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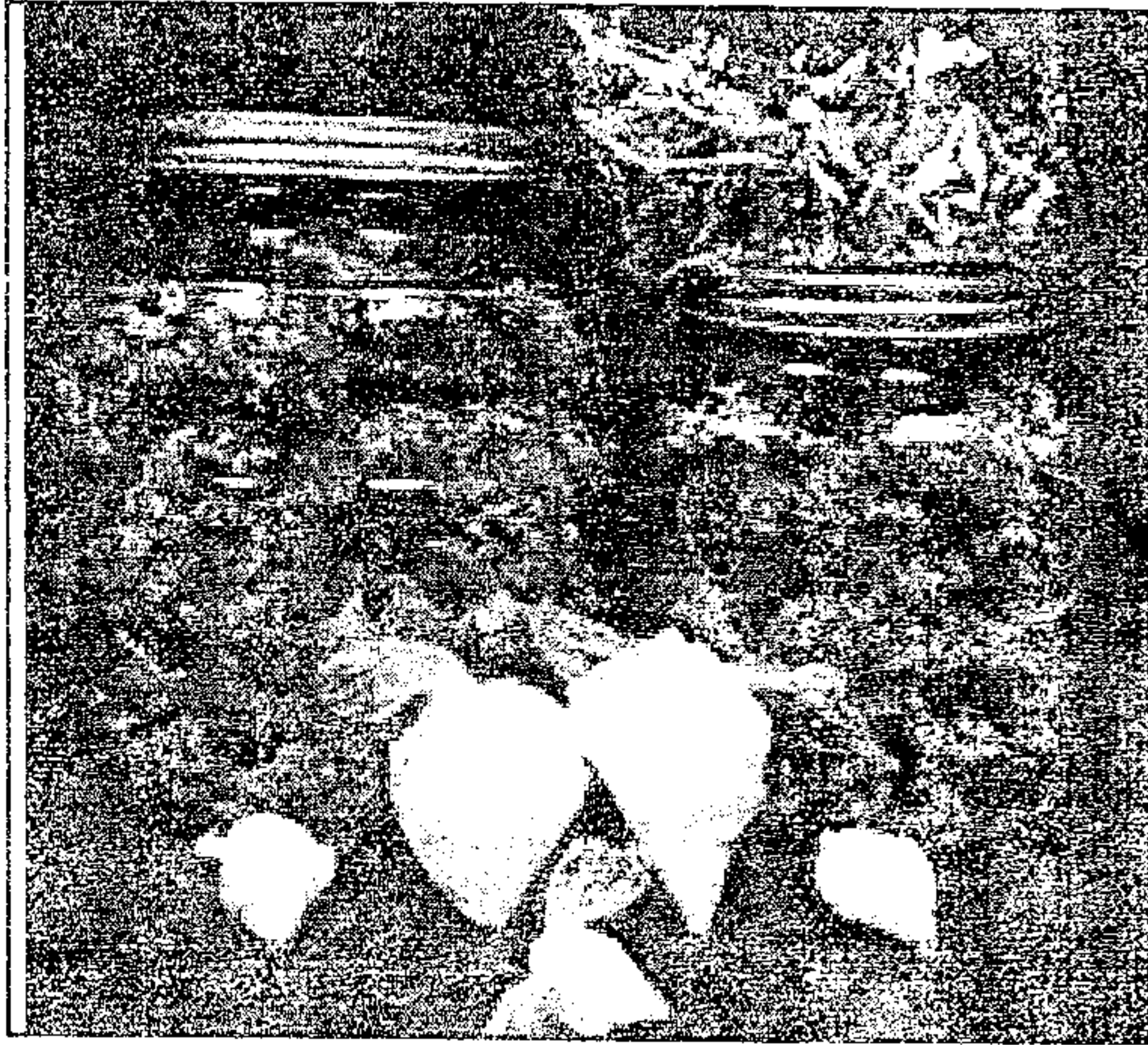
Wednesday, May 20, 2015

## Team effort takes down LC man for cocaine, marijuana and false ID

Agents from the 9th DTF, along with Investigators from LCPD, LCSO, and THP executed a search warrant on a residence where Serafin Zavala lives on White Wing Road in Lenoir City.

During this operation Agents found Zavala to be in possession of a falsified Mexican passport with the name Car-

(see Busted pg. 4)



Cocaine and Marijuana seized during the search

## Brian Krzczowski sentenced to 24 yrs in prison for child pornography production

Brian Lee Krzczowski, 42, of Dayton, Tenn., has been convicted and sentenced to 292 months' imprisonment followed by a five year term of supervised release in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Chattanooga, by the Honorable Harry S. Mattice,

(see Sentenced pg. 4)

## Leader of Violent California Gang Sentenced

Operations Financed Through Drug and Firearms Trafficking

Luis Manuel Tapia was a high-powered leader of one of Ventura County's largest and deadliest gangs—the Colonia Chiques. He was often heard encouraging younger gang members to assault rival gang members, kill suspected informants, enhance the gang's drug and weapons trafficking operations, and maintain

territorial dominance by any means possible.

