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## Pills in the bra, meth and more on revoked driver

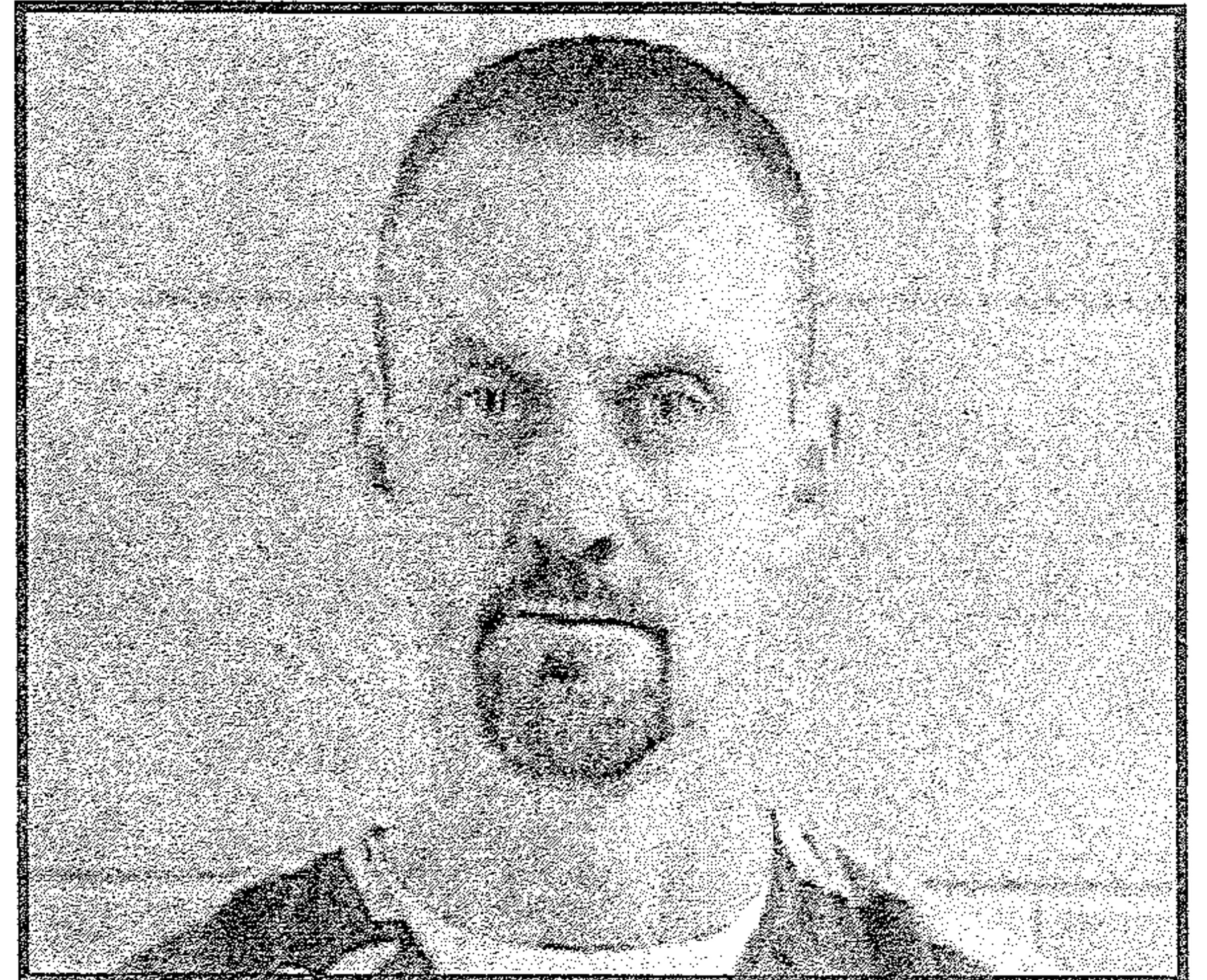
Christy Whisenhunt, 36, Reed Springs Church Road Philadelphia, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, Simple Possession x2, Poss. of Drug Para., Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Contraband in a Penal Institution.

