

## Wanted subjects. bad tag, meth, needles and more in traffic stop

## 4th DUI and rolling! LCSO's Sgt. J. Bowen nabs driver



Thomas Bowers

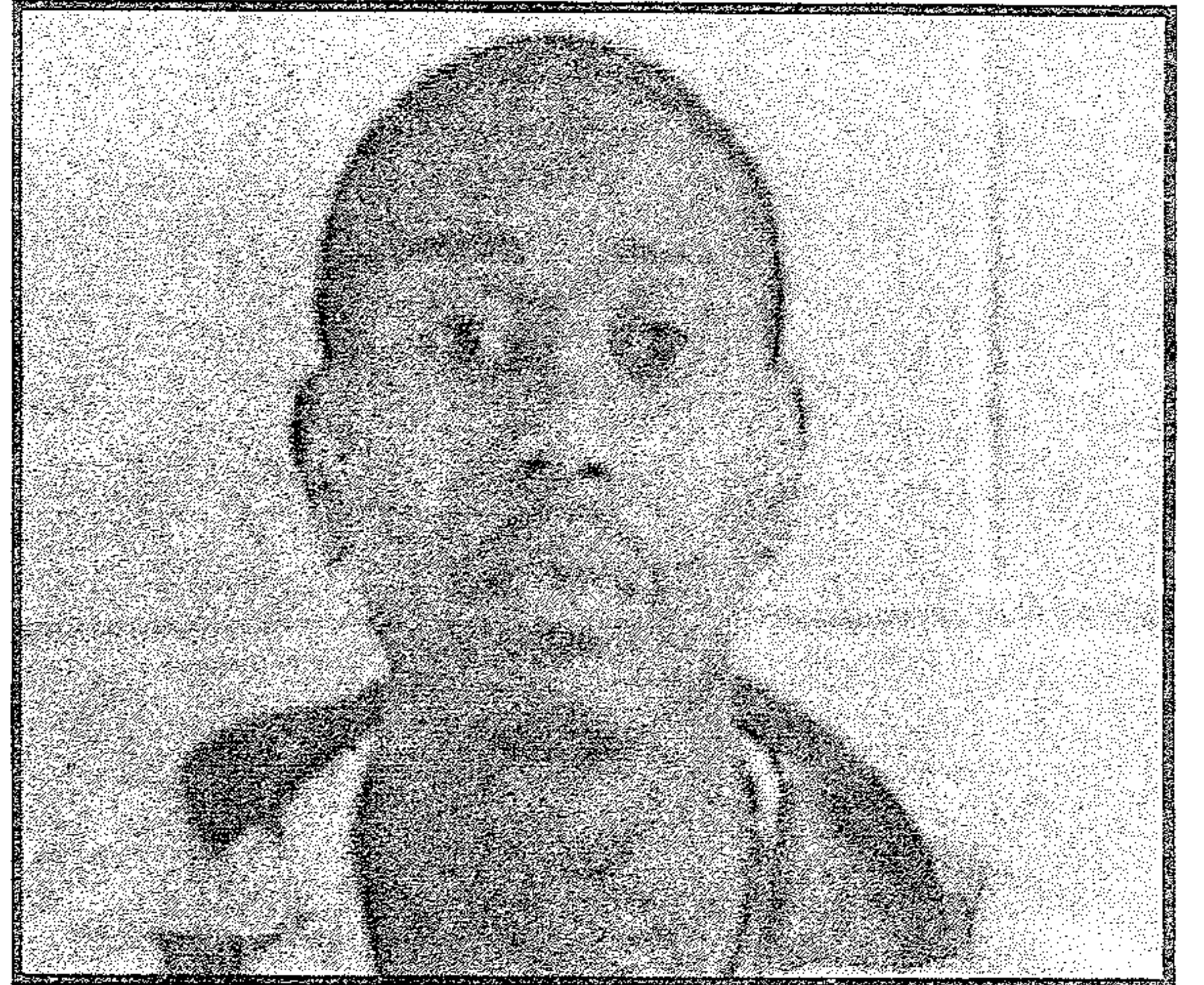
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Shelby Davis



Kelsey Range



Robert Brown

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## Speeding 100mph in a 65mph zone ends with load of charges

## You can't sleep in the ditch



Robert Fann

see Speeding pg. 5



Jason Williams

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## Theft of Federal Funds for Housing Victims Included the Elderly, Homeless, and Mentally Disabled

Alternatives Living, Inc., was a non-profit organization in the New Orleans area with a stated mission of providing affordable housing to the elderly, homeless families, and individuals with mental disabilities. And through the state of Louisiana, the non-profit received funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out its noble work—

assisting about 660 clients annually, enabling them to live successfully within their communities.

Unfortunately, the chief financial officer (CFO) of Alternatives Living—Rickey Roberson—had another purpose as well: to use some of the funds from HUD, specifically earmarked for needy individuals, for his own personal gain. And as a result, there were clients who were not able to get

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### Verse of the Day

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." — John 3:3

### Obituaries

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### Wazzup

Do Y'all remember when they passed a gas tax on us to fix the potholes on TN Roads? Just wondering when that is gonna actually happen. Interstates are awful.

