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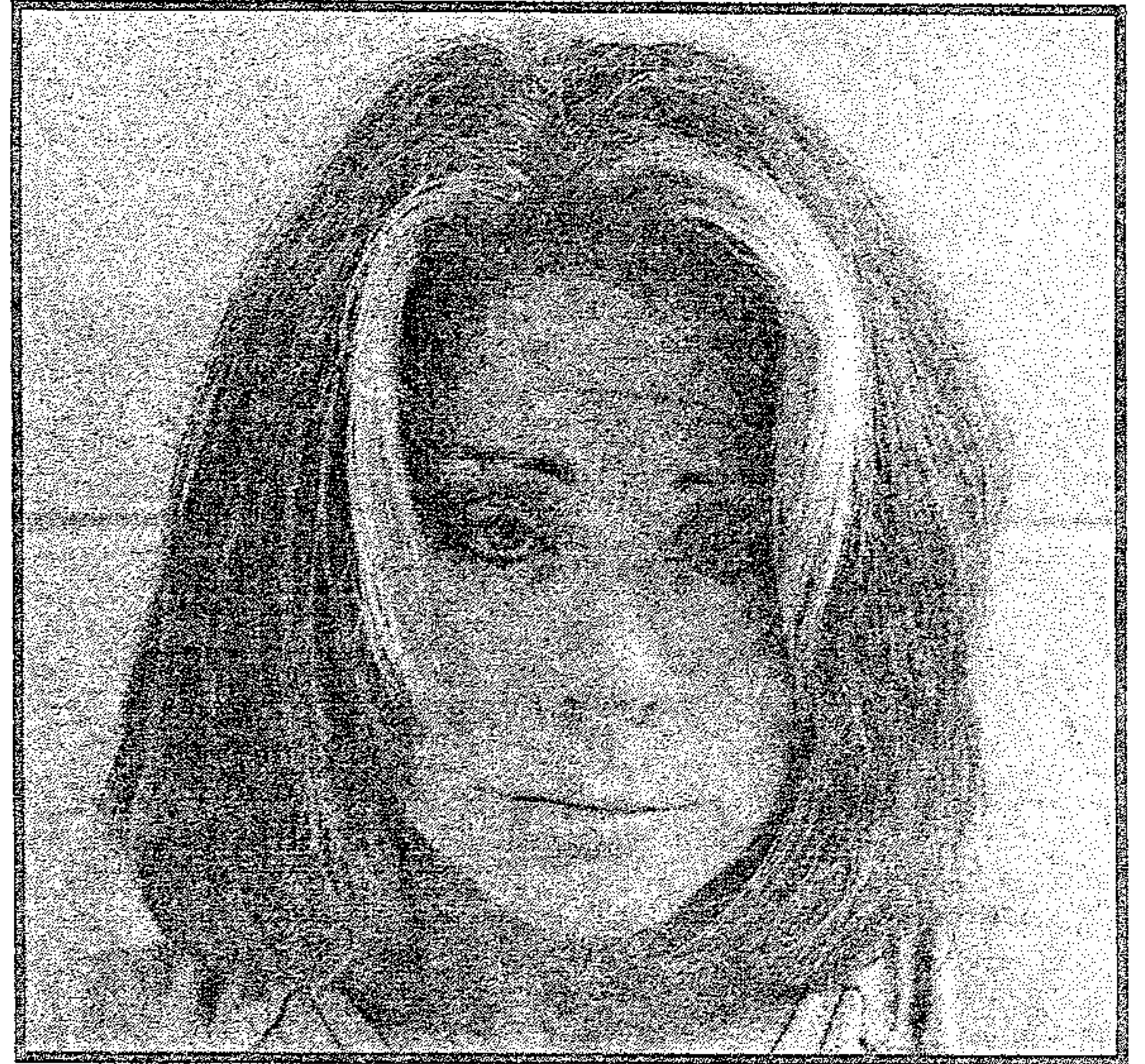
Woman Tries To Steal Cars From Adesa