Officer Runyan LCPD, made a traffic stop on a 2015 gray Kia Optima driven by Christy Whisenhunt who is (see Revoked pg. 2)



Christy Whisenhunt

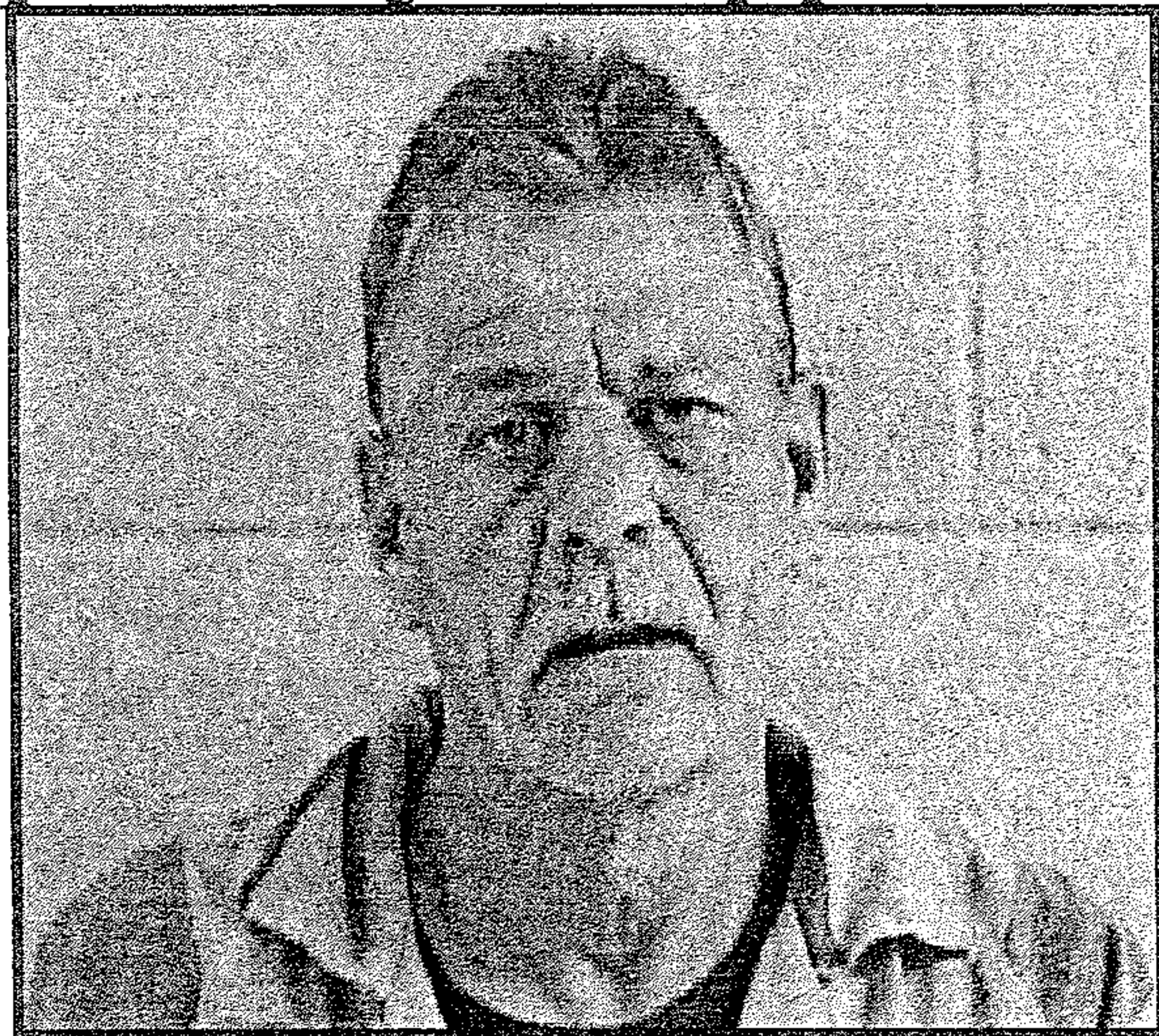
## Meth found after yard drive thru



Troy Jamerson

see meth pg. 3

## Vehicle stolen and possibly scrapped



See Theft P.5

Richard McDonald

## Office of Open Records Counsel Finds 538 Statutory Exceptions to the Tennessee Public Records Act

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Open Records Counsel (OORC) has released a new report detailing a list of statutory exceptions to the Tennessee Public Records Act.

Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) and Speaker Beth Harwell (R-Nashville) asked for the list to help evaluate which exceptions may need to be removed or placed in sunset.

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## Sextortion

### Online Predator Used Familiar Tactics to Victimize 12-Year-Old Girl

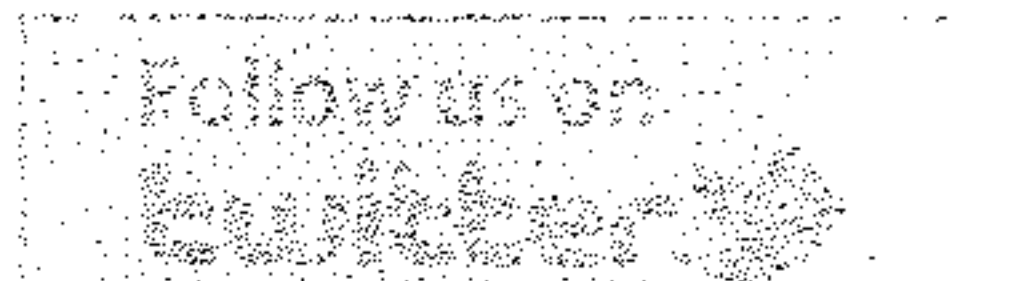
A 32-year-old Georgia man who pretended to be someone else online is behind bars after using familiar predatory tactics to coerce a 12-year-old girl to produce child pornography and send it to him.

The victims of this type of crime—commonly referred to as sextortion—are almost always vulnera-

ble teenagers who are tricked online and then find themselves in a nightmare situation: They are afraid to tell their parents or friends what is happening, and believe complying with their abuser is the only solution.

"The predators typically pretend to be teenagers online

(see Sextortion pg. 4)



## Verse of the Day

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." — Mark 9:35

## Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

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## Weather

Today: Rain . High of 50F.  
Tonight: Rain. Low of 25F.  
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## Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/19  
You could be at a critical point in your vacation planning process. The scope of your vision has grown over recent days and now you're worried that you may be biting off more than you can (Continued on page 6)





**Revoked**

known to be revoked in the state of Tennessee for DUI. Upon traffic stop Officer futher confirmed Mrs. Whisenhunt and ran Tennessee ID through dispatch which returned status as revoked for DUI.

During an inventory search of the vehicle a plastic pill bot-

tle was found in the passenger floor board containing a green leaf substance believed to be marijuana. Also during the inventory search a purse, belonging to Mrs. Whisenhunt, was located in the passenger seat at which time Officer found a butane lighter known to be used for drug use. After transport to the Loudon Coun-

ty Jail the female corrections deputy, O. Norman, conducted a routine narcotics check on Mrs. Whisenhunt. Deputy Norman asked prior to search if she had anything on or in her person at which time she stated "no." During the narcotics search Deputy Norman located a clear

bag containing five (5) small white pills with the imprint of E65 in her bra that Mrs. Whisenhunt stated to be Colonopan. Deputy Norman also located two small clear bags that contained a crystal like substance, believed to be methamphetamine, inside of her private area.

