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Gas poured on victim as man tries to set everything ablaze

Authorities were able to locate a victim using a ping to her cell phone while she was on the lake. The victim had reported the assailant literally showed his behind which caused the whole incident.

Danny Graves, 43, Corinth Road Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault. According to the report,

(see Assault pg. 4)



Danny Graves

Pick Tennessee Offers Chance to "Fill Your Grill" with Farm-Direct Meats

Win farm-fresh meats with the "Fill Your Grill" contest.

Facebook users have the chance to win \$200 worth of local meats from a nearby farm. A contest is being conducted by Pick Tennessee Products, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's program that connects farmers directly to consumers.

A total of 12 winners
(see Grill pg. 4)

Next Generation Crime Stats

UCR's NIBRS Can Offer Fuller Crime Picture

"I believe that NIBRS is the pathway to better data—to richer data—that we can all use to have informed conversations about the most important issues we face."

That statement by FBI Director James Comey regarding the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System, or NIBRS, was part of a speech he de-

livered recently to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives on the topic of law enforcement and race. To help address the issue more effectively, Comey called for better reporting of incidents where force is used by—as well as against—police. He noted that current demographic data regarding officer-involved

(see Stats pg. 5)

Alabama Jeweler Sentenced in Federal Court Caught Pawning His Own 'Stolen' Diamonds

A warning to criminals: No matter how long it takes or how careful you are, law enforcement will eventually come knocking.

Back in December 2004, local police responded to a report of an armed robbery at a jewelry store in Mountain Brook Village, Alabama. The account from the store's owner—Jo-

seph Harold Gandy—was a frightening one: Two men had entered just before closing time, first asking to look at an expensive watch but then pulling out guns and threatening the owner and his employee. They tied up the employee, forced Gandy to empty the contents of the display cases into a

(see FBI pg. 3)

Six individuals sentenced for fraudulent schemes against US Dept. of Veterans Affairs

On May 18, 2015, six individuals who pleaded guilty to knowingly and willfully submitting a total of 464 false claims for travel to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) were sentenced to serve a total of 26 months in prison, four years of federal probation, 15 years of federal supervised release, 300 hours of

community service, restitution of \$24,581, and assessments of \$600. The six individuals sentenced include: William Anderson, 59, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Georgia Adkins, 40, of Johnson City, Tenn.; David Bell, 54, of Jonesborough, Tenn.; Frederick Deer, 52, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Elliott Harris, 51, of Knoxville, Tenn.; and

(see VA pg. 2)

Verse of the Day

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. — Philippians 1:4-5

Obituaries

see inside
Wazzup
Way to go 9th DTF, LCSO, LCPD and THP on the bust in LC. Thanks for getting the drugs off the street!

Weather

Today: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 81F.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Low 56F.
Friday: Sunny skies. High 78F.
Friday Night: A few clouds. Low near 55F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20
Although you're feeling positive about your future today, there's still a serious streak within you that might find its way to the surface. It's not wise

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Matthew Lewandowski, 26, of Johnson City, Tenn. The VA provides travel assistance to qualified veterans who travel outside their communities to receive health care benefits. Individuals who abuse the benefit by submitting false information to the DVA diminish resources which could be

available to qualified veterans. "The costs of providing medical care for our veterans should never be increased due to false claims submitted by those who would defraud the federal government," said United States Attorney Bill Killian. "These convictions are notice to those who would consider defrauding the Department of Veterans Affairs,

that appropriate penalties await criminal conduct," he added. Monty Stokes, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General (VA OIG), said, "We are committed to thoroughly investigating al-

legations of fraud against VA programs and resources to ensure veterans are afforded the legitimate benefits they have earned. These convictions reflect the successful cooperation and dedication of the VA

(see VA ctd. pg. 7)

