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Friday, June 5, 2015

## Meth user nabbed with burglary tools by LCSO's Ketner

David Freshour, 32, Cook Hollow Lane, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para., and Poss. of Burglary Tools. Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, observed a suspicious vehicle at the Grizzly Pig. Deputy made contact with the occupant and identified 2 females and a male David Freshour. Deputy approach the driver side and noticed a pair of bolt cut-

(see Meth pg. 4)



David Freshour

## Fight call leads to DUI charge and more



Kenneth Vest

(see Fight pg. 3)

## Victim hit in the head with cell phone



Benjamin Nicholson

(see DV pg. 7)

## Taken for a Ride

Travel Agent Scammed Marching Bands Out of Trips

The trip to Hawaii for 270 high school band members and their chaperones was supposed to be the crescendo of months of performances, fundraisers, and saving to book the arrangements. But the music stopped when the band's travel agent admitted he'd duped them to the tune of more than \$272,000.

In August 2011, a high school band in Arkansas

contracted with Utah-based travel agent Calliope R. Saaga to arrange the once-in-a-lifetime trip. The school wired the funds in multiple installments, but rather than booking the band's Hawaii excursion, Saaga spent the money himself—on his own trips to Disneyland, Samoa, and Las Vegas—all the while offering assurances the band's trip was on schedule. It wasn't until Saaga

(see Trip pg. 5)

## Christopher Anthony Burkett arrested on federal child pornography charges

Christopher Anthony Burkett, 41, was arrested in Knoxville on June 3, 2015, by members of the Knoxville Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

The arrest stems from a five-count indictment charging Burkett in two counts with knowingly using, enticing, and coercing minors to engage

in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, having reason to know that it would be transported in interstate and foreign commerce. Burkett is also charged in three separate counts with knowingly receiving, distributing, and possessing child pornography. The indictment alleges that the il-

(see Child pg. 7)

## Verse of the Day

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. — 1 Peter 1:13

## Obituaries

see inside

## Wazzup

Looks like the annual Mud Volleyball Tourney will be this weekend in K-Town. Come check out an awesome

event for a great cause.

## Weather

Today: Partly cloudy skies. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 88F. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low near 65F. Saturday A few clouds ear-

ly, otherwise mostly sunny. High 89F.

Saturday Night Mostly clear. Low near 65F.

Sunday Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High around 90F.

Sunday Night Partly cloudy

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**Police beat**  
 Cody Orsak, 25, Culture Lane Texas, was charged with Driving on Revoked License. According to the report, Deputy Bobby Hamilton LCSO, responded to a MVA with out injury at I-40 west and Hwy 321. Deputy made contact with the driver Cody Orsak who could only produce a TX ID. A check of

Cody information revealed Cody license were revoked. Cody was placed under arrest. Deputy Bobby Hamilton LCSO, made the arrest.