Jessica Smith

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Dinner Date Ends In Assault



Cheri Phillips

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Traffic Stop Leads To Drug Arrest



Justin Plummer

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Aggravated Assault Charge



Addison Selvidge

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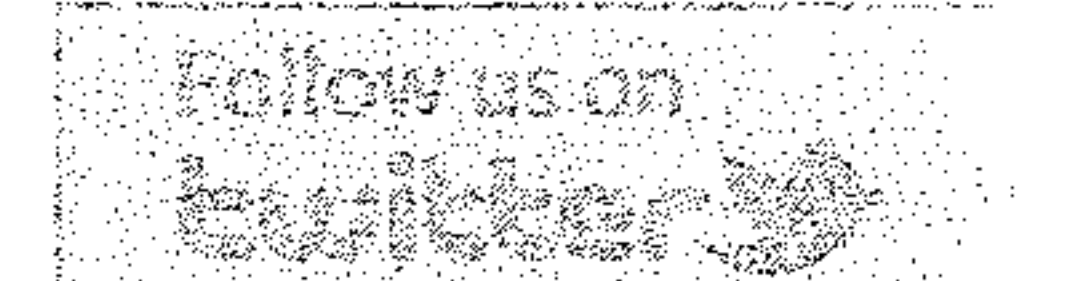
Ransomware Suspects Indicted Iranian Men Charged with Deploying Damaging SamSam Ransomware

Two Iranian men have been charged with deploying a sinister type of ransomware that crippled the operations of hospitals, municipalities, public institutions, and other critical networks in the United States and Canada, officials from the

Department of Justice and the FBI announced today.

Beginning in 2015 and continuing until September 2018, SamSam ransomware infiltrated computer networks in Atlanta, Newark, and San Diego, as

See FBI P.4



Verse of the Day

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like [Moses] from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. — Deuteronomy 18:15

Wazzup

8 Days Till Christmas!! Is everyone Ready For Santa?

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 54F.
Tonight: Clear. Low of 30F.

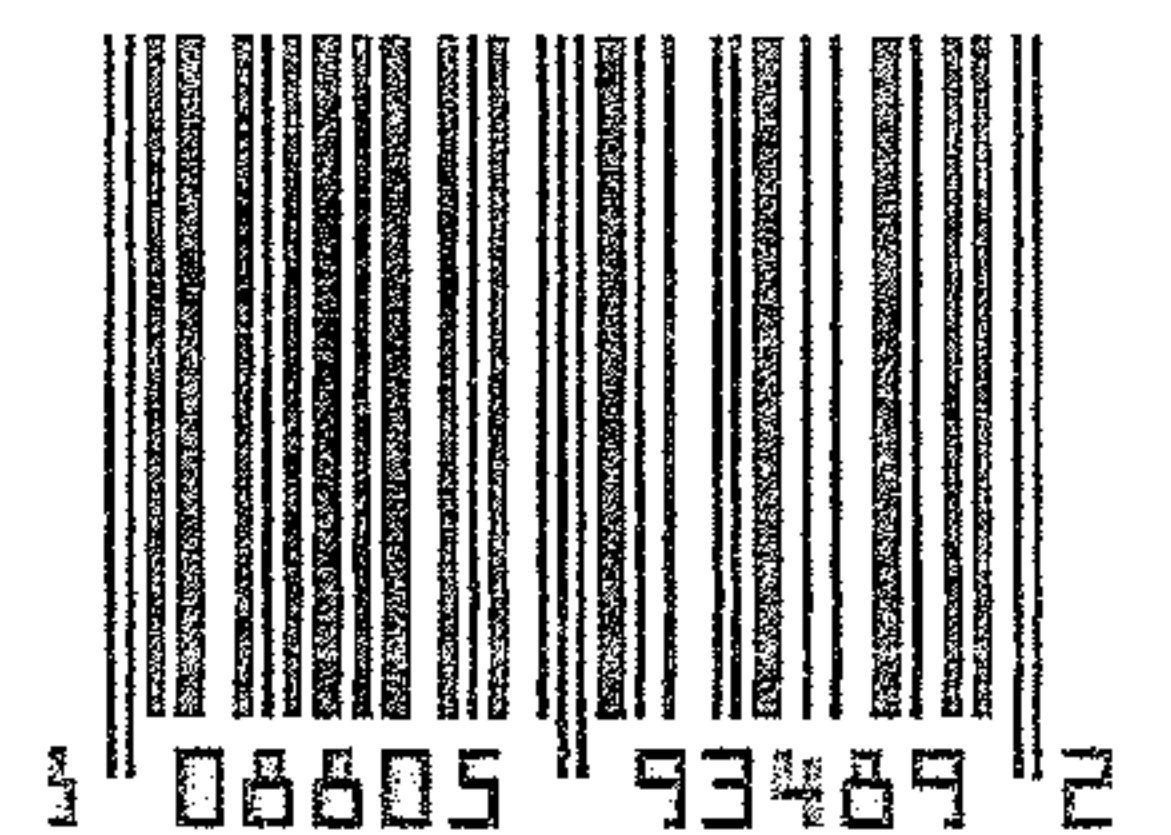
Tuesday: Sunny: High of 52F.

