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Friday, March 30, 2018

Dog joins #metoo movement after meth bust uncovers dog rape

Coward attacker hides and waits on victim and uses knife in assault



Jerimiah Sears



Lori Sears

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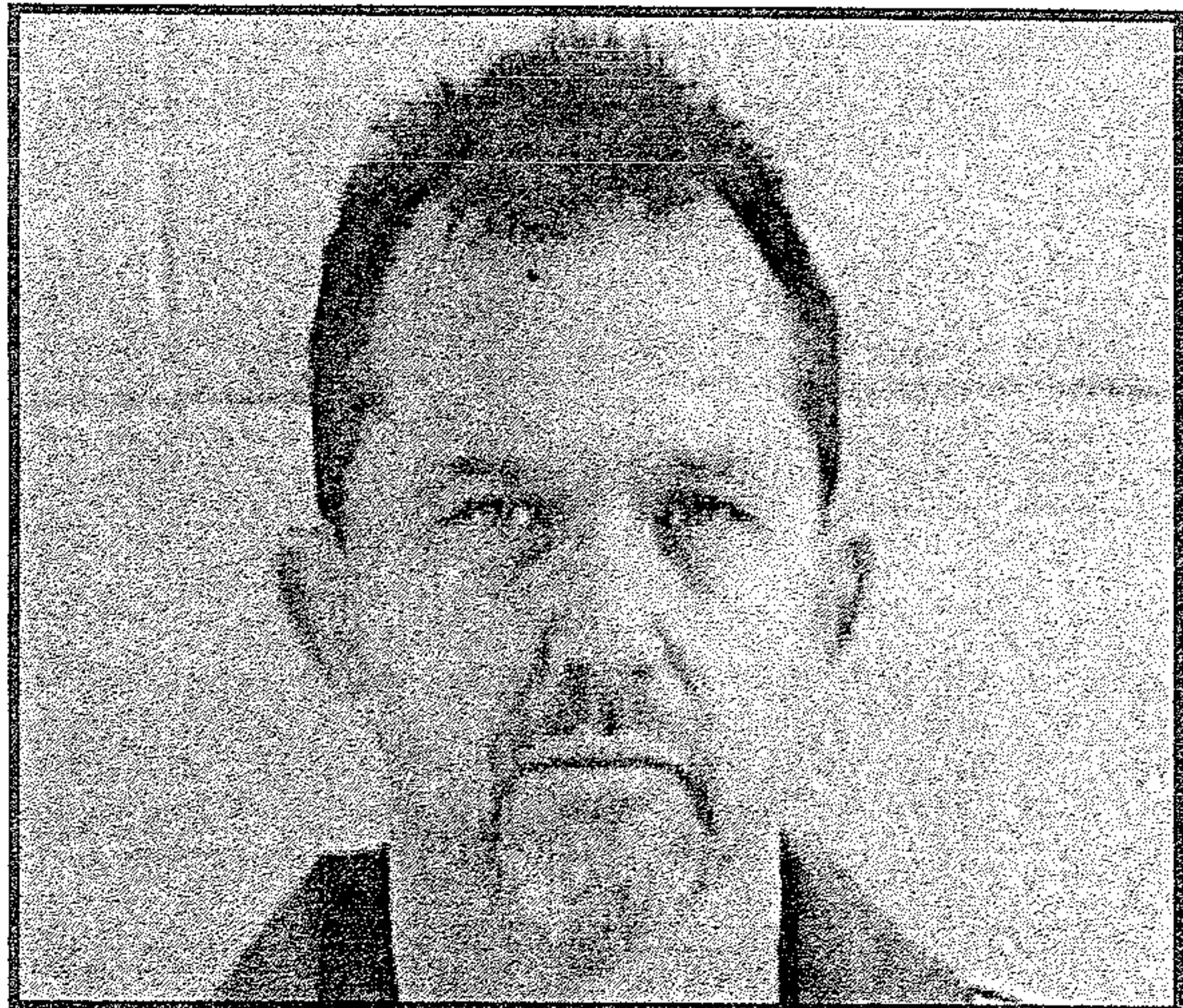
Victim in fear; man charged