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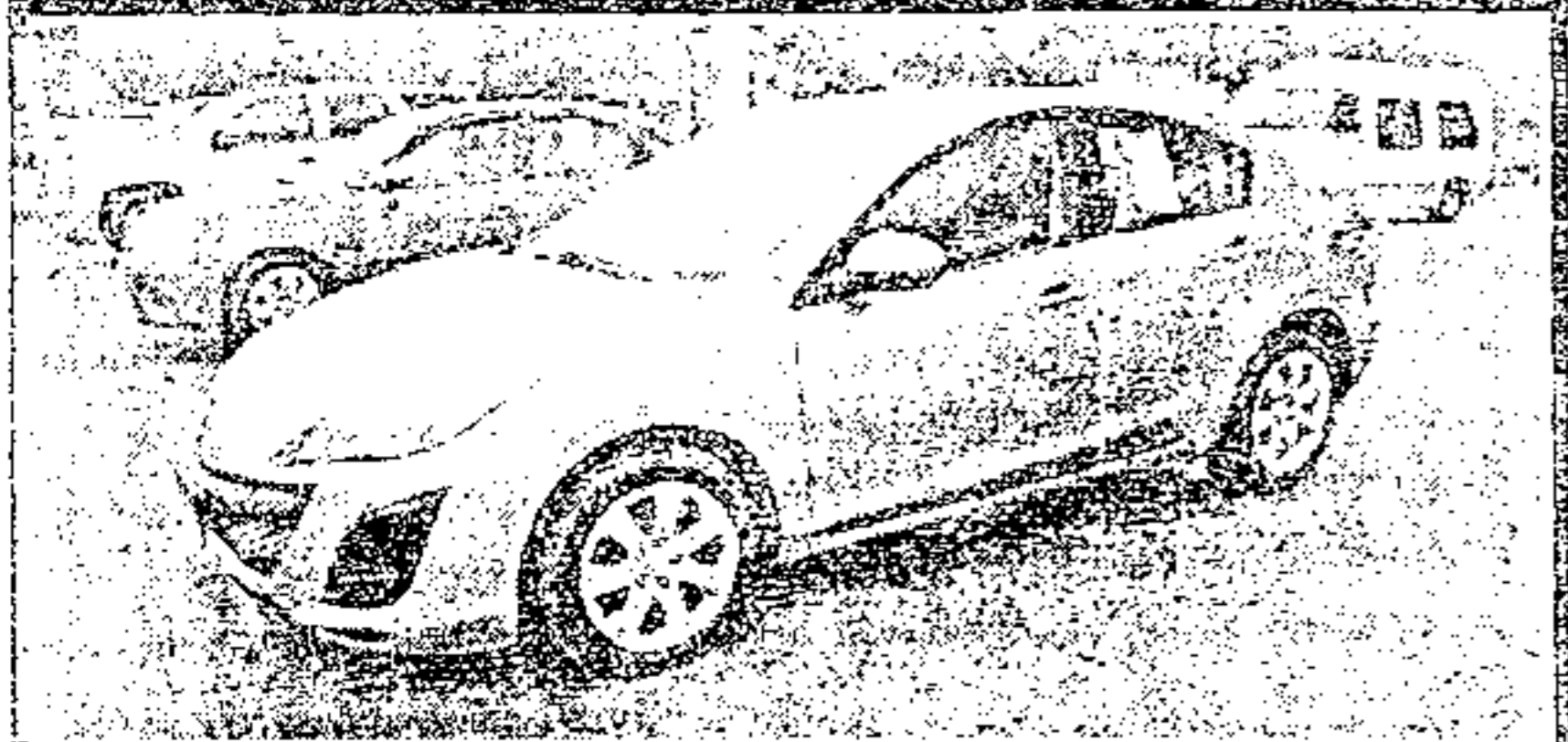
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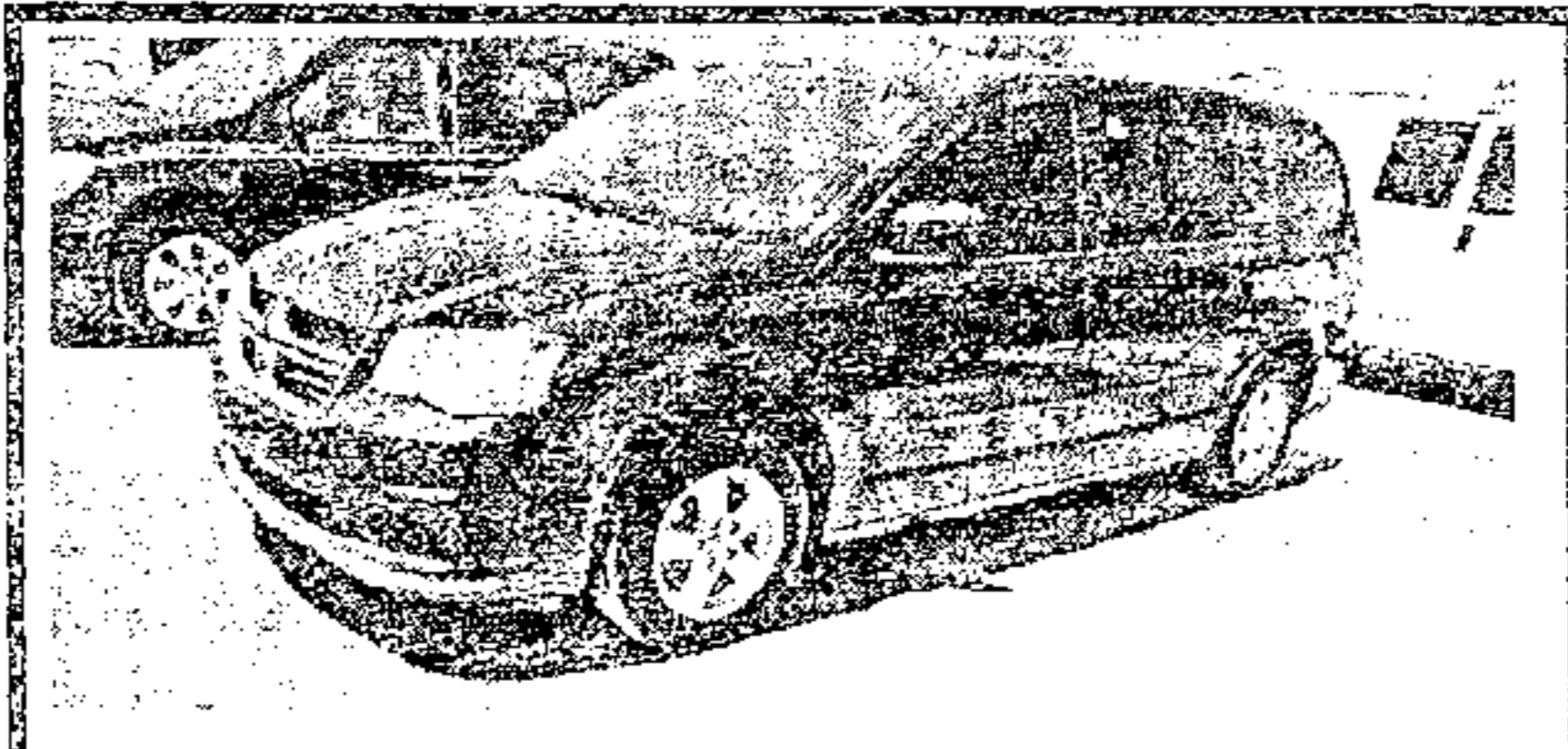
