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Friday, April 20, 2018

Thieving trio caught



Patricia Jenkins



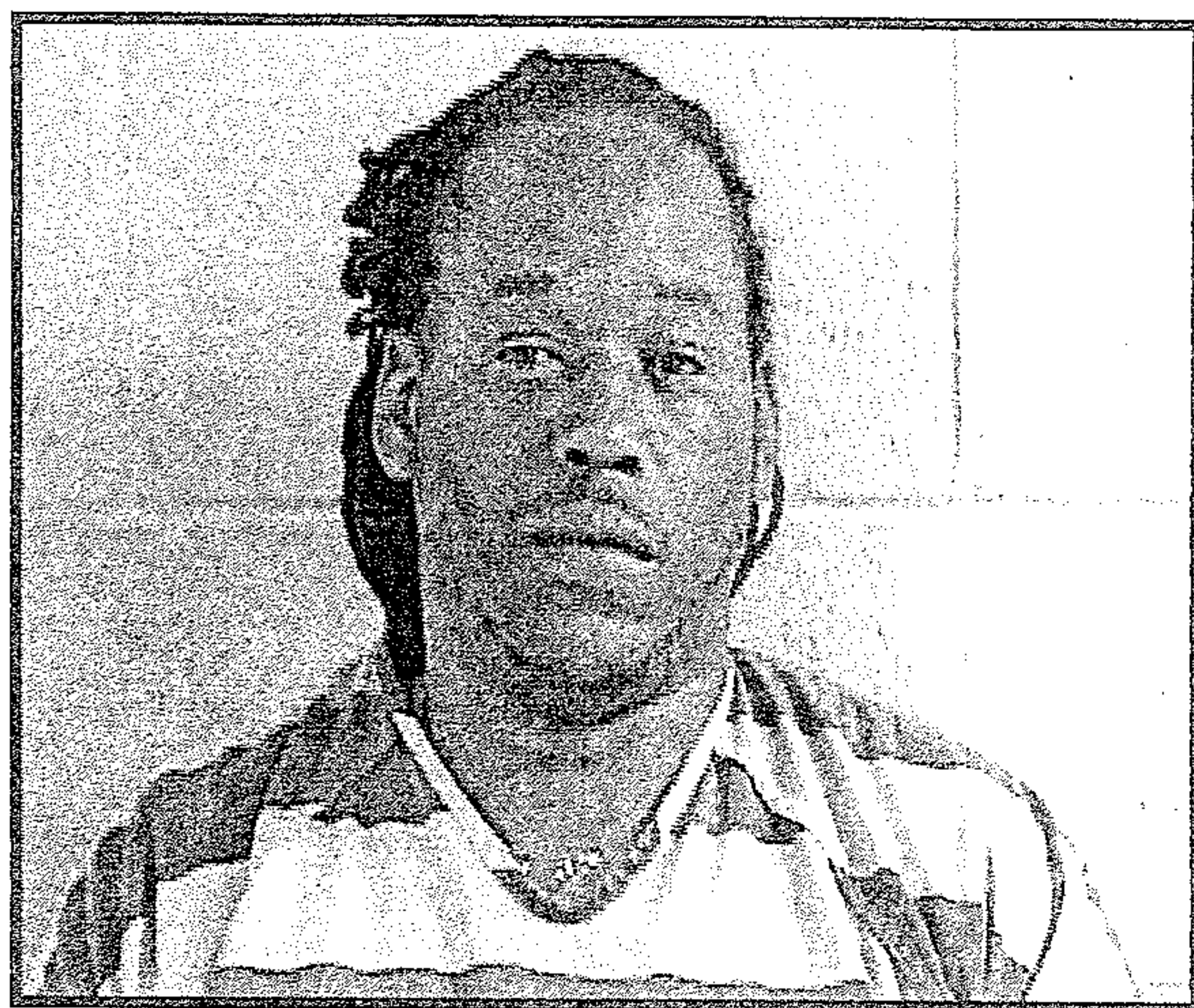
Jackie Watkins



Charlotte Watkins

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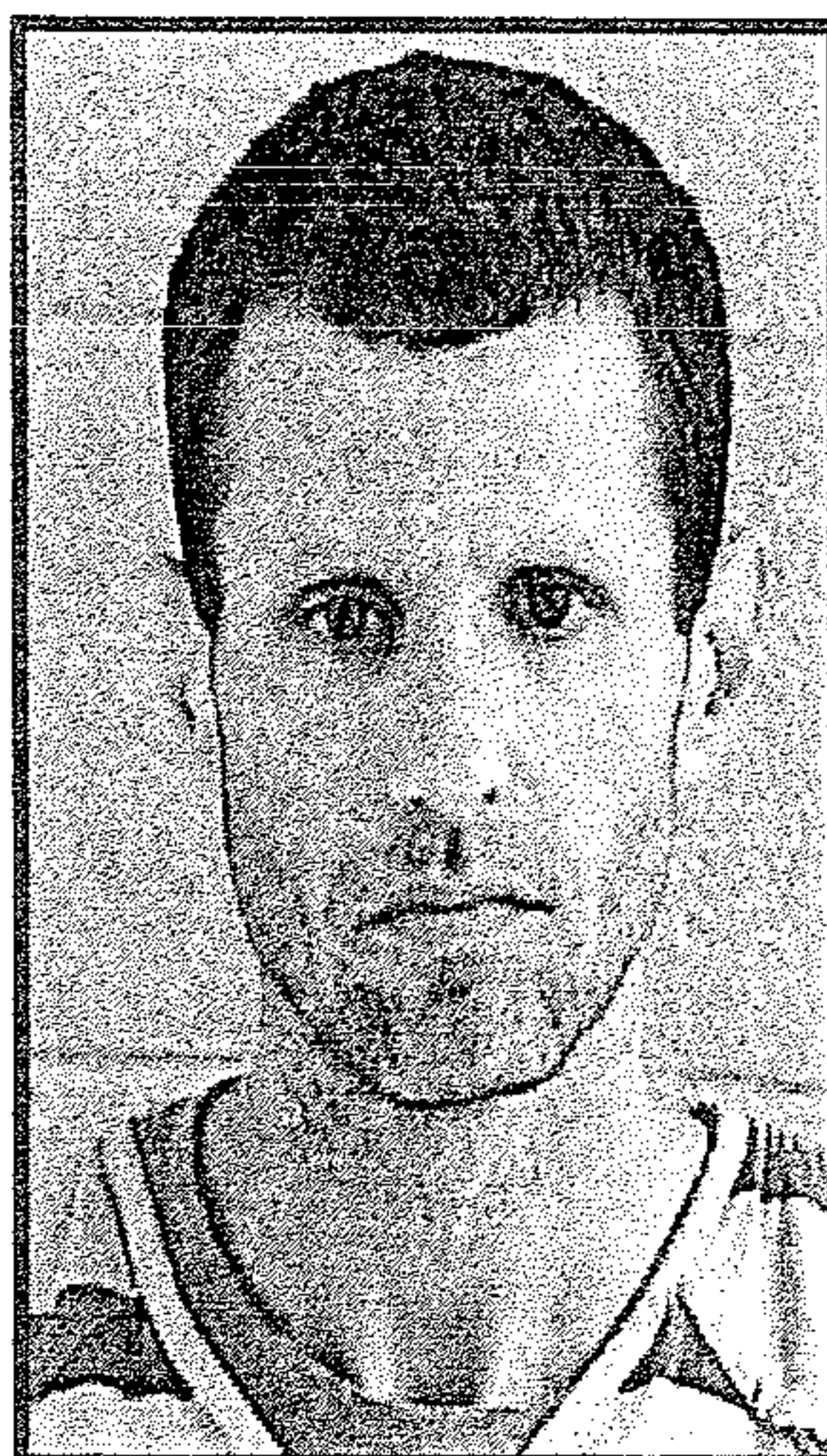
Knox man charged with a variety of drug charges



Johnny Pearson

see drugs pg. 3

Man tries to be sneaky



Bradley Clowers

Bradley Clowers, 40, Simpson Road Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Poss. of Drug Para., and Criminal Court Capias.

Deputy Kevin Dailley LCSO, observed a 2002 Ford Explorer occupied by one white male at Beals Chapel and Martel Rd. After Deputy pulled out the

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The Good News

