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## First Degree Murder in LC because victim wouldn't leave

On Christmas Evening Deputy Kevin Dailey, LCSO on 12/24/15 dispatched to 300 Clinch View Road Lenoir City in reference to a shooting around 821am. Upon arrival Officer Dailey saw a large white male identified as victim Cory Brown lying on the ground. Standing near Mr. Brown was Ronald Wallace Griz-

zle on the phone. As the officer approached he asked where the shooter was and he said in the house. The officer observed the suspect Ronald Gregory Grizzle coming out of the house and held him at gunpoint. Mr. Grizzle was taken into custody at that time and investigators were called in to handle the investigation. Mr. Ronald Gregory Griz-

zle did not confirm nor deny involvement at that time.

Investigators arrived on the scene and the suspect, Mr. Ronald Gregory Grizzle was in custody and investigators, Charles Cosner, Jeff Russell, Jason Smith and Lt. Patrick Upton handled the investigation. According to witnesses (see Murder pg. 4)

## Federal Jury Convicts North Carolina couple of fraud

Husband and wife conspired to defraud federal contract programs for disadvantaged and disabled veteran-owned small businesses

Following a 13-day trial in U.S. District Court, a jury convicted Ricky Anthony Lanier, 48, and his wife Katrina Reshina Lanier, 43, both of La-Grange, N.C., of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, and major fraud against the United States.

(see fraud pg. 3)

## Stopped after returning from methadone clinic



Jennifer Archer

(see clinic pg. 7)

## Home Federal Bank Robber in Custody

On Tuesday, 12/21/2015, law enforcement agencies responded to a bank robbery at the Home Federal Bank at 3101 North Broadway, Knoxville, TN.

Reports indicate that at approximately 9:30 a.m., a lone white male entered the Home Federal Bank and demanded money. After obtaining an undisclosed

amount of money from the bank, the robber fled on foot.

Samuel Manning, age 45, of Knoxville, was located shortly thereafter and was detained by uniformed officers of the Knoxville Police Department. Manning was subsequently arrested without incident.

Manning was charged by Criminal (see robber pg. 5)

## Hit and run driver nabbed after fleeing scene



Samantha Curtis

(see hit and run pg. 2)

### Verse of the Day

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. — John 3:16

### Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

It's getting ready to be the end of 2015. Definitely looking forward to a great New Year in 2016!

### Weather

Today: Overcast with rain showers at times. Thunder possible. High 74F. Tonight: Thunderstorms during the evening followed by occasional showers overnight. Low around 55F.

Tuesday Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 63F. Tuesday Night Partly cloudy skies early will give way to cloudy skies and rain later during the night. Low 49F.

### Horoscopes

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**hit and run**

Samatha Curtis, 39, Mulberry Street Loudon, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Property Damage.

According to the report, Officer Dennis Guider LCPD, was dispatched to a hit and run on Broadway at K Street. The vehicle that left

the scene was located and stopped by Deputy Bobby Hamilton LCSO, at Hwy 11 and Sugarlimb Road.

The driver was identified as Samantha Curtis, who was placed under arrest. Officer Dennis Guider LCPD, made the arrest.

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fraud

Sentencing is set for 9:00 a.m., on June 20, 2016, in U.S. District Court in Greeneville. Ricky Lanier faces a possible sentence of up to 60 years in prison and \$1 million in fines; Katrina Lanier faces a possible sentence of up to

50 years in prison and \$750,000 in fines. The Laniers agreed to forfeit their interests in approximately \$170,000 in funds seized from bank accounts as well as five houses in Kinston, N.C., purchased with proceeds of the fraud.

According to the evidence presented at trial, the Laniers conspired from November 2005 to April 2013 to defraud the United States government through a scheme to fraudulently obtain federal contracts intended to be awarded to businesses lawfully participating in the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) program and the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) Business Development program. The scheme involved false representations that JMR Investments was eligible as an 8(a) business

and that Kylee Construction was eligible as an SDVOSB and an 8(a) business. Ricky Lanier, who had previously owned and operated an 8(a) business receiving government contracts, became ineligible to participate in the 8(a) program after that business graduated from the 8(a) program in 2008. Lanier used a friend and service-disabled veteran as the purported owner of Kylee Construction, representing that the friend was involved

in the daily management of the business, even while the friend was working for a government contractor in Afghanistan. The Laniers used a business owned by Ricky Lanier's college roommate, JMR Investments, as a front to obtain construction contracts from the National Park Service and other federal agencies under the 8(a) program, misrepresenting the friend's involvement in the management and

(see fraud ctd. pg. 7)