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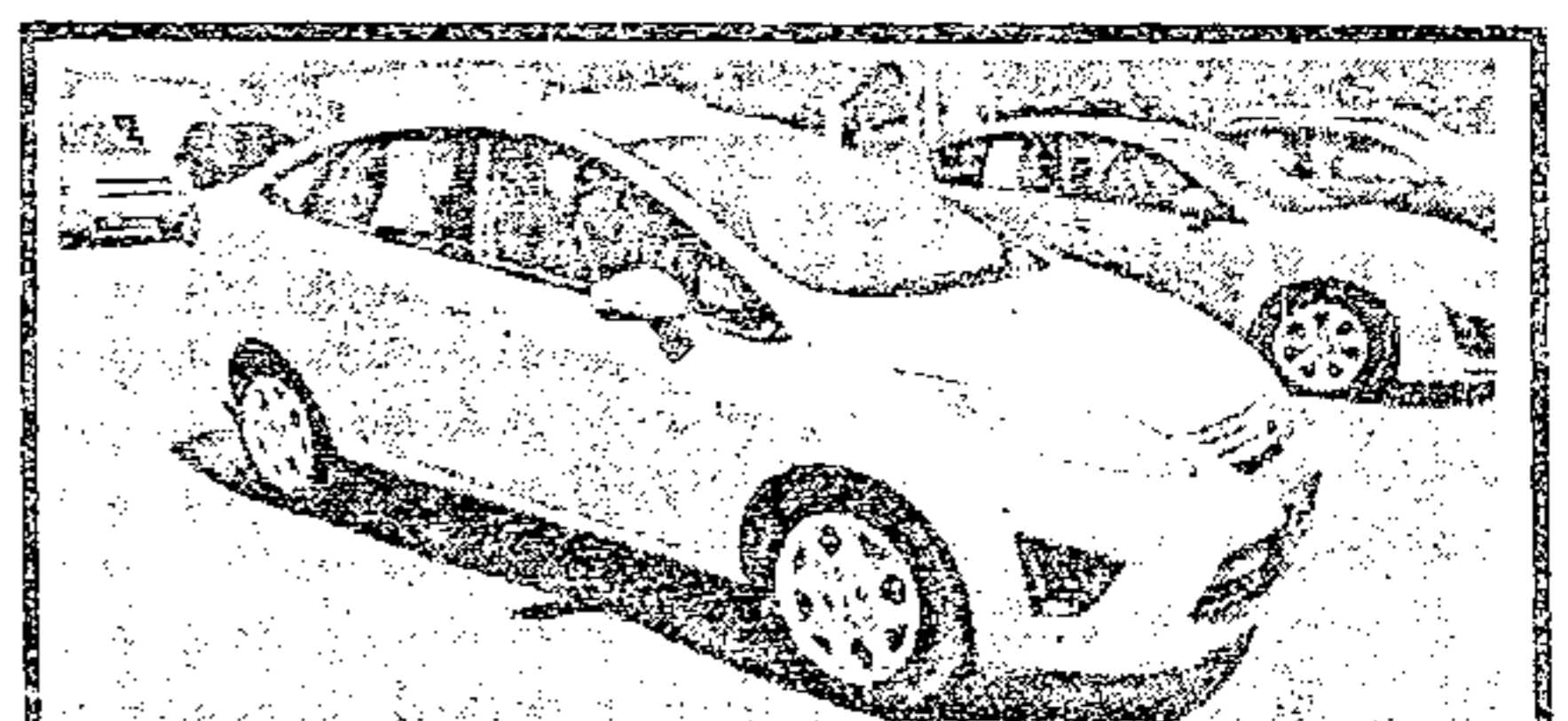
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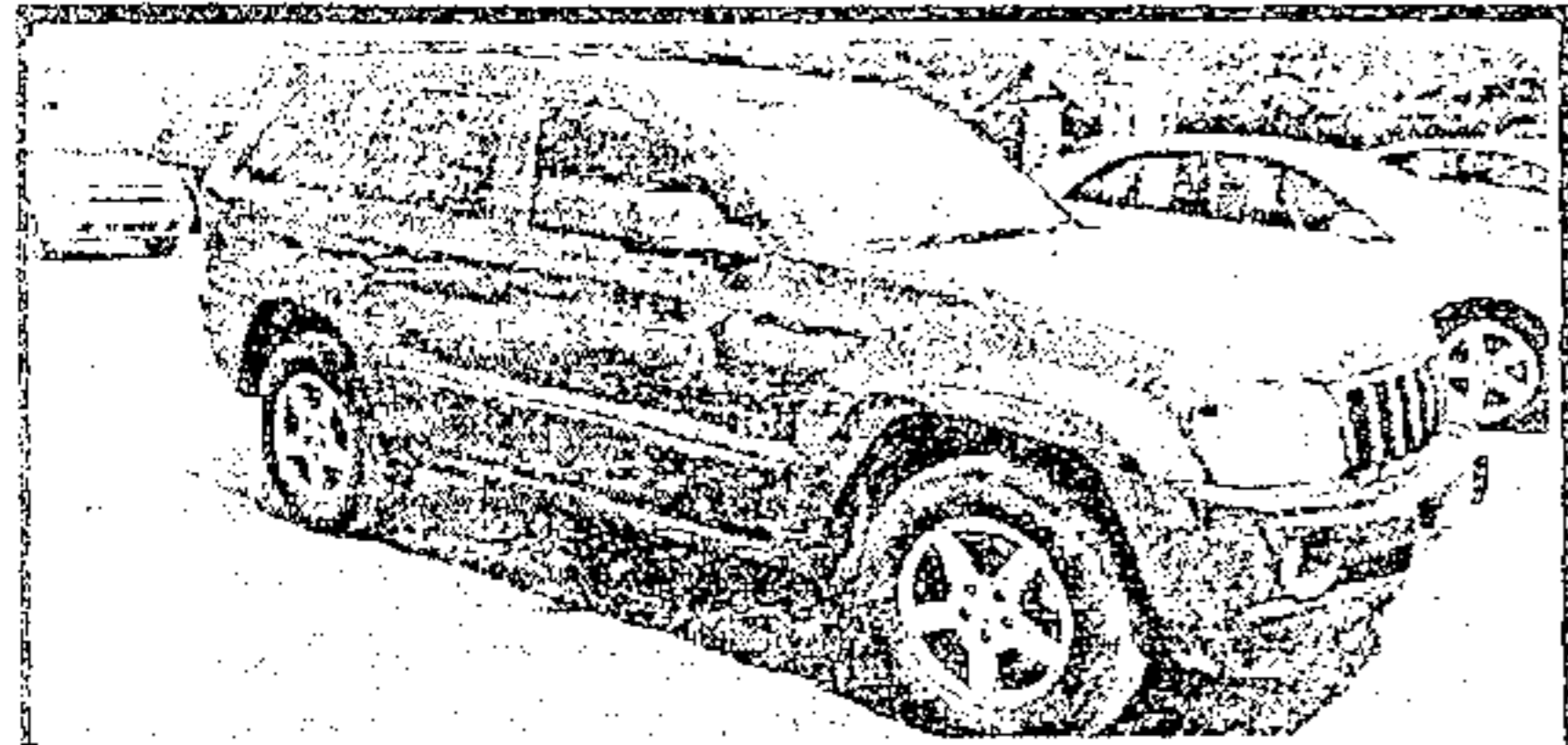
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