Ladaydren Carter

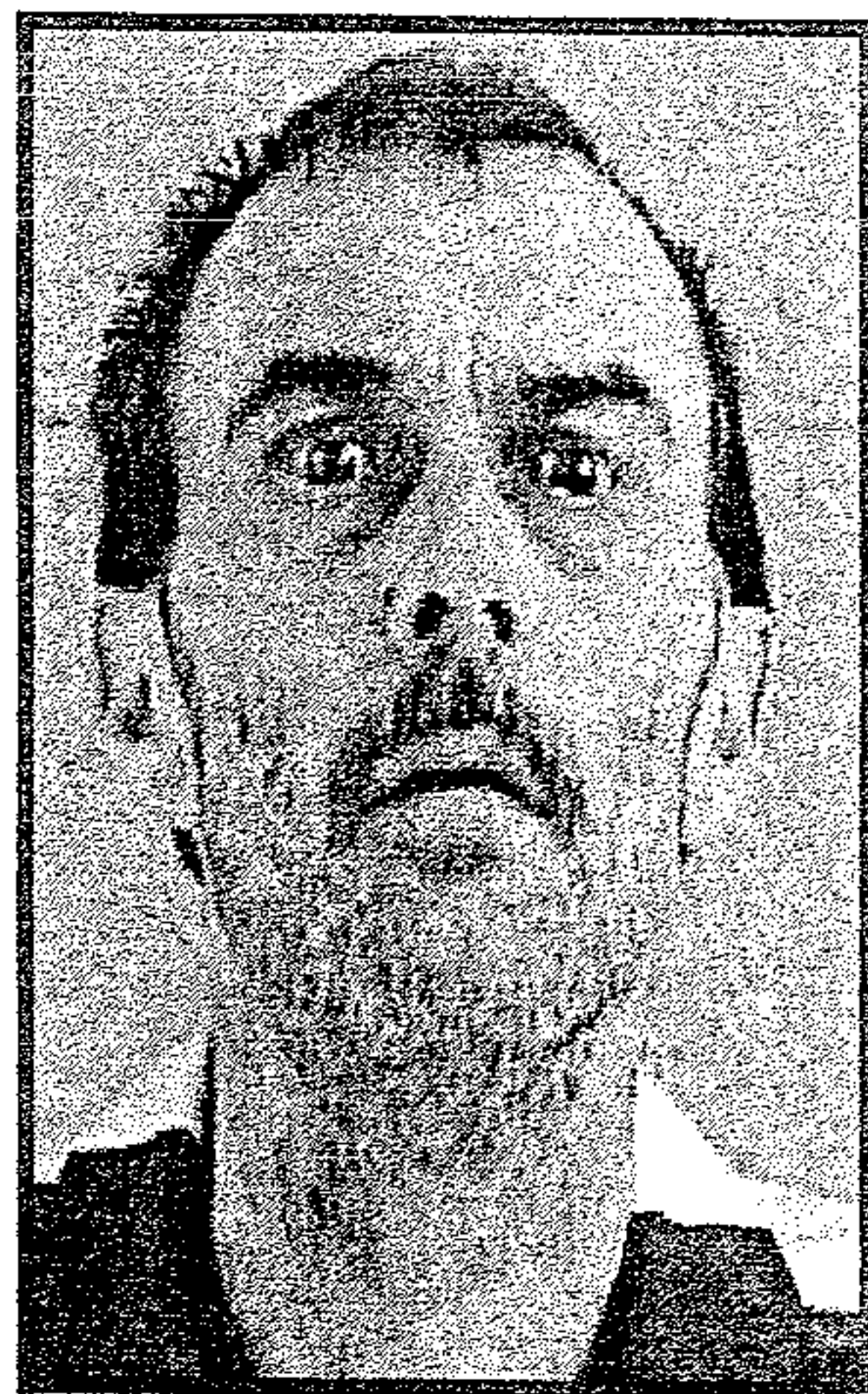
see Coward pg. 3

DUI charge follows crash into culvert



Michael Courtney

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Jimmy Arden

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Annual Used Book Sale Brings Books to Community, Raises Support for Library

Friends of the Library Welcomes Book Lovers, Library Advocates April 14-17 at Chilhowee Park's Jacob Building "This is terrific!" "I found a bag full of great books today!" Shoppers at the Friends of the Knox County Public Library's Annual Used

Book Sale will find a wide selection of books for all ages and interests. After months of planning and organizing by Friends volunteers, the 2018 sale will get underway at Chilhowee Park's Jacob Building with Members Only Day on Saturday, April 14. It will be open to the

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Verse of the Day

My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. — Psalm 62:7

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Hope Everyone Has A Safe and Happy Easter Weekend. Remember The reason for the Season! Don't Drink and Drive as Law Enforcement will be on the lookout all weekend long during this holiday!

Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of 60F. Tonight: Overcast. Low of 38F. Saturday: Partly cloudy. High of 66F. Saturday Night: Overcast. Low of 57. Sunday: Showers through

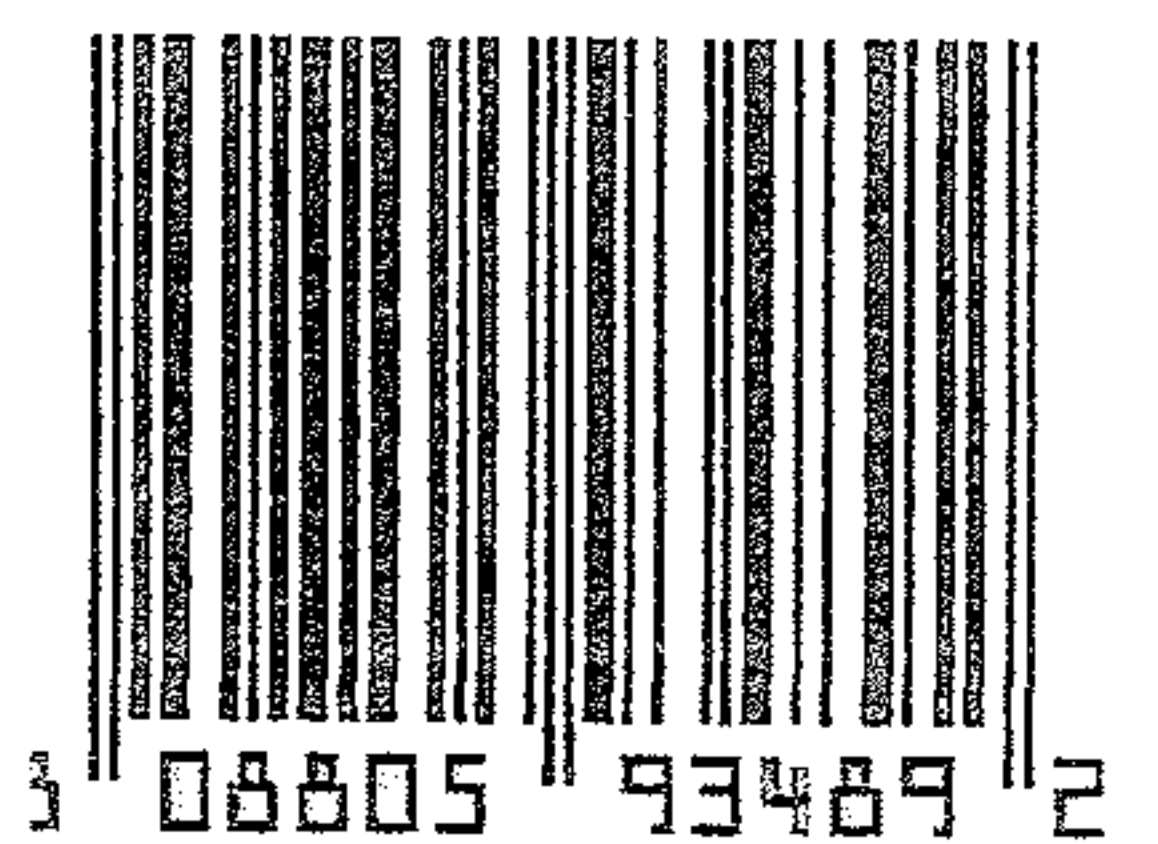
the day and evening High of 54, low of 37F.

Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19

Concentrating on work is challenging today because your thoughts seem to have a life of their own. Although you accept the fact

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Meth

Jerimiah Sears, 33, Collins Street Loudon, was charged with Maintaining a Dwelling Drug Sold, Mfg/DEI/Sell or Poss. of Meth, Poss. of Drug Para, Possession of a Firearm, and Unlawful Carrying of a Firearm.

Lori Sears, 33, Collins Street Loudon, was charged with Maintaining a Dwelling Drugs Sold, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Agents from 9th Drug Task Force, with LPD served a narcotics search warrant at Collins Street in Loudon.

Agents have been conducting an investigation into the sale of narcotic from this residence. by the home owners Jerimiah and Lori Sears. During the search Officer made contact with Jerimiah in the living room

and Lori came from the rear of the residence. Officer searched the residence and located several items of drug para. including several glass pipes, a set of scales, and

