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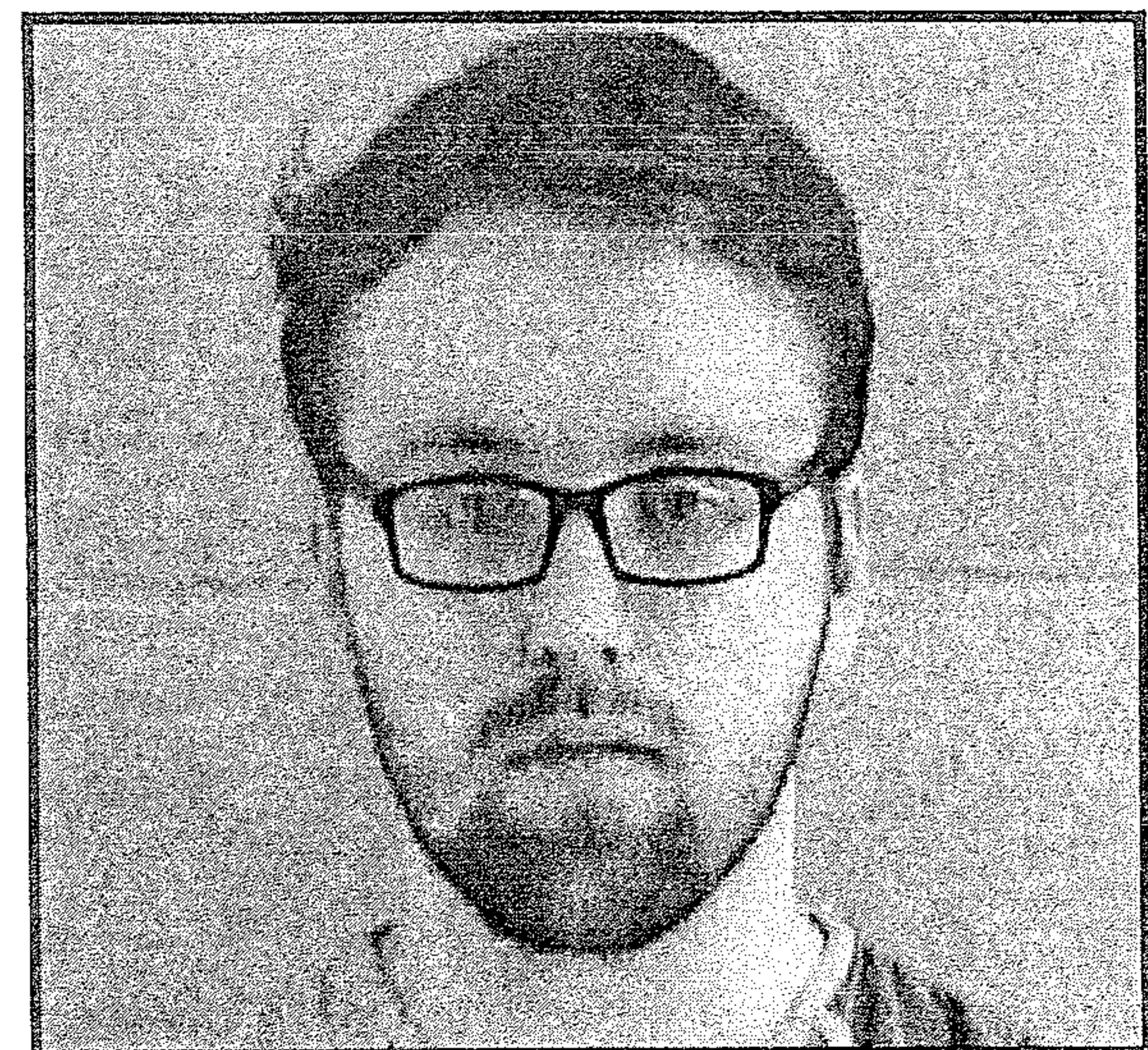
Lenoir City Police Department announces sobriety checkpoint

Multi-agency sobriety checkpoint planned for the holiday season to combat impaired driving

Lenoir City, TN, December 27, 2017—The Lenoir City Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint on December 29th, 2017 between the hours of 8:00p.m. and 10:00 p.m. The checkpoint will be conducted on (see checkpoint pg. 2)