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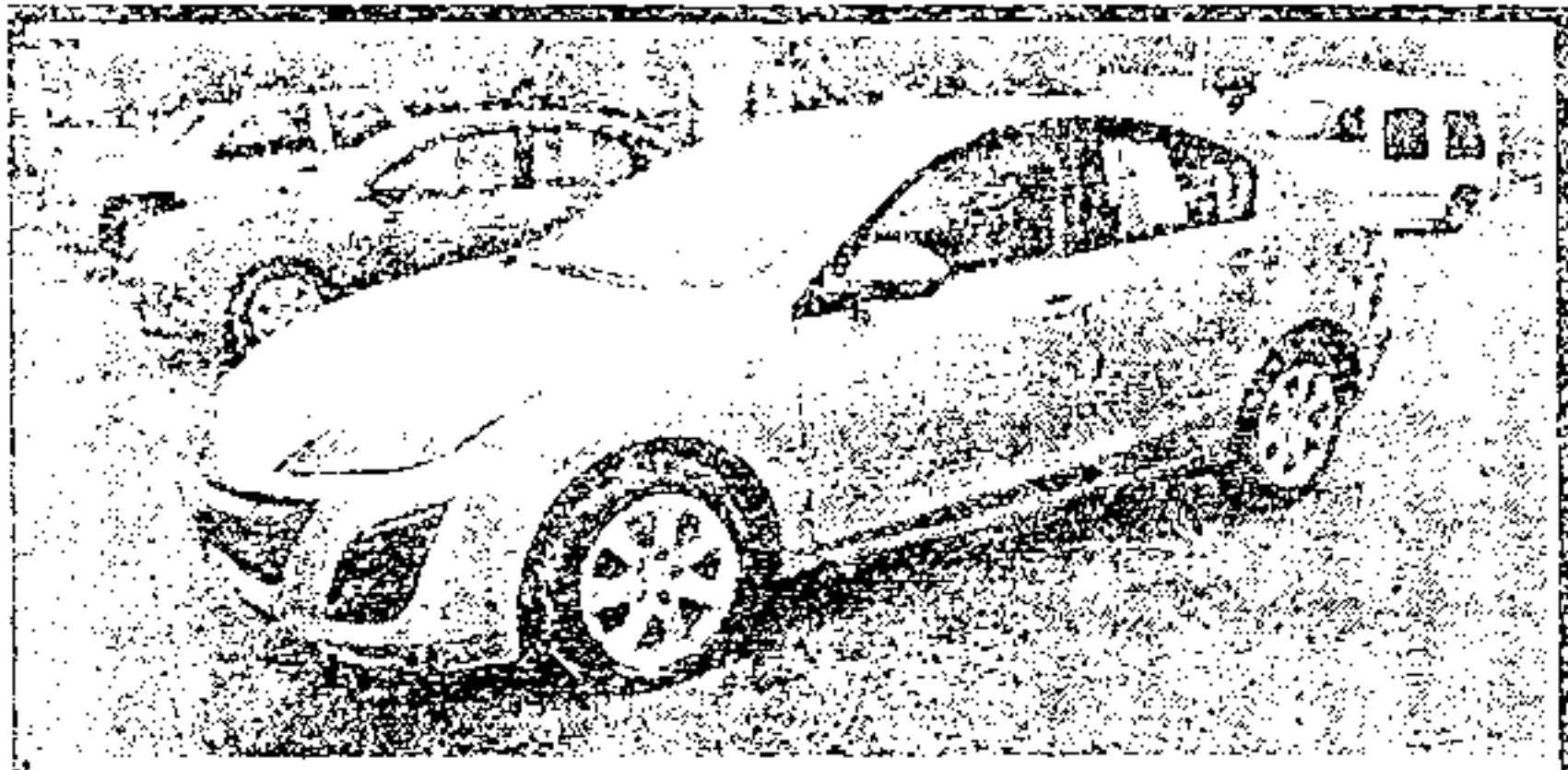
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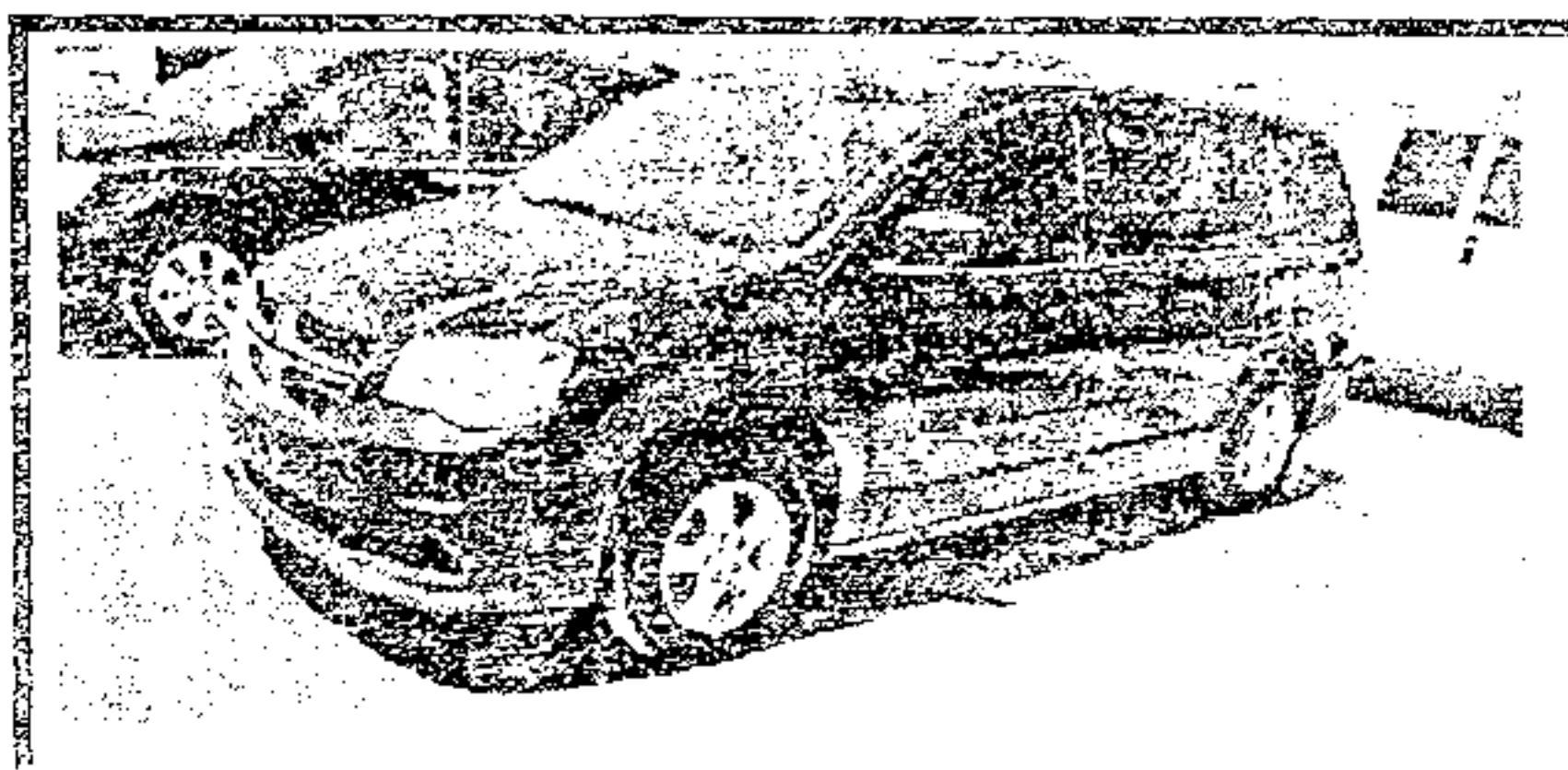
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