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Thursday, March 24, 2016

Multiple officers respond to prowler call; Meth arrest made

Loudon County Deputies received a call of a prowler in the Beals Chapel Area and upon responding found several subjects with stories that didn't match up or make sense. Following the stop meth was found as well.

Michael Redmond, 46, O Street Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del./Resale SCH. II. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, was dispatched to a

(see LCSO pg. 2)



Michael Redmond

Syrian Cyber Hackers Charged

Two From 'Syrian Electronic Army' Added to Cyber's Most Wanted

Three members of a Syrian hacker collective that hijacked the websites and social media platforms of prominent U.S. media organizations and the U.S. military were charged today in federal court with multiple conspiracies related to computer hacking.

In two criminal complaints unsealed in the Eastern District of Virginia, Amad Umar Agha, Firas Dardar, and Peter Ro-

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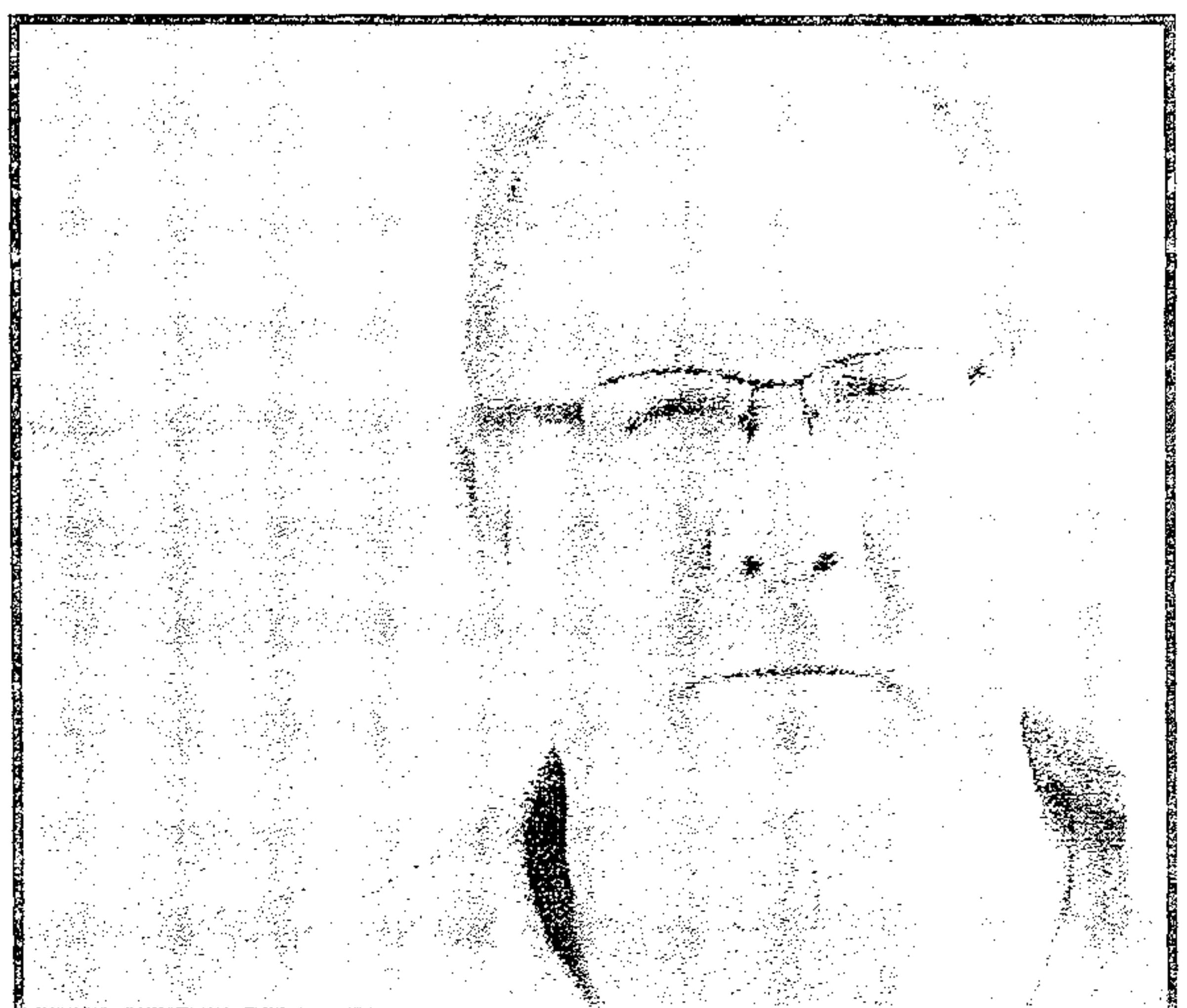
Clarksville Nonprofit Uses Federal Money to Personally Benefit Executive Director

The Tennessee Comptroller's investigation of the Cherry Tree Food Program in Clarksville, TN raises questions about \$181,135.59 spent by the nonprofit. Much of that money personally benefited the former executive director.

Cherry Tree is primarily funded by the federal Child and Adult

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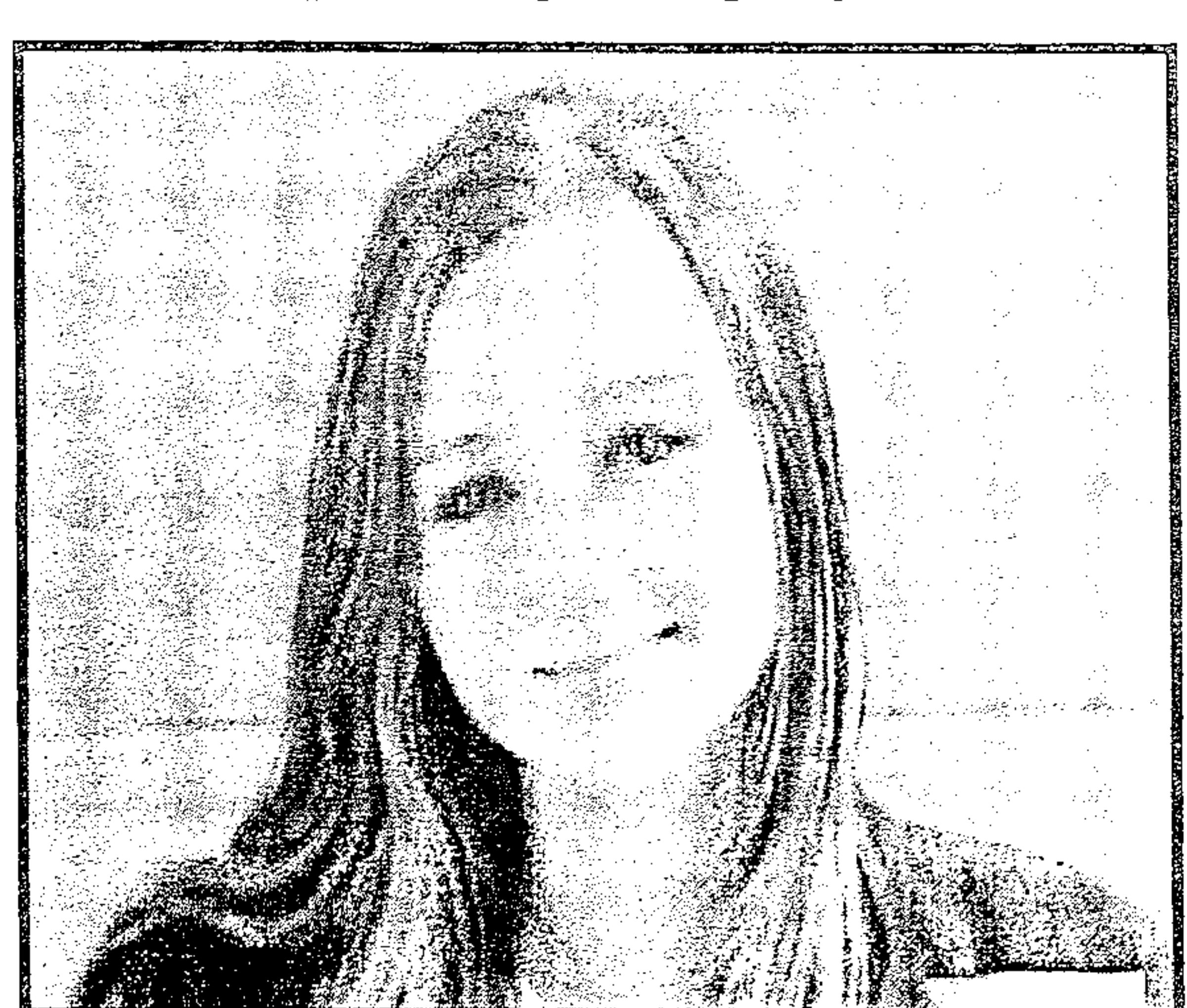
Charges follow assault over letting juvenile drive



David Shaver

(see assault pg. 5)

LC teen charged with theft at Walmart



Emily Orr

Verse of the Day

And we, who with unveiled faces all [contemplate and] reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

— 2 Corinthians 3:18

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Be careful where you go to enjoy your holiday this weekend. In Lenoir City make sure you don't get called in after you leave

the business we got a couple that have a bad habit of that, just saying!

Weather

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 71F.

Tonight: Cloudy skies during the morning hours followed by thunderstorms in the afternoon. A few storms may be

severe. High 69F.
Tonight: Thunderstorms likely in the evening. Then the chance of scattered thunderstorms later on. Low 46F.