Tuesday Night: Cloudy. Low of 30F.

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
Traveling far from home typically makes you giddy with anticipation.

However, the reflective Moons presence in your 4th House of Family has you happily housebound today. This cosmic inclination toward domesticity is more about introspection and unity
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Adesa

Jessica Smith, 35, Cave Creek Road Loudon, was charged with Burglary of Motor Vehicle x2, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Simple Possession. Officer Green LCPD, observed a green vehicle parked in the parking lot of the Adesa Auto Auc-

tion. Officer pulled beside the vehicle and made contact with the driver Jessica Smith. Officer inquired reason Smith was present at Adesa in which she stated she was writing down VIN numbers, and make and models for her grandfather. Officer requested license status check as well as warrant check through dispatch.

Dispatch advised Smith license were suspended and she had an active VOP out of City Court. Officer ask Smith to step out of the vehicle several times in which she refused to cooperate. Officer attempt-

ed to remove Smith from the vehicle by pulling her out by her arm in which she clinched the steering wheel, resisting arrest. Smith was removed from the vehicle and continued

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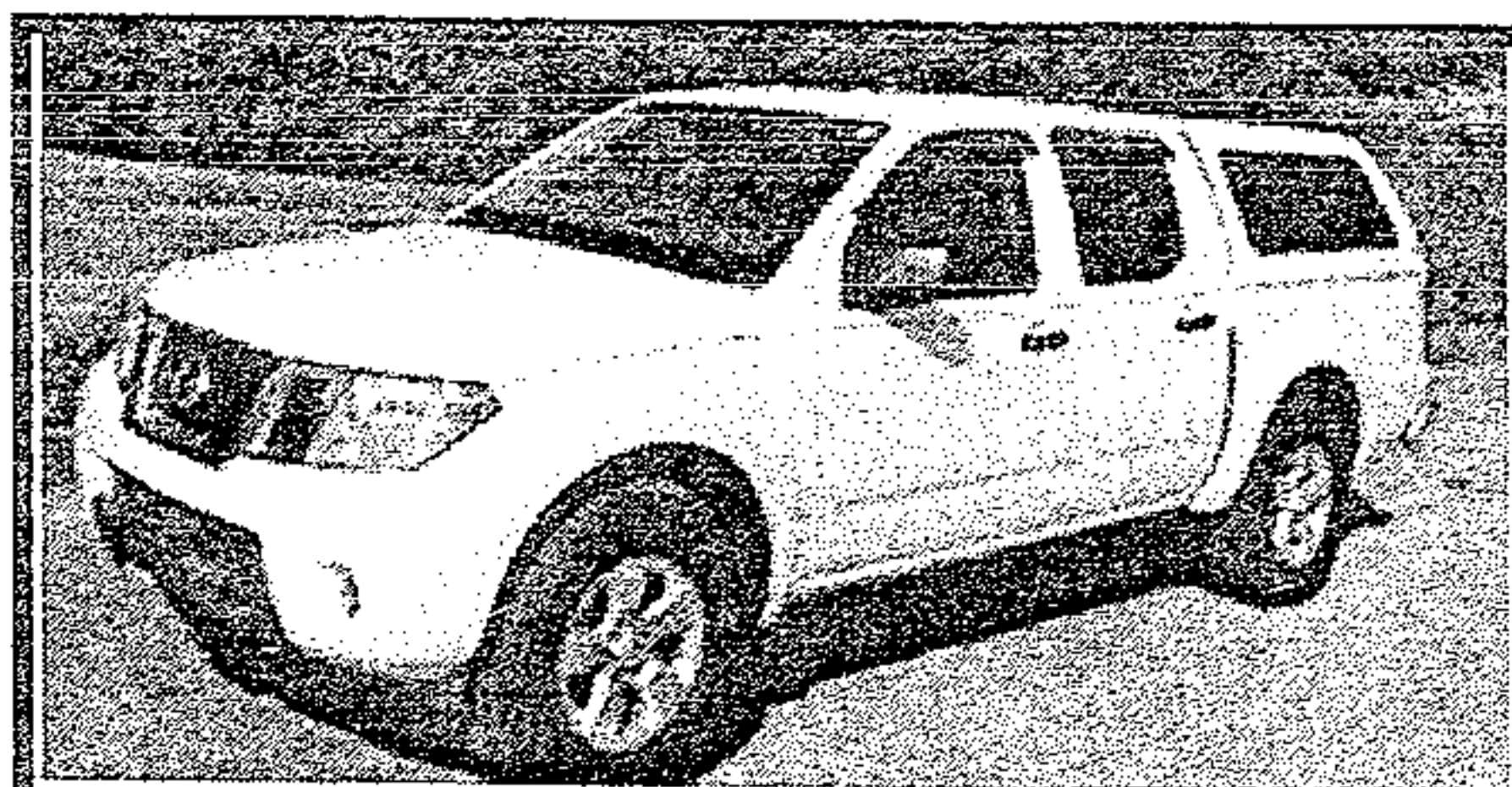
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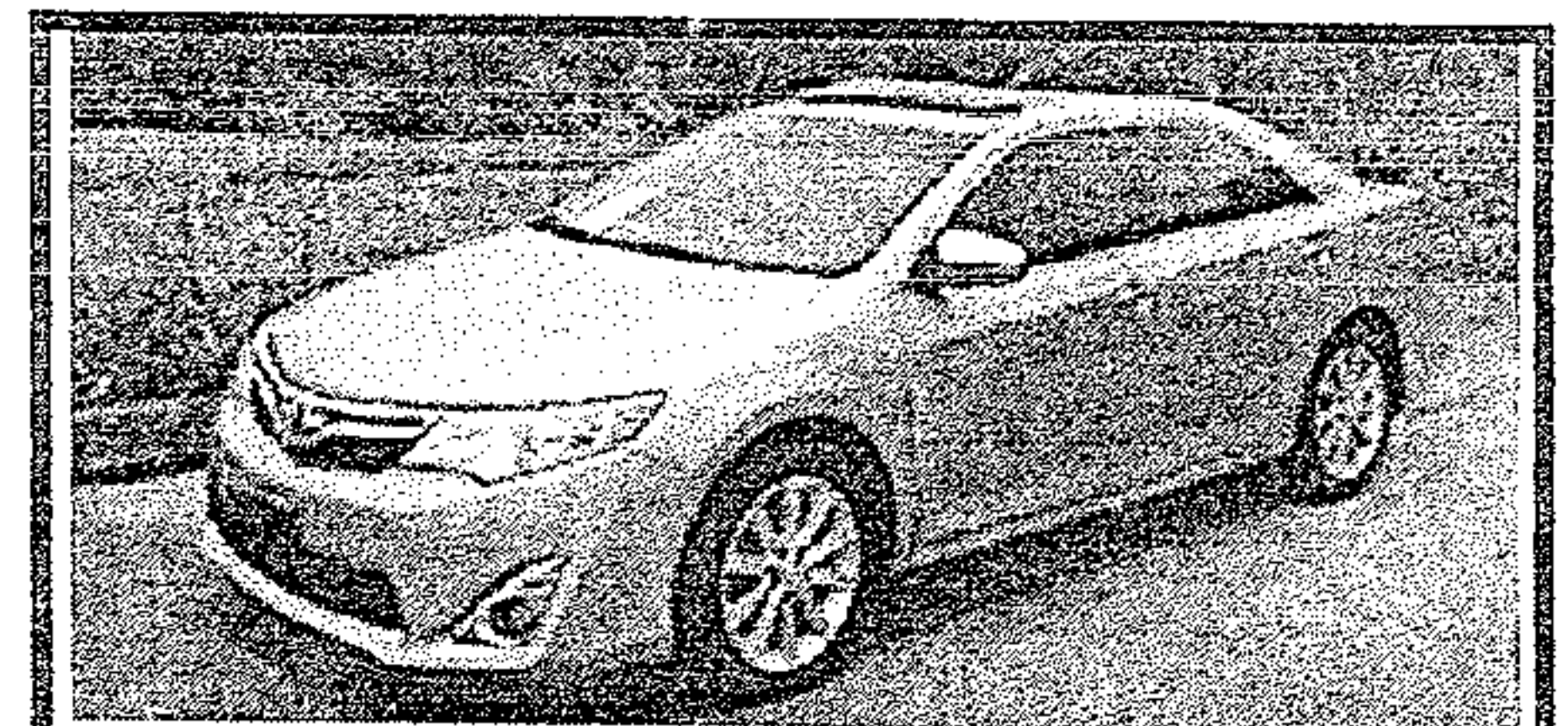
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to resist causing Officer to take her to the ground to place her in cuffs. Smith was placed under arrest. Upon inventory of the vehicle Officer located a cellophane wrapper containing a small white rock 1.2 grams. Smith advised the substance was possibly heroin. It field tested pos-

