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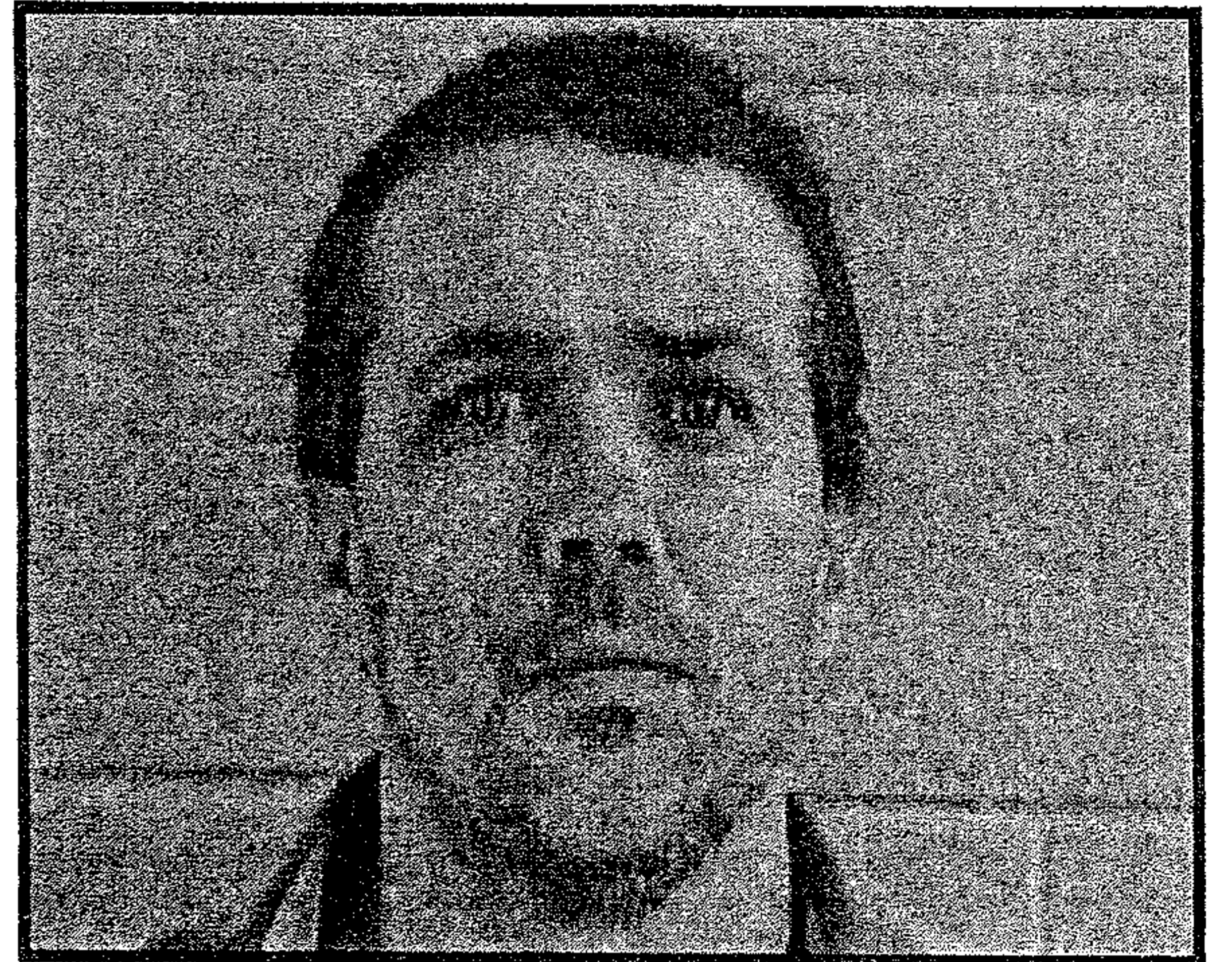
Withdrawals to blame for domestic



Chelsey Coker

(see dv pg. 2)

A Bad Day gets worse



Billy Seward

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7 counts of theft traced back to 1 employee for over \$1500

Tiffany Veals, 31, Neubert Springs Road Knoxville, was charged with Theft of Property x7. Deputy Brad Rayfield LCSO, was dispatched to the TA Truck Stop on a past theft by an employee. Deputy arrived on scene and spoke with the manager, who stated he has been out of town for a week and



Tiffany Veals

(see theft pg. 7)

Navy Engineer Sentenced for Attempted Espionage

Passed Information on Latest Aircraft Carrier to Undercover Agent

In the fall of 2014, civilian engineer Mostafa Ahmed Awwad provided schematics of the U.S. Navy's newest nuclear aircraft carrier—the USS Gerald R. Ford—to an individual he thought was an Egyptian intelligence officer. At the time, Awwad was an employee of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia, and had access to naval nuclear propulsion in-

formation.