Friday Sun and a few passing clouds. High 64F.

Friday Night Clear. Low near 40F.

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LCSO

prowler call of someone walking around a residence on Old Spears Road. Dispatch advised the complainant had located a female walking down Beals Chapel Road, and she had been picked up by someone. Complainant stated the vehicle was blue Chevrolet. Complainant stated he fol-

lowed the vehicle and lost it on Beals Chapel Road. Deputy located the vehicle on Ford Road, turned around on the vehicle and made a traffic stop. Deputy came in contact with 3 subjects inside the vehicle. Deputy separated the subjects and ask what was going on. The subjects story did not match up or make sense.

Deputy ask why they were on Beals Chapel they stated picking up the female. Deputy ask if they had anything illegal all stated no. Sgt. Mike Watkins arrived with his K-

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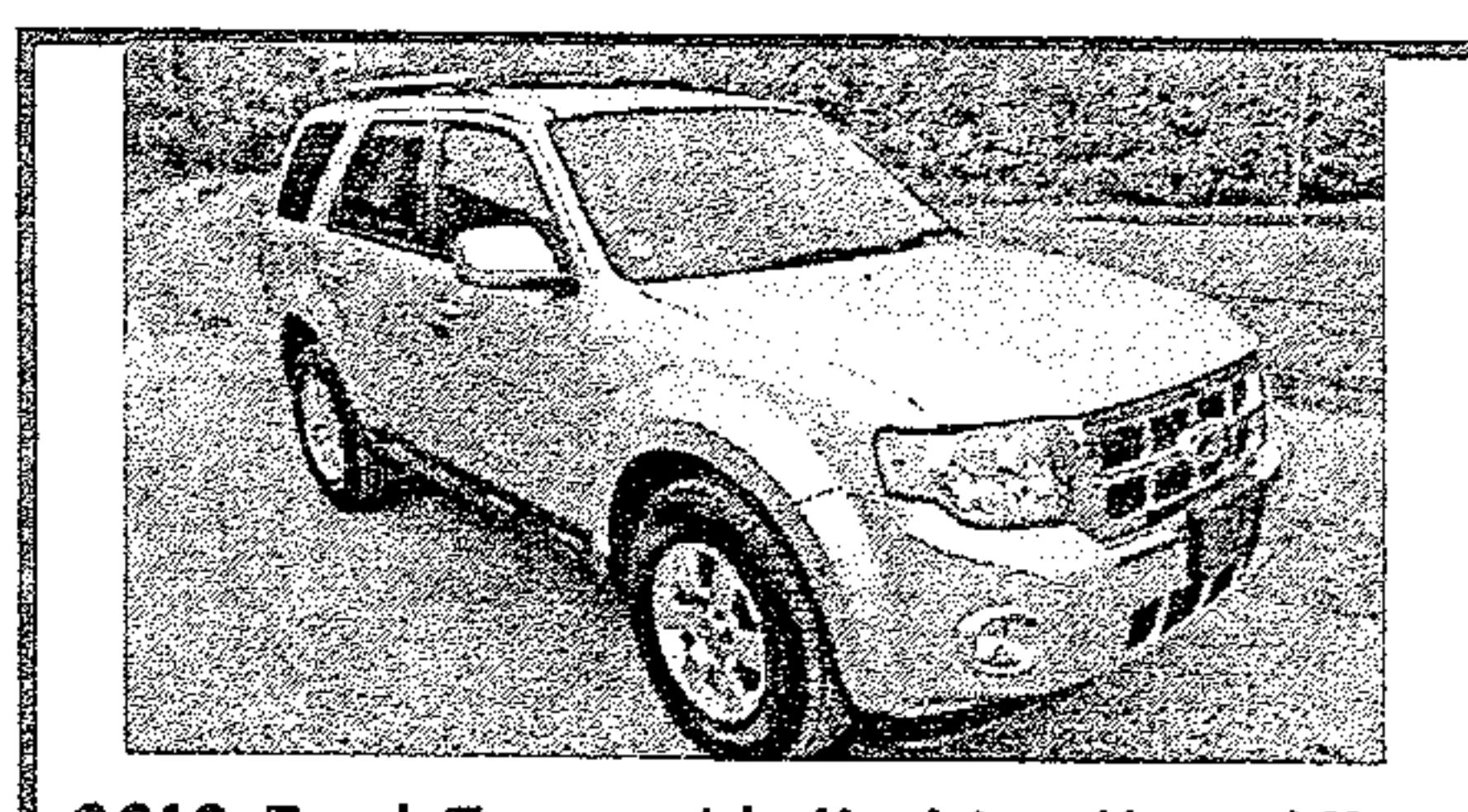
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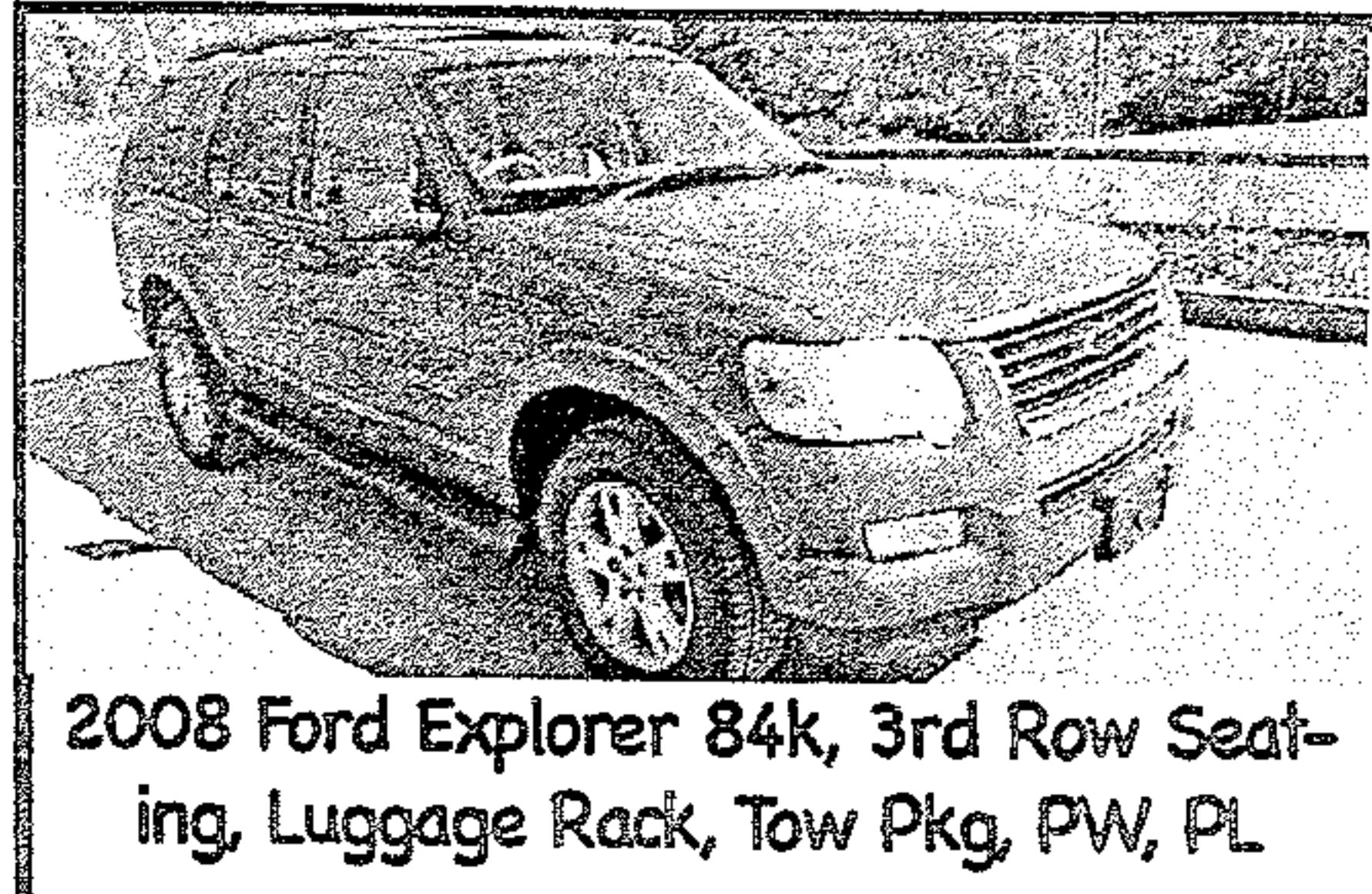
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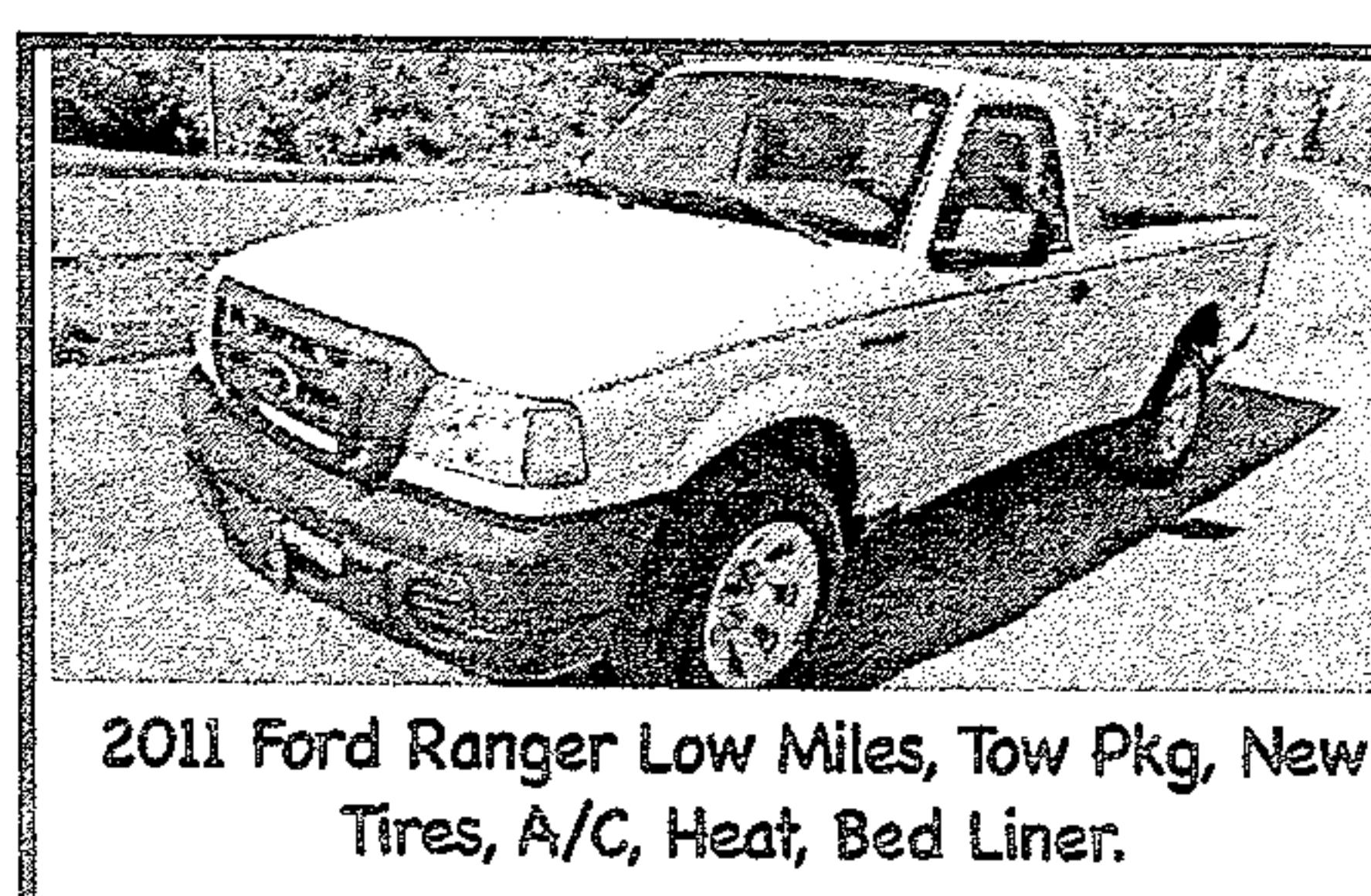
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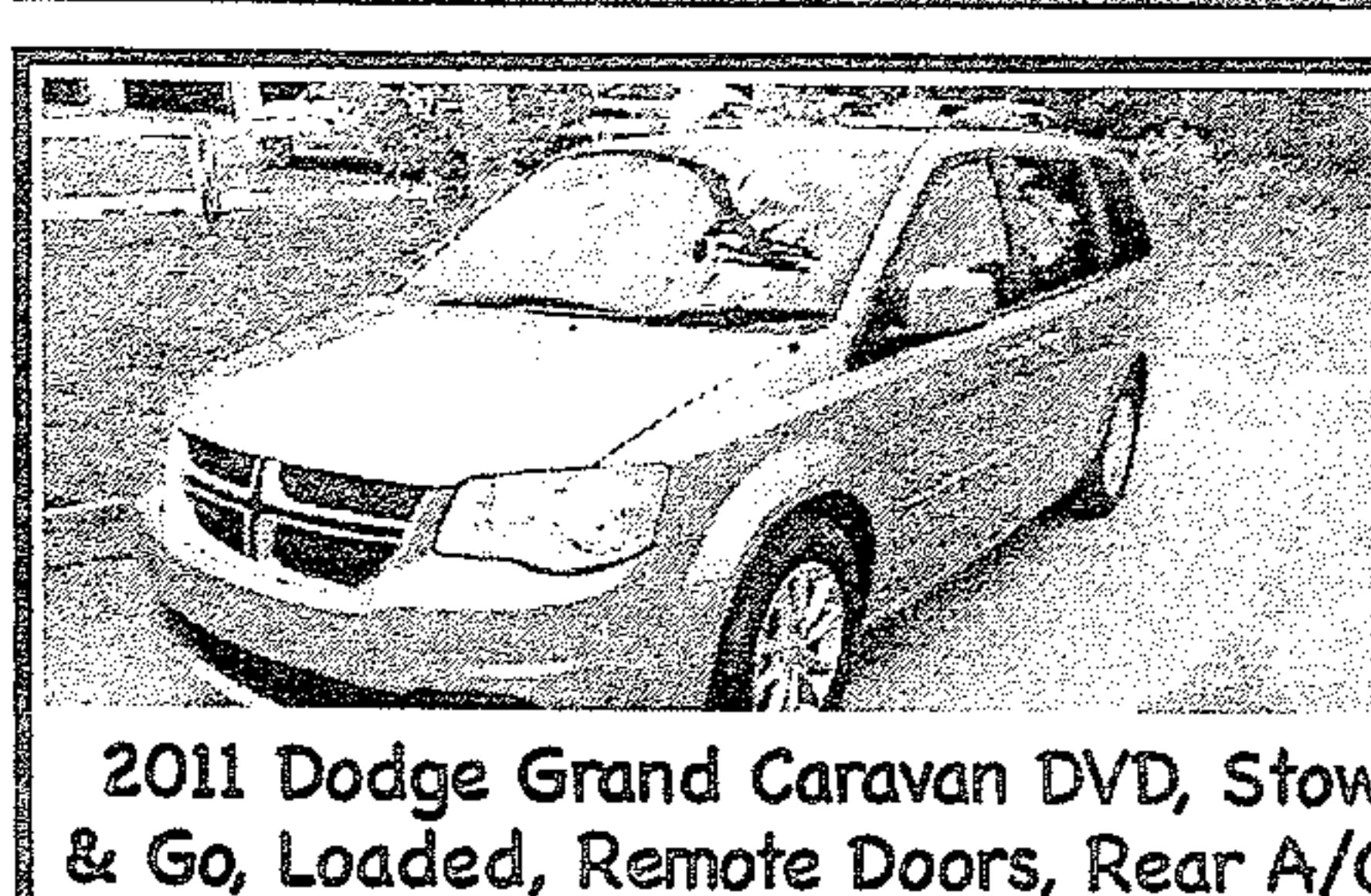
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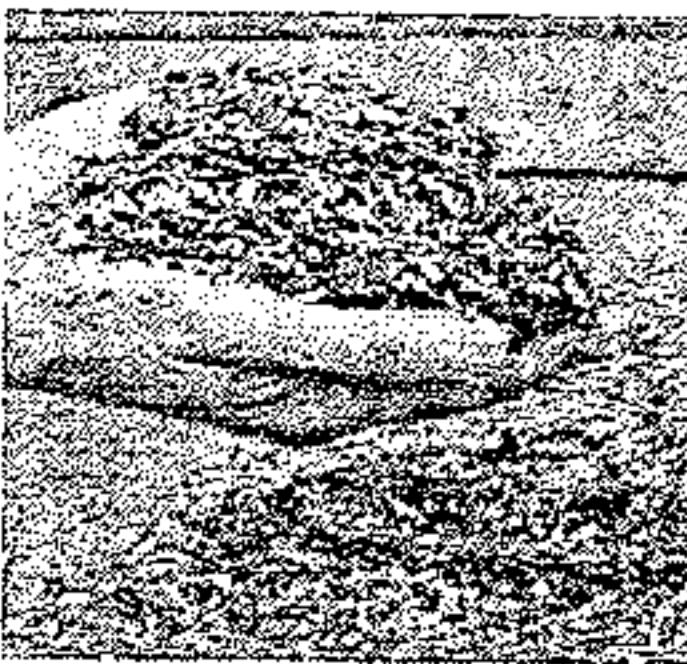
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theft