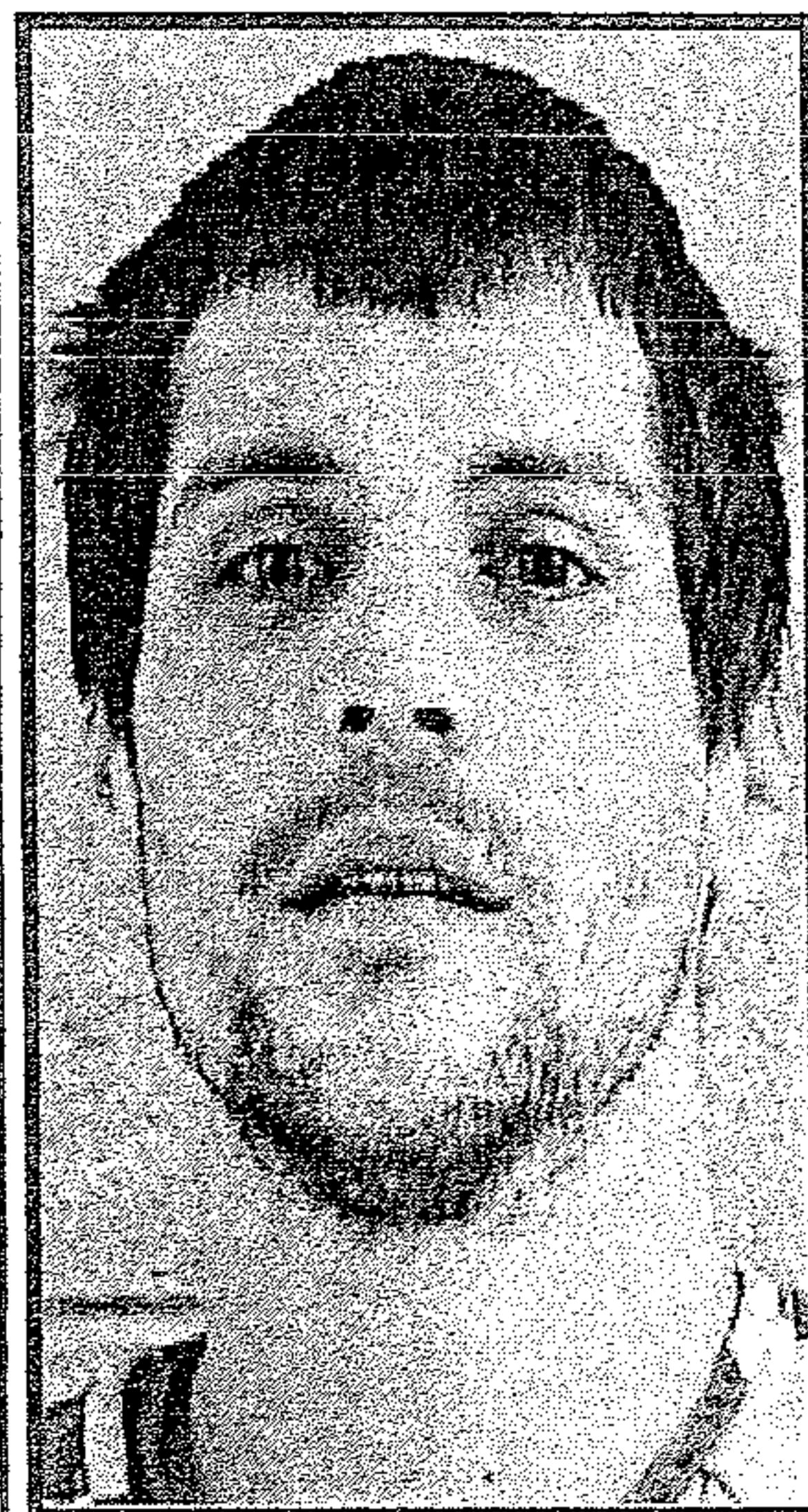
Teen charged with DUI wreck after leaving Junction Pizza Joint



Kaleb Kelly

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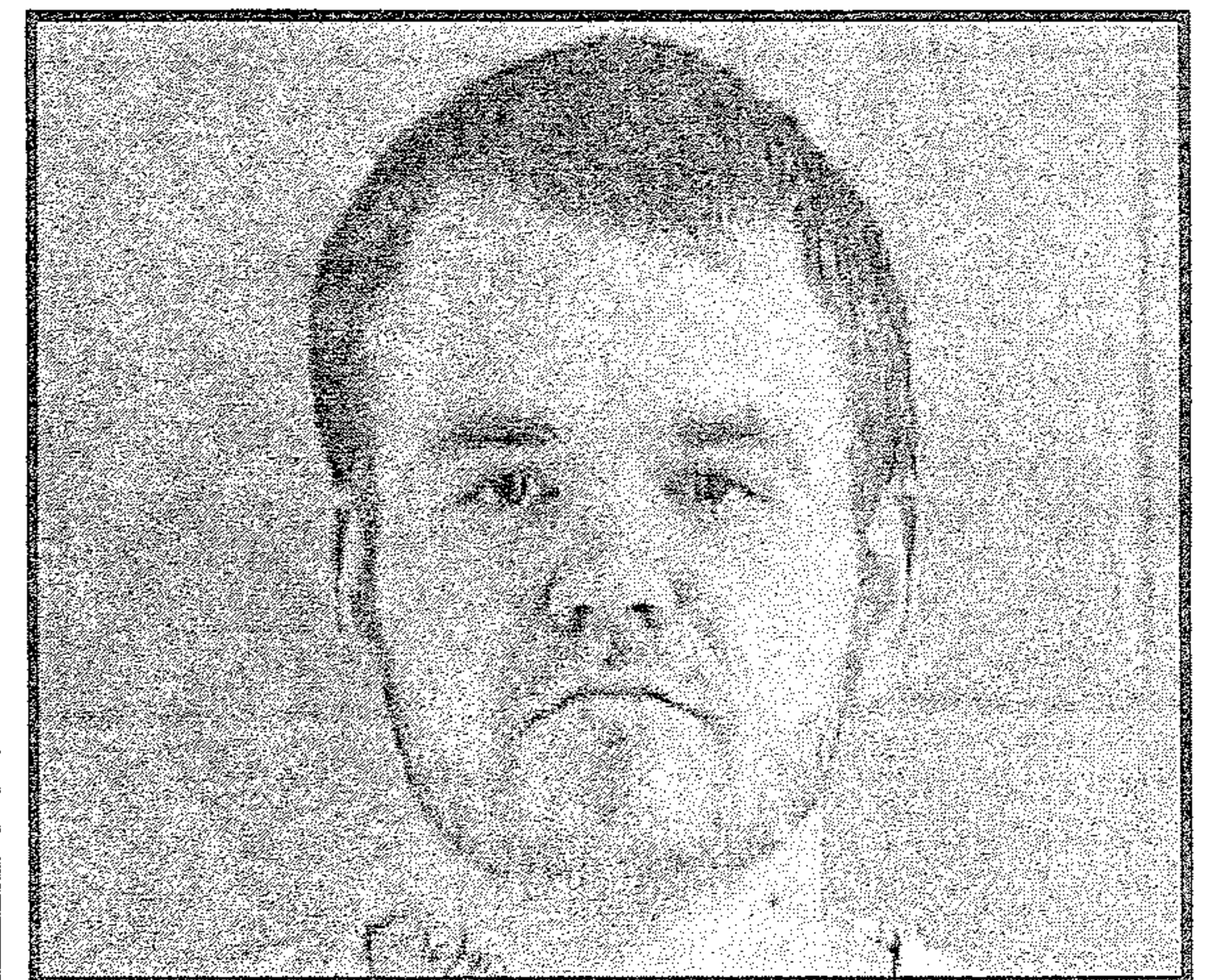
Man charged after kicking in door