But after an extensive investigation by the Ventura County Violent Crimes Task Force—made up of FBI agents and officers from the Oxnard and Ventura Police Departments—Tapia, 39, was convicted by a federal grand jury in Los Angeles and sentenced

(see Gang pg. 5)

## Ray M. Mubarak Pleads Guilty To Bank Fraud Scheme

Admits to Conspiracy, Fraud, and Unlawful Monetary Transactions Involving Three Banks

Ray M. Mubarak, 55, of Knoxville, Tennessee, pleaded guilty on May 18, 2015, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Knoxville, to conspiracy to commit bank fraud, bank fraud, and engaging in an unlawful monetary transaction with bank fraud proceeds. Sentencing

has been set for 10:00 a.m. on September 28, 2015. Mubarak faces a maximum of up to 130 years in prison, as well as supervised release following incarceration, restitutions, and fines. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Mubarak admitted that the loss to the banks resulting

(see FBI pg. 3)

## Trio charged after speeding stop



Zachary Melton



Matthew Watts

(see Trio pg. 2)

### Verse of the Day

Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people.

— Isaiah 10:1-2

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

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### Weather

Today: Mainly sunny. High 83F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy in the evening. Increasing clouds with periods of showers after midnight. Low 63F.

Thursday Intervals of clouds

and sunshine. High 81F. Thursday Night Partly cloudy skies. Low 56F.

### Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Your most ingenious money-making schemes probably look better on paper

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**Trio**

Zachary Melton, 20, Matlock Shores Loudon, was charged with Simple Possession.

Matthew Watts, 19, Jim Dyke Road Loudon, was charged with Simple Possession.

Roy Oller, 18, Matlock Shores Loudon, was charged



Roy Oller

with Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para.

According to the report, Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, observed a silver vehicle traveling south on Hickory Creek Road at a high rate of speed. Deputy clocked the

vehicle going 47 in a 35 mph zone by radar. Deputy traffic stop vehicle at Donna Drive and came in contact with the driver Zachary Melton, passengers Roy Oller, and Matthew Watts. While Deputy

(see Trio ctd. pg. 7)

