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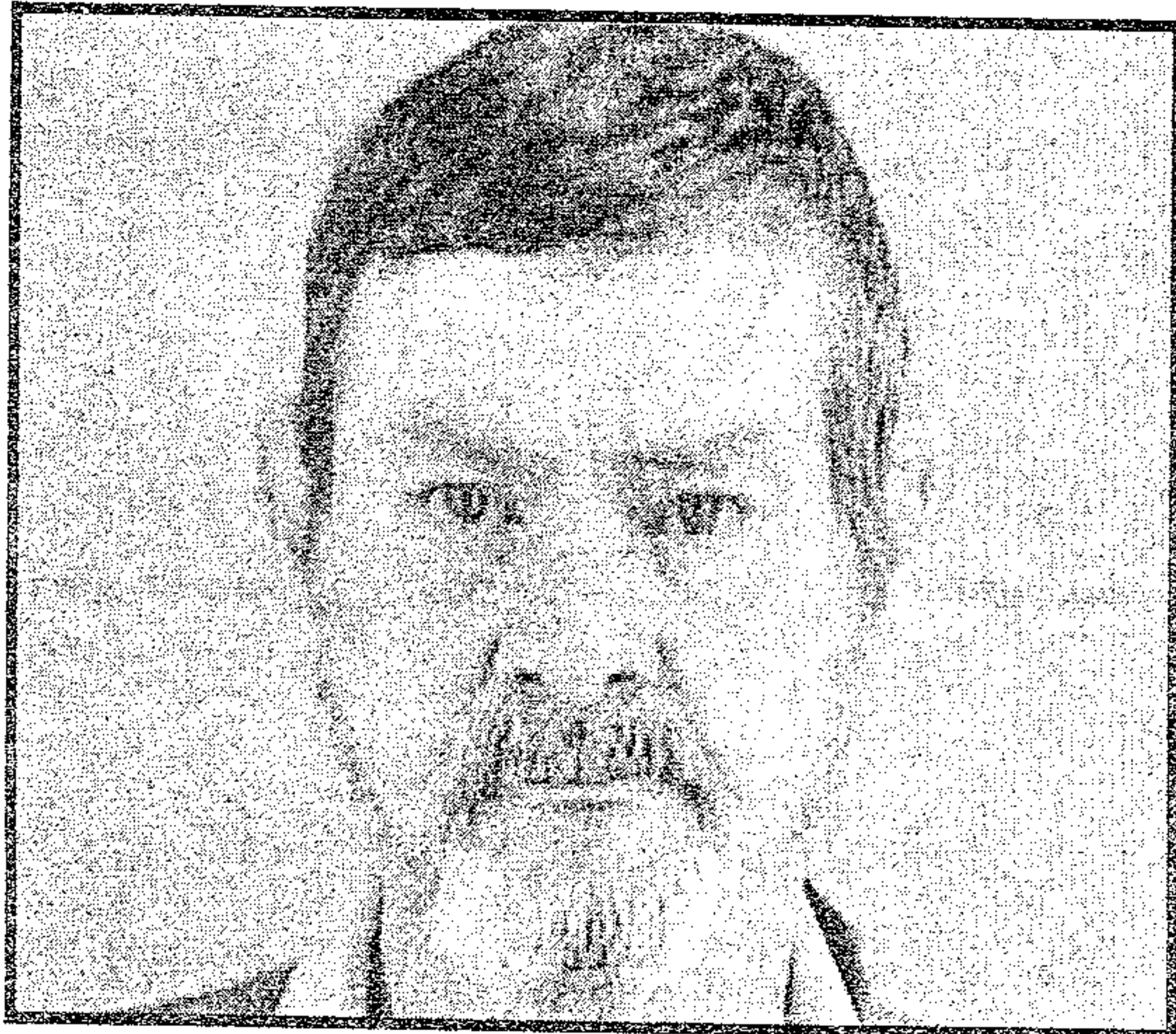
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Wednesday, April 29, 2015

LC Man Charged with Rape of a Child

Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO CID has charged a 64 year old Lenoir City man with rape of a child. The charges came after the victim reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department. As a result DCS was also notified and is conducting an interview and exam.

Jack Holt, 64, Jim Conner Road Lenoir (see Rape pg. 4)



Jack Holt

Justice for Victims; Restitution ordered in Decade-long Ponzi Scheme

For more than decade, up until February 2014, Sacramento businessman (and Ponzi scammer extraordinaire) Deepal Wannakuwatte fooled his investors and his lenders into believing that he and his companies were worthy of their trust and their money. During that time frame, he fraudulently obtained in excess

of \$230 million from more than 150 victims, including individuals, businesses, government agencies, and financial institutions. Wannakuwatte used this to fund other business ventures, make adequate payments to his investors and lenders to keep the scam going, and line his own pockets.

But on the heels of a (see Scheme pg. 3)

East Tn Wildlife Poisoning Conviction

Rickie D. Cloyd, 61, of Fall Branch, Tenn., was convicted of violating the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act related to his unlawful use of a restricted use pesticide. Cloyd was convicted following a bench trial in front of the Honorable Dennis H. Inman, U.S. Magistrate Judge,

in April 2015 and was sentenced to pay a total of \$5,000 in fines. The case began as an investigation into the cause of death of numerous deceased animals found near Cloyd's farm in Washington County, Tenn. The investigation revealed that Carbofuran, a restricted use pesticide marketed under the name Furadan, had been placed on