Billy Malone

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Criminal court capias filed on Burglary x4 and more



Ricky Rentz

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Federal jury convicts Eloy "Chino" Alonzo of methamphetamine distribution and firearms violations


Following a three-day trial before the Honorable Thomas A. Varlan, Chief U.S. District Court Judge, a jury found Eloy "Chino" Alonzo, 31, of Sweetwater, Tennessee, guilty of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in

furtherance of his drug trafficking. Sentencing is set for 2:00 pm, April 26, 2018, in U.S. District Court.

Evidence presented at trial showed that Eloy Alonzo, an illegal alien and citizen of Mexico, was a large-scale drug distributor that brought and sold pounds of methamphetamine into east

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Verse of the Day

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. — Luke 2:20

Obituaries

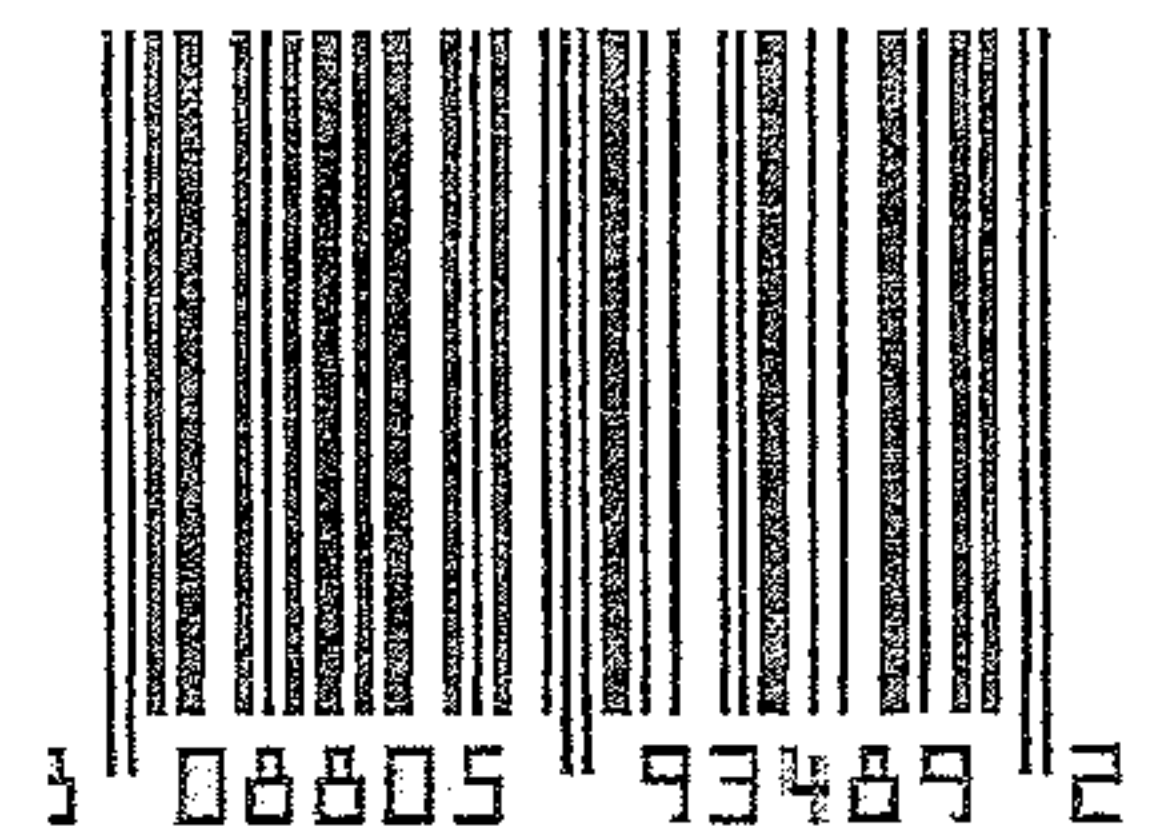
see inside **Wazzup**

A very Happy New Year To All! Special show at Taco Loco in Loudon for New Year's Eve!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 42F. Tonight: Overcast. low of 26F. Saturday: Sunny. High of 45F. Saturday night: Clear.

Low of 21F. Sunday: Partly cloudy. High of 32F. Sunday night: Overcast. Low of 20F. Horoscopes Capricorn 12/21-1/19 Karma is working in your (Continued on page 6)



Checkpoint

U.S. Highway 321 between Friendship Road and U.S. Highway 70. The checkpoint will be conducted in conjunction with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office during the "Booze it & Lose It" Campaign.

"The Lenoir City Police Department takes impaired driving seriously. Sobriety checkpoints are a valuable tool in combating impaired driving," said Chief Don White

The "Booze it & Lose It" Campaign is a nationwide campaign aimed at increas-

ing awareness and enforcement of impaired driving. In December 2015, 840 people died because of impaired driving.