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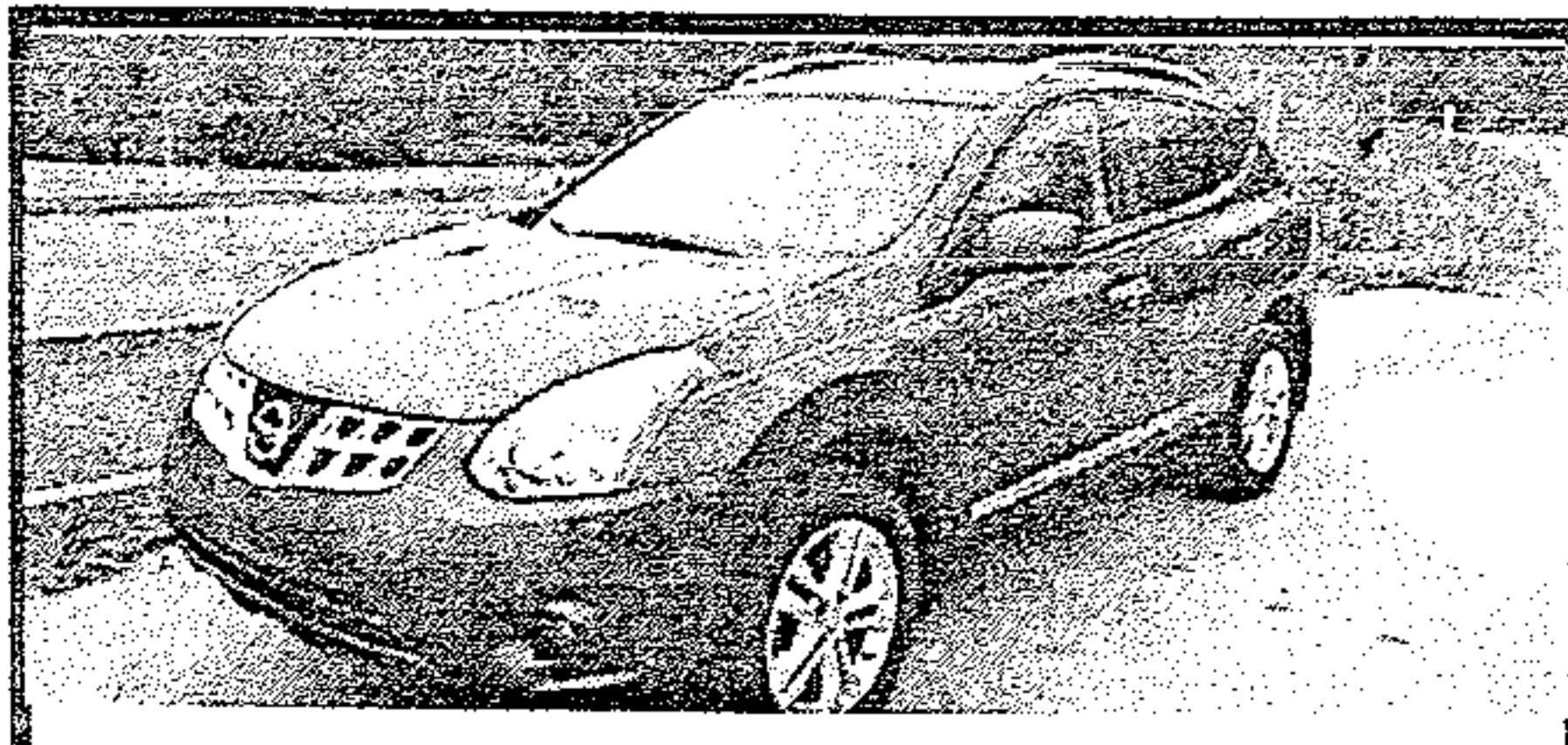
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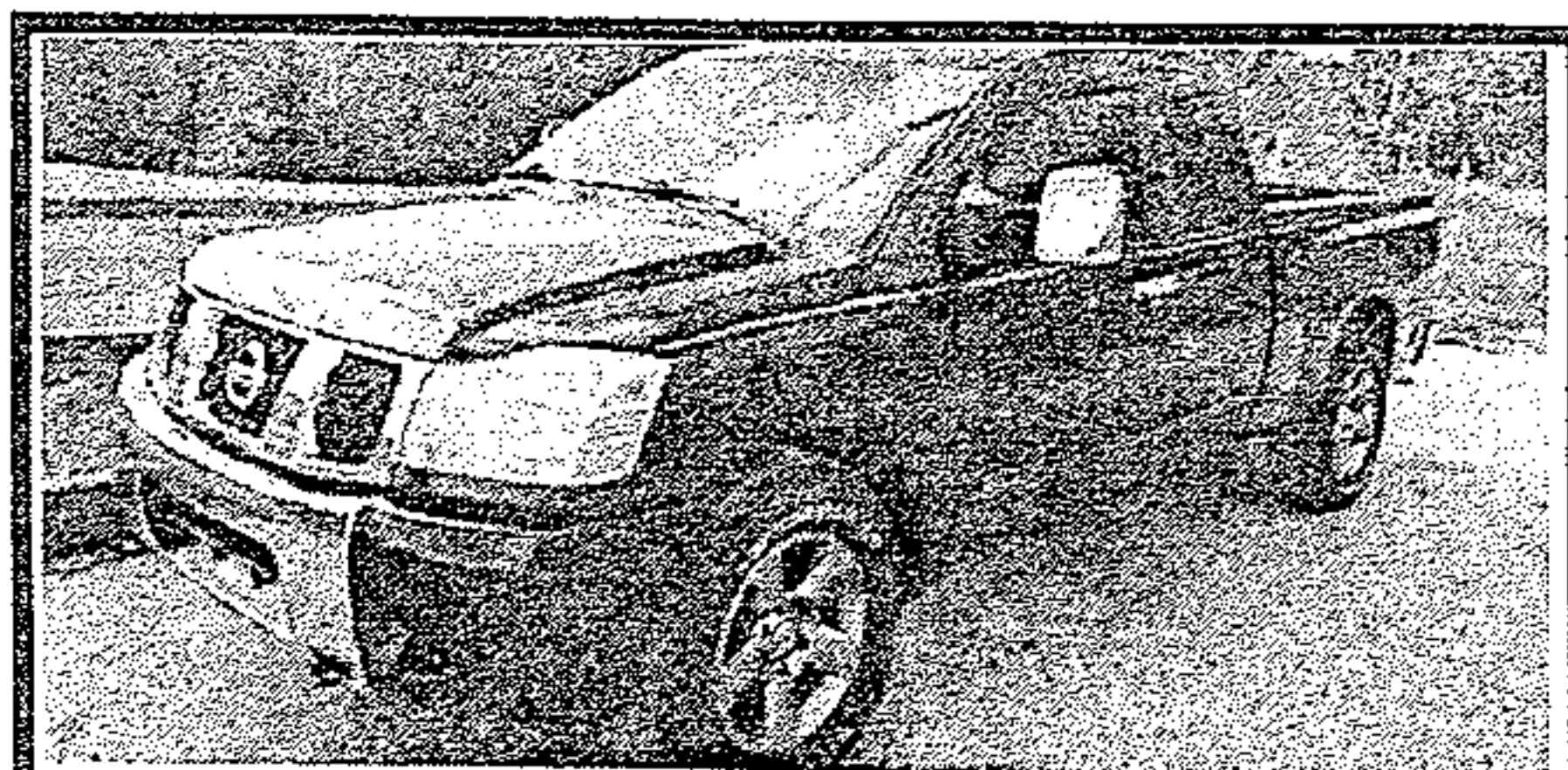
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**Meth**