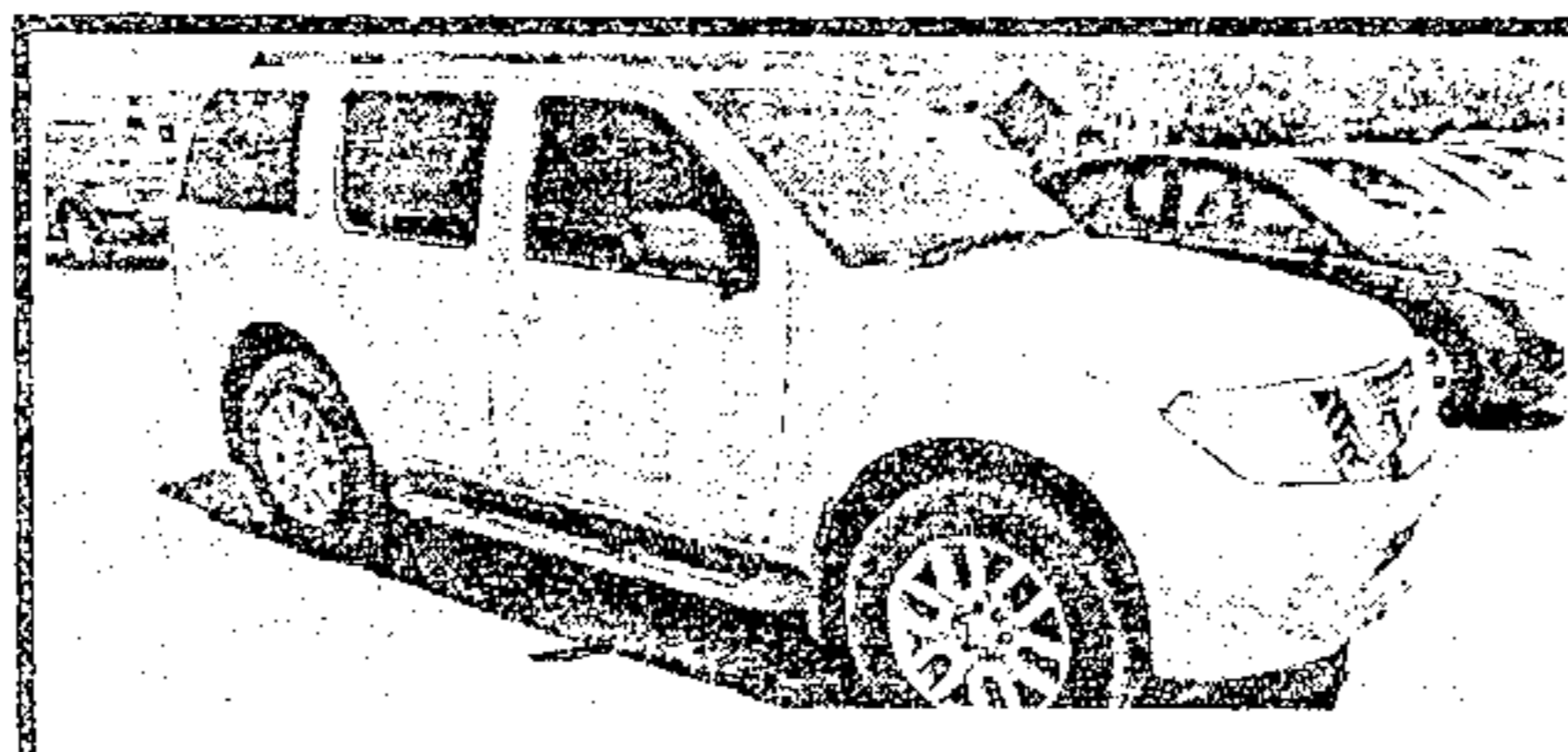
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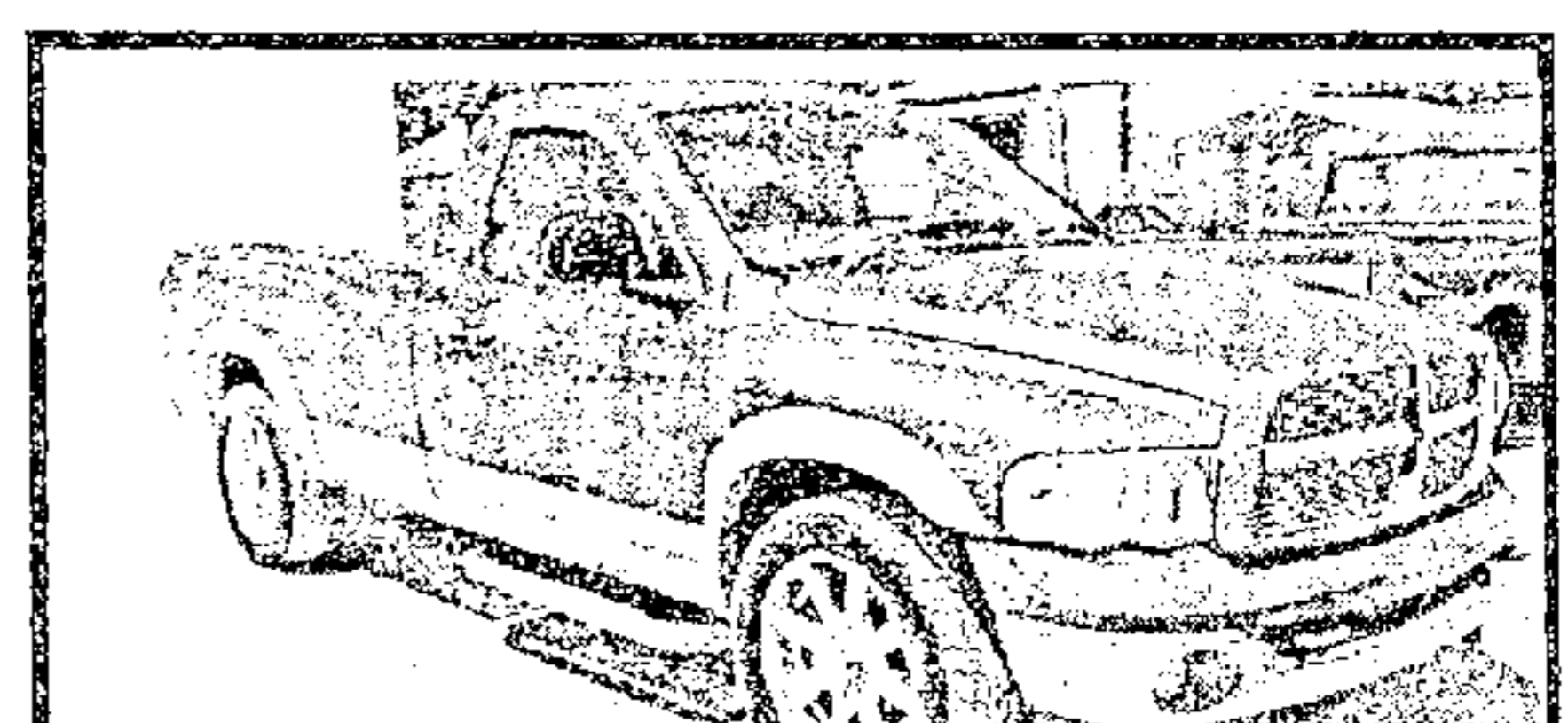
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**Fight**