"The holidays are always a festive time when people gather with family and

friends to celebrate. We don't want those festive occasions to be a tragedy because of impaired driving," said Chief Don White.

There are more vehicles and impaired drivers on the

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road during this time of year. The Lenoir City Police Department will be increasing holiday enforcement along with conducting sobriety checkpoints to combat impaired driving.

The Lenoir City Police Department and the Loudon County Sheriff Department will be partnering together, along with other local agencies, to conduct multi-agency enforcement during the holiday season.

The Lenoir City Police Department would like to remind everyone that impaired driving is dangerous driving and if you must drink, drink responsibly, get a ride, and be safe this holiday season.

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Meth

Tennessee. A large quantity of methamphetamine and multiple assault rifles were found at Alonzo's residence during the execution of a search warrant in Monroe County, Tennessee, in September 2016.

Law enforcement agencies participating in this joint investigation included the Ninth Judicial Drug Task Force, Drug Enforcement Administration, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Sweetwater City Police Department, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations, Blount County Sheriff's Department and Fifth Judicial Drug Task Force. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Cynthia Davidson and LaToya Carpenter represented the United States.

Haslam Announces November Tennessee Unemployment Rate Two Percentage Points Lower Than 2016

Tennessee's Rate Remains One Percentage Point Lower than National Average

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Burns Phillips today announced the November statewide unemployment rate posted significantly lower than November 2016 and notably lower than the national average. The preliminary, seasonally-adjusted statewide unemployment rate for Novem-

ber 2017 was 3.1 percent – two percentage points lower than it was one year ago and one percentage point below the national average of 4.1.

While the November statewide rate slightly increased 0.1 percent from the previous month, unemployment in Tennessee remains historically low. The state unemployment rate reached 3 percent in both September and October, its lowest level since the federal government began tracking the statistic in 1976.

"We've invested in our workforce through educational programs like Tennessee Reconnect and Tennessee Promise to help citizens prepare for the job demands of today's employers. But we've also focused on creating an environment in Tennessee where businesses can thrive and want to invest in our communities and citizens," Haslam said. "Jobs are created when companies put capital at risk, and our unemployment rate figures reflect that our policies are attracting companies to Tennessee."

Total nonfarm employment in Tennessee grew by 1,800 jobs in November. The state's leisure and hospitality industry saw the biggest gains between October and November.

"Heading into the holidays, more Tennesseans have jobs this year, compared to last year," Phillips said. "That's good, not only for each individual family, but also for Tennessee's economy

as a whole."

Tennessee first marked a historic low unemployment rate in June at 3.6 percent, which was bested by the July rate of 3.4 percent, and then fell even lower in August to 3.3 percent. It hit a new historic low of 3 percent in both September and October. November's rate is the third lowest in the last six months.

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Time Change for Lenoir City Council Meetings

Lenoir City Council will be changing the beginning time of their meetings to 6:00 P.M. effective January 2018. The meetings will still be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

on the unemployment rate, labor force and resources to help Tennesseans find jobs is available on Jobs4TN.gov.

The county unemployment rates for November 2017 will be published on Thursday, December 28, at 1:30 p.m. CT.

Haslam Issues Statement on Exoneration of Lawrence

McKinney

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today issued the following statement on the exoneration of Lawrence McKinney:

"Today I granted Lawrence McKinney's request for gubernatorial exoneration from his 1978 convictions. Though the facts of

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Wreck

Kaleb Kelly, 19, South Cherry Street Lenoir City, was charged with Underage DUI.

Deputy Z. Frye LCSO, responded to a one vehicle wreck, no injury, at 11707 Hwy 11 East. Dispatch advised the vehicle was on its top in the middle of the roadway but the driver was out of the vehicle and uninjured. Once on scene Deputy made contact with the driver, Kaleb Kelly. Mr. Kelly stated that he had left a Christmas party at Little Joes Pizza and was heading home when he lost control of his vehicle and flipped. The driver stated that he was using his cell phone while operating his vehicle. Deputy asked Mr. Kelly if he had consumed any alcohol at the party and he stated yes. He stated that he had been drinking since approximately 23:00 the evening prior. He

also stated that he had consumed four shots of Vodka approximately an hour before he got into his vehicle to leave the party. Deputy observed Mr. Kelly to be unsteady on his feet, slurred speech and blood shot and watery eyes.

Deputy asked Mr. Kelly if he would be willing to perform field sobriety tasks and he did agree. Mr. Kelly performed poorly on all tasks given. He was then placed under arrest for underage driving while impaired. Implied consent was read and Mr. Kelly did consent to a breath sample.

He was then transported to the jail and did provide two sufficient samples of .099 and .100. Mr. Kelly was issued two citations for TCA: 55-8-199 and 55-8-136 (Citation #15630).

This all did occur in Loudon County, TN

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this case are complex and reasonable minds may draw different conclusions from them, ultimately I respect the determinations of the Shelby County Criminal Court and District Attorney General that Mr. McKinney was not guilty of the crimes for which he was convicted and would not have been prosecuted if the DNA testing results had been available at

the time of trial. Mr. McKinney was released after more than 30 years in prison when the court set aside his convictions in 2009.

“In the eyes of the judicial system, Mr. McKinney is innocent. While I appreciate the hard work and recommendations of the Board of Parole, in this case I defer to the finding of the court charged with determining Mr. McKinney’s guilt or innocence.”