Troy Jamerson, 44, County Road Etowah, was charged with MFG/Del/Sell or Poss. of Meth, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Assisting other Agency.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a White Pontiac Grand-Am traveling on Markwood Road. When the driver saw Deputy he made an immediate right without using a turn signal and drove through the yard at Markwood Road. The registration on the vehicle expired on April 30, 2017. The driver then exited the vehicle and went to the porch of the residence.


Upon making contact with the driver he was identified as Troy Jameson. The pas-

senger in the vehicle was identified. Mr. Jamerson stated he was stopping to see a friend. The owner of the residence, stated she did not know Mr. Jamerson and had never seen him before. Mr. Jamerson then stated he was trying to fix his blinkers.

Upon running Mr. Jamerson through dispatch he was found to be driving on a Revoked Driver License and had a warrant out of McMinn County. Mr. Jamerson was taken into custody.

Upon inventorying the vehicle laying in the driver side change holder by the door was a baggy with Crystal Methamphetamine (.03 grams). Mr. Jamerson was transported to the Loudon County Jail. This did happen in Loudon County.

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**Sextortion**

and lurk on popular social media sites,” said Special Agent Kevin Orkin, who investigated the case from the FBI’s Atlanta Division. “The victims — striving for attention, maybe having issues with their parents, as teens often do — are easily manipulated.”

The predators establish an online relationship, flirt, and in time convince the victims to send them a sexually provocative picture. “That initial image might not be too incriminating by today’s standards,” Orkin said, but the predators use the image to blackmail the victims. If they don’t send more explicit material, the victims are told, the image will be shared online with their friends and family to humiliate them.

“The victims are too scared to tell anyone what’s going on,” Orkin said, “and before they know it, they are in way over their heads.”

In the case of the Georgia man, Gerardo Uribe, he masqueraded online as a 13-year-old boy, and later as a 25-year-old man. After the young victim sent a partially nude image of herself at his request in 2014, Uribe was eventually able

to take over one of her social media accounts by resetting her password and then locking her out.

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With access to all her information, including the initial compromising image, Uribe coerced the girl into providing more sexually explicit material — four images that met the federal definition of child pornography.

