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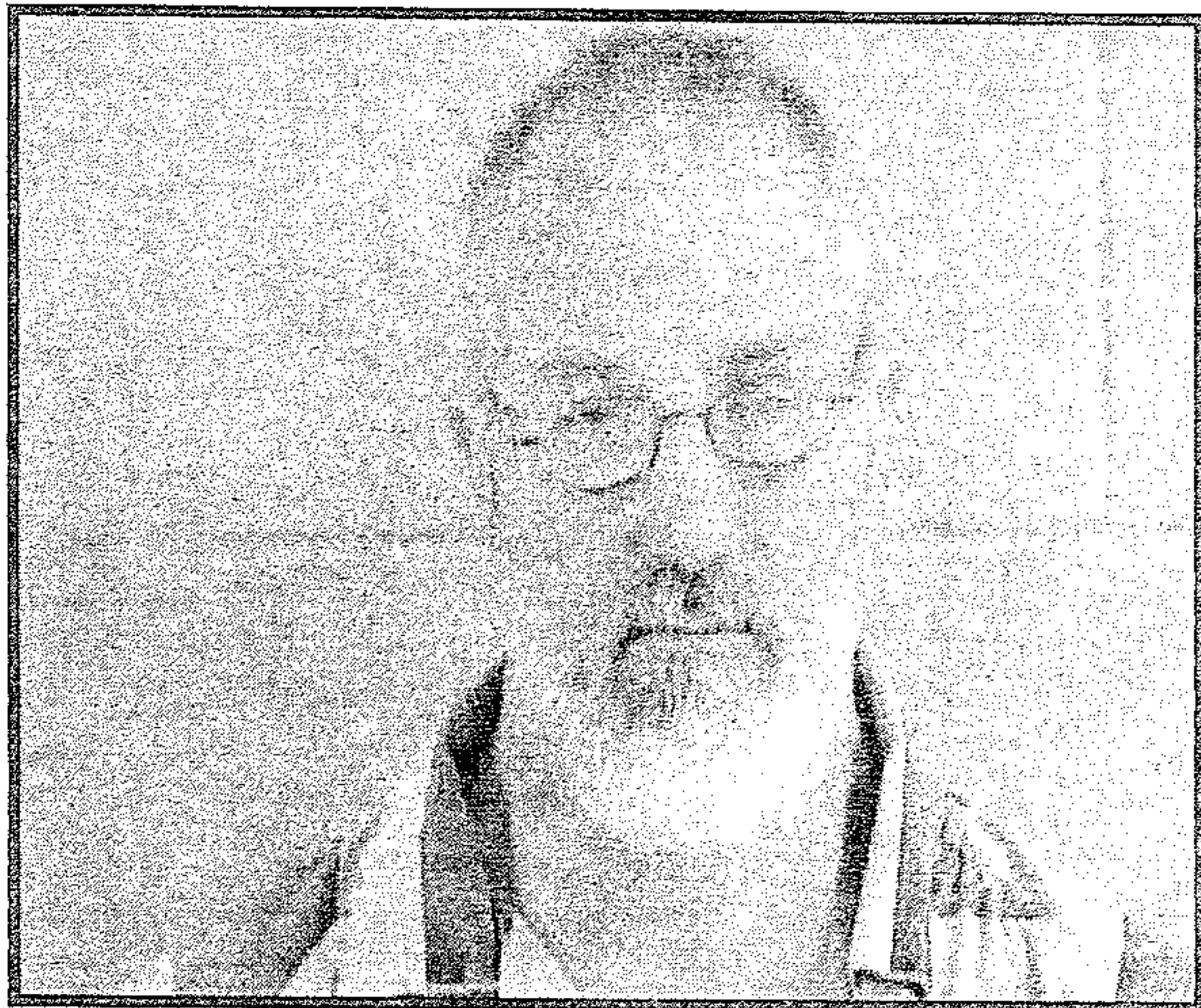
Suspended driver charged with drugs in traffic stop



Steven McAbee

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Man comes home late then goes to jail for assault



Michael Risher

(see assault pg. 2)

Agents of Asian Ancestry 'Historical Marker' Celebrates 50 Years of Service

When William Wang joined the FBI as a special agent in 1966, the number of known agents of Asian ancestry could be counted on one hand. There was no official tally, Wang said, because Director J. Edgar Hoover didn't find it necessary to keep count.

"Under Mr. Hoover, you are either a special agent or not a special agent," said Wang, who was born in China, im-

migrated to the United States in 1956, and became the Bureau's fifth known agent of Asian ancestry. "As far as he was concerned, we're all special agents—period."

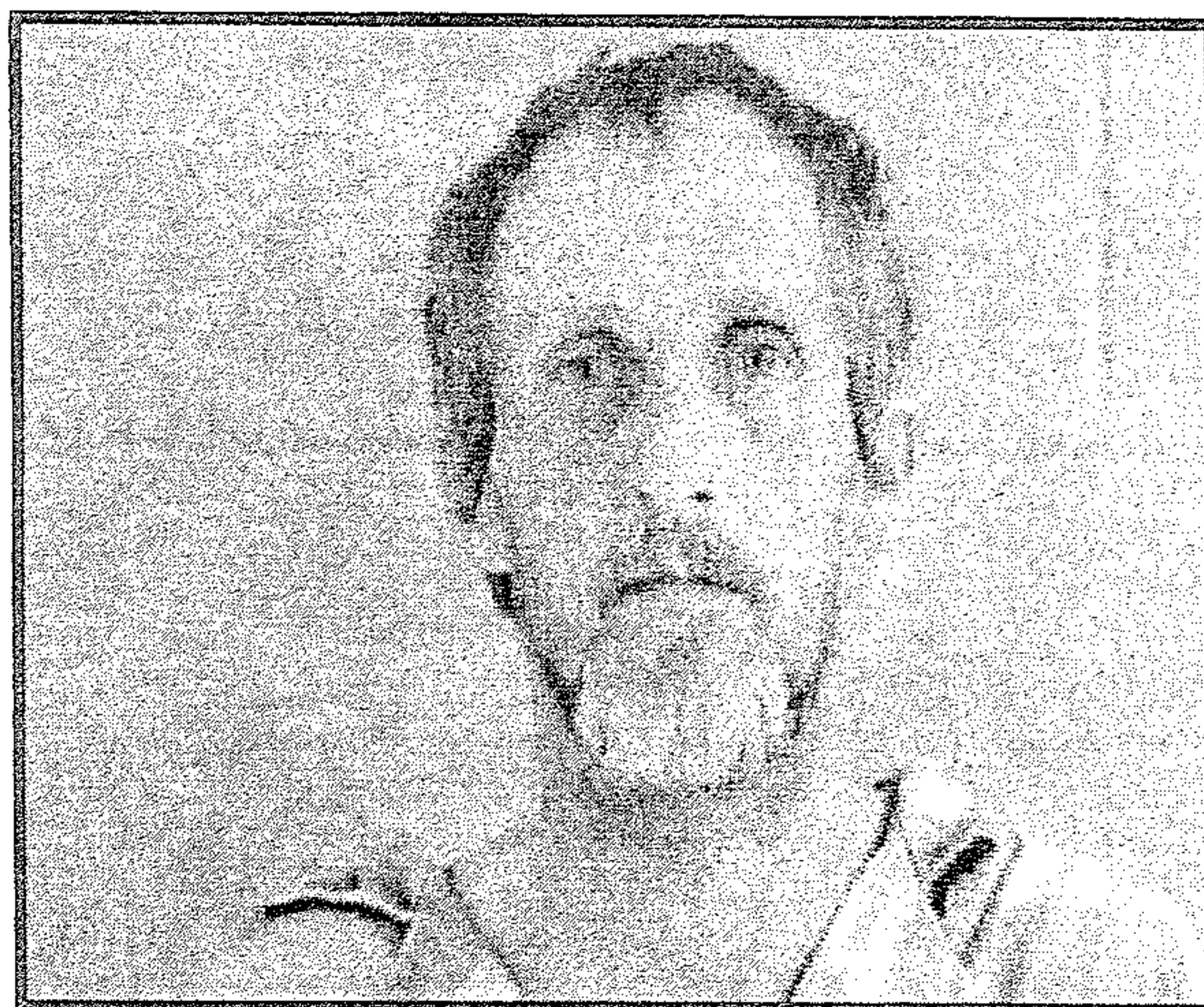
Over the years, Wang took it upon himself to keep track of the number, and he reached out personally to new agents of Asian descent as they came through training at the FBI

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Assailant flees scene and then resists arrest

Thomas Freeman, 42, Hwy 411 South Greenback, was charged with Domestic Assault, Evading Arrest, and Resisting Arrest. Deputy Chris Hutchens and Jamie Ketner LCSO, was dispatched to Hwy 411 S for a domestic. While in route to the residence it was reported that Thomas Freeman had fled the scene toward Blount Co. Deputy made con-

(see evading pg. 7)



Thomas Freeman

2015 Biometric Identification Award

Virginia Police Investigator Honored for Role in Identifying Violent Perpetrator

The 2015 recipient of the FBI's Biometric Identification Award (formerly known as the Latent Hit of the Year Award) is a member of Virginia's Norfolk Police Department (NPD) who played a key role in the identification of a dangerous serial offender. Congratulations to Melvin Grover III, an investigator with the forensic section of the NPD's detective division.

This Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division award is traditionally given to a latent print examiner or law enforcement officer who solves a major violent crime using the FBI's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System, or IAFIS. But IAFIS—our longstanding fingerprint repository—was replaced last year by the Next Generation

(see Award pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might

have hope. — Romans 15:4

Obituaries

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Wazzup

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Weather

Today: Rain. High 61F. Tonight: Rain. Low 52F. Tuesday Rain likely. High near 60F.

Tuesday Night Cloudy with showers. Low 46F.

