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Monday, January 29, 2018

## Meth charges follow traffic stop for duo

Michael Deer, 40, Minnis Avenue Knoxville, was charged with MFG/Del/Sell or Possession of Meth, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Criminal Impersonation, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Alicia Carl, 30, Minnis Ave Knoxville, was charged with MFG/Del/Sell or Possession (see Meth pg. 2)



Michael Deer



Alicia Carl

## Window tint violation gets man stopped



Nicholas Farmer

see Possession pg. 3

## Domestic charge follows call to police

Scott Latour, 45, Waller Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Morgan LCPD, was dispatched to Hwy 321 N, Lenoir City, TN 37771 for a domestic between a male and female. Upon arrival Officer and Officer Green was met by a Scott Latour and a female whom have been in a relationship and living together for the last 5 months. Victim stated that Mr. Latour

had been drinking at chili's and became upset and started arguing with her in the truck before hitting her and pulling her hair. Victim then pulled over at the EZ stop on Hwy 321 where she ran inside and had someone call 911. Mr. Latour admitted to hitting victim in the truck, he was then taking into custody for domestic and transported to Loudon County Jail with incident.

### Kendra Watson: A Success Story

I'm no recovery connoisseur but one thing I know for sure is this...If you want to keep what you have, you have to give it away.

My name is Kendra, I'm an addict and this is my story...

Growing up I was a honor student that enjoyed art, playing piano, being involved in 4H, and had an undeniable love for basketball. I had a funny sense of humor and was a very laid back/loveable person. When I was 11 years old I was informed that I had scoliosis. Throughout the years I experienced back pain and would frequently get inflamed muscles

in my back. At 16 years old I was prescribed to pain killers and muscle relaxers. Little did I know this was the beginning of a perpetual pandimoneom that would become my life. By the time I was 19 I had an overdose, got arrested, and went to rehab all for the first time. I completed 1 month in a safe house and 3 months of inpatient rehab. Within 3 weeks of graduating

these programs I was getting high again and had even picked up another drug habit. I was not only snorting pain killers but was now smoking meth. I used to try to get as many different colored pills as I could into one line and snort it. I would call them "cocktails" (this is also known as speed balling). I had no brakes when it came to abusing drugs, I hated

(see Kendra pg. 4)



### Verse of the Day

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. — James 1:5

### Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

This weekend coming up is Super Bowl Sunday. Is your party ready?

### Weather

Today: Sunny. High of

47F.  
Tonight: Clear. low of 25F.  
Tuesday: Sunny. High of 48F.  
Tuesday night: Clear. Low of 28F.  
**Horoscopes**  
Aquarius 1/20-2/19

You seem to be a conversation starter today and are unwilling to patiently wait for others to make the first move. You want all the facts you can get now because you believe knowledge is power. Dont look for a signal that its

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**Meth**

of Meth, Criminal Impersonation, Identity Theft, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer witnessed a red Mercury Sedan traveling on Highway 321 toward Interstate 75. Officer witnessed the driver not wearing a seat-belt. Officer made contact

with the driver at the Exxon on Highway 321 near I-75 the driver stated his name was James later identified as Mr. Michael Deer. and he did not have a license upon check Mr. Deer was revoked. The passenger in the vehicle stated her name was Jamie who came back to an actual person but she

was later identified as Ms. Alicia Carl. When asked if there was anything inside the vehicle Ms. Carl stated there may be some paraphernalia in the vehicle Mr. Deer stated there was some "dope" in the center console. Officer

did locate in the center console a blue capsule containing 4 clear baggies 1 containing a white rocky substance weighing approximately 1.0 gram. In the passenger side front seat where Ms. Carl see meth ctd. pg. 4



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Possession

Nicholas Farmer, 24, Williamson Chapel Road Maryville, was charged with Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, observed a silver Dodge Charger traveling North on Hwy 411 South. The vehicle's front side windows were so dark with window tint the inside of the passenger compartment could not be seen. Upon traffic stop Deputy made contact with the driver and identified him as Nicholas Farmer, the offender. While speaking with the offender Deputy observed a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The offender stated he does smoke marijuana and upon further questioning he stated there was a pipe in the

center console that he uses to smoke it. Inside the vehicle's center console a metal pipe shaped like a cigarette was found with a burnt residue in it. A Newport cigarette pack was also found in the same location containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. The green leafy substance weight approximately 1.5 grams.

The offender stated the green leafy substance was not his and he didn't know it was in the vehicle. The offender was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. The vehicle was towed by Malone's Towing. Citation # 15375 was issued. The offender stated he has been arrested before for simple possession in another state. All occurred in Loudon County, TN.

