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Monday, August 31, 2015

Swerving vehicle ends with driver charged with DUI

Nader Gholzadeh, 38, Lanesbrough Way Knoxville, was charged with DUI, and Driving without a valid License. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, observed a black vehicle traveling on Lakeview Road. Deputy observed the vehicle ran the stop sign at Lakeview Rd. and Martel Rd., and then turned on Shaw

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Nader Gholzadeh

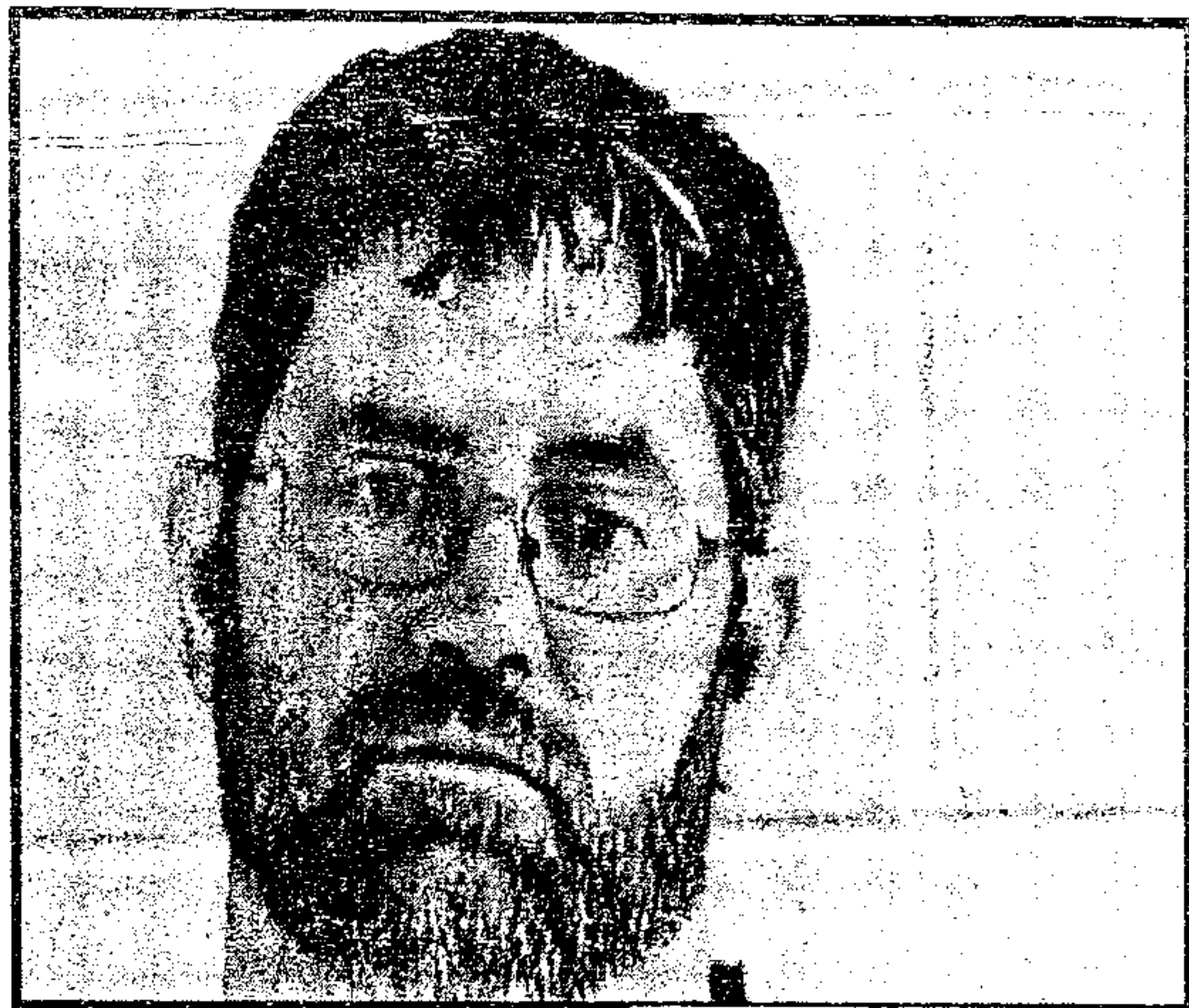
Theft warrants issued for LC man



Codee Edmonds

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Ldn man charged after unrational behavior



Giovanni Cook

(see Ldn pg. 2)

Pill mill operator sentenced to 280 years in prison

On August 27, 2015, Barbara Lang, a.k.a. "Aunt Bea," 61, of Rossville, Ga., was sentenced by the Honorable Curtis L. Collier, U.S. District Judge, to serve 280 years in federal prison.

After a 25-day trial that spanned almost

three months, Lang was convicted of two counts of conspiring to distribute and dispense Schedule II and IV controlled substances, outside the scope of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose; five counts of

(see Pill Mill pg. 4)

Business E-Mail Compromise

An Emerging Global Threat

The accountant for a U.S. company recently received an e-mail from her chief executive, who was on vacation out of the country, requesting a transfer of funds on a time-sensitive acquisition that required completion by the end of the day. The CEO said a lawyer would contact the accountant to provide further details.

