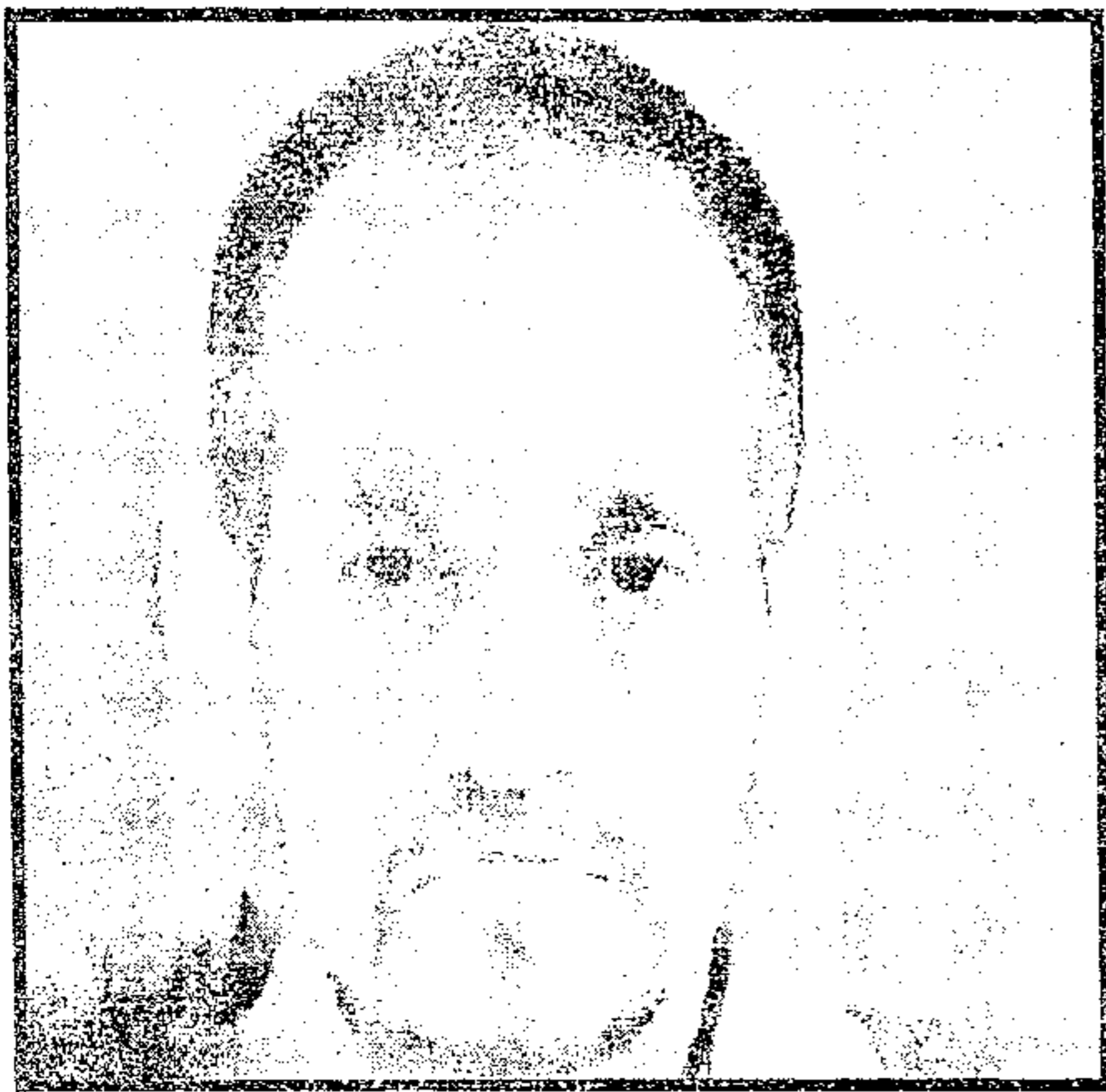


## You've had enough when you can't stand to buy more beer



Richard Brotherton

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Christy Whisenhut

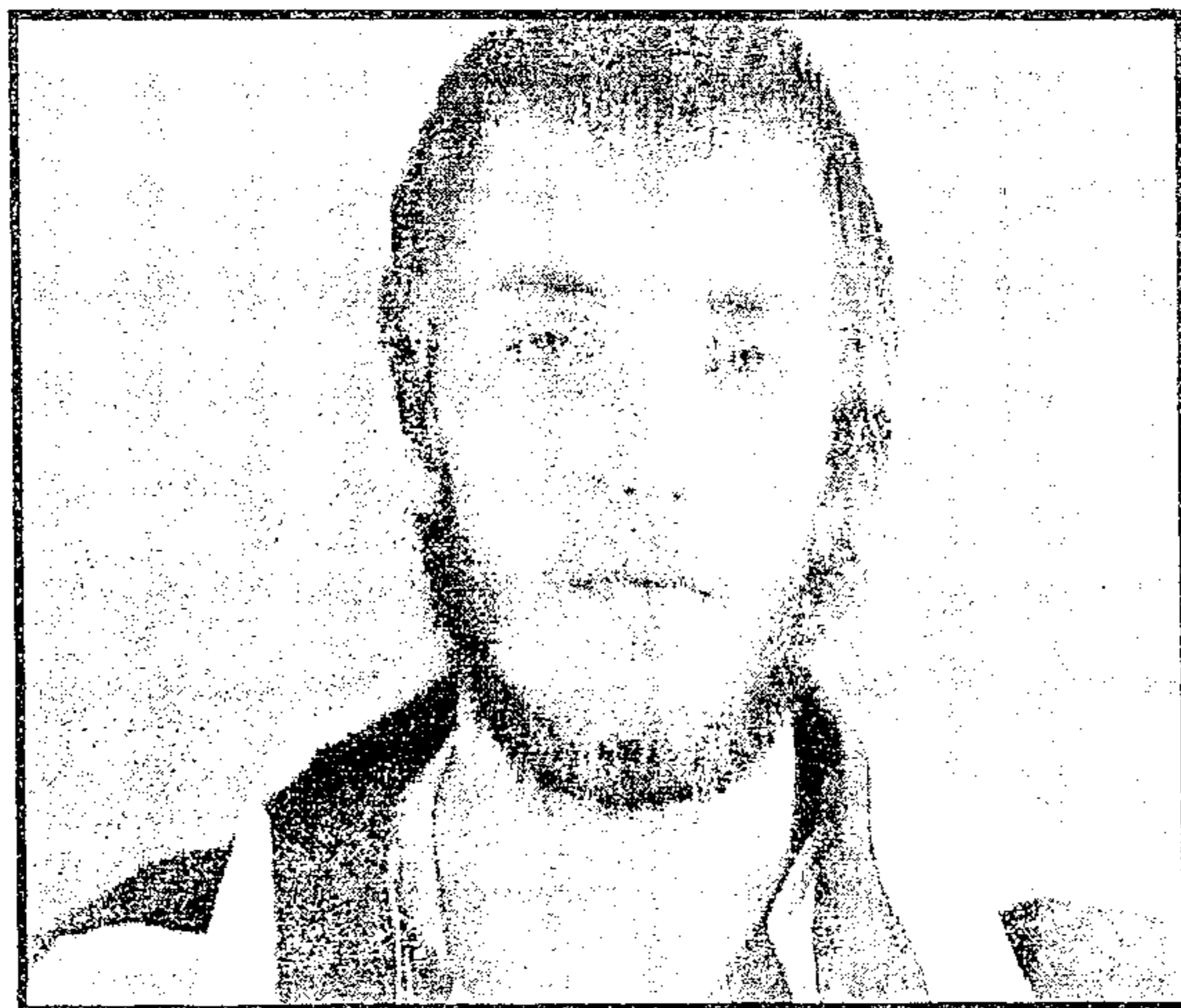
## Quit being a nuisance!



Eugene Akins

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## Scrape on victim answers the question of an attack



Tanner Wilkerson

(see DV pg. 2)

## Former Morristown Police Sergeant Indicted For Theft

A special investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has found that former Morristown Police Sgt. Michael Hurt failed to promptly turn over at least \$6,000 in cash he collected while working for the police department. The investigation was completed in conjunction with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

During 2014 and 2015, Sgt. Hurt was responsible for returning vehicles

seized by the police department to owners or lienholders. Frequently, vehicle owners were required to pay the department a cash settlement as well as towing and storage fees. These payments were collected by Sgt. Hurt.

During an interview with investigators, Sgt. Hurt turned over \$5,500 in cash that he claimed he had been holding in his police vehicle for as long as 35 days. The remaining \$500 was not i-

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## The long lasting legacy of slavery to be topic of Library's Books Sandwiched In monthly program

Join Dr. Michelle Commander for a discussion of Lose your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Route

A slave is a stranger, says author Saidiya Hartman, torn "from kin and community, exiled from one's country, dishonored and violated." Hartman went to Ghana in search of strangers and tells about her journey in Lose Your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Route. Knox County Public Library invites the public to