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

You are often happiest heading out on your own, but now you may desire a sidekick while running

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assault

Michael Risher, 43, Smokey Drive Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officer James Gogdill LPD, was dispatched to Smokey Drive for a physical domestic call. Upon arrival Officer spoke to a victim. The victim stated that her

and her husband Mr. Michael Dean Risher got into a verbal argument about him coming home from work late and that Mr. Risher went to hug her and when she pulled away from him that he grabbed her by the arm and pulled her to the ground laying on top of her and cussing at her. Victim stated to officer that she felt threatened for her

safety at that moment. that's when this officer placed Mr. Risher under arrest for domestic assault. the above actions did occur in Loudon County.

Officer James Gogdill LPD, made the arrest.

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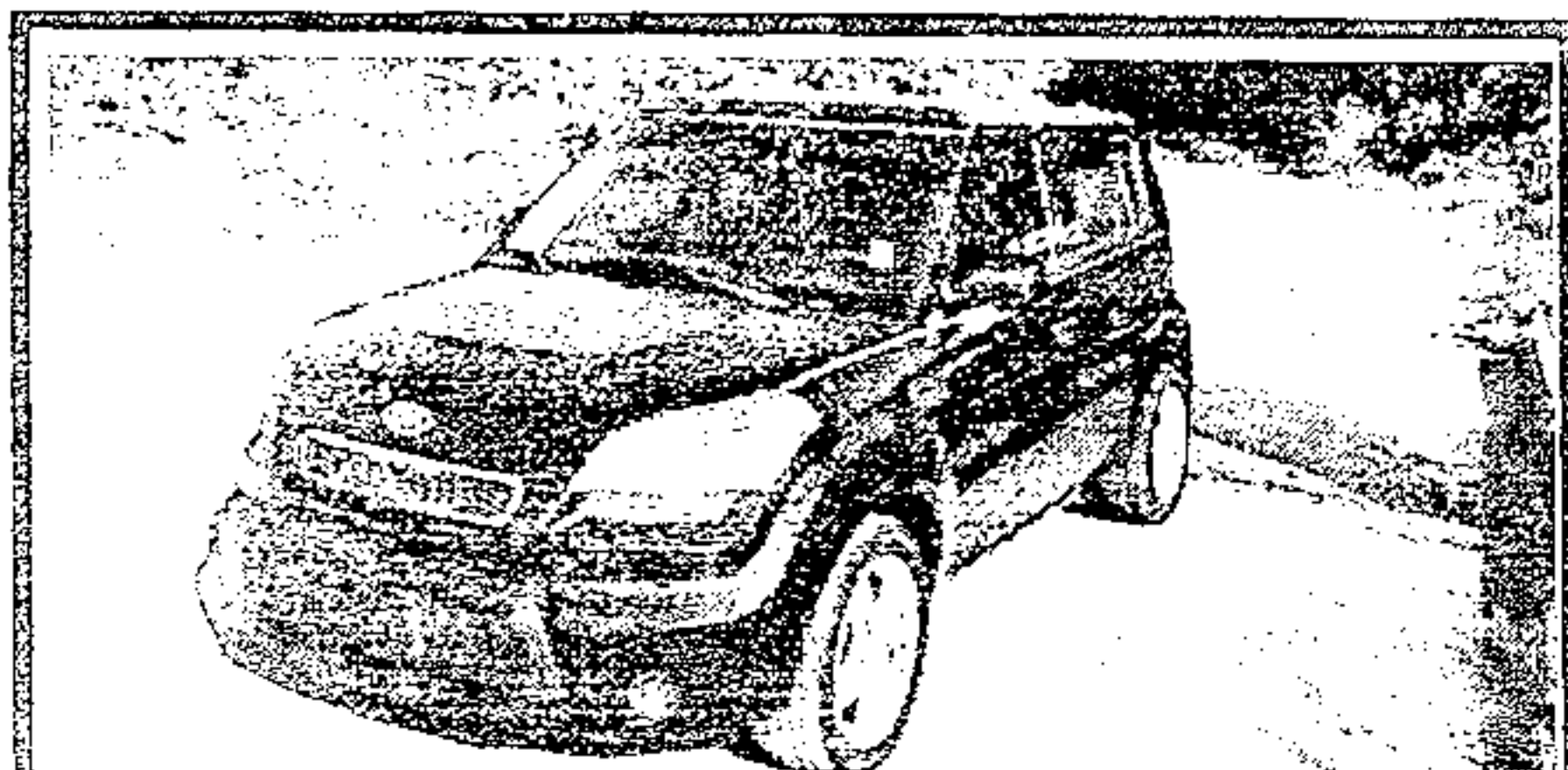
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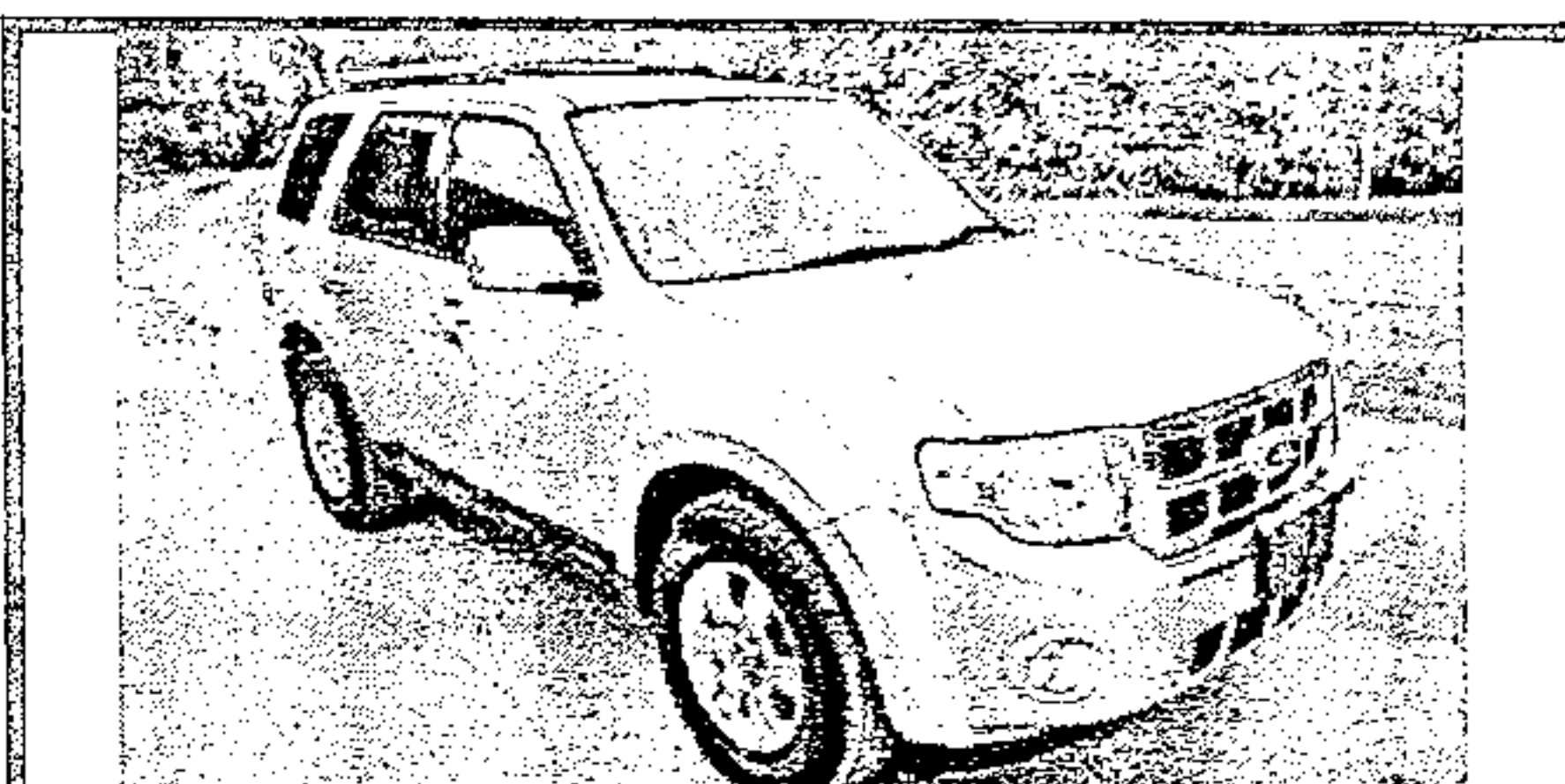
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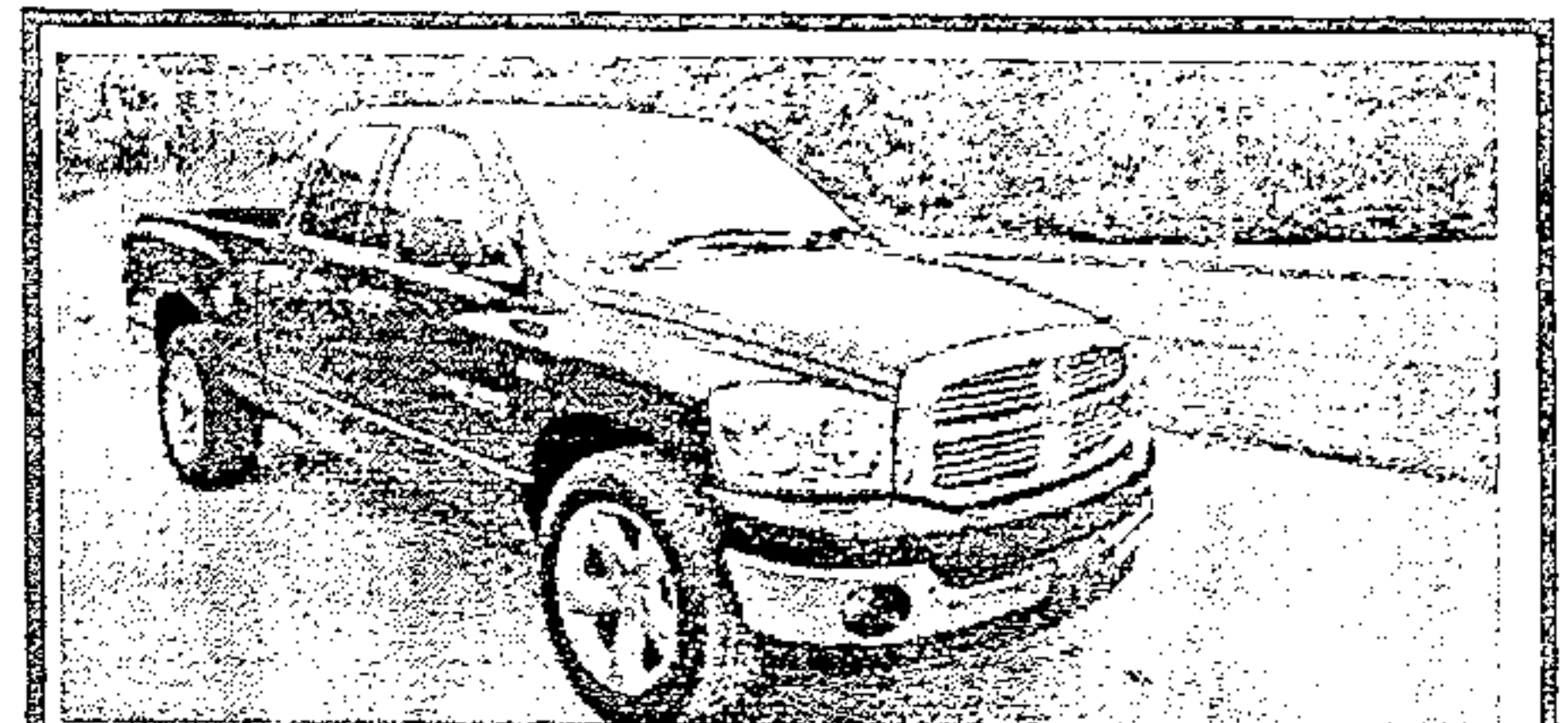
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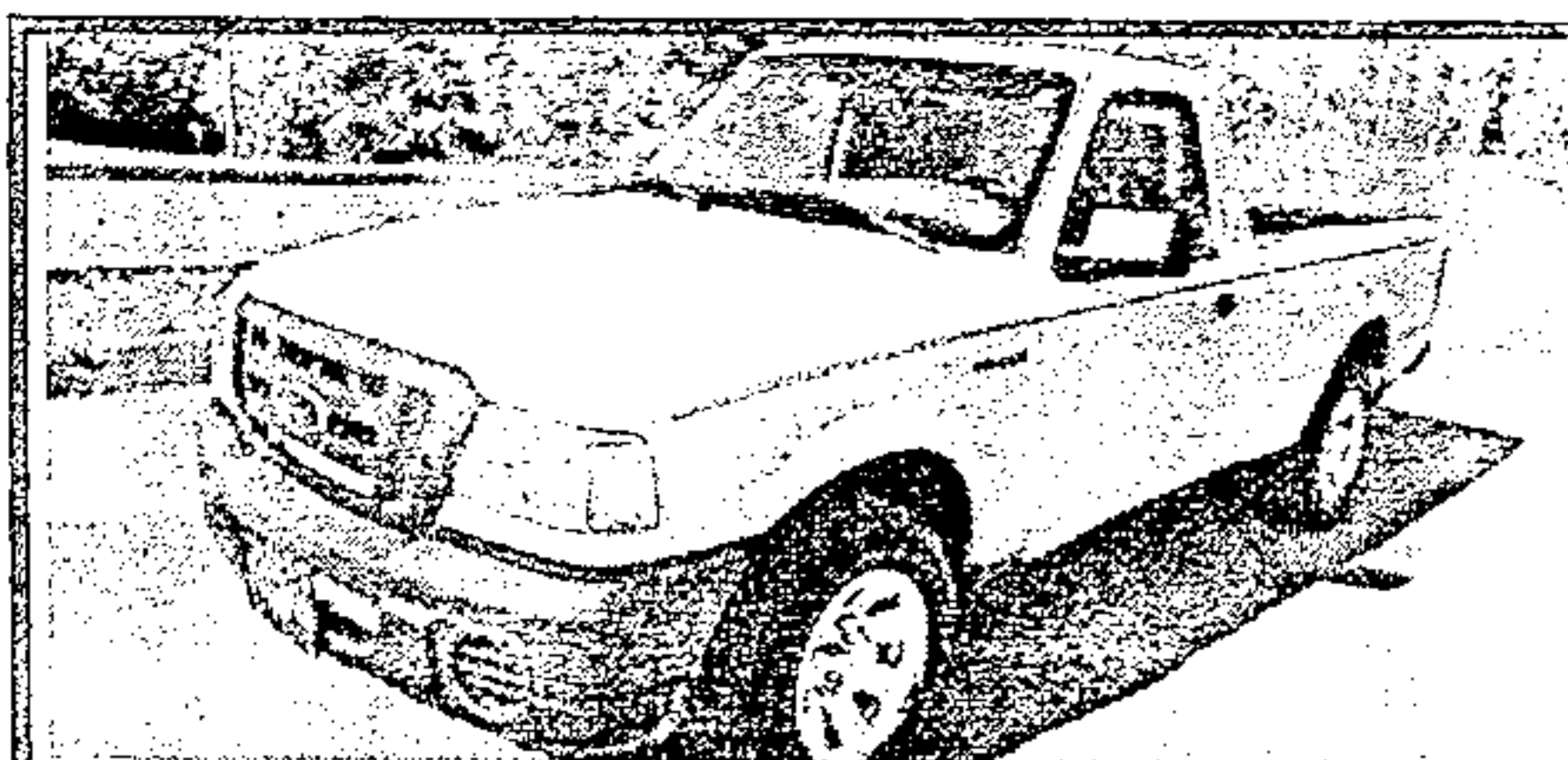
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suspended