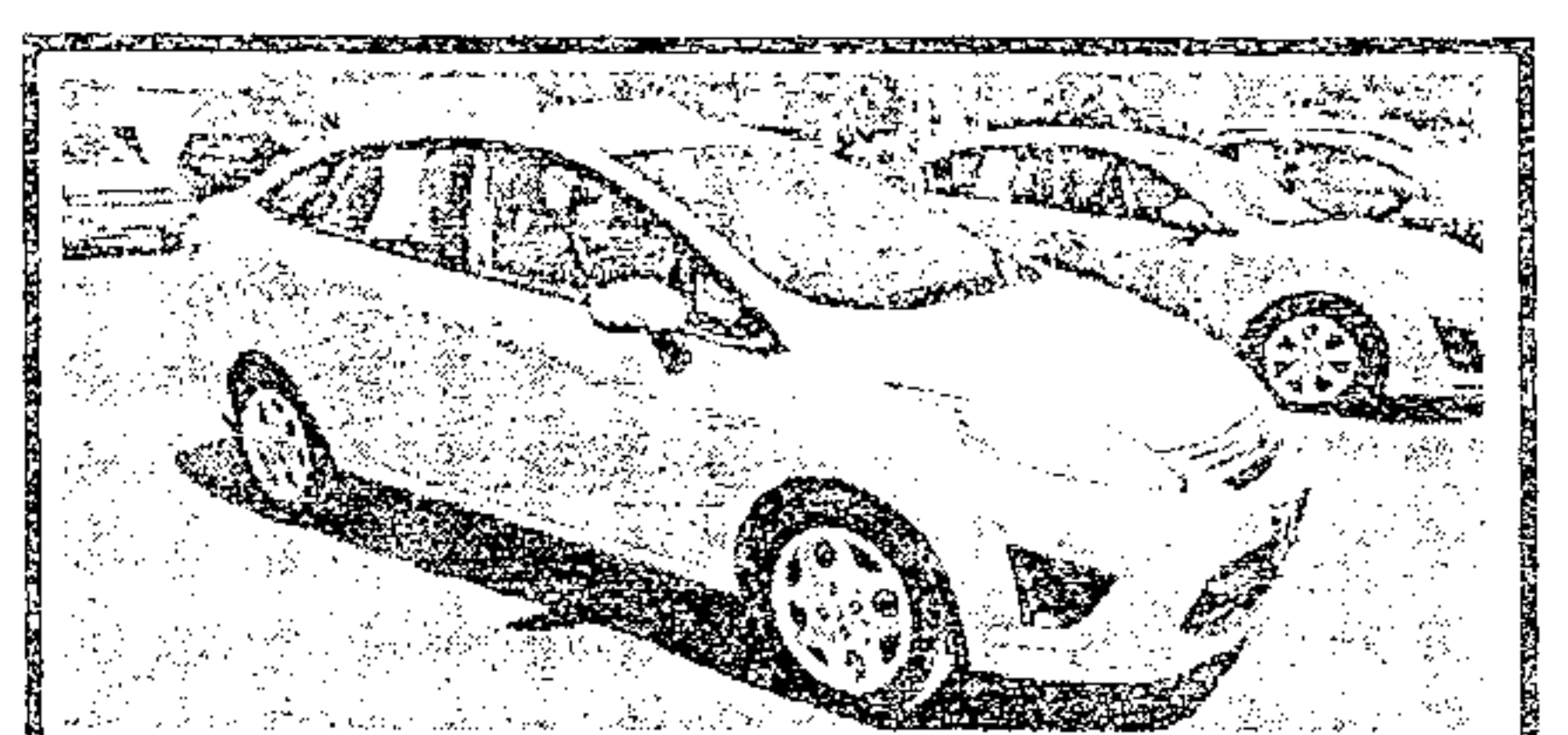
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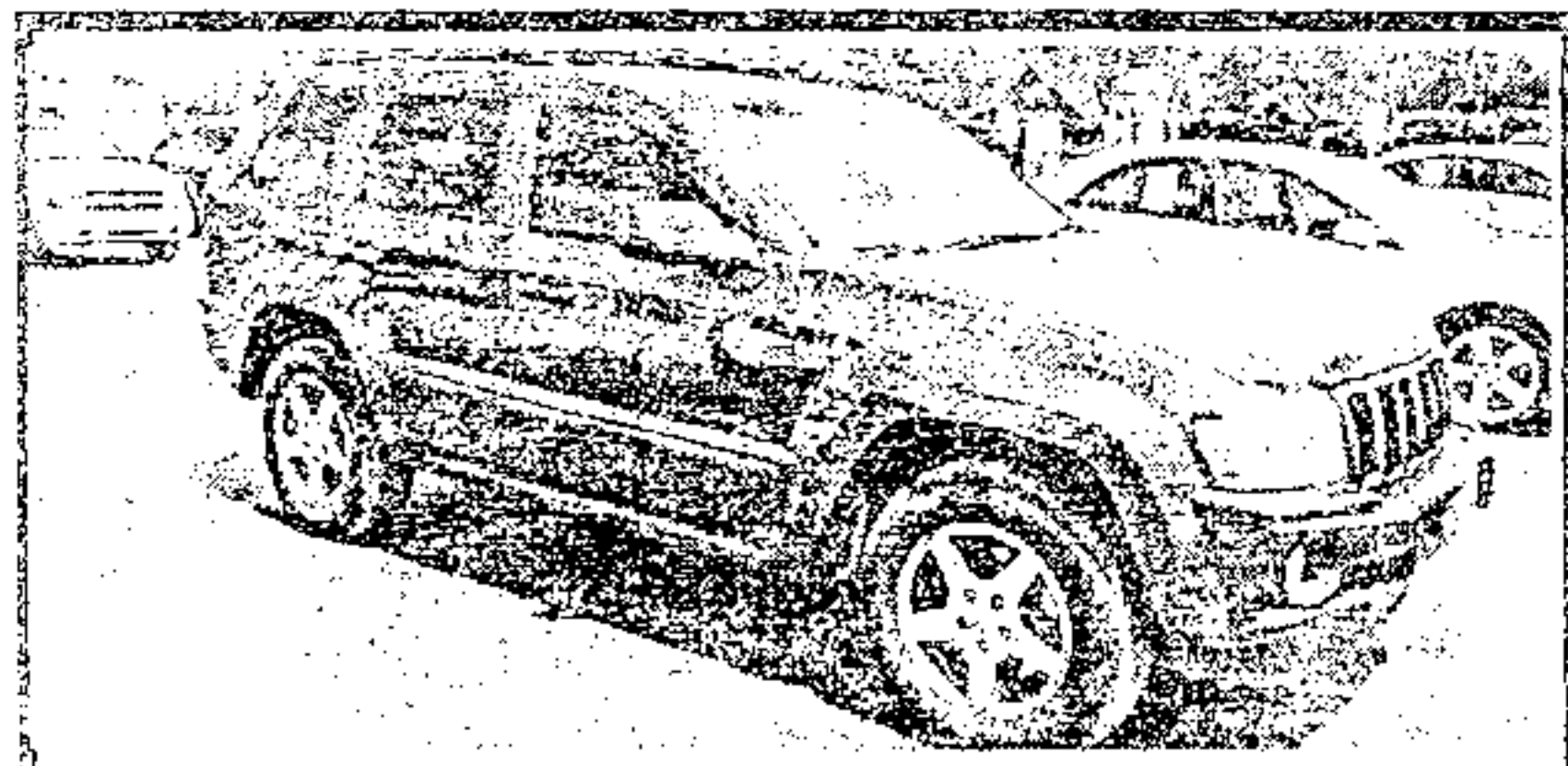
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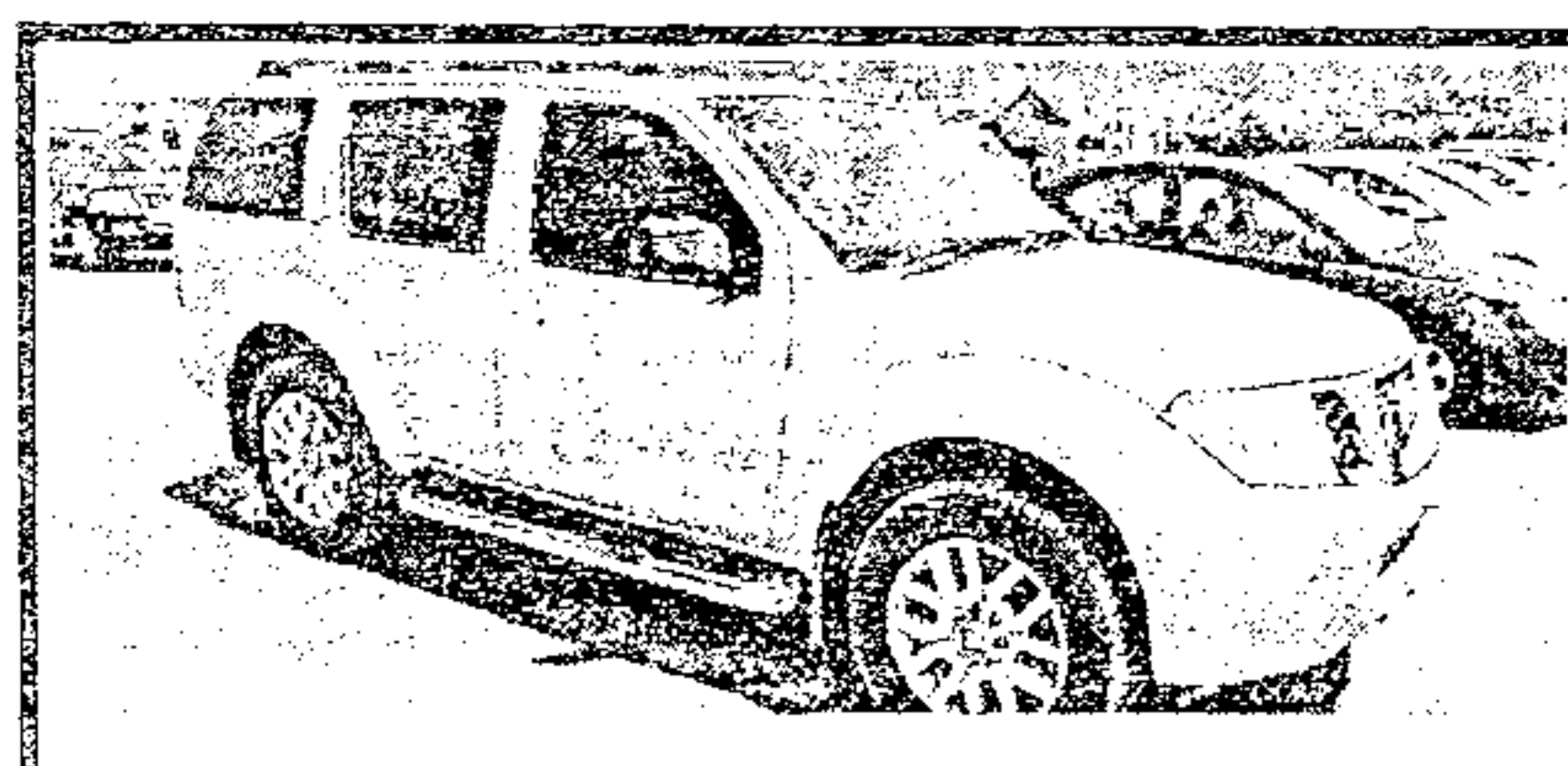