The girl’s parents discovered the crime and reported it to the local sheriff’s office, which referred the matter to the FBI. Through various investigative methods, Uribe was located in Georgia and charged with child pornography offenses.

He pleaded guilty in August 2017, and in November 2017 was sentenced to 10 years in prison. A Mexican citizen who was living in the United States as a permanent resident, Uribe will be deported after he completes his prison term. Investigators said that Uribe had tried to victimize at least one other girl.

“Sextortion is a growing problem on social media sites,” Orkin said, and although it may be easy to blame the victims of sextortion for the predicament they find themselves in, he explained, “we are talking about children being manipulated by adults. It’s clear that these criminals are preying on their victims and taking advantage of them in the worst way.”

Orkin urged parents to routinely monitor their children’s Internet access and keep computers in common areas of the house. Because mobile devices are regularly used outside the house to connect to social media sites, Orkin also suggested that parents insist on knowing the passwords and PIN codes to their children’s online devices.

“When it comes to online relationships,” Orkin said, “the best practice for children is simple: If you don’t know a person in real life, don’t friend them on social media.”

Blount and William-

**son Counties Receive Clean Audit Reports**

Tennessee Comptroller Justin P. Wilson is pleased to announce that two additional Tennessee counties have achieved a distinctive honor. Blount and Williamson counties have each received a clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Both audits were completed without any findings. Only a select number of Tennessee counties will receive an audit report without a finding indicating weaknesses or deficiencies in government operations.

These audits each revealed a strong system that allows

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**Theft**

Richard McDonald, 54, Corinth Road Loudon, was charged with Theft of Property.

Deputy was dispatched to the Loudon County Justice Center, on a call of theft of a vehicle. Upon arrival, Deputy spoke with victim, who advised that she owned a vehicle that her son, had been using. Victim had moved from Corinth Road, Loudon, TN 37774, but the vehicle was broken down, and it was unable to be moved at that time. When he went to retrieve the vehicle on 12-12-17, he discovered that it was gone from the property. He contacted the neighbor to the property, who advised him that Richard McDonald, who lives at Corinth Road, had taken the vehicle to a salvage yard. Victim located the vehicle at Morgan's Salvage and Surplus Auto Parts,

possibly in Athens, TN. The vehicle is a light blue 1988 Pontiac Bonneville. She advised that the license plate had possibly been removed.

The vehicle's value was approximately \$1800.00. Inside the trunk of the vehicle were some personal items that belonged to victim. They were miscellaneous tools (\$400.00); miscellaneous pots, pans, and dishes (\$100.00); and a set of car ramps (\$100.00). It is unknown if these items are still inside the vehicle. This did occur in Loudon County.

Mr. Richard A. McDonald was arrested in the visitation lobby of the Loudon County jail on a warrants issued out of General Sessions Court #18-cr-108. This happened without incident.

**Records**

The OORC spent several months reviewing the Tennessee Code Annotated and gather-

ing information from other government agencies and various organizations.

The report includes descriptions of the 538 exceptions to the Tennessee Public Records Act found in the Tennessee Code. An exception makes a public record, or information within a public record, not available for public inspection. The 538 statutory exceptions

identified in the OORC's report do not include other exceptions that may be found in Tennessee court rules, federal law, common law, or agency rules.

The number of exceptions has grown substantially over the years. When the Tennessee Public Records Act was enacted in 1957, it provided only two statutory exceptions. In 1988,

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the Legislative Committee on Open Records reported 89 exceptions.

On January 30, 2018, Comptroller's Office Chief of Staff Jason Mumpower will present the report on Statutory Exceptions to the Tennessee Public Records Act to the Senate State & Local Government Committee at 10:30 a.m. and the House State Government Committee at 12:00 p.m.

To view the Public Records Exceptions Database online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/openrecords/>

About the Office of Open Records Counsel: The Office of Open Records Counsel was created by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2008 to serve as a resource for citizens, media, and local

government entities for issues related to Tennessee's public records and open meetings laws.

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for accurate financial reporting and clear checks and balances that help protect taxpayer money. Blount and Williamson County residents should be encouraged that county leaders and elected officials are taking their responsibilities seriously.

This achievement is especially significant for Blount County which has received a clean audit report for the third year in a row.

Williamson County has received its second consecutive clean audit.