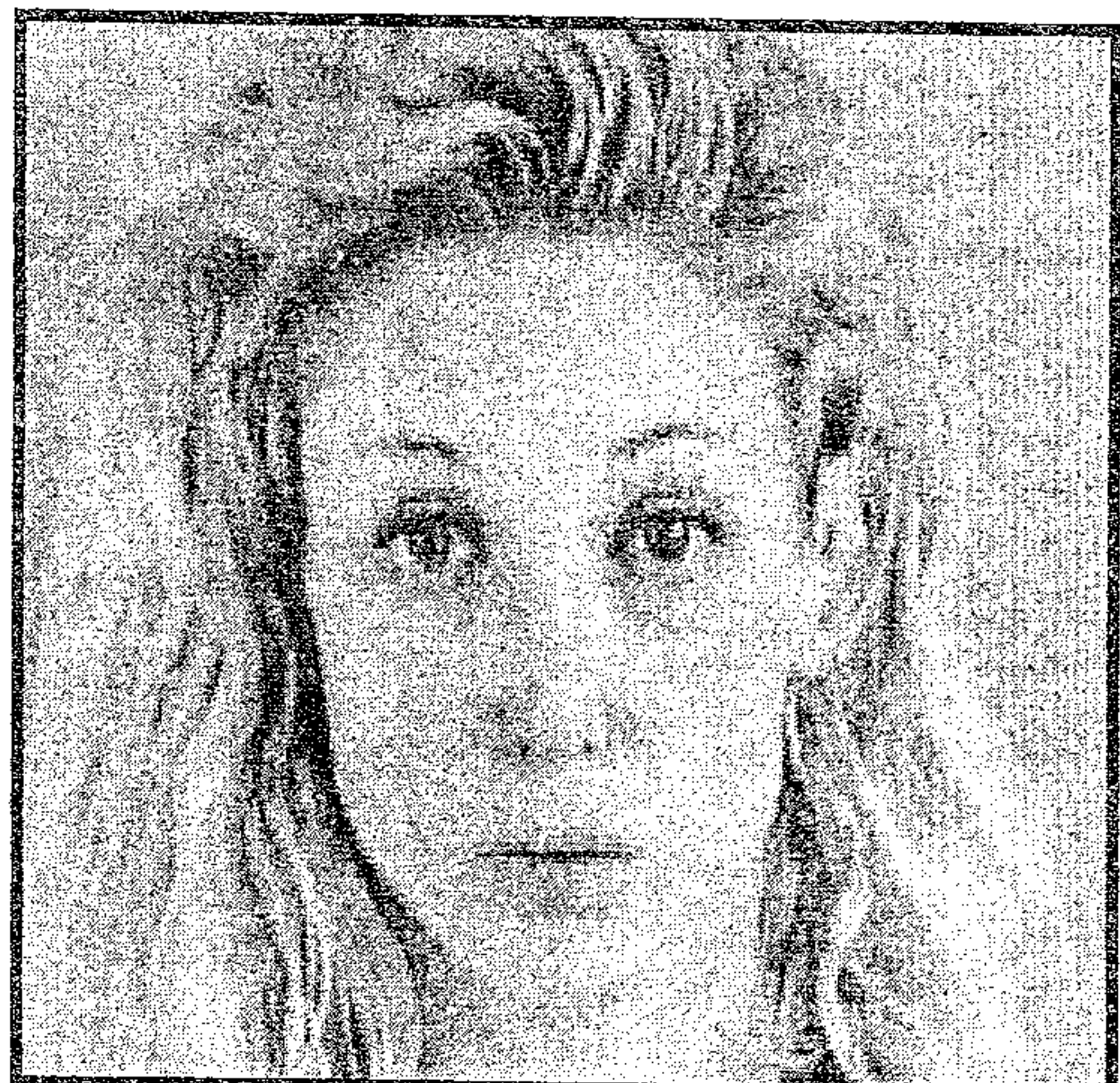
Expired tag ends with DUI charge



Nicholas Rokisky

(see DUI pg. 5)

Pills found in traffic stop on 321



Krystal Hixson

(see Stop pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the

sea. — Psalm 46:1-2

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

A Big Shout Out To Sherry Lee at LC Pet Salon and Spa. You sure do great work!

Weather

Today: Occasional rain. High 62F.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 47F.
Thursday Rain showers in the morning will evolve into a more steady rain in the afternoon. High 67F.
Thursday Night Rain end-

ing early. Clearing late. Low around 45F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Your innate ability to hold your ground comes in handy today if someone attempts to pull you

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(see Wildlife pg. 2)



Wildlife

corn baits in several locations around the Cloyd farm. Furadan is highly toxic to wildlife and is no longer available for commercial purchase. Furadan was once commonly used on crops such as alfalfa and tobacco, but was outlawed because of its toxicity.

According to the evidence

presented at trial, Cloyd used Furadan in an attempt to control pests but unintentionally caused the primary and secondary poisonings of a variety of animals, including several species of migratory birds. This investigation was the result of the collaborative efforts of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tennessee

Wildlife Resources Agency, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, and Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Christian Lampe represented the United States.