join Michelle Commander, UT Assistant Professor of English and African Studies, for a close look at Hartman's journey, a noon on Wednesday, July 15 in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium, at this month's Books Sandwiched In, a program series of Knox County Public Library, sponsored by the Friends of Knox County Public Library. This program was originally scheduled for February, but was cancelled

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### Verse of the Day

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." — Isaiah 6:5

### Obituaries

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Saturday Night Scattered thunderstorms in the evening. Partly cloudy skies overnight. Low 69F.  
Sunday Partly cloudy skies.

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**DV**

Tanner Wilkerson, 22, Old Midway Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Deputy Ben Everett LCSO, was dispatched to Old Midway Road on a Domestic. Upon arrival at 05:23am Deputy Everett and Cpl. Ernie Brown were met in the driveway of the residence by Complainant, who is the owner of the

residence, and told Deputies that both subjects involved in the domestic were inside the residence. When entering the home Deputy Everett came into contact with victim and Mr. Tanner Wilkerson. Deputy Everett talked to victim and Mr. Wilkerson, her son, went with Cpl. Ernie Brown. Victim stated to Deputy while she layed asleep in her bedroom, Mr. Wilkerson entered her

room and woke her up stating he was going to make her life miserable. After further argument between these two subjects victim went to the kitchen to call 911. Victim stated that at this time Mr. Wilkerson pushed her to the

ground. Mr. Wilkerson stated that while he was taking a bath he fell asleep and woke up and went to his mothers bedroom and all that he could tell me from this point is that she called 911 for no reason and