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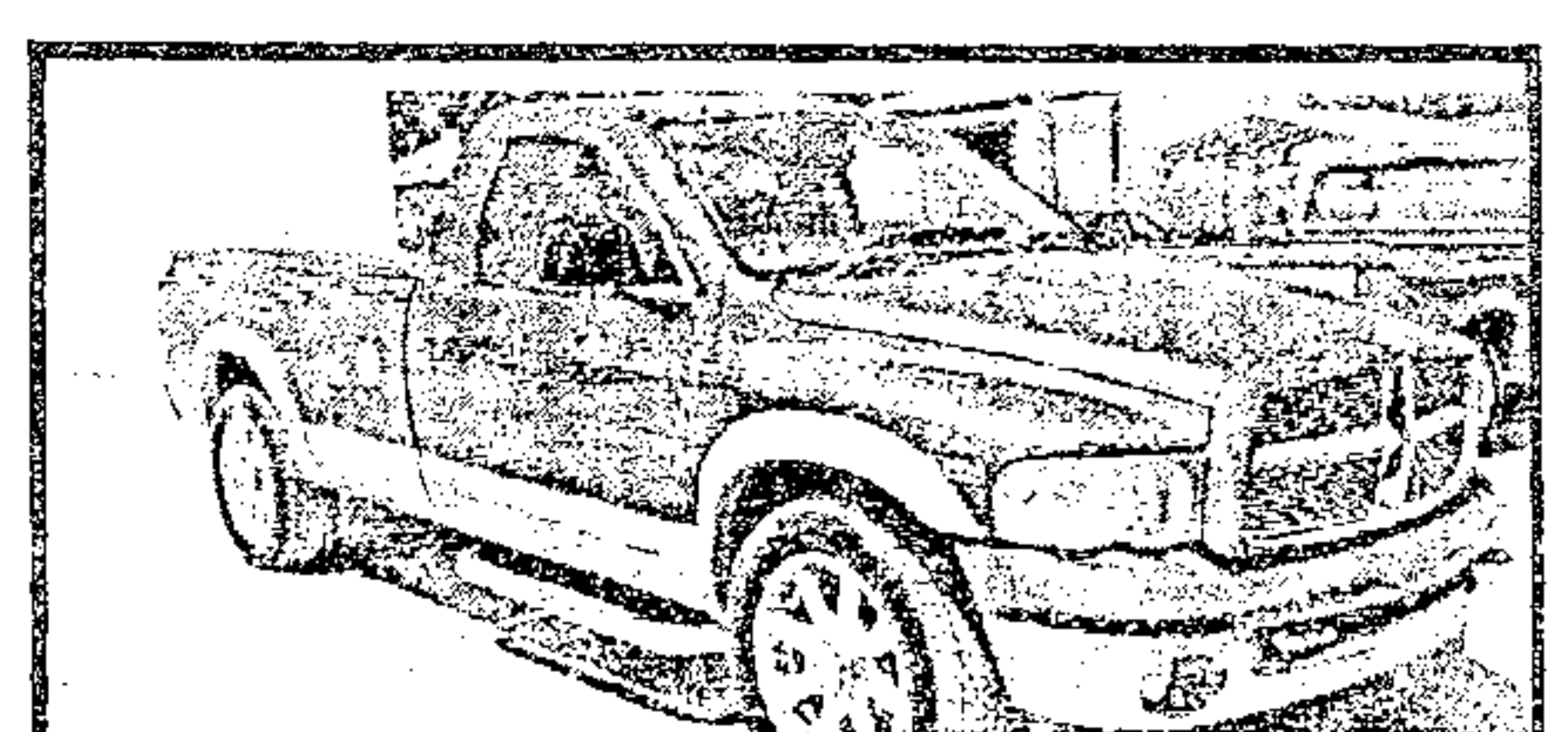
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bag, and then tied up the owner and fled the store with the stolen merchandise.

