

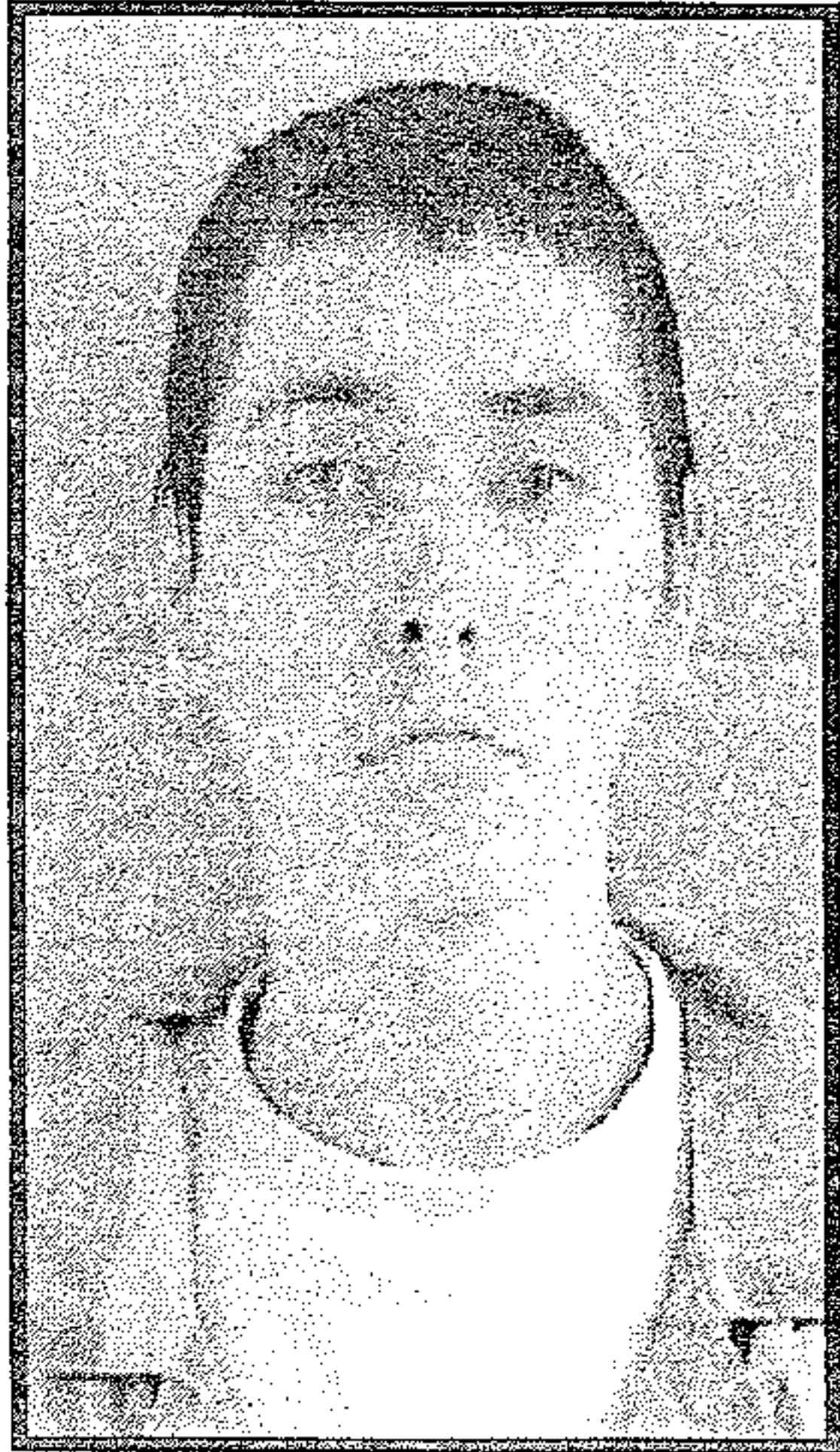
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