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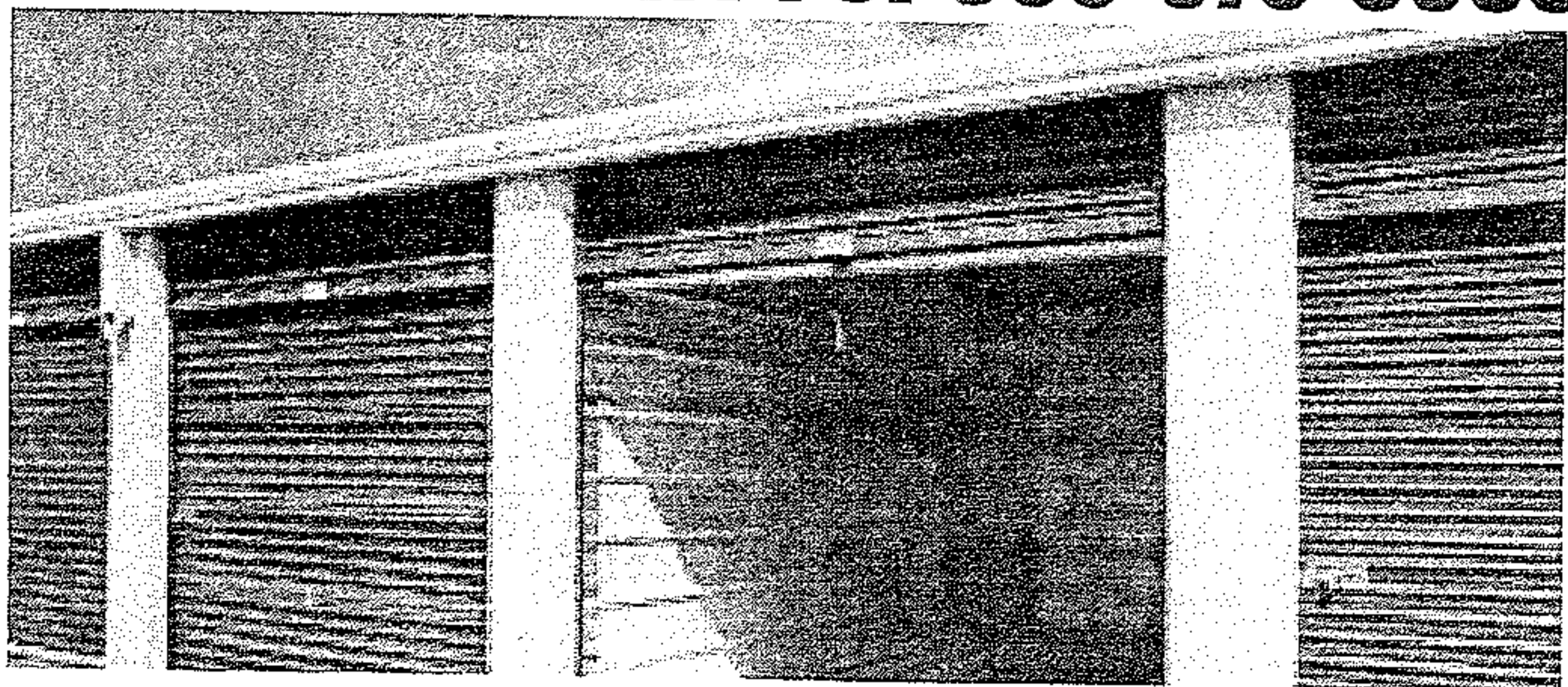
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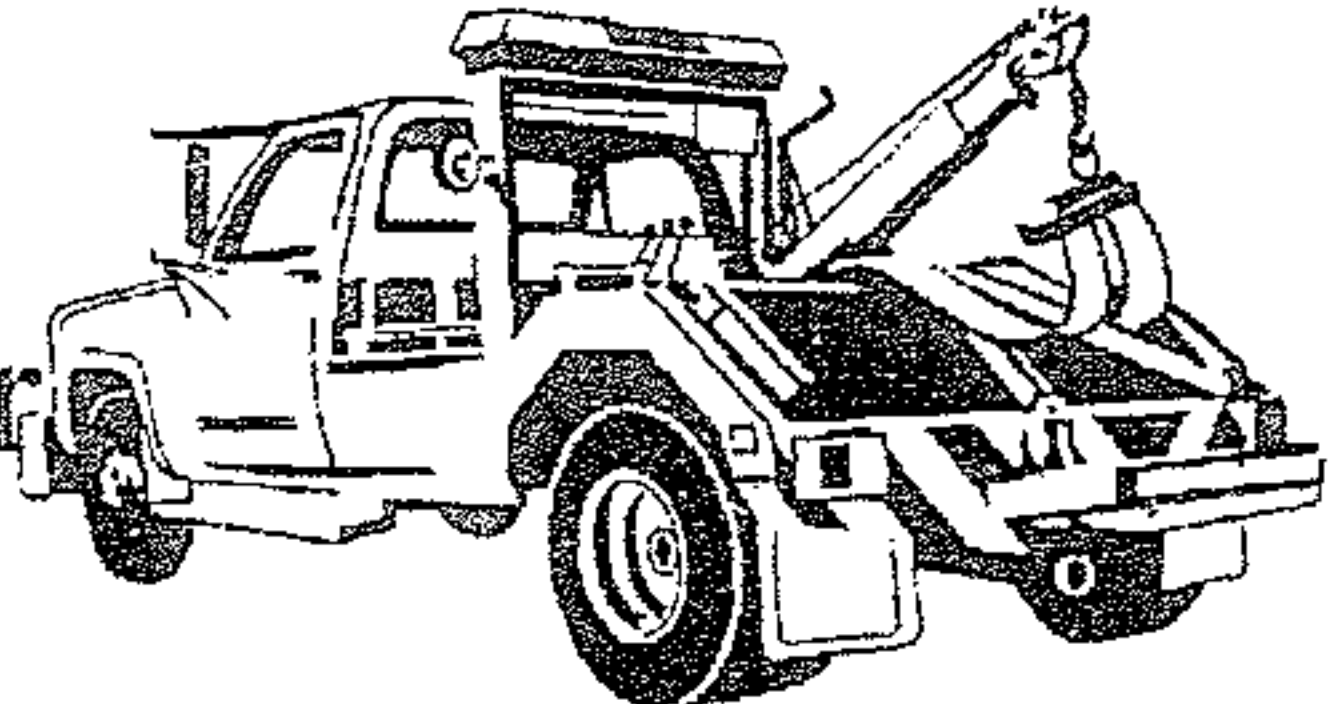
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**murder** and the investigation of the scene; two guns were recovered and those weapons were identified as belonging to Ronald Gregory Grizzle. 2 shell casings were also recovered. After investigation of victim it was determined the victim had been shot twice once on the left side of victim's face, and another shot is believed to have penetrated the shoulder area.

Mr. Ronald Gregory Grizzle was interviewed briefly at the scene by Lt. Upton and stated he was the shooter and shot Mr. Brown because he would not leave the residence. Upon later interview at the station with Lt. Upton and Investigator

Jeff Russell, Grizzle admitted again he was the shooter and was upset for the last two days after attempting to get Cory Brown to leave the property.

The investigation revealed Ronald Gregory Grizzle left his house and went to a camper trailer where Cory Brown was staying. Mr. Grizzle leaves Cory's camper goes back to his residence and retrieves two handguns, and returns to Cory's camper. Mr. Grizzle reported he remembers shooting Mr. Brown at least one time while he sat on the sofa. Further questioning revealed Mr. Brown did not provoke, threaten or come at the shooter. It was also revealed the

victim was even unable to have defended himself.

The father of the shooter Ronald Wallace Grizzle was interviewed and stated his son was upset about Cory Brown not leaving. The father stated when he saw his son get the two guns to go back to the camper he tried to stop him then but was unable to do so. After the shooting the father retrieved the guns from his son and showed officers where they were located upon their arrival.

The victim was able to make a recording after being shot before his death that will be used as evidence as well.