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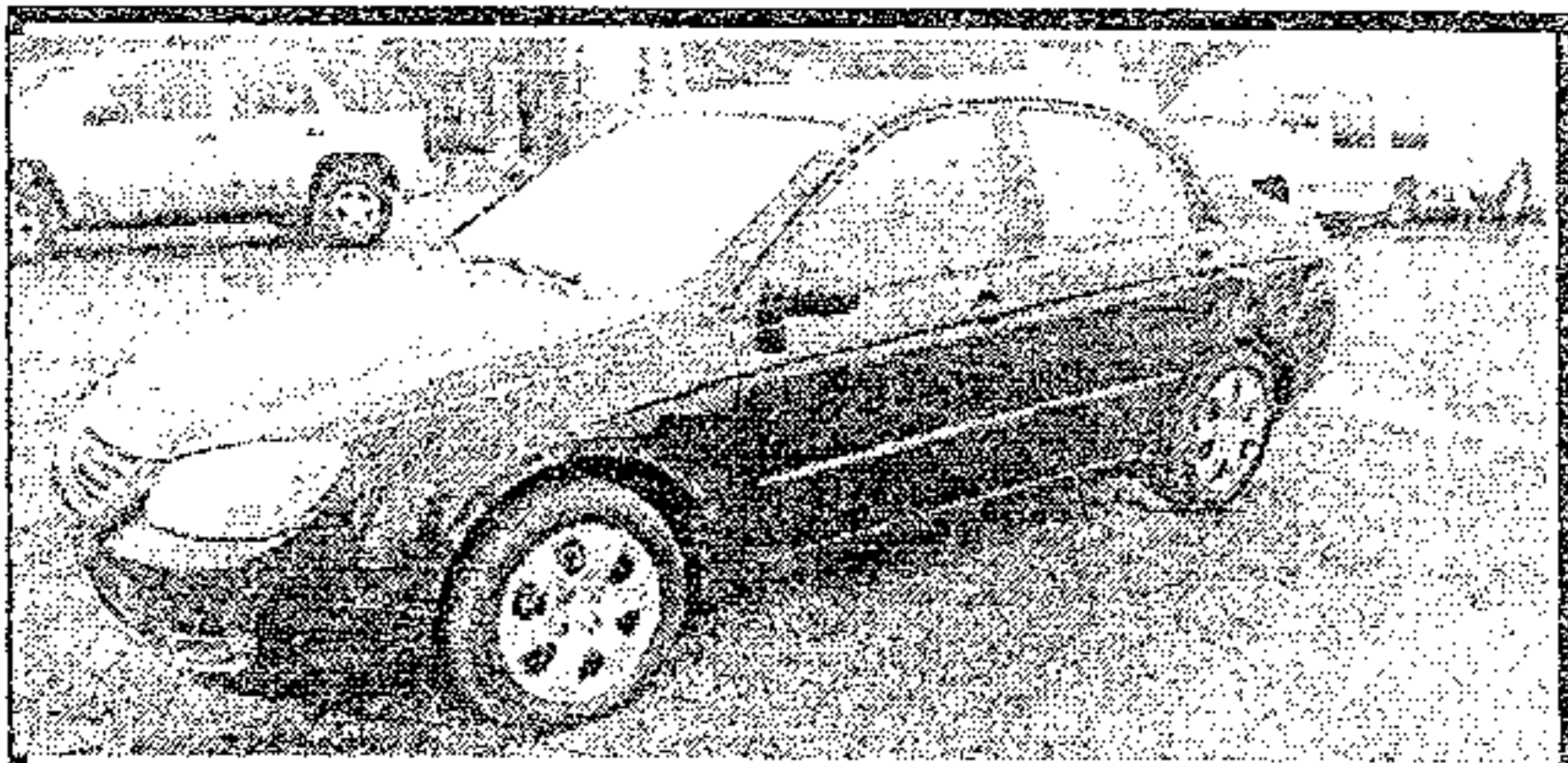
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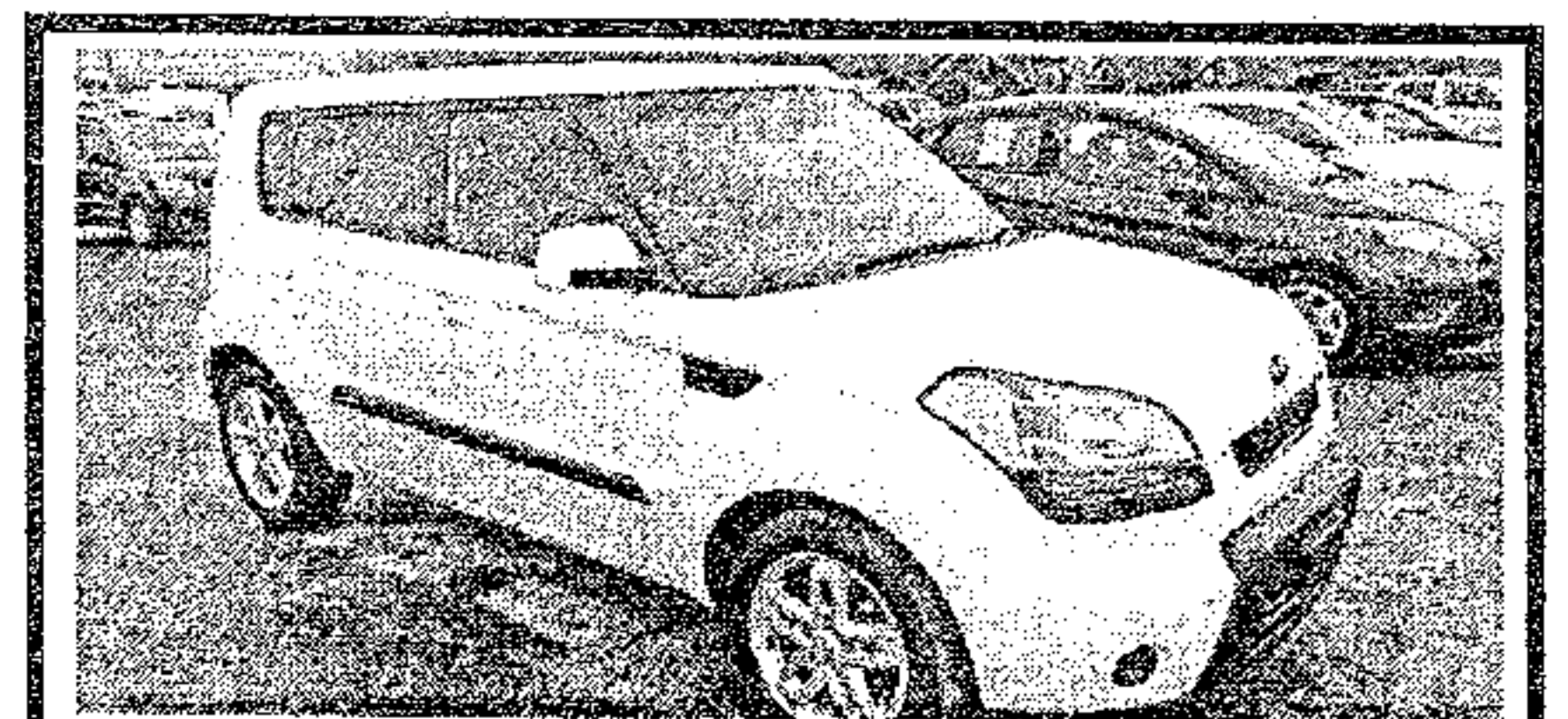