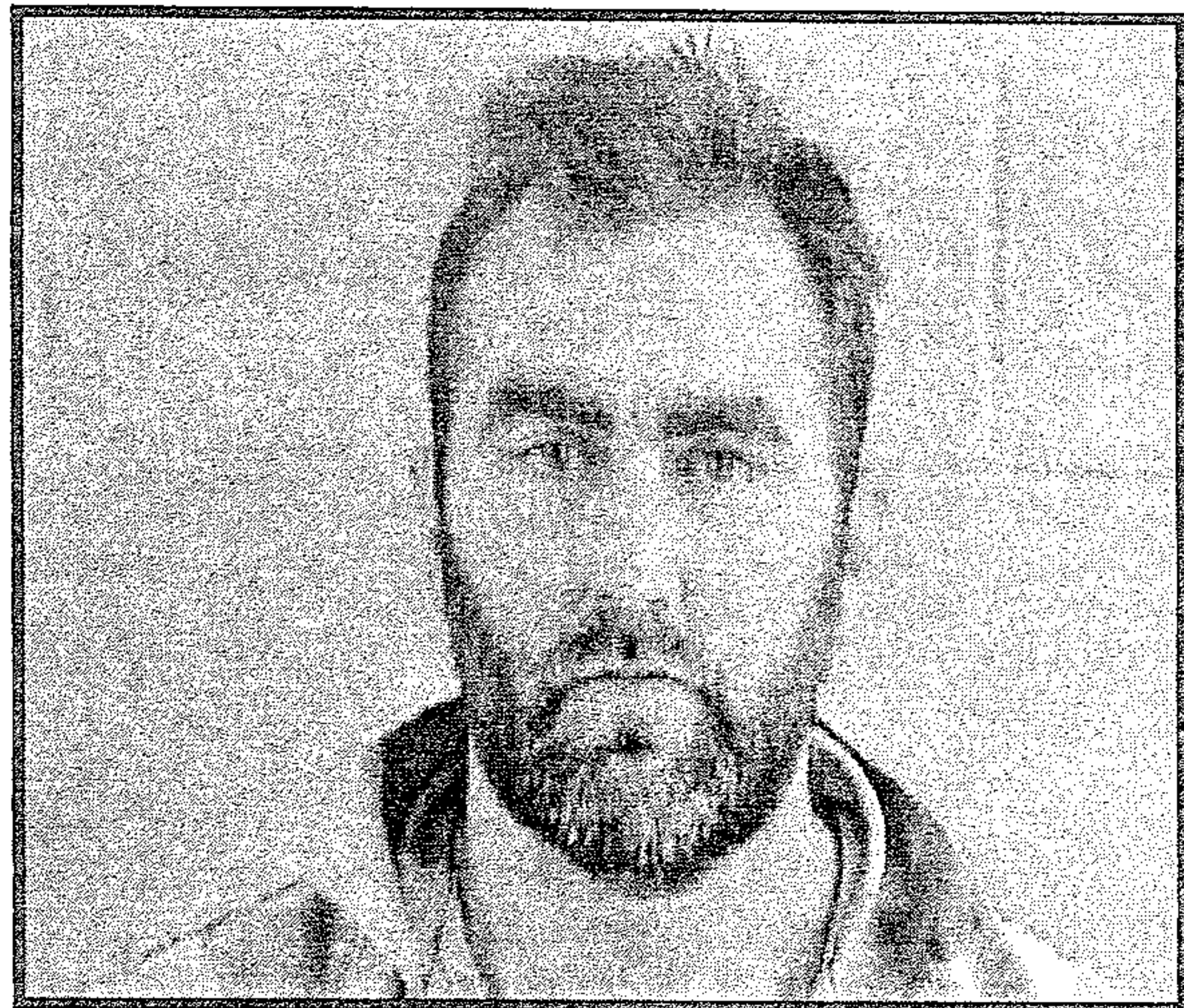
Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Known subject gets extra charges