"It was not unusual for me to receive e-mails

requesting a transfer of funds," the accountant later wrote, and when she was contacted by the lawyer via e-mail, she noted the appropriate letter of authorization—including her CEO's signature over the company's seal—and followed the instructions to wire more than \$737,000 to a bank in China.

The next day, when the CEO happened to

(see FBI pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? — Matthew 6:25

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

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interstate that's why!

Weather

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 87F. Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Low 66F. Tuesday Sunshine and clouds mixed. High around 90F.

Tuesday Night Mainly clear skies. Low 68F.

Sunday Night Scattered thunderstorms during the evening, then becoming mainly clear overnight. Low 64F.

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Ldn

Giovanni Cook, 40, Riverbend Drive Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

According to the report, Officer Jason Brown LPD, was dispatched to Riverbend Drive in reference to a verbal domestic. Upon arrival Officer could hear Mr. Cook yelling inside the

home. A teenager opened the door and said that his step-dad Mr. Cook was upset, because the children in the house were not helping with the chores. Victim stated Mr. Cook had been drinking. Officer ask Mr. Cook to step out side and explain what happen. Mr. Cook began to get upset and unrational. Based on

Mr. Cook's actions and behavior Officer felt that it would not be safe to leave Mr. Cook at the residence. Giovanni Cook was placed under arrest. Officer Jason Brown LPD, made the arrest.