Emily Orr, 19, Jim Conner Road Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property. Officer Christian Dragon LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart on a shoplifter. Upon

arrival Officer made contact with Loss Prevention who stated that he observed Emily Orr conceal several items in her purse and diaper bag and left the store without paying. Items totaled \$150.00 Emily was placed under arrest. Officer Christian Dragon LCPD, made the arrest.

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(see Bijou ctd. pg. 5)

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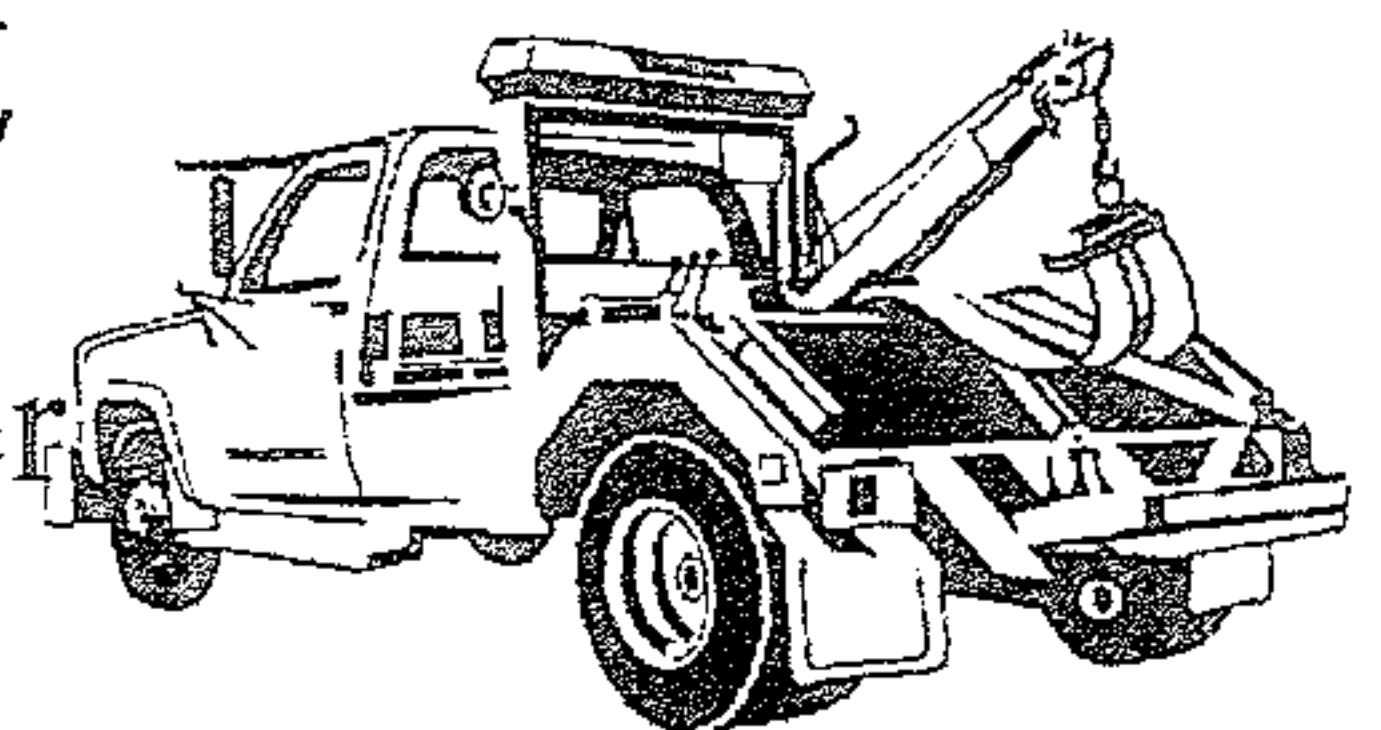
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Clarksville

Care Food Program, which is administered in Tennessee by the Department of Human Services (DHS). As of July 1, 2015, Cherry Tree supported 267 daycare homes and 23 daycare centers in Tennessee by assisting them in filing monthly claims for meal reimbursements. Cherry Tree is reimbursed for its administrative expenses.

Comptroller investigators are questioning \$181,135.59 spent by Cherry Tree between October 1, 2012 and June 30, 2015. These expenditures were not approved by DHS in Cherry Tree's annual budgets. Many of these unauthorized payments benefited the former executive director. The

offices for Cherry Tree were located in a portion of the former executive director's personal residence.

These expenses include:

\$38,792.31 for a gazebo, new water heater, wrought iron handrails, replacement of windows and vinyl siding, installation of tile floors, installation of kitchen and bathroom sinks, ceiling fans, electrical work, and various other maintenance and repairs to the former executive director's home.

Unauthorized lease payments totaling \$17,900 to the former executive director or her family.

\$47,426.70 in unauthorized payments and questionable reimbursements to the former executive director

\$57,072.98 in other

unauthorized and questionable disbursements including charges for hotel rooms, air travel, rental cars, furniture, fuel, and electronics.

\$10,043.60 in food and beverage purchases at both stores and restaurants.

\$9,300 in unauthorized Christmas bonuses, and personal loans with a total outstanding balance of \$600 paid to employees.

The findings and recommendations in the investigative report have been reviewed with the district attorney general for the Nineteenth Judicial District.

"The Tennessee Department of Human Services and Cherry Tree's board dropped the ball in this case," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "DHS and the board should

(see Money ctd. pg. 5)

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assault

David Shaver, 59, Windridge Road Friendsville, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, was dispatched to Windridge Road for a physical domestic. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the victim who stated that she and David was having a talk on the

back porch over victim allowing a juvenile drive the vehicle, and victim stated it never happen. David spoke with his sister who stated that the juvenile had drove the vehicle. David and the victim got into an argument and David grabbed the victim by the hoodie and pushed her into the wall trying to get her cell phone. While this was going on the juve-

nile called 911. Victim stated that David then started chasing the juvenile trying to get her phone. Deputy placed David under arrest. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, made the arrest.

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9, who was deployed and did alert on the vehicle. Michael Redmond was in front of

the vehicle with CPL. Bramam as Sgt. Watkins was walking back to Redmond he located a piece of paper laying on the ground that looked like it was just placed there. Deputy Watkins picked up the paper that had a crystal like substance believed to be methamphetamine. Redmond stated he had it in his

shoe and had kicked his shoe off and kicked it under the vehicle. The crystal substance weight approx. 1 gram. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, made the arrest.

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have reviewed disbursements to ensure they conformed to the approved budgets. A lack of oversight allowed these problems to continue for more than 2 1/2 years."

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

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ist.

The following morning, Morgan will lead a panel of experts on Appalachian literature and culture in a discussion of Dykeman's far-reaching contributions to our region. The forum will be held in UT's John C. Hodges Library, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Friday, April 8.

Both events are free and open to the public. Online registration is requested for Morgan's lecture on April 7, at knoxfriends.org/robert-morgan.

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FBI

mar were charged with criminal conspiracies related to their roles targeting Internet sites—in the U.S. and abroad—on behalf of the Syrian Electronic Army (SEA), a group of hackers that supports the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The affected sites—which included computer systems in the Executive Office of the President in 2011 and a U.S. Marine Corps recruitment website in 2013—were deemed by SEA to be antagonistic toward the Syrian government.

According to the charges, Agha, 22, known online as “The Pro,” and Dardar, 27, engaged in a multi-year conspiracy that began in 2011 to collect usernames and passwords that gave them the

ability to deface websites, redirect domains to sites controlled by the conspirators, steal e-mail, and hijack social media accounts. To obtain the login information they used a technique called “spear-phishing,” where they tricked people who had privileged access to their organizations’ websites and social media channels into volunteering sensitive information by posing as a legitimate entity.

The FBI today added Agha and Dardar—both believed to be in Syria—to its Cyber’s Most Wanted. The Bureau is offering a reward of up to \$100,000 each for information that leads to their arrest; anyone with information is asked to contact the FBI or the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate. Tips can also be submitted online at tips.fbi.gov.

Dardar, known online as “The Shadow,” also worked with Peter

“Pierre” Romar, 36, on a scheme beginning in 2013 to extort U.S. businesses for profit. According to the complaint, the pair would hack into the victims’ computers and then threaten to damage computers, and delete or sell the data unless they were paid a ransom.

Other examples of the conspirators’ hacks include:

Compromising the Twitter account of a prominent U.S. media organization in 2013 and releasing a tweet claiming that a bomb had exploded at the White House and injured the President.

Gaining control of a U.S. Marine Corps recruiting website and posting a message urging Marines to “Refuse [their] orders.”

In a statement, Assistant Attorney General for National Security John

Carlin said the conspirators’ extortion schemes undermine their own claims of working for a noble cause—to support the embattled regime of their president. “While some of the activity sought to harm the economic and national security of the United States in the name of Syria, these detailed allegations reveal that the members also used extortion to try to line their own pockets at the expense of law-abiding people all over the world,” Carlin said.

The U.S. District Court has issued arrest warrants for all three defendants.