After a months-long investigation, the Mountain Brook Village Police Department began to think that the robbery may have been an inside job. Even though the store was located on a very busy street, there were no other witnesses to the crime. The robbers had conveniently taken the store's security camera. Not long before the robbery, the owner had increased his insurance coverage. And most of the stolen jewelry items had recently been added to the store's inventory, on consignment from jewelers in New York and elsewhere for a "loose diamond sale" just before the holidays.

The total value of the merchandise supposedly stolen—reported by Gandy to his insurance company—was \$2.8 million. The insurance company paid out \$2.6 million, the policy's limit.

Investigators from the Mountain Brook Village Police Department took their suspicions to the Birmingham FBI Office and asked for assistance. But over time, investigative efforts weren't able to

uncover any hard evidence of what local police suspected. That is, until 2013, when we received a tip that Gandy had begun pawning some of the diamonds he had reported stolen nine years earlier.

His first attempt, in July 2013, was unsuccessful. Gandy had asked a friend to take a one-and-a-half carat diamond to another jewelry store to pawn it. The very conscientious jeweler at that store asked for documentation and began looking at the stone a little too closely. Gandy had concerns that the diamond might bear a unique laser inscription (certain numbers, letters, logos, etc.) that would enable the jeweler to trace its

origins—so the transaction was not completed. Going forward, Gandy made sure that he first examined the diamonds he was trying to pawn under a microscope and selected ones without inscriptions.

Between August and November 2013, Gandy's friend pawned two more large diamonds: a 3.45-carat one and a 2.16-carat one. Both stones (see FBI ctd. pg. 4)