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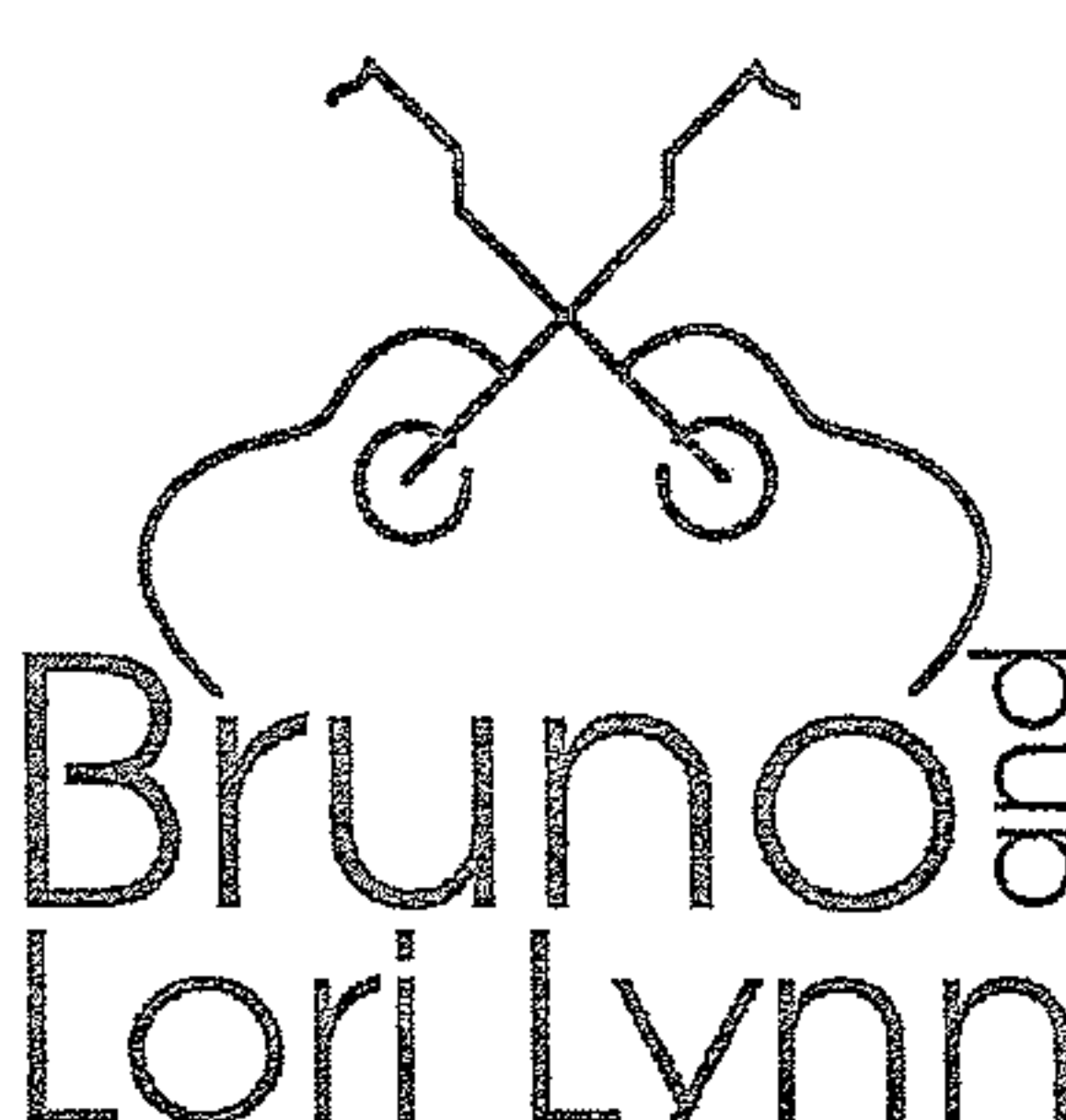
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Agg. Burglary

Billy Malone, 27, Martel Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Burglary.

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after forcing his way in. Another male was in a rear bedroom and heard the commotion and saw Billy Malone leaving, possibly in a maroon car. Victim advised they thought he may have left in a white van. Juvenile witnessed the Burglary also but did not know the subject. There were also two

small children in a back bedroom when the incident happened. No injuries were reported. Victim advised that Billy Malone threatened to stab her yesterdays date but that she did not report it. Statements were taken by all parties on the scene. Billy Malone was gone on officers arrival, and arrest warrant

for Aggravated Burglary is being written.

Capias

Ricky Rentz, 27, Bethlehem Road Maryville, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Cpl J Carter, sent Deputy C Faulkner to McMinn County to pick up Mr Ricky Rentz on a

transport order for Criminal Court. Upon their arrival at the jail Cpl. Carter identified by date of birth and served Mr Rentz a Criminal Court Capias for Burglary x4, Theft x4 and Vandalism x4. The Capias is Docket Number 2017-CR-43-C. This was served in the Booking Room of Loudon County Jail without incident.