Steven McAbee, 35, Candora Ave Knoxville, was charged with Driving on Suspended license, Poss. of Legend Drug, and Poss. of Drug Para.

According to the report, Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, observed a blue vehicle traveling on Hwy 411 displaying a un illuminated license plate. Deputy made traffic stop and contact with the driver Steven McAbee. A check of Steven through dispatch revealed his license were suspended.

Upon consent to search vehicle Deputy did locate in the driver side door 2 syringes, and 18 yellow barrel shaped pills believed to be Gabapentin in the center console.

Steven was placed under arrest. Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, made the arrest.

Obituaries


Mary L. Dishner - age 79 of Lenoir City, passed away Friday, November 27, 2015. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. Preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Billy Lee Dishner; son, Greg Dishner and siblings, Katey Lee, Dorothy (Dot) Belcher, Betty Shubert, Bob Williams, Charlie Williams

and Ernie Williams. Survived by her grandson, Brandon Dishner; several nieces including, Dianne Munsey; sister, Opal Ellis; special friends, John, Petula, Devin and Dakota Caylor. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, November 30th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 12 noon with Rev. Eddie Chasteen officiating. Interment


will follow at the Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

James F. Park of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away November 25, 2015. Private, family services will be held. Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of James Park.

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award Identification (NGI) system, developed to expand the Bureau's biometric identification capabilities and services, and future awards will involve the use of the NGI system.

The case Grover eventually became involved with started in August 2008, when the NPD received an emergency call from a private residence and responding officers found a female tied up in a locked bathroom. The victim, a U.S. Navy officer, said that she had been sleeping and was awakened by an unknown male brandishing a knife. The man raped her, bound her legs with the cord of an iron, and stole items from the home before fleeing.

Investigator Wade Stalker of the NPD processed evidence from the scene, including latent fingerprints from the iron and a door. Grover searched all the latent print evidence against Virginia's Automated Fingerprint Identification System but got no results.

In September 2008,

the victim and her daughter returned home one day and were confronted by the same attacker. He tied them both up with duct tape and raped the daughter before fleeing the scene. Once again, investigators collected evidence, including latent fingerprints and DNA. The prints were compared against Vir-

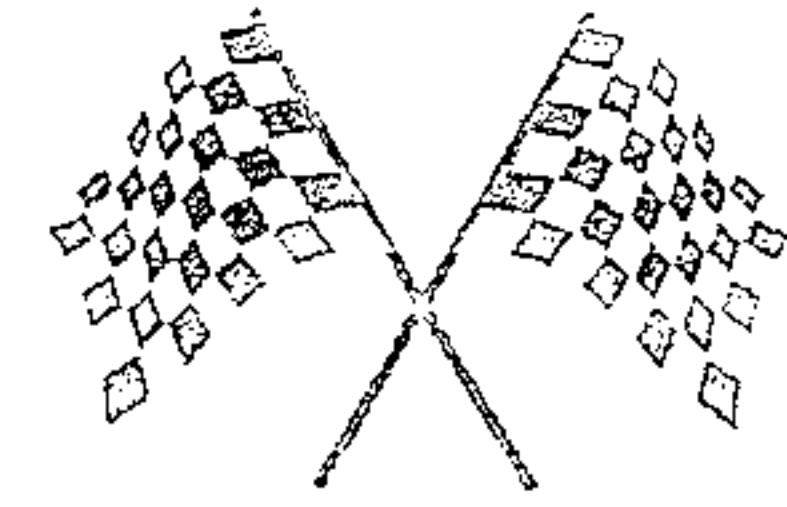
ginia's system, which didn't produce any known suspects but did confirm that the same individual committed both crimes. Investigators also searched the collected DNA evidence against the FBI's Combined DNA Index System, or CODIS, with no results. The case remained un-

solved. In the spring of 2010, a female service member stationed in Kuwait was attacked while in a shower. An unknown male with a shirt covering his face went after the victim with a box cutter, but she fought back and the suspect ran off. Person- (see award ctd. pg. 7)