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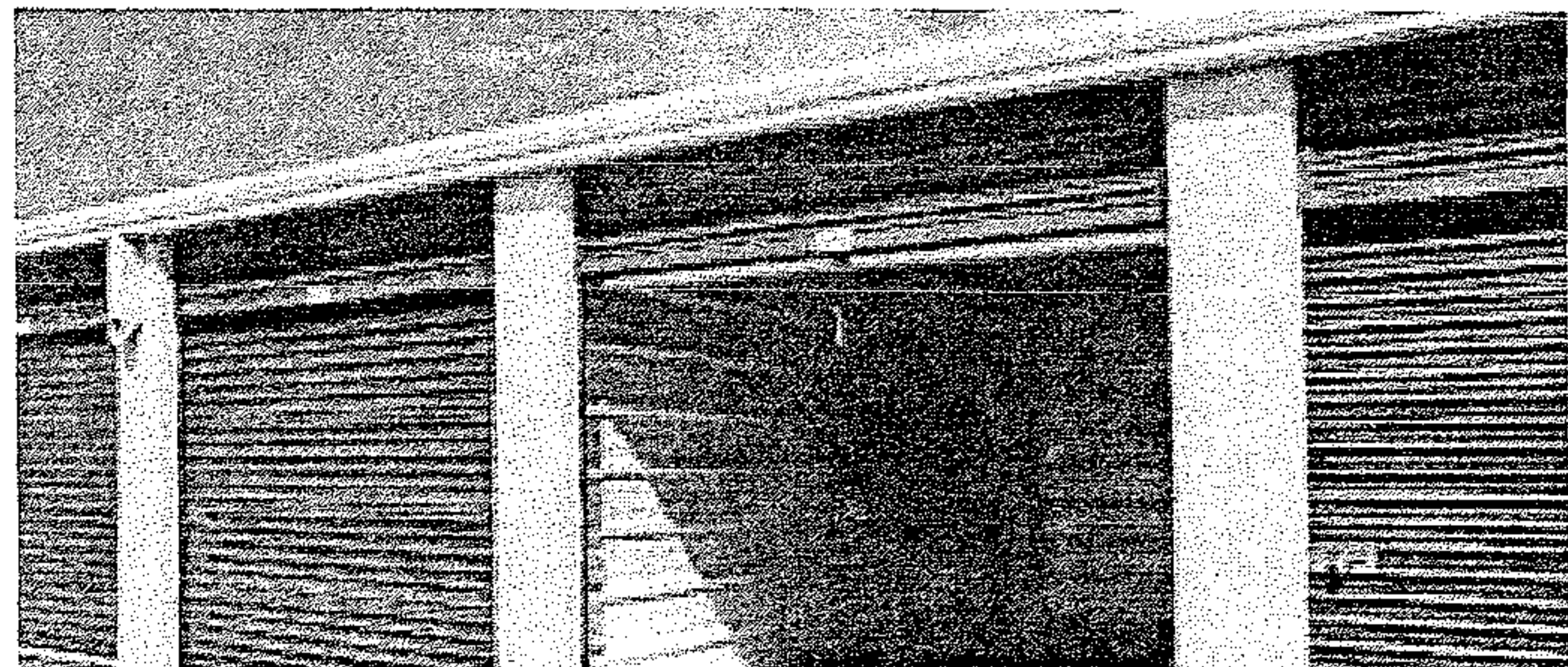
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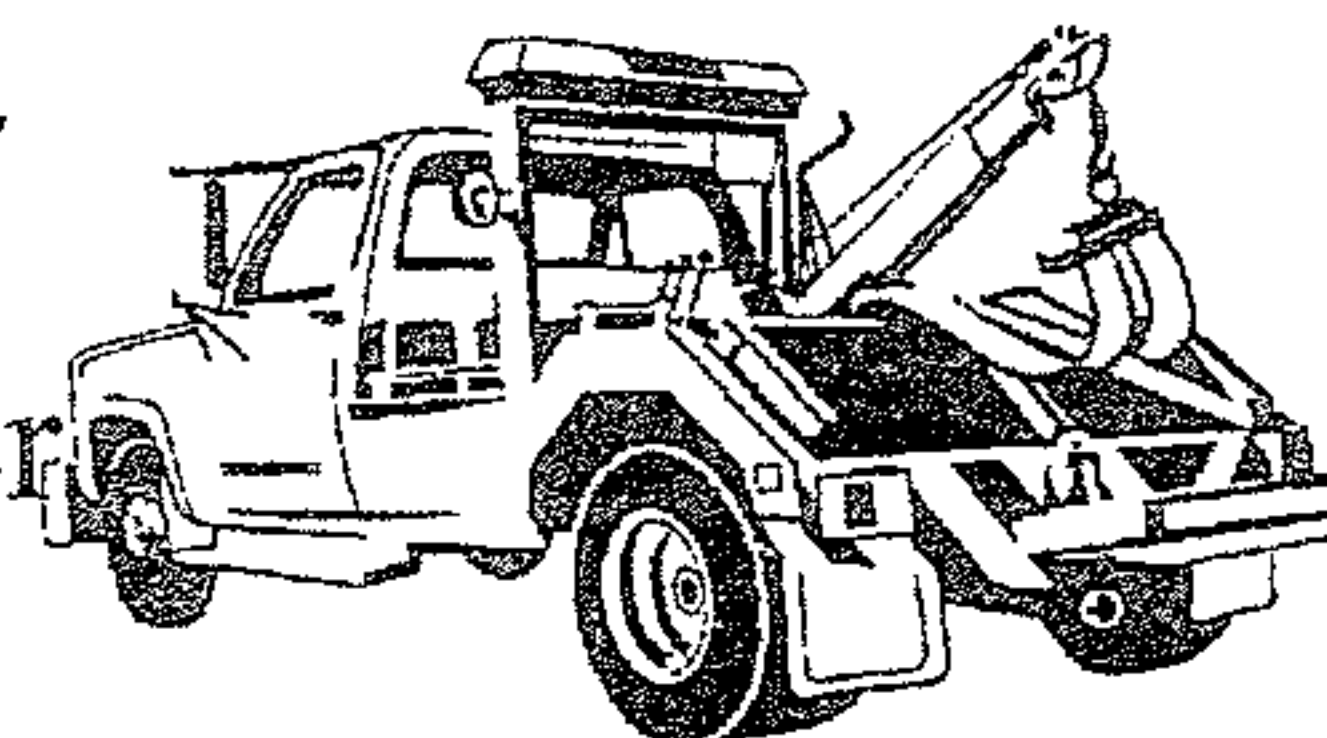
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**Kendra**