His actions could have potentially compromised the safety of some 4,000 American sailors who will be serving on the USS Gerald R. Ford after it joins the fleet of Navy vessels sometime next year—and the security of our nation in general. Fortunately, Awwad's Egyptian contact turned out to be an undercover FBI agent. And last month, Aw-

(see sentenced pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord. — Acts 15:35

Obituaries

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Wazzup

A Very Special HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sgt. Wayne Bell! You are the greatest Dad in the world!

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purty as the day she was born!

Weather

Today: Isolated thunderstorms in the morning, then mainly cloudy during the afternoon with thunderstorms likely. High 76F.
Friday Night Showers

and thundershowers in the evening, then overcast overnight with occasional rain. Low around 60F. Saturday Rain early...then remaining cloudy with showers in the afternoon. High 62F. Saturday Night Cloudy
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dv

Chelsey Coker, 19, Sunnyside Road Philadelphia, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, was dispatched to West Lee Hwy to a possible physical domestic. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the complainant, who stated that his daughter and

boyfriend had been fighting. Deputy made contact with the boyfriend who stated that they had been arguing but it was not physical. Victim stated that Chelsey came at him with a pool stick but never hit him with it but did punch him in the face. Victim did have red marks and scratches. Chelsey stated to Deputy that the reason for

fighting was due to her withdrawing from drugs. It was determined that Chelsey was the primary aggressor and placed under arrest. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, made the arrest.

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sentenced

wad was sentenced to 11 years in prison after pleading guilty earlier this year to attempted espionage.

After joint investigative efforts between the FBI and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), an undercover Bureau agent reached out to Awwad by telephone in September 2014 and, speaking Arabic, asked to meet with him. Without asking any questions, Awwad agreed.

The pair met the next day in a park in nearby Hampton, Virginia. During the meeting, which was audio and video recorded, our agent identified himself as being a representative of the Egyptian government. Awwad told our agent that he wanted to use his posi-

tion at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard to obtain military technology for use by Egypt, including the designs of the USS Gerald R. Ford. The two discussed how they would remain in future contact—through coded e-mail communications and dead drops in a concealed location in the park.

In October 2014, at

Awwad's request, the two men met in a hotel room in Norfolk. During that meeting, which was also recorded, Awwad gave the undercover agent electronic copies of schematic drawings of the USS Gerald R. Ford, which clearly contained numerous markings warning against disseminating the information

publicly. Awwad said he planned to obtain additional information concerning the tools and the technology necessary to build the carrier and also pointed out on the schematics vulnerable areas where a strike could cause an explosion significant enough to sink the carrier.

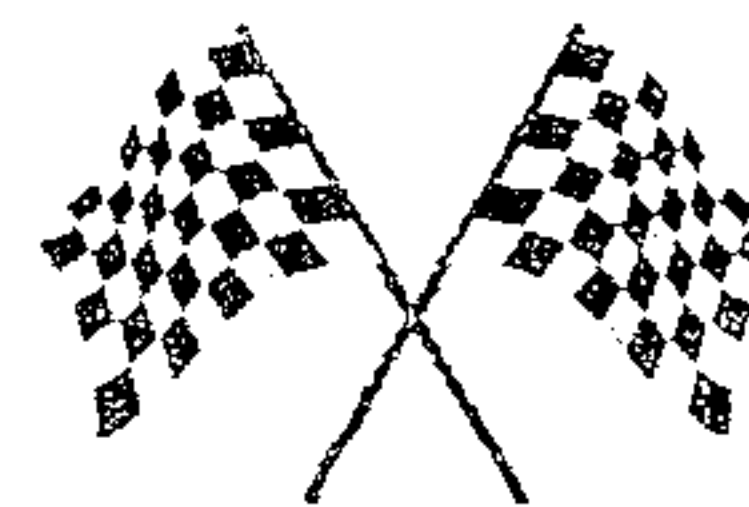
During this same meeting, Awwad described for the agent his plans to circumvent Navy computer security by installing software on his restricted computer that would enable him to copy documents without triggering a security