The FBI’s Washington Field Office (WFO) is investigating the case with assistance from the NASA Office of the Inspector General and Department of State Bureau of Diplomatic Security,

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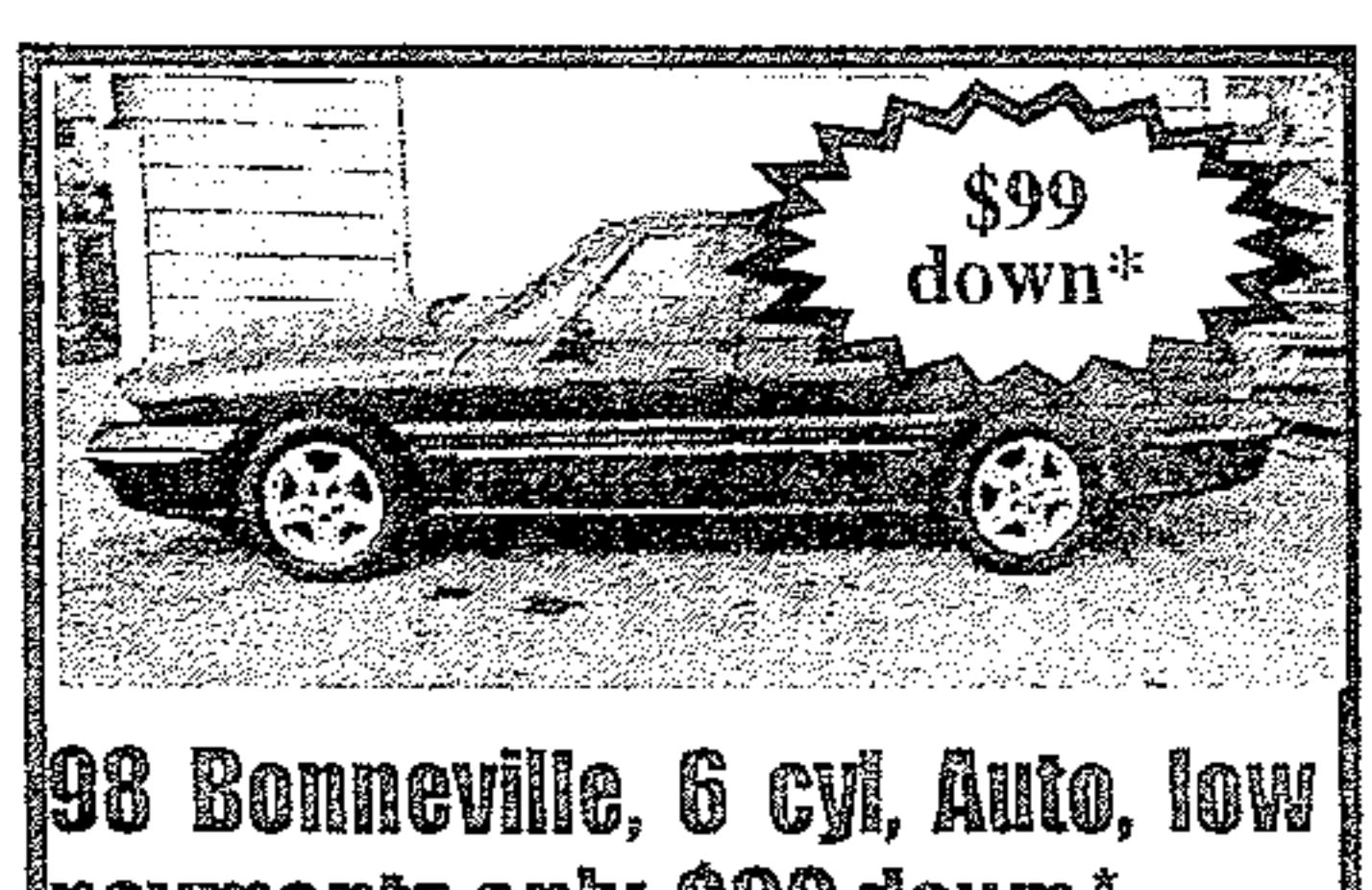
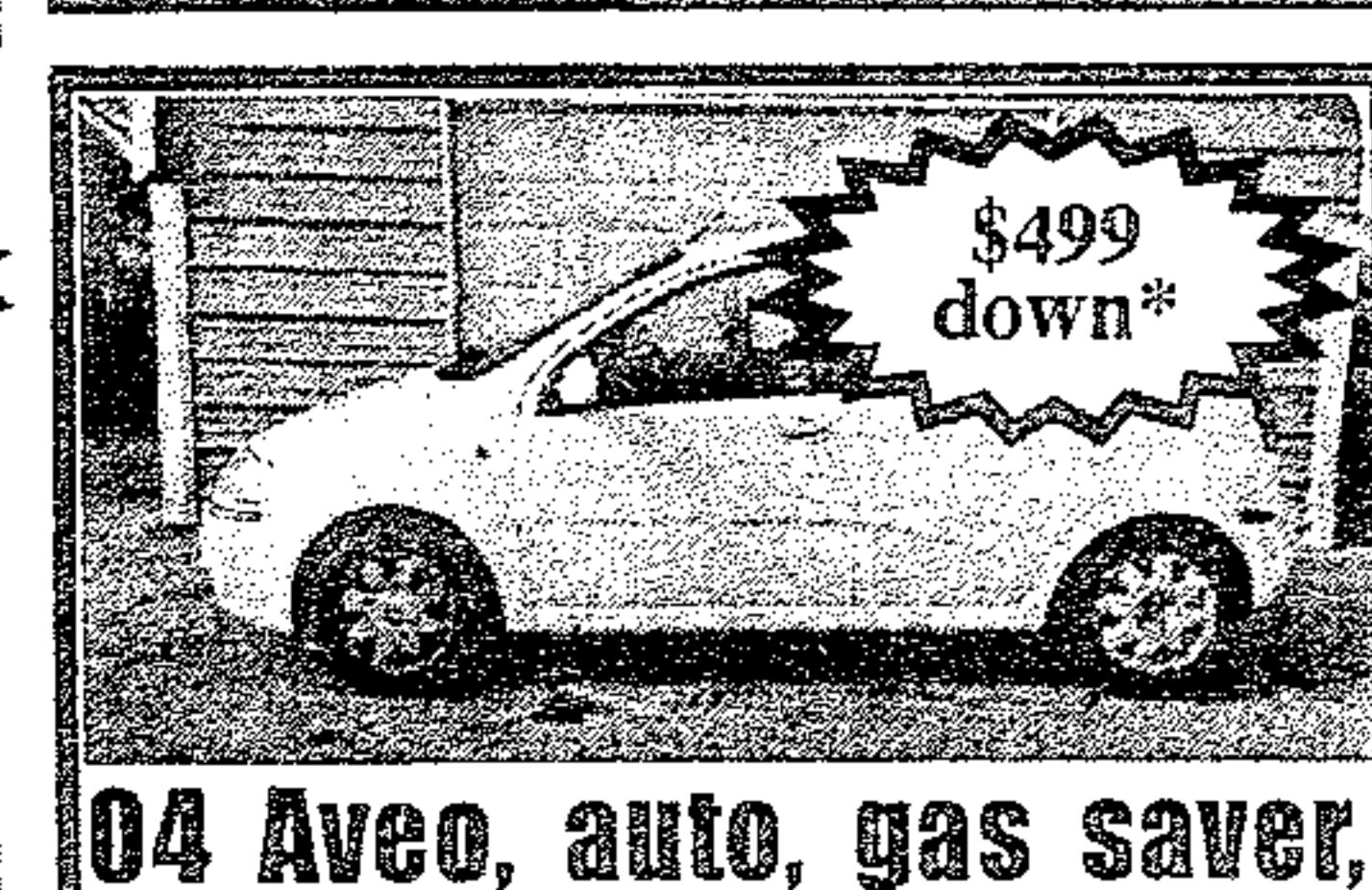
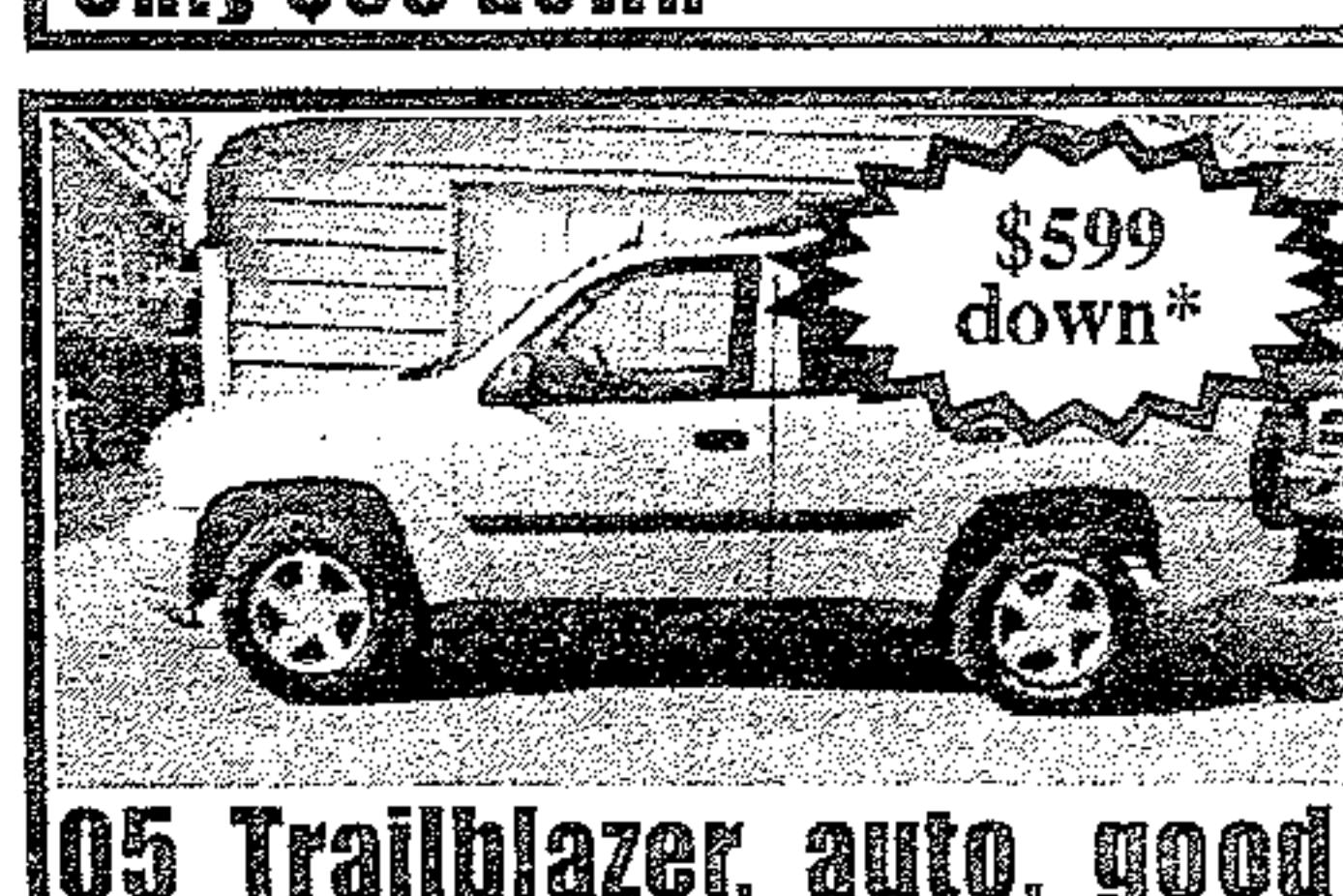
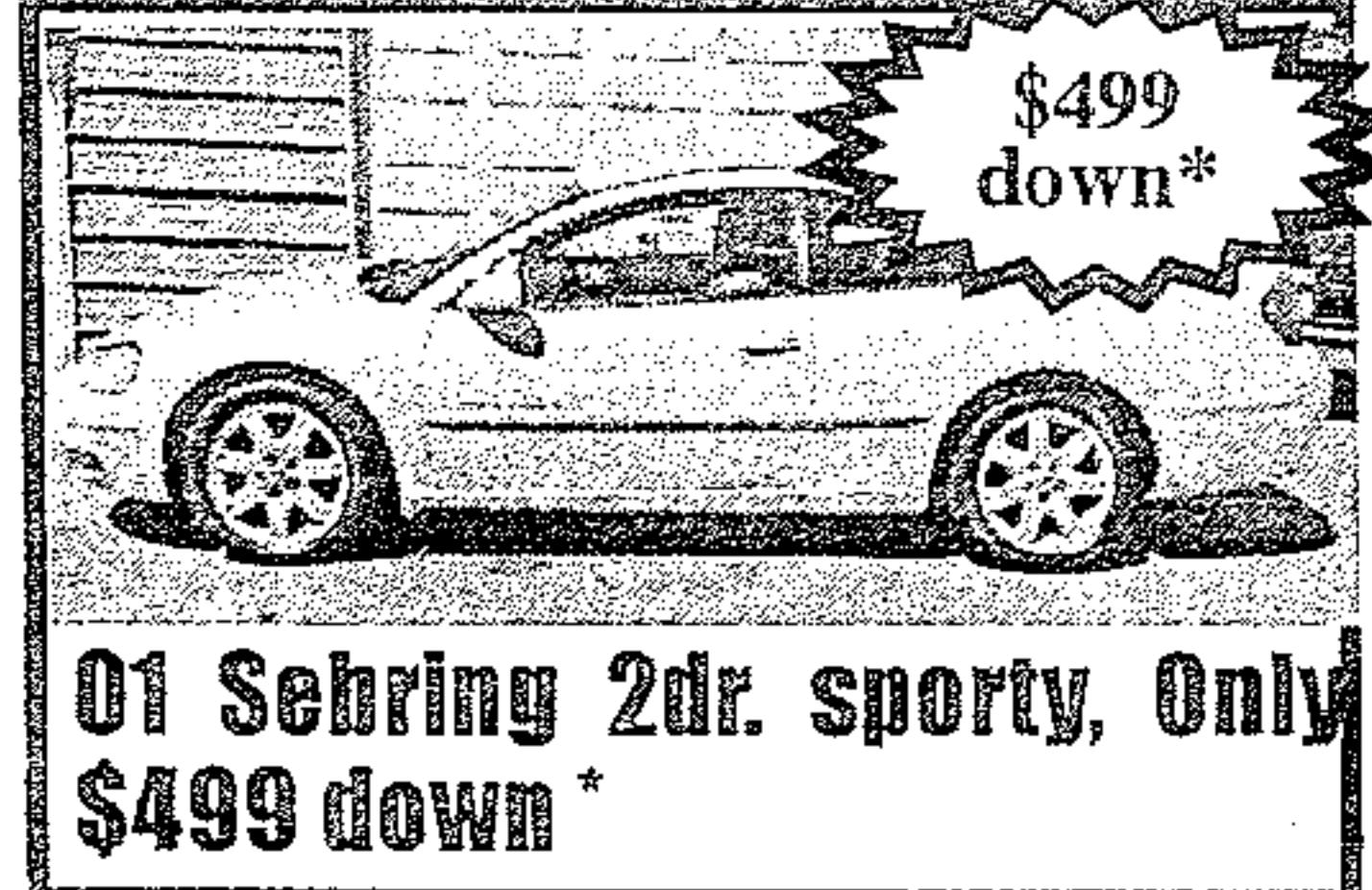
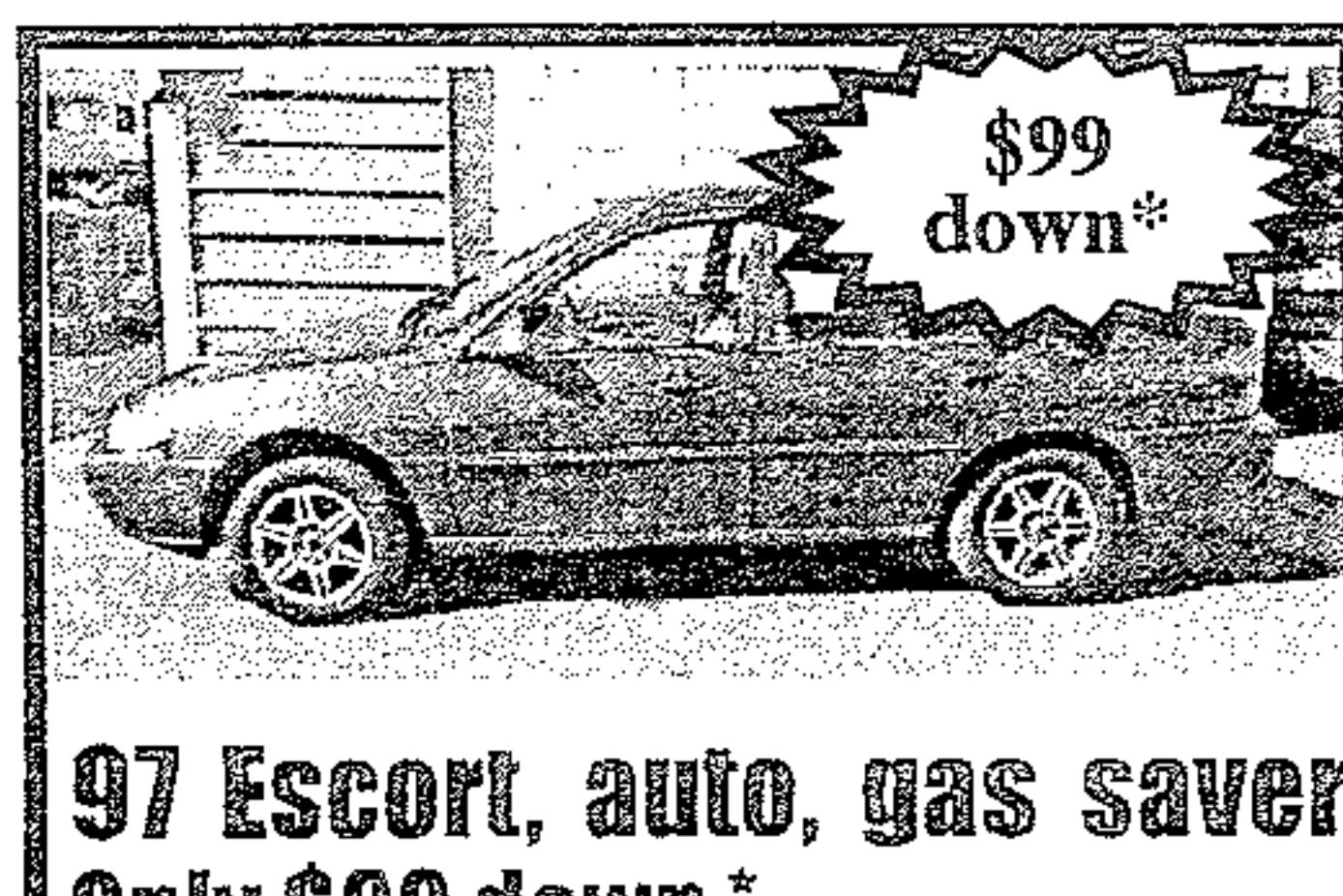