Upon consulting the office of District Attorney General Russell

Johnson it was agreed the murder was premeditated and should be a first degree murder charge. Therefore Ronald Gregory Grizzle, 48, is charged with first degree murder. He is being held without bond and is scheduled for arraignment on Monday.

The victim Cory Brown, was 27.

Lt. Upton stated "he would like to thank all agencies involved and this is a terrible situation where two families lives have now been ruined over a senseless act. The victims mother told us her son told her he was planning on leaving in a couple of days."

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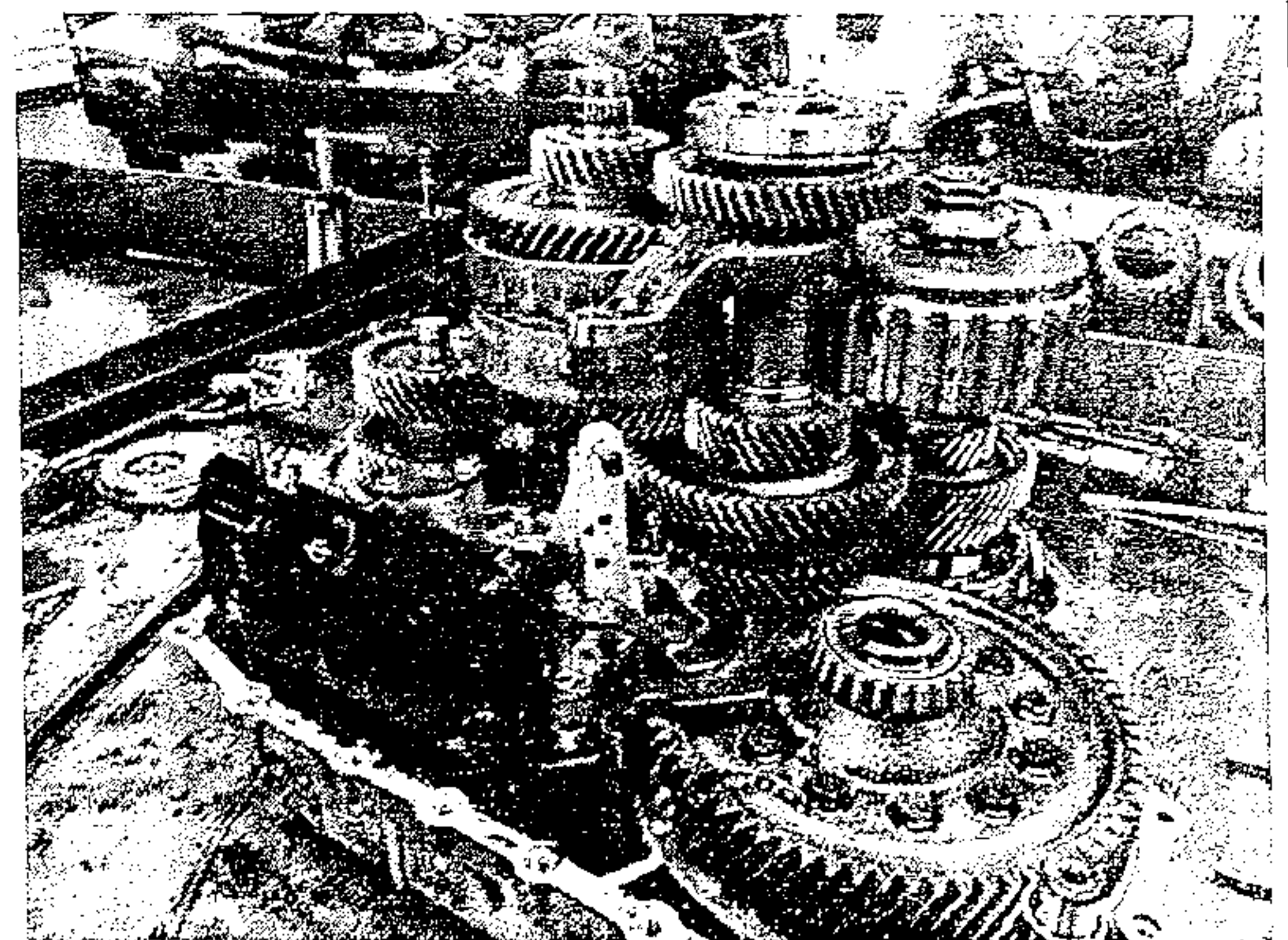
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robber

Complaint with one count of bank robbery and appeared today in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee in Knoxville for an Initial Appearance. Manning was detained pending a preliminary hearing.

This matter is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of

Investigation (FBI), the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) Violent Crime Unit, KPD and the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) as part of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF).

All defendants are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Anyone with infor-

mation is asked to call the Knoxville FBI Office at 865-544-0751 or the Knoxville Police Department at 865-215-7212.

For more information on the FBI's Knoxville Division, visit [www.fbi.gov/knoxville](http://www.fbi.gov/knoxville)

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John Raymond (Ray) Satterfield  
February 2, 1943-

December 24, 2015

Ray died peacefully at his home in Philadelphia, Tennessee on Thursday, December 24, 2015 at the age of 72. He was preceded in death by his father, Benjamin Leroy Satterfield. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Gruver Shelly; his mother, Amanda Dalton Satterfield; his brother, Gary L. Satterfield (Jean); his three daughters, Laura S. Hollins (John), Karen S. Grove (Glenn) and Jen-

nifer S. Harper (Clay); his son, Gabe J. Shelly (Heather); and seven grandchildren. Ray was born in Richmond, Virginia on February 2, 1943. He was a graduate of Hermitage High School "Class of 1961" and then went to Bluefield College in West Virginia from 1961 to 1963. He graduated from Richmond Professional Institute in 1966 with a B.S. degree in Psychology. After college, he worked as a manager for DuPont for 5 years. He then went to work for Electrical Insulation Suppliers as a Sales Executive until his retirement in 2002. After 4 years of retirement, he became VP of Marketing and Sales with Motor Diagnostic Systems until his death. Ray was a great cook and loved hosting friends and family in his home. He was also an avid hunter and golfer. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Loudon, TN for the past 30 years. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 from 12 to 2PM at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 917 Pond Road, Loudon, TN. A memorial service will follow the visitation. Honorary pallbearers are Al Battle, Phil Brown, Eddie Grant, George Gruver, Jack Hamilton, Ron Hipp, Greg Hoover, Woody MacDonald, Rick Nalley, Jerry Reed, Gary Satterfield and Gabe Shelly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity, 308 Mialaquo Road, Loudon, TN 37774 or to the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 917 Pond Road, Loudon, TN 37774.