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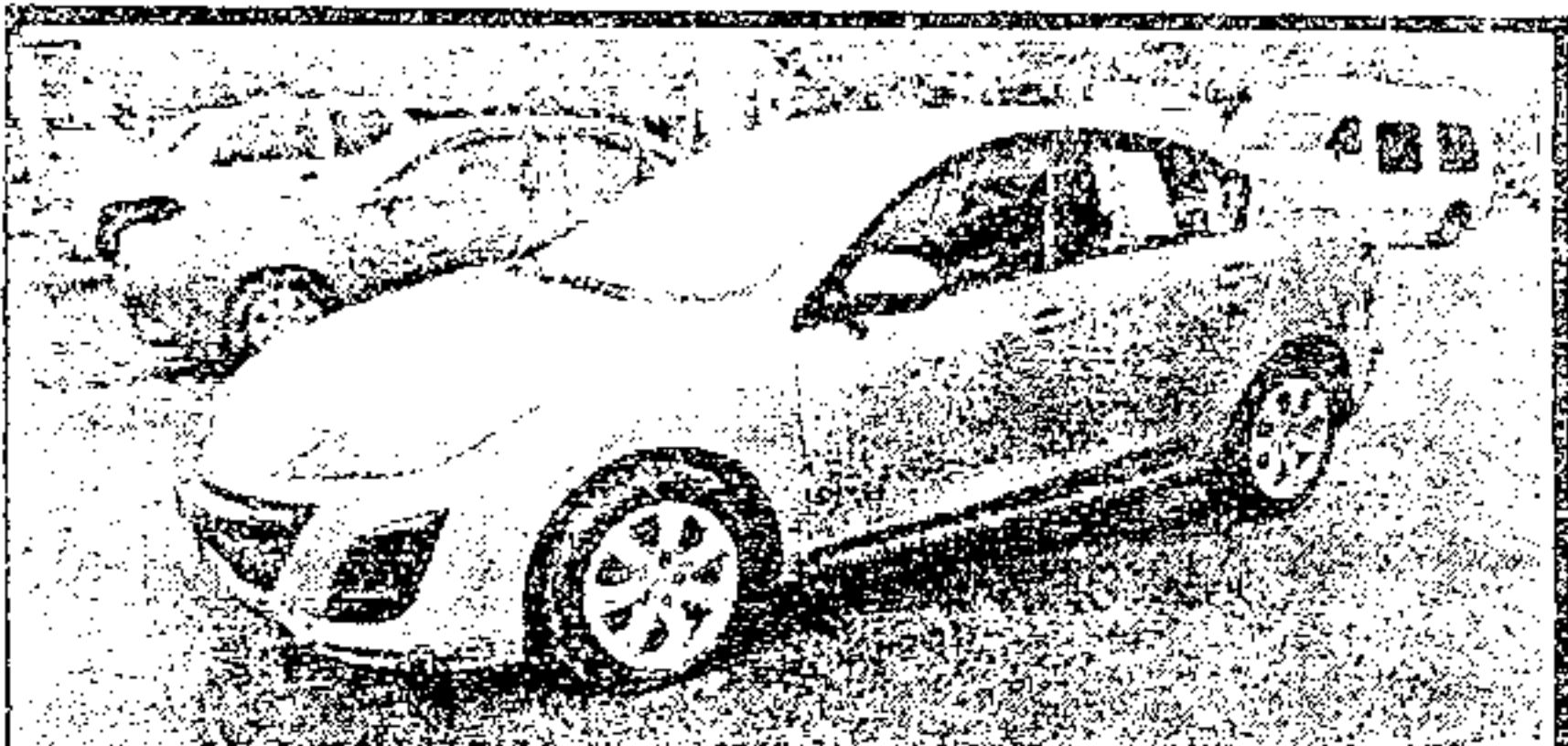
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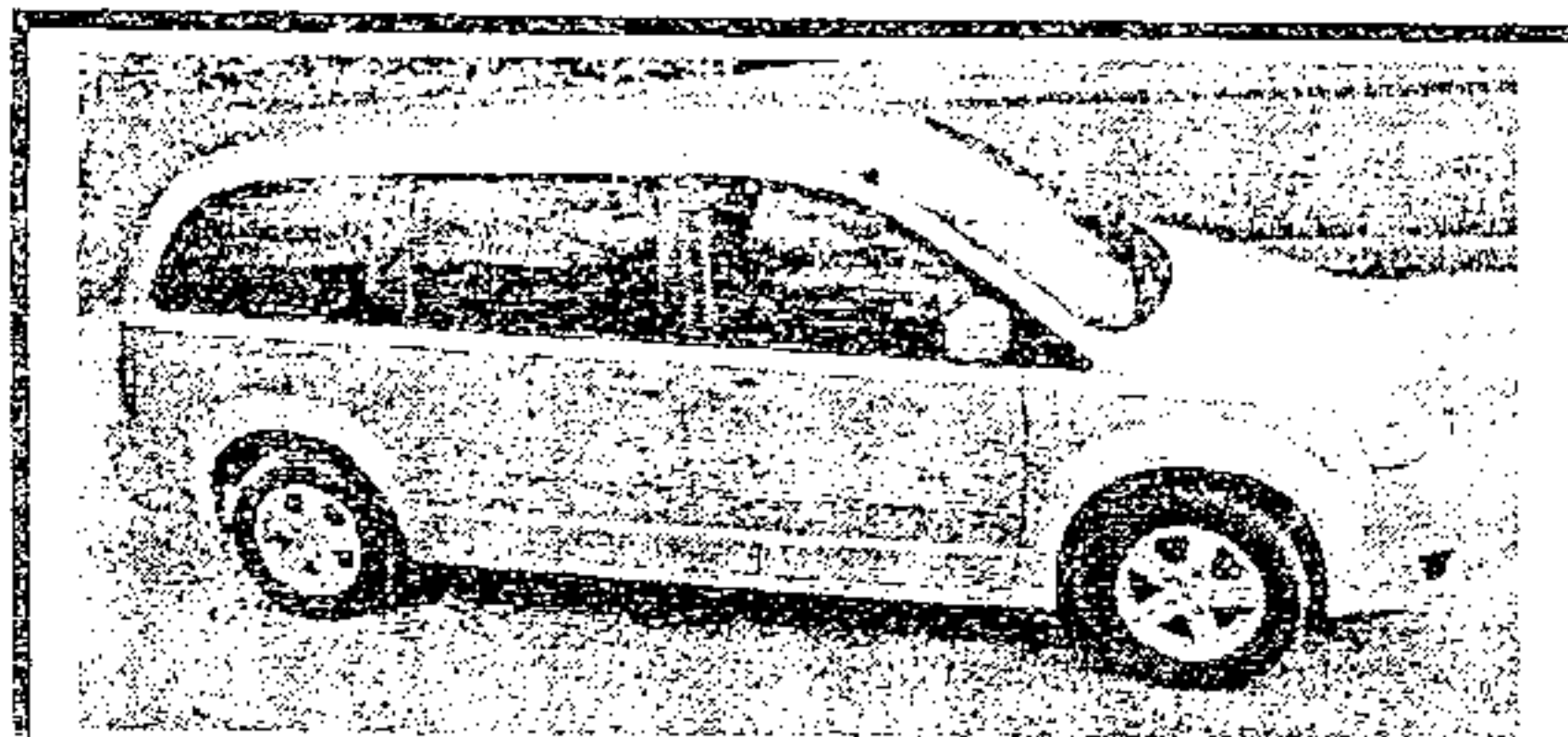
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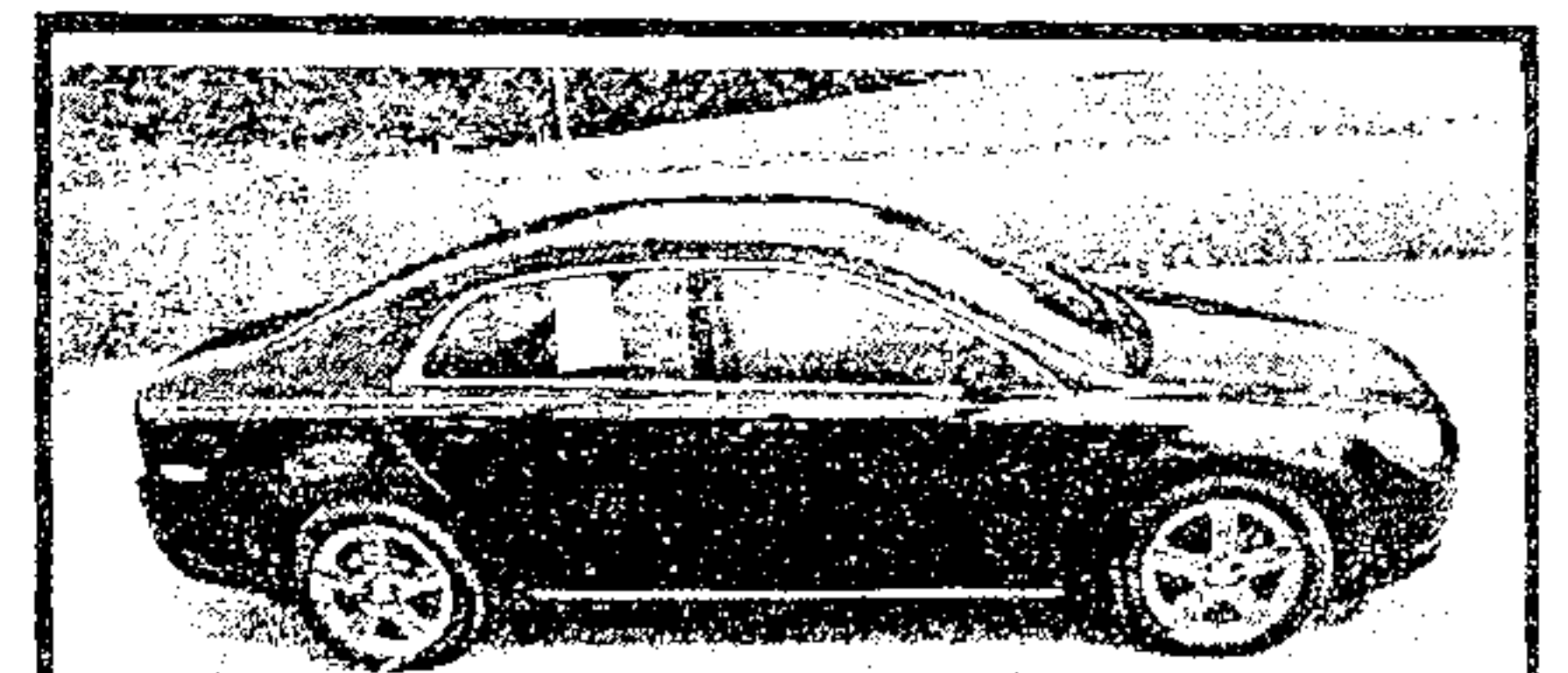
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“Hartman’s Lose Your Mother traces transatlantic slavery’s continued impact on the author and Black Americans, in general,” Commander said. “The institution of slavery is often described as the United States’ original sin, as it set the stage for what followed, including lynching, Jim Crow legislation, the denial of full citizenship rights to Black Americans, and other race-related injustices.”