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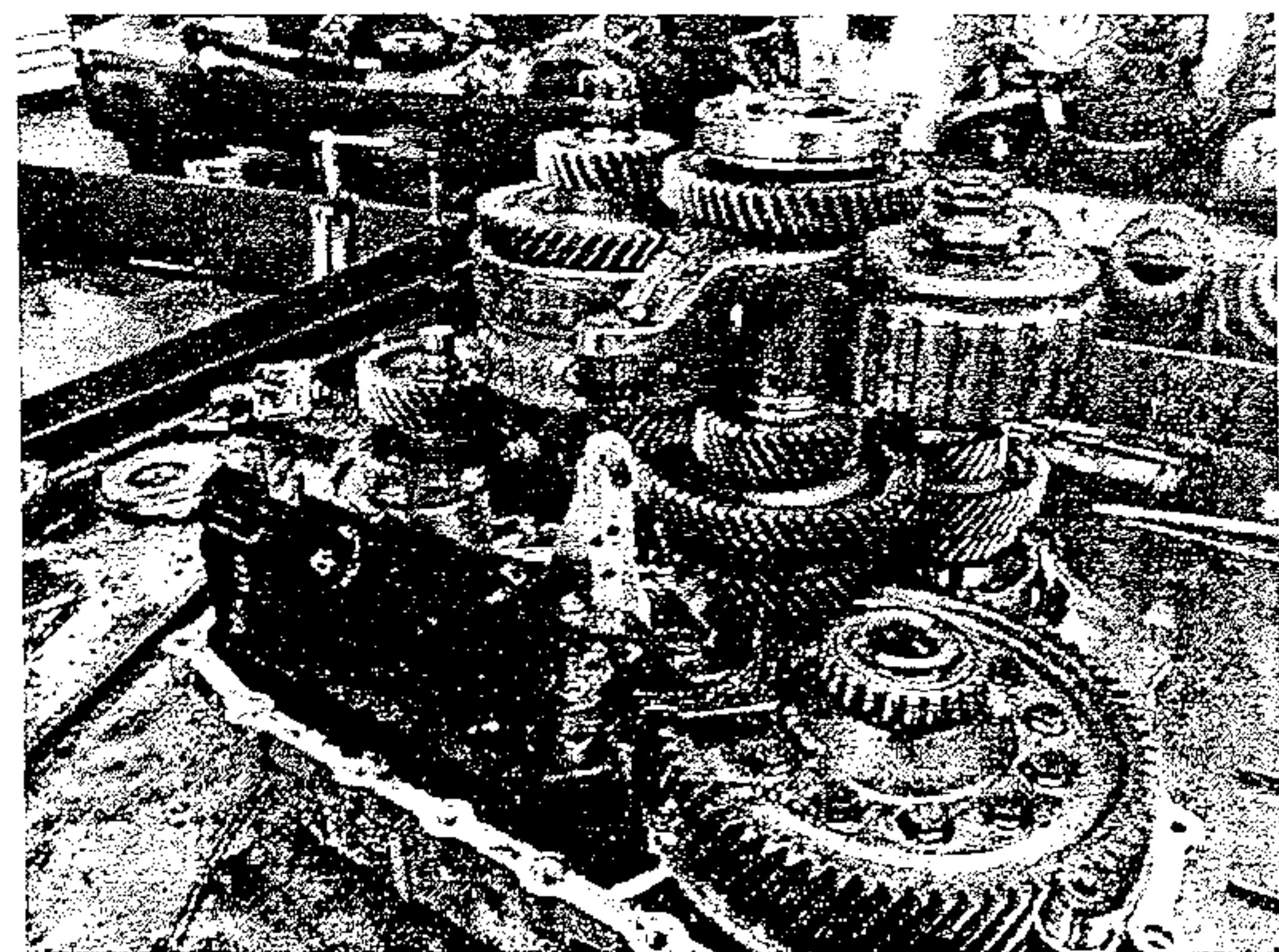
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Billy Seward, 39, Hwy 72 North Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Corporal Rondel M. Branam LCSO, was dispatched to a possible past domestic altercation between husband and wife that had occurred at Highway 72 North in Loudon, TN. Deputy met with the victim, at a gravel pull