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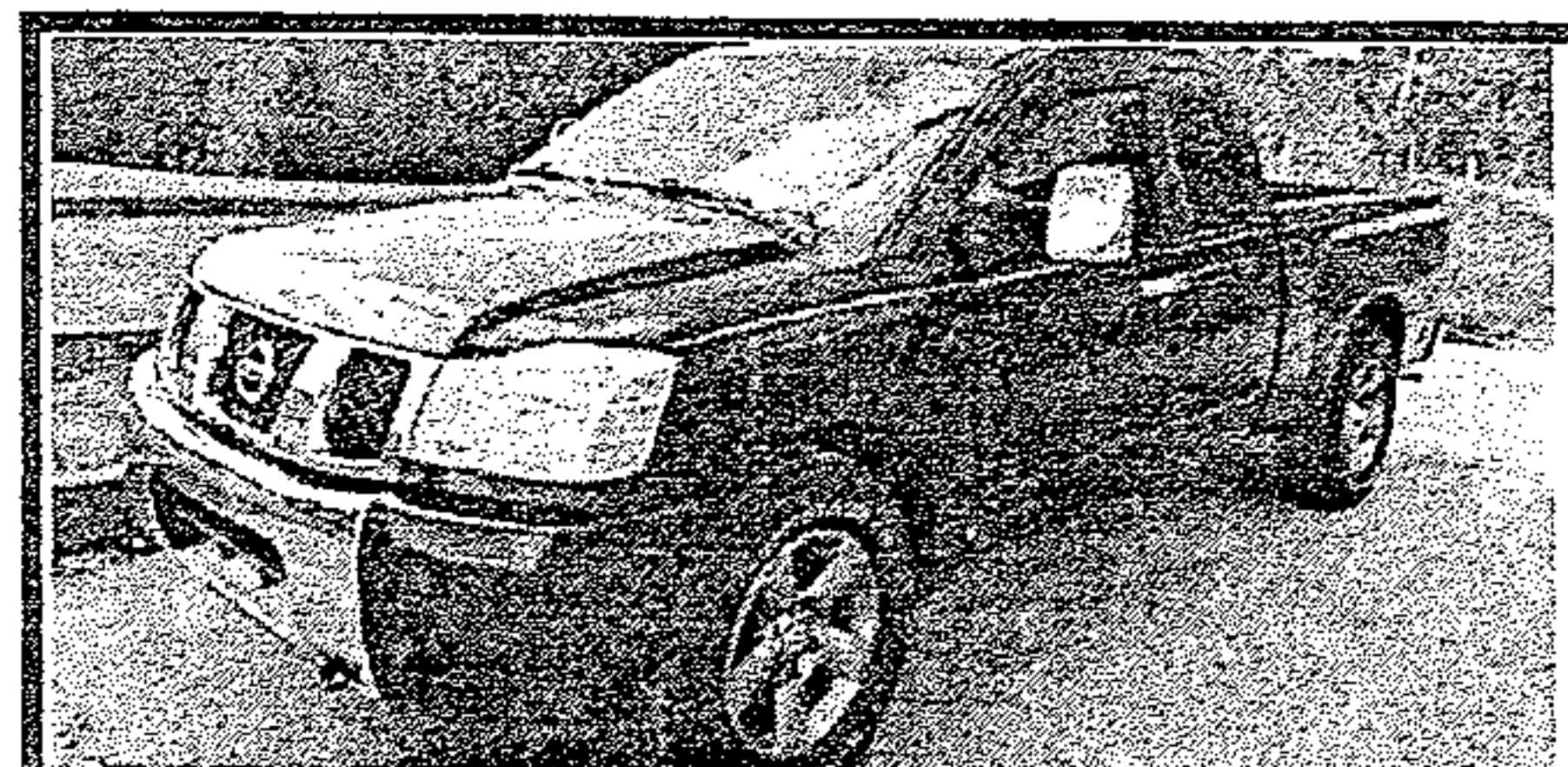
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Coward

Ladaydren Carter, 22, Kelly Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault Felony.

According to the report, Officer Jamie Whitt LCPD, was dispatched to Hardee's to a possible domestic.

Upon arrival Officer spoke with victim who stated that her boyfriend Ladaydren Carter was hiding under a blanket behind her dresser in her bedroom when she arrived home at Kelley lane. Carter had told victim he was not at her residence. Victim stated they had gotten into an altercation where Carter had choked victim several times.

Victim stated Carter had put a green and white

handle knife to her throat and said he was going to take her life because she doesn't deserve it.

Victim stated she got away from him and got in her vehicle when he chased her and beat on her window trying to get in her car.

Carter jumped on the hood of victim vehicle, she was able to get him off the hood and flee the scene. Victim had red marks on her neck consist with being choked, her top and bottom lip were busted. While leaving the scene the victim only had a tee shirt and underwear on, and in fear for her life.

Carter was located in the parking lot at McGee Square and taken into custody.