Christopher Bennett
(see LCPD pg. 3)

Guns and pills found on reckless driver in LC



Gregory Simon (see reckless pg. 2)

Comptroller Report Examines AP Exam Pilot Program

A new study from the Comptroller's Offices of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) finds mixed results for a state pilot program designed to increase student enrollment and success in Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

State lawmakers created the pilot in 2013, allocating \$200,000 to pay for exam costs during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.

The law that created the pilot program also called for an evaluation of its effectiveness by the Comptroller's Office.

The pilot program covered exam costs for participating students at select high schools across the state. In all, 16 high schools participated during the two years studied. Comptroller's Office researchers compared

(see program pg. 5)

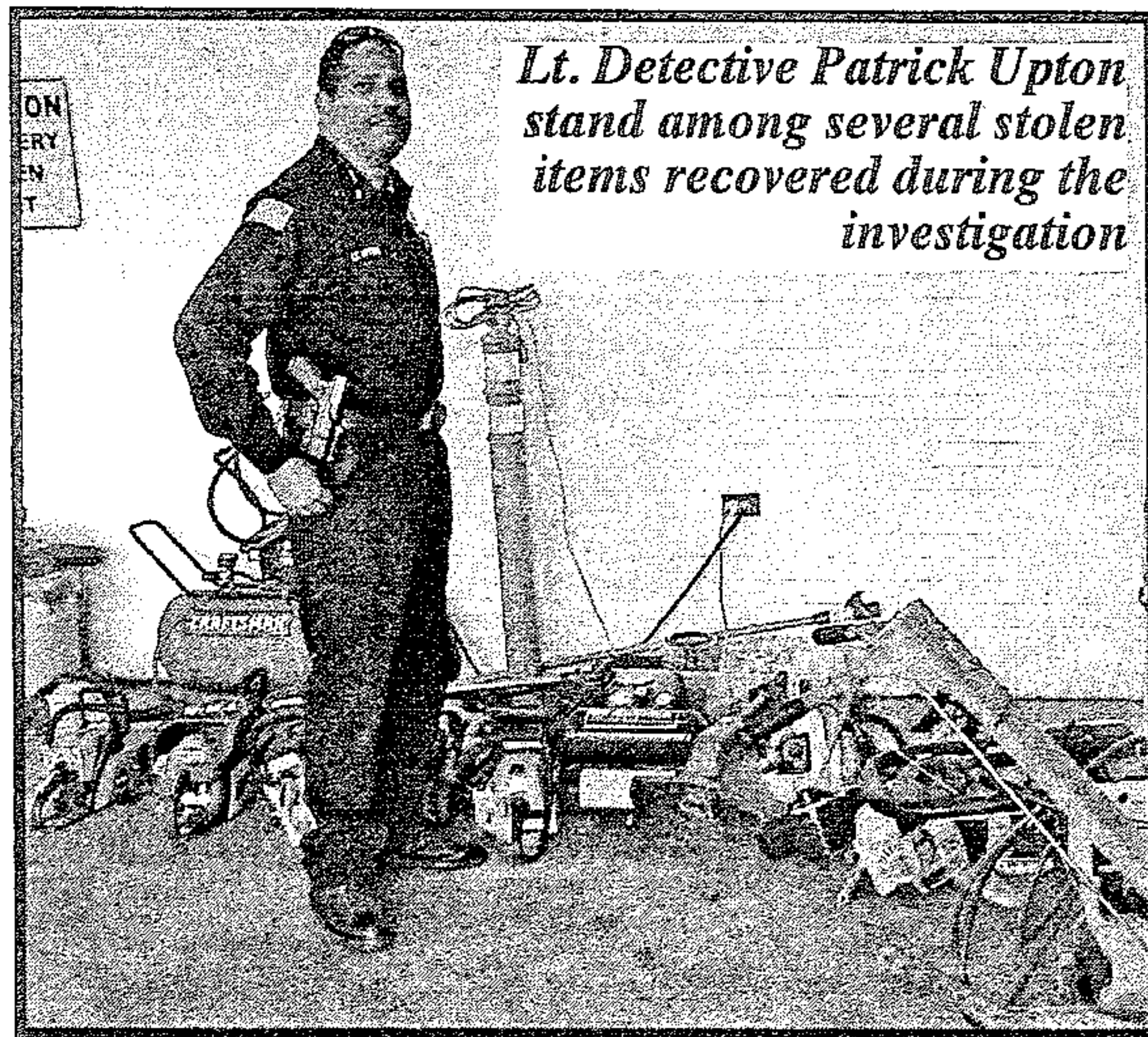
Larry "Little Man" Davis charged in thefts

Also wanted in Blount County for questioning in murder case

As a result on an investigation by Loudon County Sheriff's Office it has led to another person being charged after a search for an expensive bicycle turned up a plethora of stolen stuff.

