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Wednesday, August 26, 2015

DUI for suspended driver after expired tag stop by LCSO

Joel Patterson, 43, Depew Drive Loudon, was charged with DUI, Driving on Suspended License, Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, conducted a traffic stop on Ford Ranger for an expired tag and Officer observed the vehicle about rear end another vehicle traveling (see Suspended pg. 7)



Joel Patterson

DUI for woman in Loudon



Amber Miller
(see DUI pg. 5)

Reward for Kidnapping and Extortion Subjects

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$20,000 for information leading to the identification and arrests of the subjects of these investigations.

The FBI, along with the Knoxville Police Department, Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Oak Ridge Police Department are requesting the public's assistance

in identifying and locating individuals responsible for the kidnapping and extortion involving the Y-12 Federal Credit Union and the kidnapping and extortion involving the SmartBank.

On April 28, 2015, at approximately 8:15 a.m., a Y-12 Federal Credit Union employee and his family

(see Reward pg. 2)

New Map Illustrates Higher Education Attainment in TN

The Comptroller's Offices of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) has created a new map on its website focusing on higher education in Tennessee.

The color-coded map indicates which Tennessee counties have the highest and lowest percentage of adult residents who have attained at least an Associate's

Degree.

The Higher Education map also includes school district and county information related to ACT scores, graduation rates, and college going rates.

OREA created the map using the latest data available from the Tennessee Department of Education, Tennessee

(see Map pg. 4)

Four more sentenced on A-PVP conspiracy charges

Ronnie Lee Shelton, 43, and Brenda Lee Bolton, 46, both of Greeneville, Tenn., Eric Matthew Vance, 33, of Blountville, Tenn., and Geri Kim Ward, 33, of Church Hill, Tenn., were sentenced between August 18 and August 20, 2015, by the Honorable R. Leon Jordan, U.S. District Court Judge, to federal prison terms of 235 months, 95 months, 135 months and 78 months respectively.

These sentences were a result of their roles in an extensive a-PVP (alpha-pyrrolidinopentio-phene) distribution conspiracy centered in northeast Tennessee, southwest Virginia and western North Carolina. Both Shelton and Vance were also convicted for possessing a firearm in furtherance of their a-PVP trafficking.

A-PVP is a synthetic drug, primarily ordered from China, which is

(see A-PVP pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. — Acts 3:19

Obituaries

see inside
Wazzup

It was great seeing ya again Elijah it's been too long brother!

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny

skies. High 82F. Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low near 60F. Thursday A mainly sunny sky. High around 85F. Thursday Night Clear skies. Low 61F.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22
You may have a pressing

need to tell someone exactly how you feel, especially if you're motivated by a romantic attraction. You would prefer to let your love light shine all the time, but often you turn it down low for the

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Reward

were kidnapped from their residence and held hostage at gunpoint. While the family was held hostage, the employee was coerced to attempt to remove money from the Y-12 Federal Credit Union, located at 501 Lafayette Drive, Oak Ridge, TN. After the robbery, the employee's fam-

ily members were released unharmed at the Gettysville Country Club parking lot in Knoxville, TN. The suspects fled and remain at large.

On Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at approximately 8:00 a.m., a SmartBank employee and his family were kidnapped from their residence and held hostage at gunpoint.

The employee and his family were taken to the SmartBank, located at 202 Advantage Place, Knoxville, TN. While at the bank, the employee was coerced to remove an undisclosed amount of money which

was provided to the robbers. The employee was then left at the bank and his family was released unharmed a short time later at the end of Pipkin Lane in West Knox County. The suspects fled

(see Reward ctd. pg. 7)