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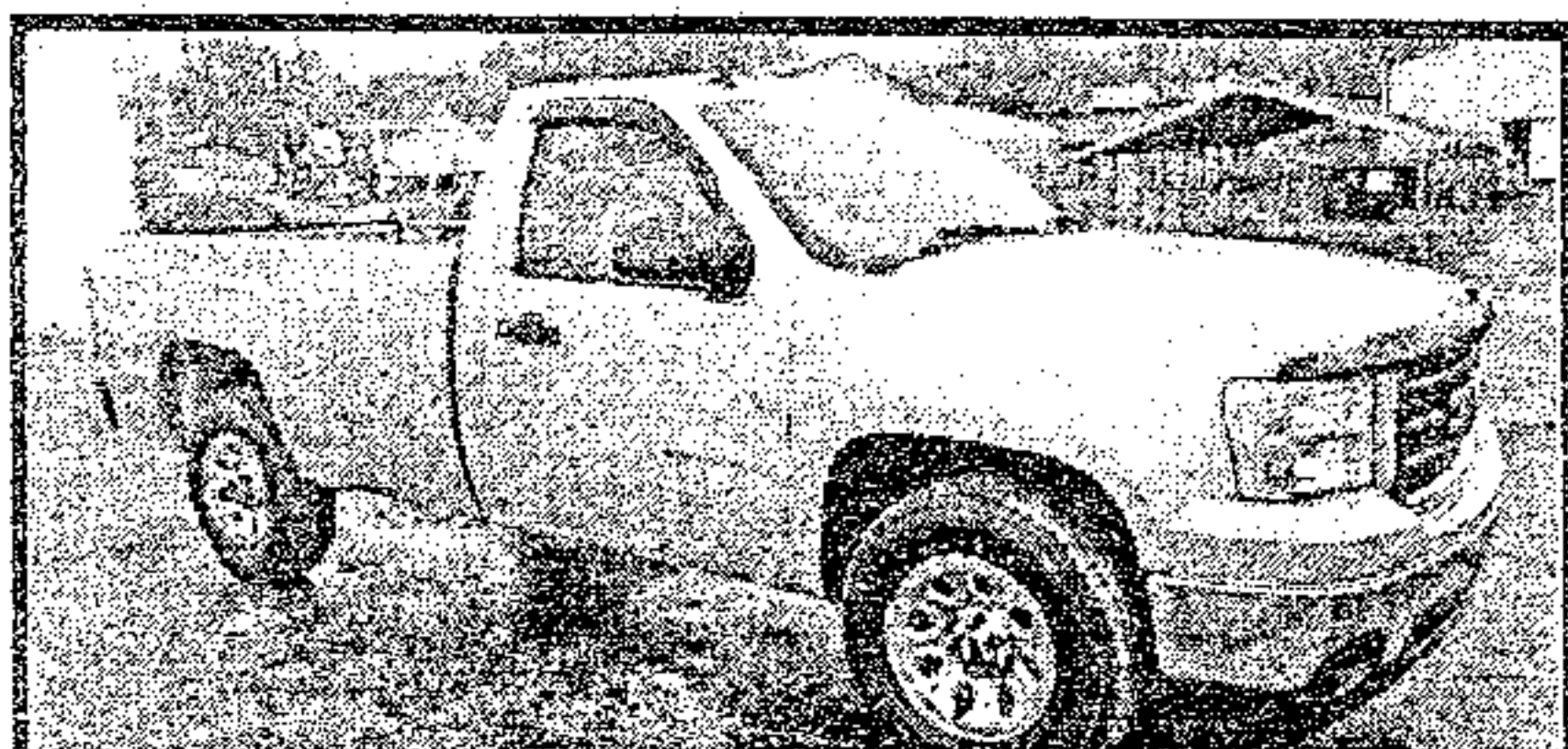
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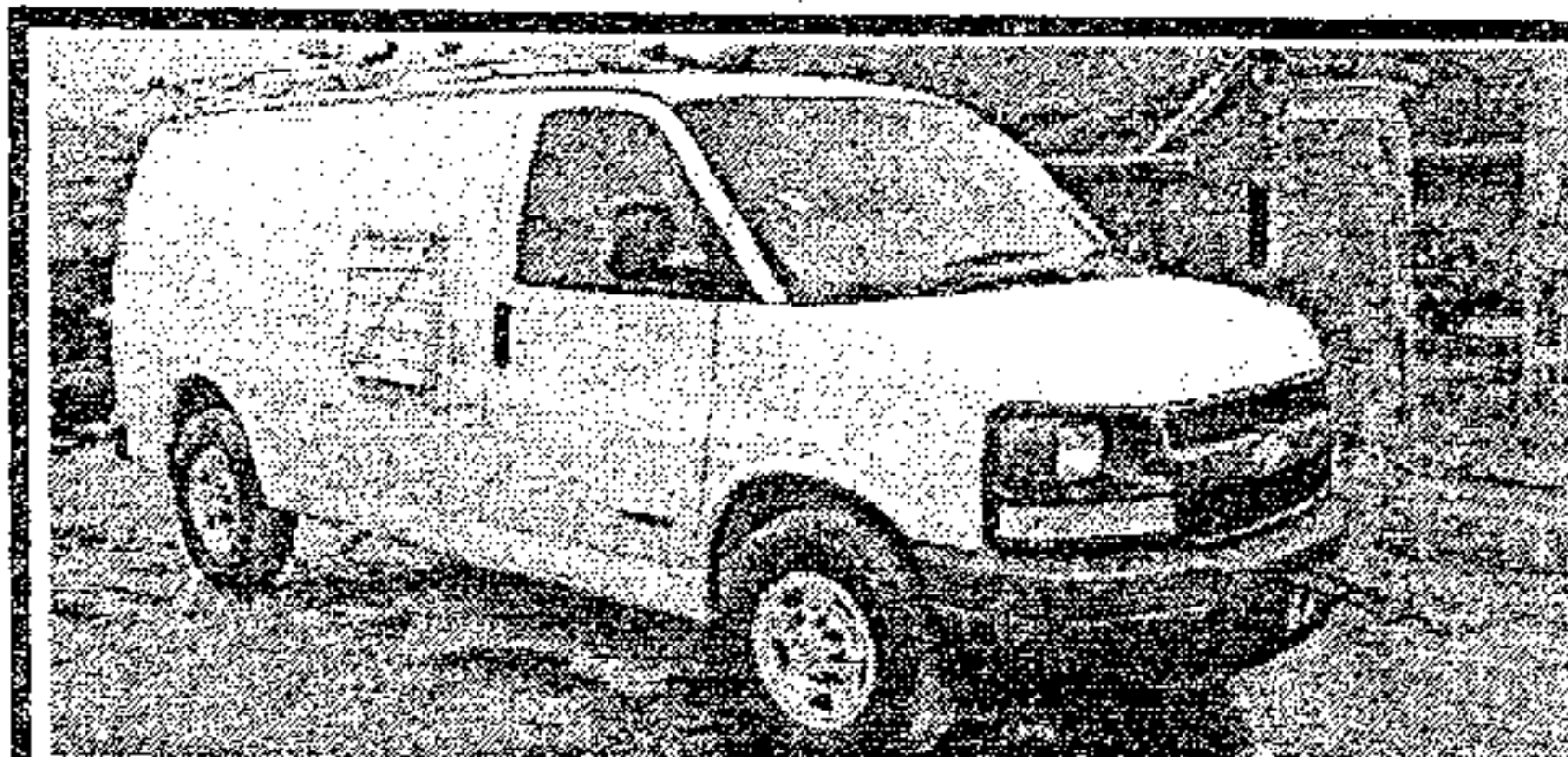
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Scheme