According to Lt. Detective Patrick Upton, LCSO "most of the recovered items we believe were stolen from

(see charged pg. 7)



Lt. Detective Patrick Upton stand among several stolen items recovered during the investigation

John Harper Farmer sentenced to 210 months for sex trafficking minors

On Dec. 5, 2015, John Harper Farmer, 39, of Chattanooga, was sentenced by the Honorable Curtis L. Collier, U.S. District Judge, to serve 210 months in federal prison for sex trafficking of children. Farmer was also ordered to complete a 500 hour mental health program. Additionally, upon his release from prison, he will be supervised for five years by U.S. Pro-

bation.

Farmer pleaded guilty in May 2015 to one count of a five-count indictment charging offenses related to sex trafficking. This offense carried a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years. He admitted to directing a minor and an adult co-defendant to meet a client at a Chattanooga hotel with the expectation that both females would engage

(see minors pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. — Ephesians 5:3

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

Thank ya Betty Jo for keeping me straight, sometimes we just don't know which way to go appreciate ya giving directions!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy skies during the morning hours will give way to occasional showers in the afternoon. High 61F. Tonight: Cloudy skies. Slight chance of a rain shower. Low around

45F.

Thursday Mostly cloudy High 62F.

Thursday Night A few clouds. Low 47F.

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Sinking into the depths of

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reckless

Gregory Simon, 40, Indian River Road Virginia, was charged with DUI, Possession of Handgun while under the Influence, and Simple Possession. Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, was dispatched to the area of Hwy 321 @ Taco Bell for a possible drunk driver. Dispatched advised it was a

truck with a camper. Officer observed the vehicle matching the description park in the road on Old Hwy 95. Officer got behind the vehicle and observed it unable to maintain its lane of travel or speed. Officer made a traffic stop on said vehicle on Old Hwy 95, and made contact with the driver Gregory Simon, who appeared to be

highly intoxicated. Officer could detect a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Gregory. Officer also observed a handgun in the waist band of Gregory pants. Gregory refused to (see reckless ctd. pg. 2)

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Christopher Bennett, 21, Foster Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Simple Possession, Failure to Appear, and Violation of Probation. Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, observed Christopher Bennett sitting in a vehicle at Kelly Lane. Officer had prior knowledge that Christopher had an active warrant. During the arrest Christopher had 5 10mg oxycodone in his possession. Christopher stated he stole them from his grandmother. Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, made the arrest.

offender ctd. from pg. 2

do sobriety test stating that he was to intoxicated. After searching Gregory Officer located oxycodone, alprazepam, and trazodone in Gregory front pocket. Officer located 3 more handguns in the

center console of the vehicle. Gregory was placed under arrest. Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, made the arrest.

Obituaries

Dorothy Williams Hankins - age 92 of Lenoir City went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Dorothy was a member of Oral Baptist Church. She loved God and her family dearly. Preceded in death by her son, Ronnie Hankins and grand-

son, Keith Hankins. She is survived by her husband of 72 years, Joseph C. Hankins; sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Linda Hankins and Steve and Kim Hankins; grandchildren, Gayla Ann Hankins, Kerri Crabtree, Scott, David Hankins, Julie Marinski, Matthew and Lacy Hankins; 4 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 10th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Eddie Chasteen and Rev. Jack Belcher officiating. Burial will