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and other law enforcement agencies.

"These three members of the Syrian Electronic Army targeted and compromised computer systems in order to provide support to the Assad regime as well as for their own personal monetary gain through extortion,"

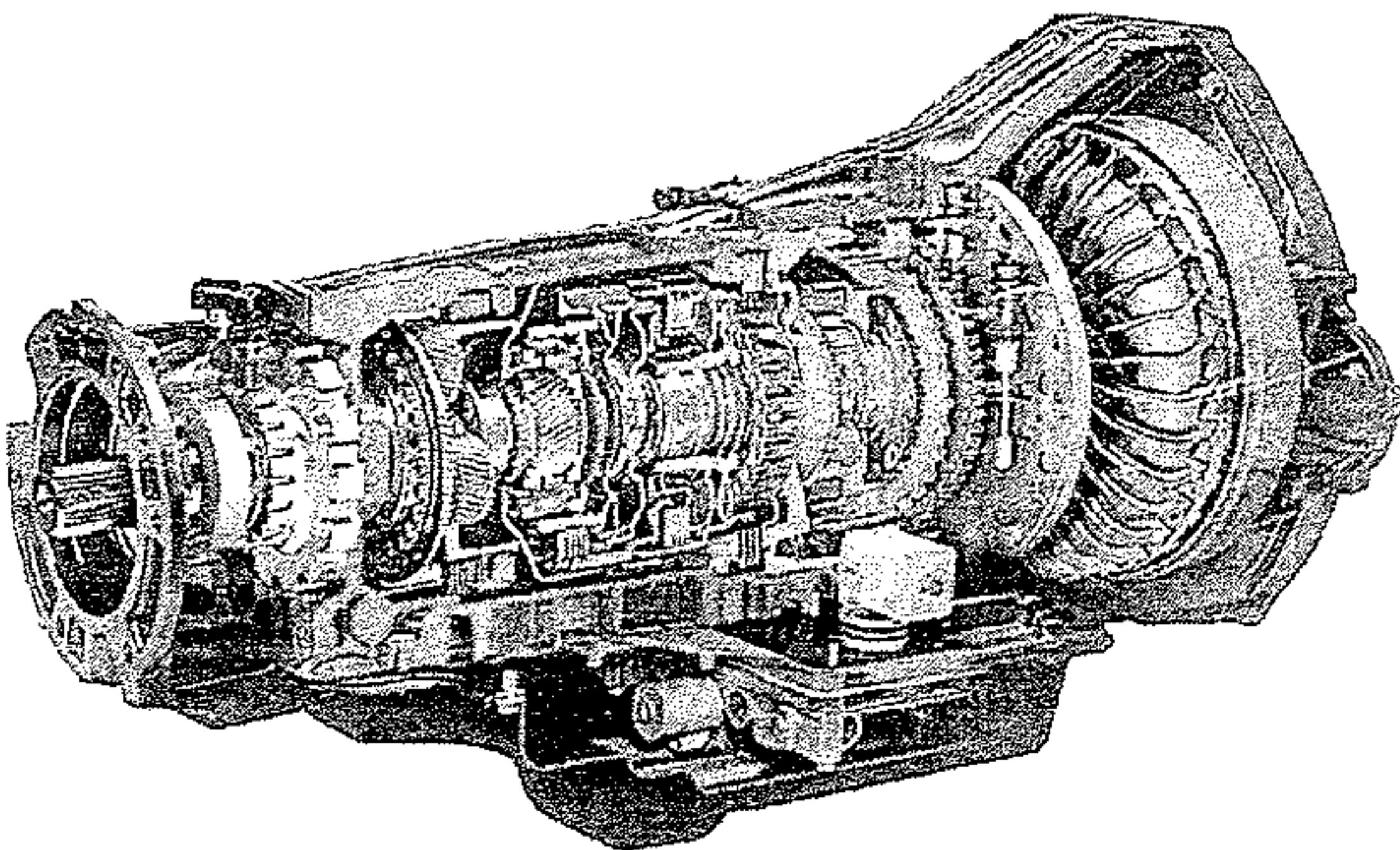
said WFO Assistant Director in Charge Paul M. Abbate. "As a result of a thorough cyber investigation, FBI agents and analysts identified the perpetrators and now continue to work with our domestic and international partners to ensure these individuals face justice in the United States."

