

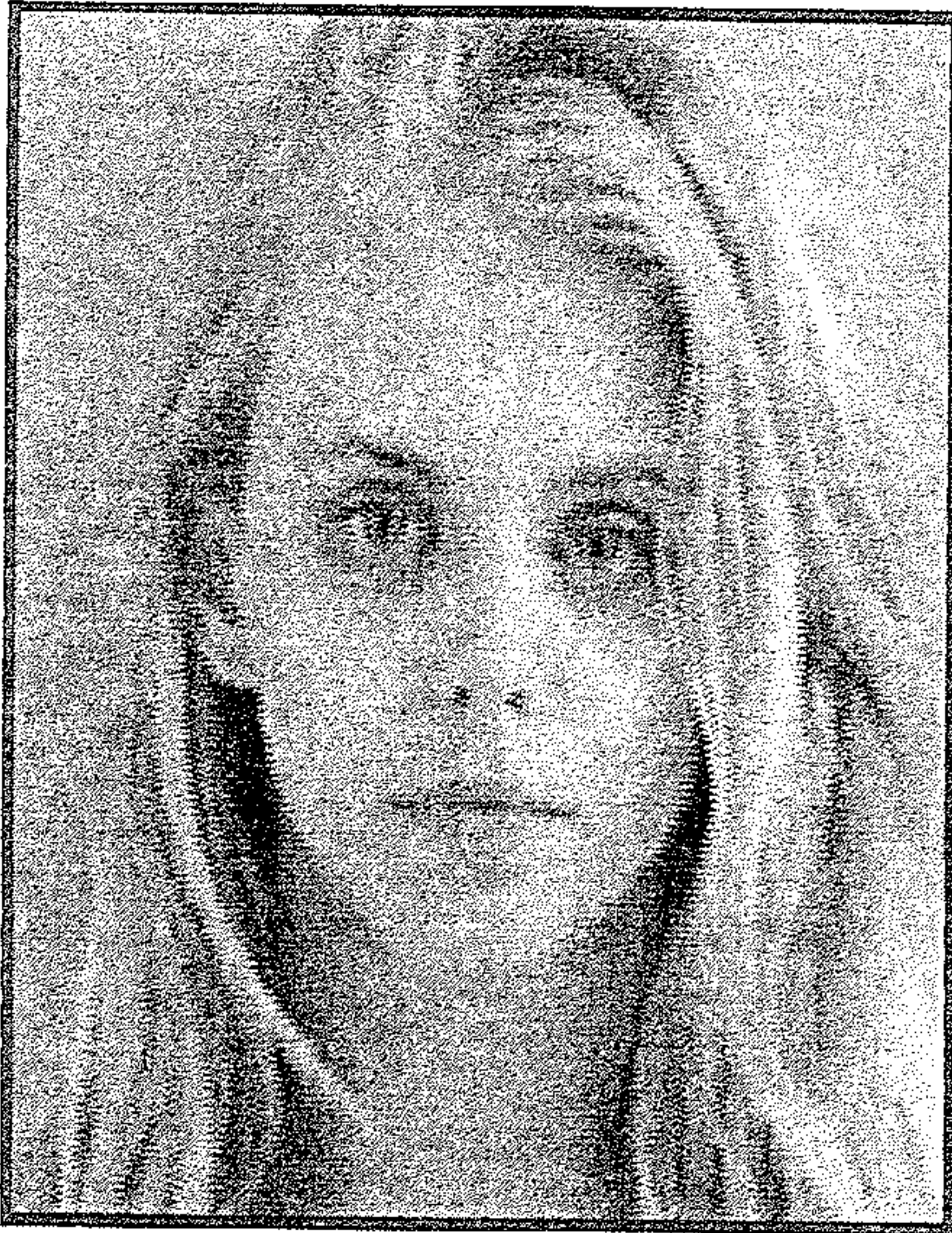
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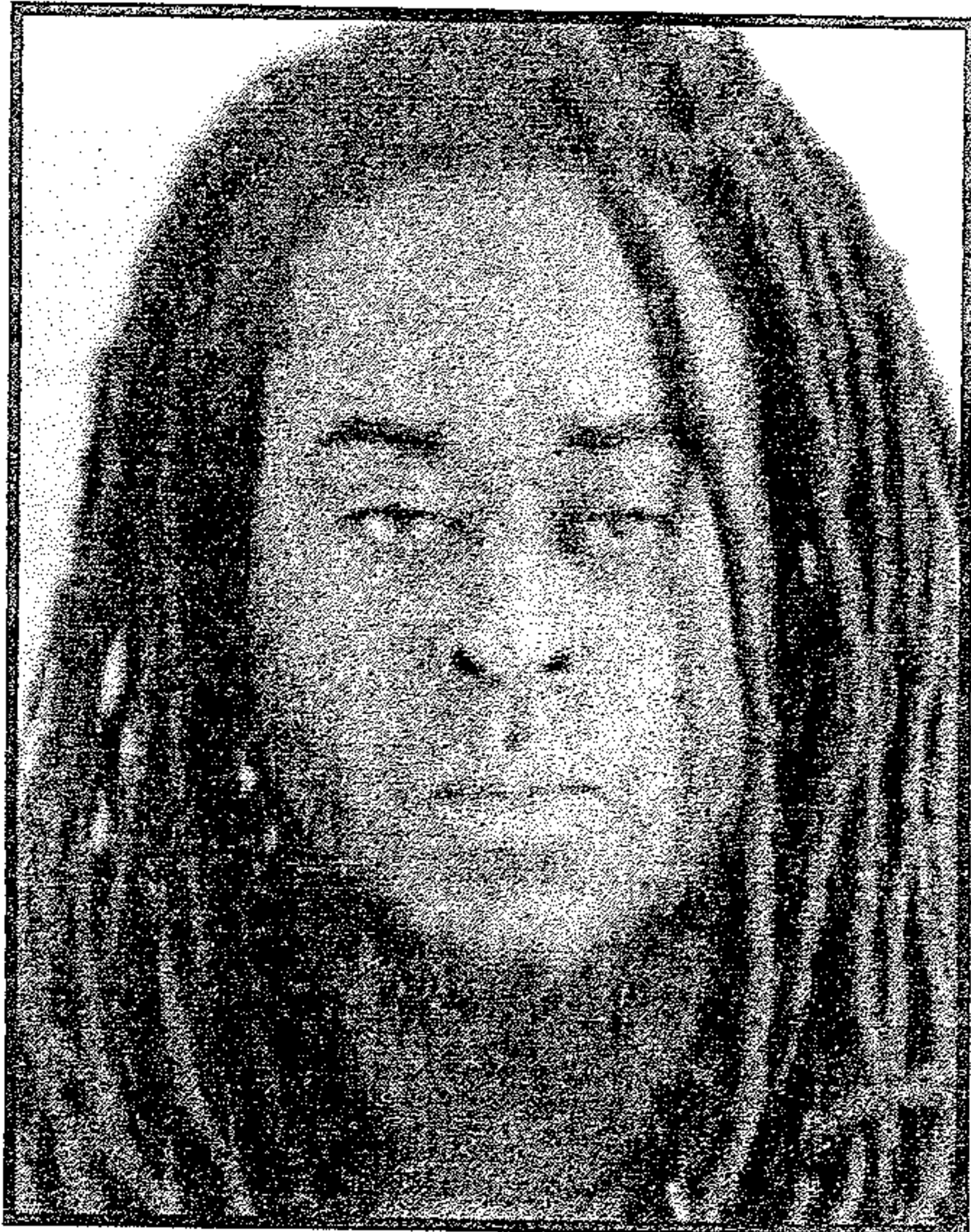