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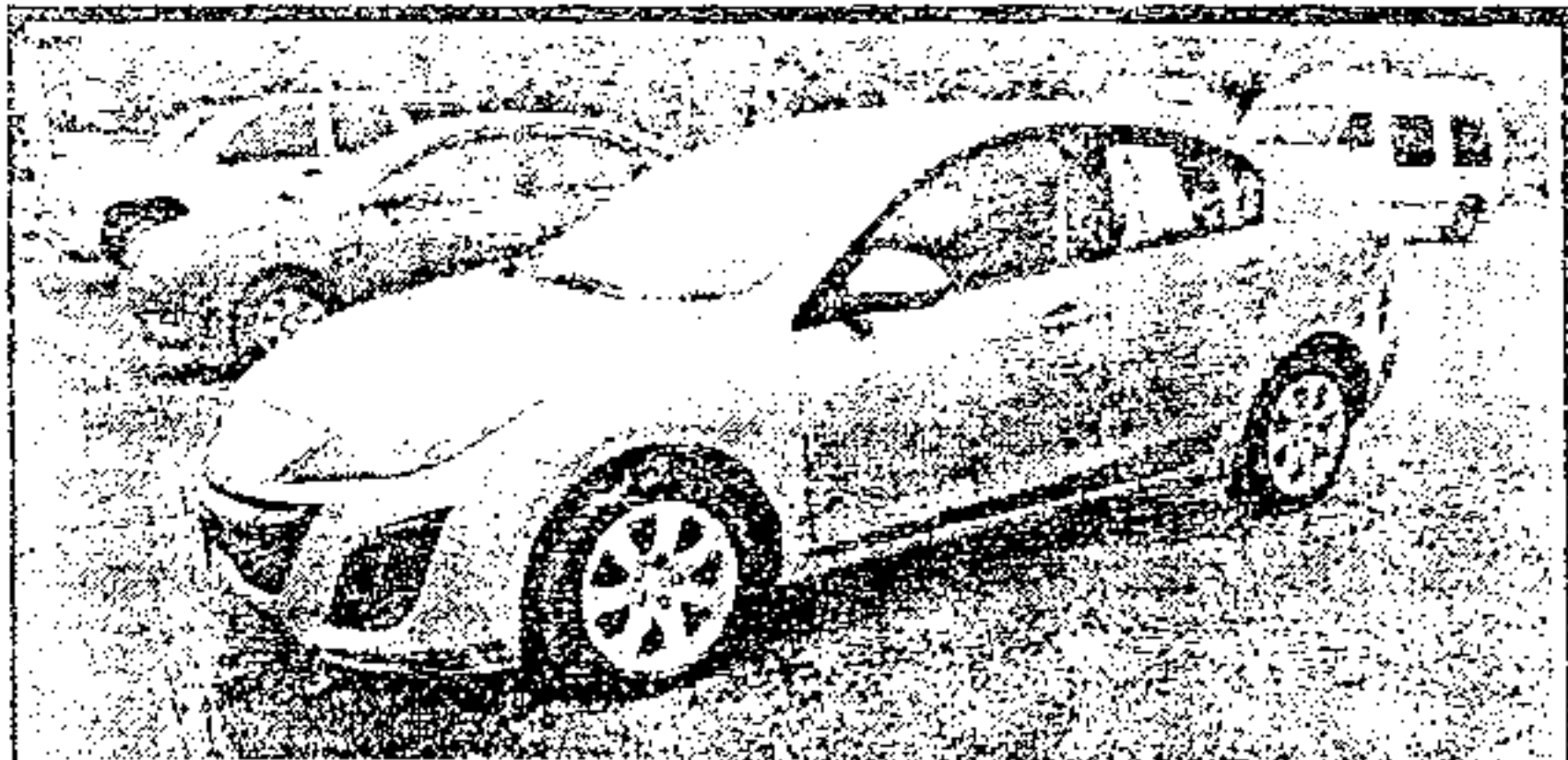
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