Kenneth Vest, 39, Montview Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Legend Drug x2, and Simple Possession x2.

Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, responded to a physical fight at Watt Road. Upon arrival Deputy met with Kenneth Vest who was bleeding from his left eye. Vest had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage upon his breath, very unsteady on his feet, and had admitted to been drinking. Vest also stated several times he was the driver of the vehicle. Vest did poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest. Upon arrest Vest was found in possession of muscle relaxers, Clonidine, Diazepam, and Oxycodone in his front pocket. Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, made the arrest.

**Governor Haslam, Commissioner Boyd Announce Resolute Forest Products to Expand Current Operations in Calhoun**

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd along with Resolute Forest Products U.S., Inc. officials announced the company will invest \$270 million to undertake a major expansion at its pulp and paper mill located in Calhoun. Resolute Forest Products, a top global paper products manufacturer, is one of McMinn County's largest employers and through this expansion, will create 105 new jobs.

"We want to thank Resolute for expanding in Tennessee and for the new jobs they're creating in Calhoun and McMinn County," Haslam said. "We think it says a lot when companies like

Resolute, who can choose to do business anywhere in the world, continue expanding here, and today's announcement is another step toward our goal of becoming the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs."

"Resolute and the jobs they provide make a major impact in Calhoun and McMinn County," Boyd said. "They've been a cornerstone of this community since 1954 and this investment is a big vote of confidence in the quality of our state's workforce. We're


focused on giving Tennesseans access to quality education so companies like Resolute have a pipeline of talented workers to ensure success for decades to come."