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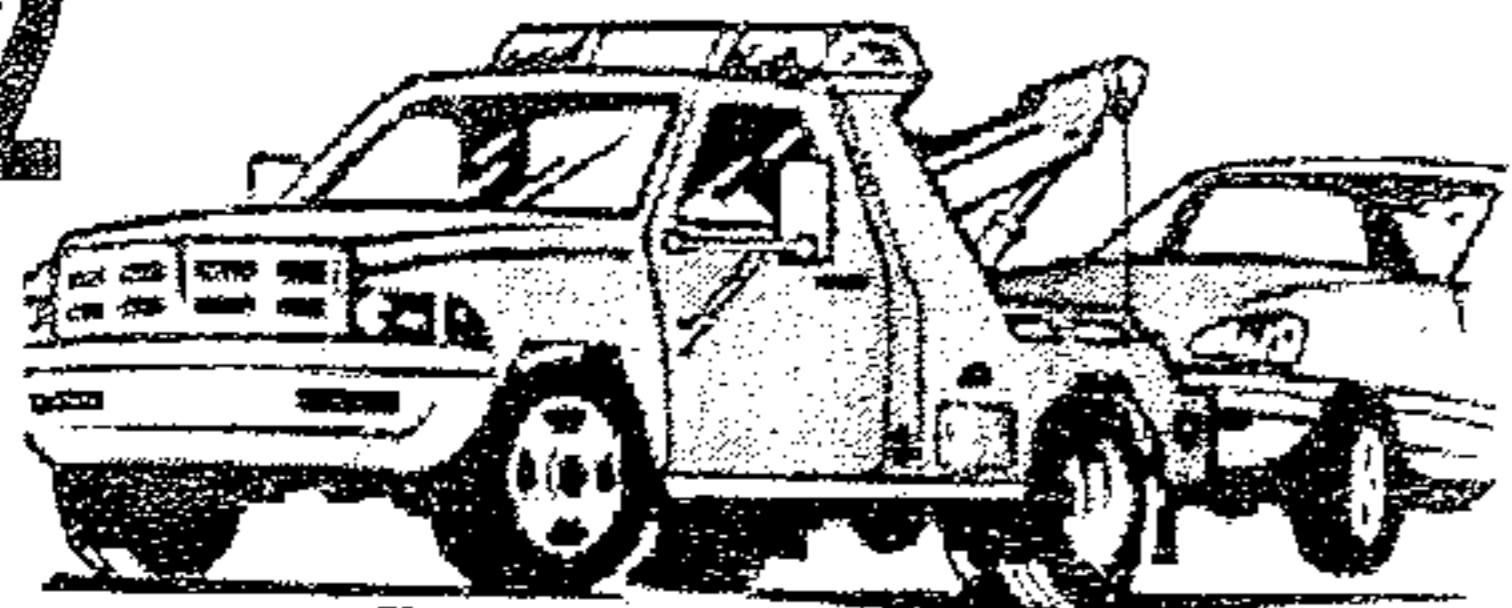
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from Georgia. Jennifer did poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest. Trooper J Capps, THP, made the arrest.

**fraud ctd. from pg. 3**

operation of the business. The scheme also involved sub-contracting out all or almost all of the work on the contracts in violation of program requirements. Among other contracts, Ricky Lanier defrauded the National Park Service in connection with a contract to replace a wastewater treatment facility at the Tremont Institute in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, falsely representing that sub-contractor costs were over \$400,000 more than they actually were, resulting in the award of a contract

for \$1.1 million when all work on the project was performed by a Kodak contractor for \$550,000. Lanier also fraudulently obtained a \$1.3 million construction contract at the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center which had been set aside for SDVOSBs.

As a result of the false representations, Kylee Construction was awarded over \$5 million in government contracts and JMR Investments was awarded over \$9 million in government contracts, to include contracts for construction at the VA Medical Center at Mountain Home, Tenn., and in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Laniers received almost \$2 million in financial benefit from the scheme,

using accounts of the shell companies for payment of personal expenses.

Nancy Harr, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee said, "The integrity of the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business program is vital to its continued success. The U.S. Attorney's Office will aggressively pursue and prosecute those who attempt to defraud that federal program and therefore the United States."

"Consistent with Public Law 109-461, awarding contracts to Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) firms is the highest priority within the Small Business programs for VA. Today's guilty verdict is indicative of the

hard work and successful relationships between VA, DOJ, and our law enforcement partners to protect the integrity of the SDVOSB program, and deter those who attempt to defraud our government," said Special Agent in Charge Monty Stokes, VA, Office of Inspector General, Southeast Field Office.

Kevin Kupperbusch, Special Agent in Charge, SBA, Office of Inspector General (OIG), stated, "Effective partnerships among several law enforcement agencies as well as aggressive investigative efforts were key in bringing these defendants to justice. These convictions should serve as a deterrent to others who intend to take advantage of disabled military veterans

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fraud conc. from pg. 7 and defraud the Federal Government through its various contracting programs."

Special Agent in Charge Bill Gulsby, Department of Interior, OIG, joined in recognizing the efforts of the investigative team in protecting these important programs.

Law enforcement

agencies participating in the joint investigation which led to indictment and subsequent conviction of Ricky and Katrina Lanier included the VA, OIG; SBA, OIG; with assistance from the U.S. Secret Service. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Neil Smith and David Gunn represented the United States at trial.