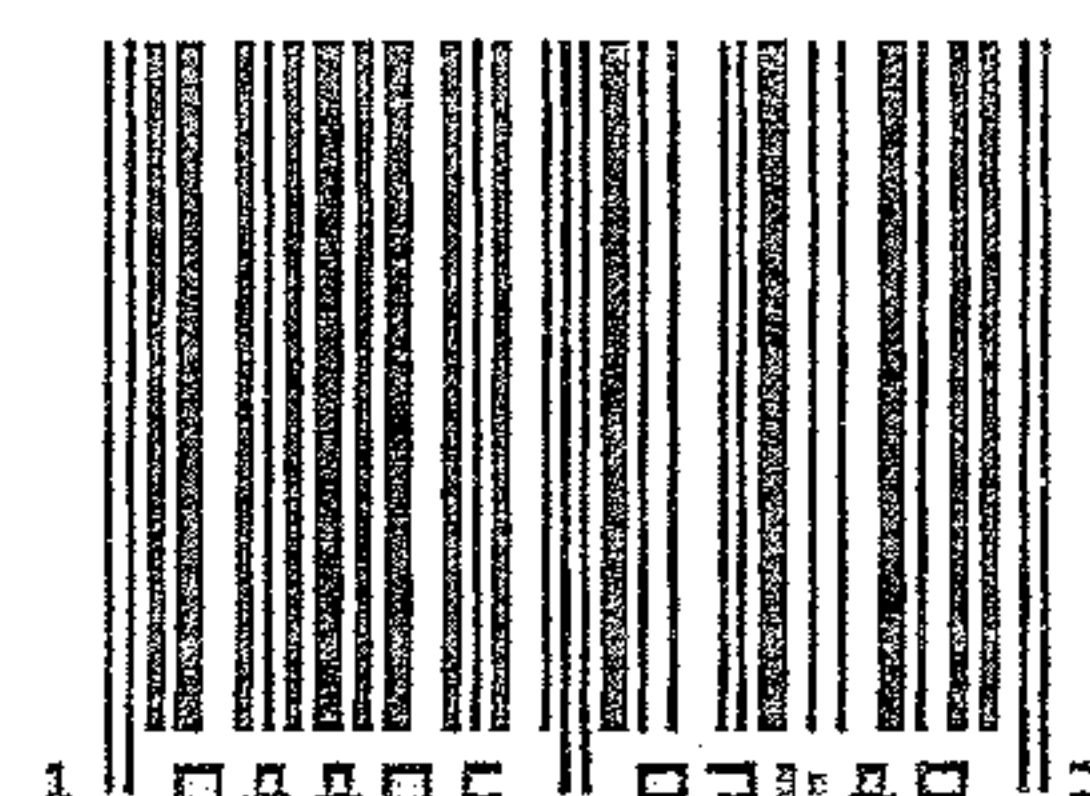
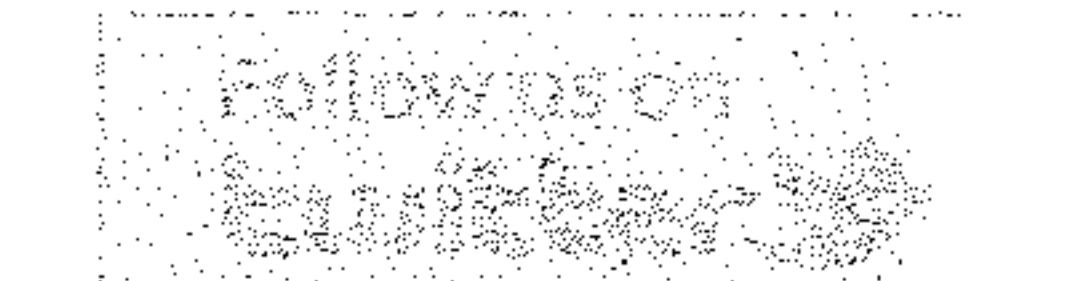
### Weather

Today: Rain and freezing rain. High of 38F. Tonight: Rain. low of 34F. Tuesday: Partly cloudy. High of 48F. Tuesday night: Over-

cast. Low of 37F.

### Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/21-1/19  
You may be focusing on personal matters today, but you cant stop thinking about your career. Regardless of your current employment status, you have ambitions  
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**Trio**

Thomas Bowers, 28, Marrietta Street Madisonville, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Shelby Davis, 24, Hwy 360 Tellico Plains, was charged

with Assisting other Agency. Kelsey Range, 24, Marrietta Street Madisonville, was charged with Criminal Impersonation, and Violation of Probation.