off near Matlock Bend Road. Upon speaking to victim she stated that her husband, Billy Seward, had gotten up today in a bad mood and began drinking alcohol all day long. Later this date Billy was attempting to load a welder in to the back of his truck and victim noticed that he was about to hit the hitch. At that time victim told him to

stop and Billy became irate and told her to show him how to do his job. Victim then went in to the living room to get away from him and Billy came in and started cursing at her telling her to get out of his house. Victim went in to their bedroom and began getting some clothing together when Billy came and shut off the lights. Victim then

turned the lights back on and shut the door. Shortly after she closed the door Billy kicked the door open and took victim to the ground where the two scuffled for a short time. Victim told Billy to get off of her so she could leave at which point Billy got off of her and punched her in the face. Victim then went to her vehicle and locked the doors

but Billy followed and began punching the windows of the van. Victim then exited the property and called 911. Cpl. and Deputy Schultz did go to the residence in an attempt to speak with Billy but when he saw us enter the driveway he went inside, shut the door, and turned out all of the lights to the residence. Victim did go to Fort Loudon Medical Center for treatment from her facial injuries. Deputy did see severe swelling and bruising to her left eye. A warrant was issued for Billy, who turned himself into the jail the next day.

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and praying with the family and friends.

Nina Beatrice (Wilson) Lowe - age 91, of Loudon, peacefully went Home to be with the Lord, surrounded by her girls, Monday, November 2, 2015. Nina was a woman who spent a lifetime encouraging and serving her family, her customers and her community. A hard working woman, along with her husband, they owned and operated restaurants in Loudon beginning in 1948. From the Doughnut Shop to Bill's Log Cabin, the Lowe family together served many meals to the Loudon Folks. Along the way she lived out her faith in God, sharing her work ethic (which was just plain hard work) and can be remembered for some of her favorite sayings "If you got time to lean, you got time to clean" and she taught her girls to "Treat others as they would want to be treated themselves." Nina was a member of Bethany Baptist Church, Loudon. She was preceded in death by her parents, James R. and Nellie (Webster) Wilson; husband, Bill Lowe; daughter, Ann

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theft

got back to work. The bookkeeper advised the manager that the money was off the last 6 or 7 days, and traced it back to 1 employee's till. Manager showed that over 1500 was missing. The employee was sent home last week over missing money and was told to come back and talk to the manager. The employee identified as Tiffany Veal was taken into custody and transported to the LCSO for questioning by Investigator Charlie Cosner. After an investigation Inv. Charlie Cosner LCSO, charged Tiffany for the theft.

sentenced ctd. from pg. 4 alert. He also asked for money to buy a pinhole camera, which he intended to use throughout the shipyard to take pictures of restricted material.

And finally, Awwad told the agent that going forward, the two would communicate primarily through e-mail. The engineer, admittedly fearful of being caught by the FBI, instructed the agent to create 24 fake e-mail accounts that should be used only once and then deleted. He also asked for an escape plan in the event his activities were detected by the FBI.

Over the next month or so, Awwad and the undercover agent e-mailed numerous times

and met again in a hotel. Awwad was also recorded servicing the dead drop location in the Hampton park, picking up \$3,000 left by the agent at Awwad's request so he could purchase a laptop and dropping off an external hard drive of additional schematic drawings and two photos to be used for producing a fraudulent passport.

All the while, there was no doubt that Awwad understood that the "Egyptian representative" he was dealing with would be passing the stolen information to the Egyptian government.

Why did he do it? Awwad told our undercover agent that he was motivated to use

his position to steal nuclear and defense secrets from the U.S. to aid Egypt in building a more robust defense. And at one point, he said he wanted to go to Egypt to meet personally with high-ranking intelligence and military officials to get a better idea on exactly what information they would want him to collect.

But he never got the chance. Awwad was taken into custody on December 5, 2015, following another meeting with our undercover

er agent.

The USS Gerald R. Ford is still under construction, but when completed, it will be the most advanced aircraft carrier in the world and the first in a new class of carriers. As a result of the joint FBI/NCIS efforts in this case, according to FBI Assistant Director Randall Coleman, "We prevented the loss of billions of dollars in research costs and the exposure of potential vulnerabilities to our newest generation of nuclear aircraft carrier."

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