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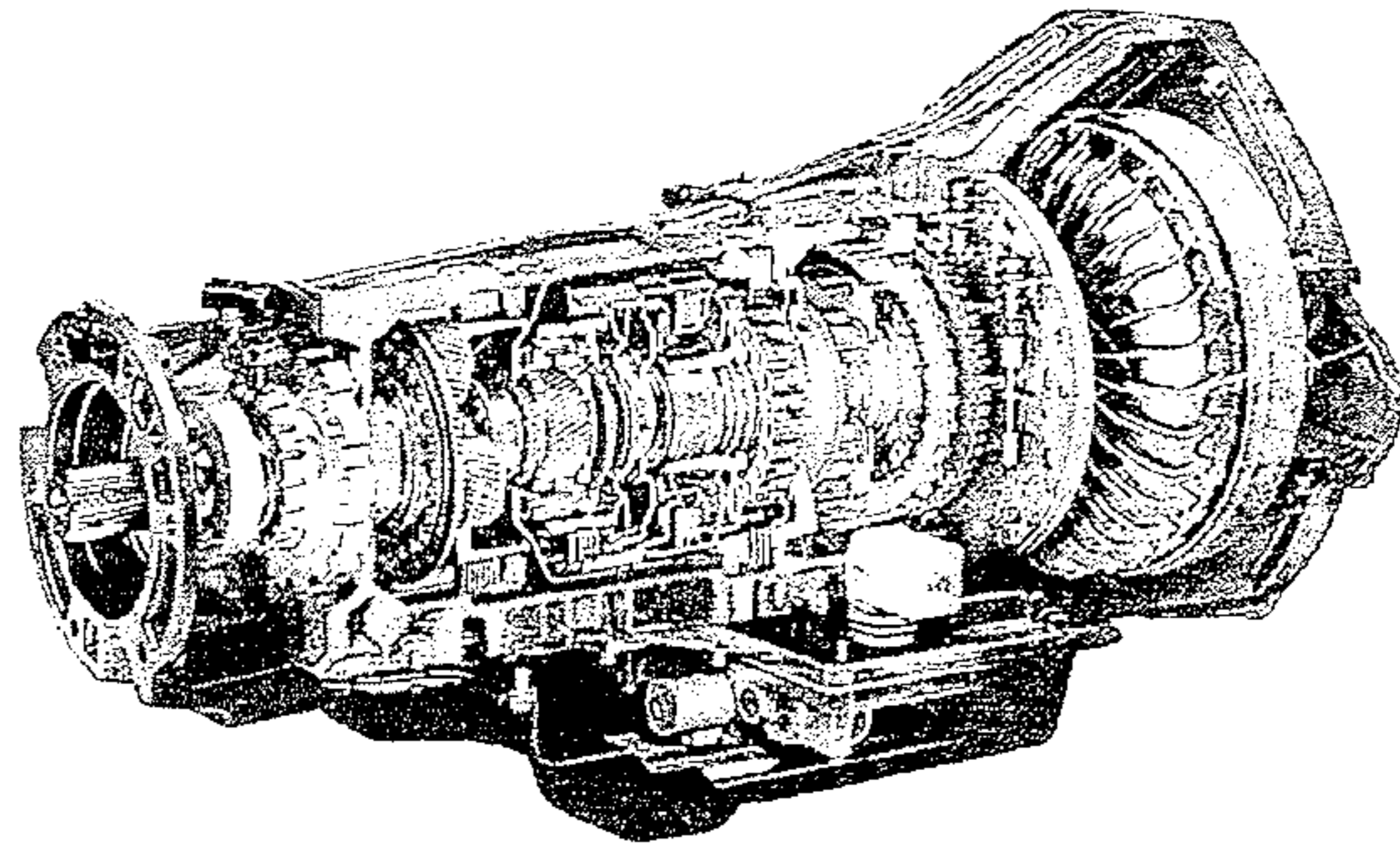
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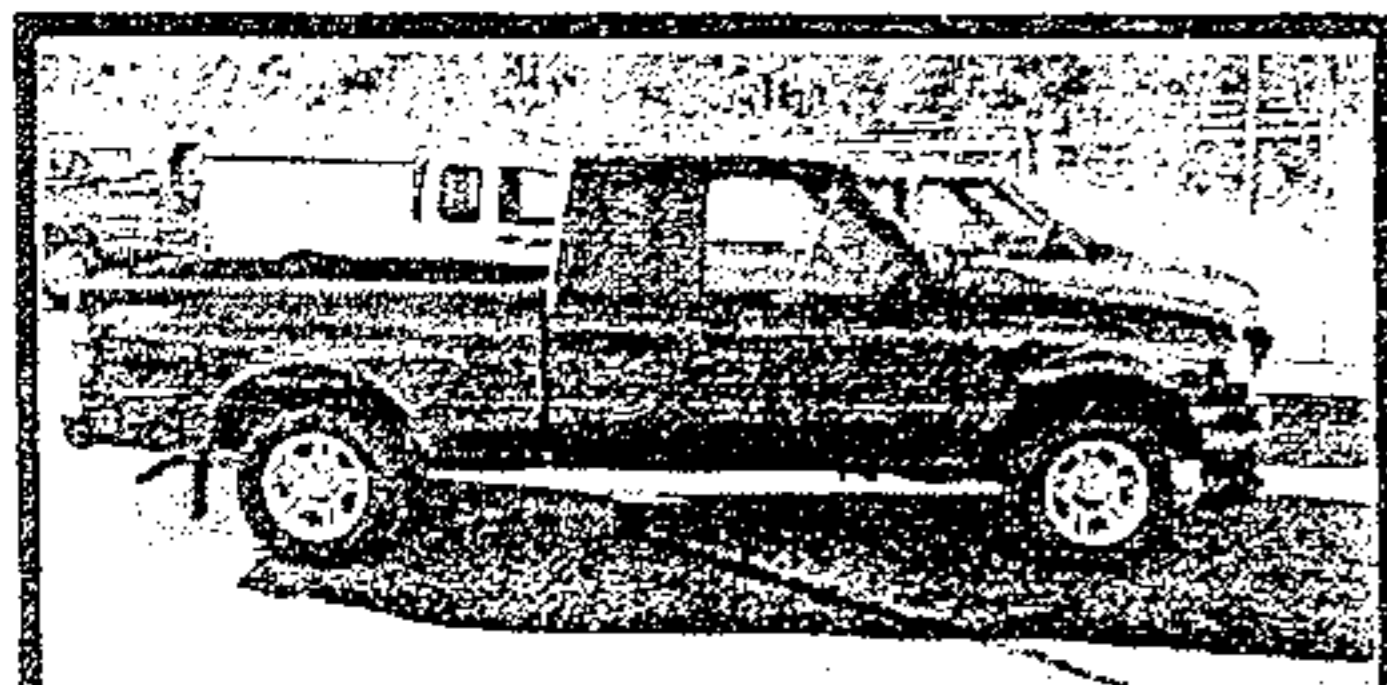