"Resolute's entry into the tis-

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in the floorboard of the front seat passenger and a steel pole on the driver side door. Deputy ask the front passenger David to get out of the vehicle where Deputy noticed a needle next to David. David did state that the needle was used to shoot narcotics. David wanted out of Florida for FTA. The female stated that David had stole some items from Walmart and was going to use the stolen items to steal lawnmowers in Sweetwater and burglarize a gold store in Madisonville, and used the stolen items to purchase Meth. David was placed under arrest. Deputy Jamie Ketner MCSO, made the arrest.

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the market involves the construction of a new, state-of-the-art facility at our Calhoun plant, which will employ the very latest technology to manufacture tissue for use in the at-home, premium private label tissue market, including bath tissue and towel. Once fully operational, Resolute will produce high-quality products at one of the most competitive and efficient tissue operations." Richard Garneau, Resolute President and Chief executive Officer, said.

"This is an important step forward for Resolute as we execute our growth strategy in a way that maximizes our ability to capture synergies and deliver superior value for customers."

Resolute will build a new state-of-the-art facility to manufacture approximately 60,000 metric tons per year of at-home, premium bath tissue and towel, focused on

the growing private label market.

The company's tissue paper machine and converting operations will be built at the Calhoun mill. This expansion represents the largest investment made by Resolute since 2010.

"We want to thank Resolute for their continued faith in the McMinn County workforce, as made evident by this \$270 million investment. We understand they had other options, but they chose us and for that we are humbled and truly grateful," McMinn County Mayor John Gentry said. "Resolute continues to diversify and pivot with the changing market demands. We are indeed both fortunate and proud they will continue to call McMinn County home for many years to come."

"TVA congratulates Resolute Forest Products on its recent announcement of expansion plans involving major investment and adding more than 100 new jobs in the Calhoun community," TVA Senior Vice President of Economic Development John Bradley said. "We, along with the state of Tennessee and community economic development partners, celebrate Resolute's continuing business success and longstanding commitment to grow in the Tennessee Valley."

Resolute's Calhoun mill, established in 1954 as one of the earliest newsprint mills in the southern

United States, is located on the Hiwassee River in Calhoun, Tenn. The paper mill is one of the largest in North America as a result of continued expansion and investments, and employs a workforce of more than 500 people.

Construction on the tissue project will begin in early June 2015 with production expected to start in the first quarter of 2017.

Calhoun and McMinn County are represented by Sen. Mike Bell (R - Riceville) and Rep. John Forgety (R - Athens).

About Resolute Forest Products

Resolute Forest Products is a global leader in the forest products industry with a diverse range of products, including newsprint, specialty papers, market pulp and wood products. The company owns or operates some 40 pulp and paper mills and wood products facilities in the United States, Canada and South Korea, and power generation assets in Canada. Marketing its products in close to 80 countries, Resolute has third-party certified 100% of its managed woodlands to at least one of three internationally recognized sustainable forest management standards. The shares of Resolute Forest Products trade under the stock symbol RFP on both the New York Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Resolute and other member companies of

the Forest Products Association of Canada, as well as a number of environmental organizations, are partners in the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement. The group works to identify solutions to conservation issues that meet the goal of balancing equally the three pillars of sustainability linked to human activities: environmental, social and economic.

Resolute is proud to be ranked by Corporate Knights as one of Canada's Best 50 Corporate Citizens for 2014. In addition, the company and Richard Garneau, president and chief executive officer, have been named to Canada's Clean50. And in January 2015, Resolute was awarded The New Economy magazine's global Clean Tech Award