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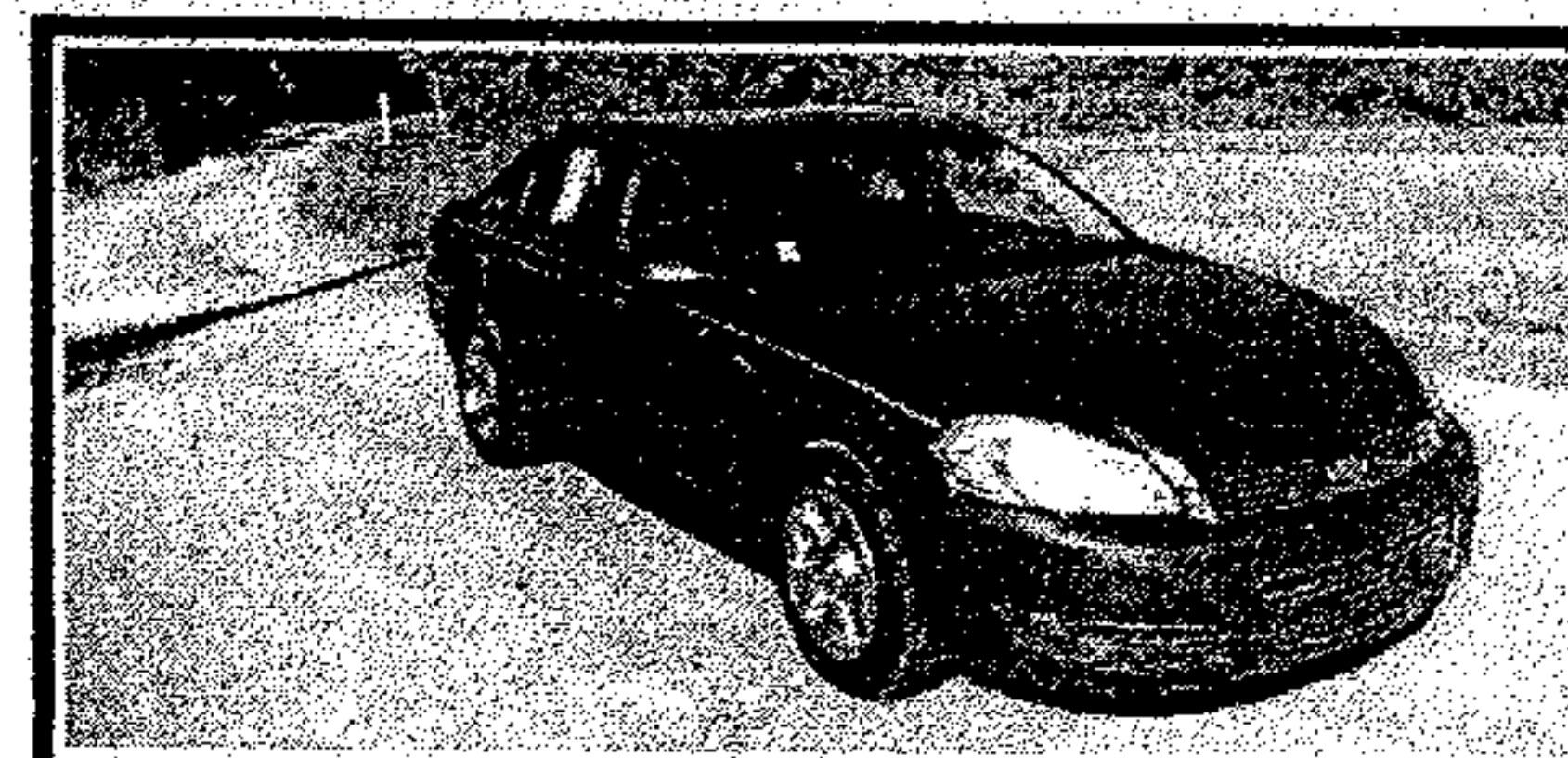
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A-PVP

commonly referred to on the street as "gravel" or "flakka." Common effects on users include: extreme paranoia; hallucinations; elevated blood pressure; extremely high body temperature; excited delirium; staying awake for days; hostility and having exceptional strength without apparent fatigue. These are many of the characteristics of the drug that make it very dangerous for the user but also for law enforcement responding to people who are high on it. A-PVP has been referred to by users of the substance as "meth on steroids."

According to the plea agreements signed and filed with the district court clerk's office, the combined aggregate total of a-PVP stipulated to by Shelton, Bolton, Vance and Ward was approximately 37,000 grams. Shelton admitted to being accountable for 20,000 grams of that total. Shelton was initially ar-