Deputy A. Parton LCSO, observed a blue Toyota Celica bearing tag: 0D4-6T1 traveling North on Highway 11. Deputy observed a male

driving the vehicle with out a seat belt on. Upon checking the tag through Loudon County Dispatch, Deputy was advised that it returned to a white Toyota Camry. When Deputy then stopped the vehicle at Highway 11 and Willington Manner. Upon

speaking with the front seat passenger Deputy could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Deputy then asked the front seat passenger and the rear seat passenger to step out. The rear seat passenger identified herself as Shelsee trio ctd. pg. 3

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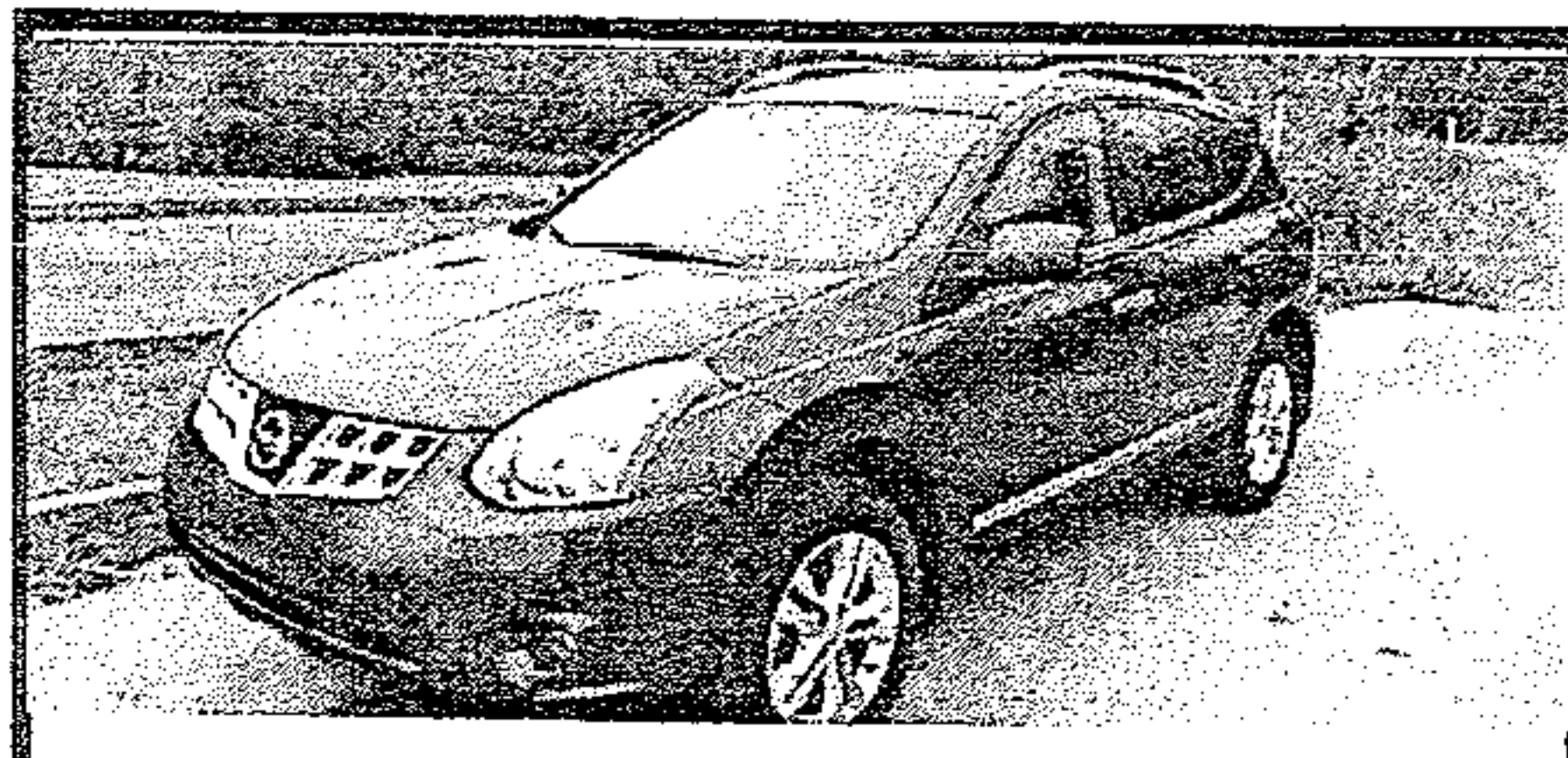
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by Davis. Ms. Davis stated that she had smoked marijuana earlier in the day. Deputy then spoke to the front seat passenger who was Identified. Upon checking both females information through Loudon County Dispatch. Deputy was advised that no record could be found for one female and Shelby Davis had a warrant out of Knox County under the name of Shelby Atkins. Deputy asked the driver now identified as Thomas Bowers to step out. Deputy asked Mr. Bowers if he would empty out his pockets and while doing so he pulled out an Id belonging to a Kelsey Range the same subject who identified herself as Hannah. Deputy checked Ms. Range's information and was advised that she had a warrant out of Knox County

and Monore County. Deputy then checked Mr. Bowers information and was advised that he was revoked on 10-19-17 for failure to satisfy fines. Deputy then searched the vehicle and recovered .2 grams of methamphetamine, four nee- see trio conc. pg. 5