the person I had become and didn't care if I lived or died. A lot of times I would hit my knees and beg God to take my life because I just couldn't see the light at the end of the tunnel. After about a year of hardcore drug use, I landed in jail again. I was caught in a stolen truck with a friend and jumped out of the moving truck to flee on foot during pursuit. I was caught and he wasn't. "Snitching" was highly frowned upon in my lifestyle so it wasn't an option and I was now sitting in jail charged for a stolen truck that I didn't steal. After serving time I was released on probation. When released I went straight back to getting high. One year later to the day I went to jail for violating my probation. It was my last check in and I got drug tested. I failed for almost every drug you could think of. I'll never forget seeing the disappointment in my probation officers eyes when he read the results. He always really liked me and couldn't believe his eyes. He gave me the speech I had heard so many times before..."you're better than this" "how can I help" etc. I promised him I was going to try to do better. I served my time, got out, and went to rehab again. I stayed for a month then came home. I managed to stay clean and hold a job for about 6 months before using again. Pills on market grew stronger and so did my addiction. I thought I was still doing good bc I didn't smoke meth anymore but meth wasn't my drug of choice so it was easy to quit. One of worst withdrawals I ever experienced, my body lost all control. I was sweating profuse-

ly, shaking and puking uncontrollably, sneezing, eyes watering, and nose running. When I finally stopped puking for a second I laid my face on the cold tile floor and was gasping for air trying to catch my breath. In that moment it never crossed my mind to get off of drugs but how I was going to get high to make it stop. Ironically, sometimes when I would get high I would lay my head back and as the drugs drained down my throat, tears streamed down my face. I hated myself, I hated my life, I didn't know who I was anymore. I felt as if I was locked in a cage and someone threw the key away. I was convinced I would never break free. For almost 2 years I was involved in a large scale drug operation that enabled me to sale a lot of drugs. One thing I think I was addicted to just as much as the drugs was selling the drugs. If there was one thing I was good at other than doing drugs, it was selling them. In 2013 I was caught selling drugs for the first time and arrested by Drug Task Force with 4 new drug charges. My partner in crime at the time paid cash to get me out of jail then paid thousands for a well respected attorney. So I walked away with misdemeanors and on probation again. Since I was on probation again, this meant drug tests. So I thought I would manipulate the system and get a prescription for Suboxone. I had the intentions to take the suboxone only when I knew I was getting a drug test so I couldn't get violated and just get high the rest of the time. I couldn't put the drugs down long enough to even do that so I was

given an ultimatum...jail or go to a halfway house in Nashville. My car was seized in the drug bust so I paid someone in pills to take me 3 hours away the halfway house. I was high when I got there, barely keeping my eyes open during the intake process. I had nothing but a bag of clothes and an extremely broken soul. This place was welcoming and the breath of fresh air I so desperately needed. In order to stay in this house you had to have a job and attend two 12 step meetings a day. I set out on foot and taking different buses looking for a job. I got turned down away several times, my resume wasn't the greatest considering I couldn't hold a job down in the midst of my addiction. I heard about this deli that would hire recovering addicts. I was hired as a busser and was so excited! Everyday I would go to work and attended my two meetings by foot and bus. When walking to destinations I would listen to music. A song I would listen to every day and smile was "Here comes the Sun" by the Beatles. I felt as if it were a metaphor of my life. I didn't have much but I wasn't on drugs anymore and couldn't be happier! I think I was the most grateful person alive. I was allowed to have my cell phone back after 30 days but I told them to keep it. I didn't want the "untrace-