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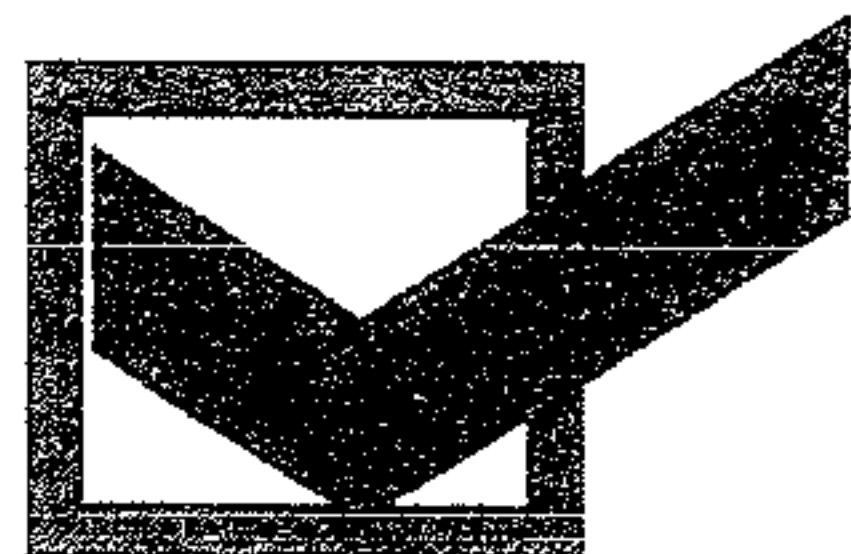
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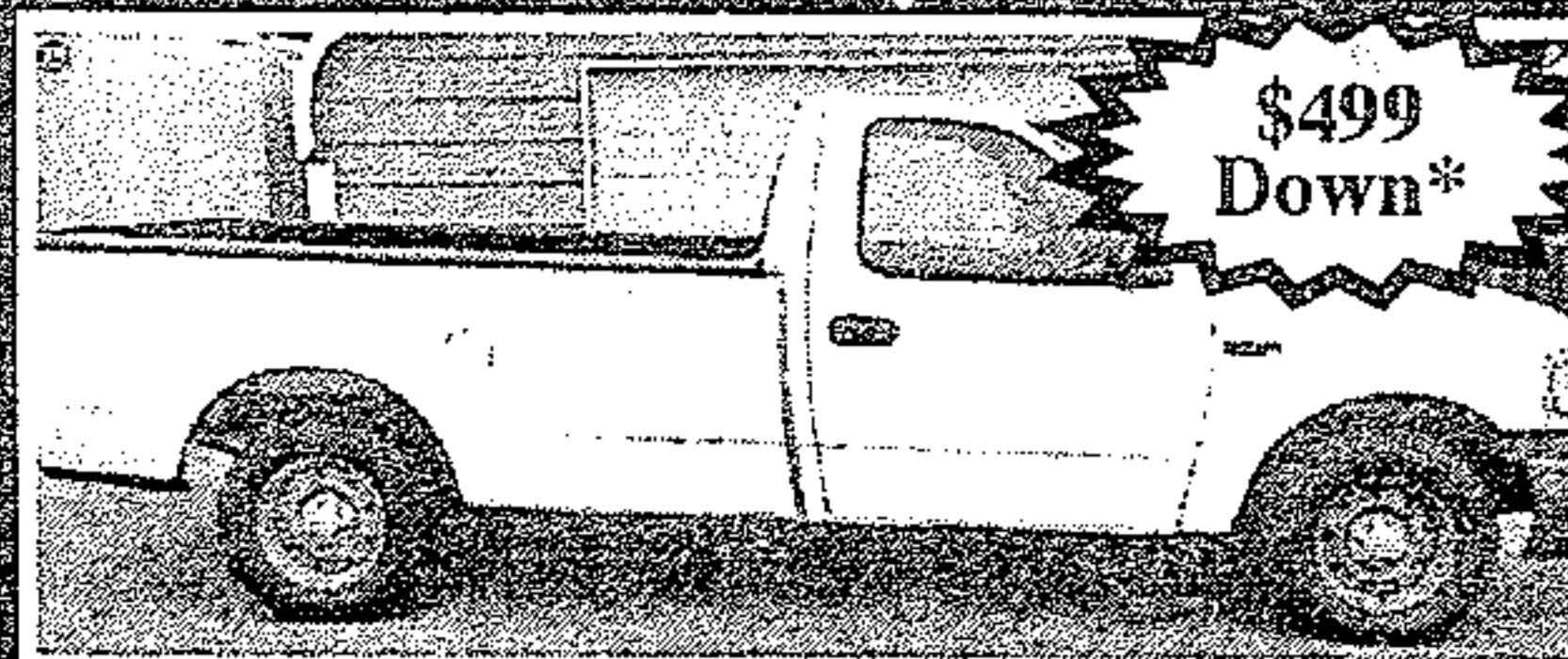