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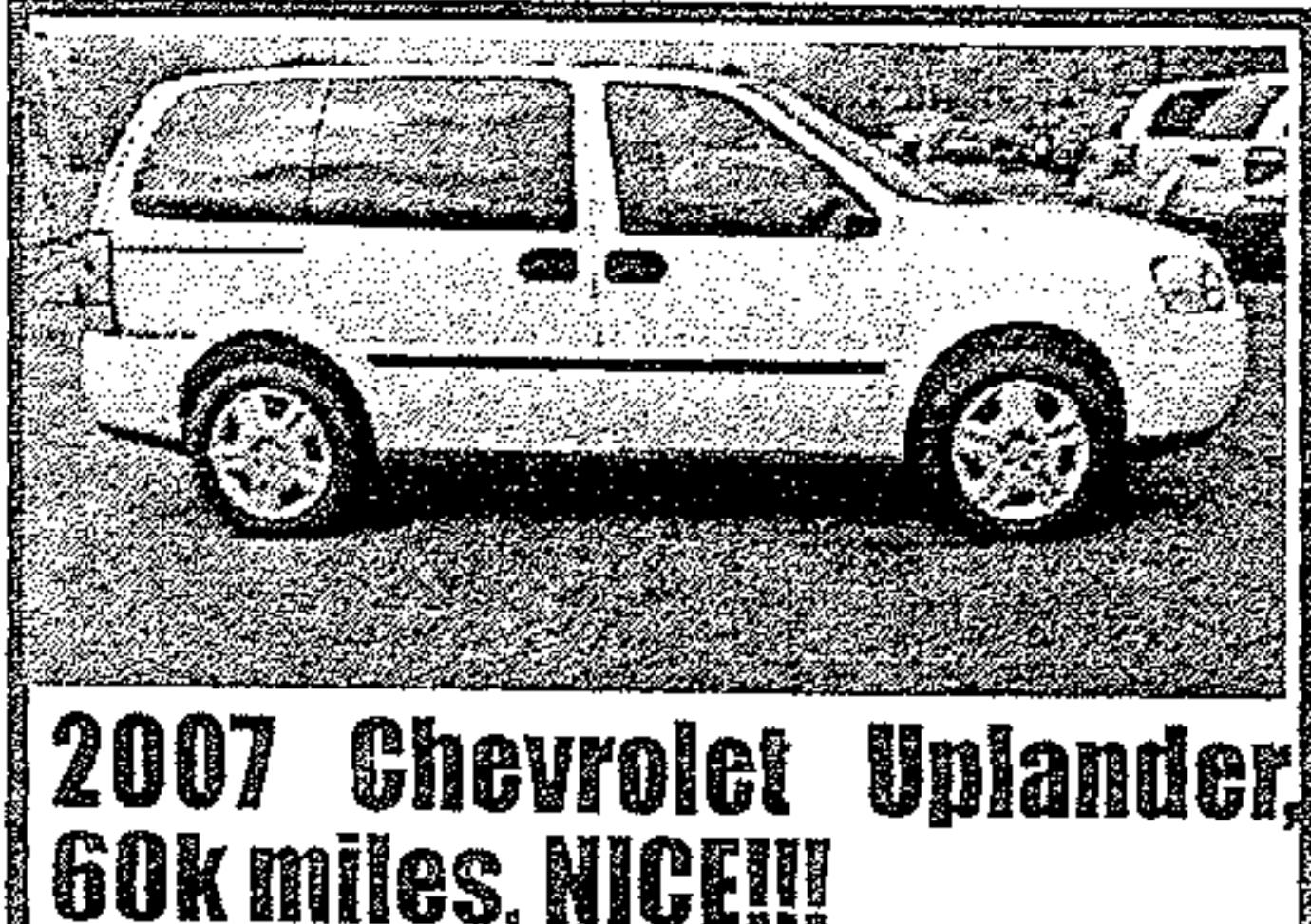
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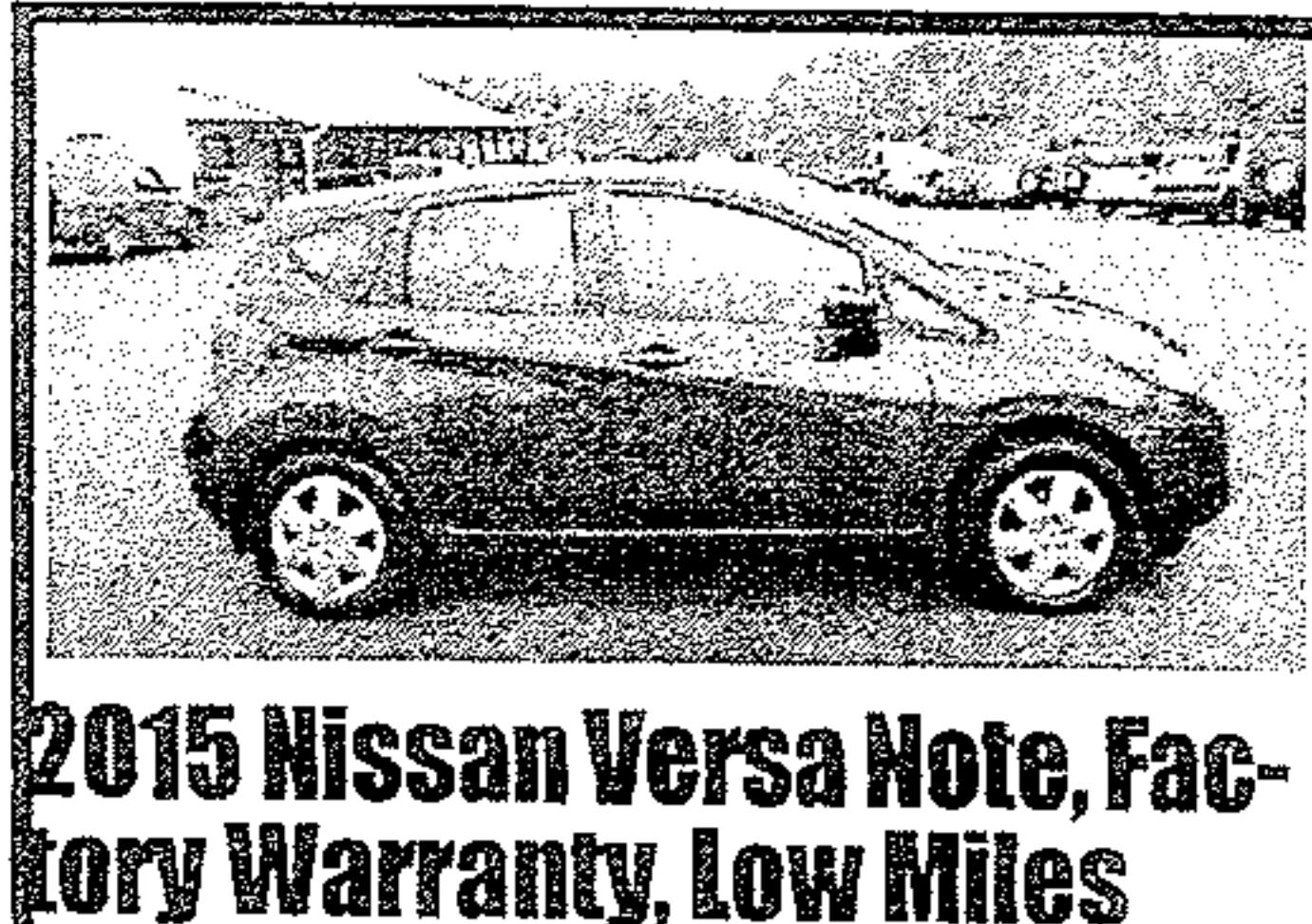
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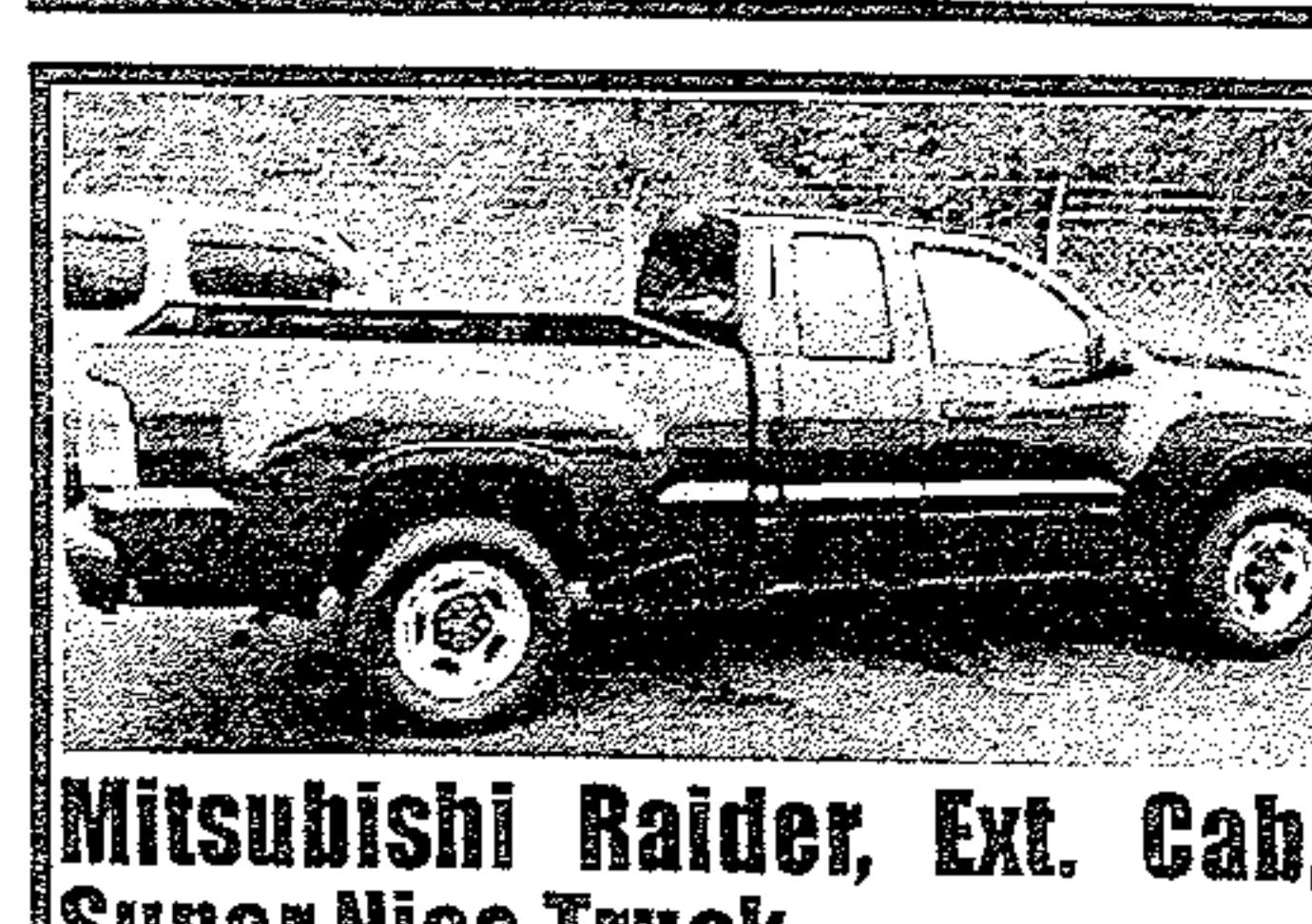
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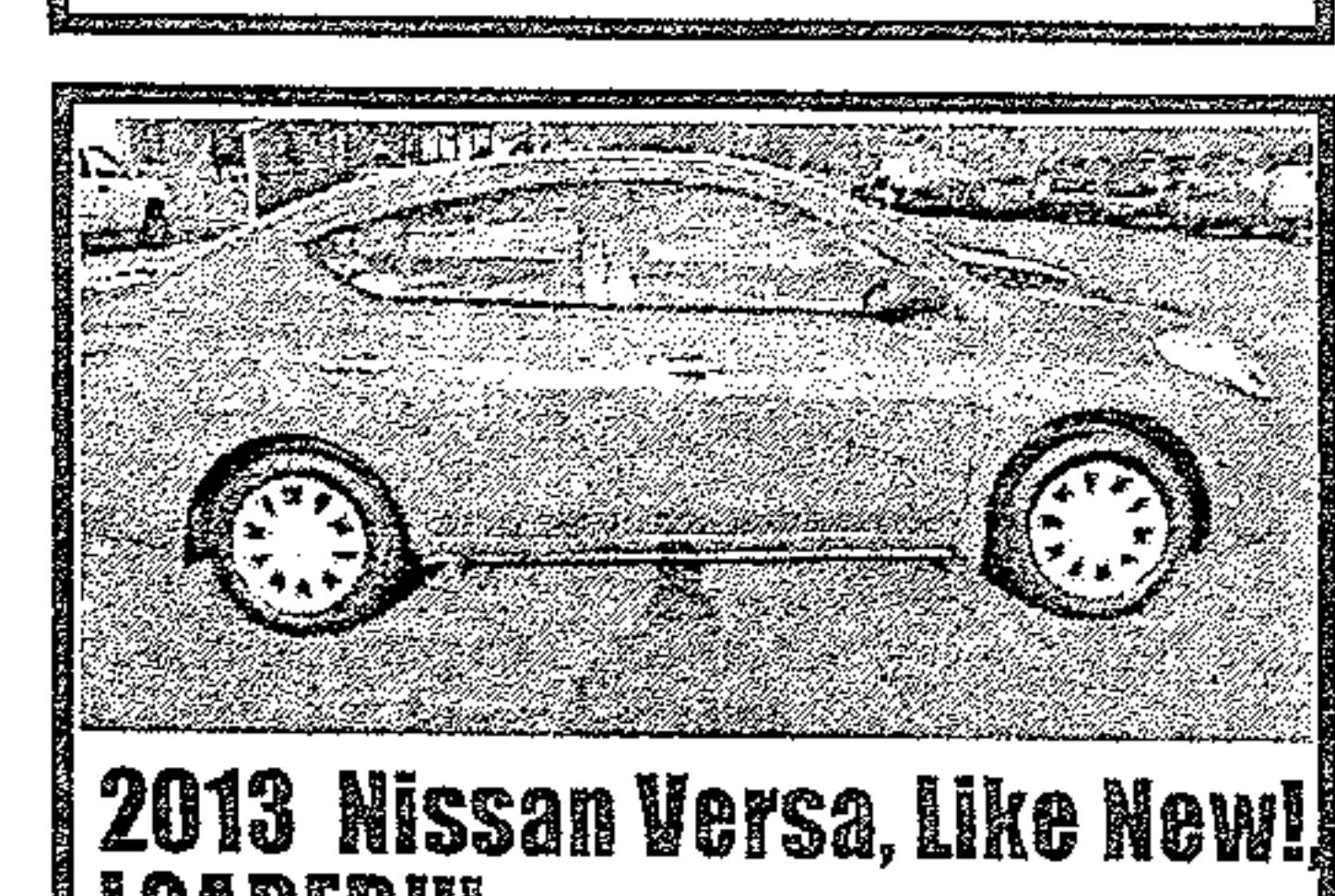
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