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 was seating Officer located 4 clear rocks that field tested positive for methamphetamine. When weighed it weighed approximately 1.5 grams. In the center console located two capped syringes. In the backseat Officer located a bag of syringes containing

about 10 syringes. In the trunk located a baggy containing 7 capped syringes. In Ms. Carl's purse Officer located multiple notebooks containing personal identification numbers and bank accounts for other people including Ms. Jamie. In Mr. Deer's wallet Officer located

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**Former Department Of Energy Subcontractor sentenced for conspiring to defraud DOE and IRS**

On January 22, 2018, Joseph Anthony Armes, II, 38, of Petros, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable Thomas W. Phillips, Senior U.S. District Judge, to serve 12 months and one day in prison for conspiring to defraud the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). He will be also be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for a period of three years following his release from prison.

Armes formerly operated Transportation, Operations, and Professional Services (TOPS) and several other businesses in east Tennessee. In April 2011, DOE awarded UCOR the prime contract for the clean-up of the former K-25 Plant, which was being developed as the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. UCOR awarded TOPS a \$24 million subcontract for waste transportation services

to the ETTP project in June 2011. The plea agreement for Armes, which is on file with U.S. District Court, detailed how he channeled payments to the son of UCOR's President from TOPS and other businesses operated by Armes through an elaborate system of false invoices and cash payments from June 2011 through July 2013. TOPS had represented to DOE that it did not have an organizational conflict of interest with UCOR.

Armes also conspired with a tax preparer, Roger Beu, and others to submit false tax forms to the IRS to reduce federal taxes that he owed to the IRS for tax years 2007 through 2012. This resulted in a tax loss of over \$1.4 million to the IRS. As part of the sentence, Judge Phillips ordered Armes to repay the IRS more than \$2.3 million, which includes interest and penalties on the \$1.4 million tax loss.

J. Douglas Overbey, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee stated, "In addition to pursuing tax fraud, the U.S. Attorney's Office is committed to

enforcing federal laws aggressively to ensure compliance and transparency in federal government contracting and subcontracting."

"Today's sentencing again emphasizes the IRS and U.S. Attorney's Office will continue their aggressive pursuit of those who use fraudulent methods in an attempt to corrupt our nation's tax system," said Christopher Altemus, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the IRS-Criminal Investigation Nashville Field Office. "Everyone has a responsibility for filing correct and accurate tax returns, and this sentence should send a clear message: schemes to evade the payment of taxes are a violation of the federal tax laws and the consequences of such schemes can and will result in jail time."

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an American Express company card with a male name who Ms. Carl stated was her father but she did not know Mr. Deer had the card. Officer turned all this information over to the Investigation Division.


Officer is charging Mr. Deer with man, sel, del of schedule 2 meth, driving while revoked, possession paraph., and criminal impersonation.

Officer is charging Ms. Carl with man sel del sch.2 meth, poss. paraph, criminal impersonation, and identity theft. All the above actions did occur in Loudon County TN.

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able" flip phone with old contacts in it anymore. I wanted to start fresh, buy a new phone, get a new number, and new contacts. After a month I came across a 1994 ford ranger and the guy was willing to take payments. I was paying bills, got a phone and vehicle...I was becoming a functioning part of society again. 6 months later I graduated the halfway house and moved out on my own. I was continuously excelling at my job slowly being moved up and eventually became a delivery coordinator/catering assist. One year into recovery I went to college for the first time, finishing 2 out of 3 classes in half of a semester while maintaining a full and part time job. Not too shabby for a high school drop out. So within one year

of recovery I managed to get a car, hold down not one but two jobs consecutively, graduate probation, pay off all of my fines, move out on my own, and go to college. My ultimate dream was to travel and during the second year of recovery I put that dream into motion! I moved across the country to Montana. Within a month of working for the ski resort, I was promoted to a supervisor. Me, the drug addict that couldn't hold down a job was now a supervisor at one of the most well known ski resorts in America. Throughout the last couple of years I have traveled to 19 states I had never been to, multiple National parks, and more state parks than I can even count. In 2018 I plan to take my travels international and find more ways to help others. I have completely

rediscovered myself, I wake up everyday with more love and gratitude in my heart than I even know what to do with. I have a great job that gives random drug test. I get a sense of pride when taking one and smile knowing I will pass. Life still very much as hardships and isn't always easy but now getting high isn't how I deal with hard times. It doesn't even cross my mind during hard times. 2 overdoses, 6 times incarcerated, 8 rehab trips, and one halfway house later this is the outcome... Life is what you make it and FOUR YEARS ago I made a new life for myself! ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY days ago I woke seeing the world through different eyes! This is posted a day early because I am traveling for the next week but Janu-

ary 8th will forever be one of the greatest days of my life! It is the day I returned to life!!!!