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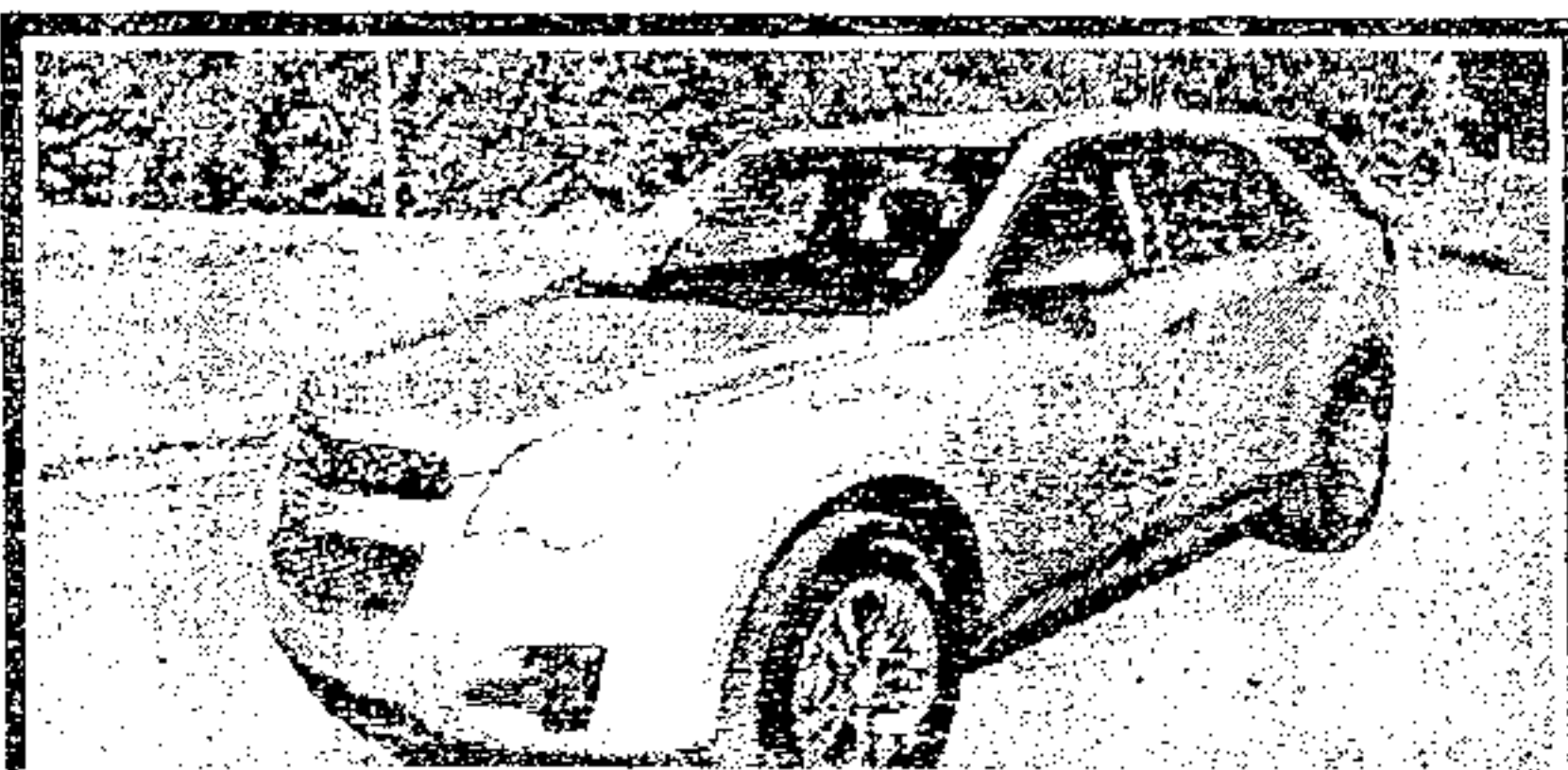
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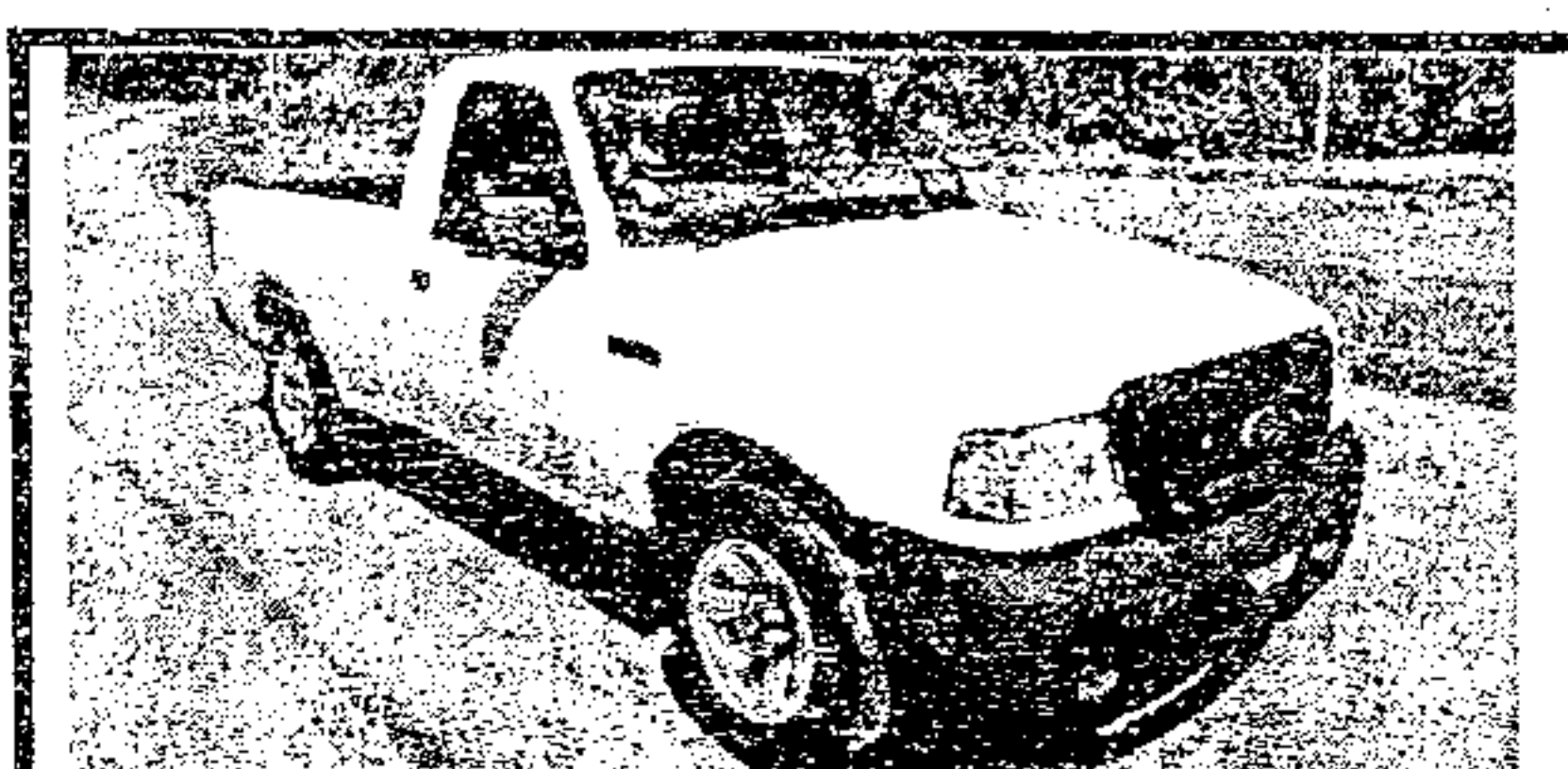
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