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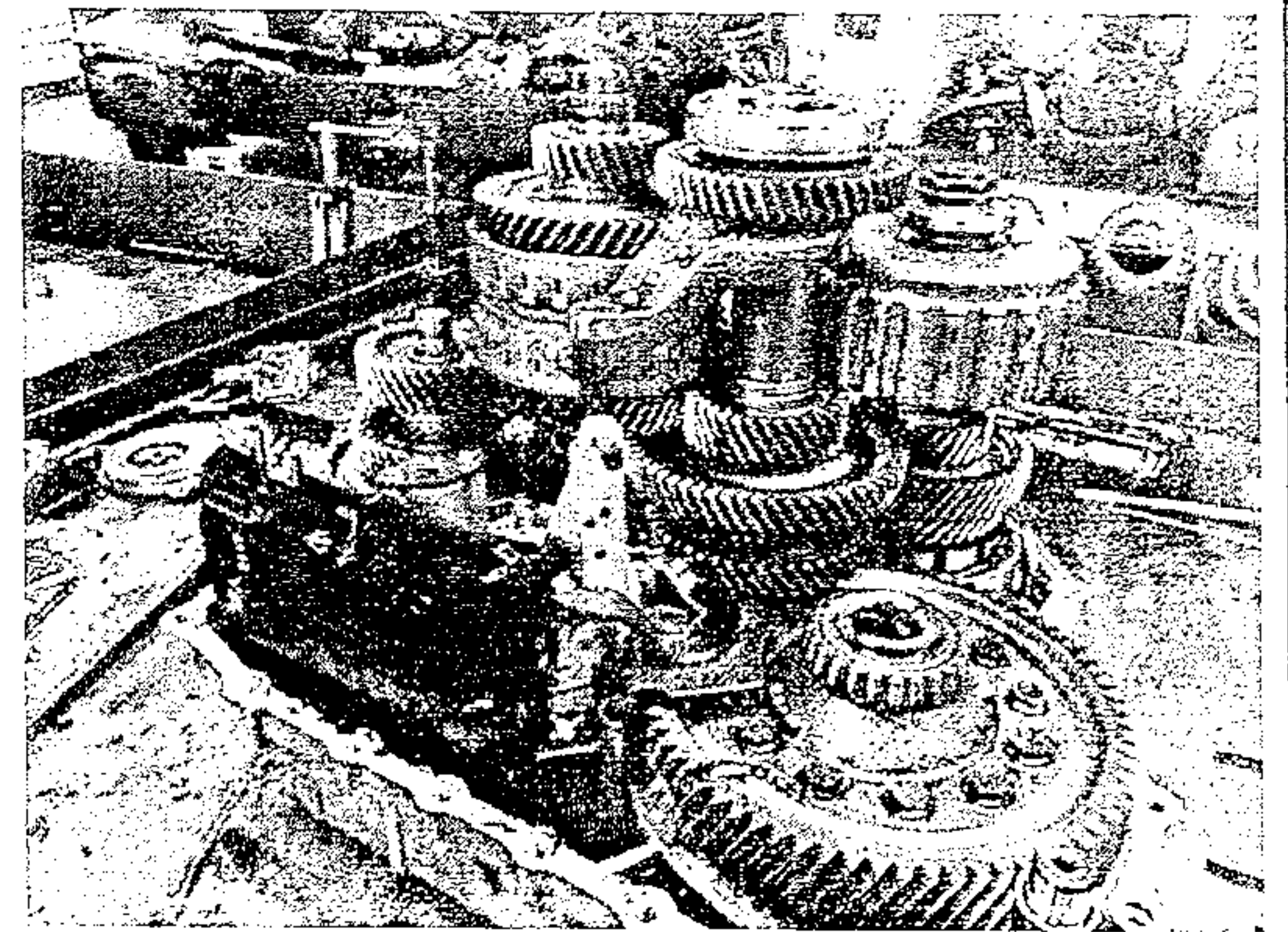
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Academy in Quantico, Virginia. "It was important to me to just let them know that I'm here," he said.

The role of agents of Asian ancestry over the past 50 years—since Edwin Yee and Calvin Shishido were sworn in as agents in 1965—was a centerpiece of this year's annual national conference of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Retired Special Agent El-

len Glasser, who was president of the society during the September gathering in Reno, Nevada, said it was a fitting time to honor them for the "special value and needed diversity" they brought to the FBI's ranks.

"We decided this was an opportunity to do something really important and to create a historical marker for their 50 years of service," Glasser said, speaking to hundreds

of former agents, but specifically addressing the cadre of Asian former agents in attendance. "By celebrating your achievements and your loyalty, we here in the FBI family want to publicly say thank you and job well done."

In conversations, many recalled being recruited into the Bureau specifically because of their backgrounds, both professional and ethnic.

Kingman Wong, who

served from 1988 to 2012, said the San Francisco Field Office was looking for agents with Chinese language skills when he was recruited. He landed on an Asian organized crime squad there, which propelled him to other undercover assignments in Hong Kong and Thailand.

"In terms of infiltrating these groups, you have to know the culture, you have to know the language," he said. "It would be very dif-

ficult if the Bureau sent in a Caucasian agent."

Chris Loo also worked in the San Francisco office, from 1978 to 1999. He remembered his boss assigning him to applicant recruitment, specifically to reach out into the Asian community. He did that successfully for two years—hiring a number of future legal attachés to run our overseas offices—before returning to an organized crime squad, where he helped launch the office's Asian organized crime program.

"Your ethnicity certainly helps open doors in the community," said Loo, recalling an interview with a potential witness who was Chinese. "He was very hesitant to speak to me, and his sponsor said, 'Don't be afraid to speak to Mr. Loo. He's with the FBI and he's Chinese.' I found the ethnicity a plus in helping to get the foot in the door."

The former agents also encountered some strains of discrimination but generally brushed it off and rose above it. JoAnn Sakato, who served from 1978 to 2002 and was the first Asian woman agent in the FBI, chalked up any racist or sexist slights to ignorance.

"As a Japanese female, I think some of the agents expected a geisha," she said. "Well, that's not what they got when they hired me. A funny story is that in the Los Angeles Field Office they would call me Dragon Lady. I suppose in some contexts it could be a derogatory term. I decided to adopt that as my moniker and made it my own. I guess I established certain reputation for

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attack

tact with the vehicle turning onto Niles Ferry Road near the Corner Market, Deputy immediately turned on his emergency light and sirens. Thomas accelerated the vehicle and began fleeing traveling at a high rate of speed. Deputy continued to pursue Freeman as he turned onto Dotson Road and then back onto Hwy 411 before speeding back into the driveway at his residence.

Once there Thomas jumped out of the vehicle utterances about wanting to be killed and have suicide by police done to him, and refused all command by Deputies. K-

9 Dante was deployed and apprehended Thomas. Thomas was taken to Ft. Loudon where he was treated and released. Witness and victim gave statements on the Domestic that Thomas had began yelling and then began smacking and shoving victim. Deputy Chris Hutchens LCSO, made the arrest.

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nel from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command collected blood samples from the shower and from a secondary crime scene where a blood-stained shirt was recovered from the trash. DNA isolated from the blood samples was searched against CODIS and

positively linked to the two 2008 attacks in Norfolk. But the actual identity of the attacker remained unknown.

In January 2012, representatives from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) met with Investigator Grover of the NPD to discuss the cases, and latent fingerprint evidence from both crimes scenes was searched against the Bureau's IAFIS, with negative results. Later on, NCIS contacted the CJIS Division's Latent and Forensic Support Unit (LFSU) to coordinate investigative efforts with the NPD. LFSU personnel conducted an internal search of the latent fingerprints collected

against the Bureau's repository of civil prints—at that time, IAFIS—and forwarded possible candidates to Investigator Grover. Grover was able to determine that the prints matched those of Amin Garcia, who had served in a Navy reserve unit and whose time in duty stations in Norfolk and Kuwait coincided with the attacks.

NCIS was then able to obtain a sample of Garcia's DNA, which matched the DNA

evidence left at the Norfolk and Kuwait crime scenes. In January 2014, Garcia was arrested in New York City and extradited to Virginia.

Garcia was convicted after a three-day trial for his crimes in Norfolk, and in December 2014, he was sentenced to life in prison plus 120 years. For the Kuwait attack, he was indicted in October 2014 by a federal grand jury, and that case is still pending.