“By visiting and researching at the vestiges of slavery that exist on Ghana’s coastline, Hartman catalogs the history of dispossession and loss experienced by enslaved Black people and their descendants, Commander said, “illuminating how they became outsiders within the United States and effective strangers to their perceived kin throughout Africa.”

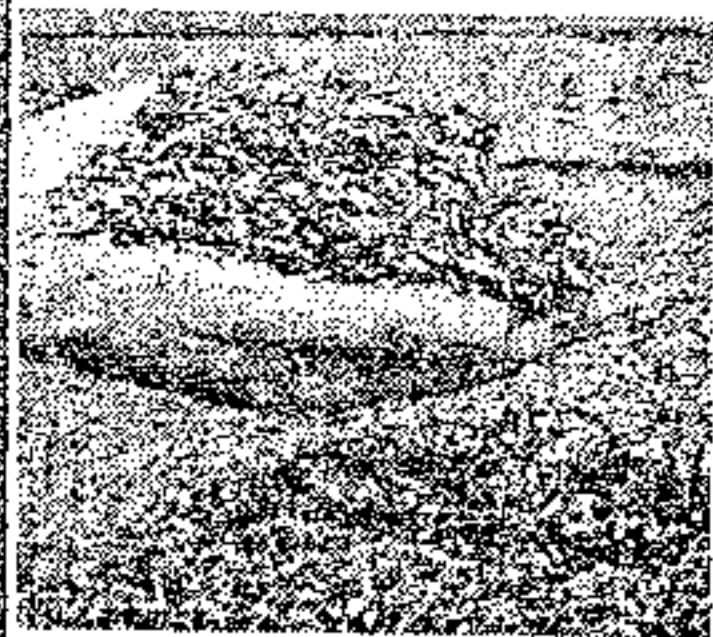
“Lose Your Mother compels us to question which histories the nation elects to memorialize, and the validity of narratives of American progress, and how shame and silence reverberate across the Atlantic,” Commander said.

Michelle D. Commander received her Ph.D. in American Studies and Ethnicity from the University of Southern California. She spent the 2012-2013 school year in Accra, Ghana, as a Fulbright Lecturer/Researcher,

where she taught at the University of Ghana and completed follow-up ethnographic research for her book manuscript, Afro-Atlantic Speculation: Imagined Africas, Flight, and the Black Fantastic.

Books Sandwiched In continues on August 19, when Nate Allen, Knoxville Deputy Chief of Police, will discuss 400 Things Cops Know: Street Smart Lesson from a Veteran Patrolman by Adam Plantinga. On September 16, Knoxville Attorney Rob Frost will discuss Where Nobody Knows Your Name: Life in the Minor Leagues of Baseball by John Feinstein. On October 21, Knox County Commissioner Amy Broyles will discuss A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future by Daniel Pink.

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he could not understand why she would call 911. After further investigation it was determined that Mr. Tanner Wilkerson was the primary aggressor due to victim having a scrape on her right thigh. No signs of any injury were scene on Mr. Wilkerson. Both victim and complainant agreed to write statements. Mr. Tanner Wilkerson would not write a state-

ment. Mr. Tanner Wilkerson was transported to the Loudon County Jail. Deputy Ben Everett LCSO, made the arrest.

