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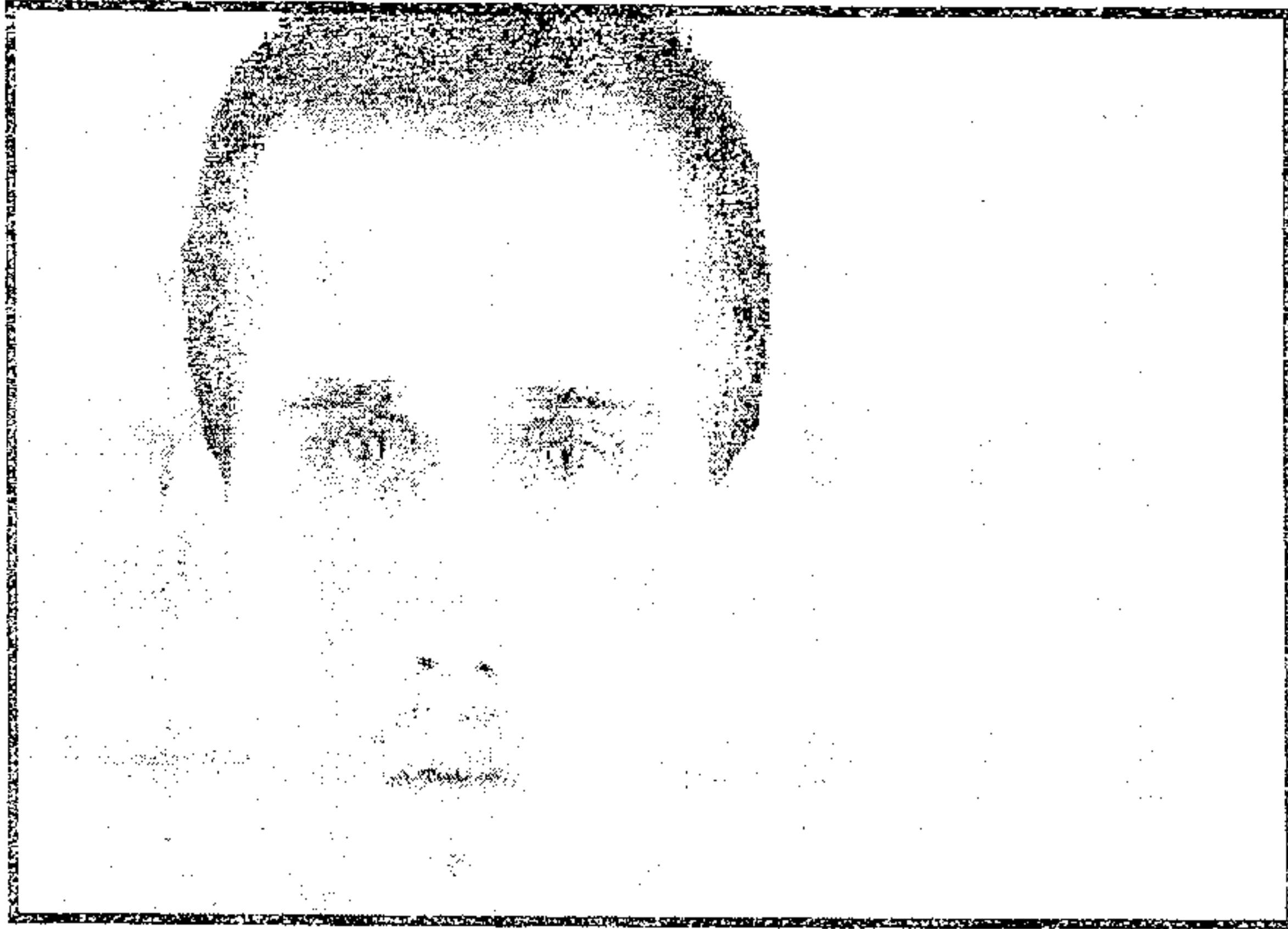
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

A stop at the store ends with a trip to the jail

Jonathan Viars, 20, Pine Grove Providence Road Loudon, was charged with Violation of Community Correction, SCH. II Drugs, and Simple Poss. Casual Exchange.

According to the report, Deputy K. Palmer LCSO, was at the Weigles at Highway 321 North. Deputy observed

(see Store pg. 4)



Johnathon Viars

2 charged with stealing TVs at Walmart

(see Theft pg. 3)



Ryan Balding



James Wilson

Be Warned: Love's WILL Call you in!

Couple charged with theft by LCPD

(see Couple pg. 5)



Corey Carter

(see PI pg. 3)



Seth Bryson



Jacqueline Shaver

Art Crime

The Case of the Stolen Stradivarius

When a 300-year-old Stradivarius violin valued at more than \$5 million was stolen from Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Frank Almond last year, investigators initially believed the theft may have been the work of sophisticated art thieves. The truth turned out to be much less glamorous.

Still, the tale of the theft and recovery of this rare instrument goes down in the annals of the FBI's Art Crime Team as a one-of-a-kind case.

When Almond emerged from a back door of a concert hall at Wisconsin Lutheran College last January, where he had just performed, he was carrying the "Lipinski Strad"—made by Antonio Stradivari in 1715 and later named for the Polish violinist Karol Lipinski who played it. As Almond walked to his car, a man approached, pulled a Taser from

(see FBI pg. 2)

Verse of the Day

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. — Acts 4:31

Obituaries

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Wazzup

A Big Shout Out to Rarity Bay, we hear there's an awesome oldies show coming to the Country Club! Smile if ya see a camera!