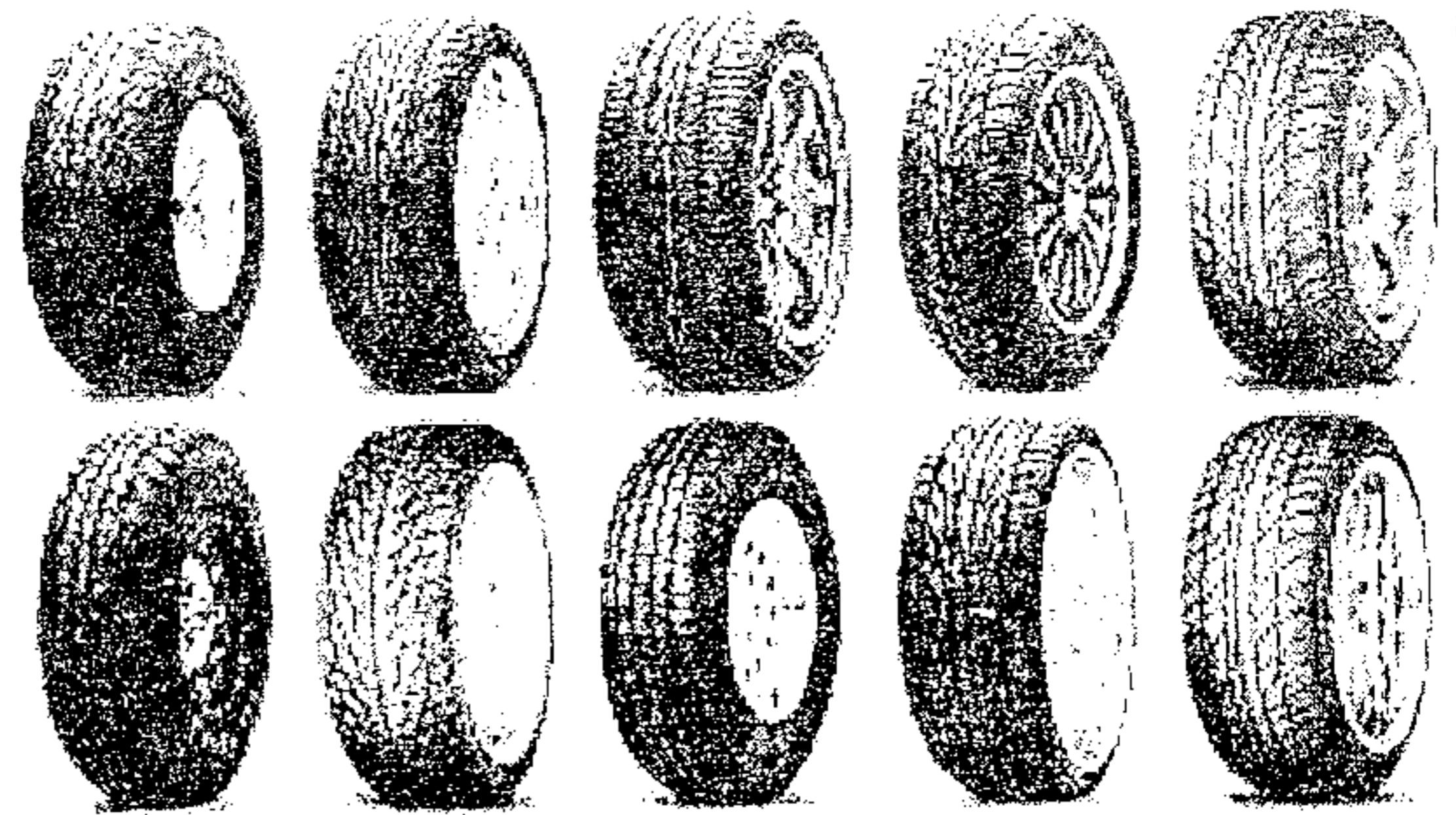
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Loudon County Commission will meet in Workshop session on Monday, June 8, 2015, 6 PM at the County Office Building in Loudon.

Loudon County Budget Committee will meeting on Wednesday, June 24th, 4:30 PM at the County Office Building in Loudon.



ed answering calls the last payment February 2012 that ol officials got sus- us. Soon after, just ths before their duled departure, a admitted he'd lost their money.

made some terrible sions with the mon- Saaga said in a 2012 ail to the band's as- ant director, who had ked two trips previ-

ously with Saaga so was shocked by the turn of events.

"They thought they had someone they could trust," said Special Agent Tim Akins of the FBI's Little Rock Division, which opened a wire fraud case against Saaga. "Now all of a sudden they don't have money to go anymore."

It got worse. During Akins' investigation, he learned that the FBI's Kansas City Division

had opened its own case on Saaga after a Missouri high school said the travel agent had bilked its band boosters out of more than \$360,000 for a Hawaii trip. The Bureau's Springfield (Missouri) Division was also looking into Saaga. Then emerged still another scheme by Saaga to cheat an Arkansas school district. Forensic accounting in the Kansas City case showed Saaga spent at least 47

days gambling in Las Vegas when he should have been booking the schools' outings.

"Saaga is a thief who stole from hard-working citizens and their children," said FBI Little Rock Special Agent in Charge David T. Resch.

During the course of the investigation, Saaga fled to Samoa, where he is from. In his e-mail admission to the band director, he said he was trying to sell his assets

there to repay the group. "It will be a slow process so I beg of your patience," he wrote.

Parents who had been duped hoped Saaga would face justice and expressed frustration on social media. In a May 2012 message on a Samoa news outlet's Facebook page, the mother of a band member said families had worked hard to fund their summer trip. "Some of the kids took on part time jobs to pay for this trip," the mother said, "others even borrowed money from the bank."

Saaga ultimately returned to the U.S. to face multiple wire fraud and money laundering charges for schemes that resulted in more than \$700,000 in losses. He was indicted in May 2014. Among his scams:

- Stealing \$360,000 from Willard High School Band Boosters (Springfield, Missouri), forcing the cancellation of a trip to Hawaii for more than 300 students and chaperones.

- Stealing \$272,500 from Southside High School (Fort Smith, Arkansas), forcing the cancellation of a Hawaii trip for 270 marching bands students and their families.

- Stealing \$149,000 from a school district in West Memphis, Arkansas.

Saaga was sentenced March 12 to five years in federal prison in the Willard High school case. On March 31, he was sentenced to 63 months for swindling Southside High School's band. The sentences are to run concurrently. He was also ordered to pay \$780,000 in restitution.

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heft  
 Benjamin Nicholson, 5, Brittni Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Bruce Padgett ICPD, responded to Hill St on a domestic. Upon arrival Officer made contact with the victim who stated that her boyfriend Benjamin Nicholson and her had got into a verbal argument. Victim stated during the argument Benjamin hit victim on the head with a cell phone. Benjamin left the scene. Lt. David Flynn located Benjamin walking and transported him back to Hill St. Benjamin did state to Officer that he did hit victim in the head with the cell phone.

Benjamin was placed under arrest. Officer Bruce Padgett ICPD, made the arrest.