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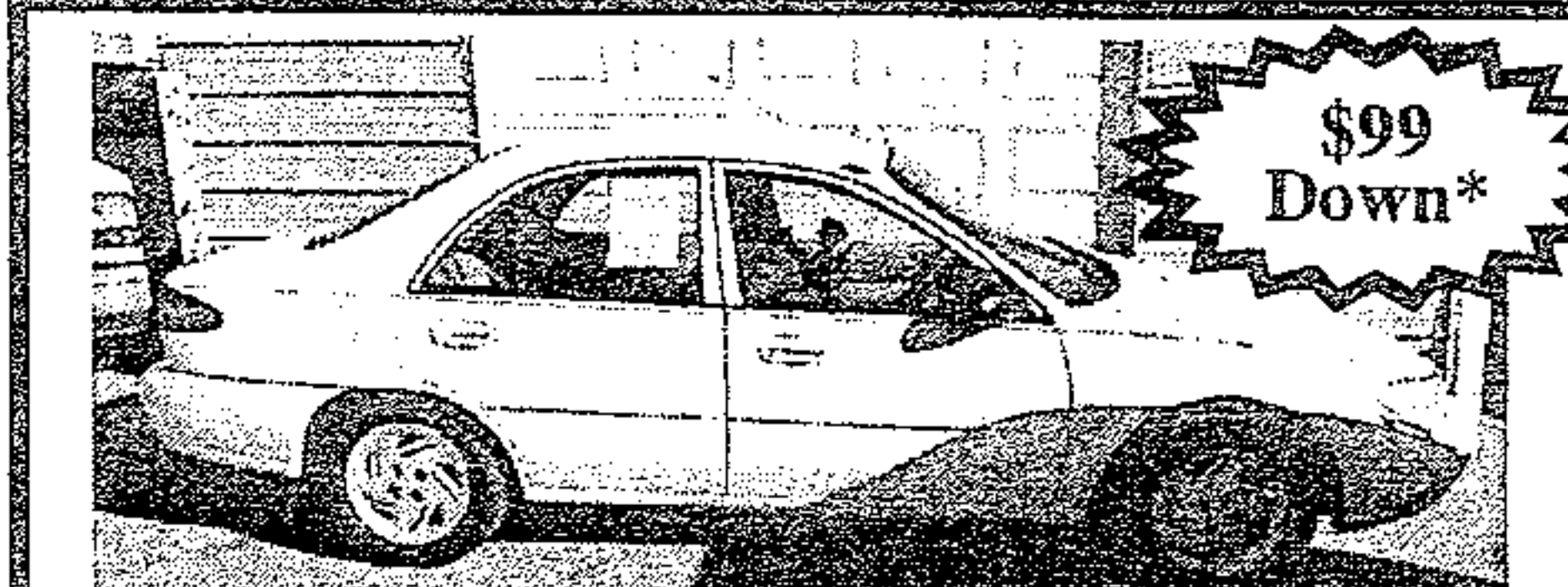
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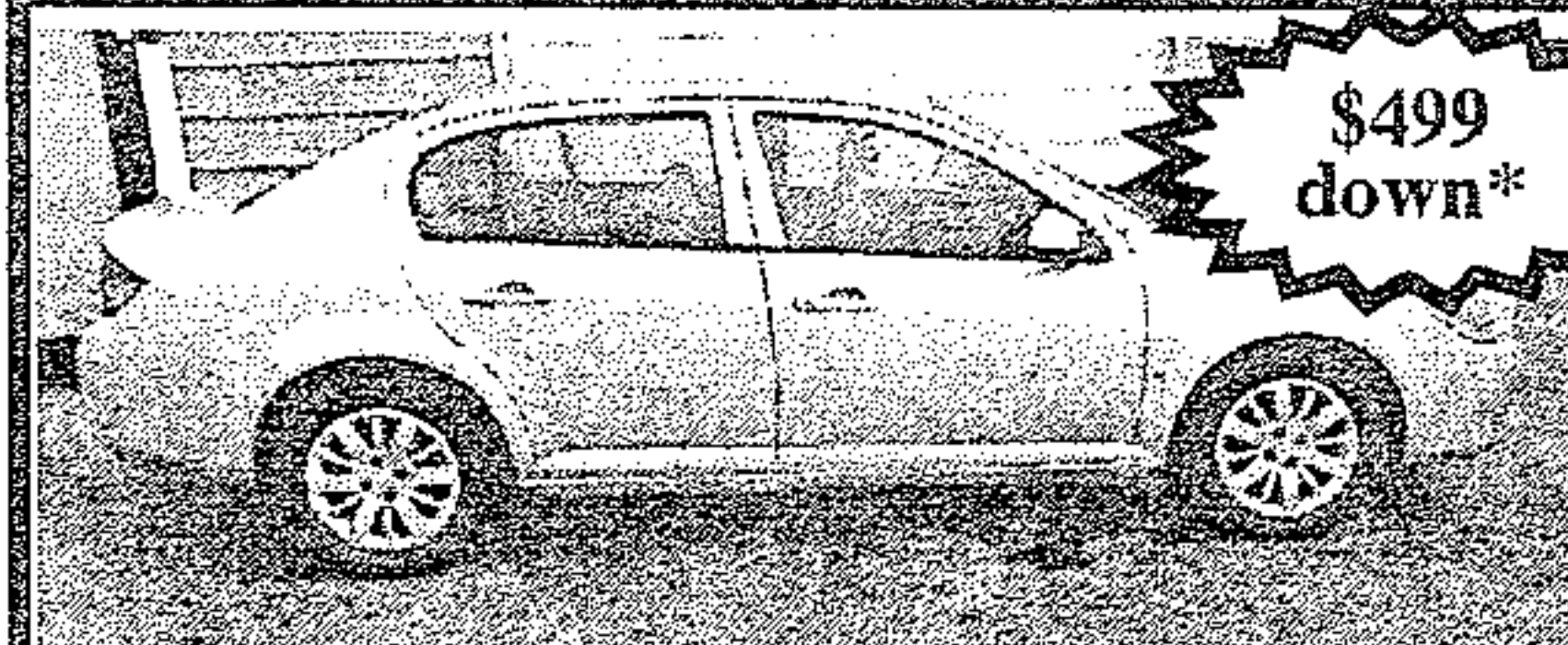