To the addict that still suffers; If you need to take that step, reach out to me and I will help you in any way that I can. If you just want to talk, I'm here for you and I love you! There is hope!



To the recovering addict; this quote is for

you...

"I know that you cannot live on hope alone, but without hope, life is not worth living. So YOU and YOU and YOU...gotta give em hope!"

(-Harvey Milk)

I share my story with a hopeful heart that others with find inspiration in it. Feel free to share :)

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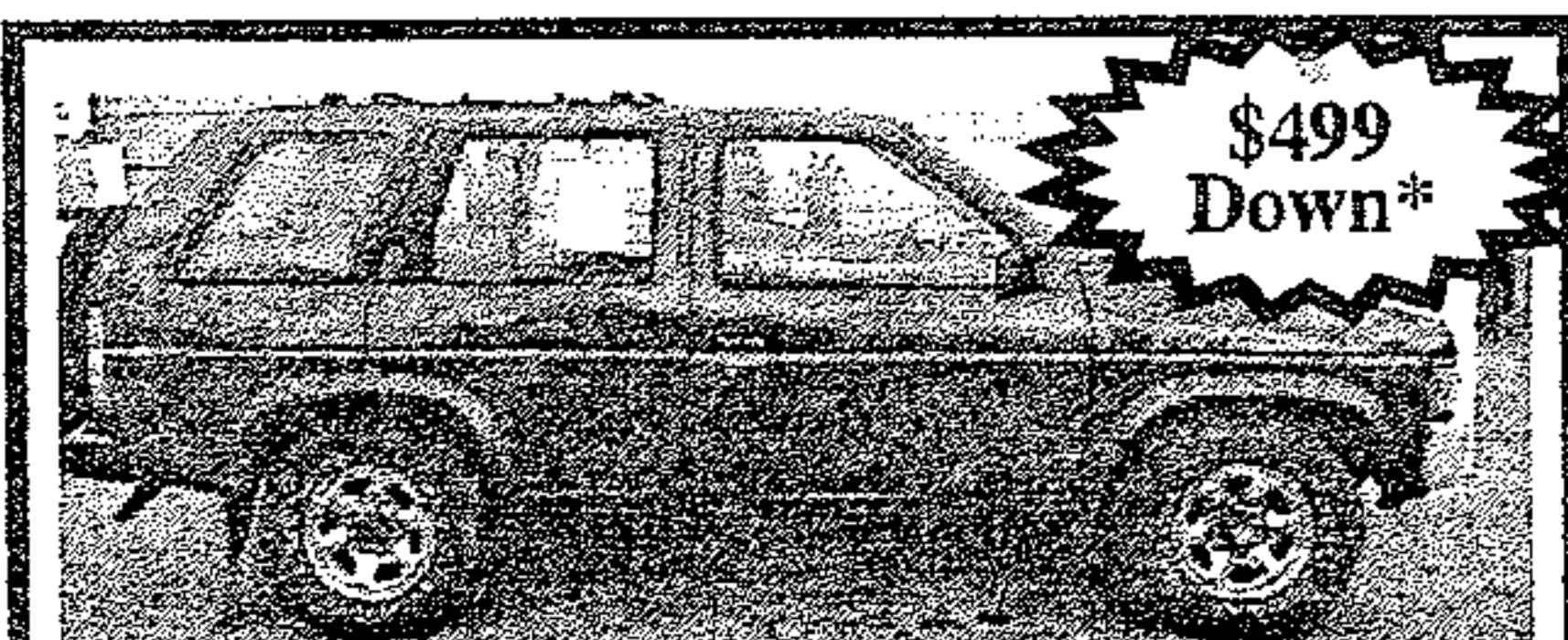