itive detection of heroin. Located inside Smith's pocket were two sets of keys belonging to Adesa Auto Action. Smith stated the keys were in the ignition of the vehicle she entered the vehicle to ensure they would start, and claimed she forgot to leave them in the ignition. Smith was transported to the Loudon Jail.

Assault

Cheri Phillips, 55, Dogwood Drive Maryville, was charged with Domestic Assault, and Vandalism. Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, responded to Fairview Road in reference to a domestic. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the victim. The Victim stated he had just returned home from dinner with Cheri Phillips, and they got into an argument over a text message from another woman. The victim stated he ask Phillips to leave and she refused. Victim stated he attempted to escort Phillips out of the house and a pushing/shoving match occurred. The victim stated he was able to get Phillips outside and locked the door. Victim stated Phillips took landscape rocks and threw them through the glass door. Deputy observed heavy damage to the door and heavy damage to a circular side window. Once inside Deputy observed large rocks laying in the breezeway and the living room floor. Deputy observed victim shirt stretched in several places on it from someone grabbing and pulling it. The victim stated Phillips had hit him several times in the head and rib area. Deputy did observe a scratch on victim chin and chest and a bloody index finger nail. Phillips stated the victim forced her out of the house naked, but later stated she lost her pants while being forced out. Phillips was placed under arrest.