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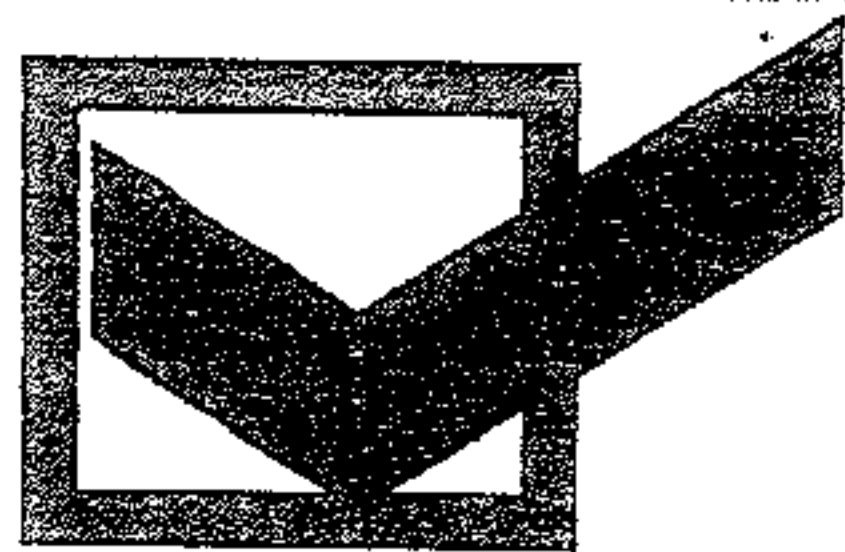
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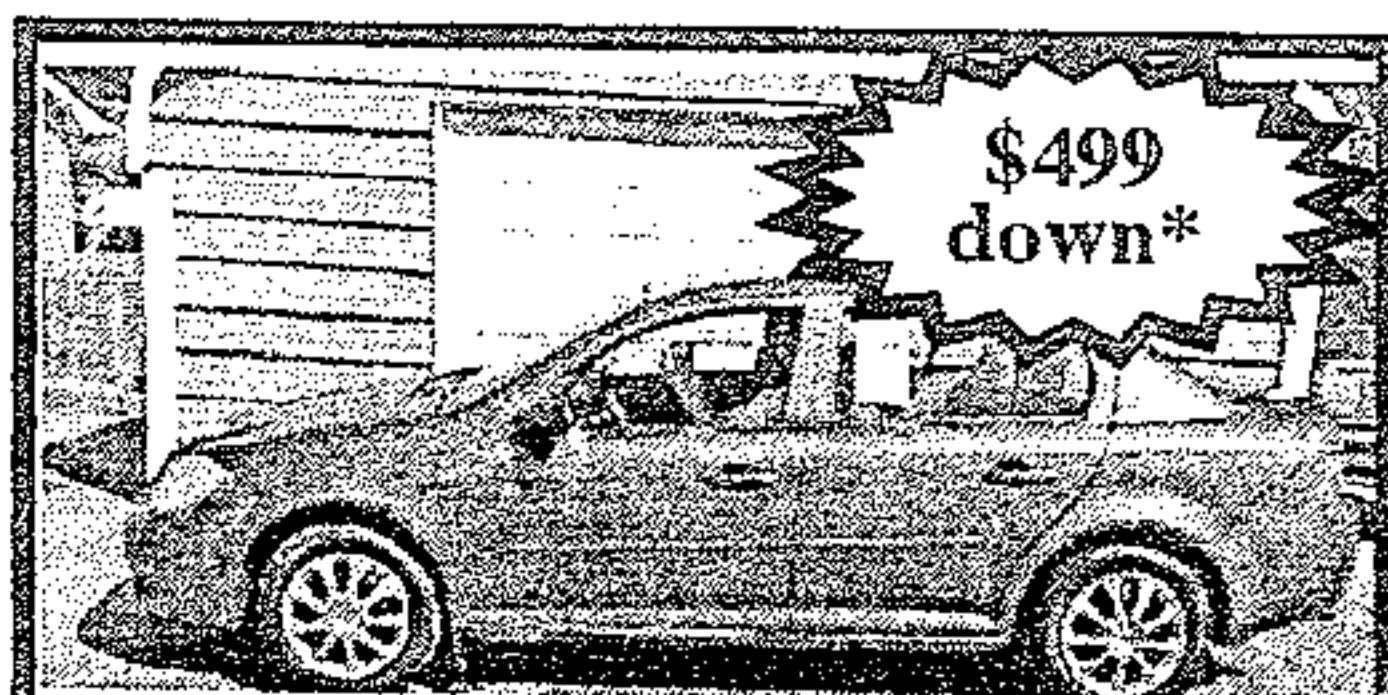
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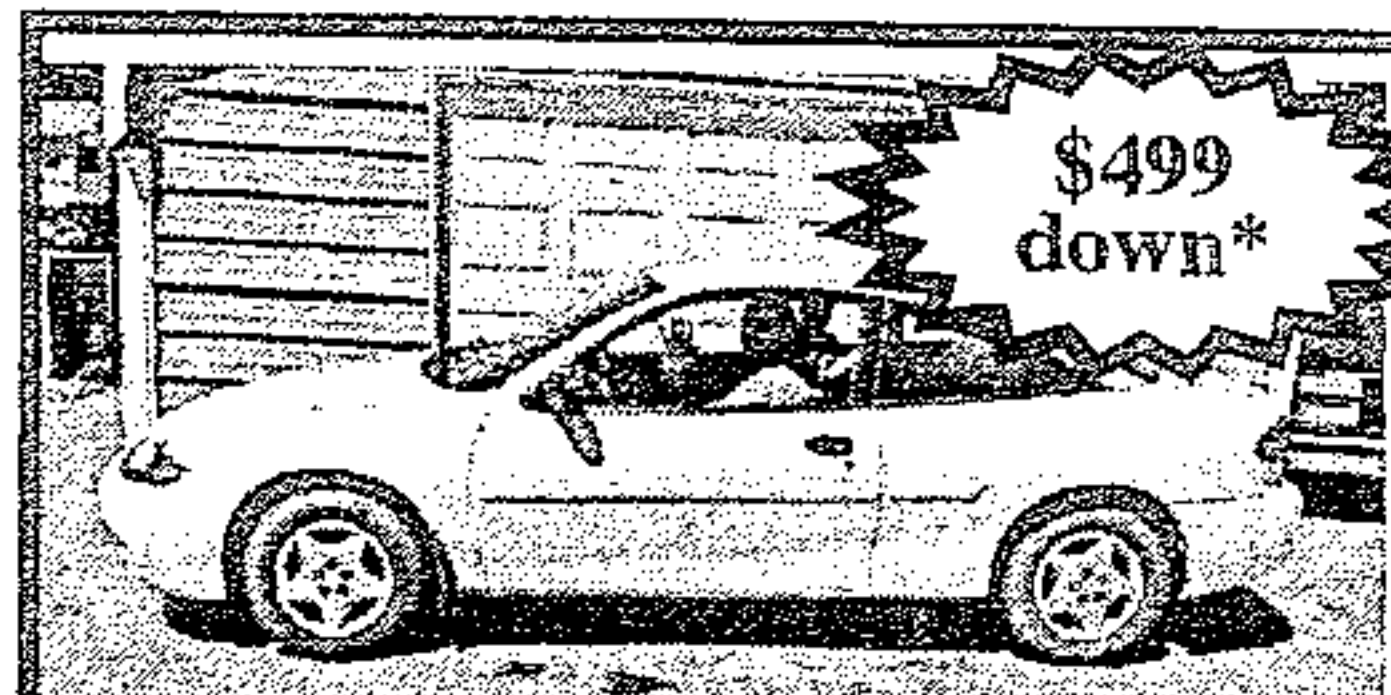
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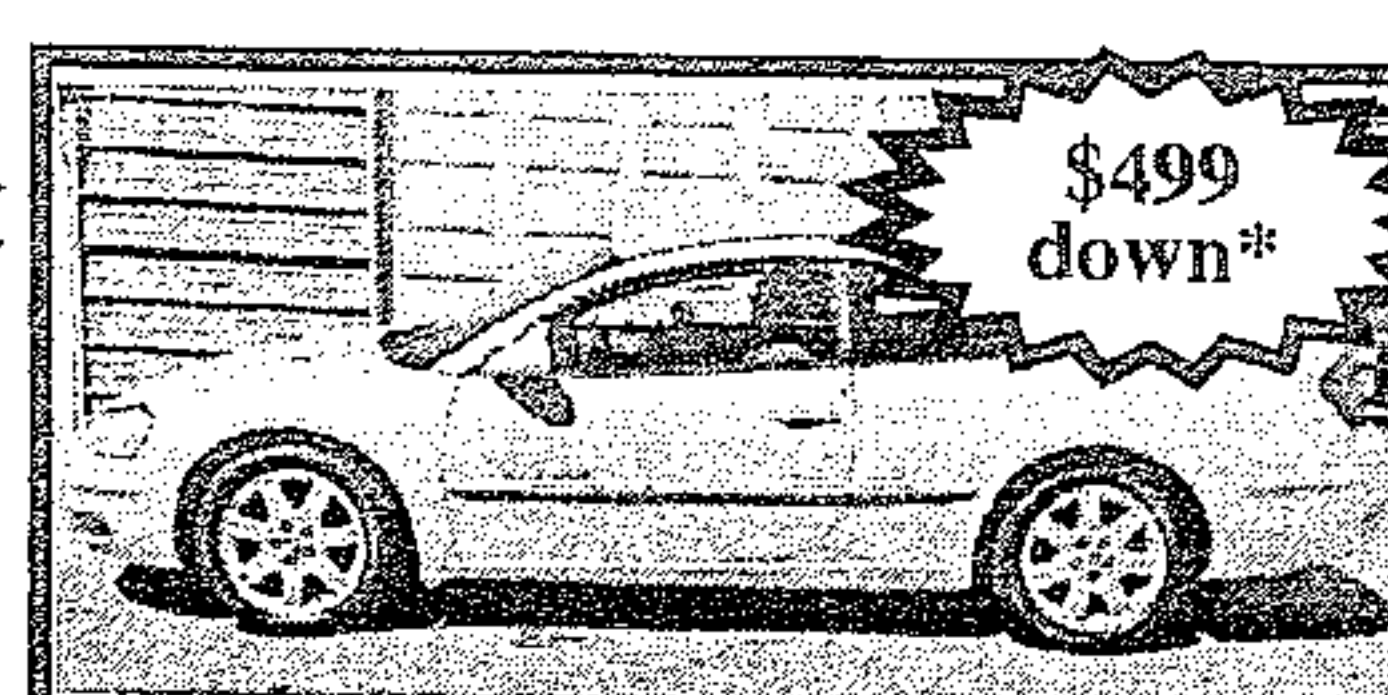