Weather

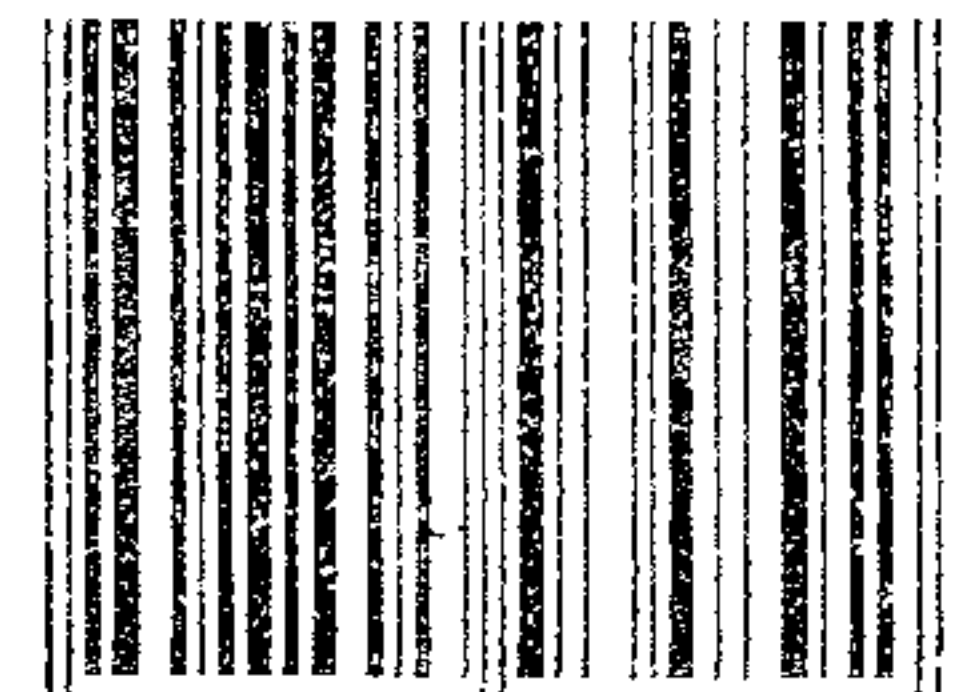
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Thursday Night Light rain early. Then remaining cloudy. Low 33F.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/19

You can sense a shift in the cosmic energy as beautiful Venus leaves your sign for the greener pastures of your dreams. You might be a bit disoriented if your needs don't

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FBI

his coat, and fired. With Almond temporarily incapacitated by the stun gun, the thief grabbed the Lipinski and fled to a waiting vehicle. Hours later, Milwaukee Police Department officers found the violin case discarded by the side of the road.

"There was an automatic assumption the violin would be traveling interstate and then most likely overseas," said Special

Agent Dave Bass, a member of the Art Crime Team in the Bureau's Milwaukee Division.

Frank Almond thanked investigators in Milwaukee with a performance in December.

Aware of the cultural significance of the violin—and that time was of the essence—the Milwaukee Police Department swiftly marshaled its forces and requested the FBI's assistance tracking down possible leads outside Wisconsin. Special Agents

Tim Bisswurm and Brian Due began gathering information about the weapon used in the robbery, which led to one of the big breaks in the case.

Using evidence found at the crime scene, agents were able in a few days to trace the weapon from the manufacturer to the purchaser—a Milwaukee barber named

Universal Knowledge Allah.

At the same time, with the investigation in high gear and a \$100,000 reward available, police received a tip regarding Milwaukee resident Salah Salahaydn. A week after the robbery, Allah and Salahaydn were arrested and charged locally, but the violin and (see FBI ctd. pg. 7)

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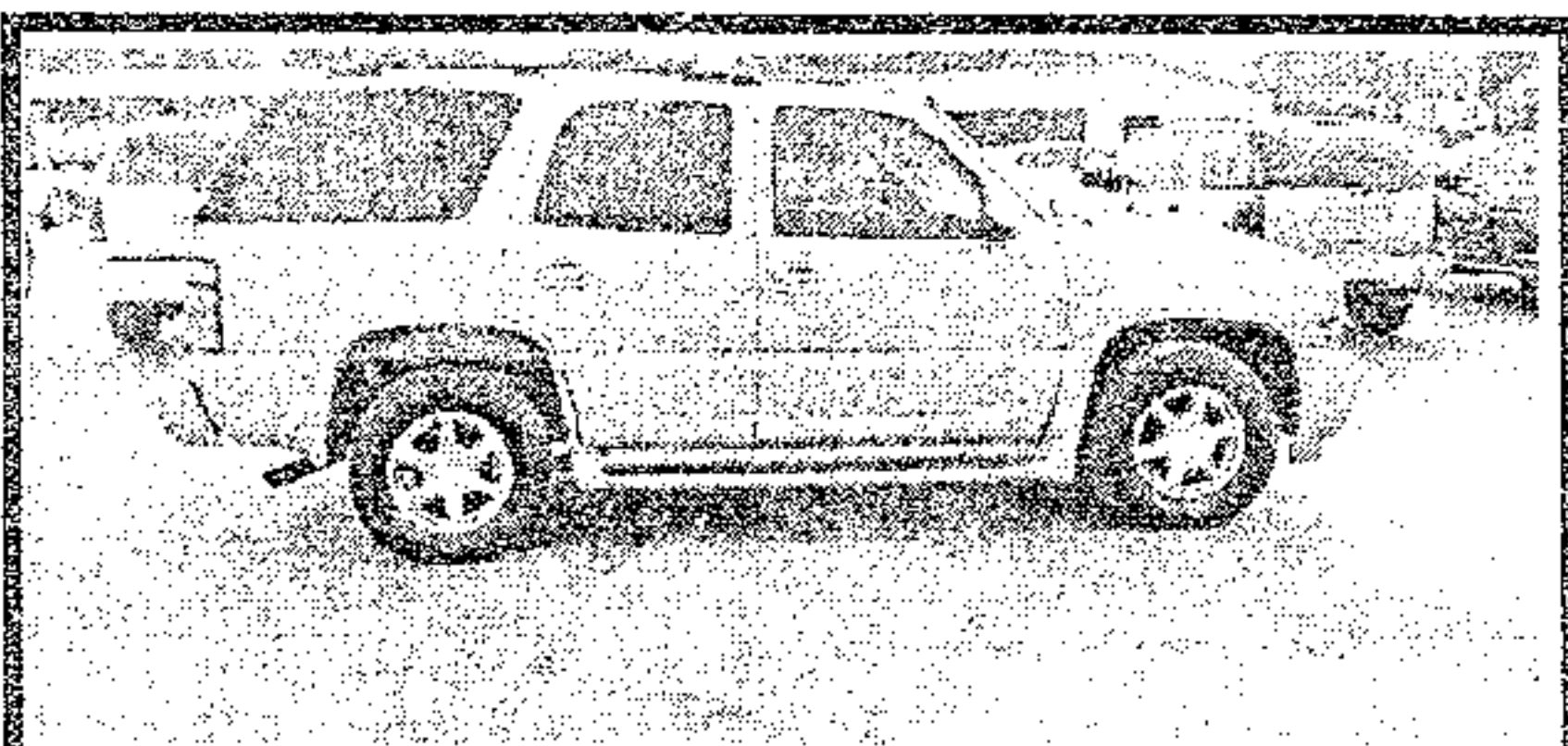
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PI

Corey Carter, 37, Whitney Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Public Intoxication, Simple Poss. of SCH. III, IV, II, and VI.