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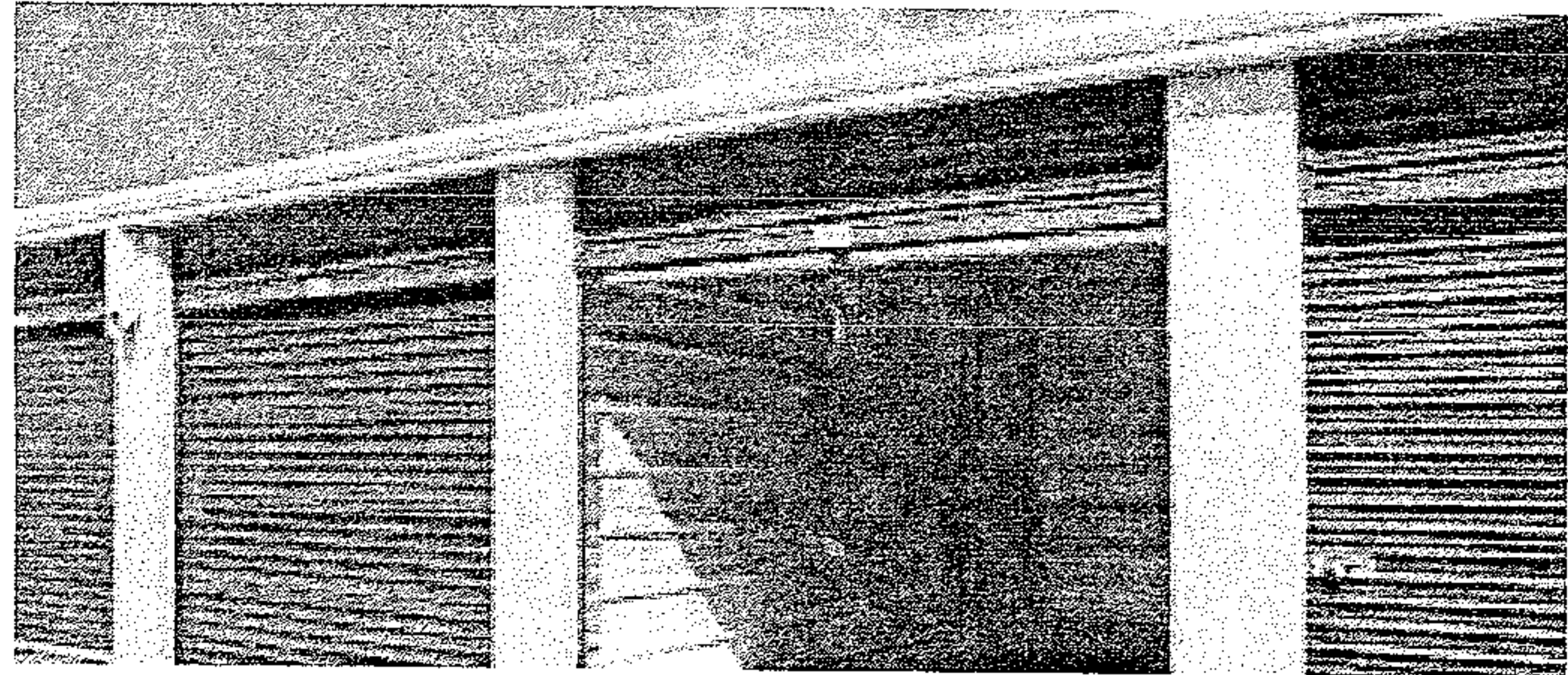
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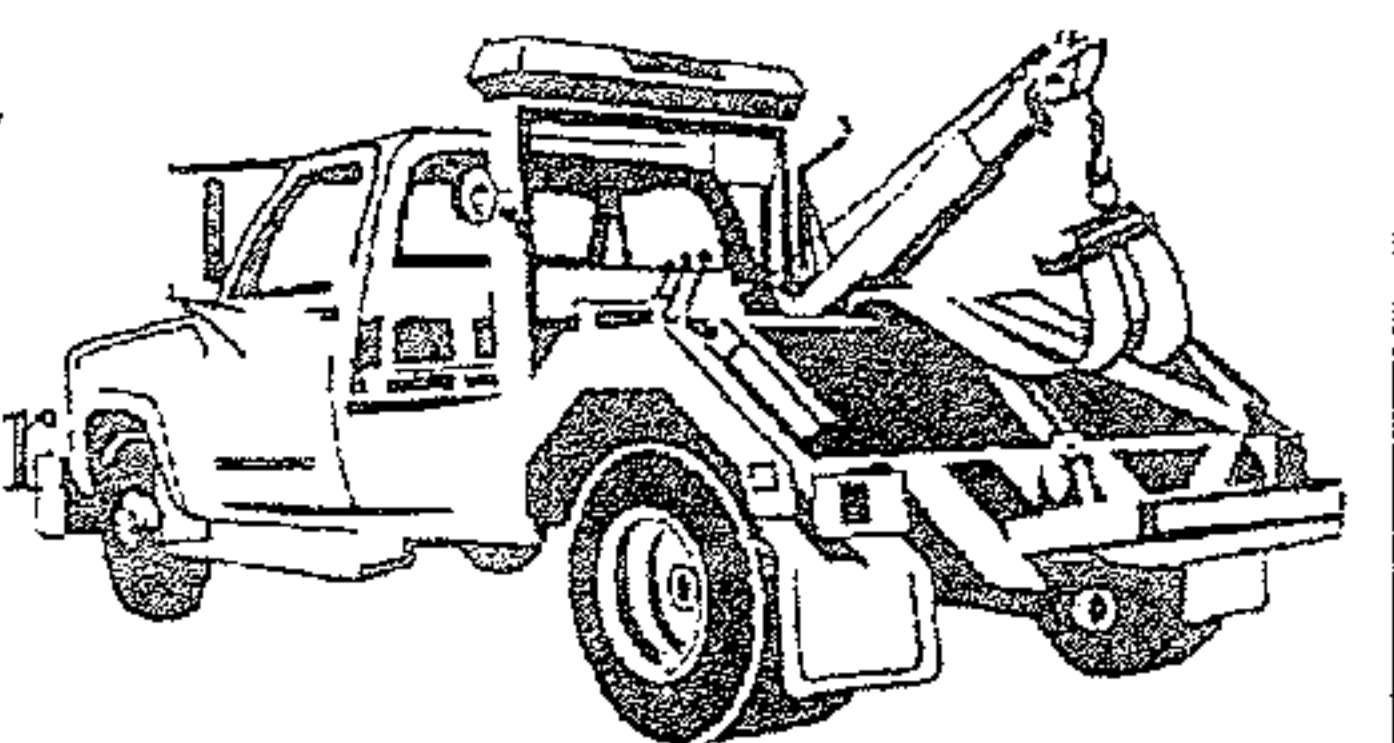
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## Housing