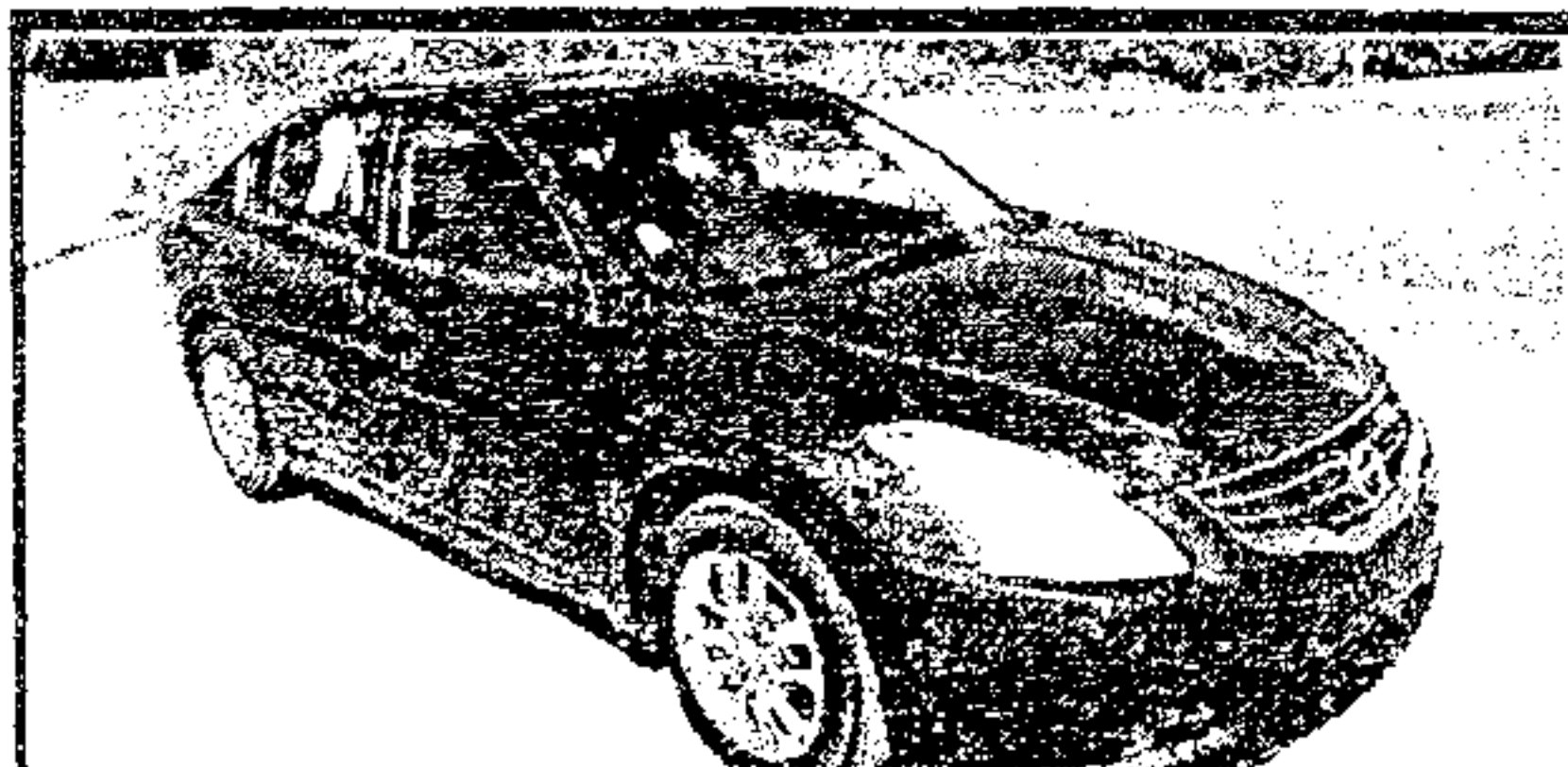
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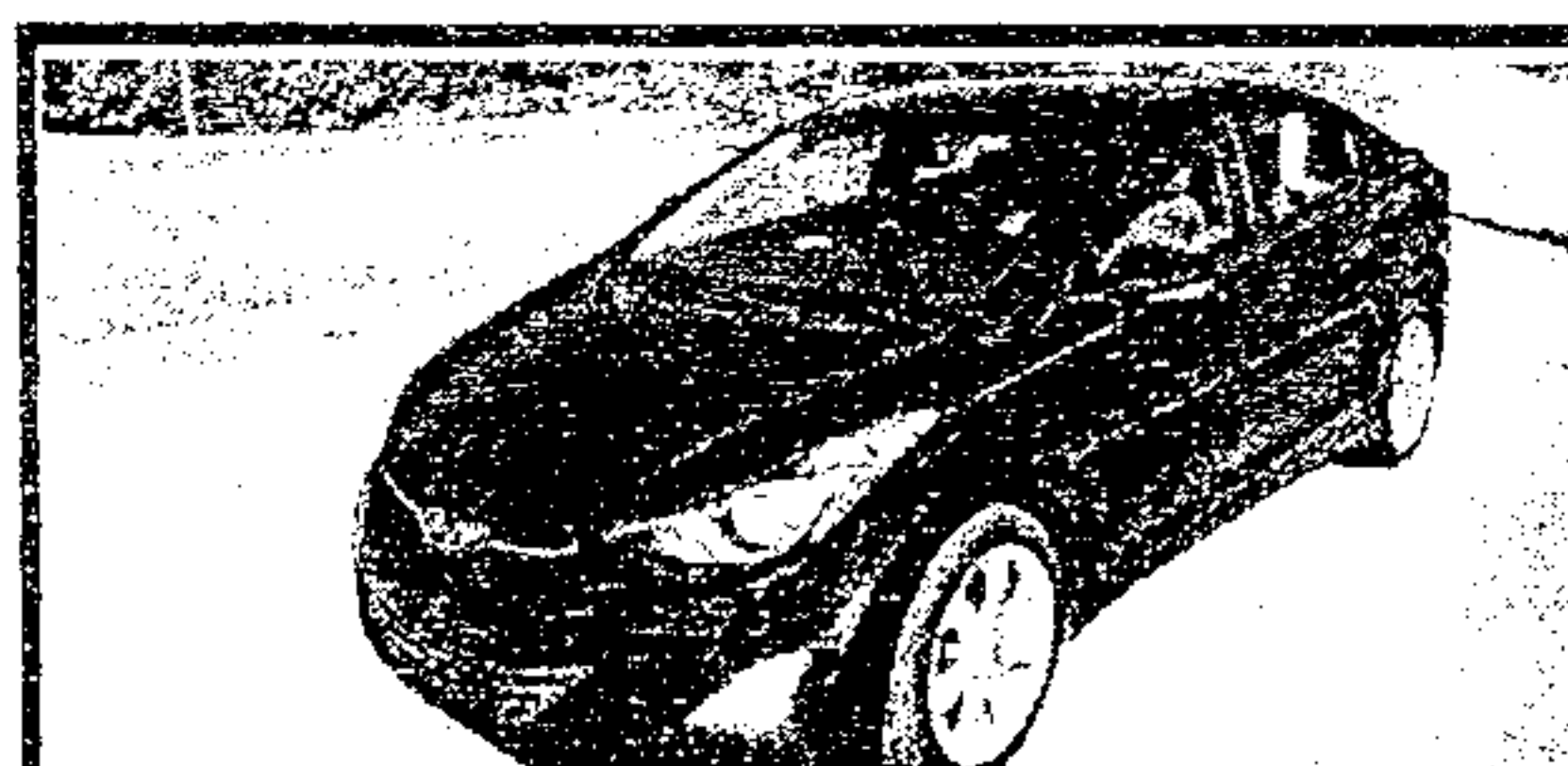
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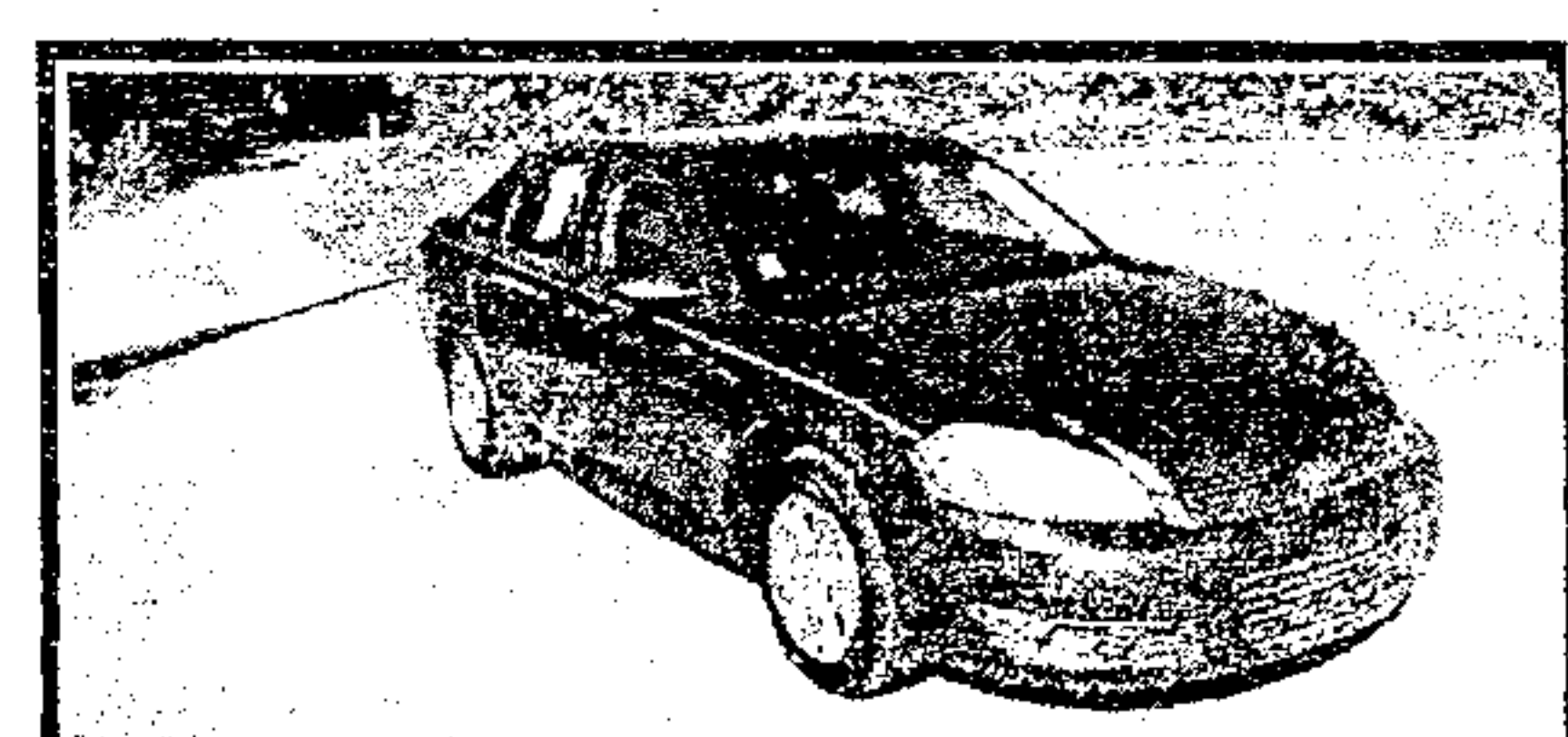
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call regarding another matter, the accountant mentioned that she had completed the wire transfer the day before. The CEO said he had never sent the e-mail and knew nothing about the alleged acquisition.