Jessica Tallant, 36, Whitney Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Public Intoxication



Jessica Tallant

Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, was dispatched to Loves Truck Stop on a possible intoxicated couple. Upon arrival and contact with the couple Cory Carter and Jessica Tallant, both was unsteady, and had slurred speech. Corey had Marijuana and Captain Morgan Rum in his possession. Both was placed under arrest. Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, made the arrest.

Theft

Ryan Balding, 32, Henderson Ave Cleveland, was charged with Theft of Property.

James Wilson, 28, Highland Ave Cleveland, was charged with Theft of Property.

Officer Jason Felts LCPD, responded to Walmart on a theft call. Upon arrival Officer made contact with Loss Prevention

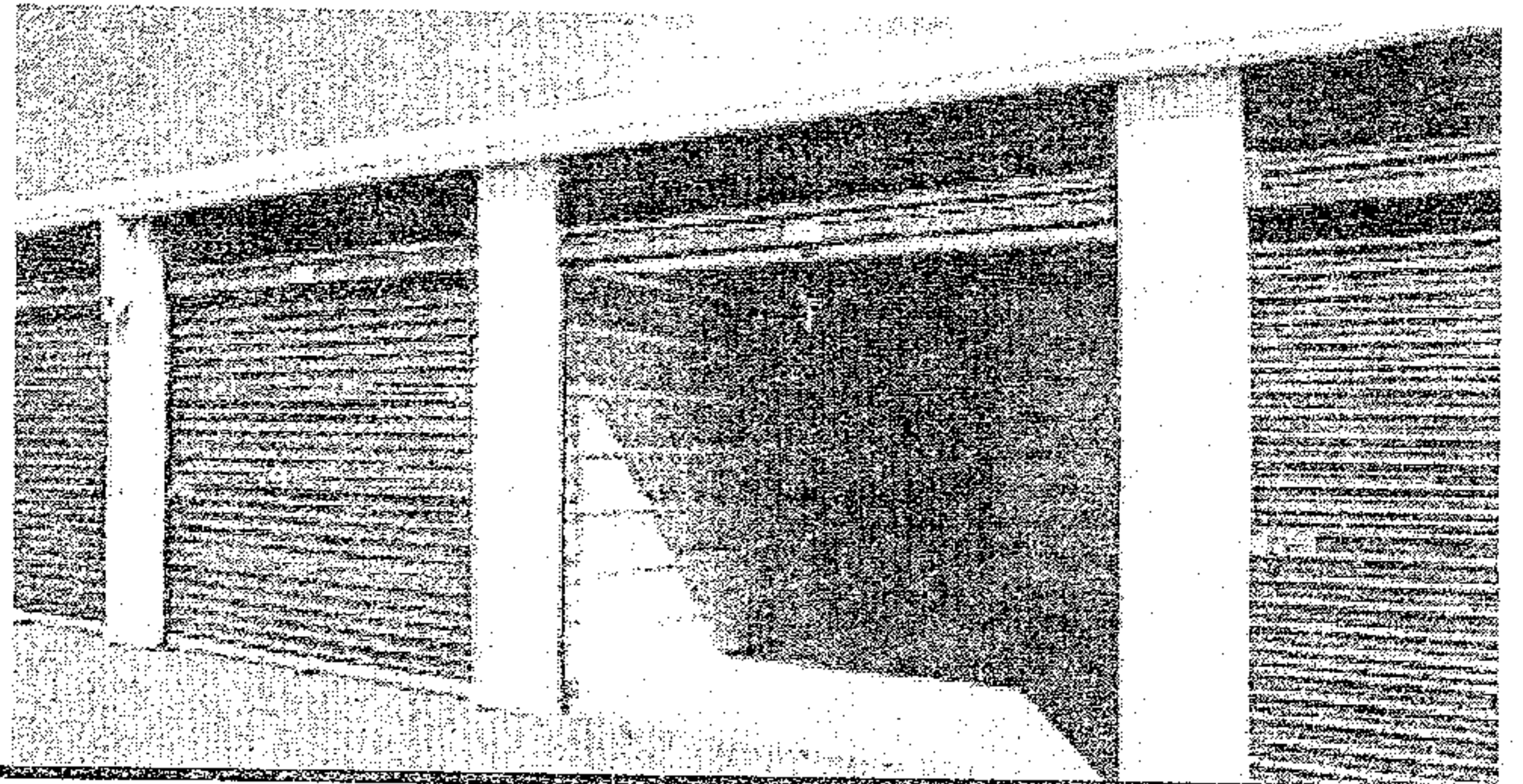
who advised two male that had been in the store took TV's and past all points of sale. Officer Jason Felts LCPD, placed Ryan Balding and James Wilson under arrest.

Police beat

Coby Webb, 26, Garren Road Madisonville, was charged with Failure to Appear. Deputy Eric Curtis LCSO, served a FTA War-

rant on Coby at the Loudon Jail. Kimberly Reagan, 26, Locust Street Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property. Kimberly was observed by Dollar General Store employee conceal items in her purse and coat pocket and left the store. items totaled 29.50 dollars. Kimberly was placed under arrest. Officer Tim Holloway LCPD, made the arrest.