By: Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Something inside of Peter changed when the reality of Jesus' resurrection set in. It was only a few weeks earlier that Peter had denied Jesus in the temple courtyard. Today's scripture reading describes him standing in front

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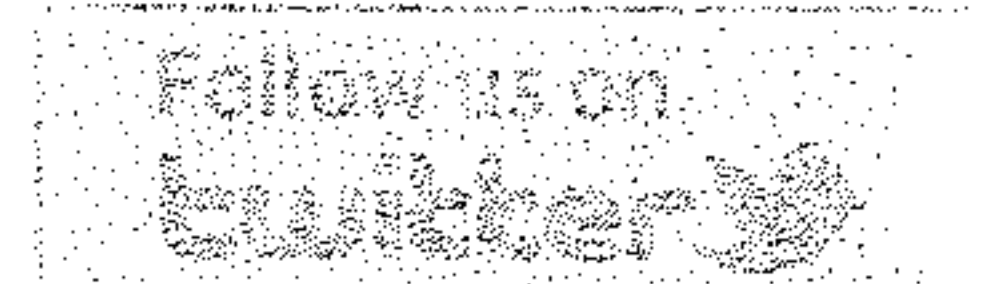
Occupational Therapist owner of TSM sentenced for making fraudulent statements related to health care benefits.

On April 16, 2018, Jose Penaranda Tan, 58, of Morristown, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, U.S. District Judge, to serve 12 months and one day in federal prison. In addition to his prison sentence, Tan must also pay

restitution to Medicare, Medicaid (known as TennCare in the state of Tennessee), Cigna, Optum, and Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Tennessee in an amount to be determined by Judge Greer.