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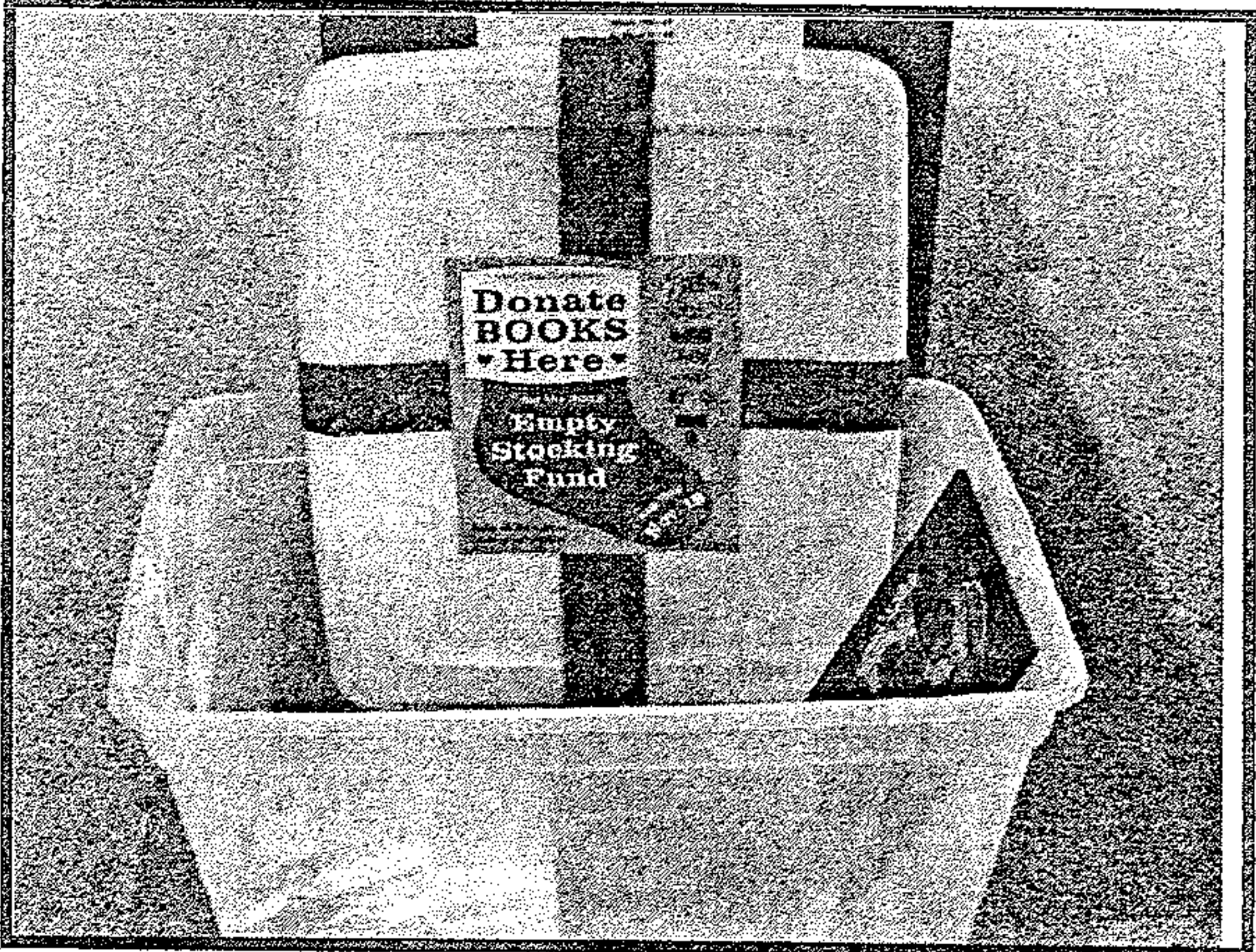
Josee Weese