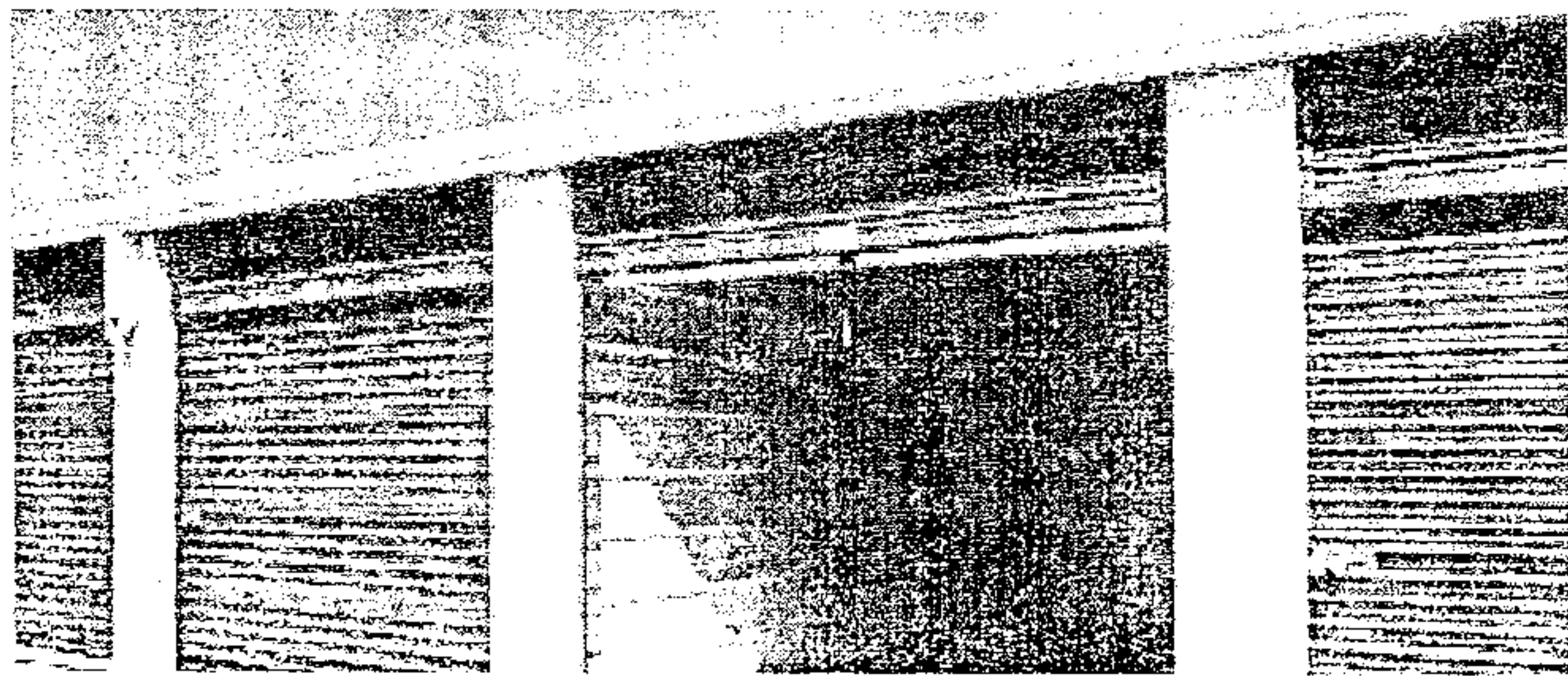
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Assault

the victim stated that her and her boyfriend was at a graduation party and went to leave on their boat, when they did Danny Graves the boyfriend dropped his pants and mooned the crowd of people. The victim became upset because of Danny exposing himself to others. Danny became very angry and stated he wanted his engagement ring back and victim refused. Danny then began to struggle with victim in an attempt to remove the ring and then bit the victim. Danny then got a can of gas from the boat and told victim he was going to burn them and the boat and started pouring gas on victim. The victim was struggling to get away while Danny was trying to light a lighter. The victim got Danny to go to toward the marina and called 911. Officer at the marina got Danny to give up. Detective Jeff Russell LCSO, was notified and responded to the scene. Detective Jeff Russell LCSO, made the arrest.

Grill

will be randomly chosen at noon on June 15 and notified by Pick Tennessee Products.

Several Tennessee associations including the Tennessee Beef Industry Council, the Tennessee Pork Producers and the Tennessee Sheep Producers Association have partnered

with Pick Tennessee to promote state meat producers and help fund the contest. TDA marketing specialist Wendy Sneed says it's part of an effort to get the word out to consumers that purchasing meats directly from nearby farms is easy to do.

"Visit the Pick TN Products Facebook page," Sneed said. "Click on the 'Fill Your Grill' posting, which is linked to a directory of participating farmers." Contestants must choose which farm they would visit to collect their meats, then submit that choice with their own contact information.

To enter, search for "Pick TN Products" on Facebook. You will also find a link to the contest page on www.picktnproducts.org.

"Winners will be selected June 15 because we want to give winners a chance to claim their meats in time for the 4th of July," said Sneed. "Of course, winners might prefer to put their prizes in their freezers to enjoy all their local meats a little at time, over a long period of time. One of the great things about this contest is that the choice is up to the contestant about what meats they want to purchase, and which cuts. Each contestant just needs to be sure to choose the farm that offers what he or she wants, whether it's beef, pork, lamb, goat, poultry—or some of everything."

There is no cash prize. Entrants win the opportunity to go to a farm or local meats business and choose up to \$200 of Tennessee meats. All funds will go directly to the farmer or business to reimburse them for their products.

Follow Pick TN Products on Facebook, Twitter and on the Web. More information about the contest is available on the "Fill Your Grill" contest page.

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were on the stolen inventory list Gandy had sent to his insurance company in 2004.

By November 2013, law enforcement had what it needed to go after Gandy. Armed with a search warrant, the FBI and the Vestavia Hills Police Department went to his Vestavia Hills home and recovered some of the jewelry he had previously reported stolen. As a bonus, we also found a cache of 99 weapons in the home—Gandy, convicted on a federal mail fraud charge years earlier, was prohibited from possessing firearms.

Last month, as part of a plea agreement, Gandy was sentenced to a federal prison term on charges of money laundering related to the pawning of or property worth more than \$10,000 that he had obtained through a criminal act. That criminal act? Wire fraud, which he committed nine

years earlier when he submitted his phony insurance claim. He was also charged with the firearms violation.

We were never able to determine why Gandy waited so long to pawn the jewelry he had bogusly reported as stolen, but we do know that he told an acquaint-

tance he wanted to open an additional jewelry store. However, thanks to the cooperative efforts of all the agencies involved, and the assistance of the U.S. Secret Service, we were able to uncover and hold Gandy accountable for his illegal and dishonest actions.

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shootings is not consistently reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program because reporting is voluntary for police departments.

The desire to enhance the quality and quantity of the crime data collected throughout the nation is not new. Back in the 1980s, the Bureau—working directly

with our law enforcement partners to help us improve UCR—took advantage of a rapidly changing data processing environment to create a system that would capture more detailed information on individual crime occurrences. All of this additional detail would, collectively, paint a more comprehensive picture of crime on a national

level.

NIBRS was officially implemented in 1989. While there have been agencies submitting NIBRS data since then—mostly through their state UCR programs—still not enough do so to report on it from a national perspective. Explains Assistant Director Stephen Morris, who heads up our Criminal Justice

Information Services (CJIS) Division, "The biggest challenge for any agency, whether you're a local police department or a state program office, is the resources needed to convert systems to NIBRS and the personnel needed to oversee those systems."

The Bureau is undertaking a number of efforts to educate law

enforcement and others on the benefits of NIBRS and to increase participation in the program. For example, CJIS is in discussions with its multi-agency Advisory Policy Board about the possible expansion of data to include non-fatal line-of-duty shootings by law enforcement and about transitioning to a NIBRS-only data collection. We have also partnered with the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics on the National Crime Statistics Exchange, or NCS-X, to assist states and agencies interested in submitting their crime data through NIBRS. Said Morris, "You're never going to have 18,000 agencies providing data, but if you have most of the major organizations and they're geographically dispersed, we'll be statistically sound as far a national picture of crime goes."

Unlike UCR's traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS), which is an aggregate monthly tally of crimes in just 10 offense categories, NIBRS captures—in 24 categories—specific details about crimes and criminals, such as the date, time, location, and circumstance of the incident as well as characteristics of the victim and offender—such as age, race, sex, ethnicity, and any information about their relationship to one another.

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VA ctd. from pg. 2

OIG, VA Police, and the Department of Justice to bring frauds to justice." These indictments and subsequent convictions were the result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General, Nashville Resident Agency, and VA Police Service of Mountain Home, Tenn. Assistant United States Attorneys Nicholas Regalia and Helen Smith represented the United States.