joint investigation with the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI) and the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VA-OIG), Wannakuwatte—who pled guilty last year—got his comeuppance: He was ordered by a federal judge last month to pay millions in restitution to his victims. And he'll be doing that from his jail cell, where he'll be serving out his 20-year sentence.

The case began in September 2013, when our Sacramento office was contacted by a representative of one of Wannakuwatte's business associates who thought he might be the victim of a Ponzi scheme. The FBI joined forces with IRS and VA investigators and began looking at Wannakuwatte, his businesses, and his financials.

And after several months of reviewing more than 10 years' worth of business records, an-

alyzing tax and other financial documents, conducting interviews of employees and victims, serving search warrants, etc., law enforcement was able to piece together how the scam worked.

Wannakuwatte told his victims that his Sacramento-based companies—International Manufacturing Group (IMG) and Relyaid Global Health Care—were involved in the international manufacture and sale of latex gloves. He falsely claimed that his companies did tens of millions of dollars in business with federal agencies every year, most notably the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As an aside, IMG actually had been in business for more than 25 years and actually did sell gloves and other supplies to businesses, including medical providers. And he did a have contract with the VA, but it was only for up to \$25,000 a year. The legitimate part of IMG had been losing money for years, and Wannakuwatte used some of the proceeds of

his Ponzi scheme to keep the company afloat.