Drugs

Justin Plummer, 22, E 9th Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sell or Poss. Of Meth, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Simple Possession, and Poss. Of Drug Para. Officer Tony Parks LCPD, stopped a vehicle in front of Donna Diner for failing to yield. Officer made contact with the driver Justin Plummer, and the passenger. Upon running Plummer through dispatch he was found to be driving on suspended license. Upon Officer Fritts arrival he could smell the odor of marijuana coming from Plummer person. Officer ask Plummer about the odor and he stated he had just smoked marijuana. Officer ask if he had anything illegal in the vehicle or on his person, Plummer stated they might be some roaches in the vehicle. Officer was given consent to search. Plummer then retrieved a baggy of marijuana from his right jacket pocket. Officer ask him what all he had in his pockets. Plummer pulled out 2 marlboro cigarette packs, one pack contained a rolled up napkin inside the napkin was aluminum foil with a baggy of crystal meth and 2 separate one dollar bills with crystal meth. Total amount of meth 5 grams. Officer also located in the vehicle glass pipe used to smoke meth and 44.5 yellow pills identified as Xanax and 2 pills identified as Alprazolam. Plummer was placed under arrest.

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well as those of major health care providers, the University of Calgary, and others. Once deployed, the malware encrypted data and files. The creators then demanded payment by virtual currency to restore access to affected systems, a crime Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski called "21st century blackmail" during a press conference today at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

The toll of these cyberattacks was staggering: more than 230 entities infected, \$6 million in ransom payments extorted, and an estimated \$30 billion in damages to the affected public and private institutions.

"The actions highlighted today, which represent a continuing trend of cyber criminal activity emanating from Iran, were particularly threatening, as they targeted public safety institutions, including U.S. hospital systems and governmental entities," said Amy Hess, executive assistant director of the FBI's Criminal, Cyber, Response, and Services Branch. "As cyber threats evolve and cyber criminals develop more sophisticated techniques, so do we."

The case was investigated through a coordinated international effort between

the FBI, the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency and West Yorkshire Police, and Canada's Calgary Police Service and Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Significant assistance was provided by the Justice Department's National Security Division and the Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs. The courage and the cooperation of the ransomware victims was also key to the successful investigation.

"Through our valued partnerships, not just with our great law enforcement partners in the U.S. and abroad but with our partners in private industry and with the victims of these crimes, we will find criminals and hold them accountable," said Hess. "Through persistence and collaboration, we will disrupt not only the criminal activity but also the ill-gotten livelihood of these actors."

In the federal indictment unsealed in Newark, the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey charged Faramarz Shahi Savandi and Mohammad Mehdi Shah Mansouri with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit fraud and related activity in connection with computers, two substantive counts of intentional damage to

a protected computer, and two substantive counts of transmitting a demand in relation to damaging a protected computer.

Although the alleged criminal actors are in Iran and currently out of the reach of U.S. law enforcement, they can be apprehended if they travel, and the United States is exploring other avenues of recourse.

Victims were infected with the ransomware through vulnerabilities found in common software and network access points. Hess stressed the importance of computer security and hygiene for individuals and corporations. "We all need to do our part to make sure that our systems are as strong and secure and protected as possible," she said.

Victims of ransomware or other cyber-crimes are encouraged to contact their local FBI field office and file a complaint online with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3).

The Good News

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter
Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20