rested in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., in January 2014, in a vehicle that contained approximately 530 grams of a-PVP and a loaded .40 caliber handgun. A few months later, in early May 2014, he escaped from the Greene County Jail. In numerous jail recorded conversations, Shelton conspired with several other people to plan the escape and admitted that he wanted to escape because he was facing a long sentence on federal gravel charges.

Vance was arrested in March 2014 after a hit and run incident in Unicoi County, Tenn. A subsequent search of Vance revealed a loaded .380 handgun and 11 baggies containing approximately 50 grams of a-PVP. Each was baggie was individually wrapped and

had the names of individuals, dates and weights on them. Shelton, Bolton, Vance and Ward all made repeated trips to North Carolina to obtain a-PVP and transported it back to the Eastern District of Tennessee for resale.

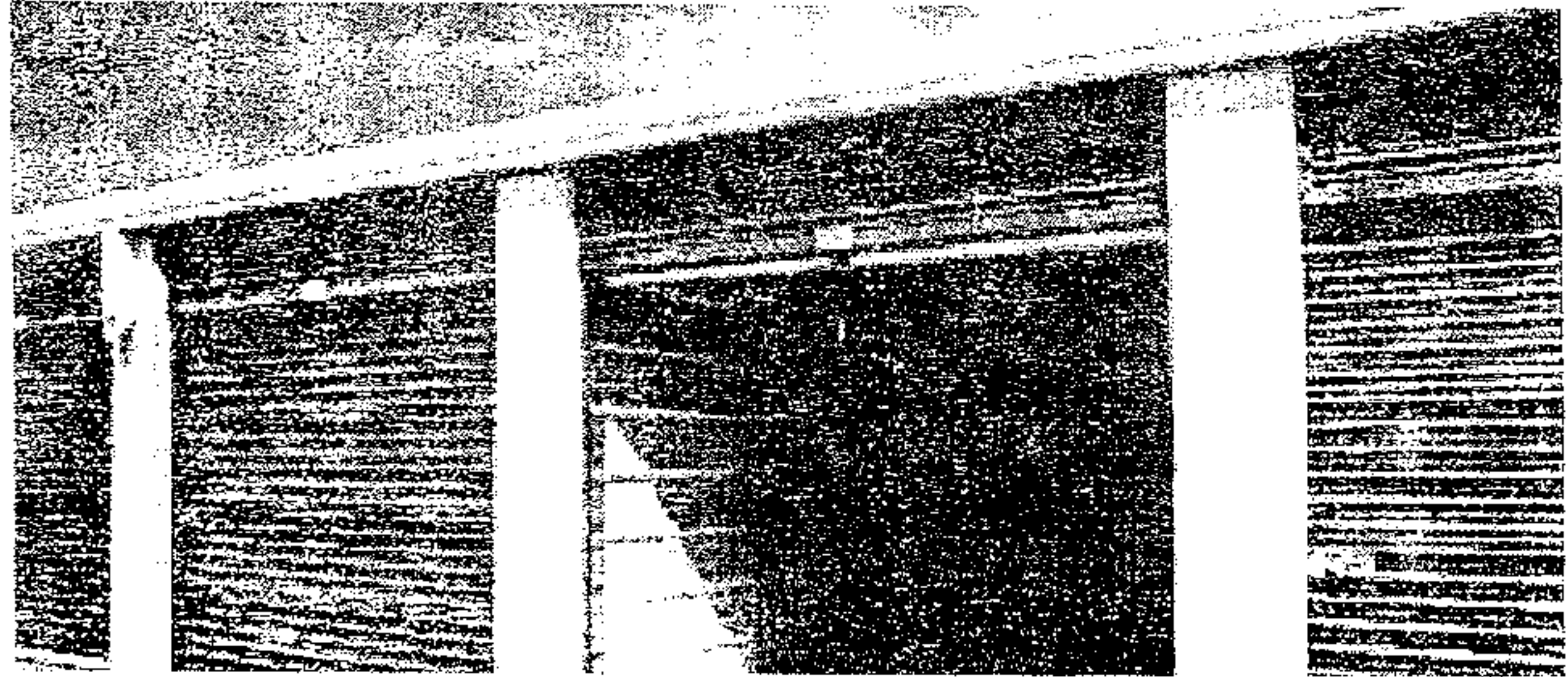
Others who have been previously sentenced in this a-PVP trafficking investigation include Richard McNeal Hillman, Austin Michael Stallard, Johnny Michael Stallard, De-