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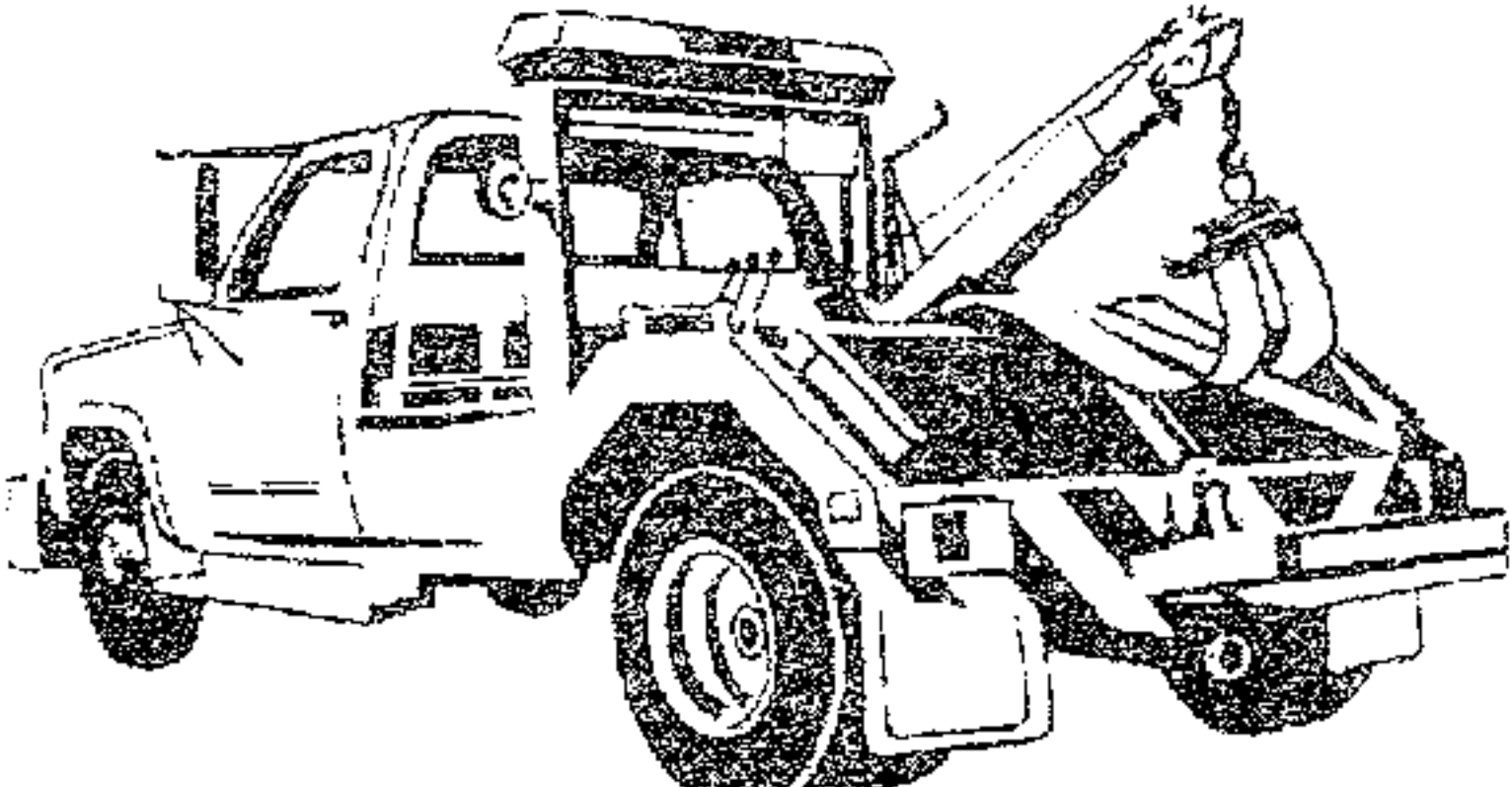
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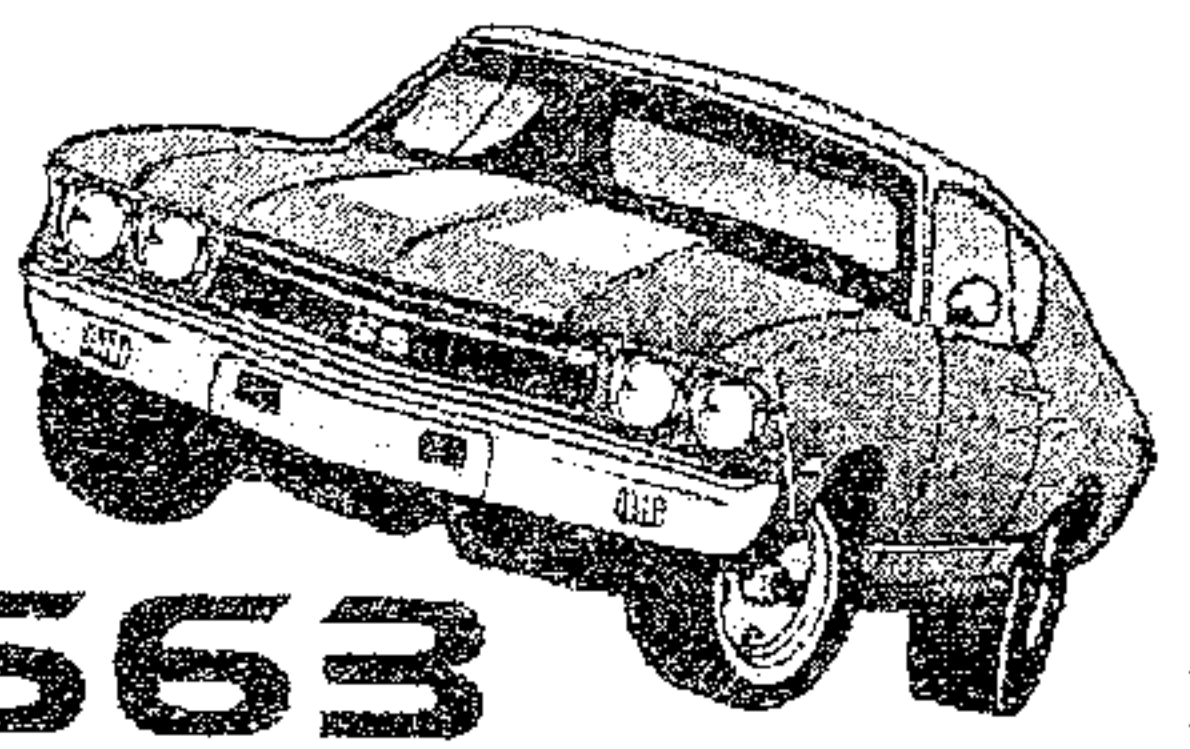
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Mr. Jonathan Richard Viars inside the store. Deputy checked with the Loudon County Jail to see if Mr. Viars had any warrants.

The Loudon County Jail advised they had a violation of community on Mr. Viars. Deputy placed Mr. Viars under arrest for the warrant of violation of community corrections.

While searching Mr. Viars Deputy felt what he believed to be a pill container located in Mr. Viars waist band. Deputy removed the pill container at which time he located a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana, and a 1/4 of a peach pill believed to be a 40 mg methadone wafer. Mr. Viars stated that the pill was methadone.

Mr. Viars was also charged with simple possession of Sch 6 and possession of Sch 2. Mr. Viars was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, made the arrest.

Obituaries

George Wendt (Mick), age 92, of Loudon, TN, passed away January 27, 2015 at Kindred Nursing Home, Loudon, TN. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Wendt, and his parents. Both George and Mary were 1939 graduates of Menominee High. George served in WWII in the CI Theater. He worked for 42 years at Ford Motor company in Dearborn, MI. Survivors include his children Barbara (Dave) Gothard of Loudon, TN, George (Nancy) Wendt of Denton, TX, and Betsy (Mark) Egger of Redondo Beach, CA; three grandchildren, Alex Wendt of Denver, CO, Don (Jackie) Wendt of Lincoln, NE, and Caroline Egger of Redondo Beach, CA and many dear nieces and nephews. A private celebration of his life will be held at a later

date. Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of George Wendt.