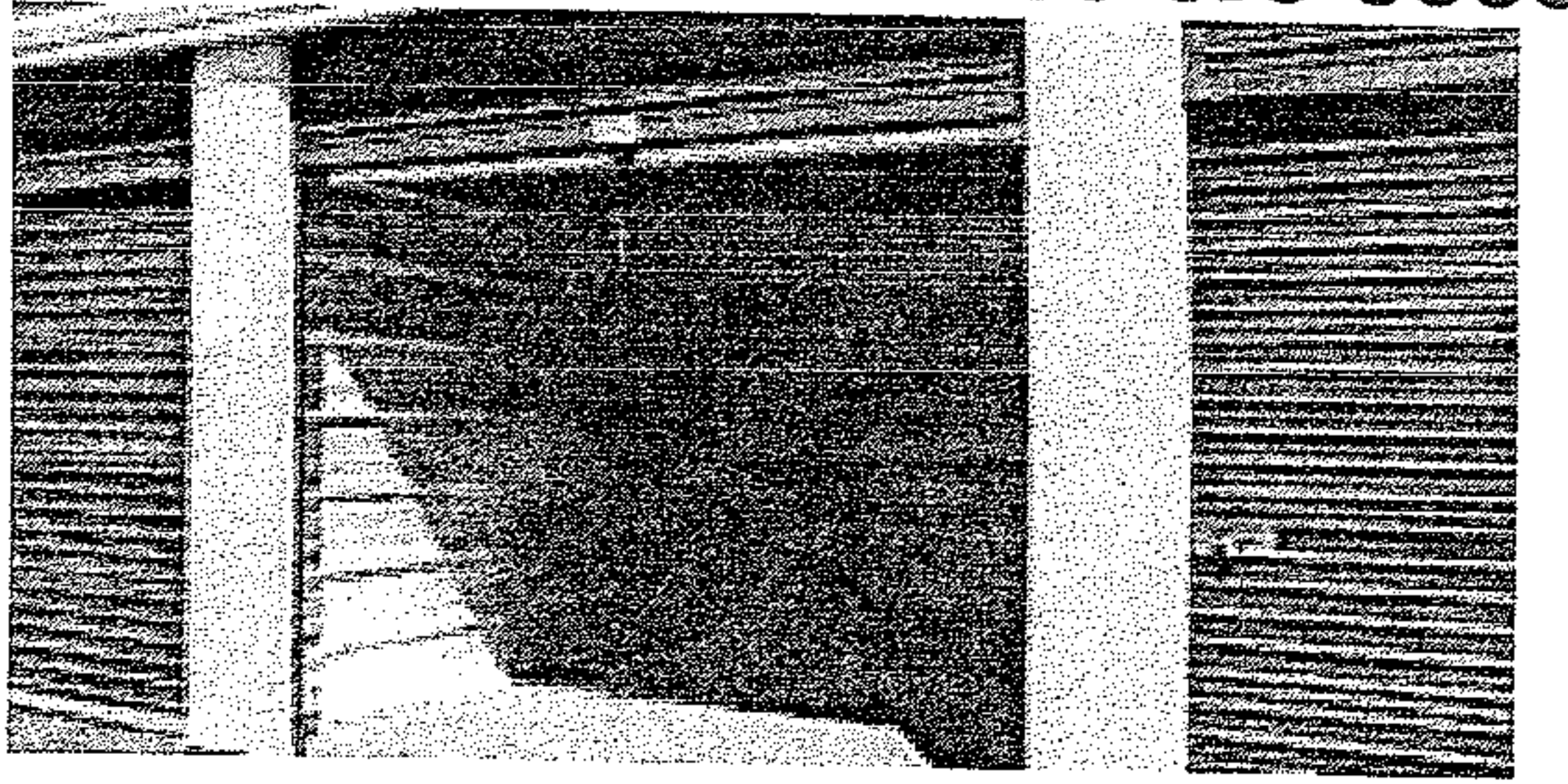

Advent is about renewal. However, as God's prophets make clear, the renewal God brings about is not other-worldly. God addresses religious and political corruption. God's prophets not only warn leaders of coming judgment but also proclaim promise and hope. Their announcement of judgment and promise calls us to recognize that the Lord, our God, is in our

midst, creating a just and merciful world within and among us.

What happens when we recognize that the Lord is in our midst? For one thing, we no longer need to fear disaster. Why? Because the Lord deals with all our oppressors and the forces that propel them. The Lord saves the lame, gathers the out-cast and transforms shame into praise. The Lord brings us home and restores our fortunes before our eyes.