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How did this all start? In 2010, HUD had contracted with the state of Louisiana to administer its Community Development Block Grants in order to implement affordable housing programs throughout the state. Alternatives Living was one of the organizations selected by the state to provide housing support services to qualified residents.

However, fast forward to 2015. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor, a state government entity, released a public report which concluded that executives at Alternatives Living may have used public funds for personal gain. Based on that report, the FBI's New Orleans Field Office—after notifying its partners at HUD's Office of Inspector General—opened a joint investigation.

And what the FBI and HUD investigators uncovered, after looking into the finances of both Alternatives Living and Roberson personally, seemed to validate the findings of the audit report.

As CFO at Alternatives Living, Roberson was entitled to use the non-profit's credit cards, and he had signature authority on Alternatives Living bank accounts. He used both payment methods to assist clients, but the accounts were also used to pay for his kids' cell phone bills and some school tuition as well as personal travel, satellite radio, concert tickets, sports tickets, cruise expenses, repairs to his luxury automobiles, and even medical bills for the family dog.

In June 2016, Roberson

was indicted on various charges, and in September 2017, in light of the evidence uncovered during the investigation, he pleaded guilty to theft of federal grant funds and agreed to pay more than \$84,000 in restitution. Last month, he was sentenced to a federal prison term.

What happened to Alternatives Living? After the audit report came out, the non-profit lost its HUD funding and then its Medicaid funding. Once both sources of revenue had dried up, the organization could not survive and had to declare bankruptcy.

And what happened to the clients who were working with Alternatives Living to find affordable housing? Approximately 600 or so had to be transferred to different agencies, which was a long and arduous process. But it was certainly worth it in the end to ensure that everyone ended up with a place to call home.

As for the more than \$84,000 that Roberson will be paying in restitution? Thanks to HUD and its Office of Inspector General, that money will be given to the state of Louisiana—despite the fact that the funds originated with HUD. Returning the money to the state will enable an additional number of qualified residents with affordable housing needs to be helped.

This investigation, a joint effort with HUD and Louisiana state officials, succeeded not only because a criminal was put behind bars but because his victims were ultimately made whole again and future victims were protected from his harmful actions.

## DUI

Jason Williams, 39, Dunlap Road Maryville, was charged with DUI, and Violation of implied Consent.

Deputy Cole Rogers LCSO, was traveling on Morganton Rd in the area of Phipps Rd when he observed a dark blue Dodge Caravan partially in a ditch with the back passenger tire off the ground. Upon contact with the vehicle Deputy observed a male sleeping the back seat of the van. After banging on the back window repeatedly, the male woke up and was very disoriented. Deputy asked him to step out of the vehicle at which time Deputy identified him as Jason Williams of Maryville, TN. Mr. Williams was very unsteady on his feet and alcohol could be smelled in the vehicle. Mr. Williams stated he was driving on Morganton Rd when his car broke down and landed him in the ditch. Mr. Williams further stated he had some alcoholic drinks at Windy City in Maryville. Mr. Williams had no answer when asked why he was on Morganton

Rd in Loudon County. Due to the said events Deputy performed Standardized Field Sobriety Test on Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams was unable to complete the walk and turn as well as the one leg stand. Based on the totality of the circumstances Deputy placed Mr. Williams in custody for Driving Under the Influence.

Mr. Williams refused consent for a blood or breath sample. Deputy then transported Mr. Williams to the Loudon County Jail. Malone's Wrecker service pulled the vehicle from the ditch and was able to drive the Caravan onto the roll back without incident.

Said events did all happen at the Loudon County Jail.

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**Speeding**

Robert Fann, 20, Old Rockwood Hwy Rockwood, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI, Poss. of Drug Para., Possession of Firearm, and Assisting other Agency.

Deputy Branson LCSO, was sitting on Hwy 321 using radar. Using radar, Deputy observed a vehicle at a speed of 100 mph in a 65 mph zone.