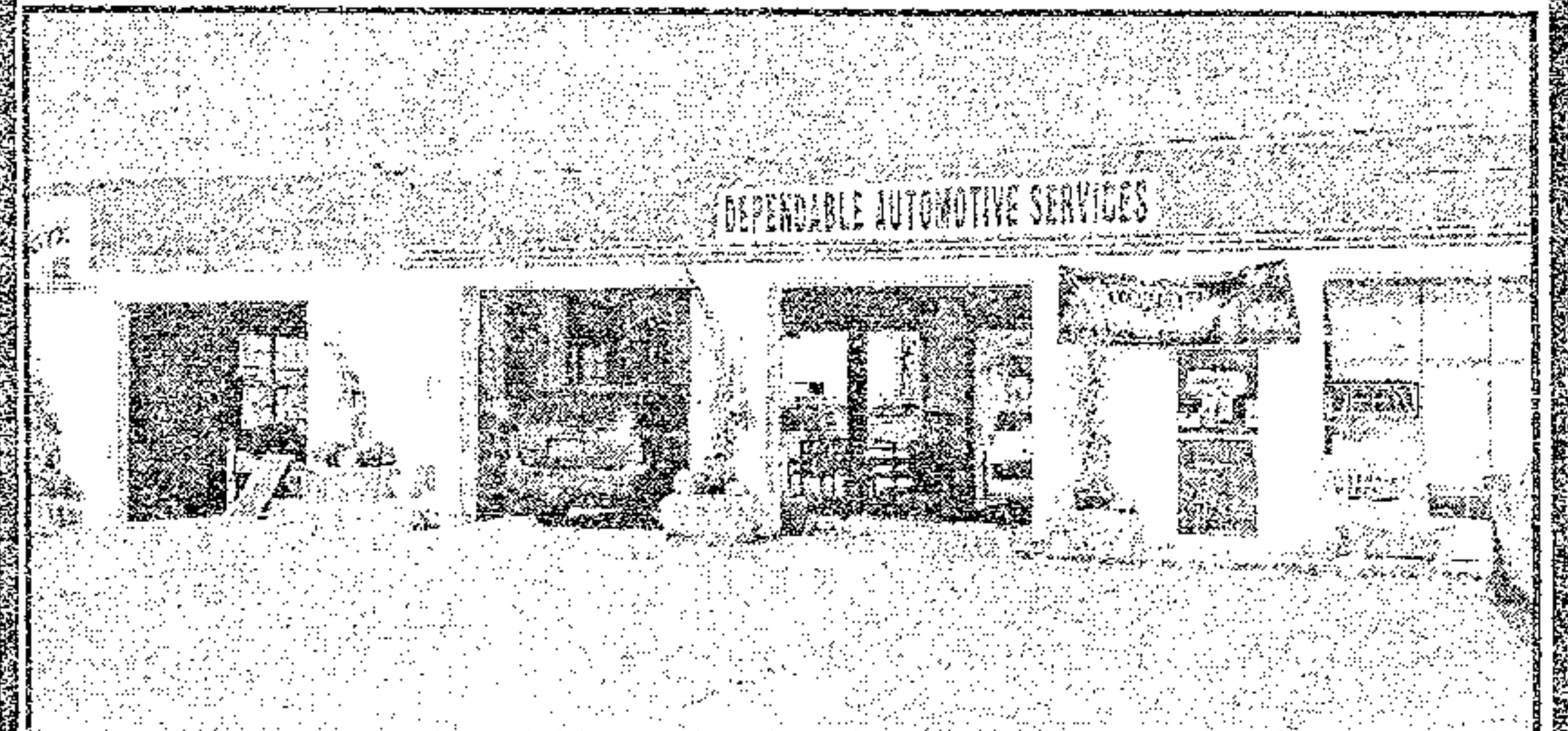
Sherri Lynn Hornbeak Skinner - age 49 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, January 26, 2015. She was affiliated with the Multiple Sclerosis Association and a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Sherri had been a resident of Kindred Healthcare Center in Loudon for the past eight years. She had a very strong faith and was a positive influence in many lives. Preceded in death by her husband, Randall Scott Skinner and father, Walter Hornbeak. She is survived by her daughter, Kristen Brooke Skinner; mother, Patricia Ann Hornbeak; sister and brother-in-law, Kerri and Todd Johns; nephew, Brycen Johns; father-in-law and mother-

in-law, Jack and Gwenn Skinner; brothers-in-law, Tony Skinner and Brady Skinner; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Susan and Derek Williams and their children, Elijah and Nathan Williams. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Click

Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Memorial services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Rick Harrell and Rev. Donny Crass officiating. A private interment will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to

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Couple
Seth Bryson, 24, Rarity Bay Vonore, was charged with Theft of Property.

Jacqueline Shaver, 21, Grove Street Loudon, was charged with Theft of Property

According to the report, Officer Brandon Gentry LCPD, responded to Walmart for two shoplifter. Upon arrival Officer came in contact with Loss

Prevention who stated that Seth Bryson and Jacqueline Shaver attempted to leave the store without paying for merchandise.

Both was placed under arrest and transported to City Hall where Loss Prevention had Warrants Issued, and transported to Loudon Jail.

Officer Brandon Gentry LCPD, made the arrest.

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the Multiple Sclerosis Association. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Edith Mae White - age 78 of Lenoir City passed away Monday morning, January 26, 2015 at her home. Edith was a client of the Adult Community Training. She was well cared for by all of her friends of ACT. Preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Nellie White; sisters, Betty Jenkins,

Elsie Fagg and Margaret Smith. Survived by her brother, Kenneth White of California and sister, Ruby Singleton of Chattanooga. Friends may call at their convenience at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Central United Methodist Church in Lenoir City with Rev. Micah Nicolaus. A private will be held in the Lakeview Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrange-

ments.