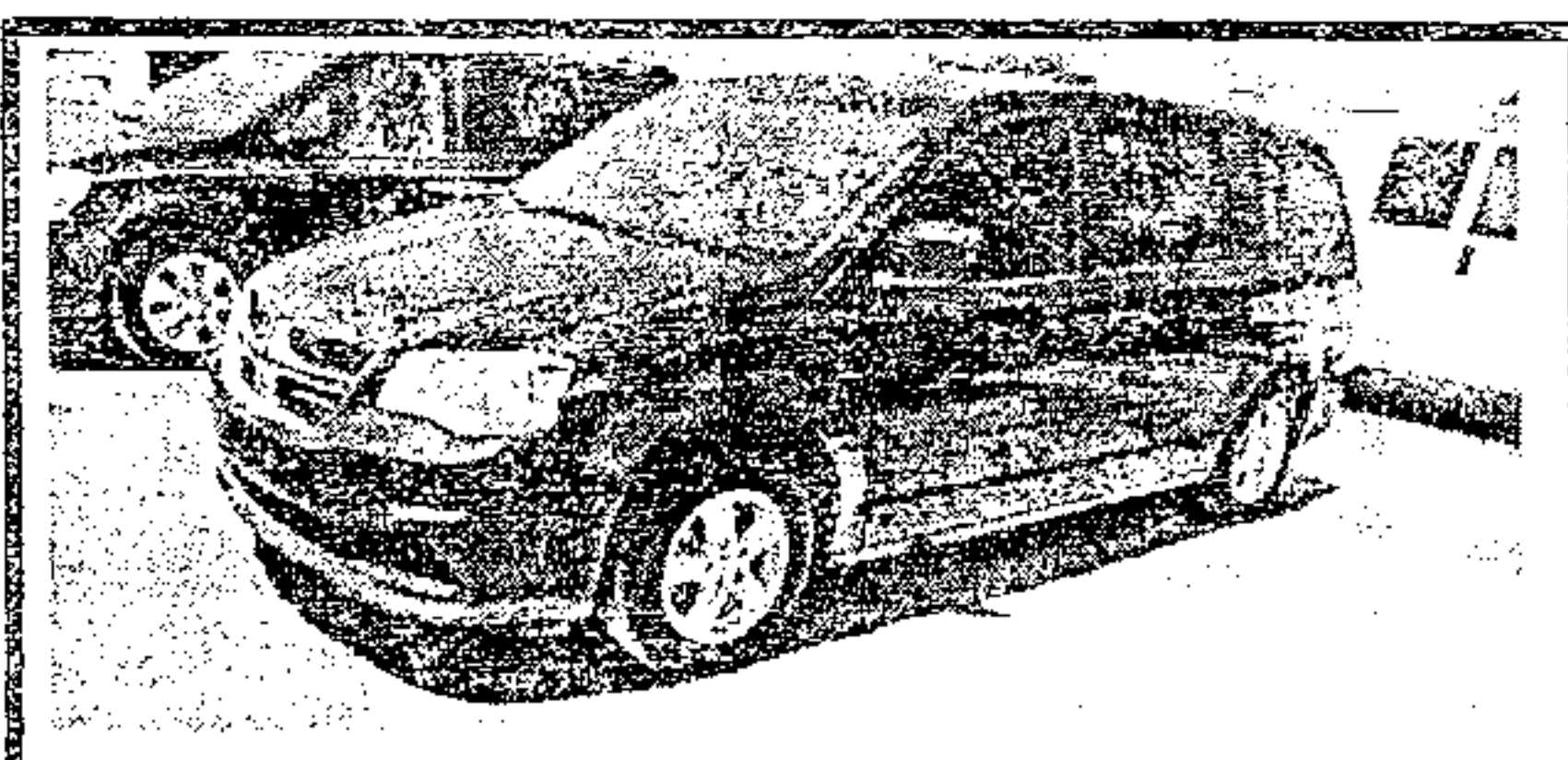
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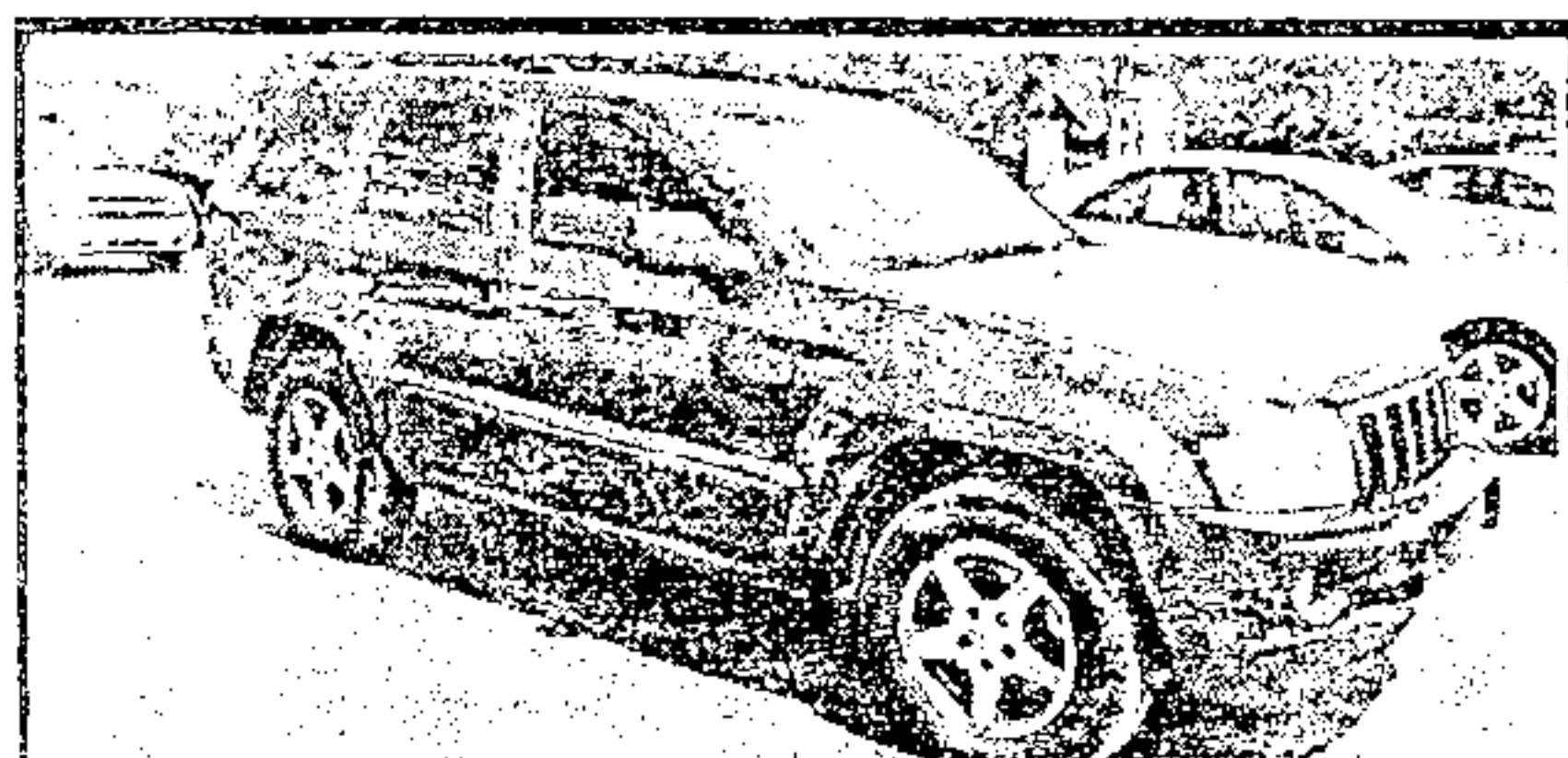