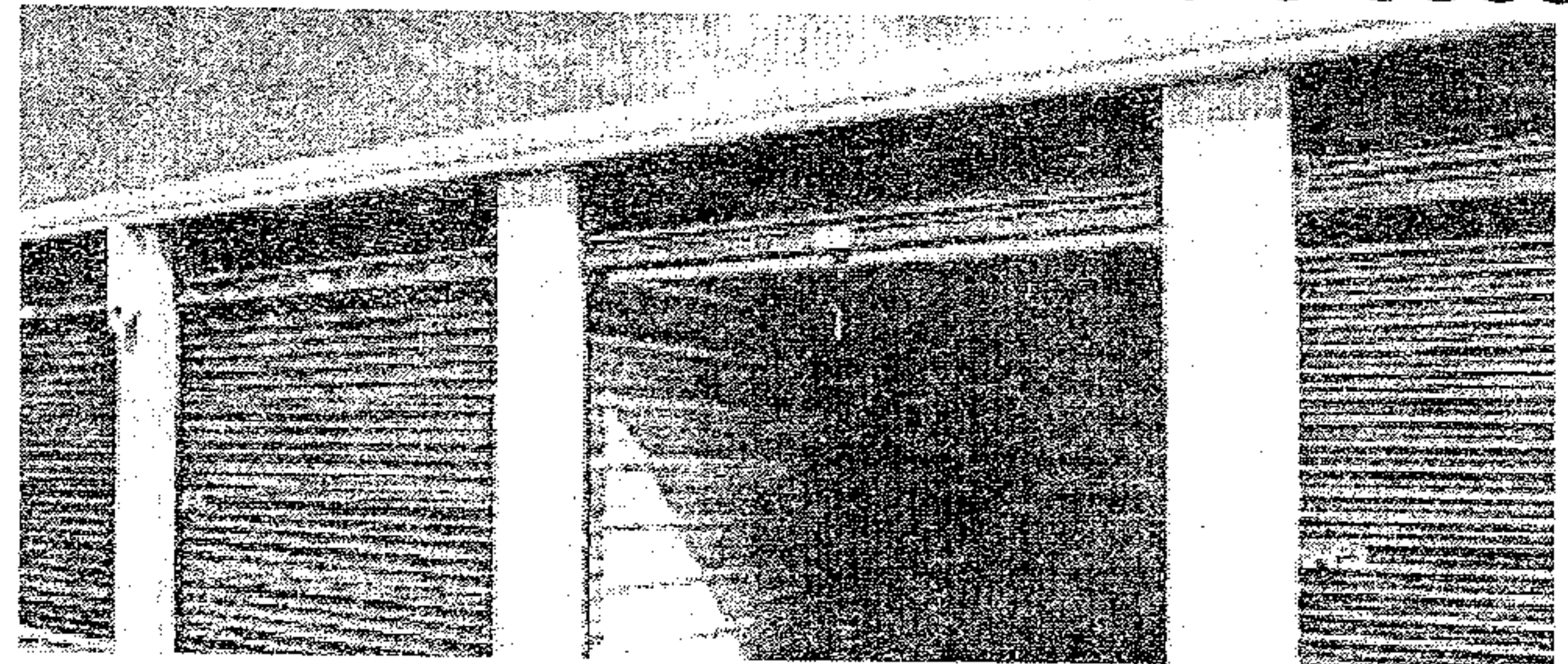
Wannakuwatte offered his investors several different

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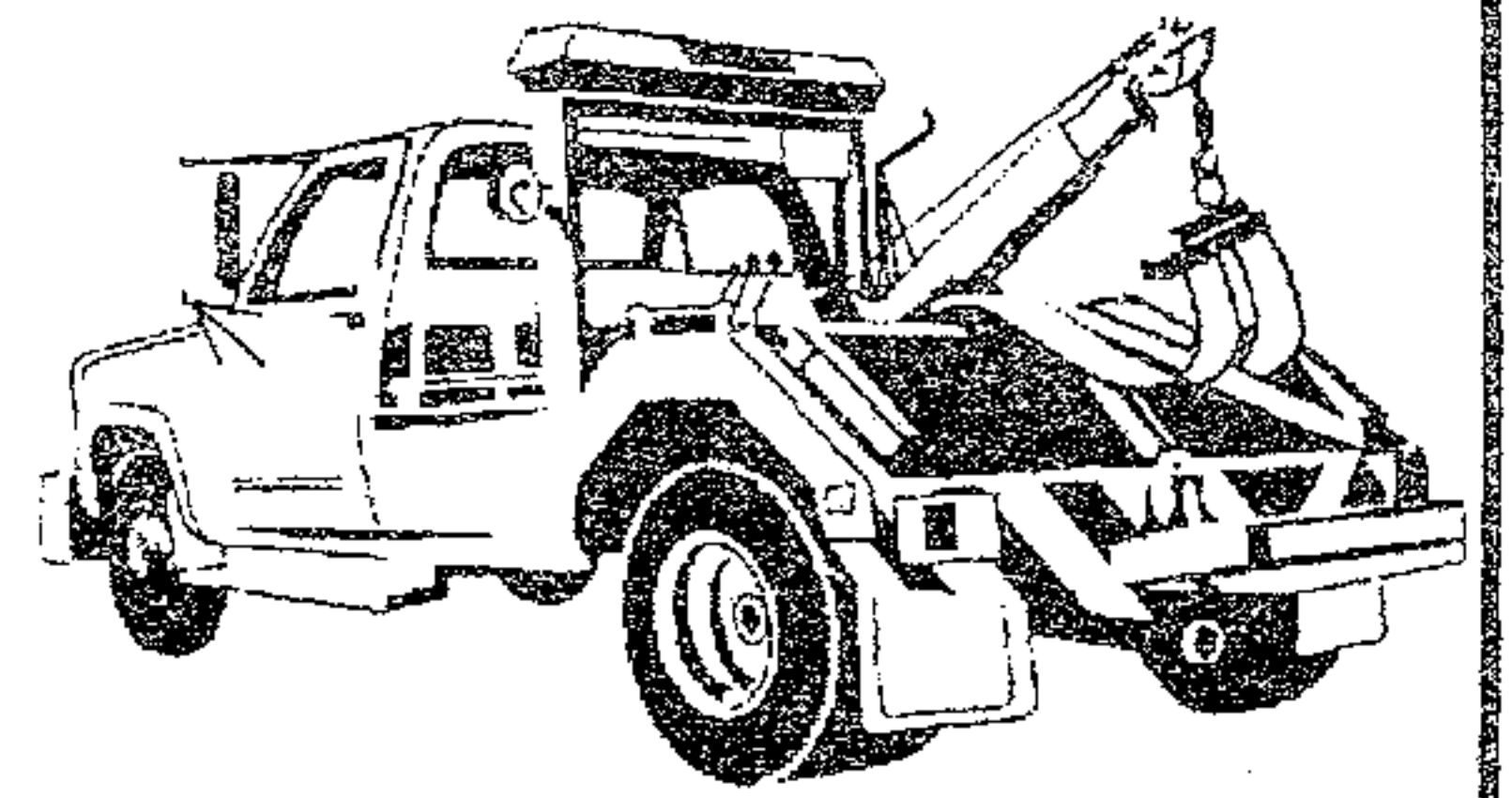
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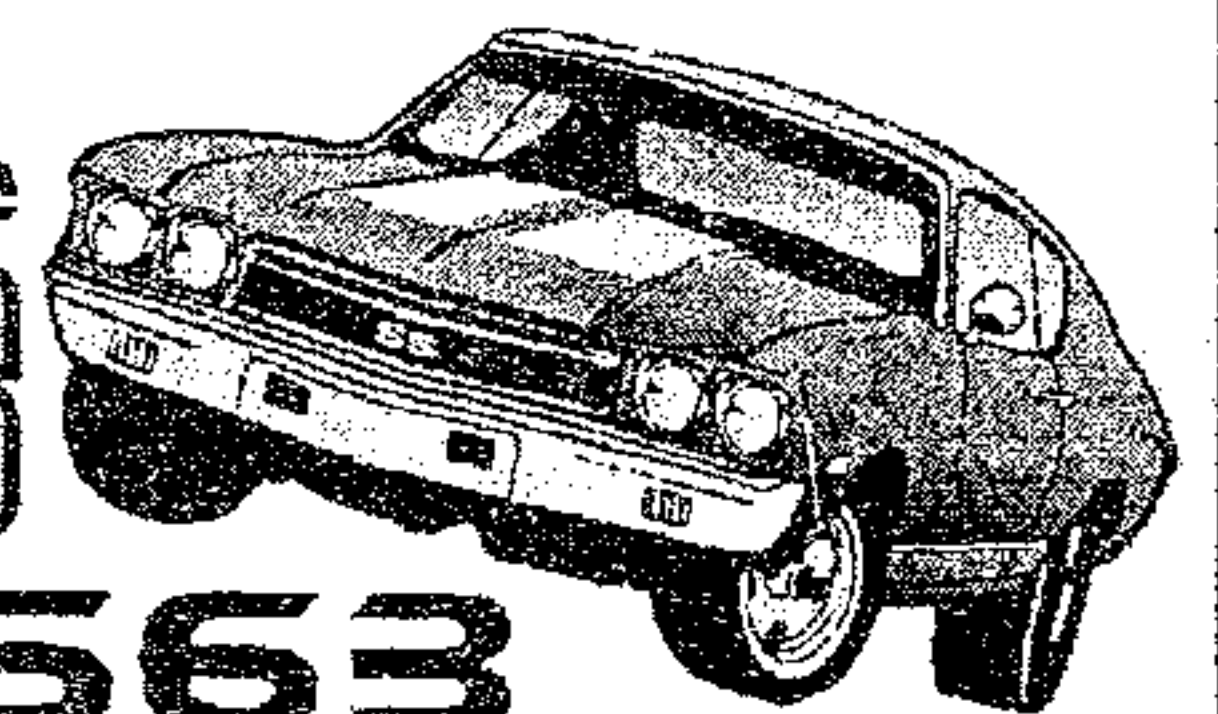
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Rape