Joyce Fritz Lewis, age 70 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away January 22, 2015 at her home after a long fight against cancer. Joyce loved golf and playing cards with her family and friends. She also loved to travel. Preceded in death by her parents, Irwin & Marie Fritz of New Baltimore, MI and brother, Donald of Sterling Heights, MI. Survivors include her best friend and husband of 50 years, William (Bill) Lewis; son David (Kristi) Lewis and Dana (Garrett) Wedlick; grandchildren Josh and Justin Lewis and Abigail and Jacob Wedlick; brother and sister-in-law Ken and Valerie Fritz, sister-in-law Dottie Fritz; brother-in-law Bob (Dee) Lewis and Jim (Anita) Lewis and sister-in-law Maryann Chrisman; many loving nieces and nephews and very dear friends. The family will receive friends on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. with a Rosary to follow at 7:30 p.m. at Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel. Mass will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Lenoir City, TN. Burial will take place at a later date in New Baltimore, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Click Funeral Home & Cremations is serving the family of Joyce Lewis.

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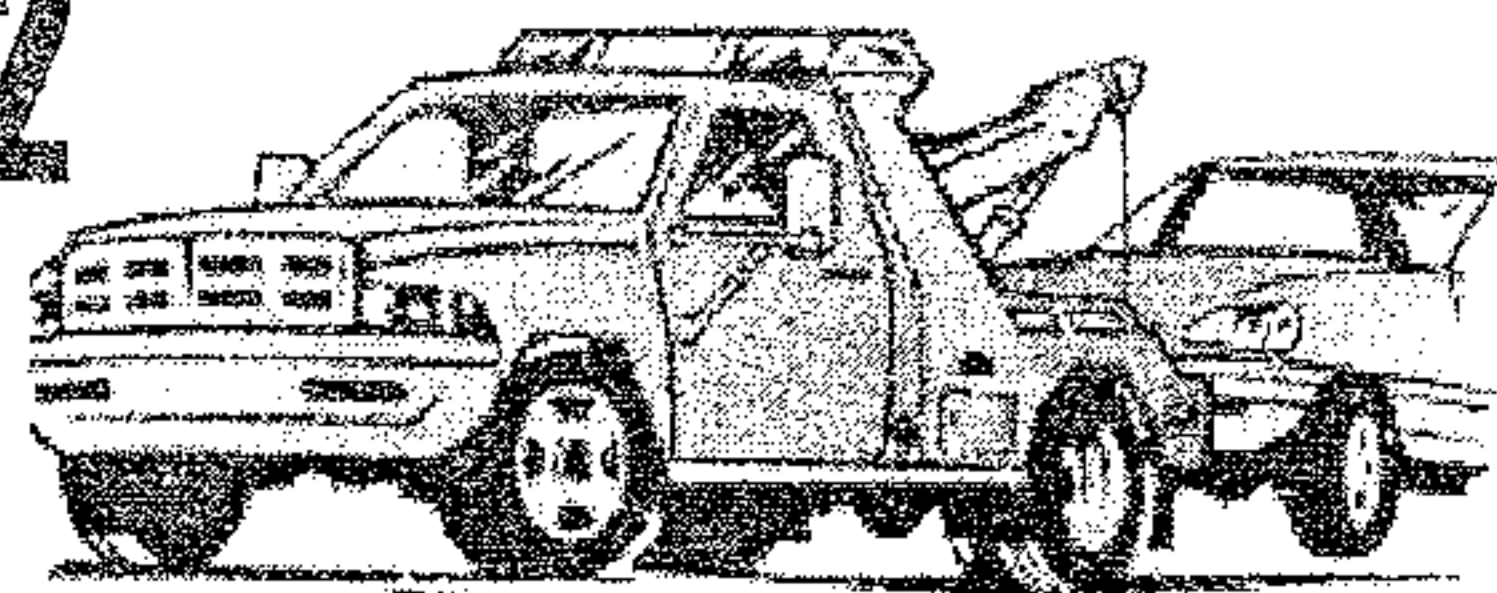
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two valuable bows were still missing.

"One of my big concerns was how the violin was being stored," Bass said. Because the delicate instrument might be critically harmed by extreme cold or humidity, Bass and others were worried that it might be irreparably damaged.

Nine days after the robbery, Salahaydn led investigators to a Milwaukee home. With a borrowed ladder from the SWAT team, Bass climbed through a crawl space into the attic and retrieved the violin and the bows wrapped in a baby blanket inside an old suitcase.

"I am by no means a violin expert," Bass said, "but because of our training, I could make an informed opinion that in fact it was the Lipinski. And it appeared to be in great shape."

Discarded violin case Hours after the Stradivarius was stolen, Milwaukee Police Department officers found the violin's case discarded by the side of the road.

In May 2014, Allah pleaded guilty to felony robbery for his role in providing the stun gun to Salahaydn. He is currently serving a three-and-a-half-year prison term. Last November, Salahaydn was sentenced to seven years in prison after earlier pleading guilty to the theft.

"My opinion is that the robbery was all about the reward money," Bass said. "I believe Salahaydn's intention was never to sell the violin. There are only a handful of people in the entire world who could do

that, and he's not one of them."

And nearly two decades earlier, Salahaydn was linked to a Milwaukee art theft and was later convicted of receiving stolen property after he tried to sell the stolen \$25,000 sculpture back to the gallery years after the crime.

In the end, Bass said, the Stradivarius robbery scheme was anything but sophisticated. The Taser was only good for one shot, and on a winter night when people wear heavy coats, it was more luck

than skill that the weapon found its mark. Still, Salahaydn conducted extensive surveillance on Almond and knew where he and his family lived. The crime was clearly premeditated.

Almond, who has been playing the Lipinski since 2008—on loan from an anonymous donor—was thrilled to get the violin back. "This was a fairly violent and traumatic event for me and my fam-

ily," he said recently. "But there were silver linings as well, in large part because of the unbelievable police work and cooperation between the Milwaukee Po-

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Police Department and the FBI. I will be indebted to all of them for the rest of my life."

When the violin was stolen, Almond said, "the community really came together and saw what kind of cultural treasure was in their midst." Now, with all the publicity surrounding the case—and

as the Lipinski celebrates his 300th birthday this year—he explained, "people want to hear the violin. There's an interest in hearing the violin played live, and not just locally."

Almond showed his gratitude last month to investigators who solved the case by taking part in a presentation at the FBI's Milwaukee headquarters and playing the Lipinski for

members of the Bureau, an FBI Citizens Academy group, and special guests from the Milwaukee Police Department.

Bass, a 10-year veteran of the Art Crime Team, explained that the Bureau worked "hand in hand" with the police department to support their case and added that he has never seen an armed robbery of an instrument of this value. "There are plenty of examples of theft—breaking into a practice room, or the musician accident-

tally leaves the instrument somewhere—but there has never been an instance I know of where someone walks up to one of these world-class musicians and forcibly takes an instrument. We hope that it never happens again."