The vehicle came to a stop at 23515 Hwy 321. The driver of the vehicle came to be known as Mr. Robert Lee Fann 3rd. Mr. Fann admitted that he was speeding at 100mph. Mr. Fann was checked through NCIC, information came back he had a warrant out of Blount County, TN. Mr. Fann was taken into custody. When Mr. Fann exited the car, Deputy saw a holster on the side of the door. Deputy ask Mr. Fann if there was any weapons in the vehicle, he stated there was no

weapons but that he had marijuana in a backpack. While speaking with Mr. Fann Deputy could smell a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle Mr. Fann stated that he had an ounce of marijuana. When he was placed in the patrol car, he stated that there was in fact a weapon in the vehicle and that it was in a cooler with the marijuana which was in the backpack. While searching the vehicle Deputy did locate the backpack in the back seat on passenger side. Deputy found the cooler inside the backpack, which contained two bags of approximately 1.1oz of a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana, a 40 cal Smith & Wesson, 2 packs of rolling papers, and a digital scale. Deputy also located on Mr. Fann \$653.00 in cash.

Deputy J. Ketner LCSO, was notified of the incident and responded to the jail and

took photos of the items.. Mr. Fann was given his Miranda rights.

Mr. Fann was transported to the Loudon County Jail and was charged with Mfg,sell,delivery,possession of Sch 6,possession of a firearm during a dangerous felony, possession of drug paraphernalia,and assisting other agency .The vehicle was towed from the scene by Malones Wrecker Service. Mr. Fann was also cited for speeding.


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dles, a broken spoon, a glass pipe, and three snort straws. Deputy then asked all subjects who the methamphetamine and paraphernalia belonged to and Mr. Bowers stated that it was all his. James towing then transported the vehicle to there towing facility. Deputy then transported all subjects to Loudon County Justice Center with no further incident.

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4th DUI

Robert Brown, 31, Wool Lane Charleston, was charged with DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Sgt. Jerramic Bowen LCSO, received a call of a possible drunk driver I-75 south near the 74 mm. Sgt Bowen did make contact with a vehicle driving on the shoulder before the 72 mm. Sgt. then turned his lights on and there were two vehicles that pulled over. The first vehicle did wave at Deputy and advised that the vehicle in front of them was the vehicle he was looking for. That vehi-

cle did pull off and get back on the Interstate. Deputy then followed the vehicle and it was still driving part on the shoulder and part in the lane of travel. Deputy then made another traffic stop on the vehicle a dark colored Chrysler 300. As Deputy walked up to the vehicle he could smell alcohol coming from the vehicle with the windows up. Deputy did make contact with the driver later identified as Robert Brown. Mr. Brown was very lethargic and had slurred speech and blood shot eyes. Deputy then asked Mr. Brown to exit the vehicle and he was very

unsteady on his feet and still had a strong odor of alcohol coming from his person. Deputy then asked Mr. Brown if he would perform field sobriety and he refused. Due to Mr. Browns driving and other contributing factors Sgt. Bowen believed Mr Brown to be under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. Deputy then placed Mr. Brown under arrest for driving under the influence. Deputy then ran his license and they came back revoked for DUI out of Knox County. This is Mr. Browns 4th offense DUI. Deputy did transport Mr. Brown to the Loudon Coun-



ty Jail. Deputy then read Mr. Brown a copy of the implied consent and he did refuse during an inventory of the vehicle there was a large opened bottle of E&J apple brandy in the back seat. This did occur in Loudon County.