Tan pleaded guilty in June 2017 to one count of a 35-count in-

(see Fraud pg. 5)



Verse of the Day

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. —

Romans 3:23-24

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Hope everyone has managed to stay warm this week. What about this weather?

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of

64F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 38F.

Thursday: Sunny. High of 70F.

Thursday Night: Cloudy. Low of 45F.

Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19

Just because youre feeling a bit wild and crazy today doesnt mean you should act on every whim. On the other hand, your current ideas reveal hidden stresses that must be expressed one way or another for them to be re-

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Trio

Patricia Jenkins, 34, Homeless, was charged with Criminal Trespass, and Poss. Of Drug Para. Dakota Watkins, 23, Highway 70 E Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Trespass, and Poss.

of Drug Para. Charlotte Watkins, 45, Homeless, was charged with Criminal Trespass, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy responded to Town Creek Road West Lenoir City Tennessee to a report of burglary in progress. On arrival Deputy

found Captain Jeff Russell out with 2 females and 1 male. On talking with the complainant, he explained that he had just left his shop and was driving by his

property. He noticed the see Trio ctd. pg. 4

white car in the driveway with one person in it. On pulling in there where 2 females that ran towards the woods. The 2 females where already back with

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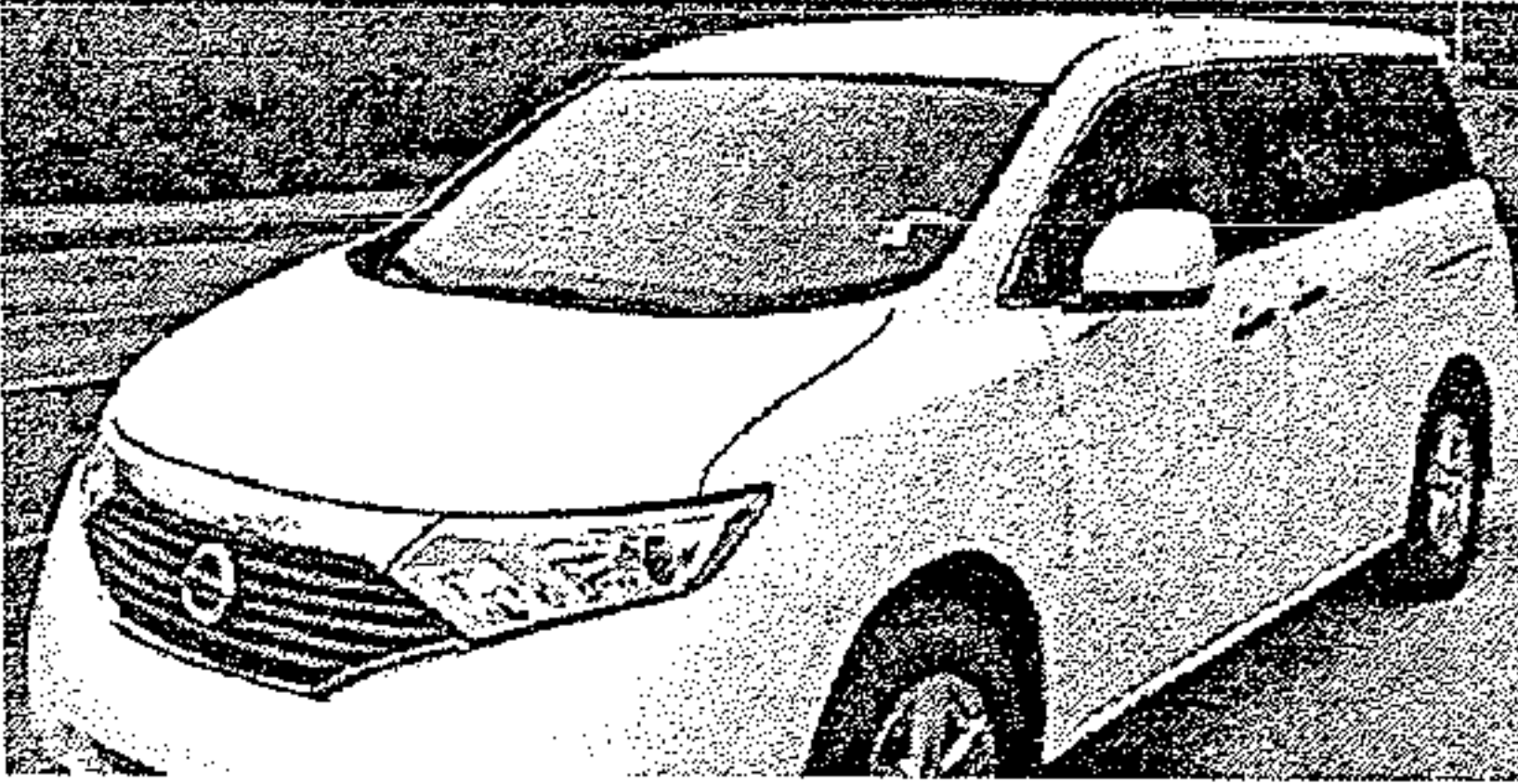
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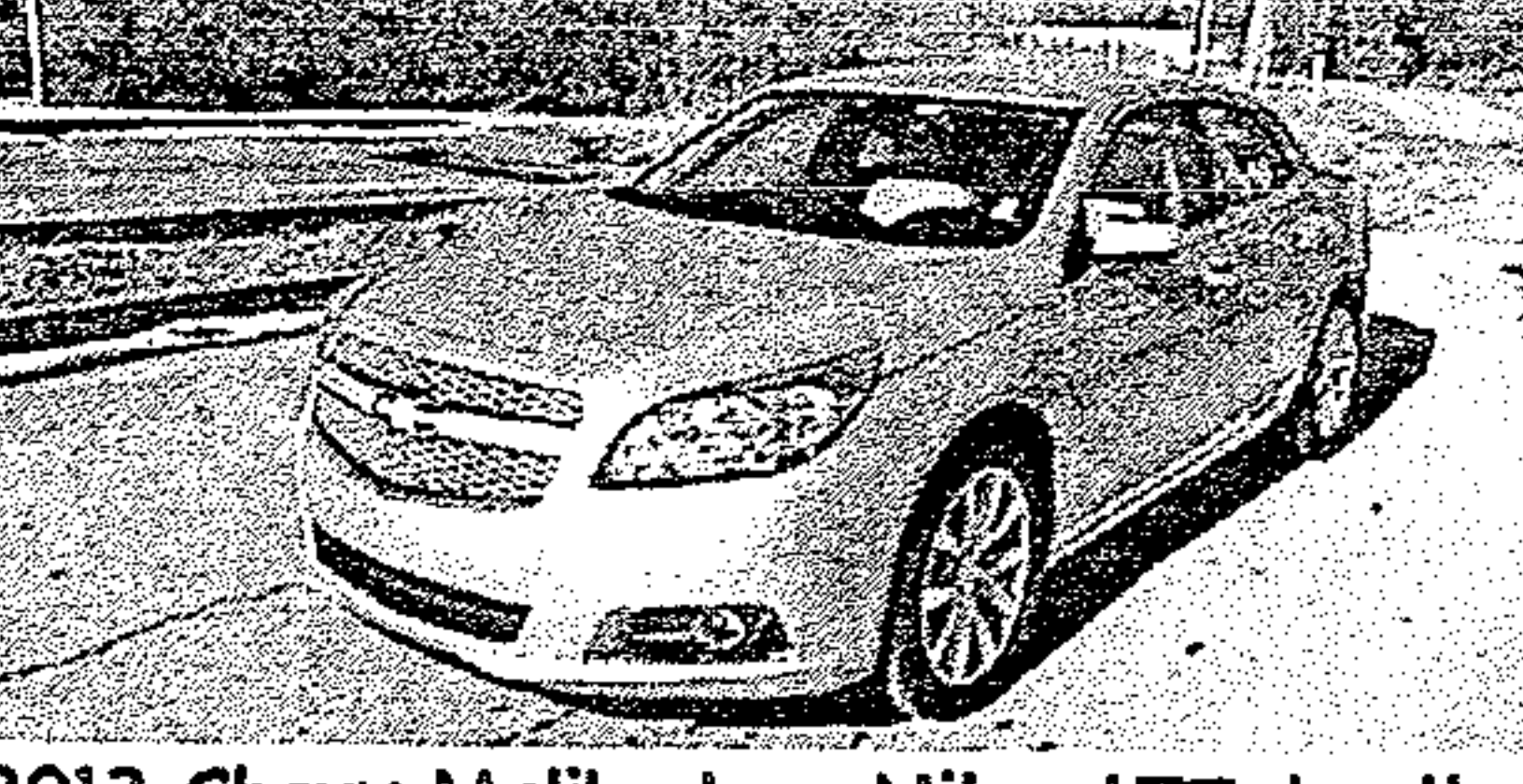
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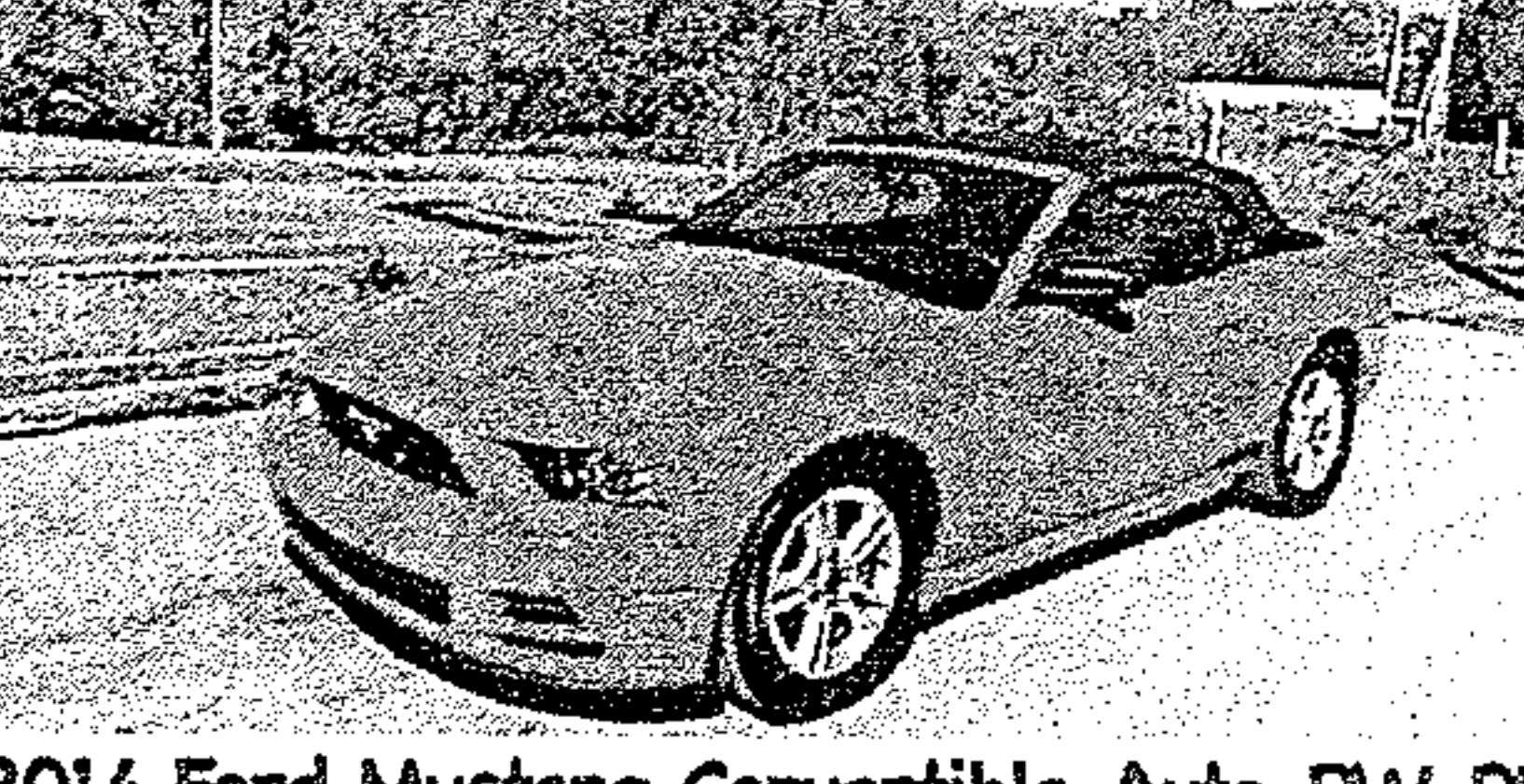
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Charges