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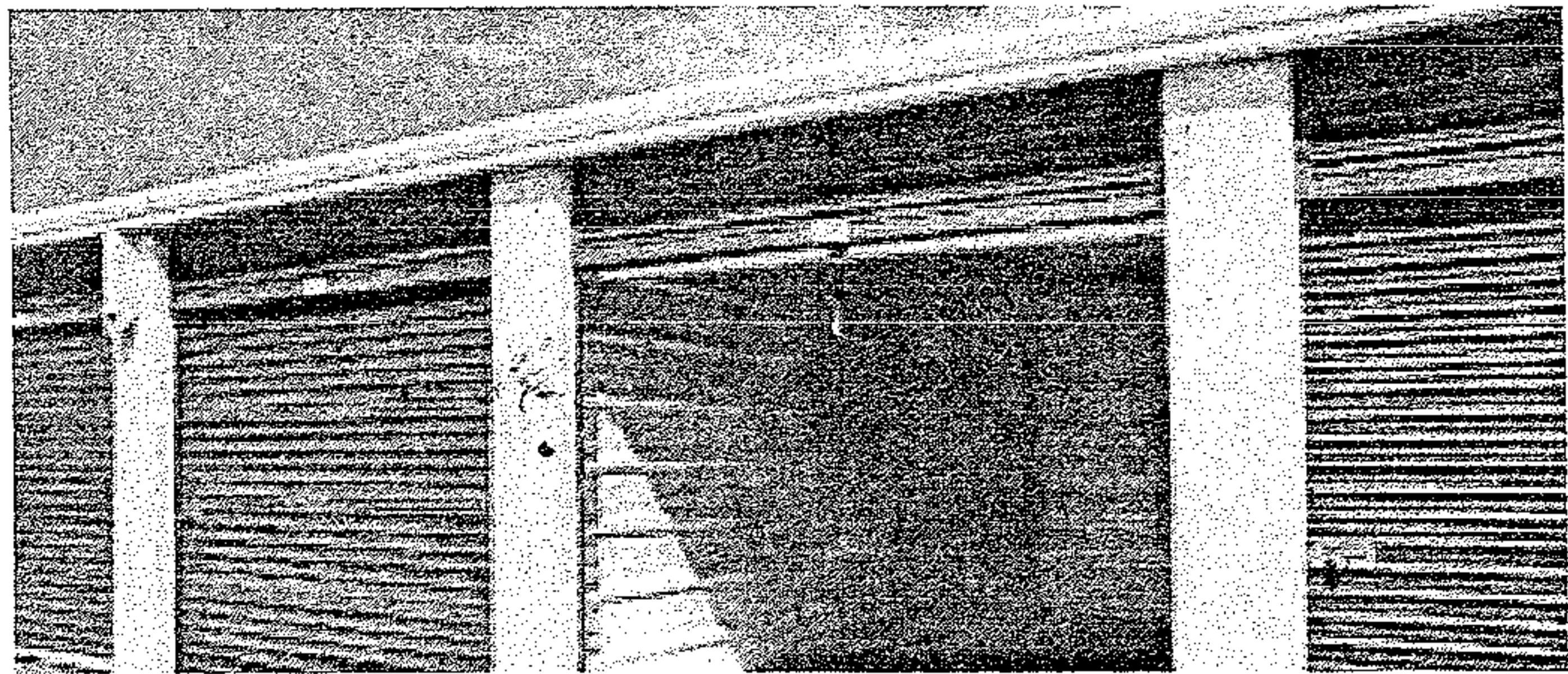
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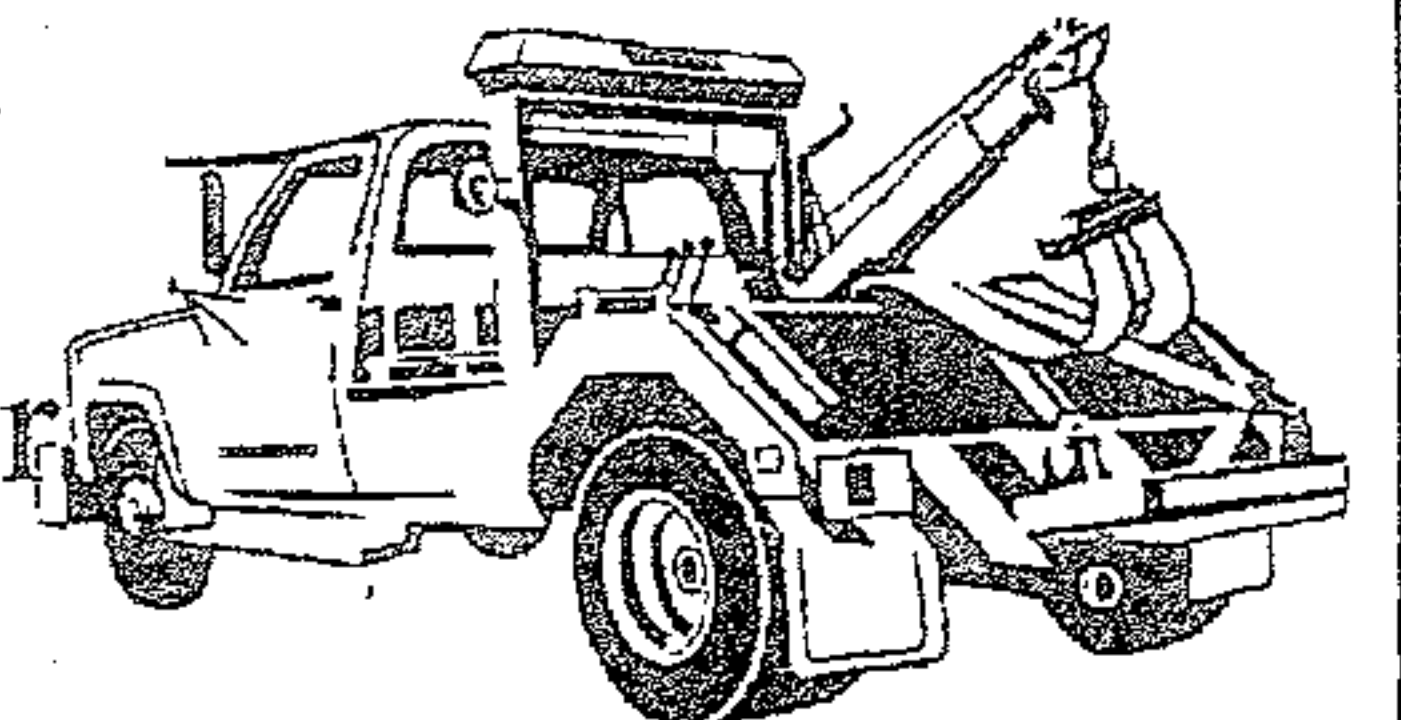
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Charges