The company was the victim of a business e-mail compromise (BEC), a growing financial fraud that is more sophisticated than any similar scam the FBI has seen before and one—in its various forms—that has resulted in actual and attempted losses of more than a billion dollars to businesses worldwide.

“BEC is a serious threat on a global scale,” said FBI Special Agent Maxwell Marker, who oversees the Bureau’s Transnational Organized Crime—Eastern Hemisphere Section in the Criminal Investigative Division. “It’s a prime example of organized crime groups engaging in large-scale, computer-enabled fraud, and the

losses are staggering.”

Since the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) began tracking BEC scams in late 2013, it has compiled statistics on more than 7,000 U.S. companies that have been victimized—with total dollar losses exceeding \$740 million. That doesn’t include victims outside the U.S. and unreported losses.

The scammers, believed to be members of organized crime groups from Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East, primarily target businesses

that work with foreign suppliers or regularly perform wire transfer payments. The scam succeeds by compromising legitimate business e-mail accounts through social engineering or computer intrusion techniques. Businesses of all sizes are targeted, and the fraud is proliferating.

According to IC3, since the beginning of 2015 there has been a 270 percent increase

in identified BEC victims. Victim companies have come from all 50 U.S. states and nearly 80 countries abroad. The majority of the fraudulent transfers end up in Chinese banks.

Not long ago, e-mail scams were fairly easy to spot. The Nigerian lottery and other fraud attempts that arrived in personal and business e-mail

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maintaining a premises for the purpose of distributing controlled substances; and fourteen counts of structuring financial transactions to evade reporting requirements.

Lang was charged along with three other individuals. Her daughter, Faith Blake, pleaded guilty to conspiring to illegally distribute drugs through Superior One medical clinic, a business she operated with her mother. Blake also pleaded guilty to conspiring to illegally distribute drugs through Elite Care,

another Chattanooga pain clinic that she operated. Additionally, she pleaded guilty to obstructing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and failure to appear for a federal court proceeding. Sentencing for Blake is set for 9:00 a.m., October 1, 2015, in U.S. District Court in Chattanooga.

Dr. Jerome Sherard, Superior One's medical director, pleaded guilty to conspiring to illegally distribute drugs at Superior One Medical Clinic and at the Sherard Clinic, his own practice. Sherard was sentenced to serve five years in federal

prison. Sherard was also ordered to forfeit \$192,956.31 to the United States.

Charles Larmore, a nurse practitioner employed by Lang at Superior One and Primary Care, pleaded guilty to conspiring to illegally distribute drugs at both those clinics. Larmore was sentenced to serve 13 years in federal prison. Larmore was also fined \$20,000 and ordered to forfeit \$375,829.20 to the United States.

"We are very pleased with this very lengthy sentence given to this defendant, who disbursed these very ad-

dictive drugs to many people over a long period of time. Illegal opioid pain medication distribution organizations, such as this, contribute to an epidemic of addiction in the United States. We thank the cooperative work of the federal, state and local agencies, who investigated this case and participated in this very lengthy trial. She will never be able to participate in the illegal distribution of prescription drugs again," said U.S. Attorney Bill Killian.

Daniel R. Salter, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Atlanta Division stated, "The dispensing of

addictive prescription pain medication under the guise of a doctor's care is not about the good of the community or an individual's specific health needs; it is about greed and those involved in "pill mill" activity are in fact drug dealers. The sentencing of this defendant makes the Chattanooga area a safer place today."

Law enforcement agencies participating in the joint investigation which led to indictment and subsequent conviction of Lang, Blake, Sherard and Larmore included: the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); IRS - Criminal Inves-

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Warrants

Codee Edmonds, 29, Town Creek Road Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property. Officer Brandon Gentry LCPD, was advised that there was a subject at the Police Dept., that needed to be transported to the Loudon Jail. Upon arrival Officer made contact with Codee Edmonds. Investiga-

tor Brad Brown LCPD, had warrants issued for Codee for theft. Codee was transported to Loudon jail.

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inboxes were transparent in their amateurism. Now, the scammers' methods are extremely sophisticated.

"They know how to perpetuate the scam without raising suspicions," Marker said.

"They have excellent tradecraft, and they do their homework. They use language specific to the company they are targeting; along with dollar amounts that lend legitimacy to the fraud. The days of these e-mails having horrible grammar and being easily identified are largely behind us."

To make matters worse, the criminals of-

ten employ malware to infiltrate company networks, gaining access to legitimate e-mail threads about billing and invoices they can use to ensure the suspicions of an accountant or financial officer aren't raised when a fraudulent wire transfer is requested.

Instead of making a payment to a trusted supplier, the scammers

direct payment to their own accounts. Sometimes they succeed at this by switching a trusted bank account number by a single digit. "The criminals have become experts at imitating invoices and accounts," Marker said. "And when a wire transfer happens," he added, "the window of time to identify the fraud and recover the funds before they are moved out of reach is extremely short."