Kendrick Crawford

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Friends of the Library's 2018 Children's Book Drive Now Underway
Community Donors Encouraged To Help Fill Empty Stockings With Books



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The Good News
 The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells us the Kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner who hired people to work, and who reserved the right to choose how to pay those workers--and

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Russian Hackers Indicted

GRU Military Intelligence Officers Targeted Anti-Doping Organizations, Other International Agencies

Seven Russian government operatives have been charged with hacking into the computer networks of organizations working to investigate and stop Russian athletic doping, just after Russia was banned from the Olympics due to state-sponsored doping revelations. The hackers also allegedly targeted other inter-

national entities seen as thwarting Russia's strategic interests.

According to an indictment unsealed today in federal court in Pittsburgh, beginning in 2014, the defendants, who worked in Russia's Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU), engaged in "persistent and sophisticated criminal cyber

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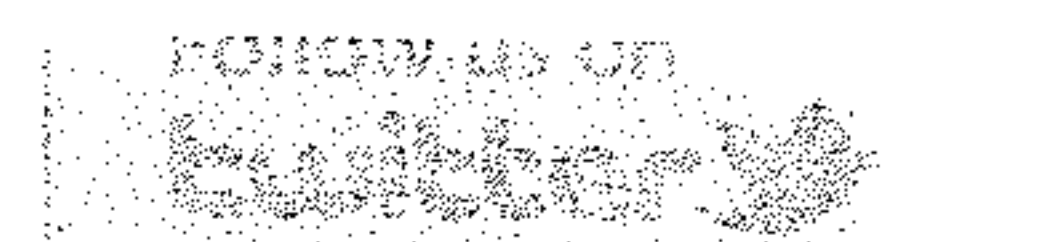
Pilot Flying J's Former President Hazelwood Sentenced To 12.5 Years, Former Vice President Wombold Sentenced To 6 Years, And Former Customer Account Representative Heather Jones Sentenced To More Than 2.5 Years.