Stats ctd. from pg. 5

"NIBRS has the ability to give you the who, what, when, where, and sometimes the why of a crime," added Morris.

Another key difference between the SRS—which has been in operation since the 1930s—and NIBRS is this: Under SRS, during an incident involving multiple offenses, only the most serious crime is reported (i.e., a murder that took place during a robbery would be counted, but the robbery would not). But in NIBRS, both the murder and the robbery would be reported, giving us a more accurate accounting of crime.

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When used to its full potential, NIBRS

will be able to identify with precision when and where crime takes place, the form it takes, and the characteristics of its victims and perpetrators. Armed with this information, law enforcement agencies

can better define the resources they need and apply them where they're needed most. And legislators, municipal planners, academicians, sociologists, advocacy groups, and the public gain access to

more extensive crime data as well.

"And at the end of the day," said Morris. "NIBRS will also be able to provide two important elements to law enforcement agencies that have become so important—accountability and transparency."

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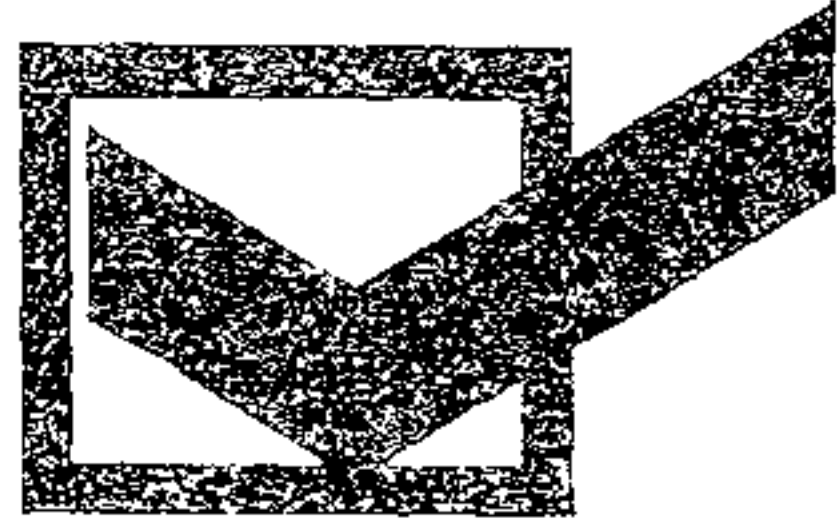
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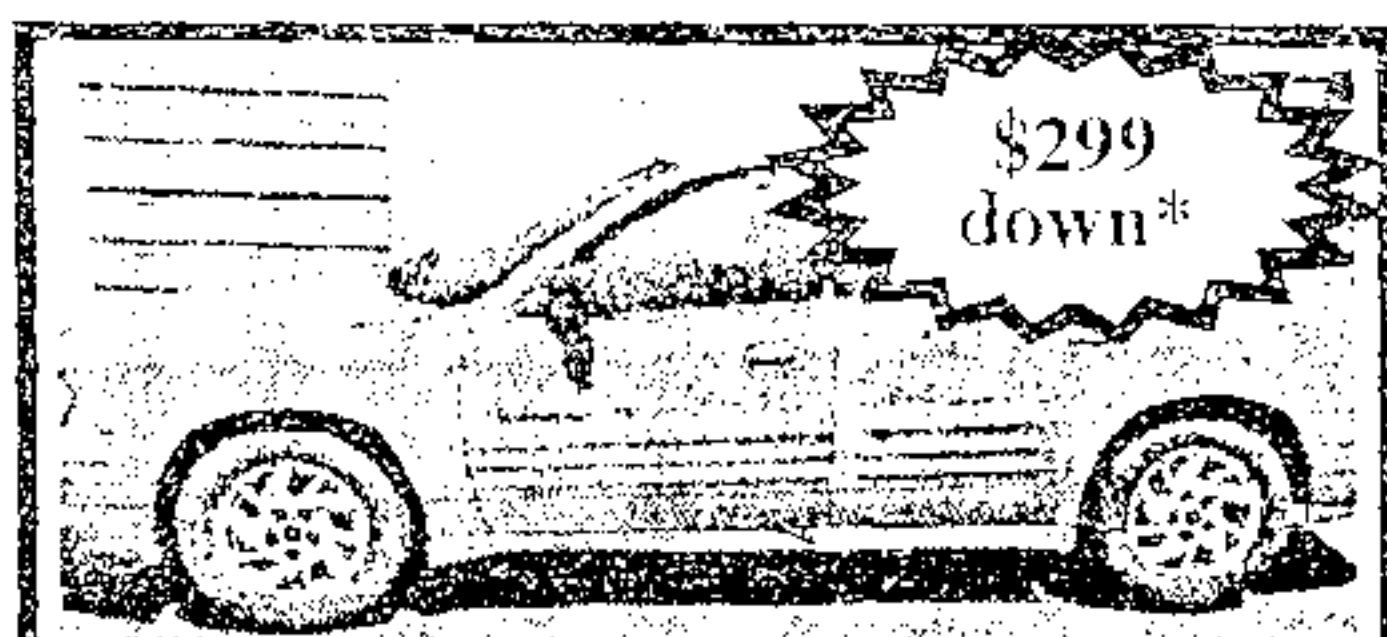
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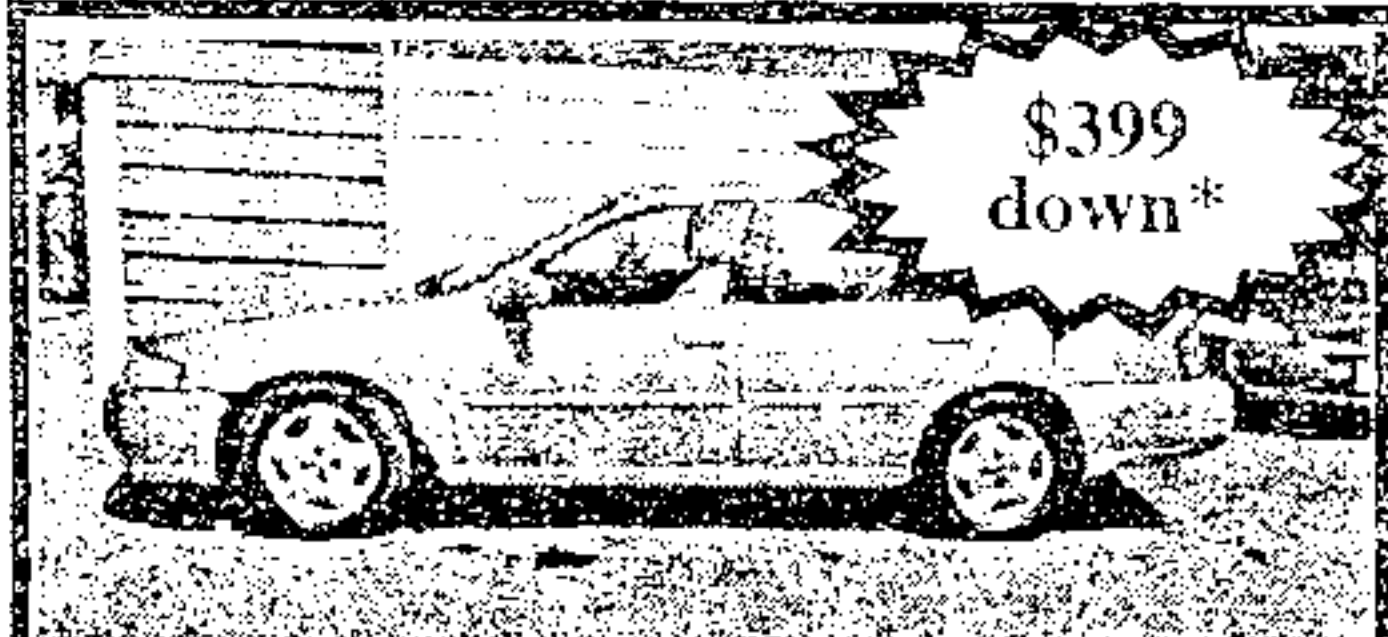
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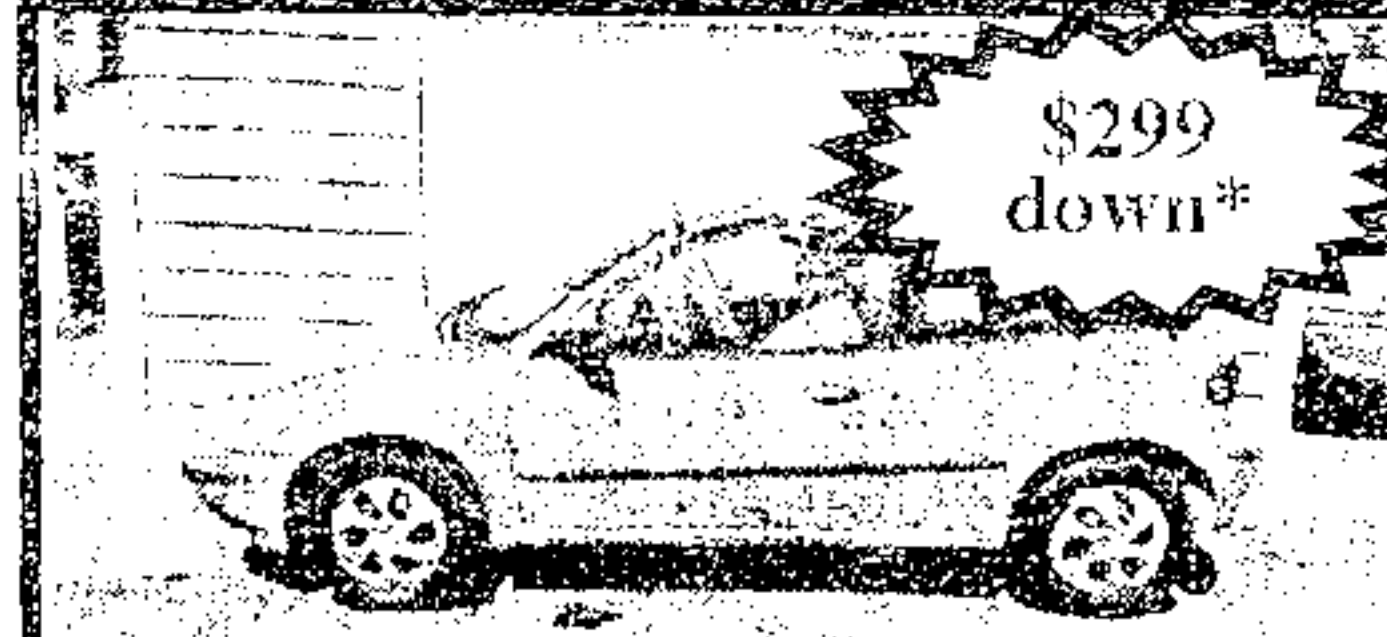
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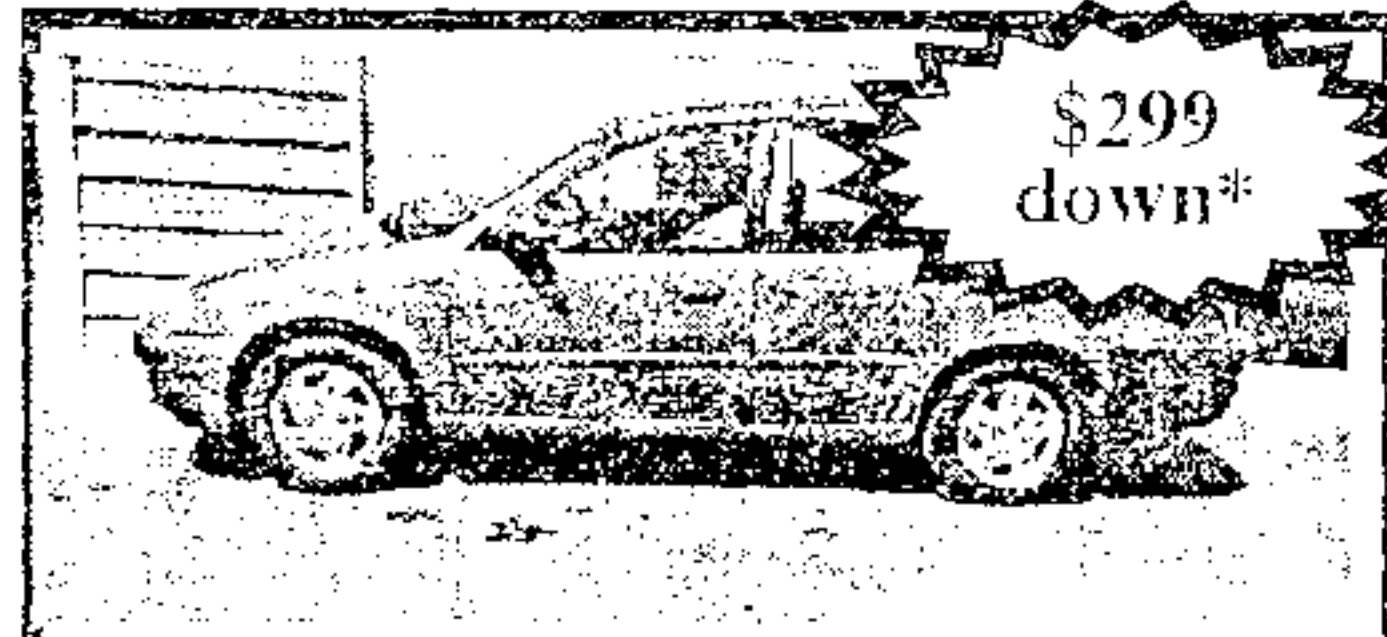
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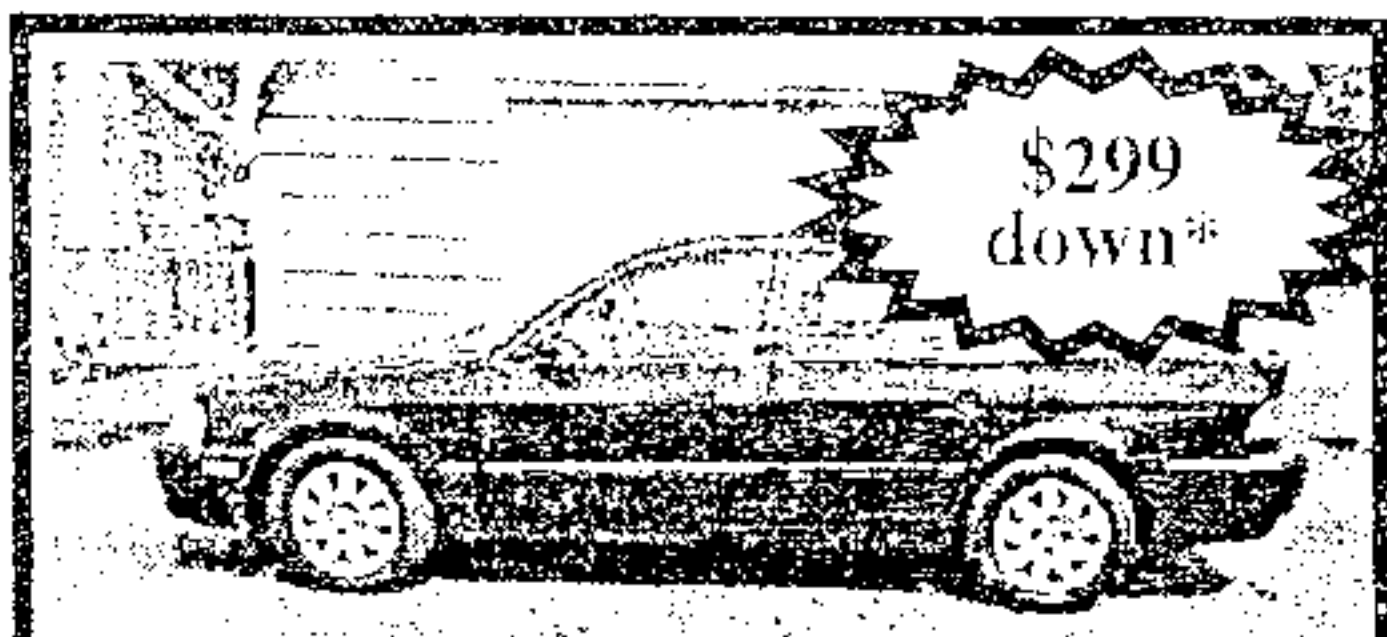
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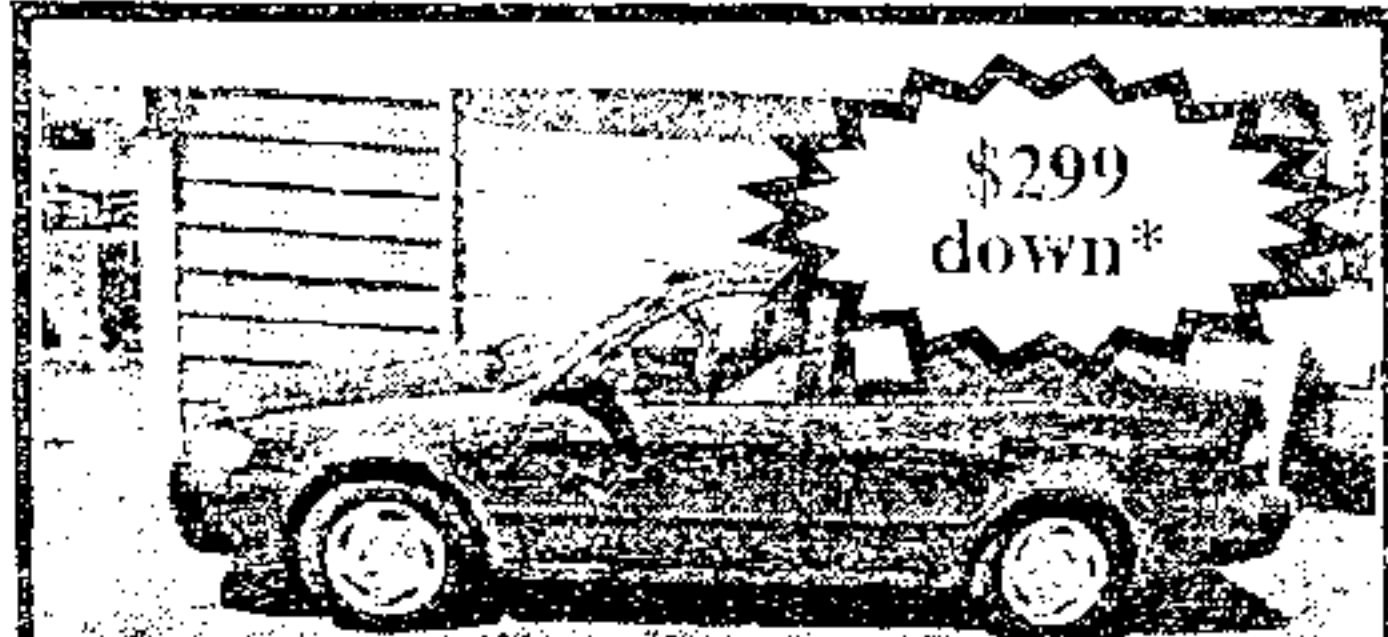
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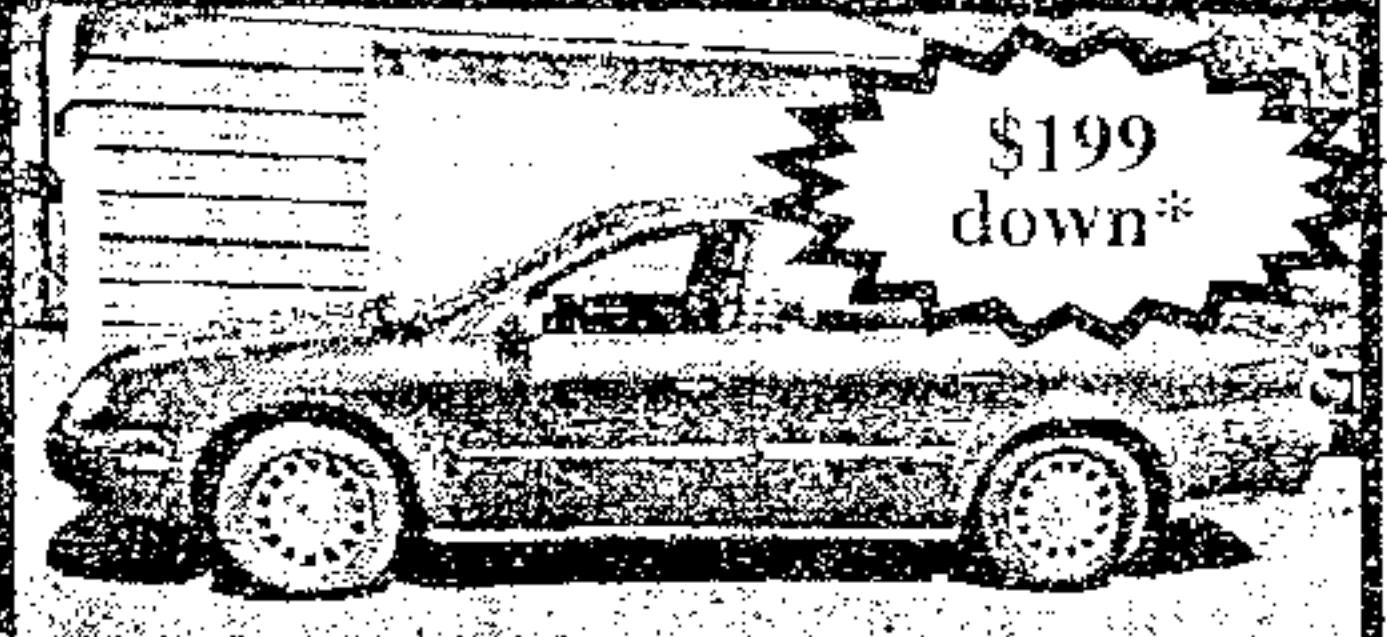
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