

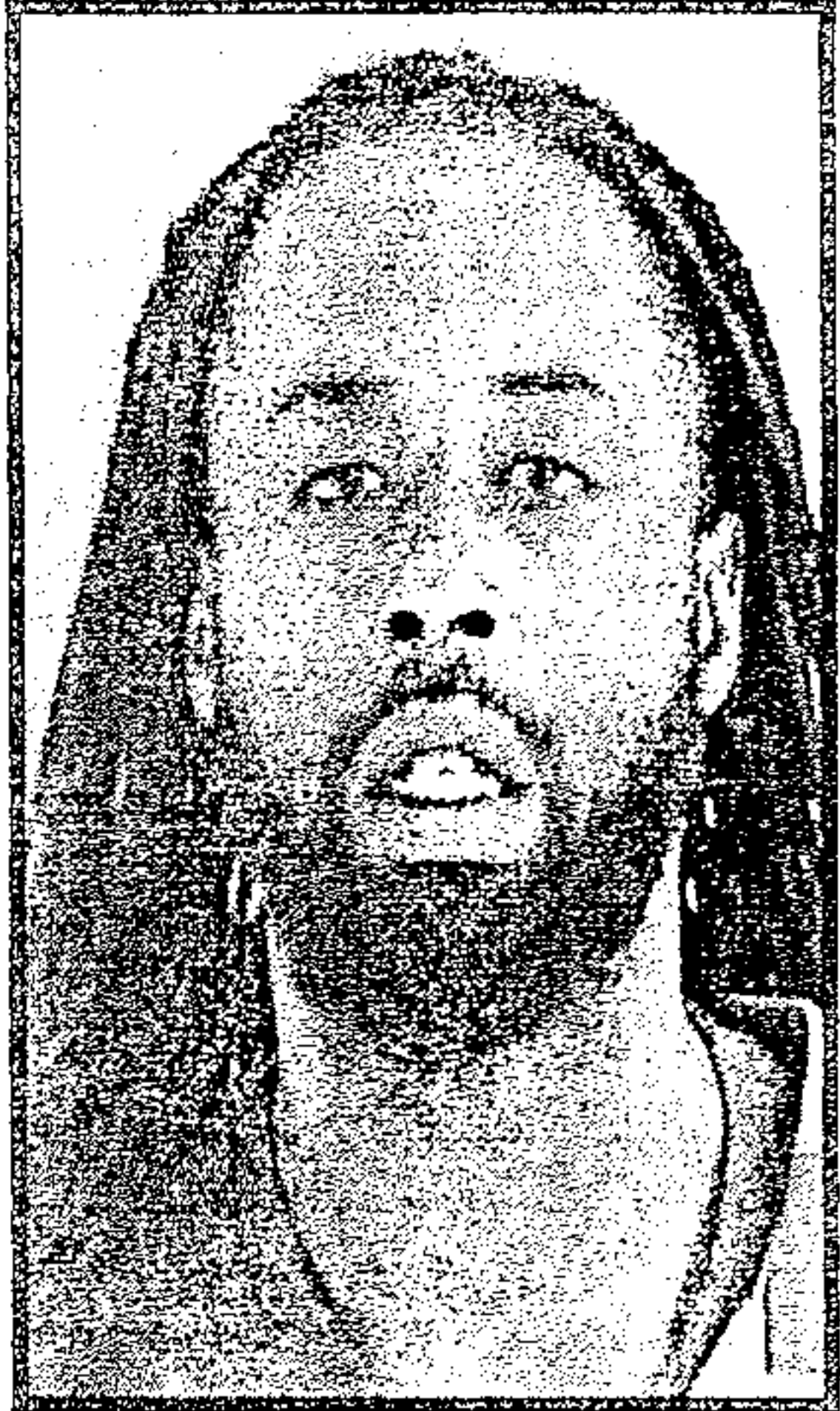
Daily Edition

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Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Counterfeit money over \$7k along with drugs found in LCPD stop

Duo charged with DUI and Possession



Victor Brown



Edwardo Norton



Marcelino Figueroa

see felony pg. 2



Shirley Witt



Michelle Blanchard

see DUI pg. 3

Multiple Law Enforcement Agencies Respond to Rural Morgan County Explosion in Bomb-Maker's Shed