Jimmy Arden, 52, Turman Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy JC Schultz LCSO, answered a call at Turman Drive. Upon arrival victim gave a written statement that said her son whom resides with her Jimmy Arden had gotten in a argument with her and jumped at her putting his hands in her face making her fear he was going to hit her. Victim stated Jimmy said he only had 6 months to live and he going to burn her house down and kill victim in her sleep. Victim was visibly upset and afraid Jimmy was going to kill her. Witness stated they heard Jimmy screaming from across the street. Jimmy Arden fled the scene and was traffic stopped by Officer Brad Rayfield. Deputy responded to the traffic and took Arden into custody.

Library

public Sunday, April 15, through Tuesday, April 17.

The purpose of the sale is twofold — to raise funds for the Knox County Public Library (KCPL) and to offer affordable books to everyone in the community. Over the years, Friends has raised over a million dollars from its used book sales to support outstanding library programs such as the Children's Festival of Reading and the Summer Library Club.

Thousands of books have been carefully selected for this year's sale and categorized for easy browsing. Most

are \$2 or less. There will also be a special selection of rare books for collectors as well as DVDs, CDs, audio books, music, and magazines. The sale's popular grab bags filled with paperback books in genres such as romance and mysteries will return as well.

The Jacob Building has plenty of floor space and enough tables to make browsing a pleasure. Ample parking, including handicap parking, is available. Assistance with loading large purchases will also be provided.

Monday, April 16, is Half-Price Day. Area teachers and librarians are also invited to shop for \$5 per bag from 4-6 p.m. on Monday. The last day of the sale, Tuesday, April 17, is an all-day \$5 Bag Sale.

The City of Knoxville, the Knox County Public Library, the Knoxville News Sentinel, Magpie's Bakery, Three Rivers Market, WBIR, and WUOT are joining Friends as sponsors of this year's sale.

Obituaries

Ruby Nichols Wiggins, age 91 of Fairfield Glades formerly of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2018. Ruby was a longtime employee of Charles H. Bacon Hosiery Mill and Fruit of The Loom. She was a member of First Baptist Church Lenoir City for many years. Preceded

in death by her husband, Ivan H. "Hank" Wiggins; daughter, Carol Ann Wiggins; parents, James and Lillie Handley Nichols; 5 brothers and 4 sisters. Survived by her special niece, Carla Richmond and fiancé, Drew Fritts; granddaughter, Caroline Richmond and her father, John Richmond; great nephew, Steven Bowers, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Dr. Dick DeMerchant officiating. Family and friends will gather at 12:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home and proceed to the Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens for graveside services at 1 p.m. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements. **Leonard Michael Bierman** - age 87 of Greenback, TN, formerly of Middleton, WI and Deerfield, Ill., passed away February 9, 2018, at his home. He was a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church and retired after a lifelong career in the hardware industry. Leonard was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Katherine Frances; parents, Michael and Marie

Bierman of Effingham, IL; sister, Lois Ludwig of St. Louis, MO. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Phyllis Williams Bierman; daughters, Jeanna Nix and husband, Conrad of Pompano Beach, FL, Karena J. Bierman and Christopher of Evanston, IL; grandchildren, Sebastian Van Tassel of Middleton, WI and Townes Leonard Bierman-Casas of Evanston, IL; sisters, June Cheatum and Susan

Andes of Effingham, IL along with several nieces and nephews. Memorial services are being planned. The family wishes to express their appreciation to Blount Memorial Hospice and his special caregiver, Mechelle York. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 29th at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Loudon, TN.