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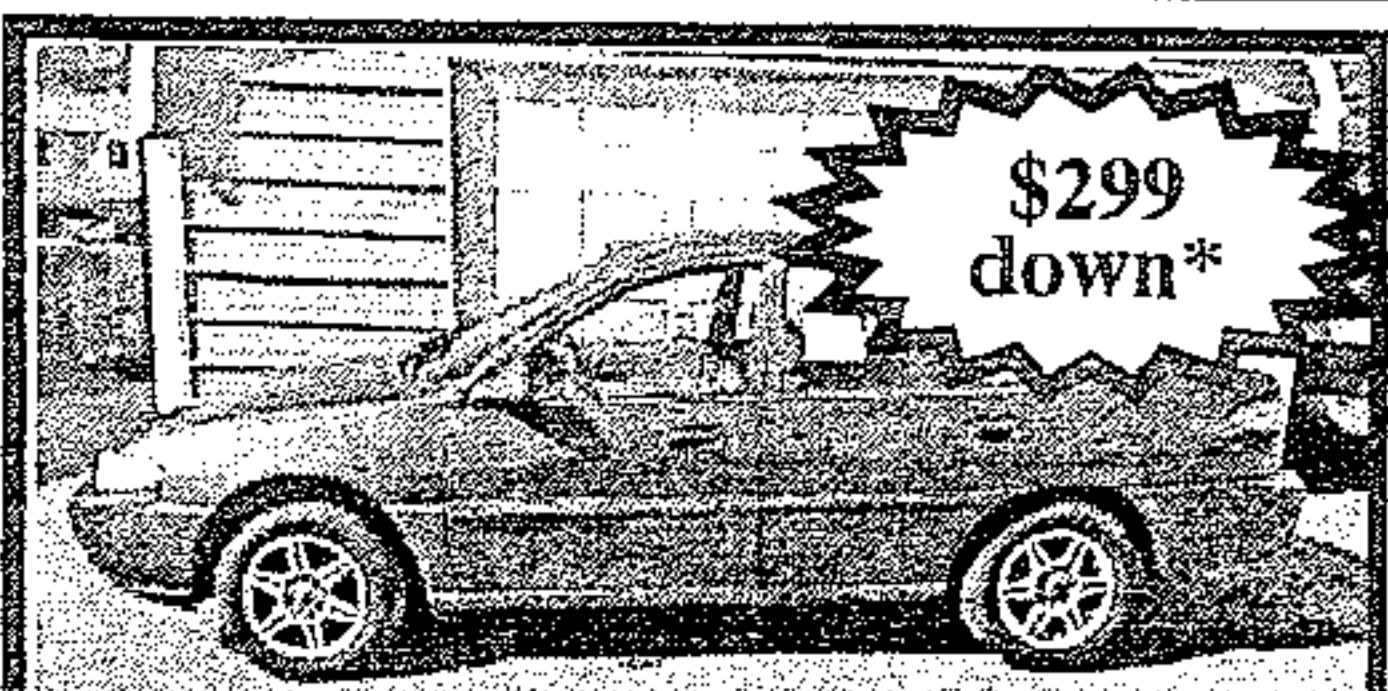
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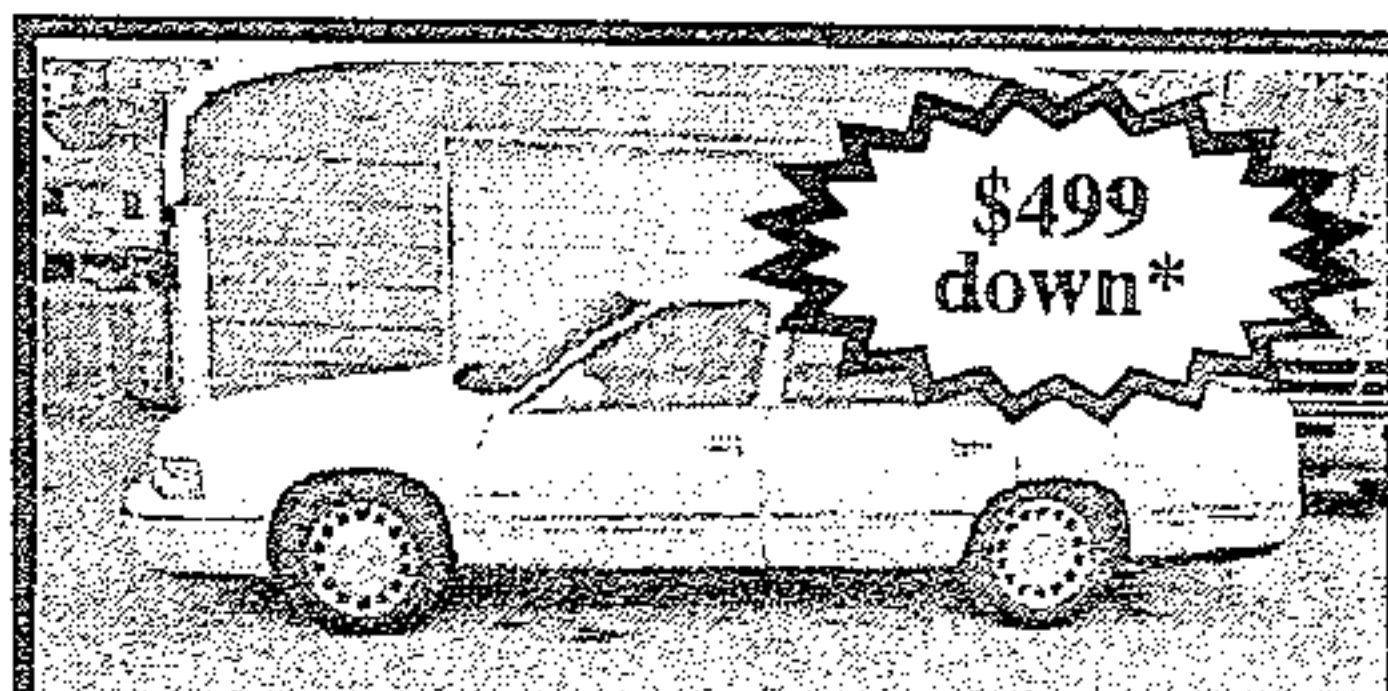
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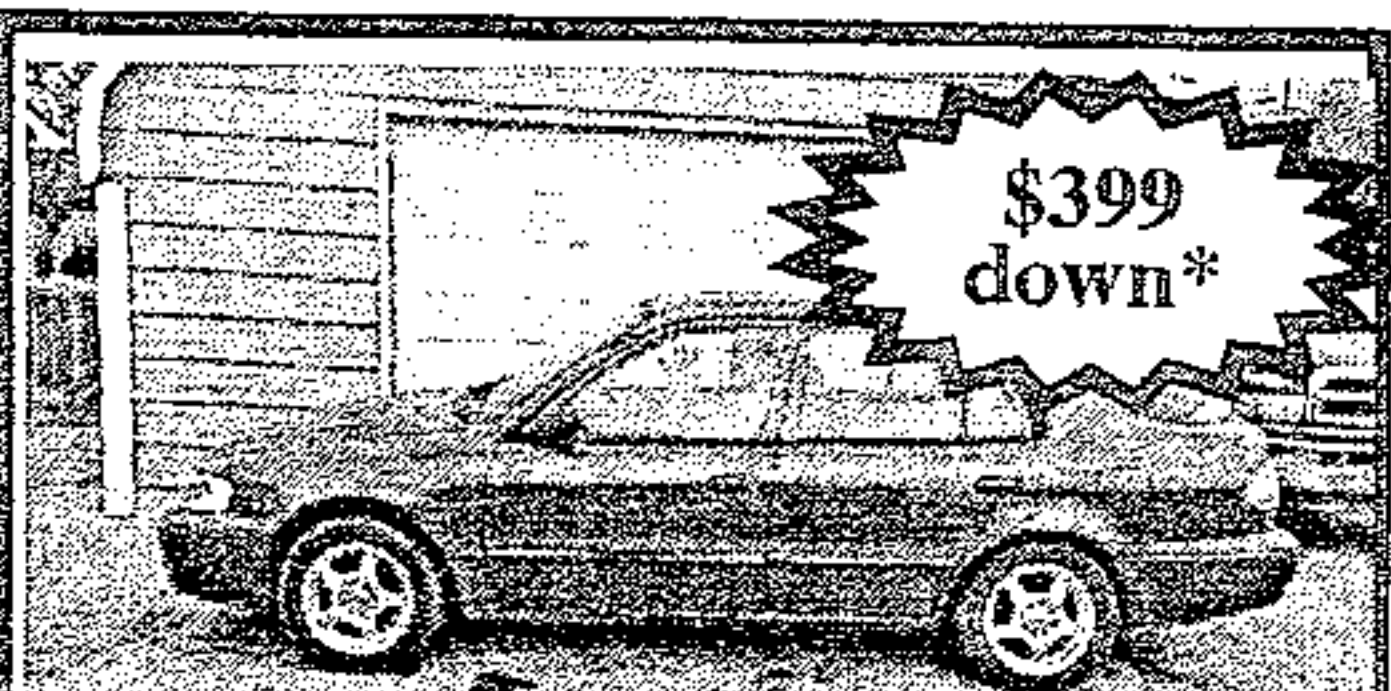
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taking no prisoners. I adopted that, and that was my persona."