sera Jade Allen, Phillip Wayne Mullins, Johnny White, Michael Ray Mangum and Evelyn Vickers, who were sentenced to serve 188 months, 121 months, 180 months, 151 months, 151 months, 120 months, 120 months and 110 months in federal prison respectively.

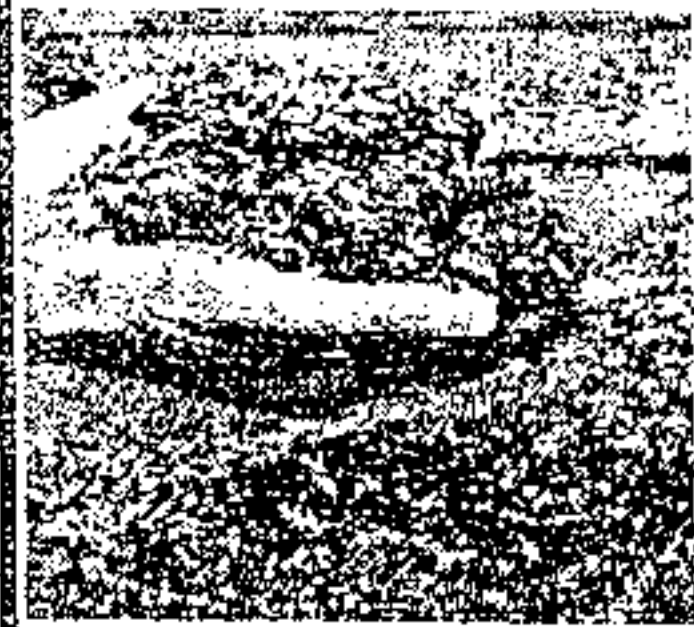
Law enforcement agencies participating in this investigation include the Drug Enforce-