Johnny Pearson, 33, Dunbarton Road Knoxville, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. I & II, and VI, DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Open Container, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Deputy witnessed a silver Dodge charger traveling on the side of Interstate 75 north bound the vehicle was about half in the shoulder and half in roadway. The vehicle then moved completely into the shoulder and continued on. The vehicle had its emergency flashers activated. Deputy turned his traffic advisors on warring traffic to move to the left. The vehicle made it to the exit 81 off ramp and stopped Deputy made contact with the driver identified as Mr. Johnny Pearson. Upon talking with Mr. Pearson he stated his vehicle was out of gas. Deputy noticed Mr. Pearson had bloodshot watery eyes and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle. In the center console Depu-

ty witnessed a Miller Light high life open. Deputy asked Mr. Pearson to step out of the vehicle. Mr. Pearson did not and began reaching for something in the vehicle. I witnessed Mr. Pearson shove a baggy containing a green leafy substance into the ash tray. Deputy got Mr. Pearson out of the vehicle where he continued to resist and not follow orders. Deputy detained him for everyone's safety. Upon recovery of the baggy it did contain about 8 gm of a green leafy substance and about 1 gm of a white powder believed to be cocaine. Under the open alcoholic beverage Sgt. Bowen 912 did locate a baggy containing about 3 gm of powder substance believed to be cocaine packaged in small baggies and amounts. Also located in that baggy was about 0.7 gm of a brown substance believed to be heroin. All of the contraband was packaged in individual sized baggies commonly used for sale and delivery Deputy asked Mr. Pearson when the last time he smoked mari-

juana was to which he stated about 2 to 3 hours ago before our encounter. Upon check of Mr. Pearson's DL it was revoked for DUI in 2011. Deputy asked Mr. Pearson if he would consent to a blood draw to which he refused. Mr. Pearson at the jail was read implied consent to which he still refused. The above actions did occur in Loudon County TN.