In the case mentioned above—reported to the IC3 in June—after the accountant spoke to her CEO on the phone, she immediately reviewed the e-mail thread. "I noticed the first e-mail I received from the CEO was missing one letter; instead of .com, it read .co." On closer inspection, the attachment provided by the "lawyer" revealed that the CEO's signature was forged and the company seal appeared to be cut and pasted from the company's public website. Further assisting the perpetrators, the website also listed the company's executive officers and their e-mail addresses and identified specific global media events the CEO would attend during the calendar year.

The FBI's Criminal, Cyber, and International Operations Divisions are coordinating efforts to identify and dismantle BEC criminal groups. "We are applying all our in-

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Ferry Road. Deputy observed the vehicle cross the fog line then swerve back across the center line while going around a curve. Deputy traffic stop the vehicle at Shaw Ferry and Holand Trail, and made contact with the driver Nader Gholzadeh. While speaking with Nader Deputy could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. Deputy observed Nader had bloodshot watery eyes, and ask Nader how much he had to drink at which time he stated 4 and had an open beer between the console and passenger seat of the vehicle. Nader did poorly on so-

briety test and a check of his license revealed Nader did not have a valid license. Nader was placed under arrest and agreed to a breath test. Nader BAC came back as a .133. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, made the arrest.

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tigation; Tennessee Bureau of Investiga-

tion; Hamilton County Sheriff's Office; Chattanooga Police Department; Roane County Sheriff's Department; and Rockwood Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Gregg L. Sullivan and Michael D. Porter represented the United States at trial. Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracy Stone

prosecuted other individuals involved in the drug conspiracies.

Glue guns, change jars, and two million books

Call for entries for Imagination Library's inaugural 'Banks for Books' Campaign

Two million books and counting. Since 2005, the community has pulled together to provide free books to children under five in Knox County to prepare them to learn to read and to succeed in school.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Knox County is gearing up to mail out its two millionth free book this September. To celebrate this milestone, they are calling on the whole community to give back with their imaginations, artistic talents, and some spare change.

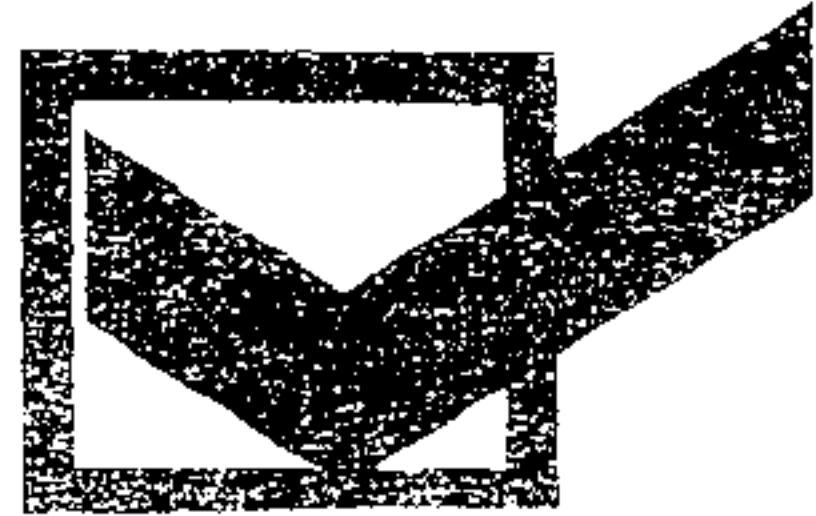
Kids, families, daycares, scout groups, church groups, and businesses of all sizes are encouraged to enter the "Banks for Books" campaign, which transforms an ordinary 5 gallon water jug into a themed "piggy bank" and collects change. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative coin banks in four categories as well as for the banks that raise the most spare change.

Participants can register now through September 15 by visiting www.knoxlib.org/banksforbooks. Entry is only \$15, which sponsors one child for one year of books. Each participant will receive a 5 gallon jug provided by Culligan along with rules and instructions for the campaign.

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investigative techniques to the threat," Marker said, "including forensic accounting, human source and undercover operations, and cyber aspects such as tracking IP addresses and analyzing the malware used to carry out network intrusions. We are working with our foreign partners as well, who are seeing the same issues." He stressed that companies should make themselves aware of

the BEC threat and take measures to avoid becoming victims (see sidebar).

If your company has been victimized by a BEC scam, it is important to act quickly. Contact your financial institution immediately and request that they contact the financial institution where the fraudulent transfer was sent.

Next, call the FBI, and also file a complaint—regardless of dollar loss—with the IC3.

"The FBI takes the BEC threat very seriously," Marker said, "and we are working with our law enforcement partners around the world to identify these criminals and bring them to justice."