A Lansing resident called Morgan County 9-1-1 late last night to report that a firework had exploded and injured his pregnant girlfriend. When a Morgan County Sheriff's deputy responded he found the man who made the call with a badly mangled hand and a female with injuries to her arm, torso and leg. The Morgan

County Sheriff's Office called the Knox County Sheriff's bomb squad that discovered that the 'firework' was in fact a 'pipe bomb' type explosive device that went off in a shed where the man had been working. District Attorney General Russell Johnson sent a representative from his office to investigate

See Bomb P.5

The Good News

Reading: Acts 3:12-19 The story begins with Peter addressing a crowd of Israelites, and the text invites us to wonder with the Israelites. Peter and John have just healed a man who had been unable to walk, and Peter asks the crowd, "Why do you wonder at this?" Well, because it's a wondrous thing to behold! It's not every day one gets to see such a transforma-

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Problems Identified in Mountain City Police Evidence Room

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office, working in conjunction with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), has released an investigation detailing a number of problems within the Mountain City Police Department's Property and Evidence Room.

On November 9, 2017, the Comptroller's

Office and the TBI performed an inventory of selected items held in the police department's evidence room. Investigators compared the department's inventory log with the items actually in department custody. Investigators determined the inventory log was unreliable and incomplete.

In some instances, evidence bags had

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Verse of the Day

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. — 2 Corinthians 5:21

Obituaries

None to report

Wazzup

A Big Shout Out to Joe Z for the awesome Wrestlingmania party we had. Bubba and the crew had a blast buddy!

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of

64F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 44F.

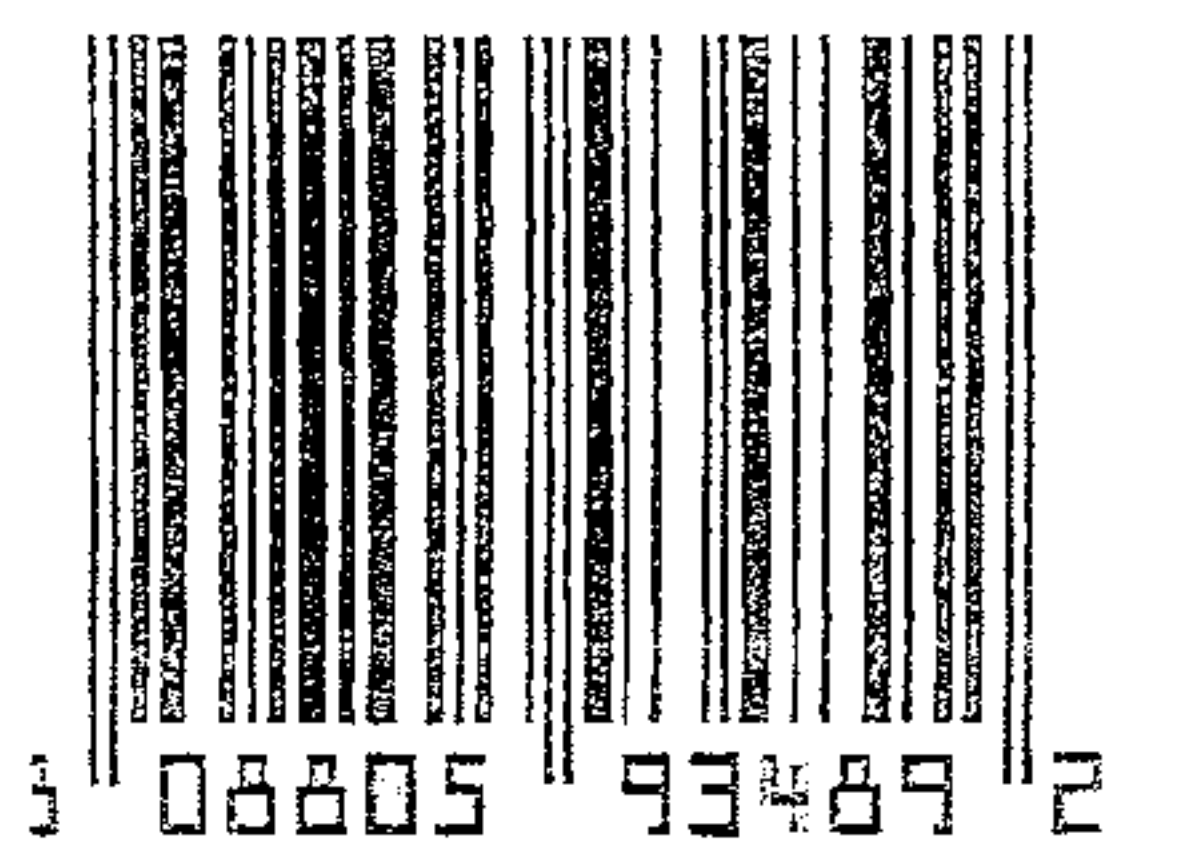
Thursday: Partly cloudy. High of 74F.