On September 26, 2018, the Honorable Curtis L. Collier sentenced Mark Hazelwood to serve 12.5 years in prison and imposed a \$750,000 fine. On October 4, 2018, Judge Collier sentenced codefendant Scott Wombold

to serve six years in prison and imposed a \$75,000 fine, and sentenced codefendant Heather Jones to more than 2.5 years in prison.

Following a multi-month trial, on February 15, 2018, Hazelwood, former

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Verse of the Day

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. — Psalm 63:1

Obituaries

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Wazzup
 Happy birthday Hez!! We are going to have a blast!
Weather
 Today: Thunderstorms. High of 84F

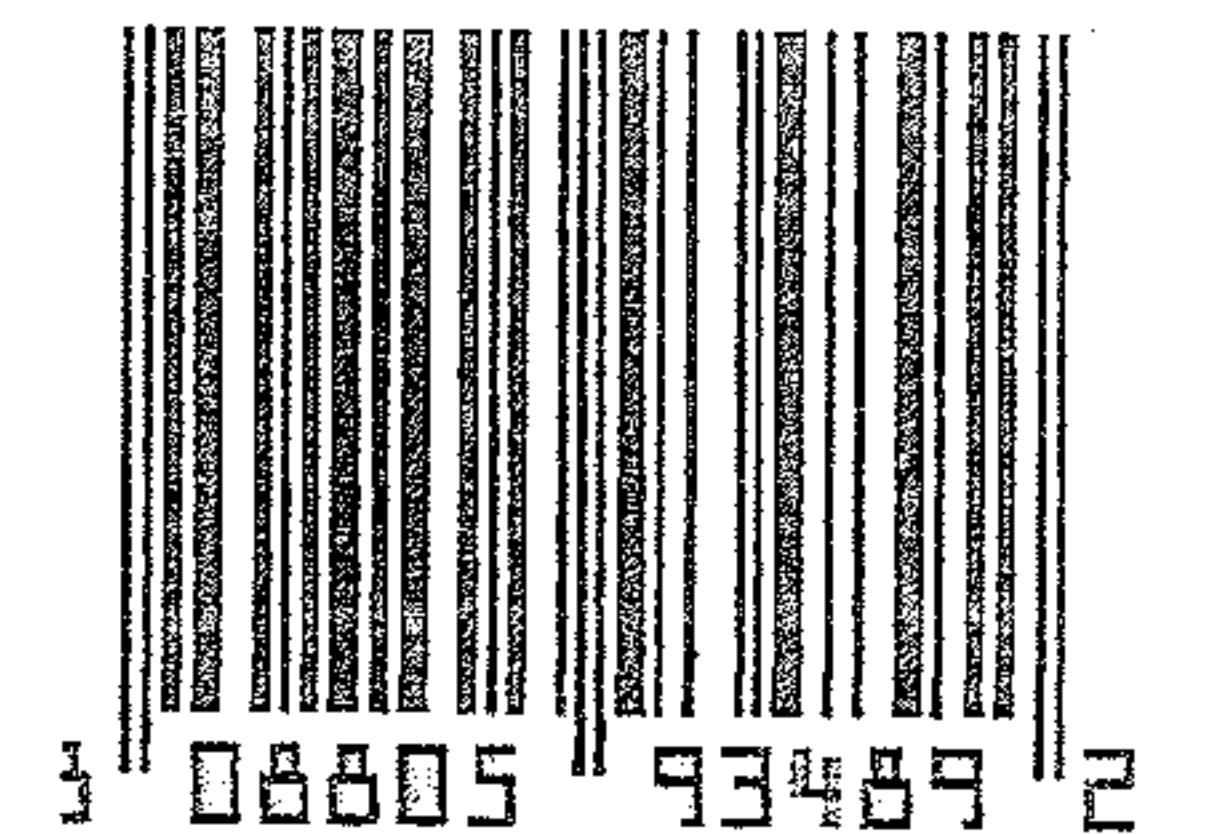
Tonight: Rain. Low of 69F.

Thursday: Rain. High of 71F.

Thursday Night: Rain. Low of 50F.