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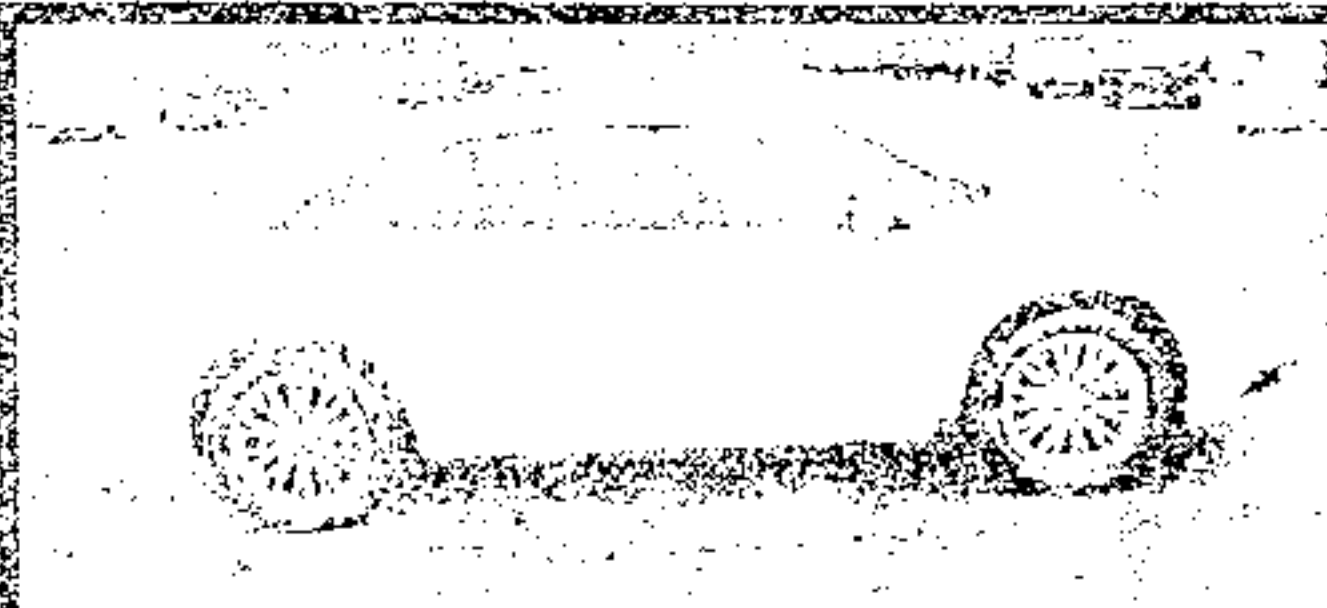
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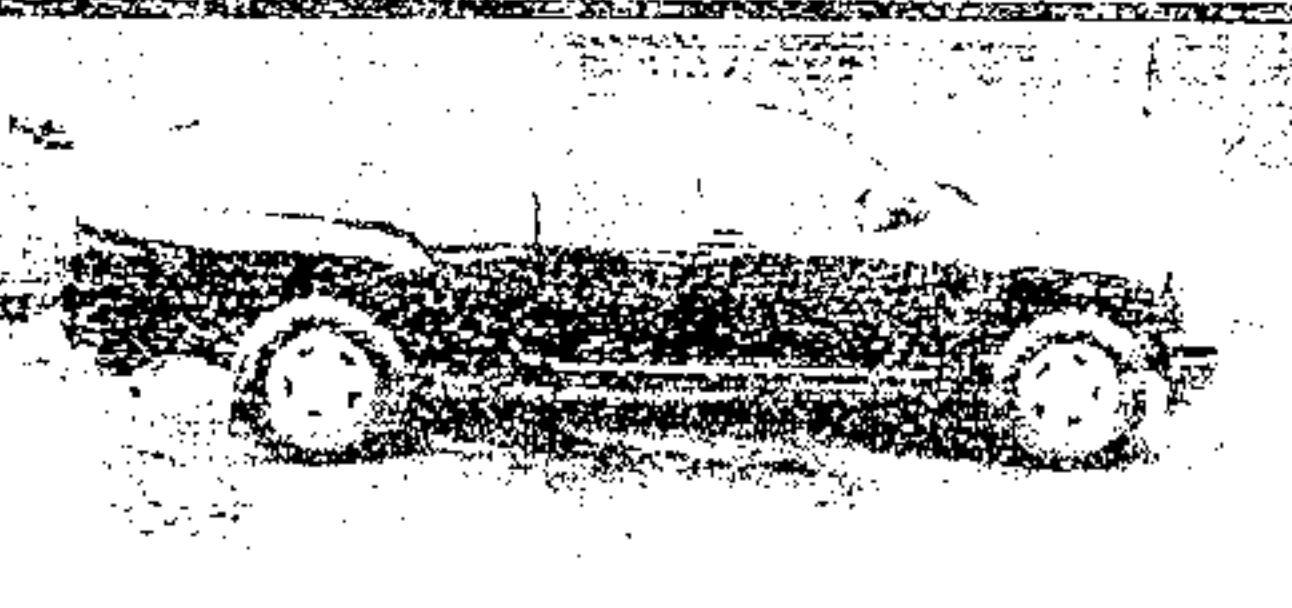