Thursday Night: Overcast. Low of 50F.

Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19

Its as if you have been released from the necessity of reaching a goal that you recently set. However you are not holding a Get Out of Jail Free card that excuses you from promises made. Nevertheless youre more interested in
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Felony

Victor Brown, 28, E Diana Tampa Fl., was charged with Simple Possession, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI, Criminal Simulation, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Edwardo Norton, 30, E

Clifton Street Tampa, was charged with Criminal Simulation.

Marcelino Figueora, 21, Indian Height Drive Lakeland, was charged with Criminal Simulation.

Agent Brendan DeBoer DTF, responded to the scene of a traffic stop by Lenoir

City Police Dept. Upon arrival found that a rental vehicle driven by Victor Brown was stopped and a subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle was being conducted due to the strong odor of marijuana

in the vehicle. Agents also observed a plastic bag containing a large amount of counterfeit \$100 dollar bills that were found in the glove compartment of the rental

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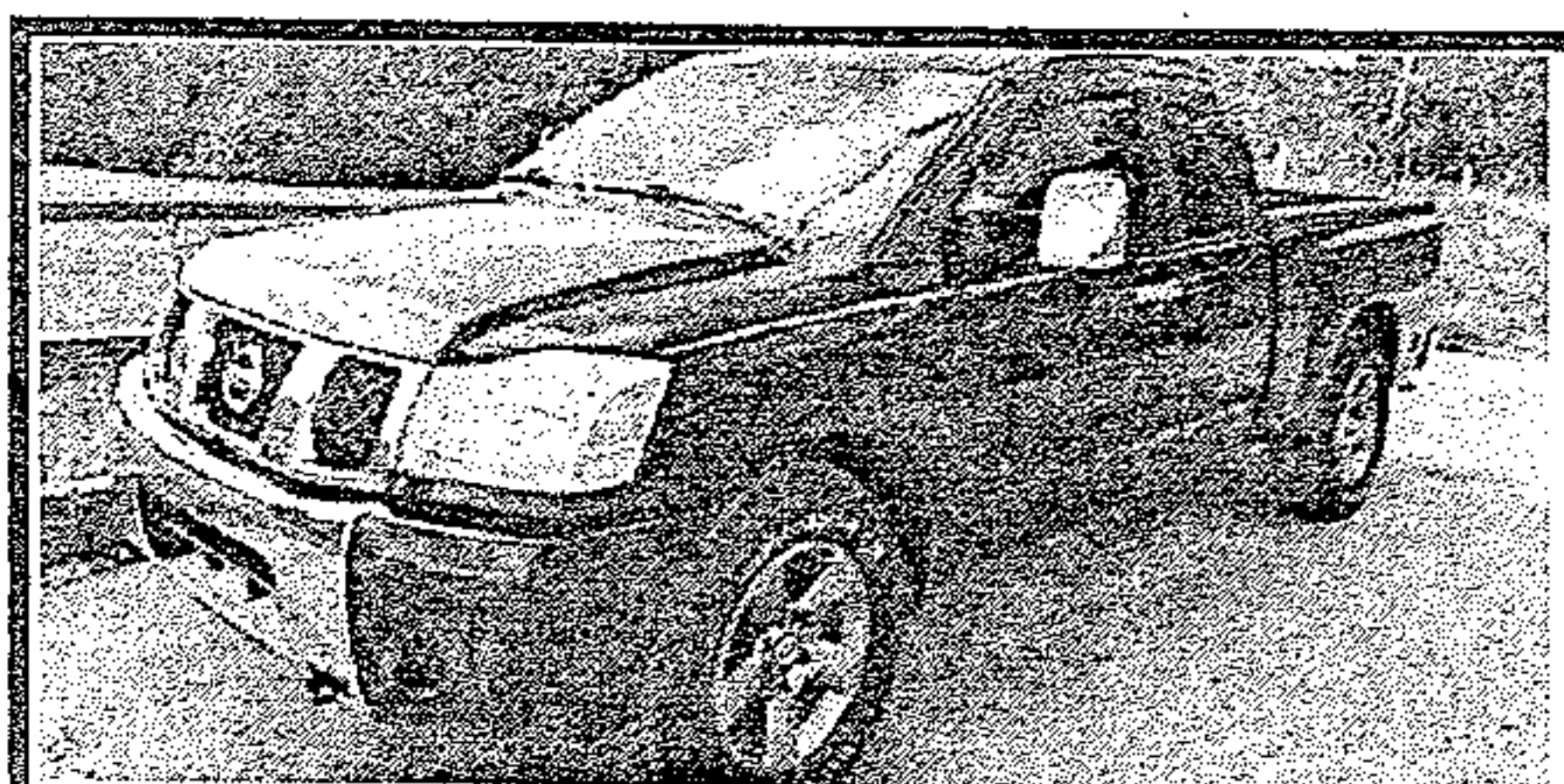
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Felony