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DUI

Michael Courtney, 48, Ford Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI.

Deputy Kevin Kirkland LCSO, was dispatched to a wreck with injury on East Coast Tellico Pkwy. at Appleby Rd.

Upon arrival Deputy made contact with Greenback Fire 702 who stated that he believed Michael Courtney the driver appeared to be intoxicated. Courtney agreed to do sobriety test and performed poorly. Courtney did state he was prescribed Gabapentin and took it earlier, but did not take anything else.

Courtney was traveling on East Cost Tellico Pkwy. toward Hwy 411 and ran into the other lane of travel, off the roadway where he traveled in the ditch before he applied his brake which caused his vehicle to go across Appleby Road and in to the

ditch on the other side where his vehicle crashed into the culvert. Courtney was placed under arrest.

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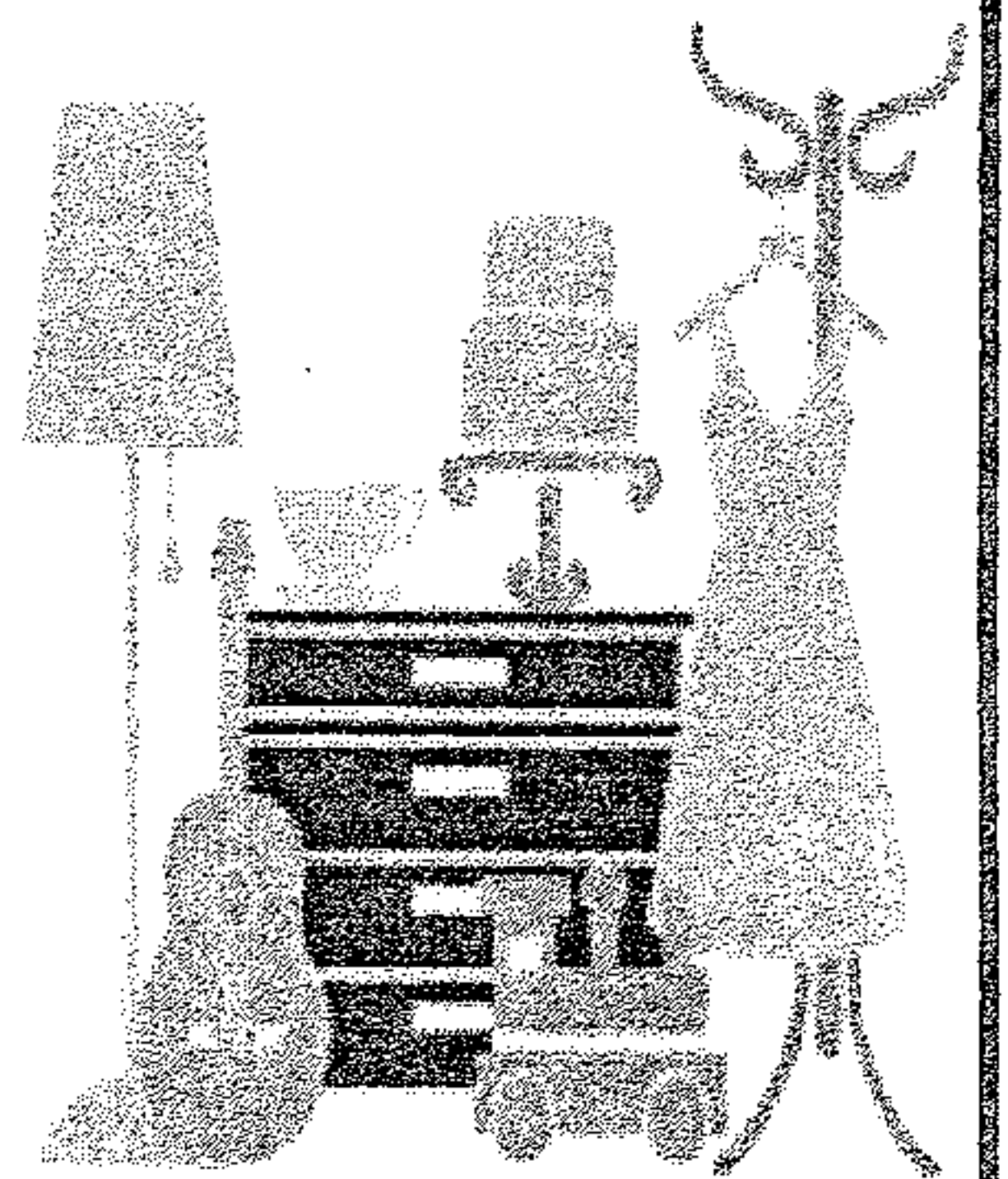
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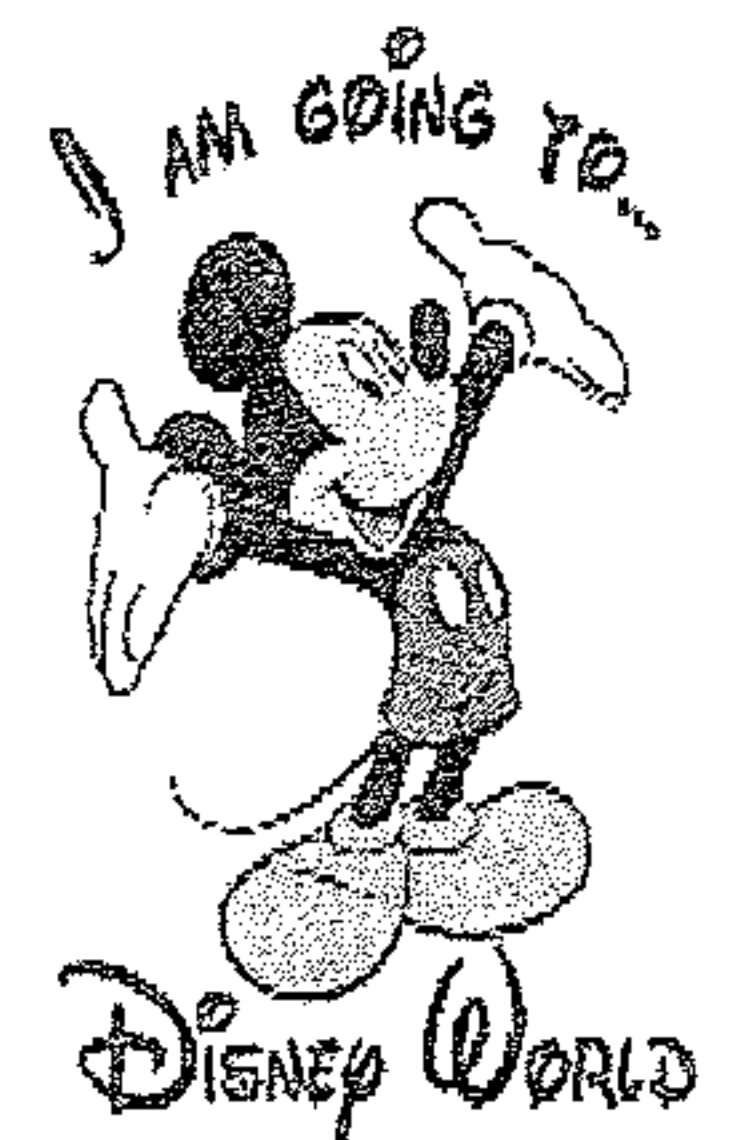
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Meth etd. from pg. 2