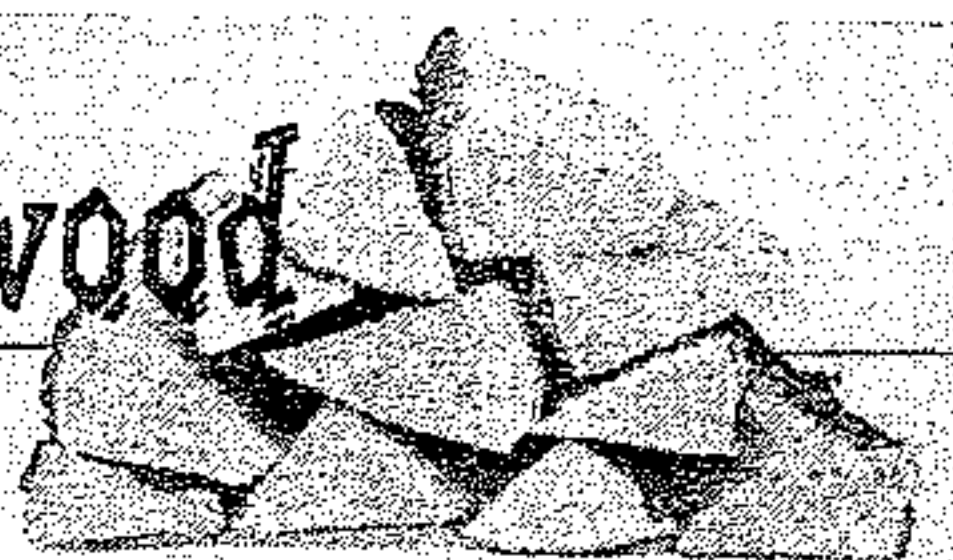
follow in the Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Jimmie L. Hudson - age 80 of Knoxville, passed away Saturday afternoon, December 5, 2015. He was a member of Solway Church of God and retired from Carpenters Union Local 50 in Knoxville. Jimmie is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty Crawford Hudson; sons, Scott (Maryanne) Hudson, and Craig Hudson; grandsons, Cody (Lacy) Hudson and Brandon (Christina) Harmon; great grandson, Max (see obits ctd. pg. 8)

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minors

in a commercial sex act. However, the client turned out to be an undercover police officer, and the encounter resulted in Farmer's arrest and prosecution. Upon his arrest, police officers recovered a second minor with Farmer. Farmer's co-defendant is scheduled for sentencing in March 2016.

FBI Special Agent in Charge, Edward W. Reinhold said "This investigation is but one example of the close working relationship the FBI enjoys with our law enforcement partners in combating the ever increasing threats to our nation. Human Trafficking represents some of the worst in human behavior, especially when it deals with the most

vulnerable of our society, our children. The FBI, along with our local, state, and federal partners will continue to aggressively attack this problem."

"Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that Homeland Security Investigations fights as one of its highest priorities via a

coordinated global effort with the FBI and our state and local law enforcement partners," said Special Agent in Charge of HSI New Orleans Raymond R. Parmer Jr. "That this particular criminal took his depravity even further to sexually exploit children for profit makes this case espe-

cially egregious and illustrates why HSI will continue to investigate and seek prosecution of these criminals while also ensuring the victims of this terrible crime are rescued and get the care they need." Parmer oversees a five-state area of operations to include Tennessee,

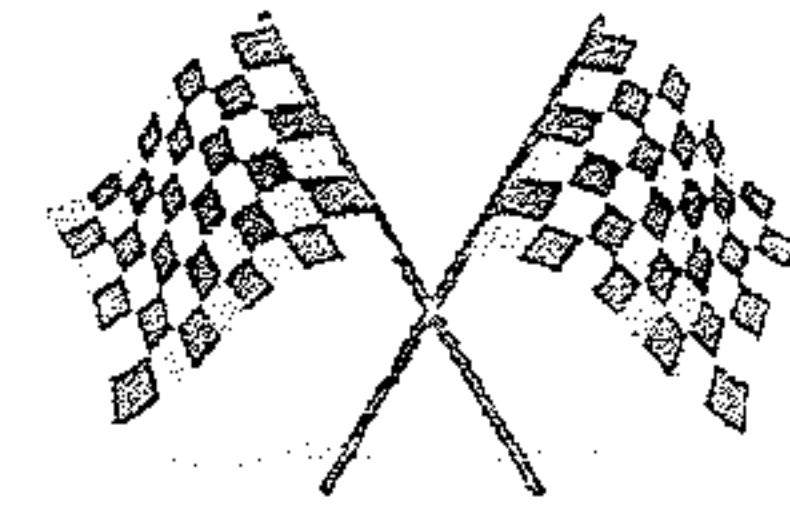
Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Homeland Security Investigations; and Chattanooga Police Department. Assistant U.S Attorney Jay Woods represented the United States.