Horoscopes
 Libra 9/23-10/22
 Self-understanding is a

lifelong process. Needs and interests naturally change. Catching up with your evolving sense of identity is at the top of your list. You can clearly see there are things about your current lifestyle that you've outgrown. A job
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Sonic

Josee Weese, 21, Watts Street Madisonville, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, and Simple Possession. Kendrick Crawford, 34, McConkey Street Madisonville, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, Simple Possession, and Poss. Of Drug Para. Officer J. Samuels LCPD, was contacted by an off duty Deputy S. Viars who was approached by an employee of Sonic Drive In, in reference to a silver Chevy Cruze that had a green leafy substance in a brown wrapper that was being rolled up by a black male. Upon arrival Officer located the silver Chevy Cruze parked in a parking stall. Officer then made contact with the passenger of

the vehicle, Mr. Kendrick Crawford, and asked if he would be willing to speak with me at which time he stated yes at which time Officer asked him to step out of the vehicle. While speaking with Mr. Crawford Officer stated why he came in contact with him and asked if there was any illegal narcotics on his person or in the vehicle at which time he stated no. While speaking with Mr. Crawford a female, Ms. Josee Weese, climbed from the driver's seat and entered Mr. Crawford's seat. While Officer was interviewing Mr. Crawford Officer noticed that Ms. Weese was attempting to conceal something under her left leg at which time Officer asked her to step out of the vehicle. then asked Ms. Weese if there was any illegal

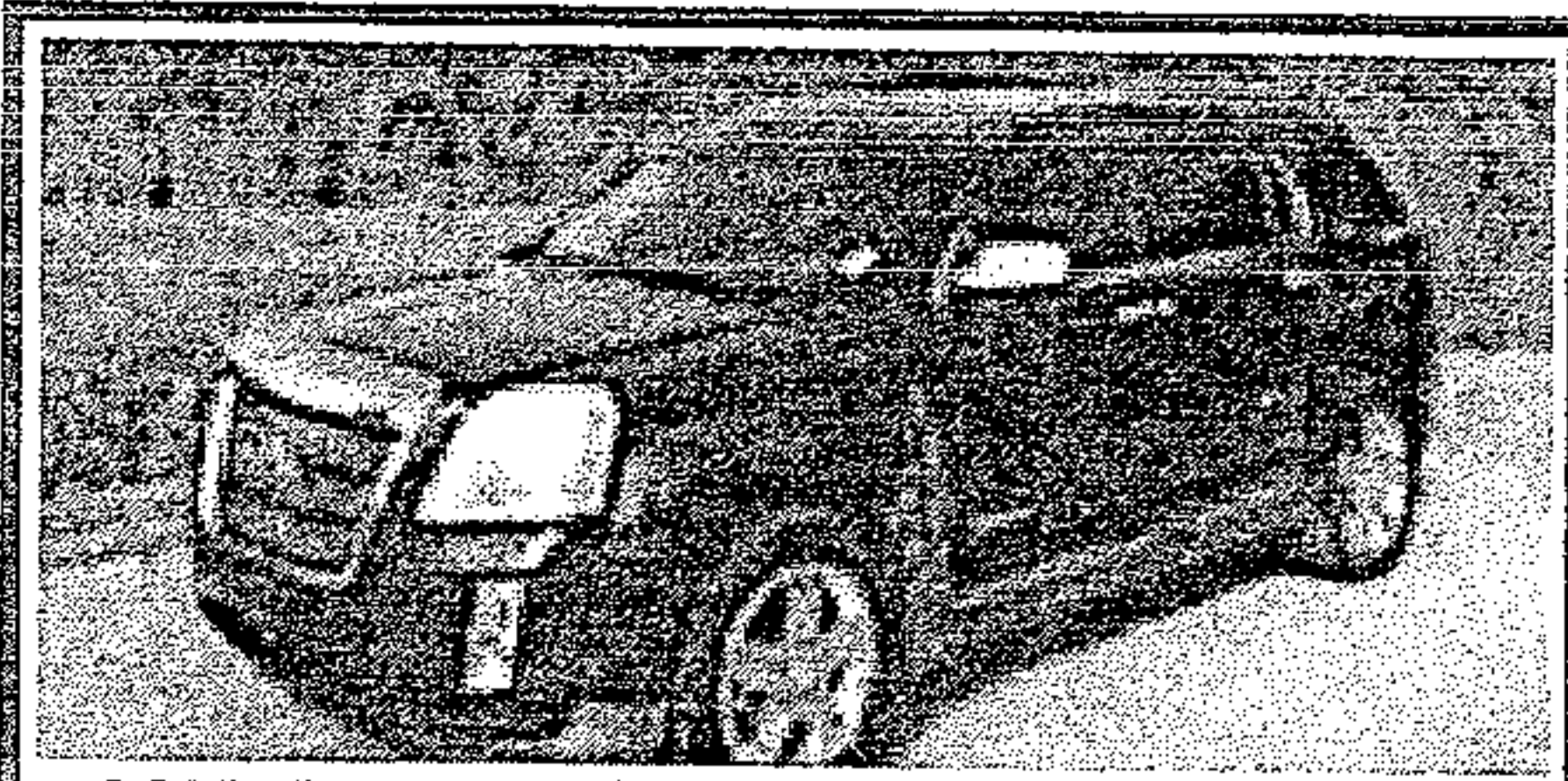
narcotics in the vehicle at which time she stated there was the possibility that marijuana was inside. Officer then did a plain view search of the vehicle at which time he located a