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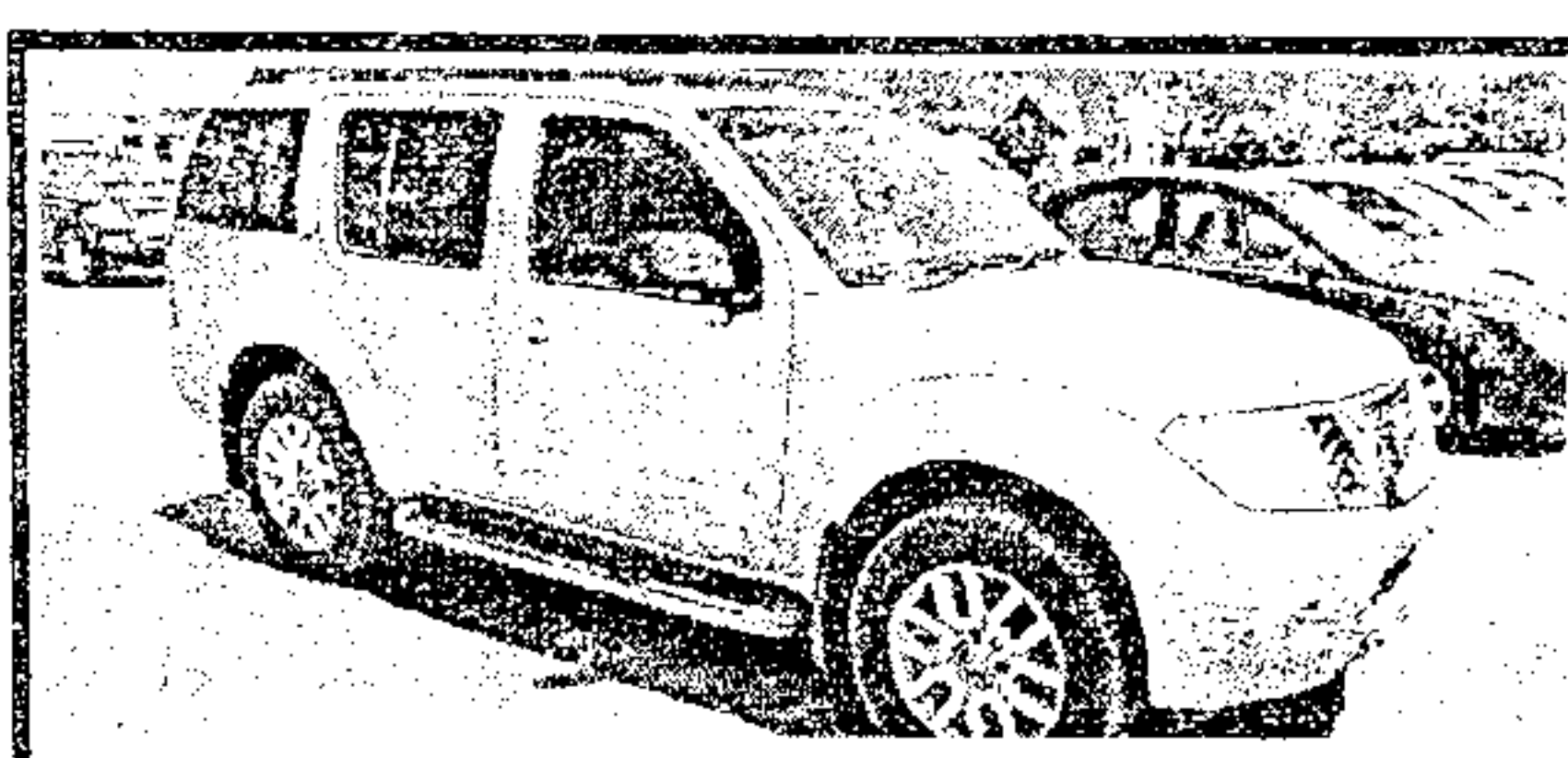
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**FBI**