car. Agents began searching the bags, contained inside and found numerous gift cards, or vise prepaid cards in stacks in each of the three defendants bags in the vehicle. The other two occupants were identified as Eduardo Norton, and Teruel Figueroa. All three occupants were from Florida. Also in the vehicle concealed in a false compartment fix a flat can was approx. 18 grams of marijuana. Brown took ownership as well as a oxydone pill. Futher investigation revealed that there was approx. \$7700 dollars in counterfeit money. All three were placed under arrest.

DUI

Shirley Witt, 55, Naomi Drive Maryville, was charged with Simple Possession x2, DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent. Michelle Blanchard, 57, Barb Hollow Road Wal-land, was charged with Simple Possession. Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, ob-

served a black vehicle at Hwy 95 and Craigs Chapel Road come into his lane of travel. After following the vehicle it was apparent the driver was unable to maintain its lane of travel, when it went into the other lane by a car width multiple times. The vehicle was pulled over at Rudd Road where Deputy came in contact with the driver Shirley Witt and a passenger Michelle Blanchard. After initial contact Deputy ask the driver Witt to perform sobriety test, which she performed poorly. Witt consented to search of the vehicle, where Deputy located 19 Tramadol in a prescription bottle for a Miller who Witt stated that person gave them to her. During a search of Witt she hid a pill in her left hand Oxycodone, as well as having a small pink cylinder with 3 Oxycodone in her bra that she stated Blanchard had given her as well as Blanchard stating the same. Both were placed under arrest.

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Marty Fugate

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tion, and wonder seems a natural response.

Peter and John have just recently seen an even greater transformation. Their teacher and Lord has risen from the dead! Now, they want to be sure everyone knows that it's God who does these mighty things. It isn't by their own power that the man now walks, but by the power of God, who has been working wonders since the days of Abraham and Sarah, and who continues such wonders even today. What a joy that God includes us in this great work! Prayer: Wondrous God, you kept impossible promises to Abraham and Sarah, you sent your Son to defeat the power of death and you worked through the apostles to heal and teach. Help us to see how you continue to work through us, that we may proclaim your kingdom in all we do; through Jesus Christ, our victorious Lord. Amen.

Evidence

been cut open and drugs were missing. Investigators were unable to determine what happened to the seized property because it was not clear who had accessed the evidence room.

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The department also failed to include all seized property on the inventory log, and it failed to include information such as incident numbers, defendants' names, and dates on the inventory log.

Mountain City police officials should also identify drug evidence and weapons which are no longer needed. State law requires these items to be disposed of in accordance with a court order.

"Police officials have a responsibility to secure and account for all seized property," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Poor evidence control may jeopardize judicial proceedings and invite the risk of theft. I'm pleased to see the Chief is taking steps to address the problems."