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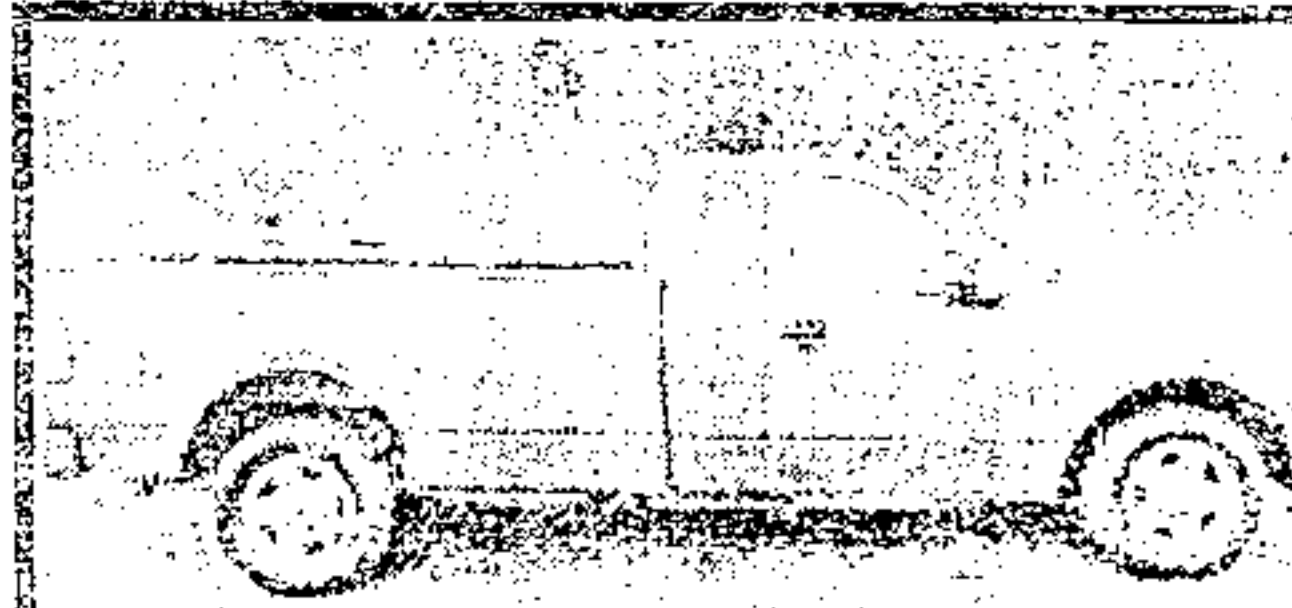
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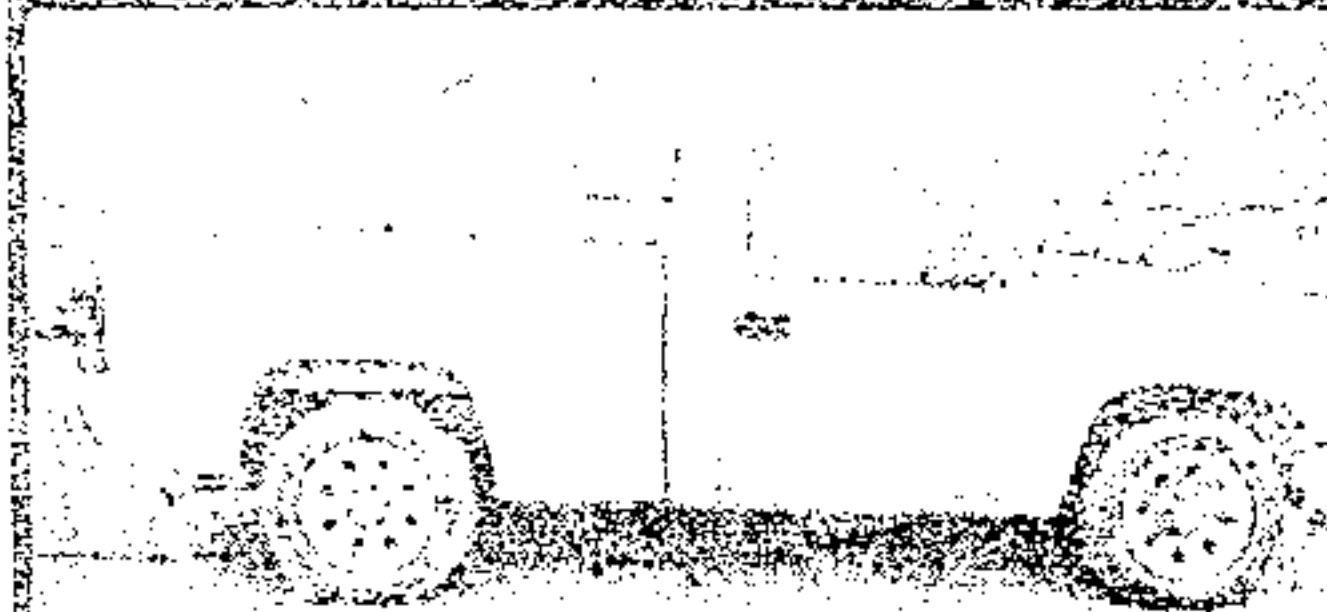
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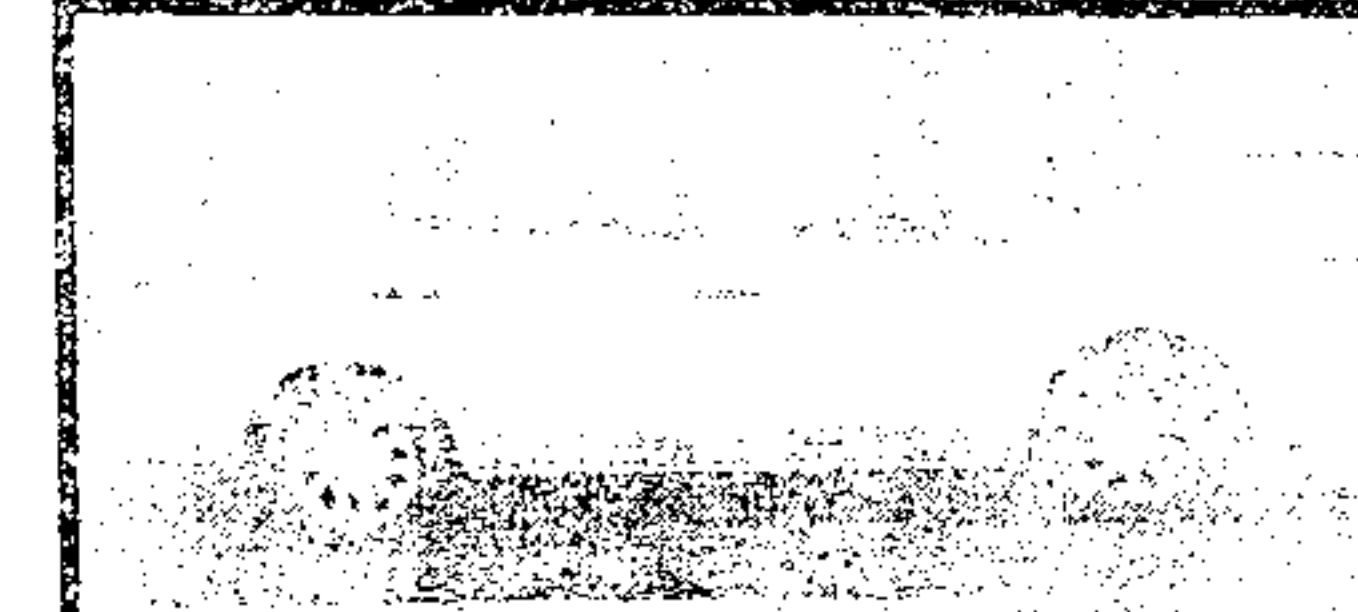
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