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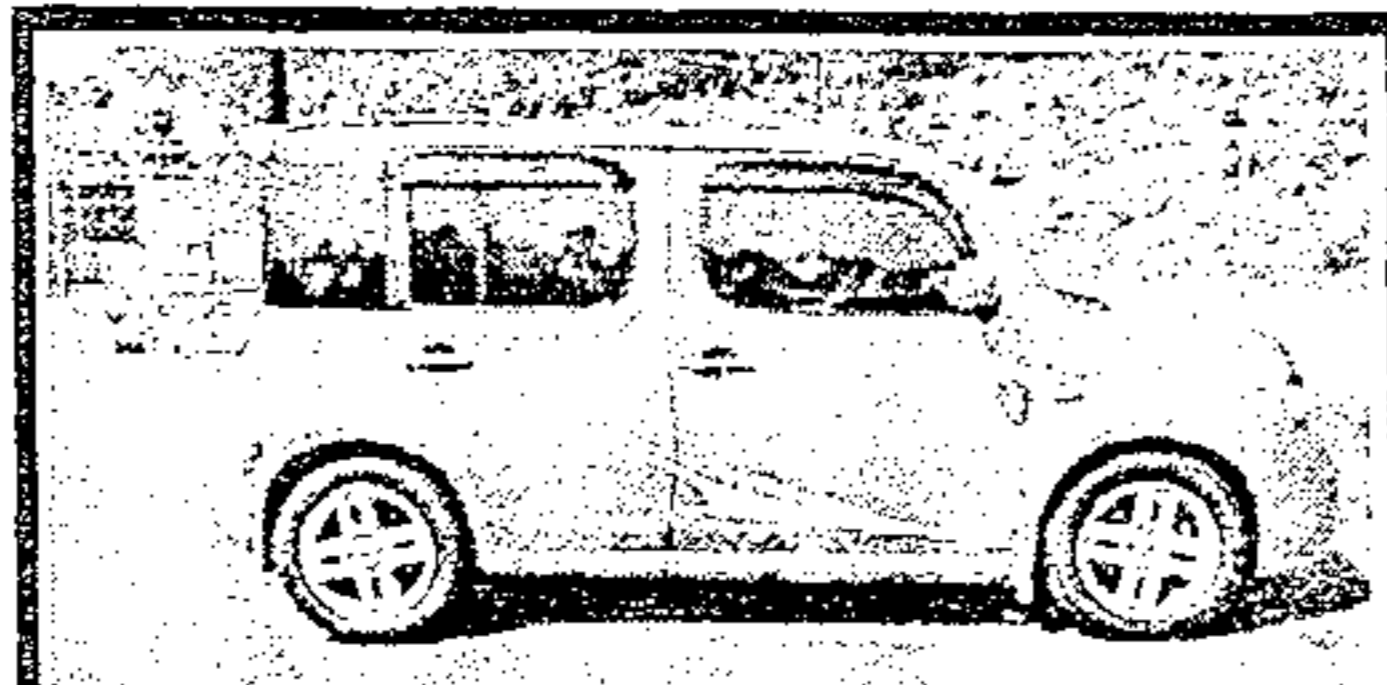
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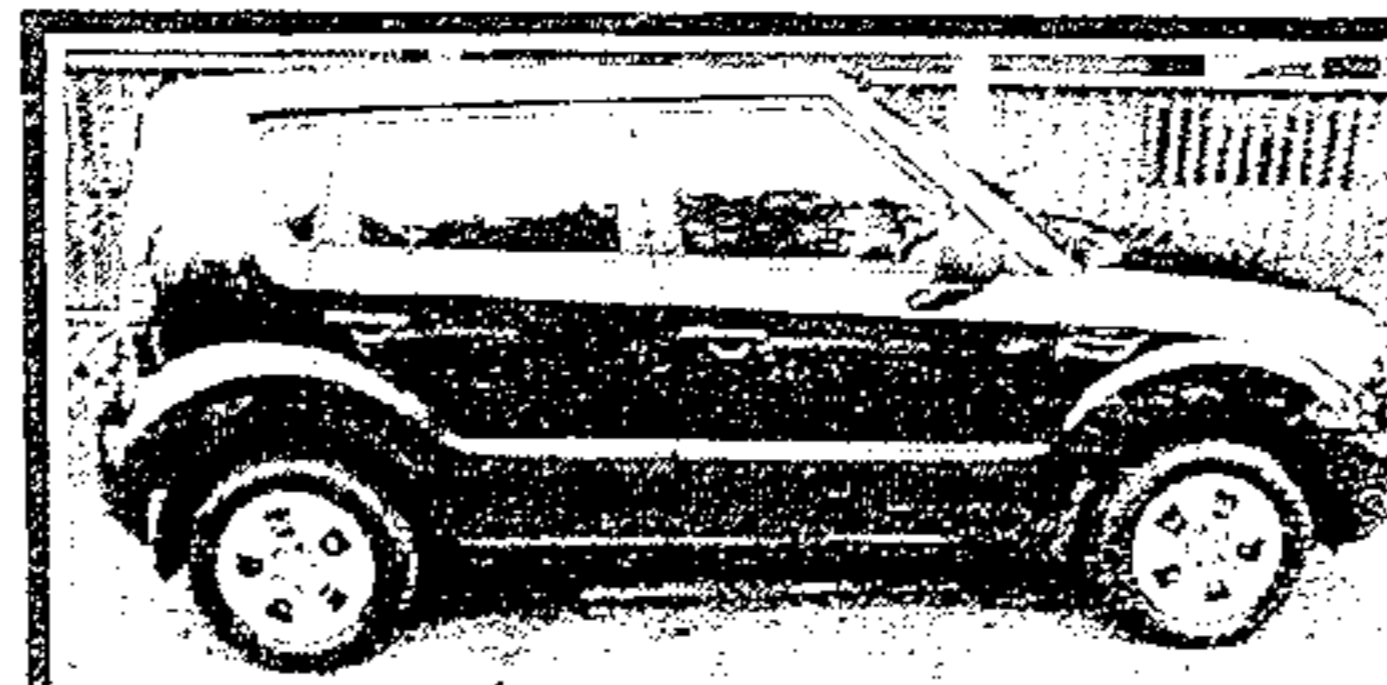