Celebrate National Poetry Month at Knox County Public Library

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Knox County Public Library invites the public to Ars Poetica: Knoxville Reads Poet-

ry. The event will take place 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, April 29 in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium, 601 South Gay Street. Knoxville will read poems of their choosing and share the reasons those works are meaningful to them. Knoxville Poet Laureate R. B. Morris will both provide introductory remarks and read from his work.

"We are excited with our lineup, and we're excited to have Knoxville's first poet laureate on the bill to read," Alan May, event coordinator, said. In addition to Morris, readers for Ars Poetica include spoken word artist Black Atticus, City Councilwoman Seema Singh Perez, City Court Judge John Rosson, County Commissioner Evelyn Gill, Sundress Academy's Creative Director Erin Elizabeth Smith, and members of Knox County Public Library staff, among others.

Readers will read poetry from Knox County Public Library's collec-

tion, and some poets will read from their own work. Anyone who wants to participate in the poetic excitement is invited to share by emailing reference@knoxlib.org or by sending a message to the library's Facebook account (@knoxreads) with their favorite poem and why they like it. One person will be chosen to receive a poem in print.

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Loudon County Budget Committee will meet at the County Office Building as follows:

The following meetings will begin at 9:30 AM:

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

The Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 1 PM.

The regular April and May monthly meetings will proceed as previously scheduled, on Monday, April 16th and Monday May 14th, 4 PM.

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Bomb

and in turn asked the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to assist Morgan County Sheriff Glen Freytag's office with the investigation when it became apparent that the shed contained multiple explosive devices. In turn, the State Fire Investigations Section (formerly referred to as State Bomb & Arson) was also contacted to assist.

The female was taken by medical helicopter to UT Regional Medical Center and the male was likewise taken by ambulance to UT Regional Medical Center for treatment. Both individuals remain in the hospital with their relative conditions unknown but believed to be non-life threatening.

After securing a search warrant from Morgan County Circuit Court Judge Mike Pemberton a search was made of the residence located at 615 Island Ford Road in Lansing. The search of the residence

and surrounding structures uncovered five safes containing over a \$1,000 in cash, firearms, methamphetamine and suboxone. An AR-15 and pistol were found in a separate concealed location. Eight separate explosive devices, multiple bomb making components and instructions for constructing explosive devices as well as two pounds of Tannerite and other chemicals were also found.

The 'bombs' and related material, after being sampled and documented, were taken off site and destroyed in a safe location by the explosive experts that responded to the location.

The ATF and FBI were contacted and the TBI and State officials are coordinating the possibility of federal involvement with the investigation and prosecution. No charges have been filed at this time due to the possibility of federal involvement and the ongoing nature of the investigation.