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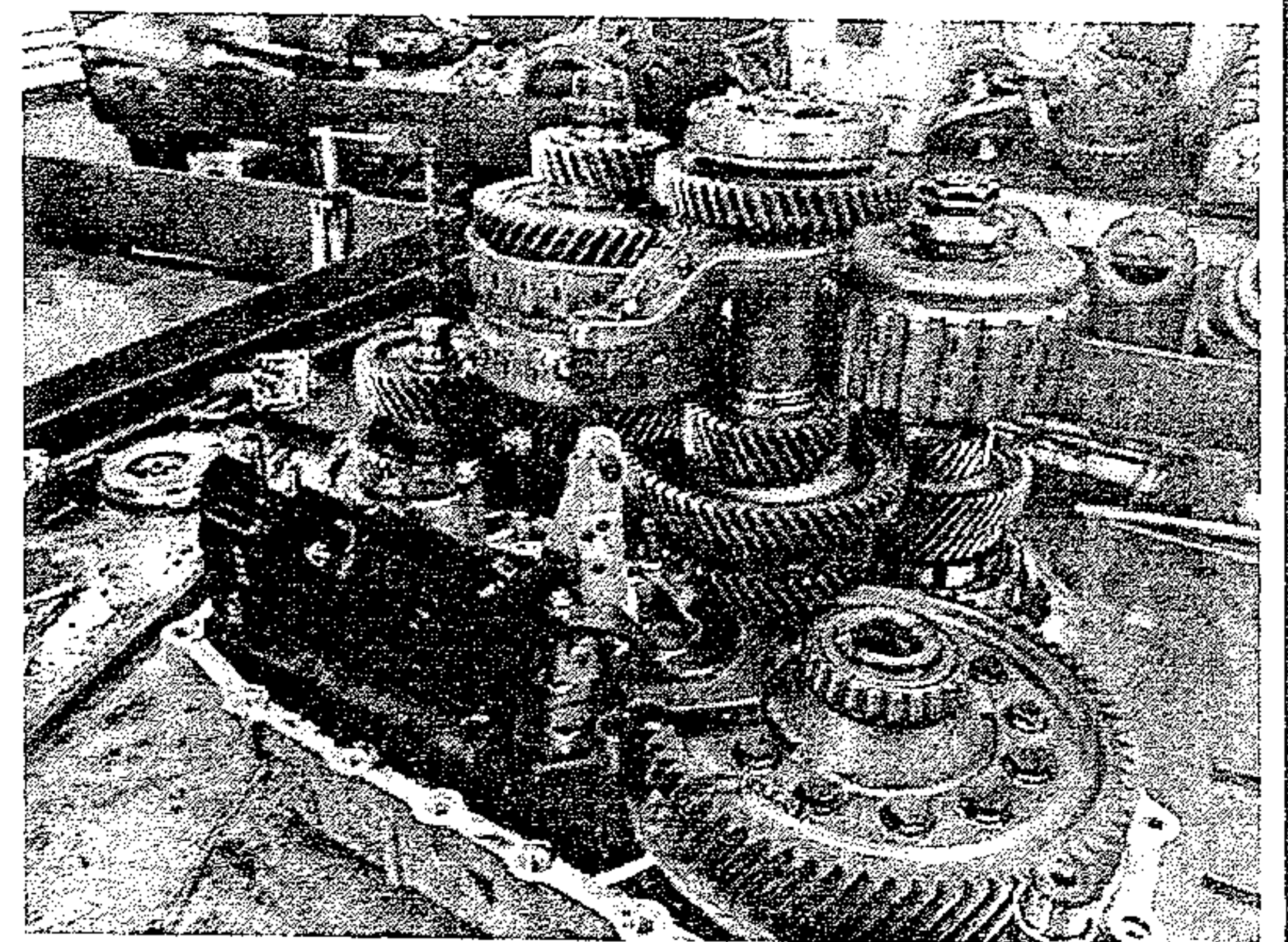
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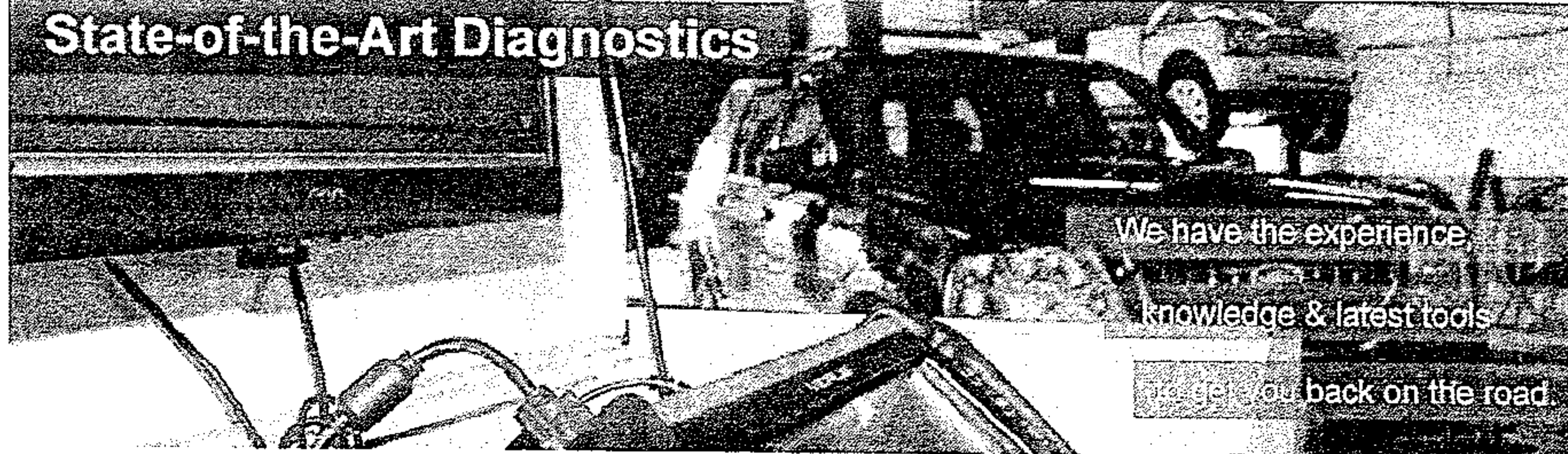
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program