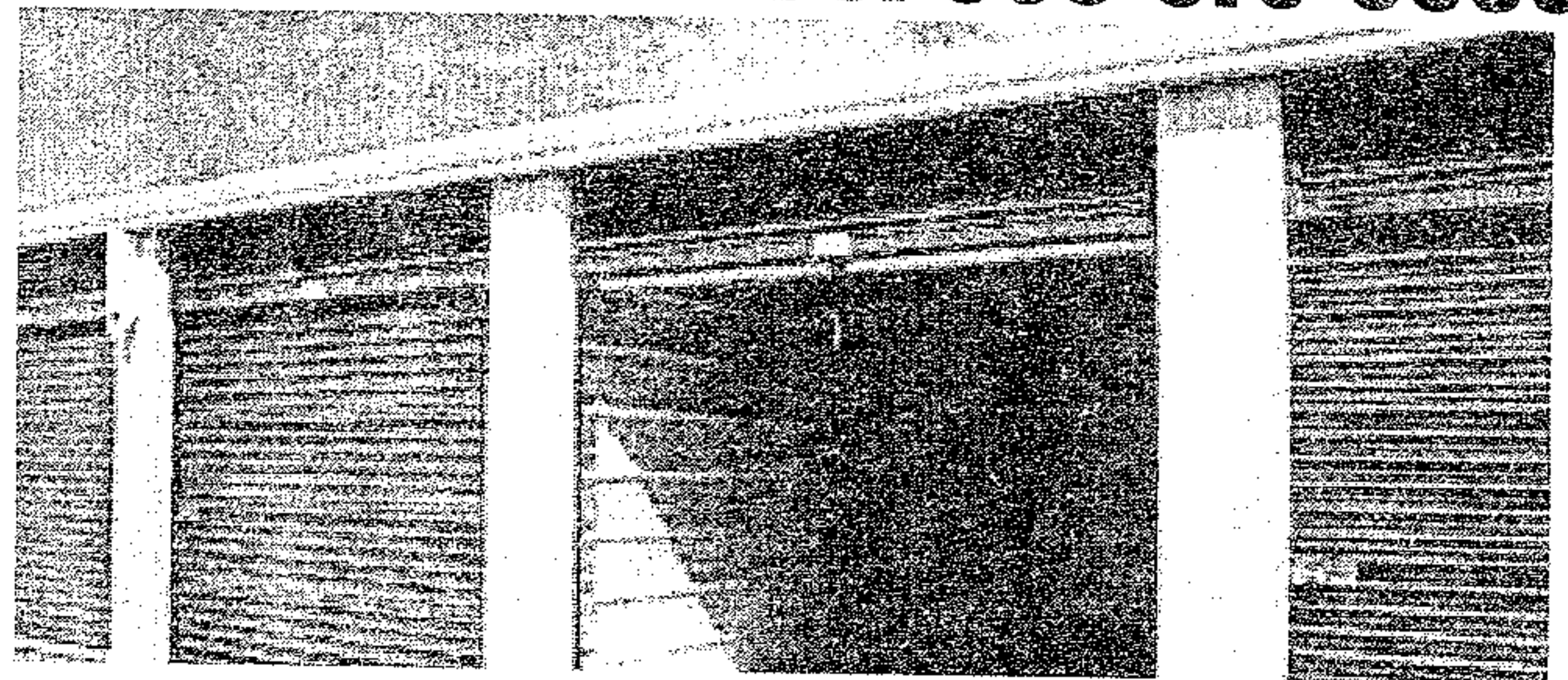
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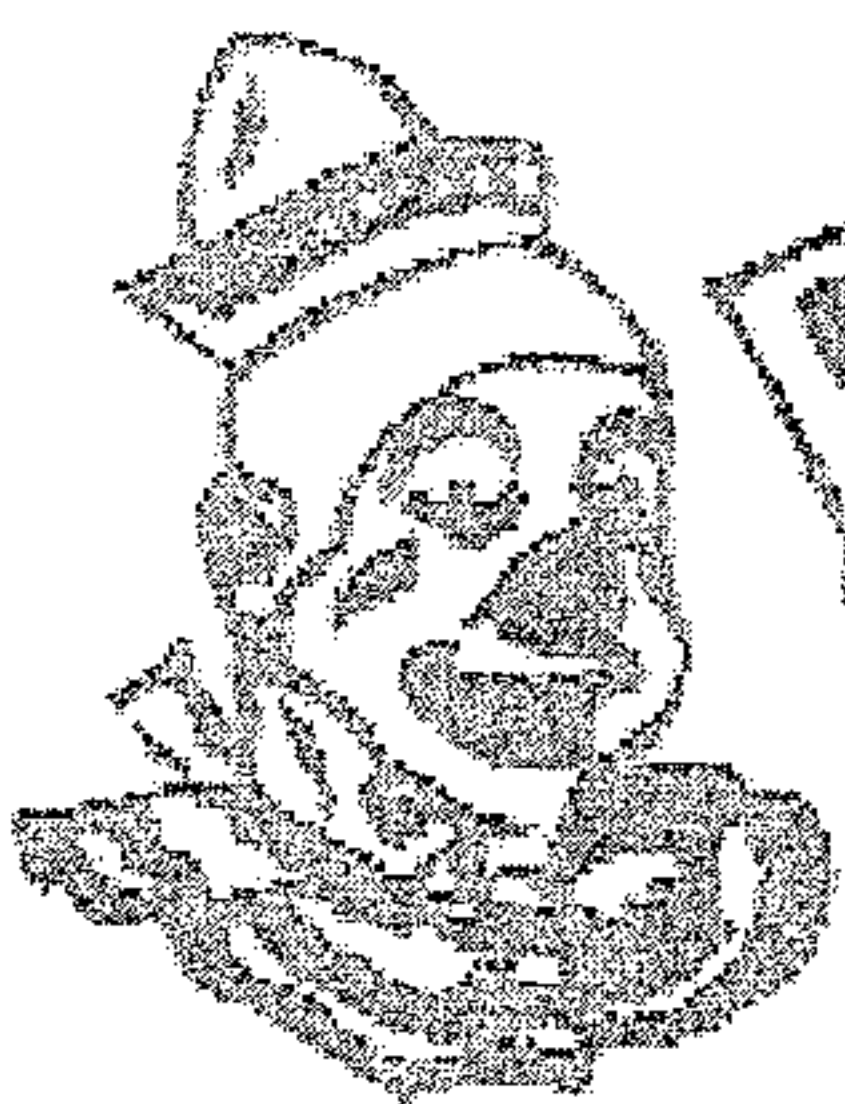
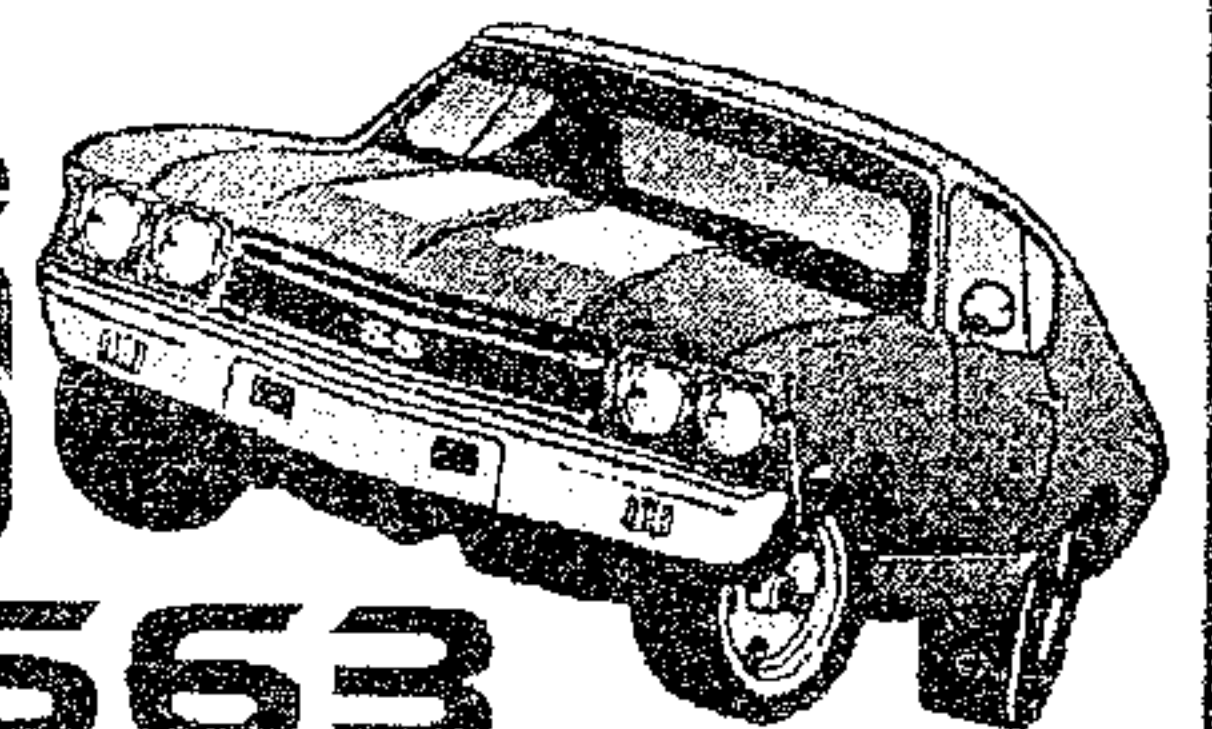
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**Indicted**

Sgt. Hurt's vehicle.

