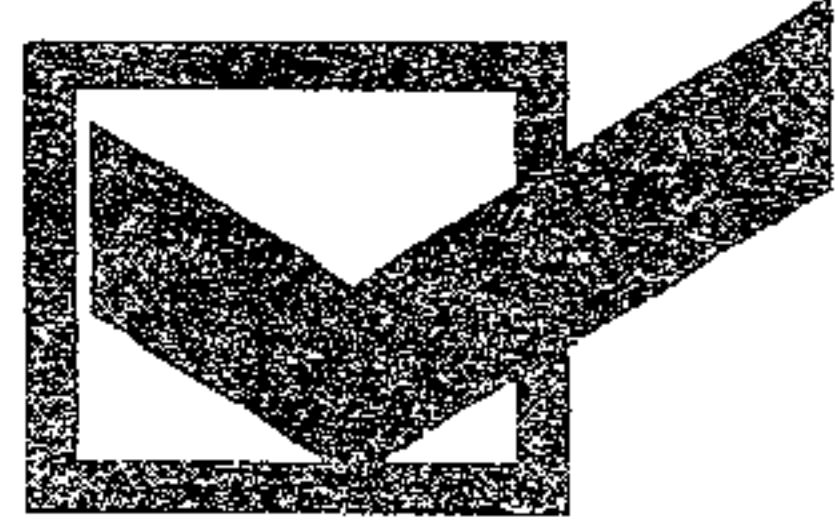
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