**Child**

legal conduct took place in 2014 and 2015.

Following the arrest, an initial appearance was held in U.S. District Court in Knoxville before the Honorable C. Clifford Shirley, Jr., U.S. Magistrate Judge,

at which the indictment was unsealed and Burkett was apprised of the charges. He pleaded not guilty to the charges and was held in federal custody pending a detention hearing set for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

The details of the charges are outlined in the indictment which is filed as a public record in the U.S. District

Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Knoxville.

This investigation was conducted by the Knoxville Police Department ICAC. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Morris represents

the United States.

Members of the public are reminded that these are only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until his or her guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

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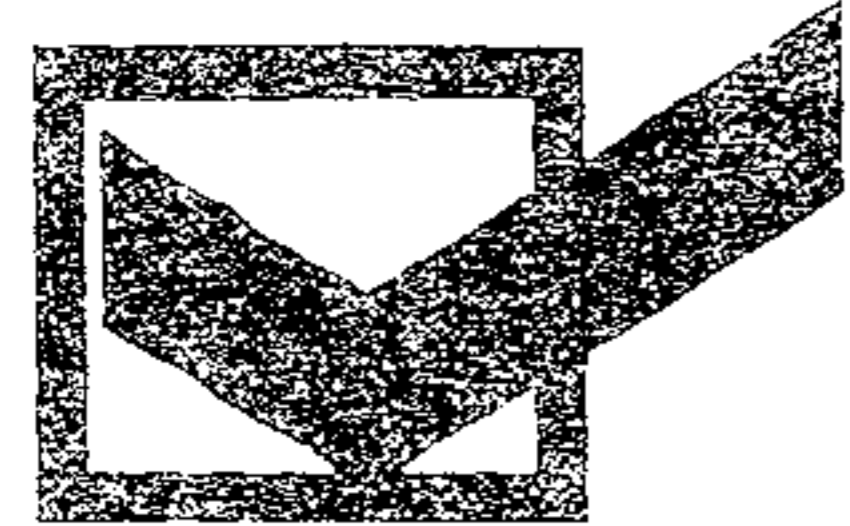
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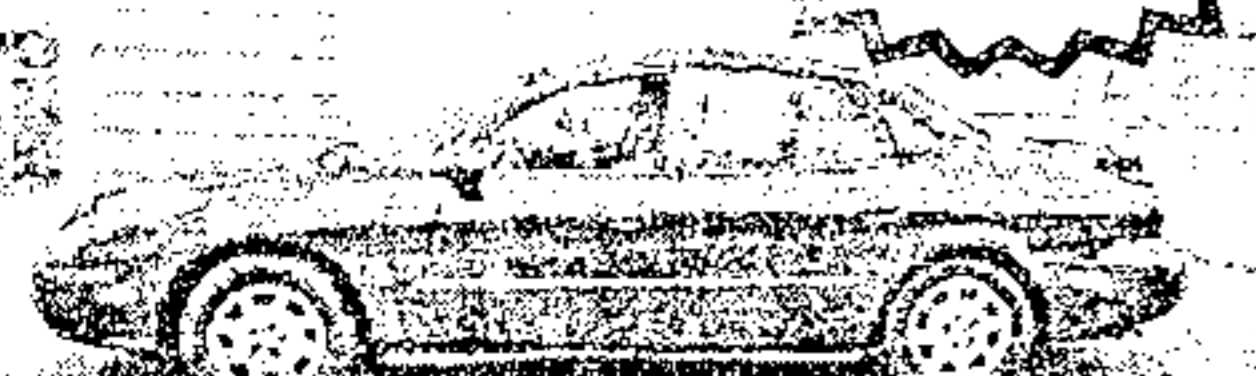


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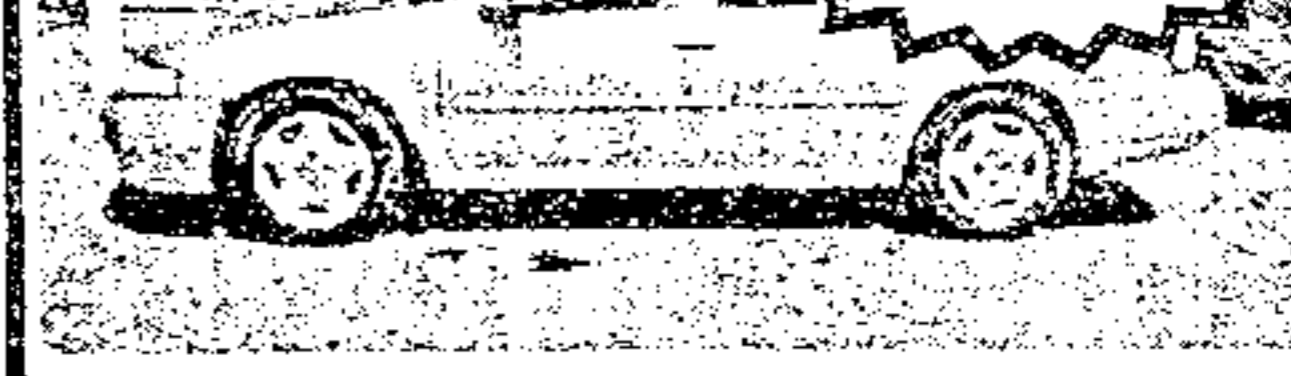
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