Today there are nearly 600 active special agents of Asian ancestry, a figure roundly regarded as too low. Director Comey frequently cites the FBI's diversity statistics in public remarks about how the FBI needs to better reflect the people it serves.

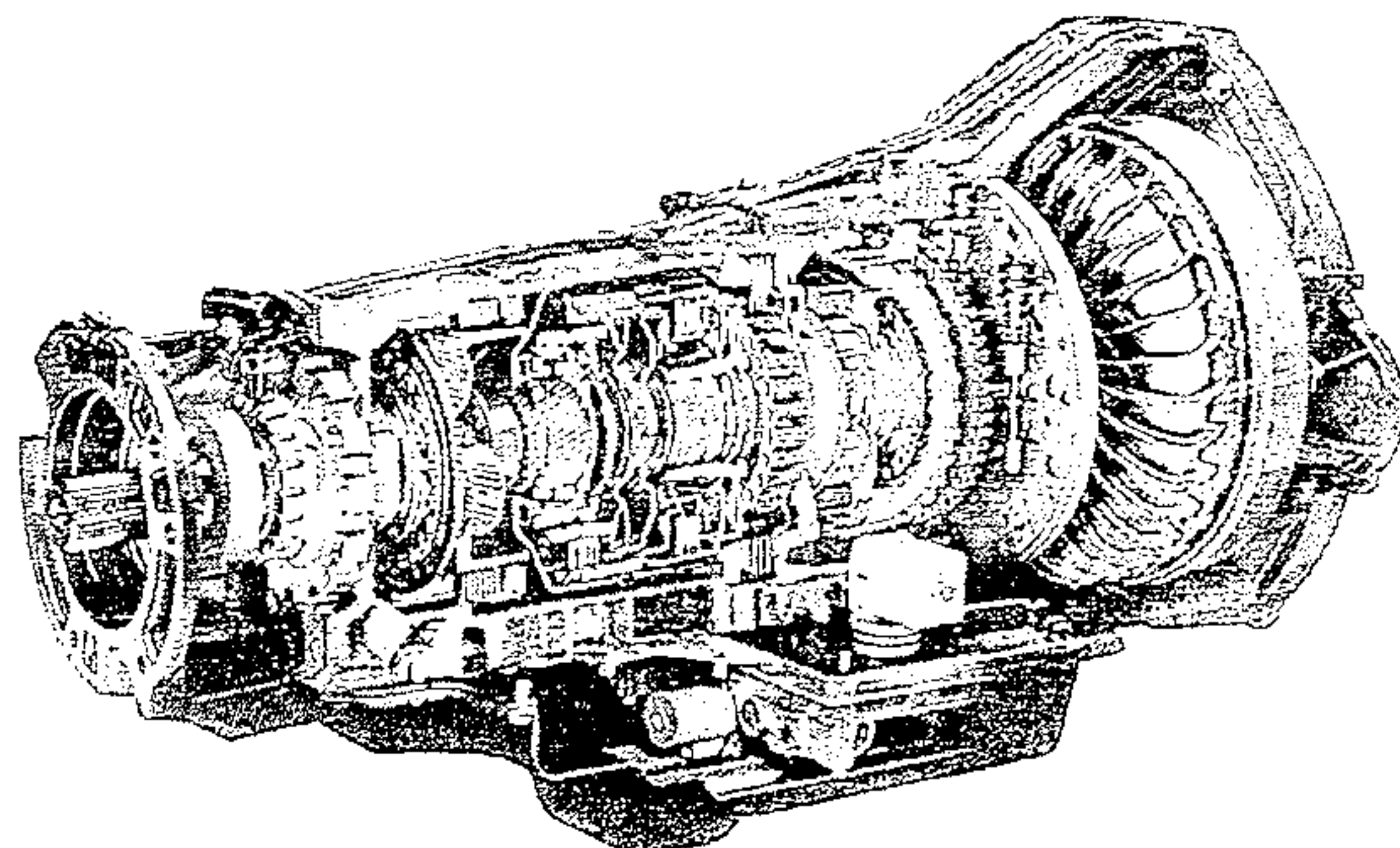
"Diversity is about doing the right thing, but also about effectiveness" Comey said at the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives annual meeting last March. "It's about being good at what we do. We are simply less effective when we are less diverse."