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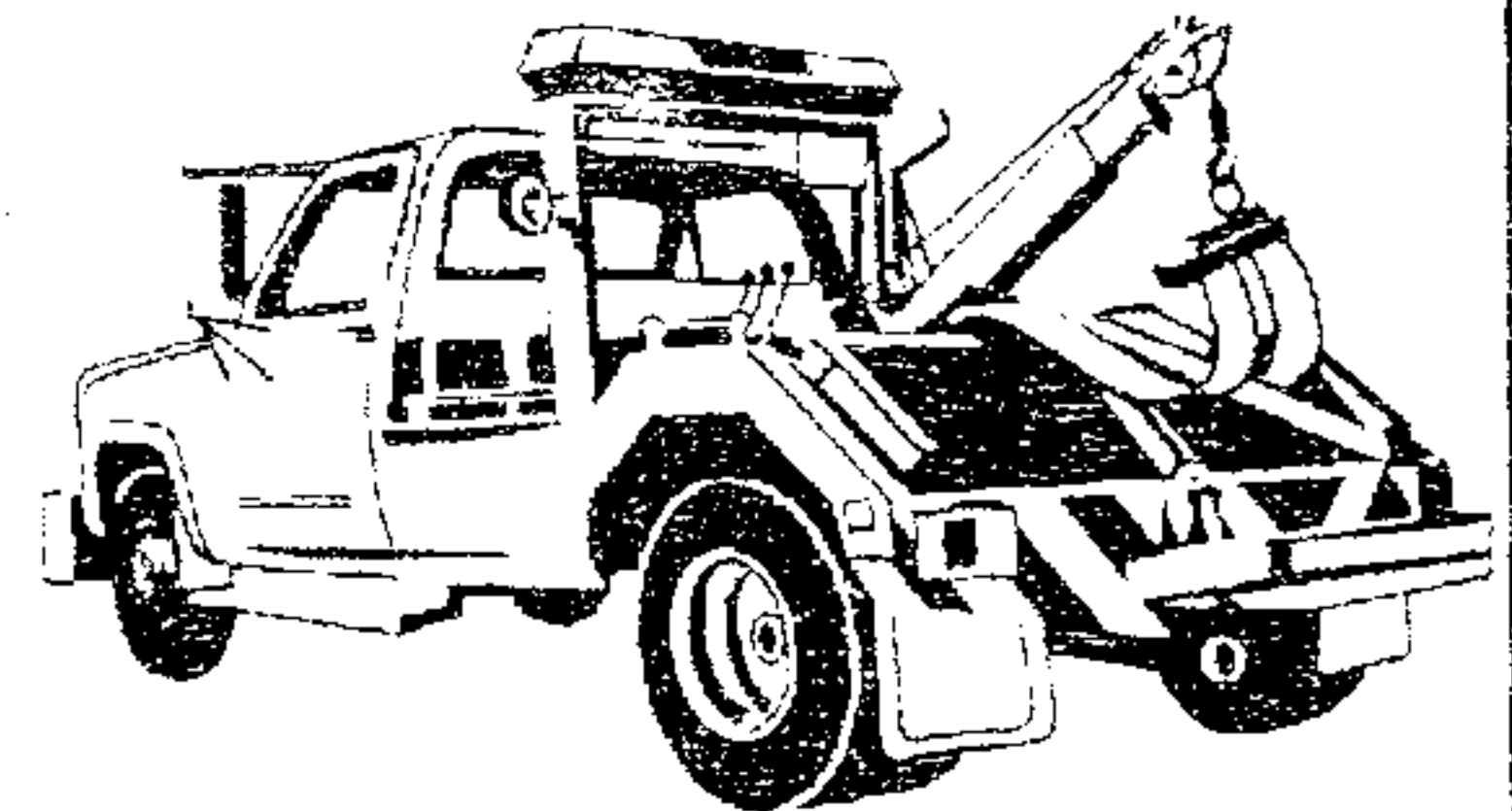
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Map

see Higher Education Commission and the U.S. Census Bureau.

"This map is an excellent resource for anyone interested in learning more about higher education attainment in Tennessee," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "This map can also help measure the positive progress being made to meet Governor Haslam's challenge to have 55 percent of Tennesseans equipped with a college degree or certificate by 2025."

To view the Higher Education Attainment map go online.

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The polls are open. Movies on Market Square lineup belongs to the people.

Vote at any Knox County Public Library location or on www.knoxlib.org/movies

Knox County Public Library's Movies on Market Square is coming back for its 12th year. On September 11, the Library will launch the 2015 season of family-friendly outdoor movies. On five Friday nights from September 11-October 16*, the public is invited to bring the whole family, including their favorite, well behaved four-pawed, tail-wagging companion, to see

a free movie presented by Lusid Media.

The public will decide the lineup through an online vote at www.knoxlib.org/movies or at polling stations at all Knox County Public Library locations.

Contenders include movies in the following categories: Action-Adventure, Children's/Animation, Grab Bag, and Sports. Squaring off are Butch Cassidy and Miss Daisy, Penguins of Madagascar and Nanny McPhee, the Karate Kid and Spider-Man. May the best line up win.

Voting begins today and runs through August 28 at www.knoxlib.org/movies. The

winning lineup will be announced on September 3 on www.knoxlib.org and through media outlets.

Lusid Media, a fast-growing producer of cable network shows, has joined Knox County Public Library for the third year as the presenting sponsor of Movies on Market Square. "We love being a part of downtown Knoxville -- and the library is a great resource for our community -- so we're excited to help sponsor this event. What could be better than bringing our town together to enjoy some great movies and celebrate our great libraries," commented

Zak Weisfeld, president of Lusid Media.

Knox County Public Library could not produce this free outdoor movie series without the generous support of its sponsors: Lusid Media, Downtown Knoxville, The Trust Company, The Tomato Head, Pilot Flying J, the City of Knoxville, KUB, Springboard Audiovisual, GO Knoxville! WBIR, and B97.5.

The Library produces Movies on Market Square to highlight its vast movie and music collection. With over 13,000 titles of feature films, documentaries, TV shows, and how-to films, the movie collection is one of the most popular circulating col-

(see Library etd. pg. 8)



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DUI

Amber Miller, 20, Standifer Gap Chattanooga, was charged with DUI.

Officer Benny Houser LPD, while directing traffic on the river bridge for a vehicle accident when a vehicle traveling North kept approaching and ignored Officer trying to stop it. The Vehicle continued pass Officer and he had to move out of the

way. After stopping the vehicle Officer made contact with the driver Amber Starr Miller.

There was an odor of an intoxicant coming from the vehicle. Officer then ran Miss Miller's drivers license through the E911 center and there was a failure to appear warrant from Bradley County. Miss Miller had a strong odor of an intoxicant from her person and stated she had drank 1

beer. Miss Miller performed poorly on the field sobriety tests she was given. After getting Miss Miller to the jail she was read the implied consent and agreed, her BAC was .107.

Miss Miller stated that she had drank several shots of rum with the beer she had drank. There was 13 beers left in a 24 pack in the back driver's side of the vehicle.

Bradley County sent a hold for Miss Miller. The above incident happened in the city of Loudon. Officer Benny Houser LPD, made the arrest.