results for participating high schools with data from the two years before the pilot began.

The pilot program's goals were to increase course enrollment, exam participation, and exam success.

The study found that student enrollment was lower in the AP courses when compared with the two years preceding the pilot, but

more students chose to take AP exams in these courses. The percentage of students who passed the exams declined, though the number of exams with passing scores was slightly higher.

The state pilot program also included money to pay for Industry Certification exam fees, however the Comptroller's Office could not draw

conclusions because of issues with the program's structure and available data, among other factors.

In addition to an analysis of the pilot program's outcomes, the report provides state lawmakers with policy considerations. These include considering the degree of alignment between the pilot's goals and its design, and how a future program might

be structured so that participating schools could access federal exam fee subsidies for low-income students.

To view the full report online, go to: <http://comptroller.tn.gov/OREA/>

Loudon County Sheriff's Office Toys for Tots 2015

Thanks to the generosity year after year of the Loudon County residents, churches,

businesses and industries, the Loudon County Sheriff's Office is once again able to offer the Toys for Tots program. We are beginning our 31st year of providing toys to the needy children of Loudon County, and thanks to generous contributions of time, money and gifts, we are able to make Christmas a more joyful time for more and more children. In 2014, approximately 500 children were helped by the Loudon County Sheriff's Department Toys for Tots program through their partners. Even with the difficult economic times we are experiencing, we hope that the people of Loudon County will be there once again to help.

If your business or church would be willing to take names please call Debbie Hines, Toys for Tots Coordinator at 986-4823.

Names are available through business and churches. If you are considering helping a child this Christmas, please be assured that applicants are thoroughly checked to make sure they require this assistance. Names are also compared with the school systems to make sure no one is receiving duplicate assistance.