small brown wrapper with a green leafy substance inside believed to be marijuana. Officer then did a vehicle search at which time he located a small

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Cyber

intrusions.” The GRU operatives hacked U.S. and international anti-doping agencies, anti-doping officials, other international organizations, and one major corporation. The charges against the defendants include conspiracy to commit computer fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

After Russia was found to have engaged in state-sponsored doping during the 2014 Sochi Winter Games, the International Olympic Committee limited Russian athletes’ participation in the 2016 Games. The IOC also banned Russia from the 2018 Olympics, though some Russian athletes, who were not doping, were allowed to participate under the Olympic flag.

When anti-doping organizations began investigating and speaking out publicly against Russia’s actions, the hackers began intruding into their networks, according to the indictment. The FBI investigation found that these hackers worked remotely from Russia as well as on the ground in several other countries.

For example, during the 2016 Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the GRU agents sent spear-phishing e-mails that enabled them to find the credentials of an anti-doping official, providing access to sensitive databases. Additionally, coordinating with hackers back in Russia, two members of the group traveled to Rio on another occasion to engage in “close access” cyber operations on a hotel Wi-Fi network that anti-doping officials were using. This gave them access to an anti-doping official’s e-mail account with sensitive information in it.

The hacks were conducted as part of an influence and

disinformation campaign designed to undermine and delegitimize organizations that exposed Russia’s state-sponsored doping, expose private health information about athletes from other countries, and damage the reputations of other international athletes by falsely claiming they were using banned substances.

After the 2016 Olympics, according to the indictment, the Russians published the private information they stole—including nearly 250 athletes’ personal medical information—using the Fancy Bears hacktivist group website and social media accounts. In some cases, the Russians modified the information to make it look as though non-Russian athletes were doping who were not actually doing so.

“This began with a disclosure of a Russian state-sponsored doping program for its athletes. In other words, Russia cheated,” said U.S. Attorney Scott W. Brady of the Western District of Pennsylvania at a news conference today at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. “They cheated; they got caught. They were banned from the Olympics. They were mad, and they retaliated. And in retaliating, they broke the law—so they are criminals.”

The indictment describes a variety of tactics used by the Russian hackers during this campaign, including spear-phishing, distributed denial of service attacks, spoofing legitimate web domains, and using cryptocurrencies to cover their tracks.

As a result of the indictment, the operatives, all of whom are Russian citizens and are believed to be living in Russia, will no longer have the benefit of anonymity—which is prized among state-sponsored cyber criminals. Publicly identifying the hackers in an indictment,

known as “naming and shaming,” hampers their ability to operate, particularly in traveling outside Russia.

“These activities by Russian GRU officers move well beyond acceptable government intelligence operations. The GRU is breaking traditional international norms—and the law—in using cyber tools and resources in the fashion that they have,” said FBI Cyber Division Deputy Assistant Director Eric Welling. “The FBI considers any criminal activity conducted by nation-state actors, especially those leading to the violation of Americans’ privacy or interference in our economy, to be a matter of national security.”

In addition to the sports-related hacking, beginning in 2014, the Russian conspirators allegedly targeted, via spear-phishing attacks, a Pittsburgh-based nuclear energy company that provides nuclear fuel to Ukraine. The Russians also allegedly targeted an anti-chemical weapons organization in the Netherlands, and later planned to target a Swiss chemical laboratory, but they were disrupted by Dutch authorities.

The FBI investigated the intrusions in close partnership with the United Kingdom National Security and Intelligence Agencies, the Defense Intelligence and Security Service of the Netherlands, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Office of the Attorney General of Switzerland.

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round blue container in the passenger side door that contained 3.1 grams of a crystal like substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine, a long brown wrapper with a green leafy substance that weighed .9 grams (passenger seat), a clear glass bottle that was located behind the driver seat containing a pink crystal substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine (no weight), and a digital scale that was located in Mr. Crawford’s red draw string bag. Mr. Crawford and Ms. Weese were then placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident.