"A clean audit is a positive sign that a county government is on track," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "I commend all of the elected officials, leaders, and county staff who have committed to a well-run government. This is an accomplishment worth celebrating."

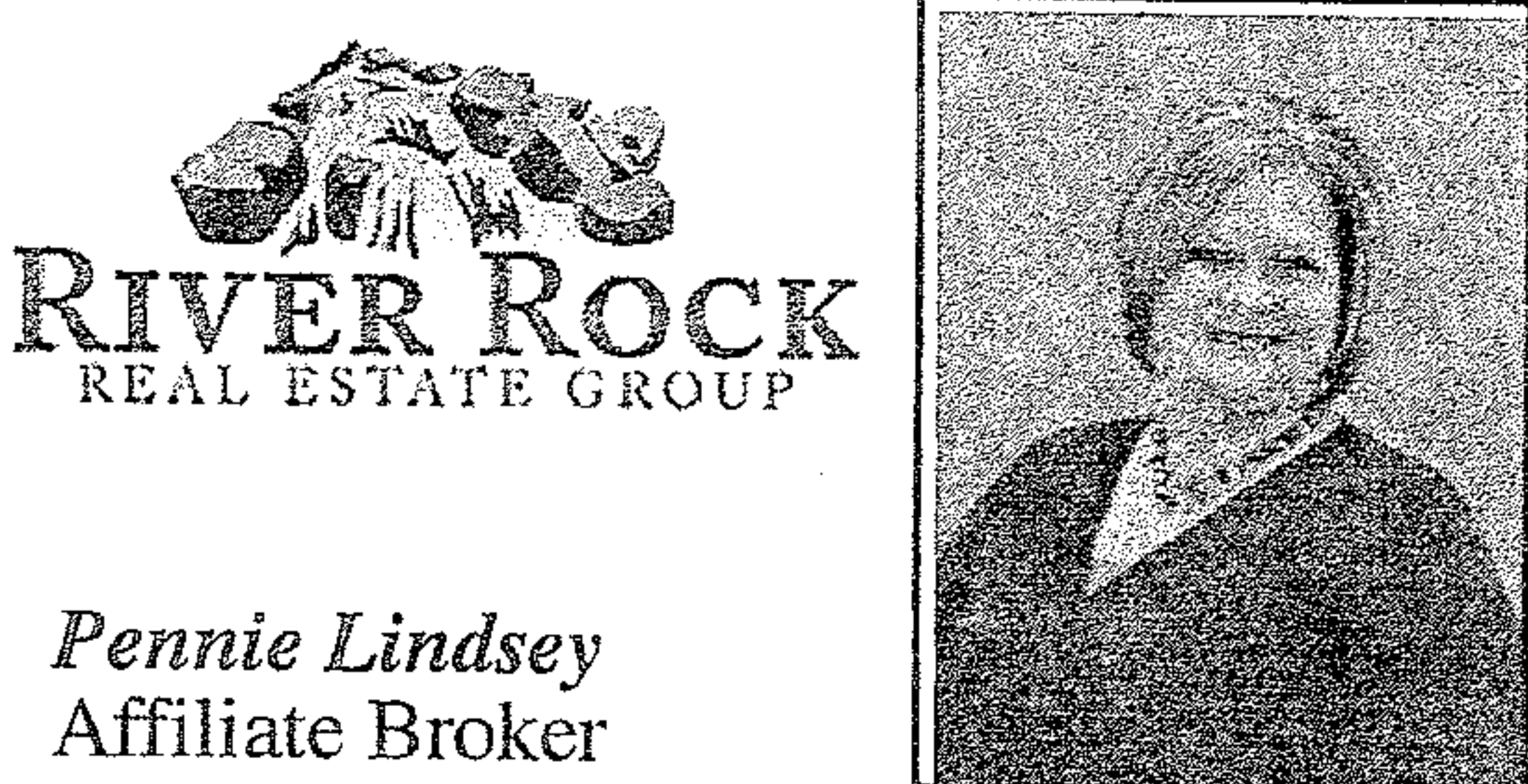
Only 12 counties audited by the Comptroller's Office received clean audit reports in fiscal year 2016. To date, ten counties have received clean audit

reports in fiscal year 2017. The Comptroller's Office will continue to release fiscal year 2017 audits through March of 2018.

The Blount and Williamson County audit reports can be found at <http://www.comptrol->

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