Jacob Letner, 20, Standifer Gap Chattanooga, was charged with Underage Consumption.

Officer Benny Houser LPD, after arresting, Amber Miller the driver of the vehicle for DUI Officer made

contact with the passenger Jacob Ryan Letner. Mr. Letner had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person and stated he had drank 4 beers. Mr. Letner is 20 years old. The above incident happened in the city of Loudon.

Officer Benny Houser LPD, made the arrest.

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ment Administration; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Homeland Security Investigations, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Kingsport Police Department, Hawkins County Sheriff's Department, Johnson City Police Department, Greeneville, Tennessee Police Department, Hendersonville, North Carolina Police Department, and Scott County, Virginia Sheriff's Office, all of which provided invaluable assistance during the course of the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Taylor represented the United States.

Law enforcement investigations have revealed that A-PVP began to appear in the Eastern District of Tennessee as early as 2012 and federal, state and local law enforcement immediately joined forces to combat this growing problem. Studies have shown that it is one of the most dangerous and addictive drugs available anywhere. The seriousness of these offenses is further aggravated by the propensity of many individuals involved in the sale of a-PVP to carry and use firearms.

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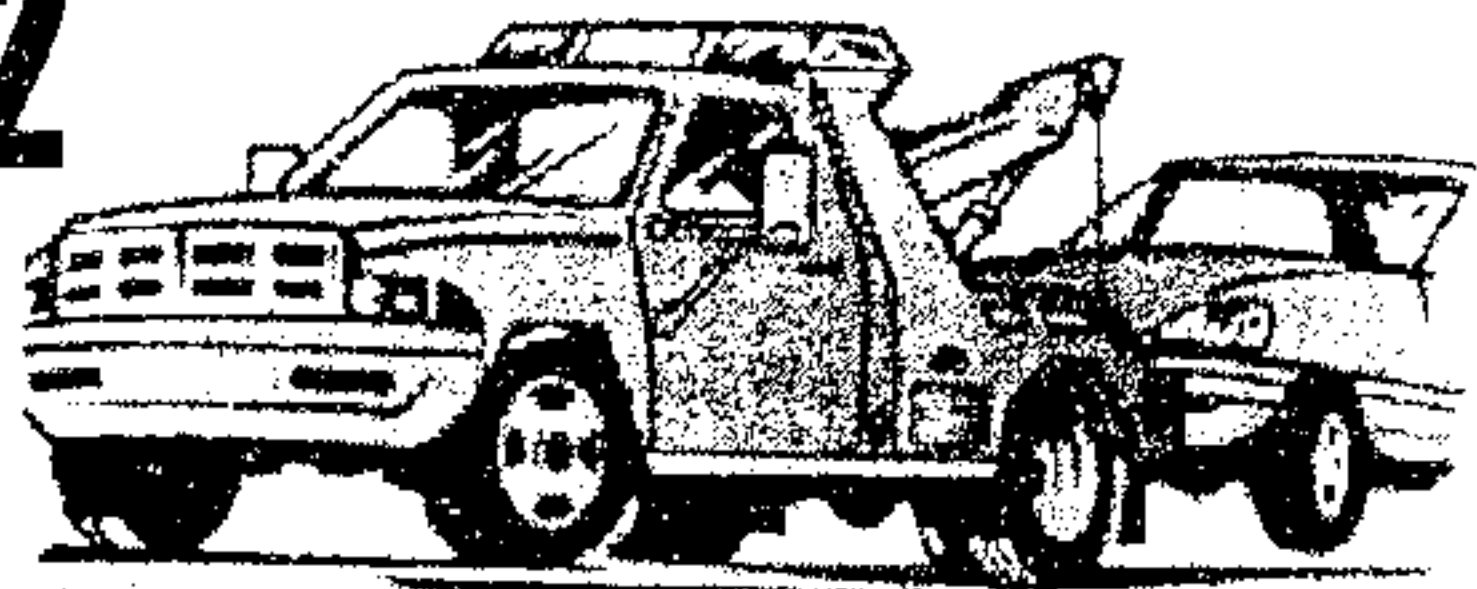
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 Upon approaching the vehicle Officer could detect a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the drivers person. The driver was identified as Joel Patterson and a check through dispatch by his TN DL showed his license was suspended. Mr. Patterson stated that he had not been consuming alcohol. Upon further questioning him about it he changed his story multiple times before admitting he consumed 3 shots of alcohol. Officer conducted field sobriety task on Mr. Patterson. Before beginning the task he stated that he did not have any medical conditions that would prevent him from performing the task. On the horizontal gaze

nystagmus tacks Officer observed lack of smooth pursuit, distinct and sustain nystagmus at maximum deviation, and onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees. On the 9 step walk and turn; he used his arms for balance, missed multiple steps, and made an improper turn.
 On the one leg stand he was unable to maintain his balance without using his arms. He put his foot down after 3 seconds and again at 13 seconds, and was swaying back and forth.
 Based on Officer investigation it was determined that Mr. Patterson with driving under the influence. While placing him in custody he stated that he also smoke marijuana tonight and that there was marijuana in the ve-

hicle. A search incident to arrest of the vehicle, Officer located a small amount of marijuana, 2 pipes, and a grinder.
 Mr Patterson was read the TN implied consent form and he agreed to a blood draw. He was transported to the Loudon County Hospital for the blood draw then transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. He was given a verbal warning on the registration violation. Mr Patterson is being charged with DUI, DOSL, Simple Poss., and Poss. Drug Para. This did occur in Lenoir City. End of report. Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, made the arrest.
Reward ctd. from pg. 2
 and remain at large. The subjects are de-