from the scheme was more than \$1,000,000, but less than \$2,500,000.

The plea agreement on file with the United States District Court details the scheme to which Mubarak admitted, including providing false tax returns and financial statements to Pinnacle National Bank, SmartBank, and Bank of America in association with loans totaling in excess of \$6,000,000. Mubarak further admitted to using loan proceeds for purposes other than those for which Mubarak represented the funds would be used, including paying gambling debts, making deposits to a personal stock trading account, and purchasing vehicles.

Agencies involved in the investigation leading to the indictment and guilty plea included the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The investigation and prosecution of Mubarak was coordinated with the Office of the District Attorney General, 6th Judicial District. Matthew T. Morris, Assistant U.S. Attorney, represented the United States.

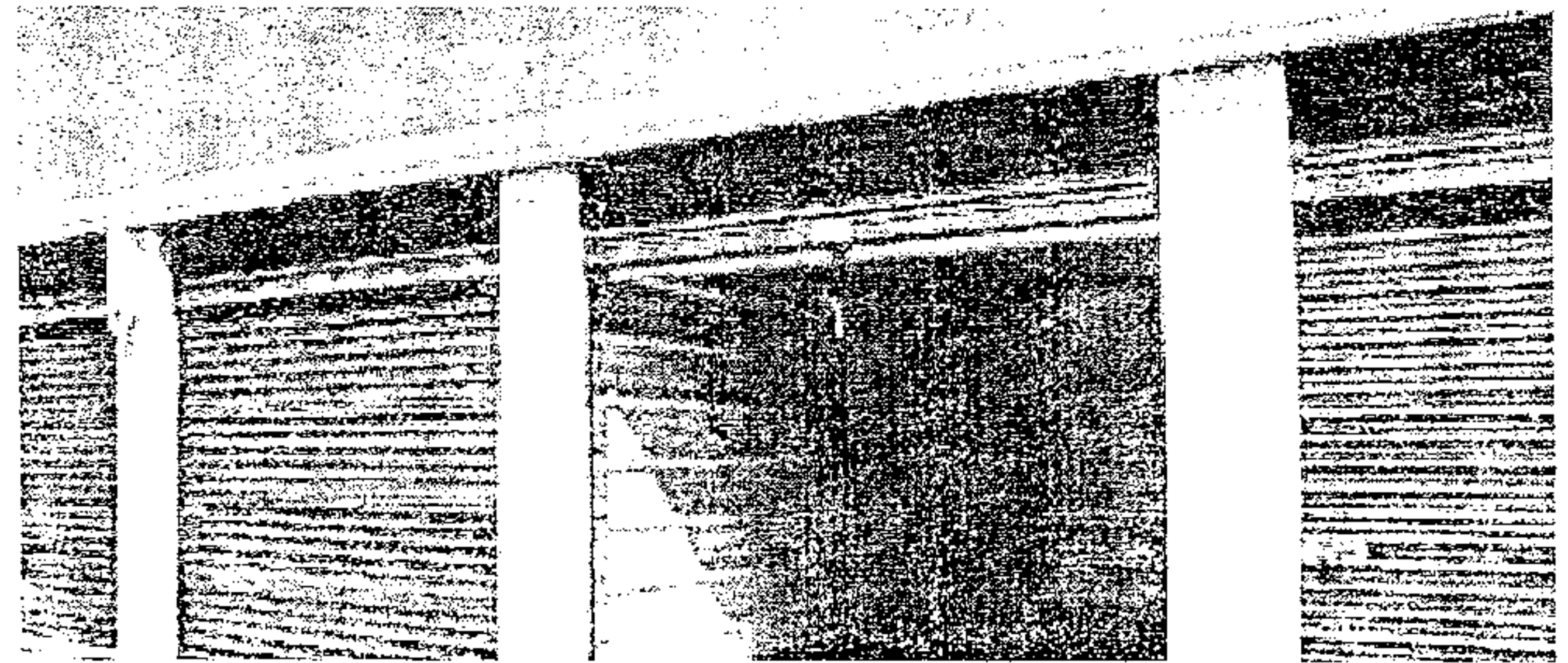
**Obituaries**

**Katherine B. Lane Hout** - age 57 of Lenoir City passed away Friday, May 15, 2015 at her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eldred and Lillian Pearl Roberts Lane; sisters, Ruth and Estelle A. Lane; grandparents, Harvey E. Lane, Francise Lane, Herbert L. Roberts and Katherine B. Roberts; aunt, Donna Maher, and uncle, Raymond Roberts. Survived by her husband of 20 years, William A. Hout, Sr.; sons, Robert V. Sanford, Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and William A. Hout, Jr. of Loudon; brothers, James L. (Pat) Lane, Michael L. (Donna) Lane, and Joseph E. Lane, Troy L. Lane and Thomas R. Lane all of Lenoir

City; mother-in-law, Marie L. Hout of Crystal River, FL; sisters-in-law, Suzan M. Hout of Homosassa, FL and Mary (Harold) Watson of Vanceboro, NC along with several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. Family and friends will gather (see Obits ctd. pg. 4)

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**Arrested**

los with Zavalas picture on it. The search of the residence resulted in locating over 1/2 pound of marijuana and 2 1/2 ounces of Cocaine.

The Cocaine was packaged for resale and packing material and scales were also located. This residence is located in a school zone and less than 1000 feet from Kiddie Kingdom Daycare. Serafin Zavala was placed under arrest.

Serafin Zavala, 30, White Wing Road Lenoir City, was charged with Identity Theft, Criminal Impersonation, Man/Sell/Del/Resale II & VI, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Agent Brennan DeBoer 9th DTF, made the arrest

**Sentenced**

United States District Judge. The sentence was the result of a guilty plea by Krzeczowski on December 23, 2014, to a federal grand jury indictment charging him with production of child pornography. The indictment and subsequent conviction of Krzeczowski was the result of a year-long investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Rhea County Sheriff's Department, and the Gallatin (TN) Police Department. The investigation began when a young woman reported to the Gallatin Police that when she was 16 years old, Krzeczowski, a man with whom

she had had a romantic relationship over the internet, had coerced her into taking sexually explicit pictures of herself and sending them to him. After they broke off their on-line relationship, Krzeczowski posted some of the sexually explicit photos of her on her Facebook page. The FBI, along with an Internet Crimes

Against Children Task Force Officer from the Gallatin Police Department, discovered after searching Krzeczowski's computer that there was at least one other minor victim who had sent sexually explicit images of herself to Krzeczowski. Assistant United States Attorney Terra Bay represented the United

States.