several empty plastic baggies in the living room and bedroom area. Located in a blue tote in the living room was a plastic bag with approx. 16 grams of crystal methamphetamine and on the table in the living room was another approx. 1.5 grams of crystal meth. Officer also located another small amount of crystal meth in a blue container in the bedroom area.

A search of Lori person located in her pants pocket a plastic bag with approx. 1.3 grams of crystal meth. Officer located behind the kitchen cabinets a

12 gauge shotgun with a 12 inch barrel, and in a blue tote were five 12 gauge shotgun shells. Jerimiah has a prior felony conviction out of the state of Oklahoma for weapons, drugs or alcohol in a penal facility, and receiving stolen property. Both reside at Collins Street address and placed under arrest.

On March 22, 2018 Sgt. Scott Newman and Detective Brian Jenkins, LPD were assisting the 9th Judicial Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force with a search warrant in reference to narcotics traffic at 201 Collins Street in Loudon.

This is the home of Jerimiah James Sears and his wife Lori Sears. The search warrant included any and all video and audio recording devices and anything capable of storing recorded media. In a bedroom Sgt. Newman found a Sony Handycam video recorder. In the stored files on this camera was a video of

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James and Lori Sears knowingly engaging in sexual activity with a medium sized brown dog. James can be seen massaging the canines testicles and thrusting the animals genitals into his wife. Lori Sears appears to be a willing participant in this activity.

The recording was about three minutes in length and was time and date stamped at 3/17/18. It appears Mr. Sears is making the video. Both Lori and Jerimiah can be identified by tattoos. Both also gave statements during custodial interviews that indicate it was them in the video

and that the date on it was correct. Although there were three dogs present during the execution of the search warrant,

Mr. and Mrs. Sears both claim the dog in the video wasn't any of them, which officers were able to confirm based on the appearance and the sex of the animals present. Ms. Sears says the animal in the video was a stray. The animals present were removed. Detective Brian Jenkins, LPD filed the charge of criminal offenses against animals against both Jerimiah and Lori Sears.

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