Public Notice

The Loudon county commission will be holding a public hearing on November 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Annex to amend the Loudon County zoning resolution

1. Eliminate the \$100 fee to appeal to the Loudon County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).
2. Accessory structures may be allowed in the front yard.
3. No building permit or fee required for construction of any accessory structures of under 500 sq. ft.

Books

The gift of a book to a child is more than ink and paper. It's a passport to a different world and to a different way of looking at things. The gift also says "we care about you." That's why the Friends of the Knox County Public Library and the Knox County Public Library (KCPL) will work together to spread the joy of reading to area children. Age-appropriate books will be added to holiday baskets from the Knoxville News Sentinel's Empty Stocking Fund (ESF).

With the help of KCPL, Friends has just launched the annual ESF Children's Book Drive. Donation bins are now in place at library branches throughout Knox County.

Other partners in this year's book drive are the Center for Children's and

Young Adult Literature at UTK, The Episcopal School of Knoxville, Knoxville Catholic High School, Union Ave Books, and Webb School of Knoxville.

The holiday book drive extends through November 19.

Here's how you can be a part of this community-wide effort to ensure that every child receives the gift of reading this holiday season:

Collect gift-quality books. For some children, their ESF gifts will be the only ones they receive.

Drop off your book donations at any Knox County Public Library branch or at Union Ave Books.

Help Friends expand its reach by organizing a book drive by a group in your community (e.g., Scouts, book club, church, neighborhood association).

Let Friends do your shopping for you by making a donation online or by mail to Friends of the

Knox County Public Library, 500 W. Church Ave., Knoxville, TN 37902.

This year's greatest needs are board books for infants and toddlers and books for high schoolers. Spanish-language and bilingual books are also needed. Graphic novels are popular with all ages.

If you are interested in organizing a group book drive, please contact the Friends office at info@knoxfriends.org or 865.215.8775. For more information about this year's drive, please visit knoxfriends.org/esf-book-drive/.

Donation bins for the Empty Stocking Fund Children's Book Drive are in place at all Knox County Public Library locations. The book drive continues through November 19.

Pilot

president of Pilot Flying J, was convicted of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud as charged in count 1 of the indictment, wire fraud as charged in count 8 of the indictment, and witness tampering as charged in count 14 of the indictment. Wombold, a former vice president of Pilot Flying J, was convicted in the same trial of wire fraud as charged in count 2 of the indictment. Jones, a former customer account representative for Pilot Flying J, also was convicted in that trial of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud as charged in count 1 of the indictment.