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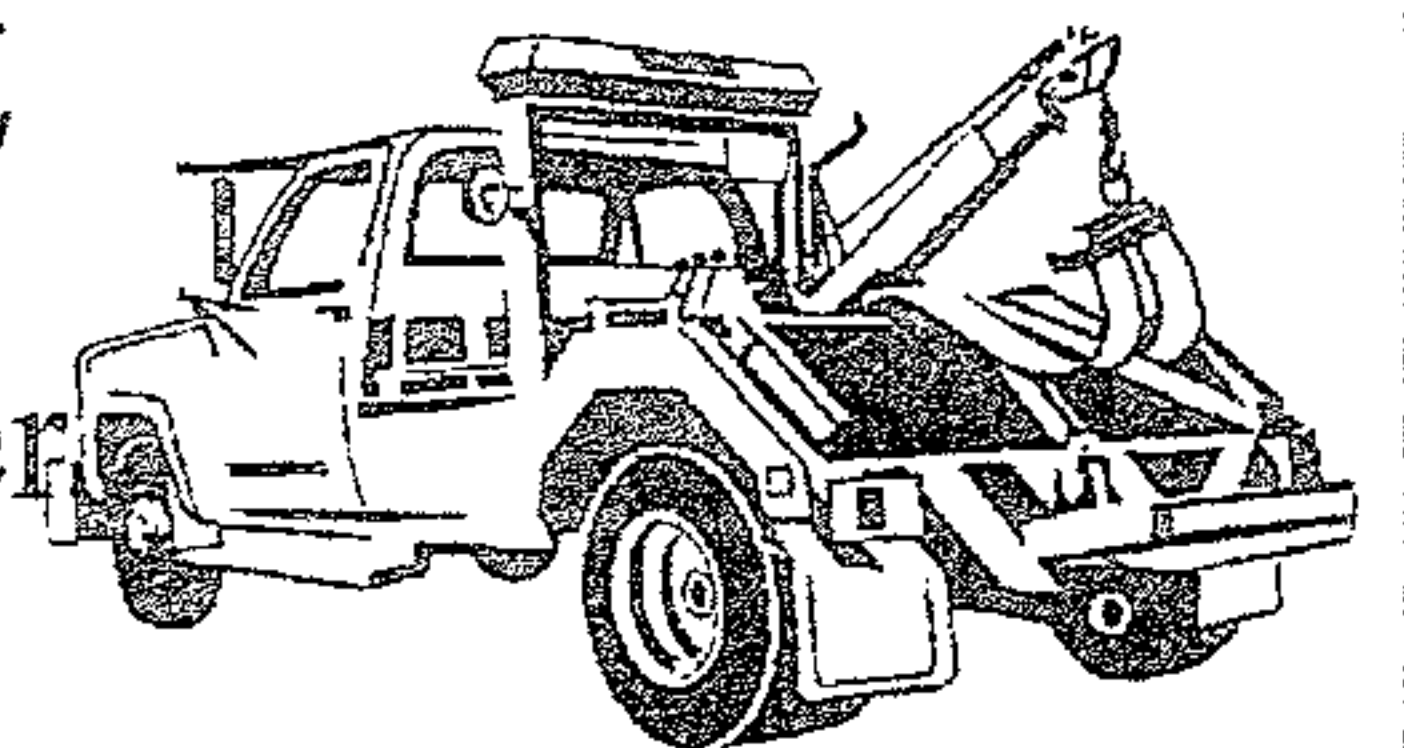
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of the same Annas and Caiaphas as he did at Jesus' trial, but now proclaiming the power of Jesus' name. His belief in Jesus as the salvation of the world gave Peter the strength he needed to be bold in both his actions and his words, even at the risk of being condemned. These actions included carrying on Jesus' ministry of healing the sick and tending to those on the margins of society, which is what caught the attention of the religious leaders of his time. As we are living into the Easter season, may we also find ourselves emboldened by the empty tomb to carry on Jesus' work, not fearing the risks, but trusting in the healing power of Jesus' name. Prayer: Saving God, guide us as we seek to follow Jesus boldly. We pray for open eyes to see the needs of those around us and gentle hearts as we seek to do your will. In Jesus' name, Amen

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Captain Russell when Deputy arrives. Investigators Bowen, Upton and Cosner arrived on scene. We took the male and females, listed as suspects in the report, into custody and transported them to the Loudon County Jail. Later identified as Patricia Jenkins, Charlotte Watkins, and Dakota Watkins.

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vehicle turned onto Muddy Creek off of Martel, he then took his first left at Old Midway and subsequently took the first left onto Rawhide Trail where he proceeded to take his first right onto the dead end road of Cattleman's Dr. Deputy previously ran the registration where it came back to a Spring St. address in Philadelphia, after waiting about a minute or two Deputy observed the vehicle coming back out of Cattleman's Dr. Deputy proceeded to traffic stop the vehicle due to his suspicious activity at Cattleman's Dr and Rawhide Trail, where he observed the driver (Bradley Clowers) to appear to throw something in his mouth. Nothing was located inside his mouth however Deputy asked him to step out where he observed small shards of Crystal Meth (.06 grams) in the drivers seat along with a small bag in the passenger floor board. He also stated he had paraphernalia in the passenger floorboard, inside a black bag was 1 straw, 2 spoons, needle, and small baggie of white residue. Dispatch confirmed Mr. Clowers had a revoked drivers license along with a Bench Warrant out of Loudon County. The vehicle was towed by Moneymakers with Mr. Clowers being transported to the jail without incident as well as receiving a citation for no insurance or registration.