In at least one instance, Sgt. Hurt acknowledged that he "renegotiated" and reduced the cash settlement ordered by the Department of Safety from \$5,000 down to \$1,500. Sgt. Hurt also altered records, failed to record or receipt the majority of the cash, and made a false entry in police department records in an apparent attempt to conceal his activities.

On July 1, 2015, Michael Hurt was indicted by the Hamblen County Grand Jury on two counts of theft over \$1,000, one count of theft under \$500, and one count of official misconduct.

"I find it particularly troublesome when an officer of the law chooses to engage in dishonest activity," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "It is important that police departments and other government entities understand the risks associated with handling cash in day-to-day operations."

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

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**Senate Committees Briefed on Going Dark Impact**

Director Comey appeared before two separate U.S. Senate committees to speak on the Going Dark issue, a growing challenge to public safety and national security that has eroded law enforcement's ability to obtain electronic information and evidence with a court order or a warrant.

First, before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Comey—along with U.S. Department of Justice Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates—continued the public discourse on the Going Dark issue, which involves the impact of emerging technologies on the ability of law enforcement to use lawful investigative tools and follow critical leads. "The benefits of our increasingly digital lives," according

to Comey, "have been accompanied by new dangers, and we have been forced to consider how criminals and terrorists might use advances in technology to their advantage." He said that the FBI is seeing a growing number of cases—from homicides and kidnappings to drug trafficking,

financial fraud, and child exploitation—where critical evidence is coming from smartphones, computers, and online communications.

Before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Comey focused specifically on how terrorist groups, including ISIL, use

technology such as social media to communicate in order to both inspire and recruit. While some of these conversations take place on publicly accessed social networking sites, others take place over encrypted private messaging platforms. And, as Comey explained,

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**Enough**

Richard Brotherton, 40, Corinth Church Road Loudon, was charged with Public Intoxication.

Christy Whisenhut, 34, Reeds Spring Church Road Philadelphia, was charged with Public Intoxication.

Officer Kenny Ridings LPD, responded to the Dairy Mart, Loudon to a woman inside the

store trying to buy beer that could hardly stand up and a male sitting in the parking lot his head up. Upon arrival Officer made contact with the couple identified as Christy Whisenhut, and Richard Brotherton. Both were unsteady on their feet, slurred speech. Both were placed under arrest and transported to Loudon Jail. Officer Kenny

Ridings LPD, made the arrest

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these "changing forms of communication are quickly outpacing laws and technology designed to allow for the lawful intercept of communication content."

Of the Going Dark issue, Comey and Yates said that the Department of Justice and

the FBI must work with Congress, industry, academics, privacy groups, and others to come up with an approach that addresses multiple and competing legitimate concerns. "But," they added, "we can all agree that we will need ongoing honest and informed public debate about how best to protect liberty and security in both our laws and our technology."

**Oregon allowing 15 year-olds to get state subsidized sex-change operations**

By Dan Springer  
FoxNews.com

The list of things 15-year olds are not legally allowed to do in Oregon is long Drive, smoke, donate blood get a tattoo -- even go to a tanning bed.

But, under a first-in-the-nation policy quietly enacted in January that many parents are only now finding out about, 15-year-olds are now allowed to get a sex-change operation. Many residents are stunned to learn they can do it without parental notification -- and the state will even pay for it through its Medicaid program, the Oregon Health Plan.

"It is trespassing on the hearts, the minds, the bodies of our children," said Lor Porter of Parents' Rights in Education. "They're our children. And for a decision a life-altering decision like that to be done unbeknownst to a parent or guardian, it's mindboggling."

In a statement, Oregon Health Authority spokeswoman Susan Wickstrom explained it this way: "Age of medical consent varies by state. Oregon law -- which applies to both Medicaid and non-Medicaid Oregonians -- states that the age of medical consent is 15."

While 15 is the medical age of consent in the state the decision to cover sex-change operations specifically was made by the Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC).

Members are appointed by the governor and paid by the state of Oregon. With no public debate, HERC changed its policy to include cross-sex hormone therapy, puberty-suppressing drugs and gender-reassignment surgery as covered treatments for people with gender dysphoria, formally known as gender identity disorder.

HERC officials refused repeated requests by Fox News for an interview and even gave Fox News inaccurate information about the medical director's work schedule.