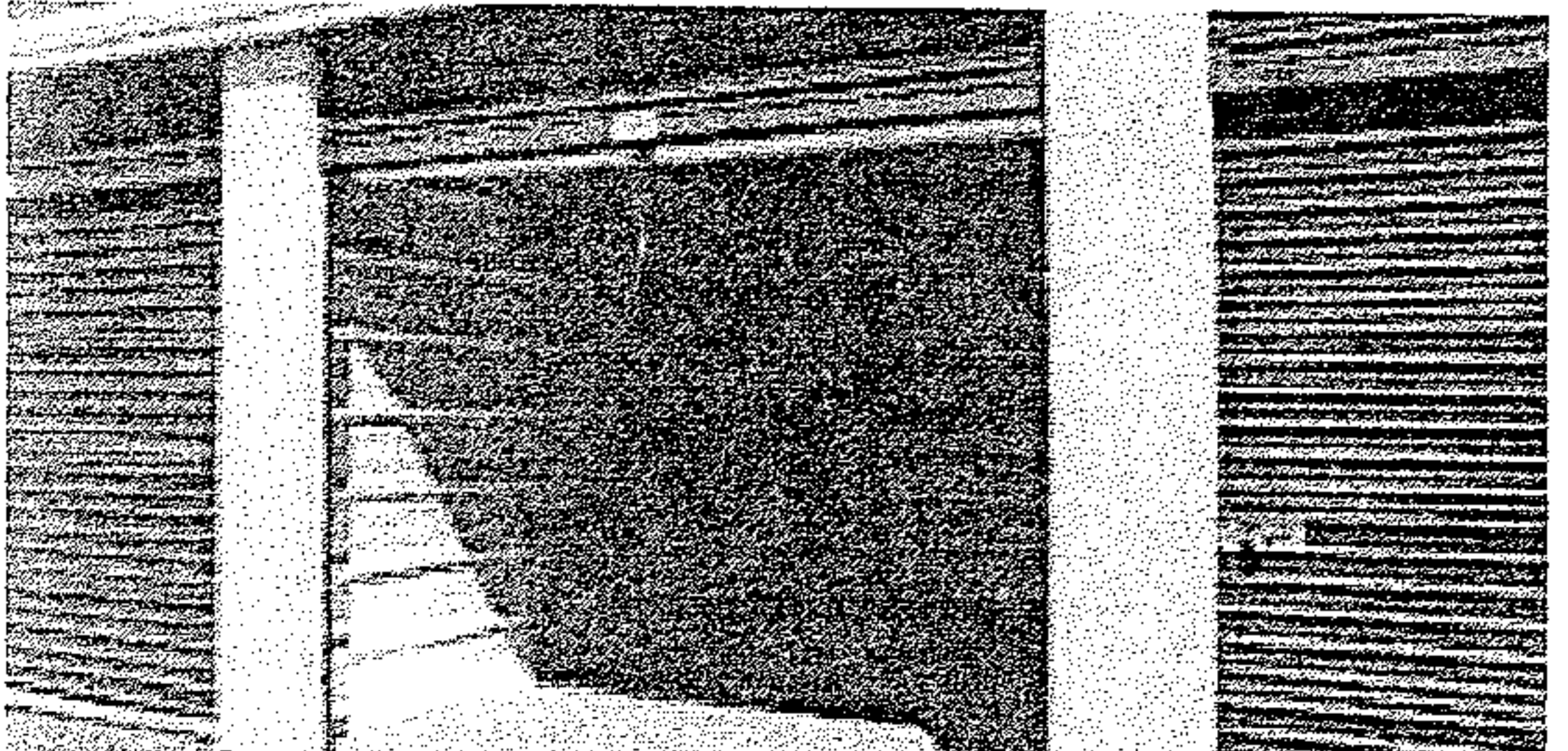
Evidence presented at trial proved a scheme to defraud certain Pilot Flying J trucking company customers through false and fraudulent representations and promises of diesel fuel discounts that were intended to induce victim custom-


ers to purchase diesel fuel from Pilot Flying J rather than a competitor. The scheme resulted in victim customers being cheated out of their promised diesel fuel discounts. The evidence at trial showed that the scheme's goals were to increase Pilot's market share of diesel fuel sales over its competitors, maximize Pilot's profits, and maximize the scheme-participants' potential for profit- and commission-based compensation from trucking companies targeted through the scheme to defraud.

Before trial, 14 other former Pilot Flying J executives and employees had already pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges related to the same scheme to defraud. They are awaiting sentencing. In July 2014, Pilot Flying J entered into a Criminal Enforcement Agreement with the United States in which the company

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*A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back, and conquer. Three are even better. For a triple-branded card is not easily broken." - Ecclesiastes 4:12

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agreed that some of its employees in its Direct Sales group engaged in fraudulent conduct in the payment of diesel fuel discounts for certain targeted Pilot customers. Pilot Flying J agreed that the conduct of those employees resulted in \$56 million in loss to affected customers. In accordance with that agreement, Pilot Flying J agreed to pay full restitution to all victim customers in addition to paying a \$92 million monetary penalty. Additionally, according to the terms of the Criminal Enforcement Agreement, this federal investigation not only resulted in the payment of full restitution to the scheme's victims, but also created protection for trucking companies going forward through greater transparency in their future fuel pricing arrangements with Pilot Flying J.

Law enforcement agencies participating in this joint investigation included the FBI and IRS- Criminal Investigation. Assistant

U.S. Attorneys F.M. (Trey) Hamilton III and David P. Lewen, Jr. represented the United States.

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avoided conventional wisdom in the process. Jesus is describing a God who is not stingy, whose dream is to bless the whole world. Those who heard Jesus' parable complained because the landowner (God) didn't think like them. Like the disciples, we hear Jesus' words as an invitation to get

involved in God's work at any hour, in any life situation, without needing to analyze how others are called or rewarded. "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," we pray as followers of Jesus. We need not stop to think about how God's Kingdom or God's way of doing things will be scandalously different than the ways we might construct with our prejudices and limited sight. God is God. God

gets to choose. Not us.

Prayer: Merciful God, your ways are beyond us, but we trust them with our whole lives. Thank you for your wis-

dom, choosing to be gracious; rather than stingy. Enable us to live in this grace, now and into the life to come. Amen.

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