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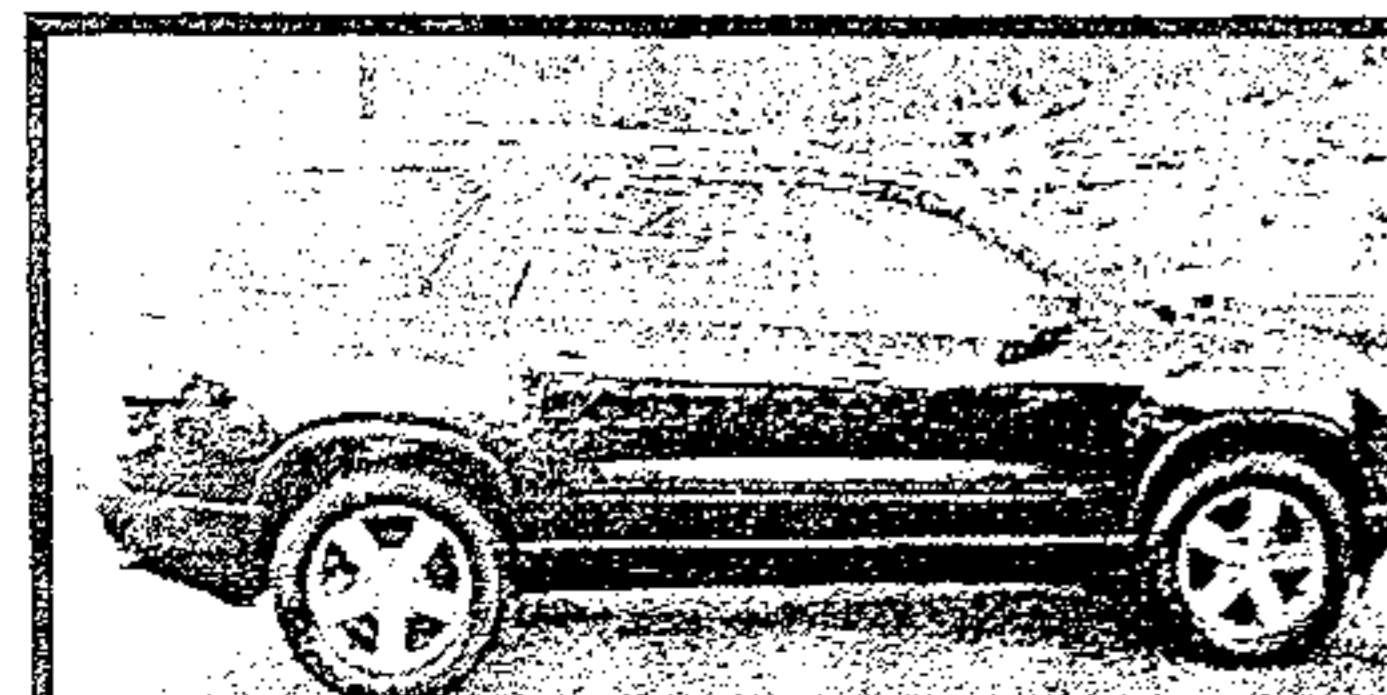
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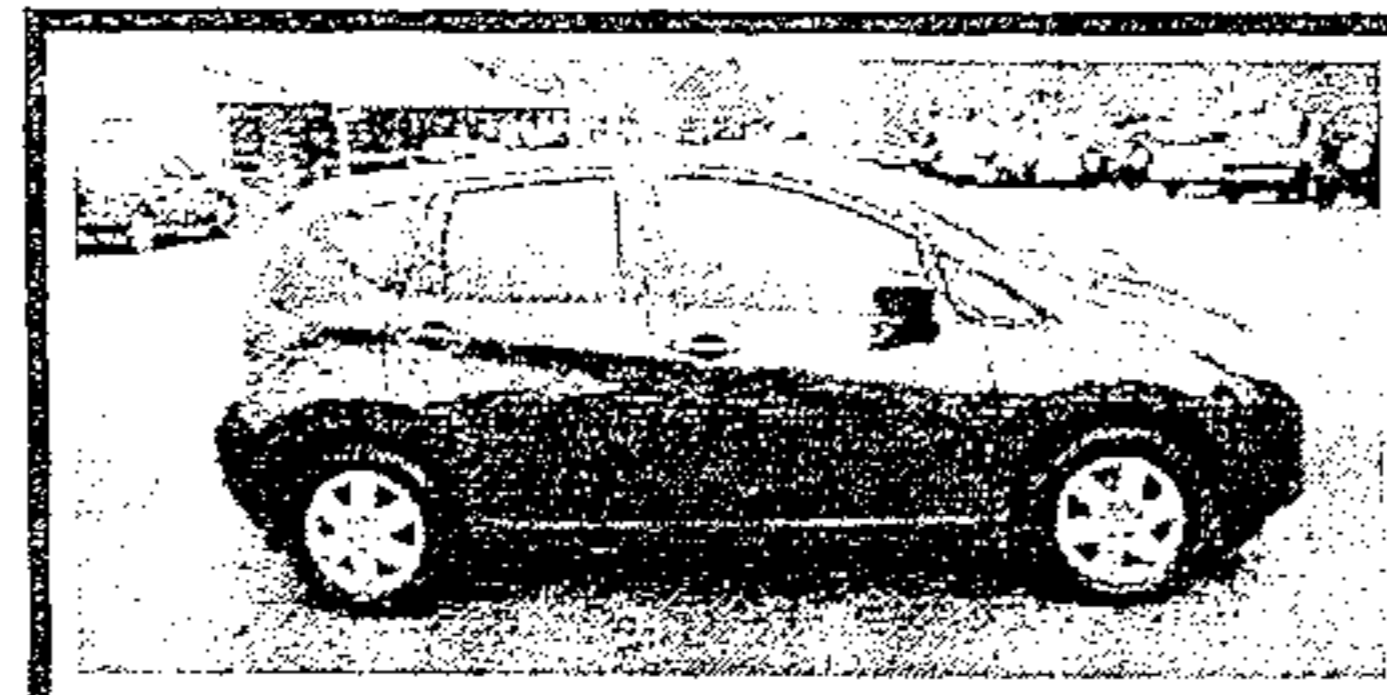
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