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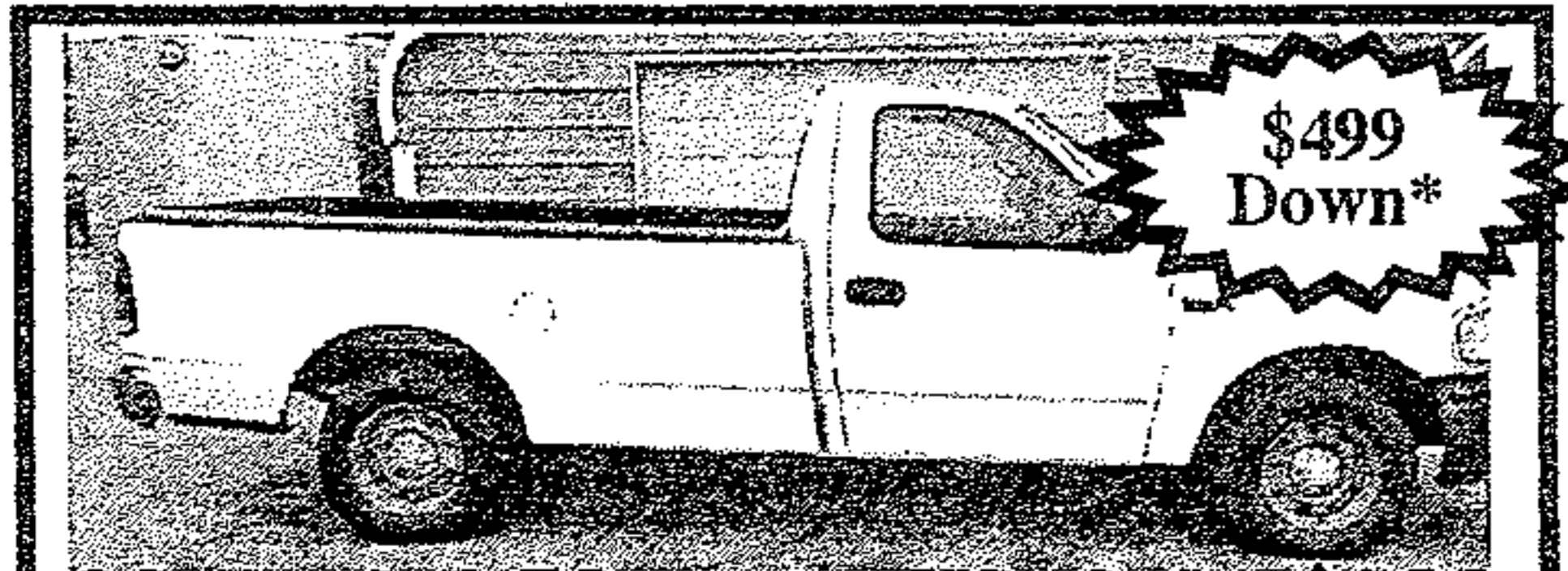
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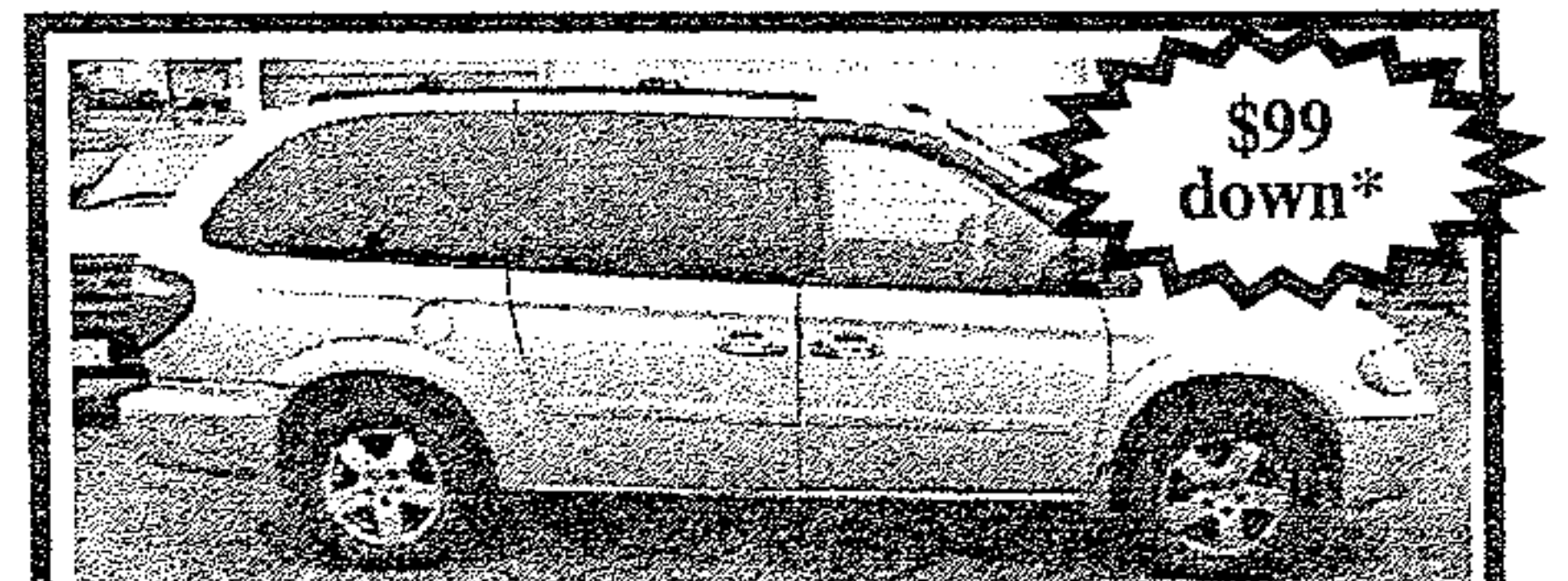
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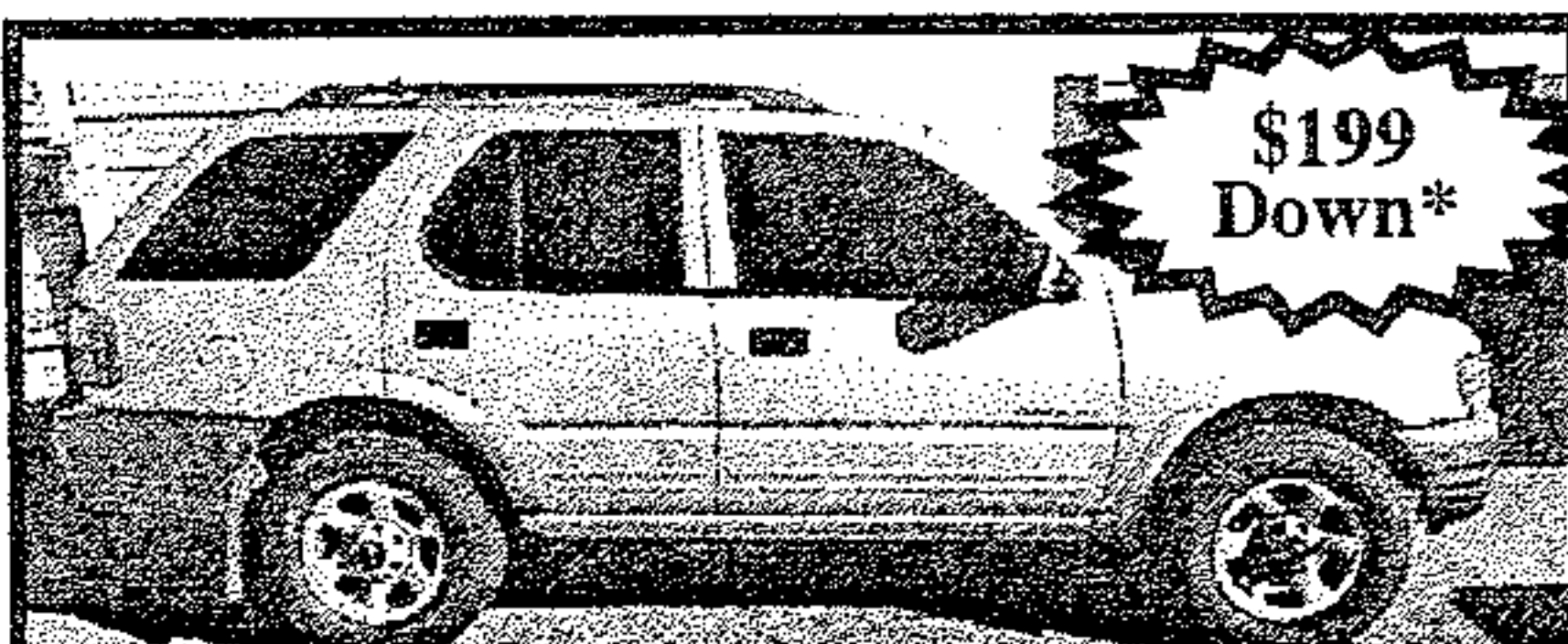