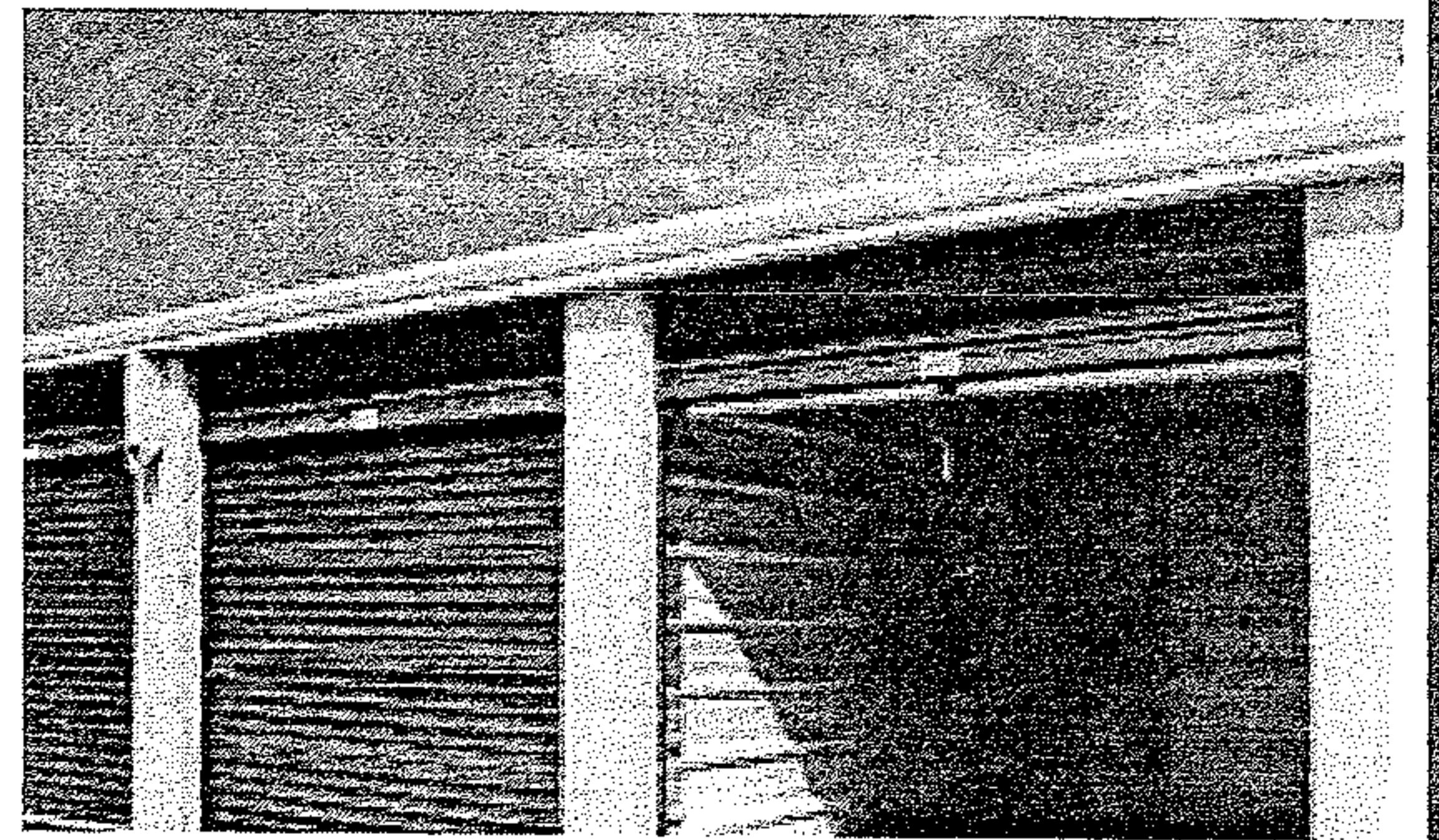
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Fraud

dictment charging him with health care fraud, false statements related to health care matters, and aggravated identity theft.

Tan was the owner and operator of Therapeutic Services of Morristown (TSM), a clinic providing occupational, physical, and speech therapy services, specializing in pediatric care. He worked at TSM as a therapist and as a supervisor of various employees, including the therapists and administrative assistants who were responsible for submitting bills to Medicare, TennCare, and private health insurance companies. A detailed account of his offenses is included in the indictment and plea agreement on file with the U.S. District Court.

Tan admitted that over the course of more than

two years, he submitted, or caused to be submitted, almost 10,000 false and fraudulent claims to government and private insurers, totaling approximately \$1 million. He instructed employees to bill insurers as if TSM therapists were providing individualized therapy sessions to patients, when in fact Tan directed therapists to treat patients in group settings. By falsely claiming that TSM therapists were providing individual therapy, rather than group therapy, Tan was able to secure higher rates of reimbursement from Medicare, TennCare, Cigna, Optum, and BCBS. Additionally, Tan knowingly and fraudulently used the National Provider Identifiers of former therapist employees to bill for therapy services that were provided by non-credentialed thera-

py assistants, rather than by qualified and credentialed therapists.