**Obits ctd. from pg. 3**

at the funeral home by 10:30 Tuesday morning and proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

**Mildred (Sue) Littleton** - age 78 of Knoxville formerly of Sweetwater passed away early Thursday morning, May 14, 2015. She was of the Methodist faith. Sue was a graduate of Maryville College. In 1961 she married Sam G. Littleton. She taught high school Art and English in Knoxville

and Memphis, TN, and Jacksonville, FL. Sue also owned Brentwood Advertising Agency and later became a state probation officer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam G. Littleton, and parents, Clarence and Mary Agnes Browder. Survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Amber Littleton of Knoxville; daughter, Mary Littleton of Nashville; granddaughter, Olivia Grace McClain; brother, Clarence Browder; niece, Pat Browder both of Jacksonville, FL; sister-in-law, Norma Littleton McCarroll; nephew, Jack McCar-

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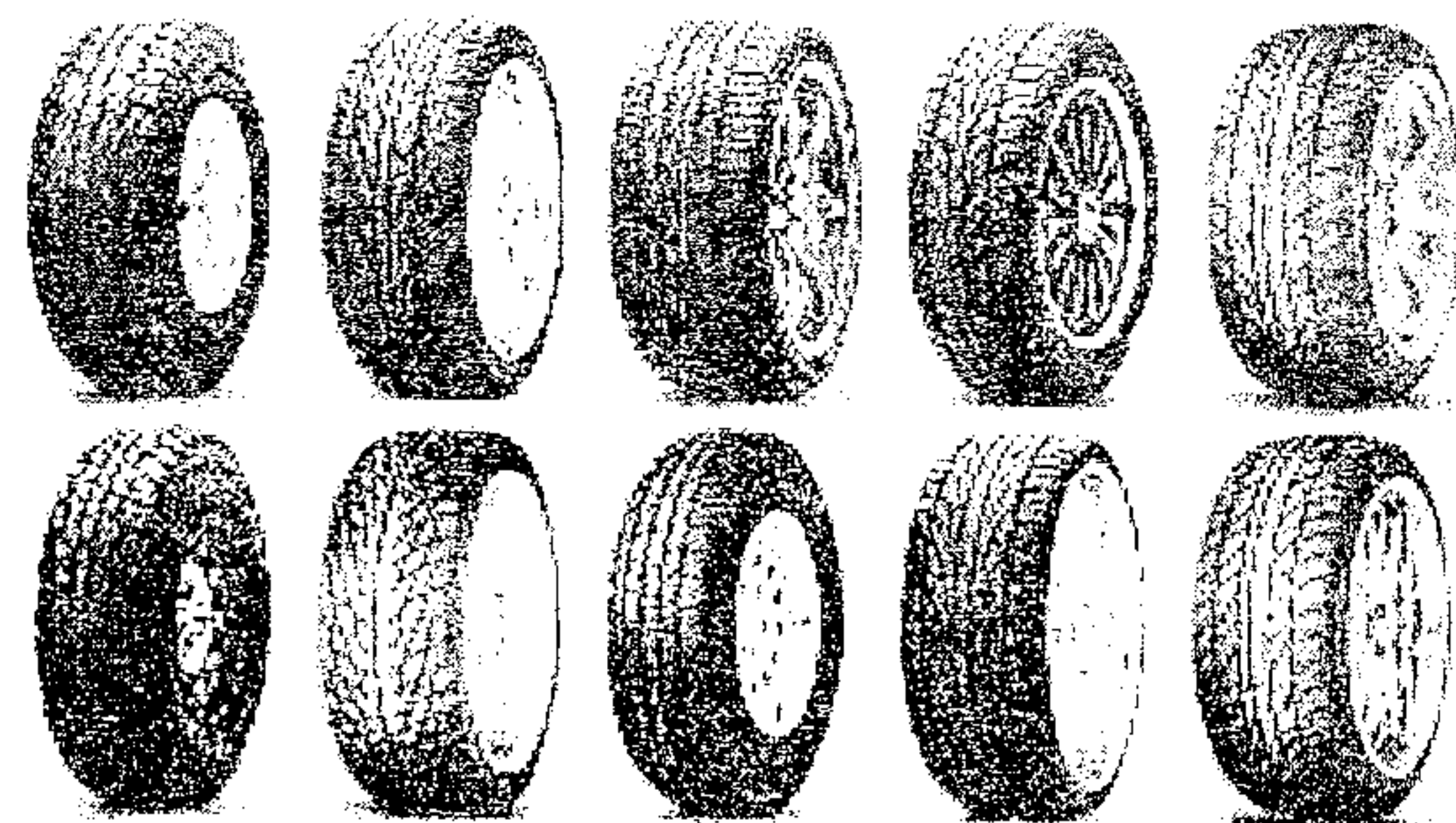
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**WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING PROGRAM**