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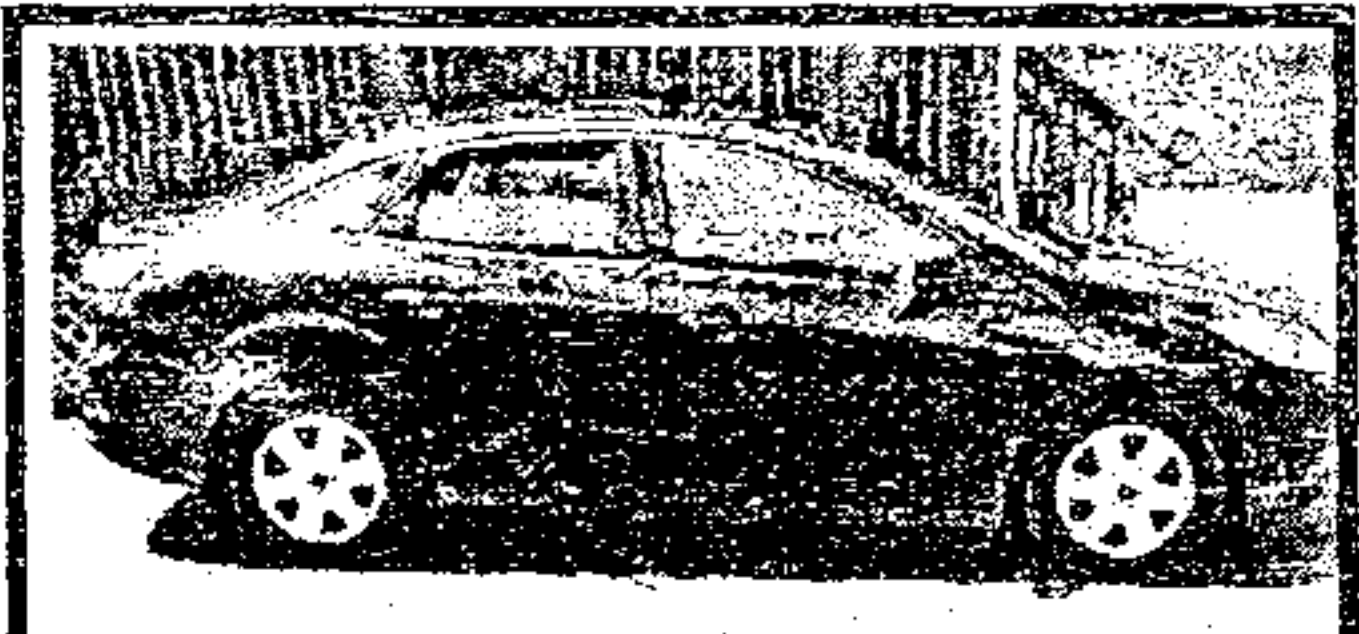
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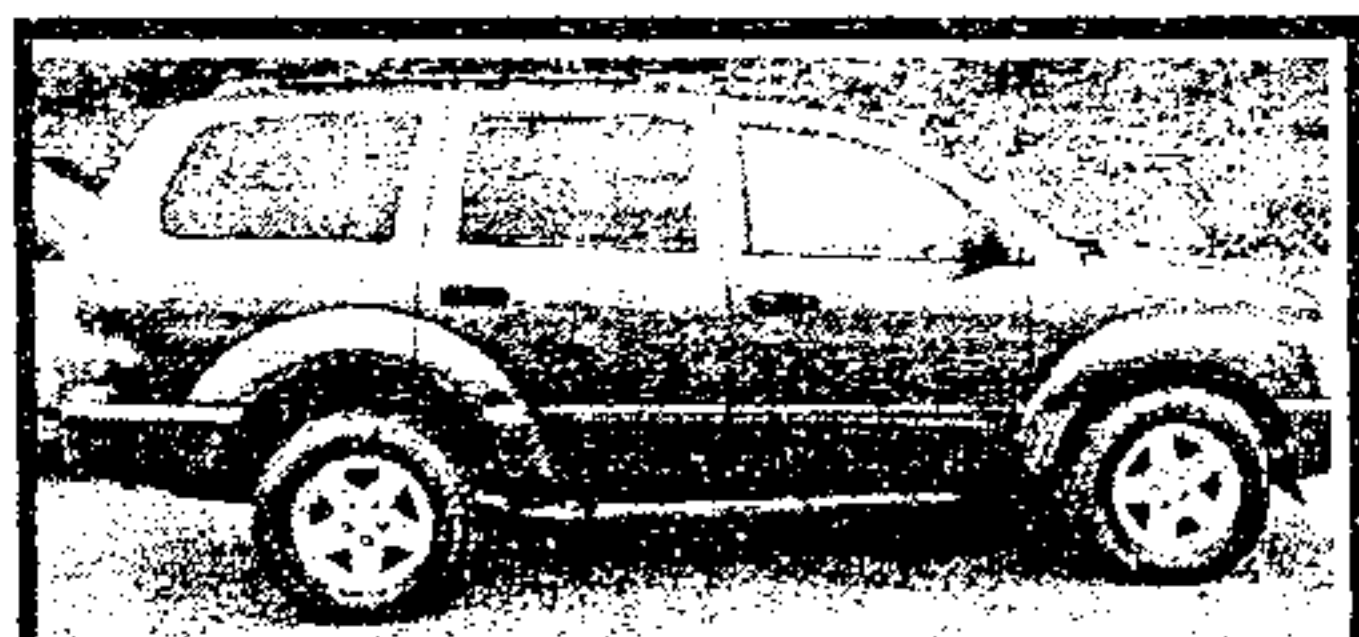
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