scribed as:
Male Subject A
 White
 Late 20's to Mid 30's
 Possibly Salt/Pepper Hair
 Tattoo on Neck with Orange Ink
 5' 11" to 6' 03"
 160 pounds
 Lean Build
 Black Face Mask
 Black Clothing
 Dark Baseball Hat
 Dark Sunglasses
Male Subject B
 White
 Possibly Mid - 30's
 Shaved Head
 5' 10" to 6'
 200 to 220 pounds
 Stocky Build
 Black Face Mask
 Dark Pants and Shirt
 Dark Baseball Hat
 Dark Sunglasses
 The investigative agencies are explor-

ing the possibility that these two events are related, based on similar subject descriptions and a similar method of operation.
 This matter is being investigated by the FBI, the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) as part of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, as well as the KPD Violent Crimes Unit, the KCSO Major Crimes Unit and the Oak Ridge Police Department.
 Anyone with information that may lead to the identification and/or location of the above subjects should contact the Knoxville FBI Office at 865-544-0751.

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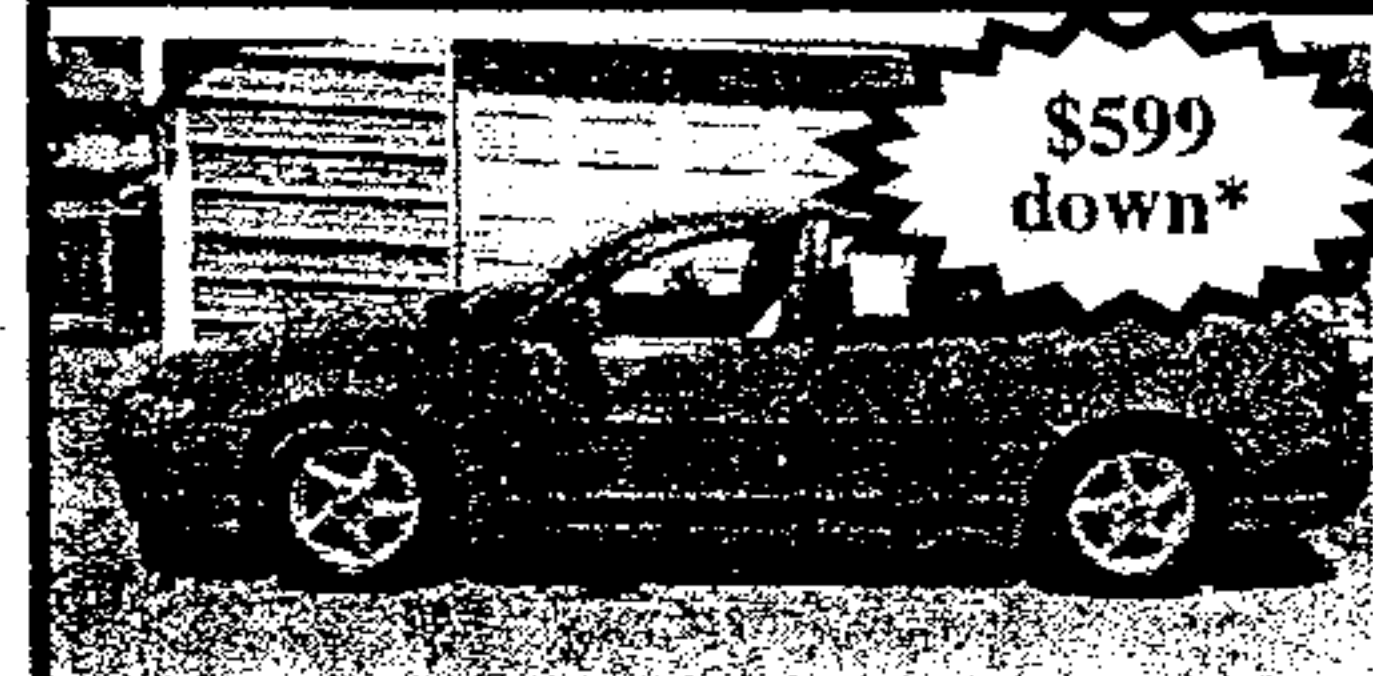
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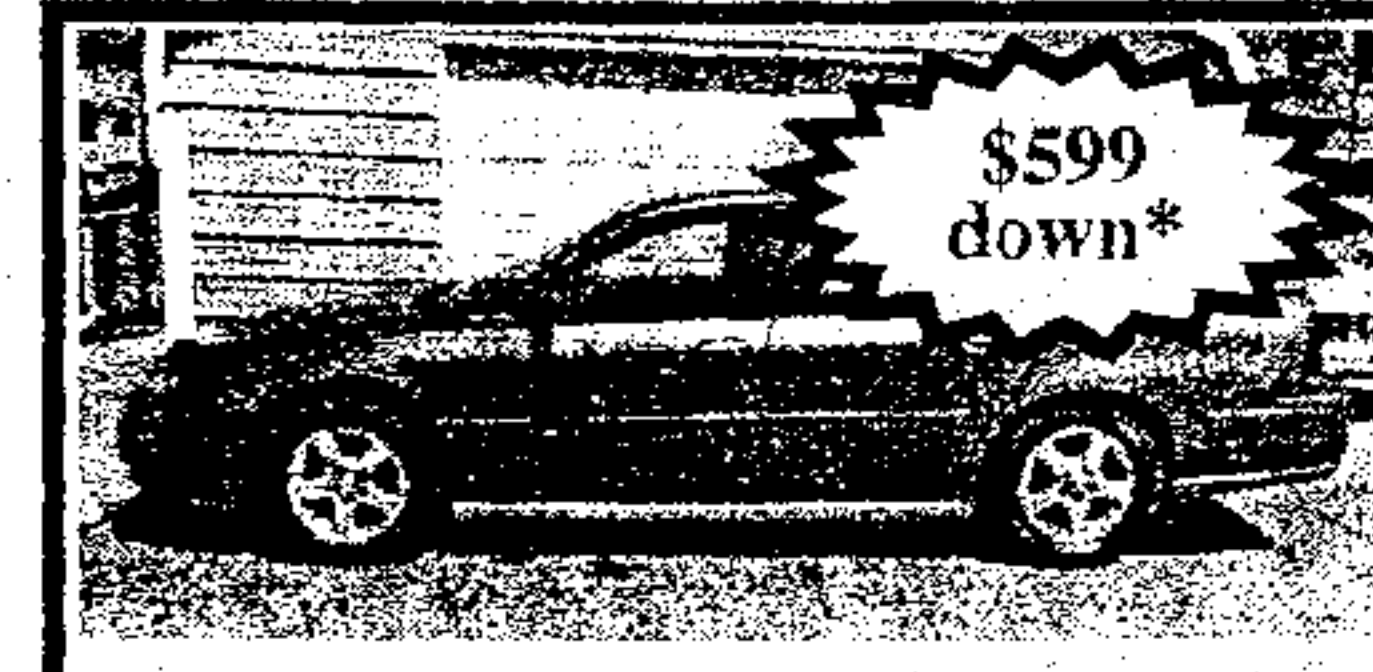
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For more information, please call (865) 215-8767 or visit www.knoxlib.org.