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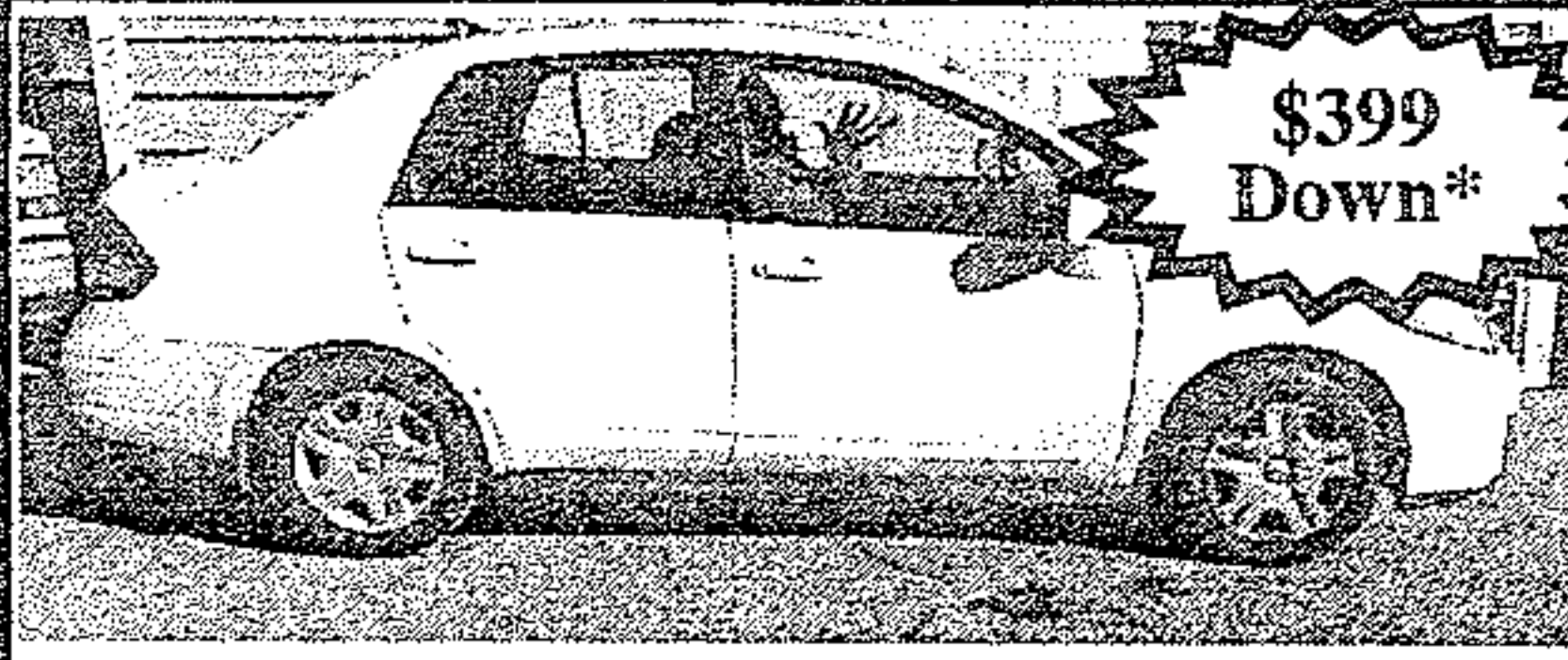
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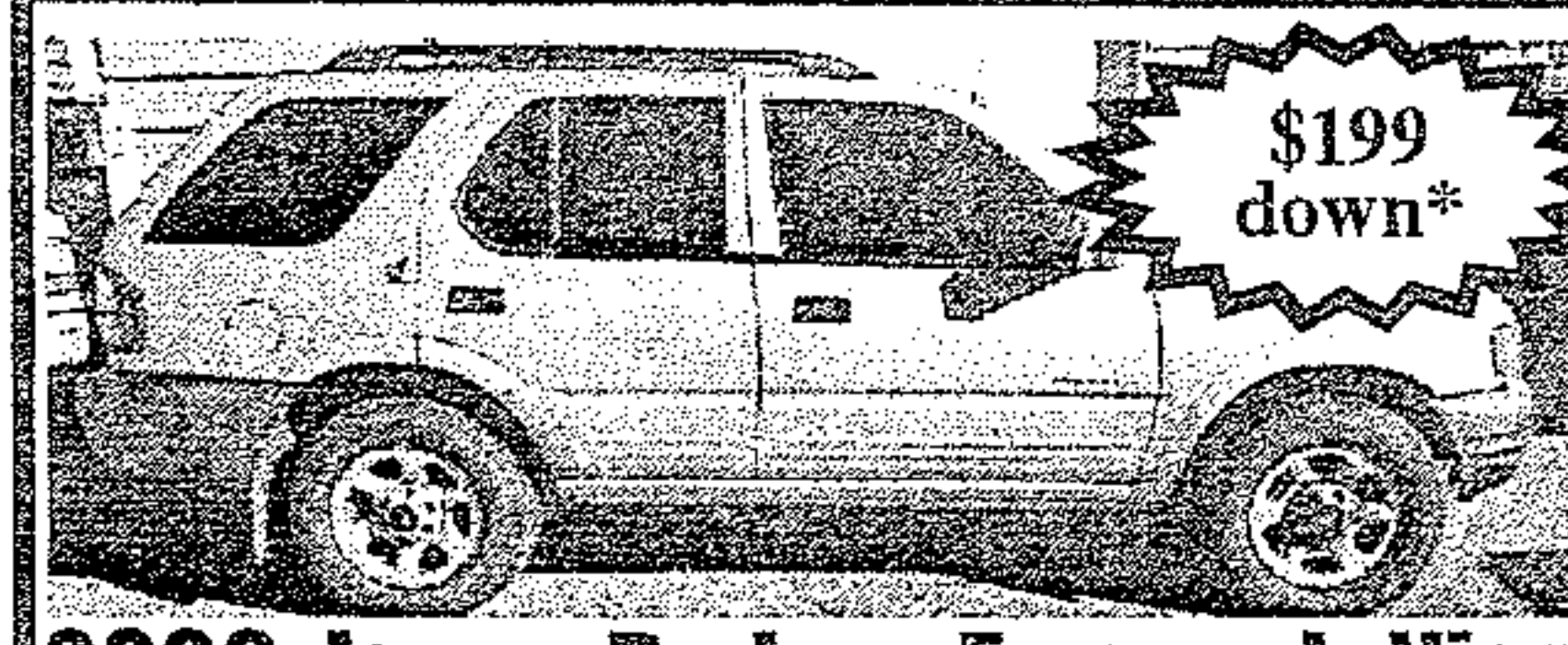
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