City, was charged with Rape of a Child. On 4/20/15 the complainant reported that the victim told that the neighbor Jack Holt had touched her in the private area while victim was at his house located on Jim Conner Rd. The complainant told Inv. Jeff Russell LCSO, the full statement that victim told complainant, at that point Dept. of Children Service was notified and a Forensic interview of the victim was put in place with a full medical exam. Inv. Jeff Russell LCSO, made the arrest.

Obituaries

Bradley Lee Allen - age 82 of Loudon, formerly of Farragut went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, April 22, 2015. He was born in Charleston, W. VA. Brad was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. In 1992, he retired from Keebler Co. as an account manager. Brad enjoyed boating and being with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, George B. and Sylvia and brother, George H. Allen. Brad is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sophia Allen; daughter and son-in-law, Resa and David Bryant; son, Brad Allen; grandchildren, Bradley Allen (Rachel), Brayden Allen Hanson (Rachel), Corey Allen (Gracie); great-grandchildren, Natalie, Landon, and Corbin; sisters, Barbara Haynes and husband, Frank, Joyce Ann Dawson and husband, Audrey; brother, Paul Allen and wife, Edith; several nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held at 12

noon on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. The family will receive friends immediately following the service until 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite charity to remember Brad. Click

Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Diana Franklin Mayfield - age 40 of Lenoir City went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 26, 2015. She was a member of Sixth Avenue Church of God and was a power-

ful Christian. Diana was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Ondis Mayfield; grandparents, Hood and Edith Franklin, and Nola Ricker. She is survived by her son, Tyler Andrew Mayfield; parents, Gary and Sherry Franklin; sister and brother-in-law, Suzanne and Tony Brown; niece, Jordan McKelvey; nephew, Jason McKelvey and wife, Amie; special friends, Leslie Sheffield and Debbie Wykle. The family would like to express a special thanks to Amedisys Hospice in Sweetwater. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29th at Sixth Avenue Church of God in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Dr. Ernie Varner officiating. Family and friends will gather at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Jeffrey Russell - age 52 of Philadelphia passed away Friday, April 25, 2015. Jeff was an employee of Wampler's Farm Sausage. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Mamie Arden, and sister, Kimberly Townson. Jeff is survived by his wife, Kelly Russell; children, April Munsey, Rebecca Russell, Thomas Russell and Cassie Russell; 4 grandchildren; parents,

Harold and Carolyn Russell of Loudon; brother, Tony Russell; special aunt, Margaret Lee; mother-in-law, Jan Wilson; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Gary Cook officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Corinth Cemetery in Loudon for graveside services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Loretta Joyce Werner, 81, of Loudon, Tennessee, passed away unexpectedly April 20, 2015. She was born on September 4, 1933 in Alexandria, NY, the second daughter to the late Alice and Harold Stakel. Loretta graduated from Batavia High School in 1951 where she had been an active member of The Choristers chorale. She married the late William Werner in 1952 and they lived a life of love and adventure in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and England before settling down in their beloved Tellico Village home. Loretta enjoyed playing Jokers and Pegs, Euchre, and Bridge with her neighbors and friends as well as the personal challenge of the daily crossword and cryptogram puzzles. Her passion for the last six years

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Stop

Krystal Hixson, 28, Meadow Road W Greenback, was charged with Driving on Revoked License and Legend Drug Possession x5.