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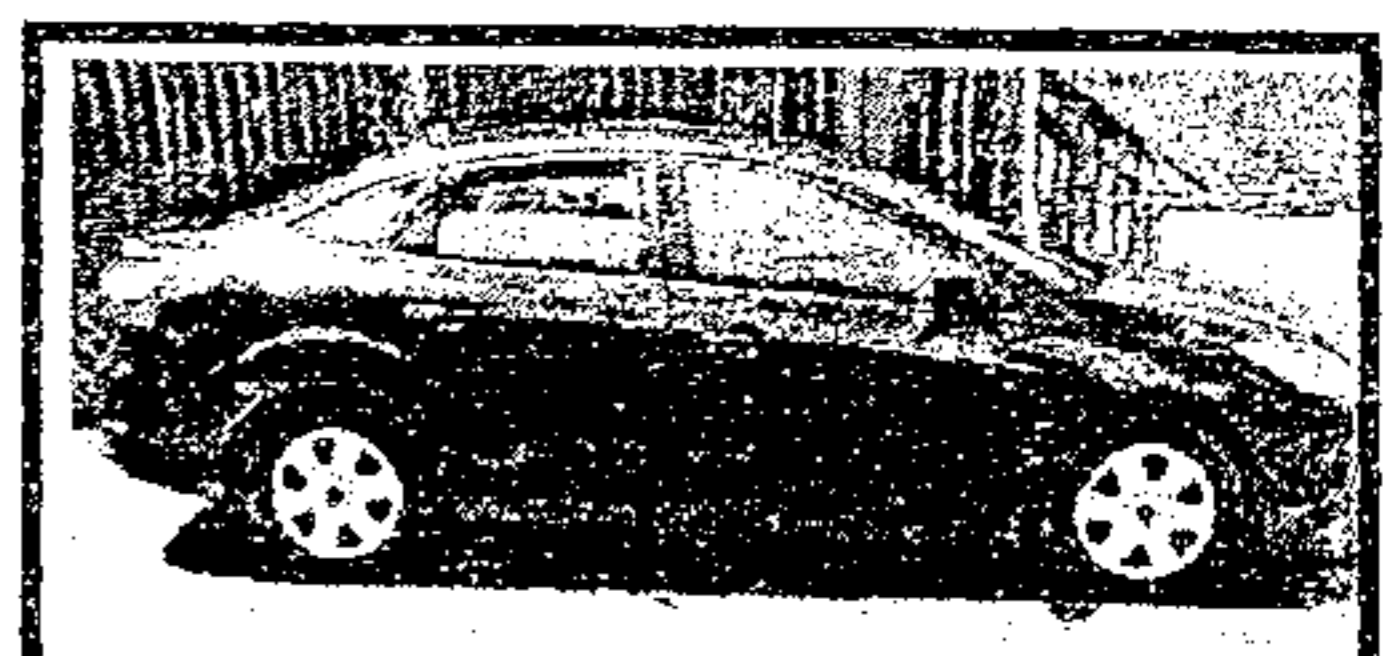
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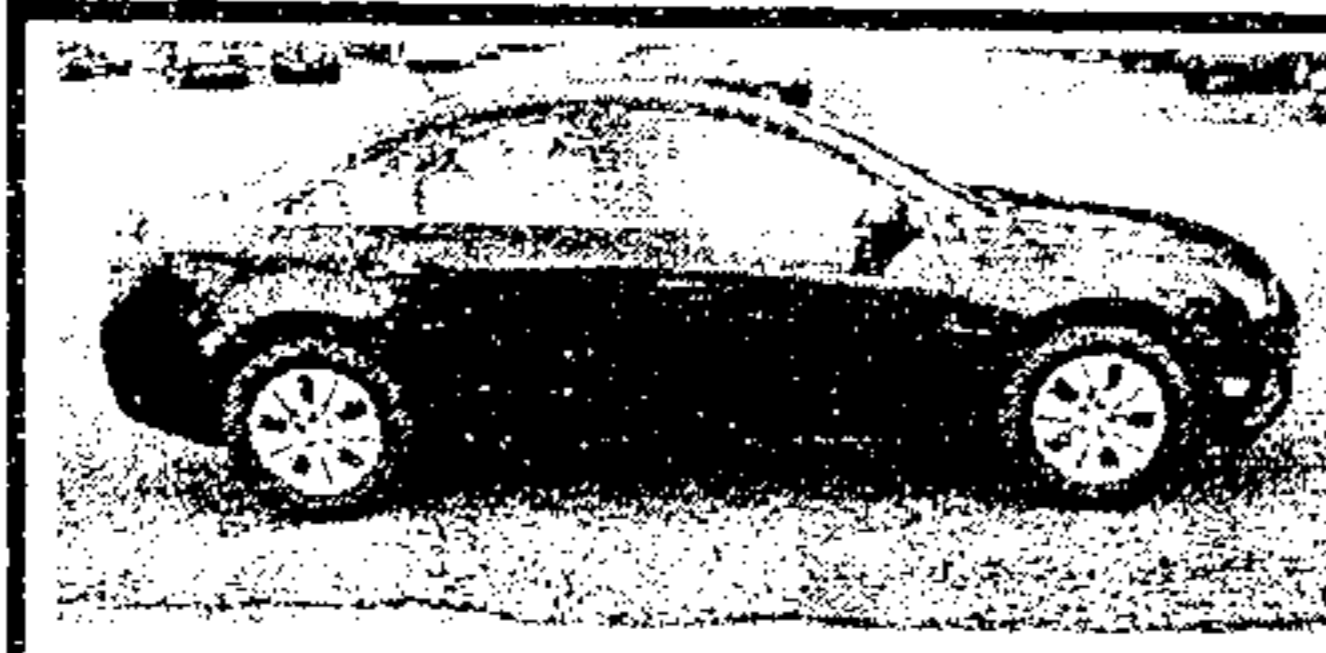
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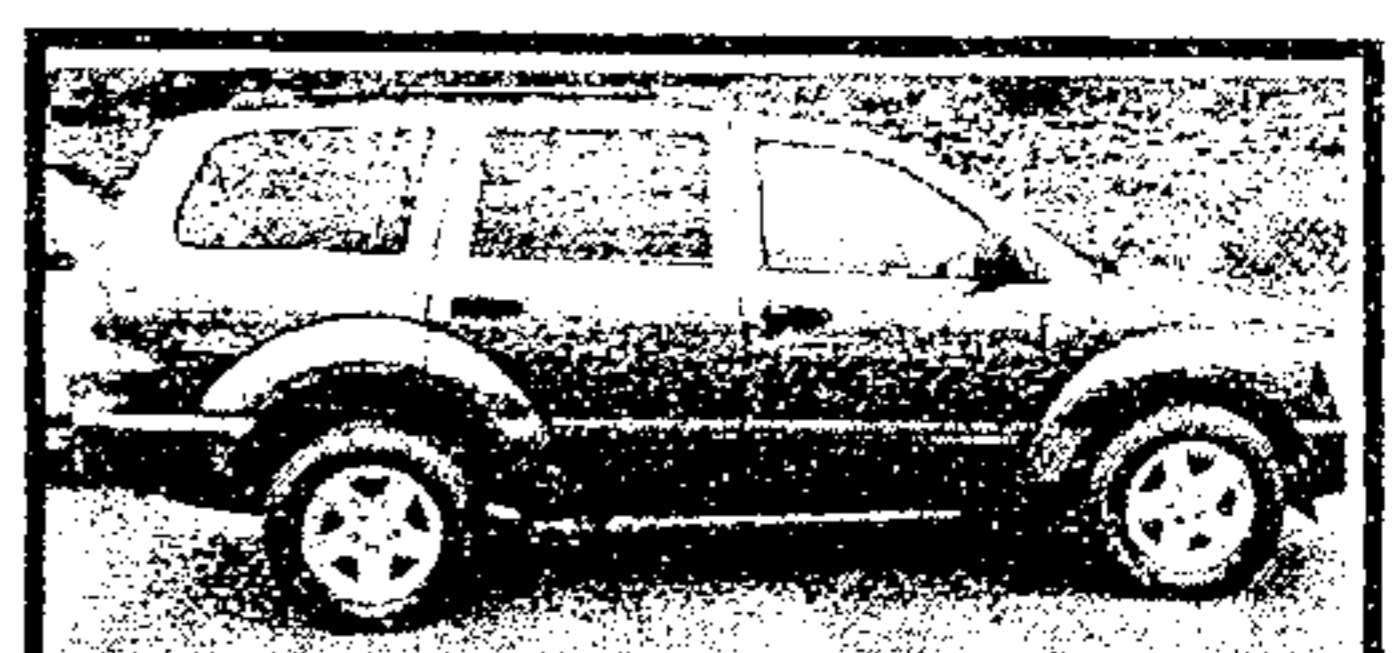
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