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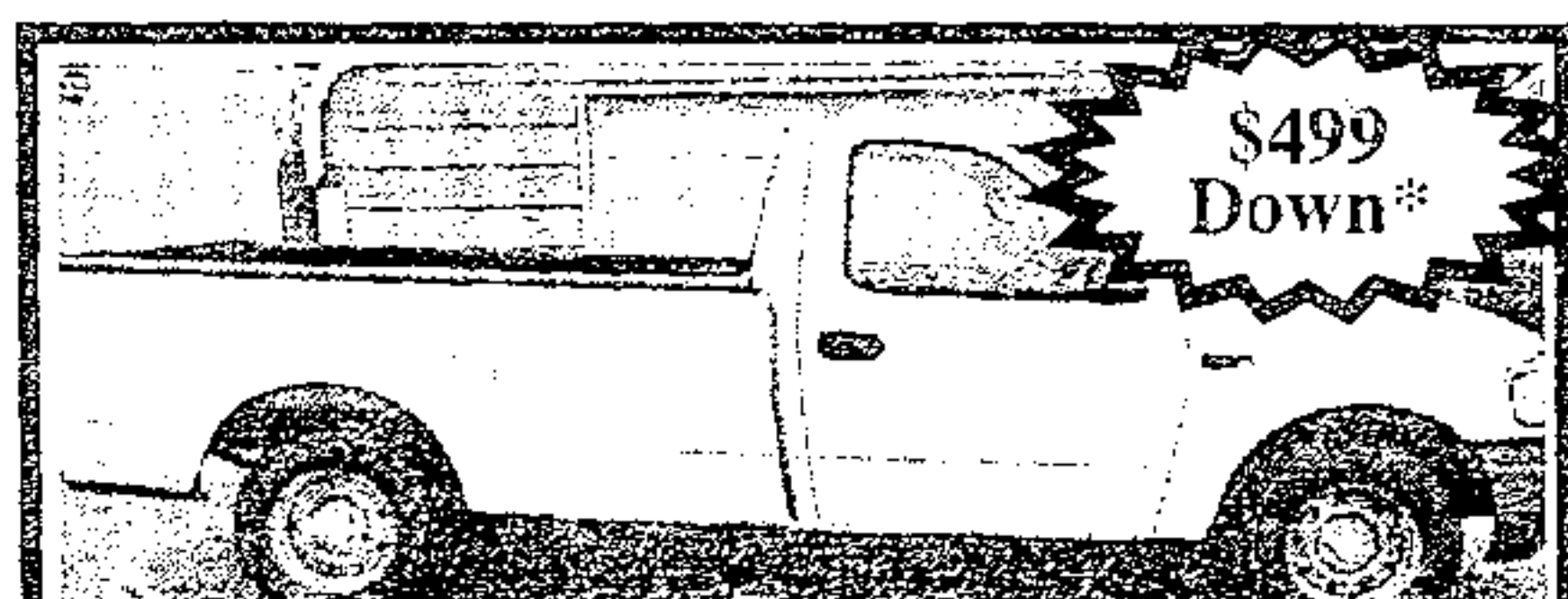
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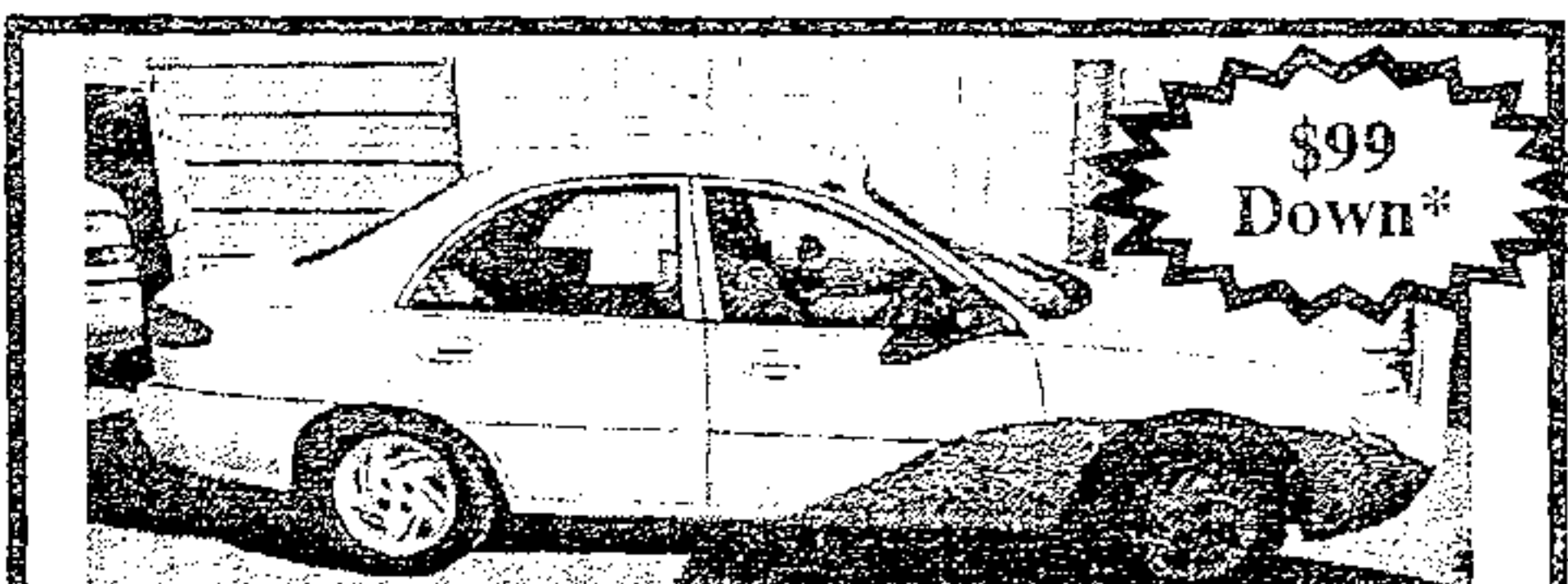