The earliest Asian agents largely dismiss the descriptive modifier in their title—much as the first women agents

did in 1972. Like his colleagues, Joe Louie, the third known Asian to be hired as an agent in 1966, just wanted to be called an agent—period. "I don't think they really cared if you were black, white, or purple," he said. "If you were selected for being an agent, that was a prime job."

Frederick Wong's career, from 1982 to 2007, may best illustrate the point. He was one of Chris Loo's hires who went on to become a legal attaché, not once but twice. His first overseas office was in Belgium. "I remember some of my colleagues in Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg, they were quite surprised, but pleasantly surprised that 'you aren't all white agents,'" he said. "It was a big plus. It helped me open doors."

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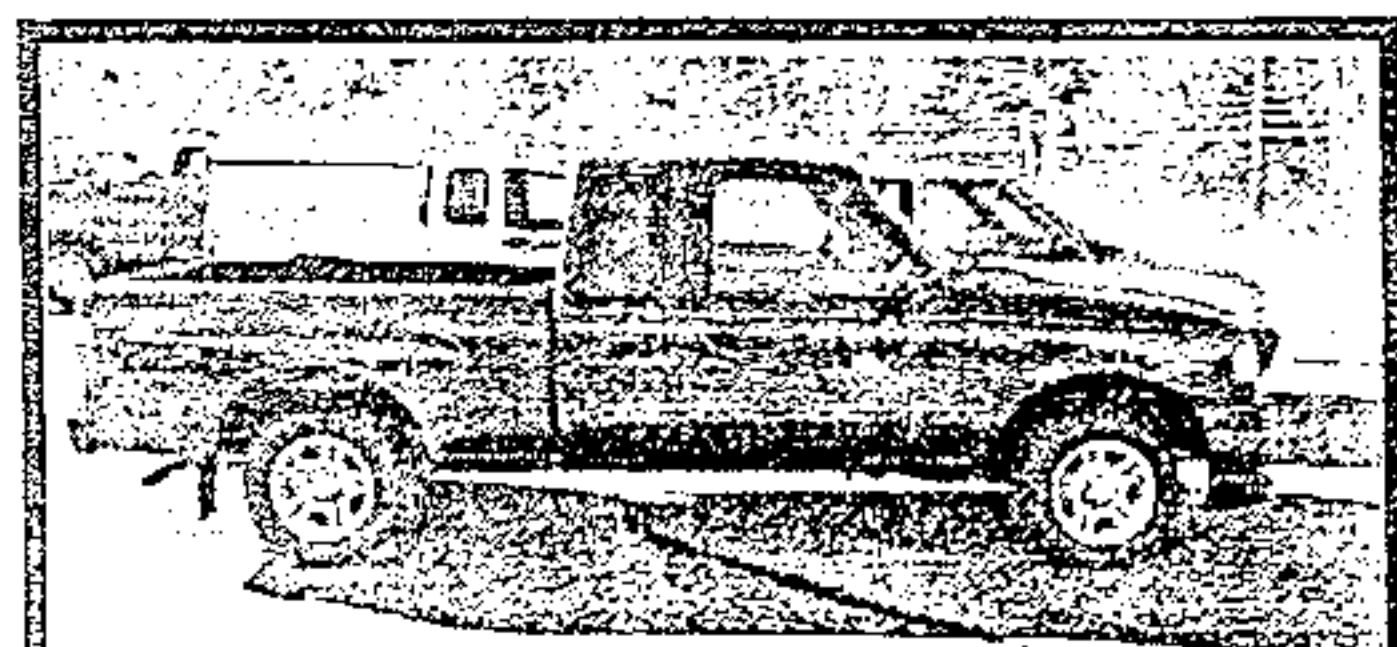
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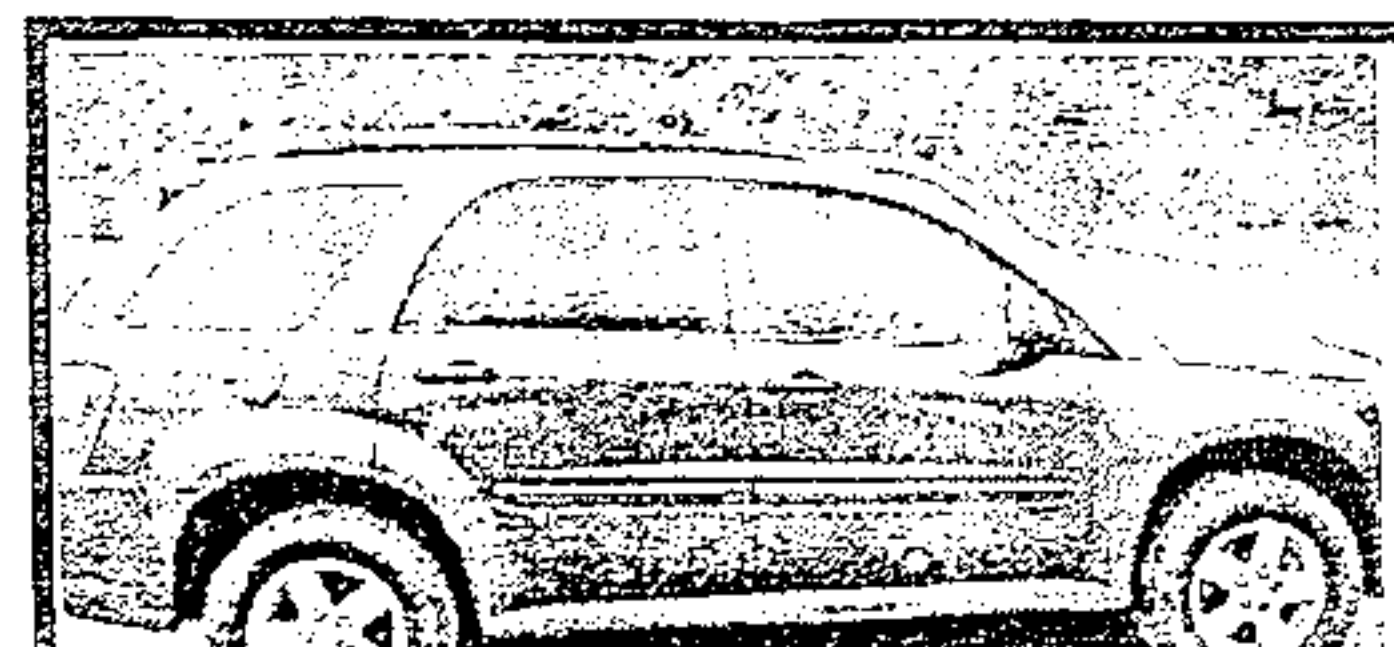
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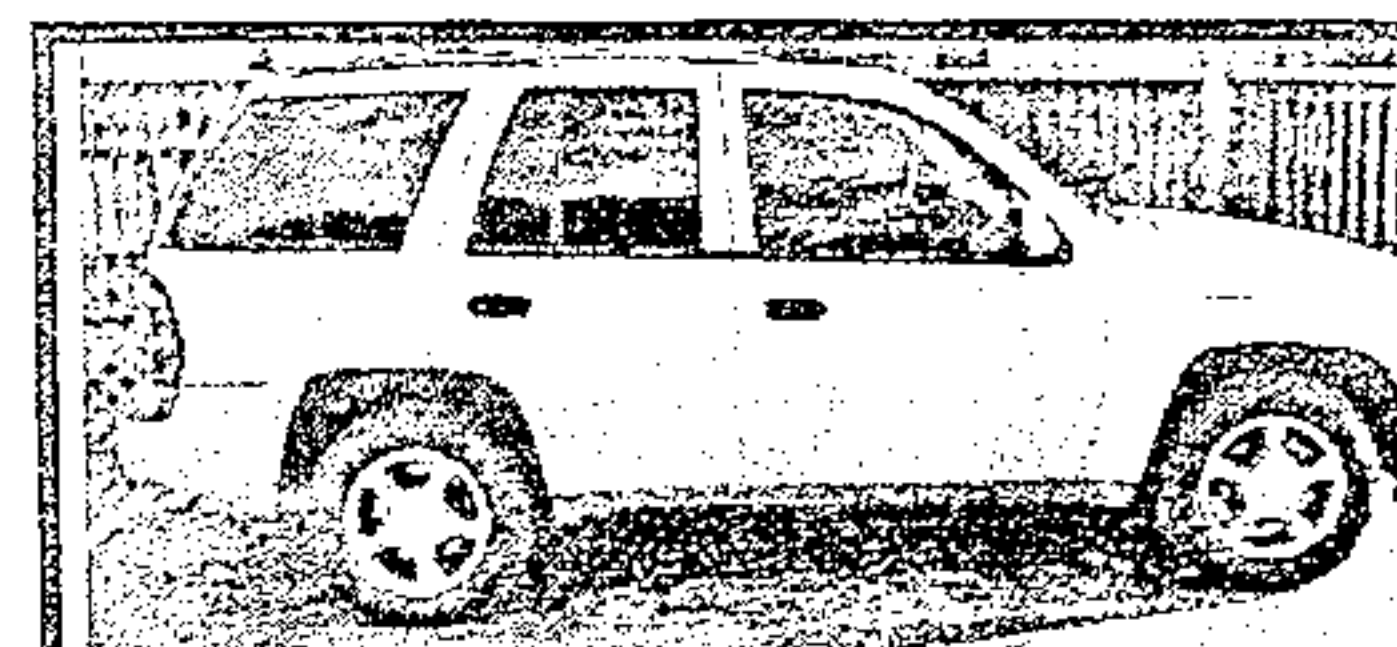
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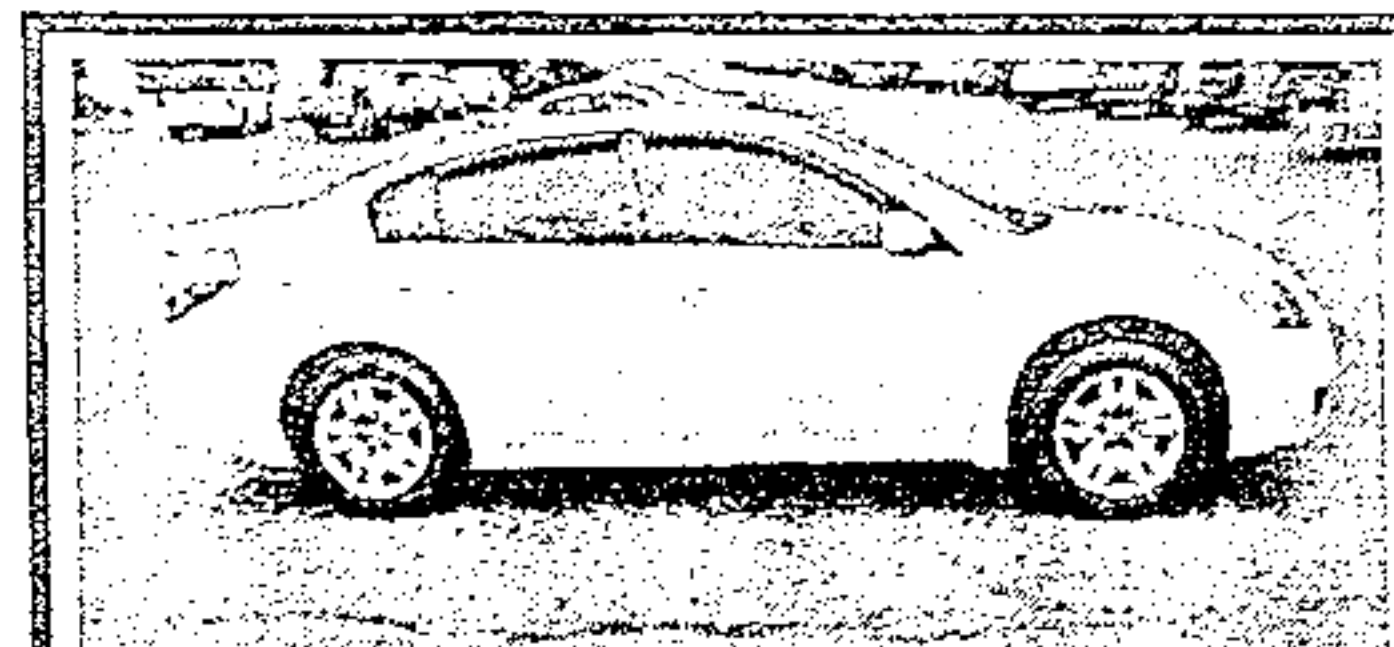
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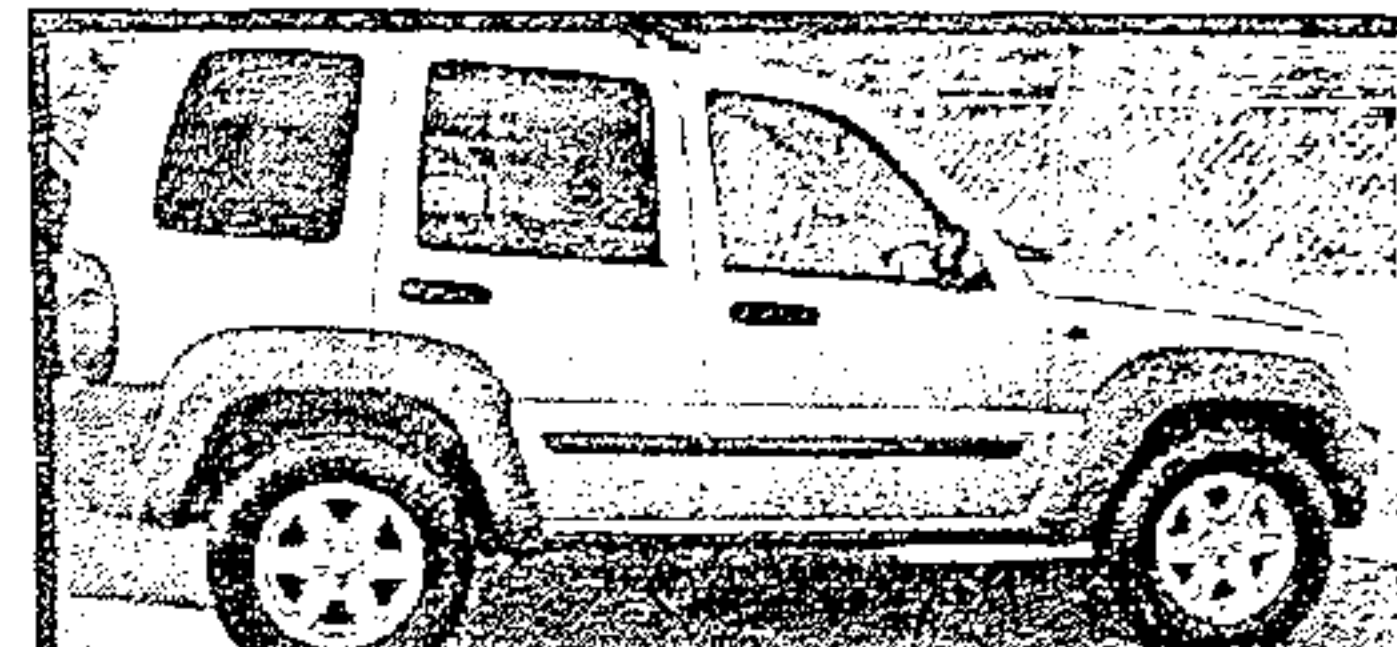
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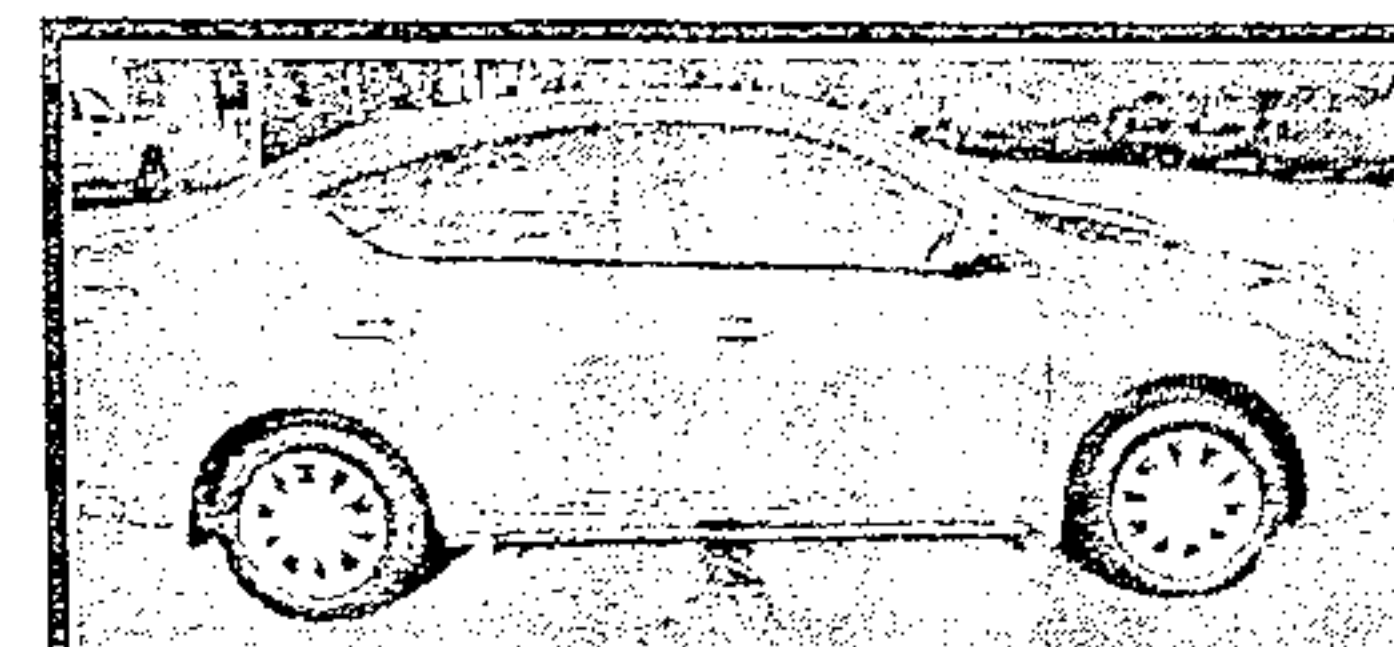
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