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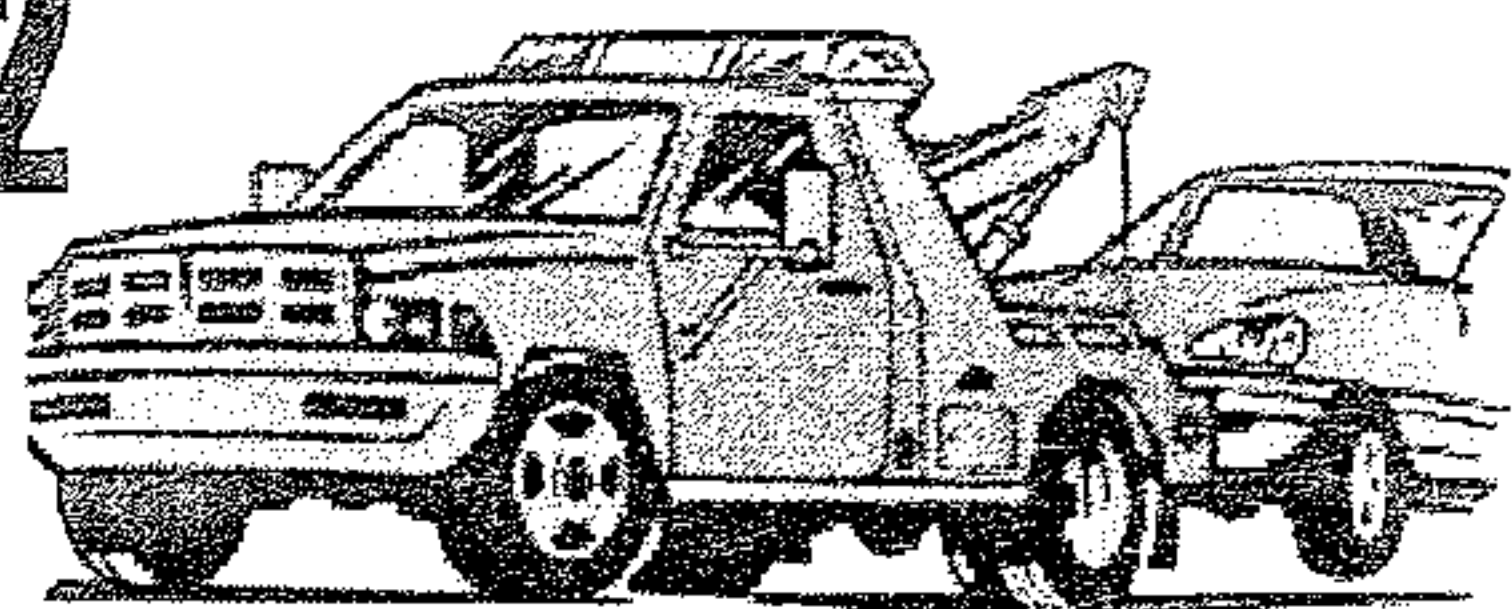
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investigation

the Greenback area and we need more victims to come forward. Some of the victims in the case didn't even realize the items were missing, the thieves just took the stuff right off the walls."

According to warrants, Deputy Chris Bowen was dispatched in June to Dotson Hill Road where he took a report of a theft and burglary from a garage. The victim reported he saw Larry Davis around the garage. The items missing totaled over \$900 and included a Stihl powerhead with blade and attachments.

In another warrant, Deputy Bobby Hamilton responded to a theft that occurred



Lt. Detective Patrick Upton holds one chainsaw that was already identified by a victim. Numerous other stolen items were recovered and Lt. Upton needs victims to come forward.

where the victim had just cut down a tree and set his chainsaw on the tailgate and went in to rest. When he returned the chainsaw was gone. This theft occurred in September on Hwy 321 south.

In both warrants, Davis admitted to taking the items and selling them to a subject in Friendsville. The items were recovered along with several other items that remain un-

(see investigate ctd. pg. 8)



Several larger items pictured here were recovered during the investigation.

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