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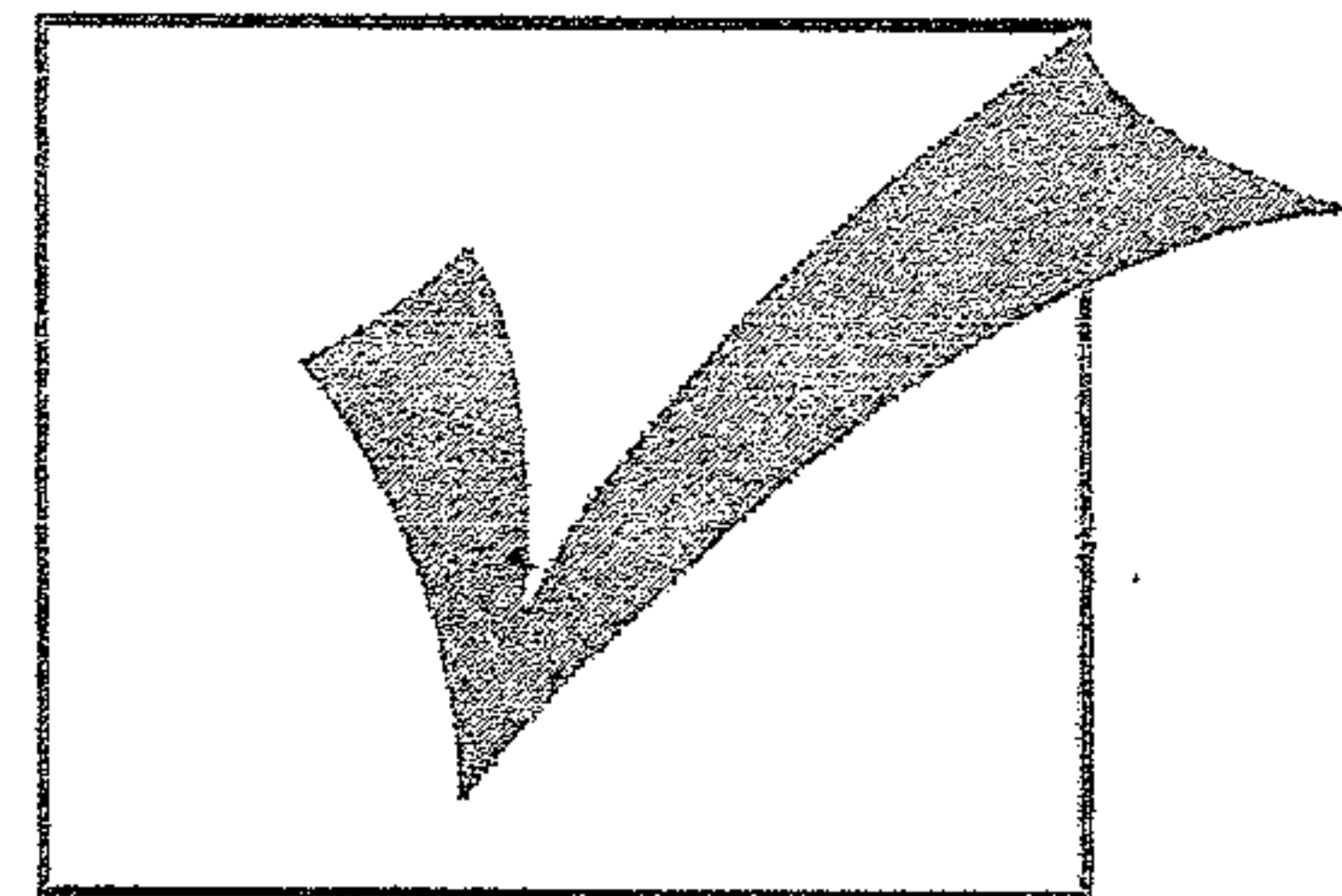
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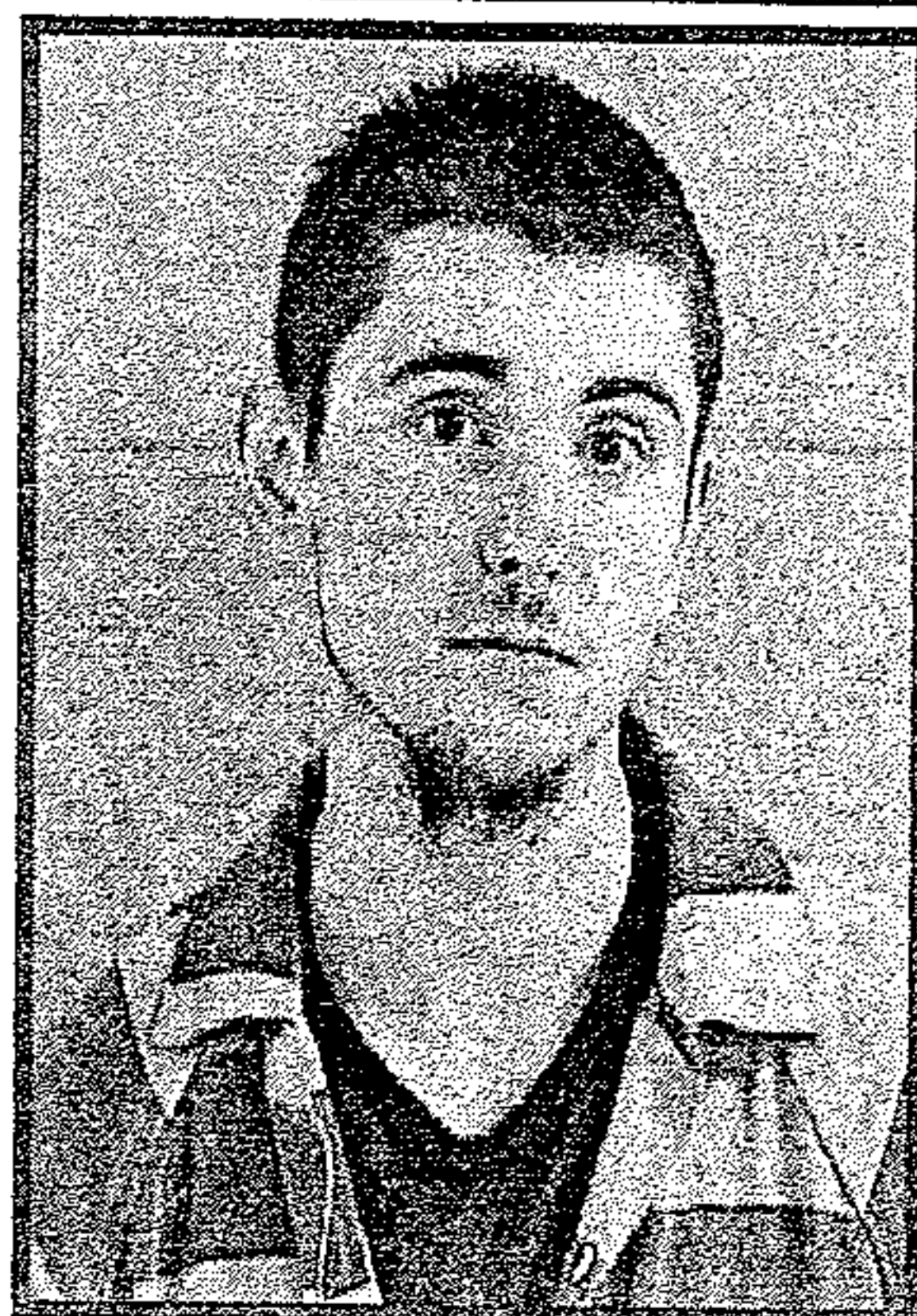
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Greenback man charged with theft and underage consumption