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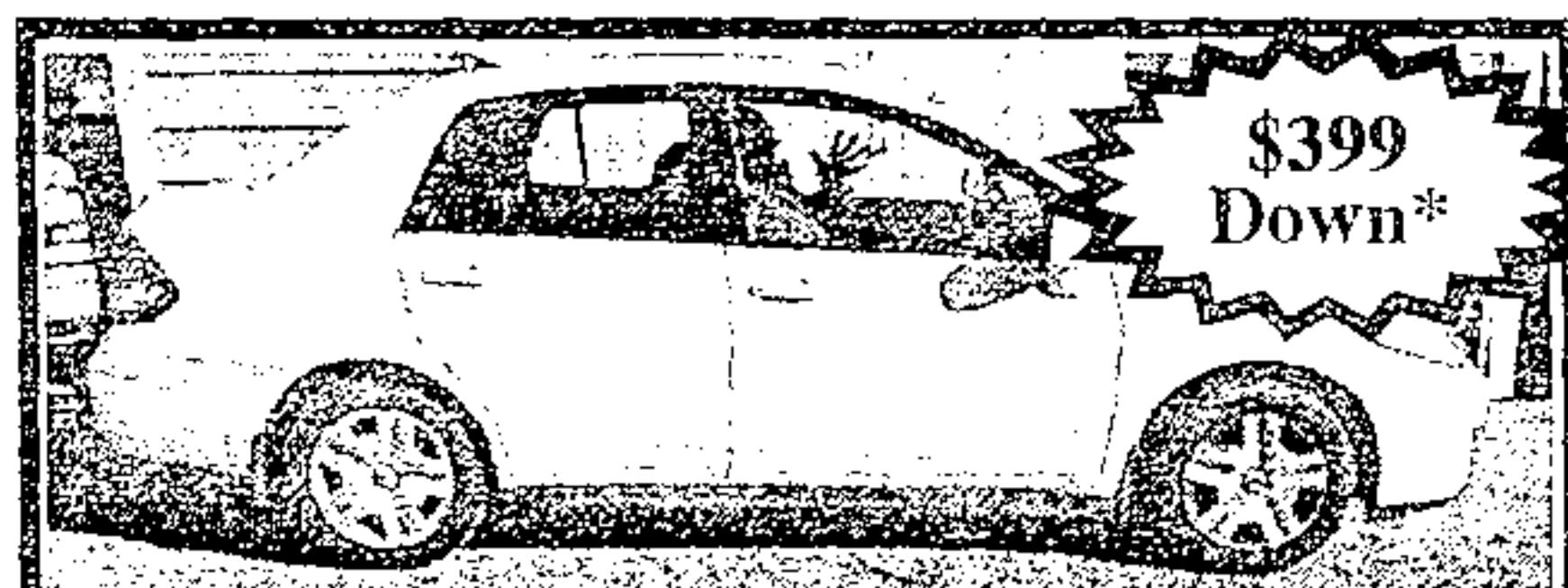
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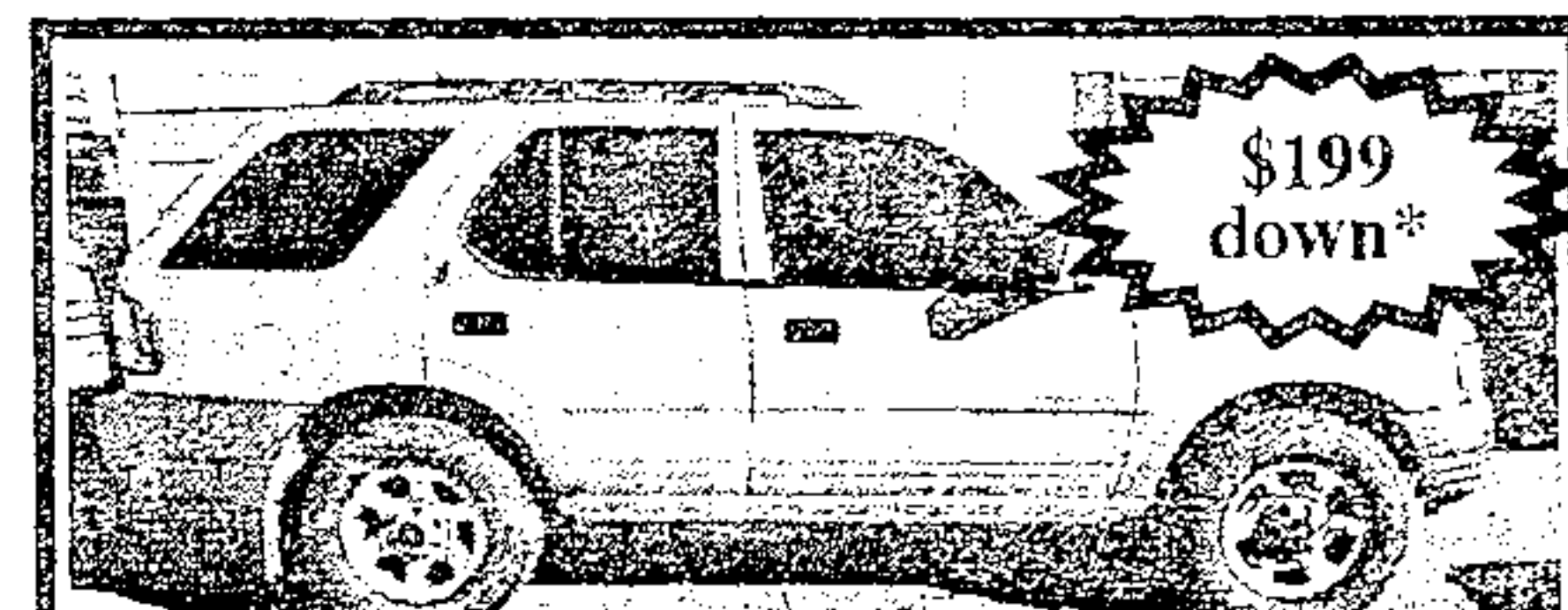
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