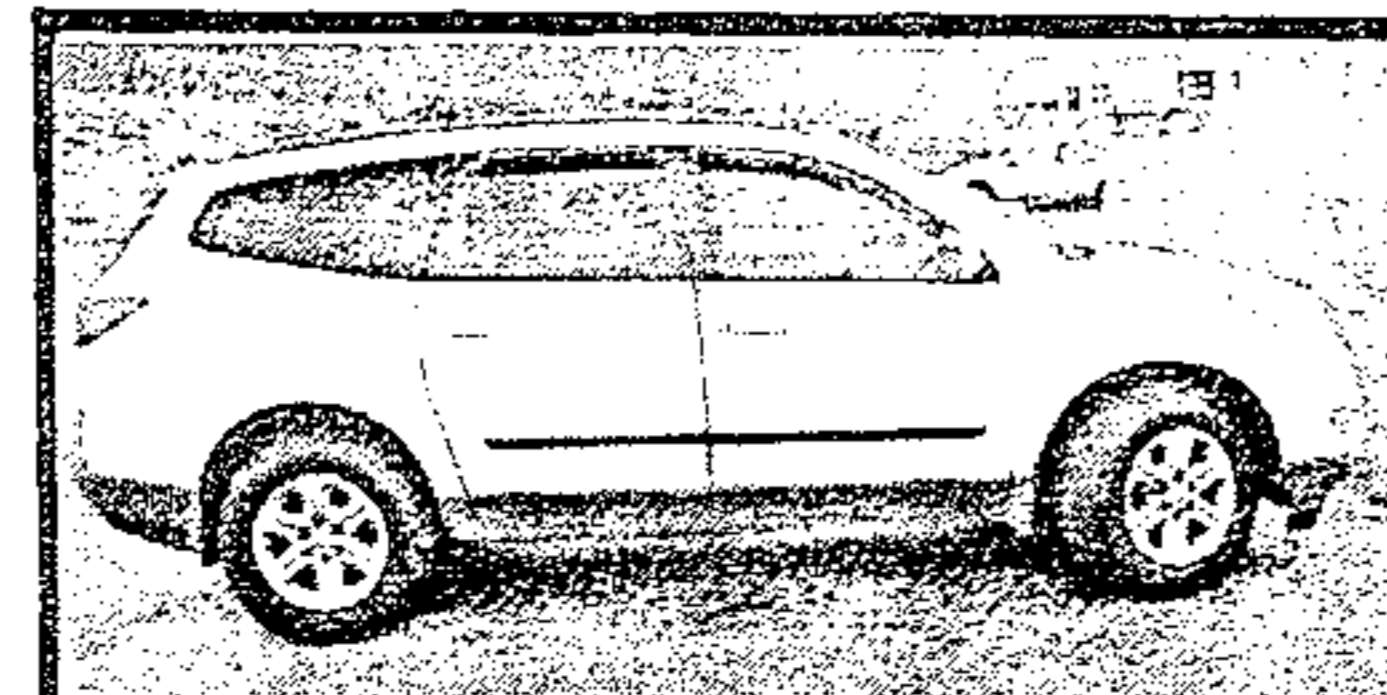
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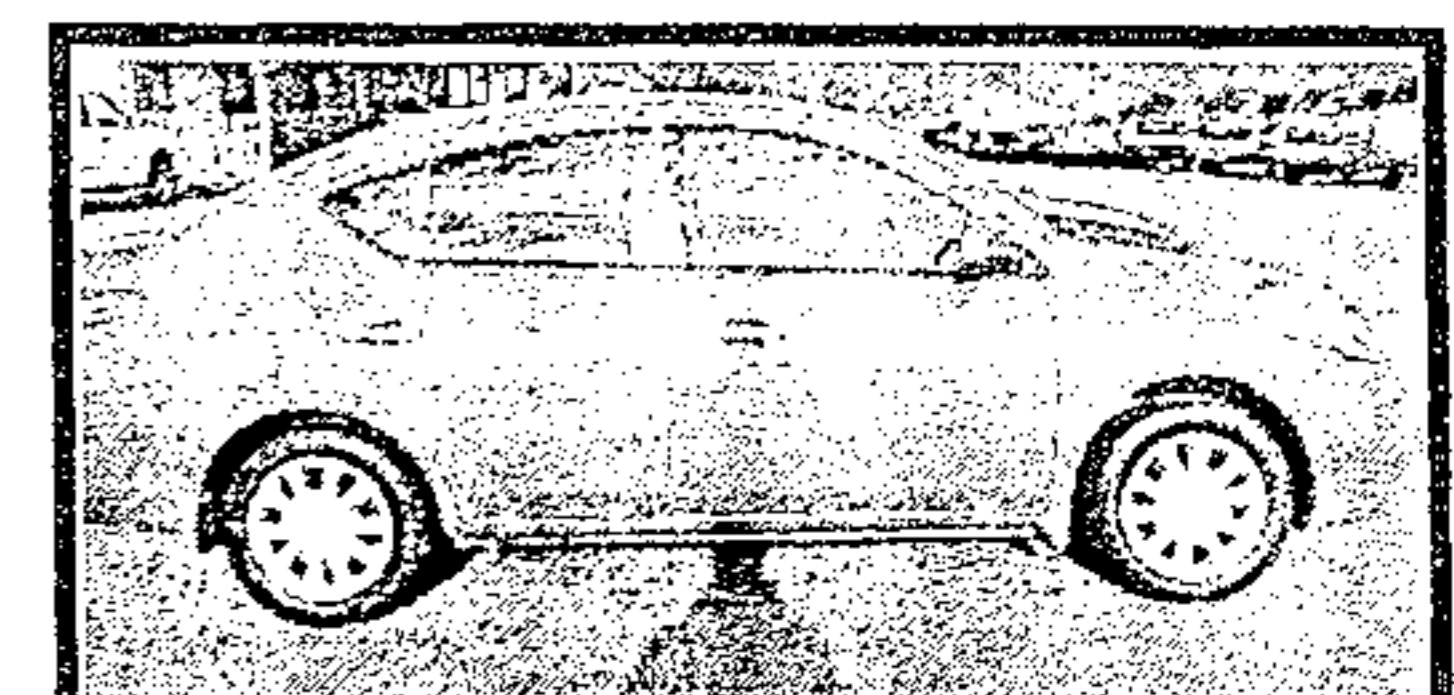
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