Deputy Anderson, observed a blue GMC Sierra truck cross the fog line five times on Hwy 321 S. Upon traffic stop Deputy

identified the driver as Krystal Hixson, the offender.

Dispatch advised me the offender's TN driver license was suspended for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility. The offender was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. The vehicle was towed by Malone's Wrecker.

Upon arrival in the jail the offender stated she had a small plastic bag of pills in her purse that belong to a friend. The jail recovered the bag and it contained, two small round pills, two large oblong pills, three small yellow pills, one oblong beige pill, and one oblong white pill. Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, made the arrest.

DUI

Nicholas Rokisky, 21, Conkinnon Drive Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, and SCH II Drug.

Deputy Anderson, observed a silver Volkswagen Jetta turn onto Muddy Creek Rd. from Forest Heights Cr. When the vehicle made the turn it almost went into the ditch.

When Deputy observed the registration tag it showed expired (07/14). Upon check of the tag dispatch advised him it came back to a Toyota Camry.

Deputy conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle on Hwy. 11 E near Dixie Lee Junction. Deputy identified the driver as Nicholas Rokisky, the offender. The offender had blood shoot eyes and a strong order of alcohol emitting from his person. The offender stated he drank one 12 oz. Bud-light beer and one Coke and rum drink at approximately 16:00 hrs. The offender agreed to perform standardized field sobriety. The offender performed poorly.

Upon consensual search of the offender Deputy discovered ten white oval pills with marking Watson 3203 on one side, blank on the other side. The pills are believed to be Acetaminophen/ Hydrocodone 7.5 mg. The offender was taken into custody, read implied consent, and transported to Ft. Loudon ER for blood withdrawal. The vehicle was towed by Moneymakers Towing.

The offender was then transported to the Loudon County, TN jail without incident. Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, made the arrest.

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bogus high-yield investment opportunities, most of which related to his purported relationship with the VA. And to prove his bona fides to potential investors and to lenders he was trying to borrow money from, he showed them phony corporate documents as well as actual personal and corporate tax returns where he had reported and paid taxes that falsely overstated his personal income and annual gross receipts and sales for IMG.

At times, Wanakuwatte set up fake conference calls between himself, a potential investor, and someone he falsely claimed was a VA representative. The purpose of these calls was to convince inves-

tors that he really did have a significant business relationship with the VA and that their money would be safe with him.

Unfortunately, it wasn't. And while Wannakuwatte made payments to some of the earlier investors as a way of pacifying them, eventually the scam began to implode as more investors and lenders wanted what was owed them and Wanakuwatte couldn't make the payments.

The impact on the victims in this case was often devastating. For individual investors, Wannakuwatte had encouraged them to obtain their investment money from the equity in their homes or from their retirement accounts—as a result, many lost everything. Losses in-

curred by the victim financial institutions often threatened their financial stability and reputations. And while his victims suffered, Wannakuwatte purchased luxury homes, vehicles, airplanes, and even a professional tennis team.

The lesson learned from a case like this? Do your due diligence when thinking about investing your hard-earned money

Invest Your Money Wisely: Tips for Consumers

- Be extremely cautious about unsolicited offers to invest.
- Don't believe everything you're told. Take the time to do your own research on the investment's potential—and on the person making the offer.
- Be wary of an investment opportunity that offers unusually high yields.

- Check with federal and state securities regulators to find out if there have been any complaints against the company or person you're thinking of doing business with.
- Request written financial information—such as a prospectus, annual reports, or financial statements—then compare the written information to

- what you were told.
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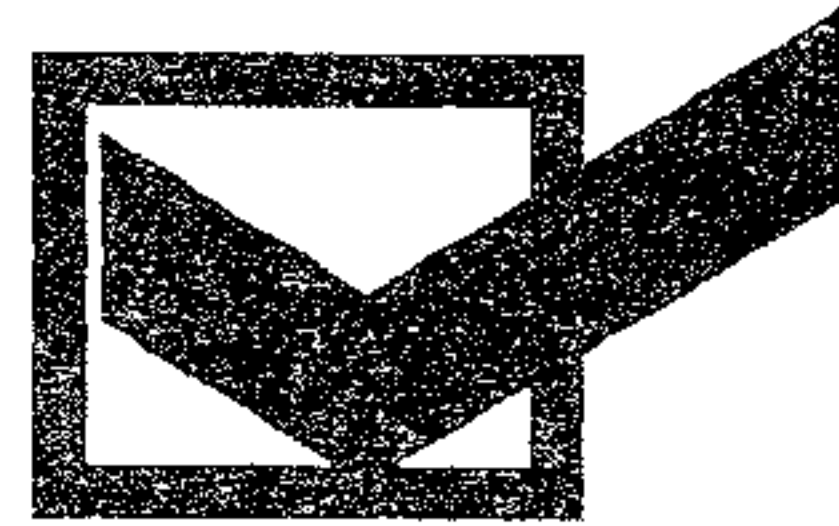
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