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Most importantly, the Lord rejoices over us and renews us with divine love -- even singing along in response to our songs of praise. Prayer: O Lord, our God, we thank you for being in our midst. Renew us with your love so that we can see and embody the just and merciful world you are creating within and around us. Amen.

DUI

Addison Selvidge, 21, Steekee Road Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Deputy Partin and Gray LCSO, responded to Steekee Road in reference to a welfare check called in by Addison Selvidge. Upon arrival Deputy spoke with the home owner who stated that the child was inside the home and allowed Deputies to check the welfare of the child. The owner stated that victim and Selvidge was involved in a domestic earlier that day. Deputy then spoke with victim who stated that Selvidge had ask her to give him a ride to his brothers house. While enroute Selvidge pulled out a knife and started swinging it around in the car and telling her he would kill her. Victim stated Selvidge also was hitting her arm and pulling her hair while she was driving. Deputy ask where this had occurred she stated while crossing the Loudon Bridge on Hwy 11. Victim stated when she turned onto Grove

street that is when he pulled the knife out. Victim did show Deputy marks on her arm and check and stated Selvidge caused them. Victim stated once at Selvidge's brother house he threaten to pop her tires with the knife. Deputy ask where Selvidge was she stated most likely at Kelly Lane Lenoir City. Selvidge was located and placed under arrest.

Candle Fires Caused \$13M in Damages, Claimed Eight Lives since 2013 Holiday Decorators are Urged to Use Caution when Decorating with Candles

Decorations can help turn every Scrooge into a Santa, but care must be taken to ensure that a home's décor is fire safe. To decrease the risk of a home fire, the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) reminds consumers that popular holiday decorations, like candles and string lights, can cause tragedy when not used properly.

During the five-year period of 2013-2017 in Tennessee, candles were reported to have caused 385 residential structure fires, eight civilian deaths, 28 civilian injuries, six firefighter injuries and \$13 million in fire loss, according to SFMO data. The data also indicated that 41 percent of candle fires started in bedrooms and candles starting fires were too close to combustibles 46 percent of the time. "Almost half of can-

dle fires in Tennessee start because the candles were placed too close to flammable decorations," said Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Julie Mix McPeak. "While decorations make our homes festive, they must also be placed with care. Taking a few basic precautions when decorating for the holidays could prevent fires from occurring and causing a potential tragedy."

The SFMO encourages you to consider the following tips to ensure your holiday decorations are as safe as they are festive:

Use candles with caution. If possible, choose battery powered flameless candles. If you use lit candles, make sure they are in a stable holder and place them where they cannot be easily knocked over.

Maintain holiday lights. Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Not all holiday lights are made equal so be sure that you know whether yours are for indoor or outdoor use and use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory. Use clips, not nails, to hang lights to keep cords from getting damaged. Do not overload electrical outlets. Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.

Make sure to periodically check the wires—they should not be warm to the touch.

Never leave holiday lights unattended. Turn off all lights when you leave or go to bed.

Use nonflammable decorations. Ensure all decorations are flame resistant or flame retardant. Place all decorations at least three feet from heat sources like fireplaces, space heaters, or heat vents.

Dispose of wrapping paper properly. Never place wrapping paper in a fireplace. This paper can cause a large fire that throws off dangerous sparks and embers that could result in a chimney fire.

A dry tree can be a fire hazard so always "Be a Good Elf" and care for your tree. If you choose a live Christmas tree, ensure that it is watered every day and that it is promptly disposed of after the holiday. If you're using an artificial tree, make sure it is labeled as flame retardant.

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Keep escape routes clear. Never block exits with trees or decorations. If family or friends come in for the holiday season, ensure everyone knows two ways out of each room.

Working smoke alarms never go out of season. Ensure you have working smoke alarms in each sleeping area, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Many Tennessee fire departments offer smoke alarms for free as part of the "Get Alarmed, Tennessee" program. If you need alarms, call your local fire department to see what resources are offered in your area.



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