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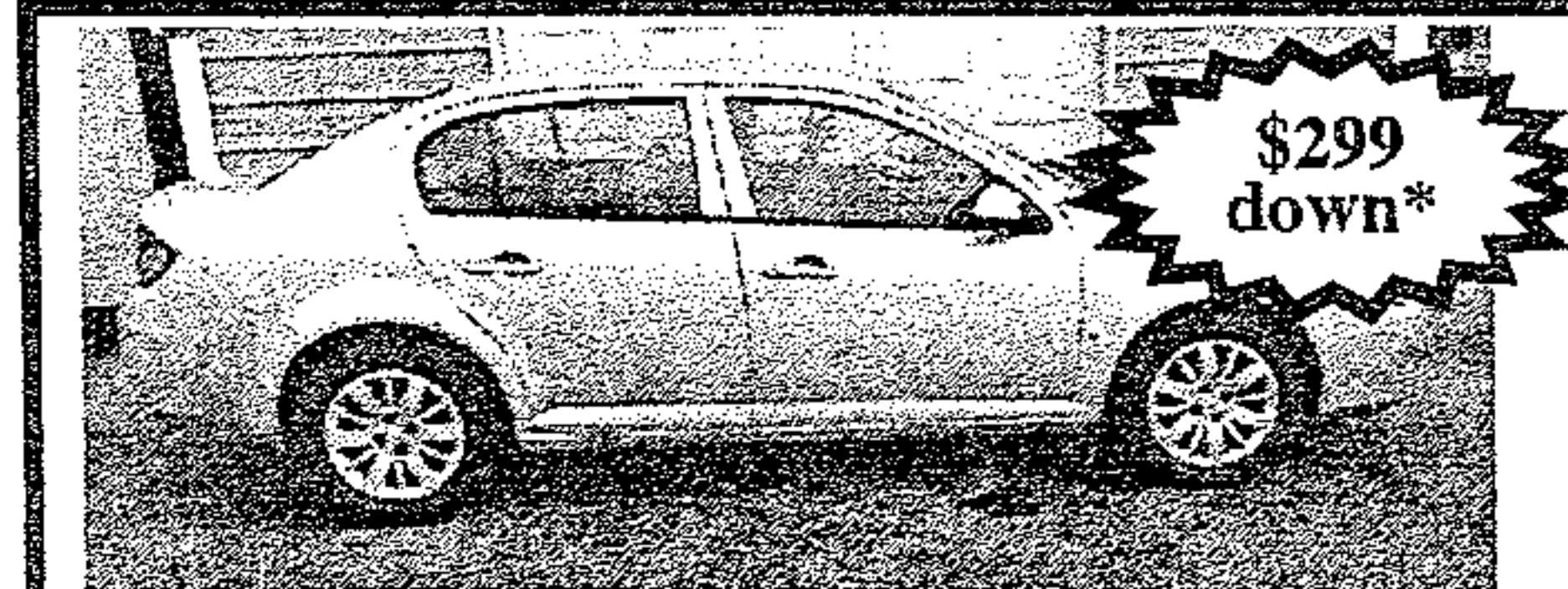
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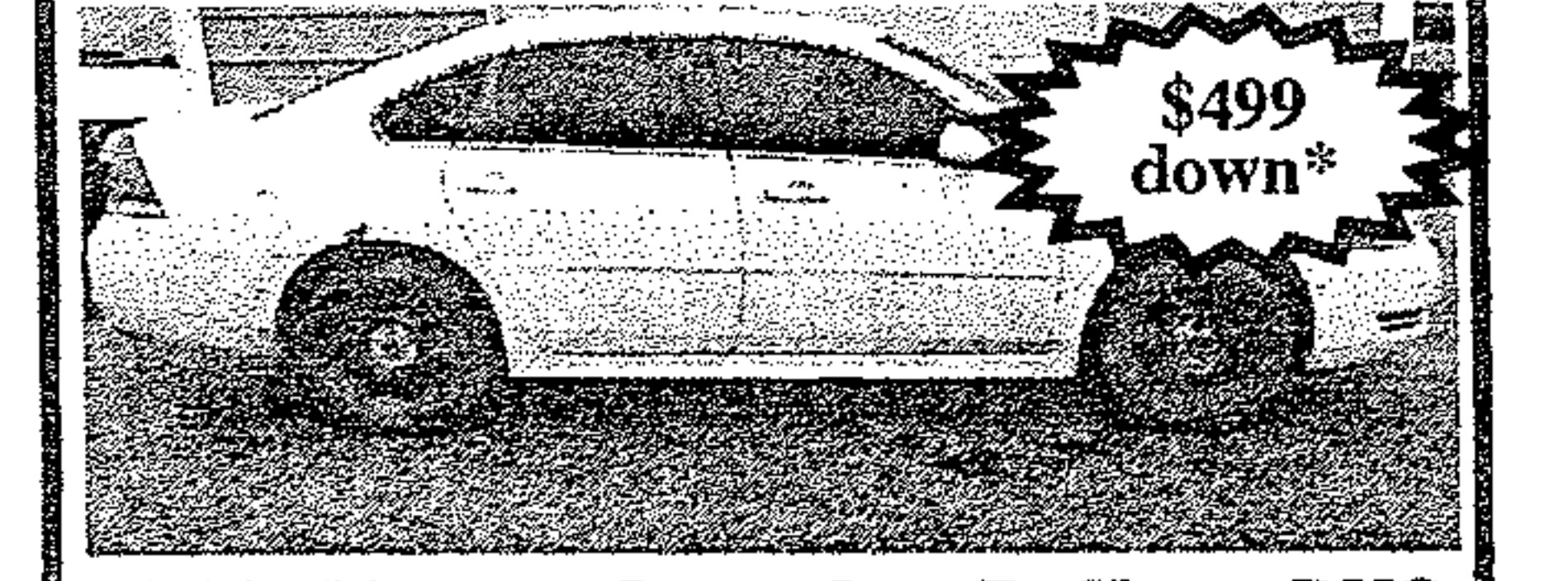
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