Charles Durance, 18, Kirkland Private Lane Greenback, was charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, Underage Consumption, Burglary, and Theft of Property. Deputy Spradlin LCSO, was dispatched to the area of Old Sinking Creek Road, and Morganton Road, in reference to two suspicious persons. Deputy and Inv. Jason Smith LCSO made contact with the subjects just up the road on Old Sinking Creek, one subject was identified as Charles Durance, and a juvenile. Upon contact Deputy could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. Deputy ask the offender if they had consumed any alcohol he replied he had half can of beer. The juvenile was out past curfew. The past few days there has been several car break-ins between the hours of 1200 am and 1:30 am. Durance was placed under arrest.



Charles Durance

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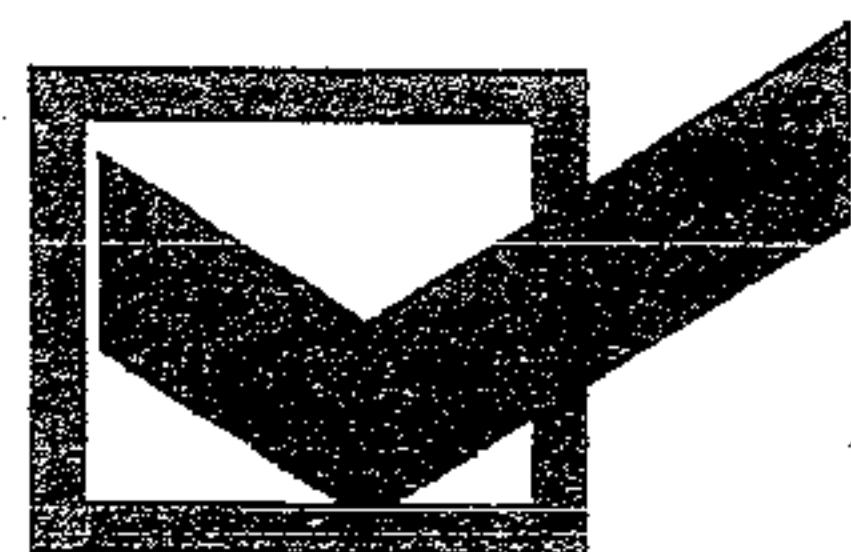
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