Oregon Health Authority officials directed Fox News to their website. It shows

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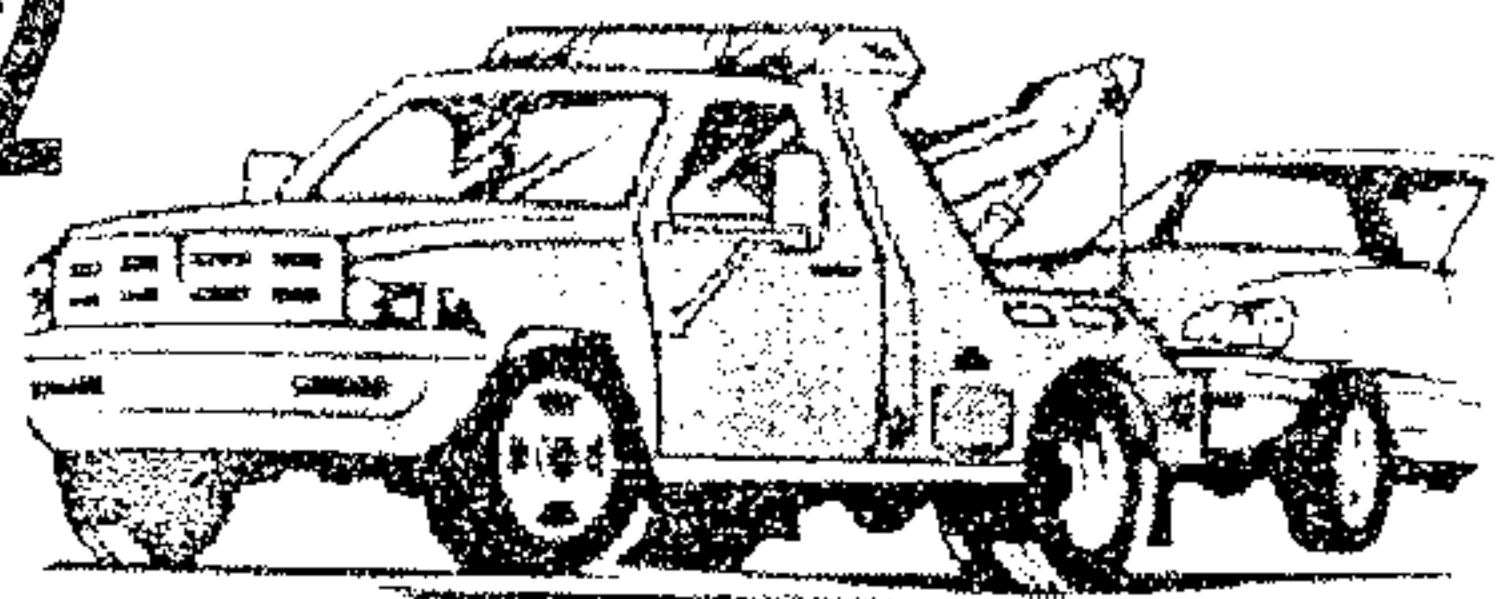
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Eugene Akins, 63, Rest Camp Road Lenoir City, was charged with Public Intoxication.

Deputy TJ Scarbrough was dispatched to a intoxicated person in the area of Restcamp Rd. On arrival Deputy came into contact with Mr. Eugene Ray Akins, in the roadway on Restcamp Rd. Mr. Akins had a strong smell of a alcoholic beverage emitting from his person, slurred speech, and unsteady on his feet. Mr. Akins was yelling at his neighbors and cursing at them. Mr. Akins is a danger to himself and a nuisance to the Public in his condition. Mr. Eugene R. Akins did ver-

bally admit to drinking six to eight beers this morning. Mr. Eugene Ray Akins is being charged with Public Intoxication. Deputy TJ Scarbrough LCSO, made the arrest.

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transgender policy was discussed at four meetings in 2014. It was passed without any opposition or even discussion about teenagers' new access to undergoing a sex change.

Gender dysphoria is classified by the American Psychiatric Association as a mental disorder in which a person identifies as the sex opposite of his or her birth. It is rare, affecting one out of every 20,000 males and one out of every 50,000 females.

According to a 2008 study published in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, "most children with gender dysphoria will not remain gender dysphoric after puberty."

Dr. Paul McHugh, who led the Johns Hopkins Psychiatry Department and still practices, said Oregon's policy amounts to child abuse. "We have a very radical and even mutilating treatment being offered to children without any evidence that the long-term outcome of this would be good," McHugh said.

Dr. Jack Drescher, a member of the APA who worked on the Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders Work Group, says treatment for gender dysphoria has received a lot more attention in recent years. He said this year New York changed its policy to cover cross-sex hormone drugs and sex-reassignment surgery for Medicaid recipients who are at least 18 years old. He thinks Oregon is offering the treatment too early.

"Children age 15 may not fully understand all the consequences of the procedures they are undergoing," he said.

Jenn Burleton disagrees. She underwent a sex-reassignment surgery and started the Portland non-profit group TransActive. She said requir-

ing parental consent would lead to more suffering and teen suicide attempts.

"Parents may not be supportive," Burleton said. "They may not be in an environment where they feel the parent will affirm their identity, this may have been going on for years."

The science is unsettled. A 2010 Murad study concluded "very low quality evidence suggests sex reassignment ... improves gender dysphoria and overall quality of life." The authors admitted the evidence was "sparse and inconclusive."

Lisa Maloney, a parent and Scappoose, Ore., School Board member, is outraged.

"To know that taxpayers are now on the hook for that, that a child can do that without their parent's knowledge or information or consent, parents have absolutely no say, that's appalling," Maloney said.

The Oregon Health Authority could not say how many Medicaid recipients have been treated for gender dysphoria since the new policy took effect in January. Oregon has 935,000

people enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan. HERC assumes between 14 and 112 of them may be gender dysphoric. It estimates the total cost of adding cross-sex hormone therapy, puberty-suppressing drugs and sex reassignment surgeries to the coverage will be no more than \$150,000 per year.

But HERC also believes the state will save money due to fewer suicide attempts. It estimates there will be one less suicide attempt per year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate the average cost per suicide attempt in the U.S. is \$7,230.

But Dr. McHugh says a sex-change operation, especially for young people with gender dysphoria, is never appropriate.

"We can help them if we begin to explore with them and their families what they're fearing about development, what they're fearing about being a young boy, young adolescent appropriate to themselves."

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