The Lenoir City Utilities Board and Lenoir City Fire Department will be conducting our semi-annual water distribution system wide flushing program per Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation Water Quality Control Requirements. The Flushing Program will occur for LCUB customers on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. thru Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The program goals are to identify problems in the water system and ultimately have them corrected. When fire hydrants are flowed, iron deposits in the water lines are agitated. This may cause a brown discoloration to the water in the area which is being flushed. This condition is only temporary and will normally correct itself in a number of hours. During this period of flushing, we recommend that you flow your cold water prior to use to determine if there is any discoloration. While the water is still safe to consume, we recommend not washing any white clothes without first testing the water for discoloration. If your water is discolored, it will clear up on its own under normal usage over a period of time. It is also best to limit the use of your hot water until it's clear, as this will keep the iron deposits from going into your water heater. You may also notice a drop in water pressure during these times; however, the water pressure should return to normal within a short period of time. If you continue to experience difficulty with your water pressure or discoloration on Monday, June 8, 2015, please contact LCUB at (865) 986-6591 to report the problem.

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last month to six life terms without parole plus an additional 55-year consecutive term. Four other key Colonia Chiques members and associates who were charged with Tapia previously pled guilty. (A fifth person charged is a fugitive believed to be in Mexico.)

The Colonia Chiques became the focus of the

Ventura County Violent Crimes Task Force because of the vast number of violent crimes committed by its members and because of the group's alignment with the extremely violent Mexican Mafia, a powerful gang within the California prison system. In return for helping the Mexican Mafia carry out its illegal activities (involv-

ing drugs, weapons, etc.) inside and outside prison walls, Hispanic gangs like the Colonia Chiques who align themselves with the Mexican Mafia get a cut of the group's illegal profits and are promised protection when their members find themselves behind bars. Tapia's relationship with the Mexican Mafia helped him im-

port high-quality, often deadly drugs from Mexico.

In Ventura County and surrounding areas, Colonia Chiques members were involved in a wide variety of violent and serious crimes—murders, attempted murders, drive-by shootings, assaults with deadly weapons, drug trafficking, firearms trafficking, rob-

beries, burglaries, and car thefts. The level of violence they perpetrated made the public fearful to report crimes committed by the gang, testify against Colonia Chiques members, and visit areas of town frequented by gang members.

At the center of it all was Tapia, leading, directing, and managing his criminal enterprise and his crew. Tapia, in an acknowledgement of his lynchpin role, was once overheard boasting, "I know how it feels to be a CEO." But by combining the efforts and the expertise of the Bureau, our partners on the task force, and federal prosecutors, we were able to knock Tapia out of his perch and do serious harm to his organization.

The jury at Tapia's trial heard a lot about the activities of the Colonia Chiques—much of it from Tapia himself in the form of audio and video recordings captured by law enforcement. For instance:

"I killed a lot of people [with my heroin], it was so strong...it was good advertisement."

"Whatever you need...I'm like the black market."

"I got good access to a lot of [illegal product]...as long as you know who you're messing with."

Confidential informants provided us with a wealth of critical information on Tapia. We also used undercover  
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**Trio ctd. from pg. 2**

was speaking with the driver he noticed the passengers were very nervous.

Deputy asked the subjects if there was anything illegal in the vehicle Zachary stated no. Zachary was ask for permission to search the vehicle and gave consent.

While Deputy was speaking with Roy, he could smell a strong odor of marijuana emitting from his person. Roy exited the vehicle Deputy ask him if he had anything on him he stated yes. Roy pulled a baggie with a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Deputy ask Matthew if he had anything on him

he stated no.

Deputy did locate another baggie with a green leafy substance between the driver and passenger seat, a pack of rolling papers in the driver side door, and a grinder in a speaker box.

Roy stated the grinder belong to him but the baggie and the papers did not. Due to the location of the baggie was within reach of all three occupants Zachary and Matthew was charged with simple possession.

Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, made the arrest.

**Obits ctd. from pg. 4**

roll and wife, Lisa and their children, all of Memphis. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, May 23rd at the Sweetwater United Methodist Church. Funeral services will follow at 12 noon at the church with Rev. Eddie Click officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Westview Cemetery in Sweetwater. Memorials may be made to Midway Rehabilitation Center, P O Box 3364, Knoxville, TN 37927. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge.

**Sentenced ctd. from pg. 5**

scenarios against him and his group—one in particular where an FBI agent posed as a senior member of the Italian Mafia and negotiated to have Tapia supply the Las Vegas syndicate of the Mob with a monthly supply of methamphetamine.

By the end of the trial, members of the jury were convinced enough to convict him on all 26 charges.

The prosecutions of Tapia and his associates are part of a larger joint effort by law enforcement to target the Colonia Chiques and other Ventura County street gangs affiliated with the Mexican Mafia. In 2011, a total of 11 gang

defendants were convicted in federal court and received sentences of up to 25 years each. And in November 2013, 17 more gang members were charged with drug distribution.

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