This fraud resulted in Medicare, TennCare, Cigna, Optum, and BCBS paying approximately \$400,000 to TSM, to which the clinic was not entitled.

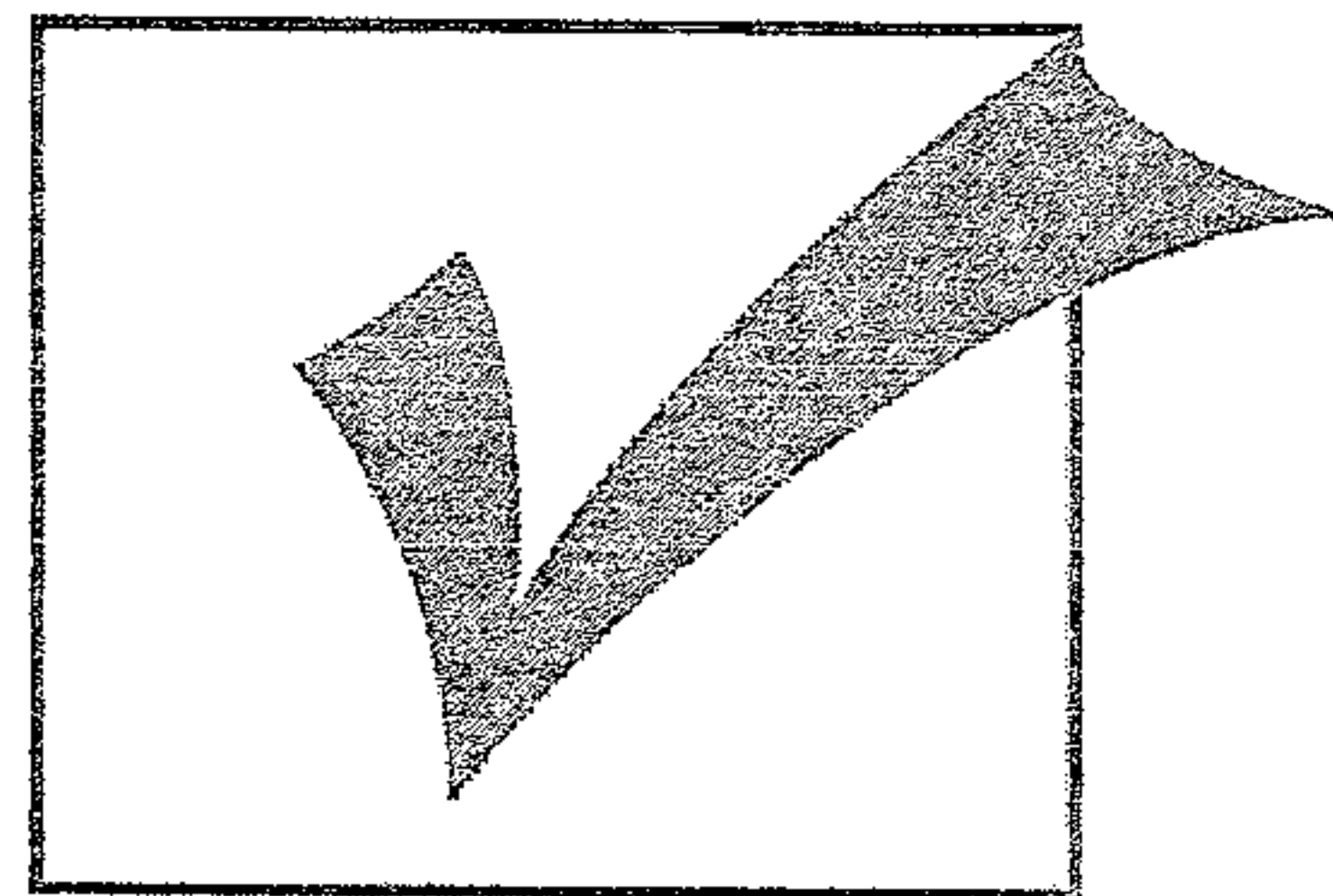
"The U.S. Attorney's Office will continue to pursue charges against health care providers in the Eastern District of Tennessee who fraudulently bill and obtain payments from our federal healthcare benefit programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, for services not provided. We will use all resources available to ensure the government is reimbursed for funds owed by these individuals and entities who receive payments to which they were not entitled," said U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey.

"This therapist stole the identities of licensed providers and used them to obtain payments from federal health programs," said Derrick L. Jackson, Special Agent in Charge at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General in Atlanta. "He cheated his patients out of the care they deserved and is now paying the price for his actions."

This case was investigated by the Department of Health and Human Services – Office of the Inspector General and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys David Gunn and T.J. Harker represented the United States.

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