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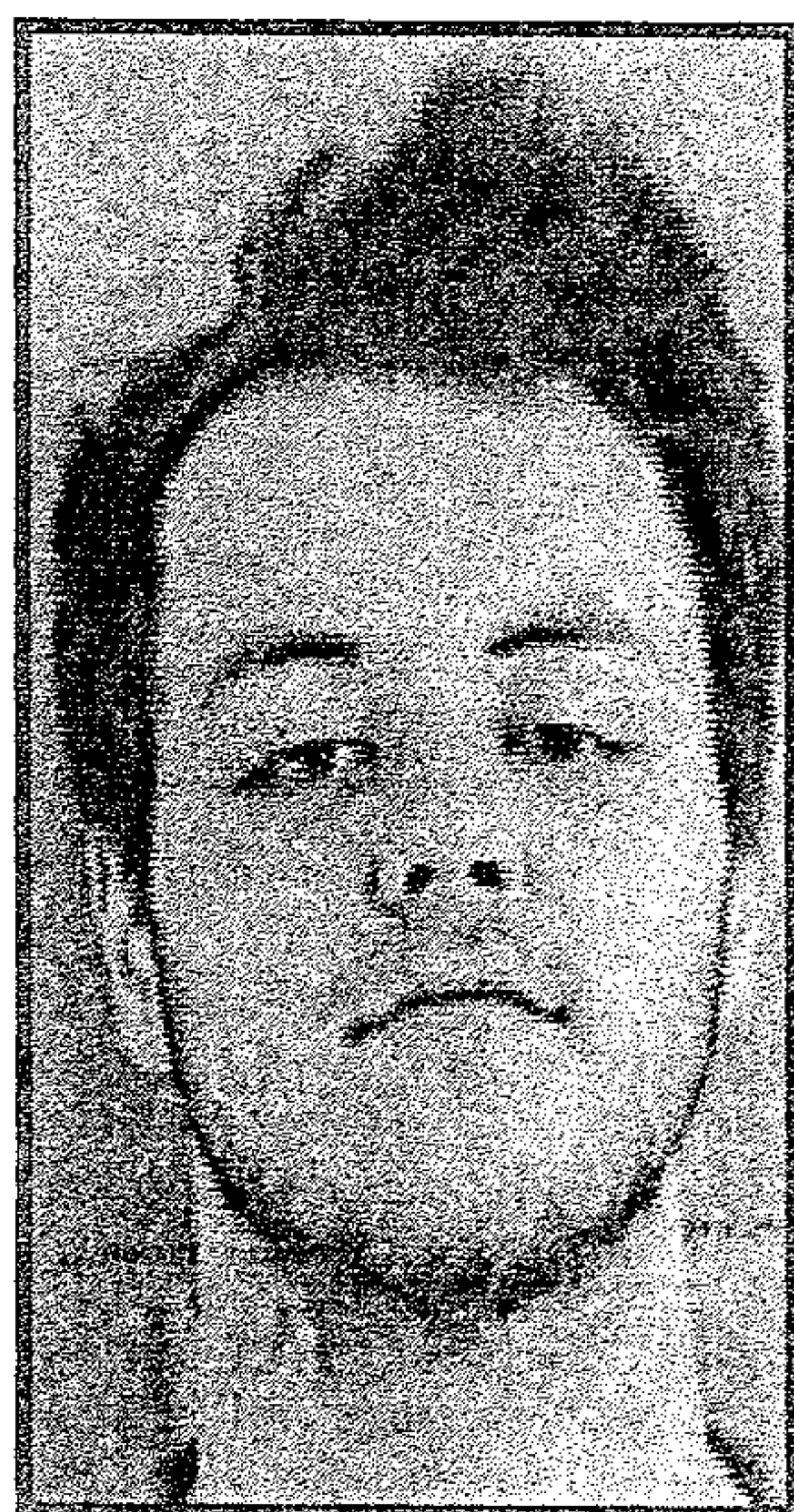
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Friday, June 01, 2018

Alcohol and drugs don't mix



Brittany Harris



Benjamin McClain



Zaccary Mielock

Whitesburg resident sentenced to serve federal prison time for role in methamphetamine distribution case

On May 22, 2018, Shannon Todd Coffey, 48, of Whitesburg, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable R. Leon Jordan, Senior U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 200 months in federal prison for possessing methamphetamine (meth) with the intent to distribute.

In 2016, local, state and federal

law enforcement agencies working together began an investigation into an emerging trend of meth supplied by out of state sources being brought into the Hawkins County, Tennessee, area for further distribution. The investigation into Coffey's activities resulted in

See Prison P.4

"She beats up on him"

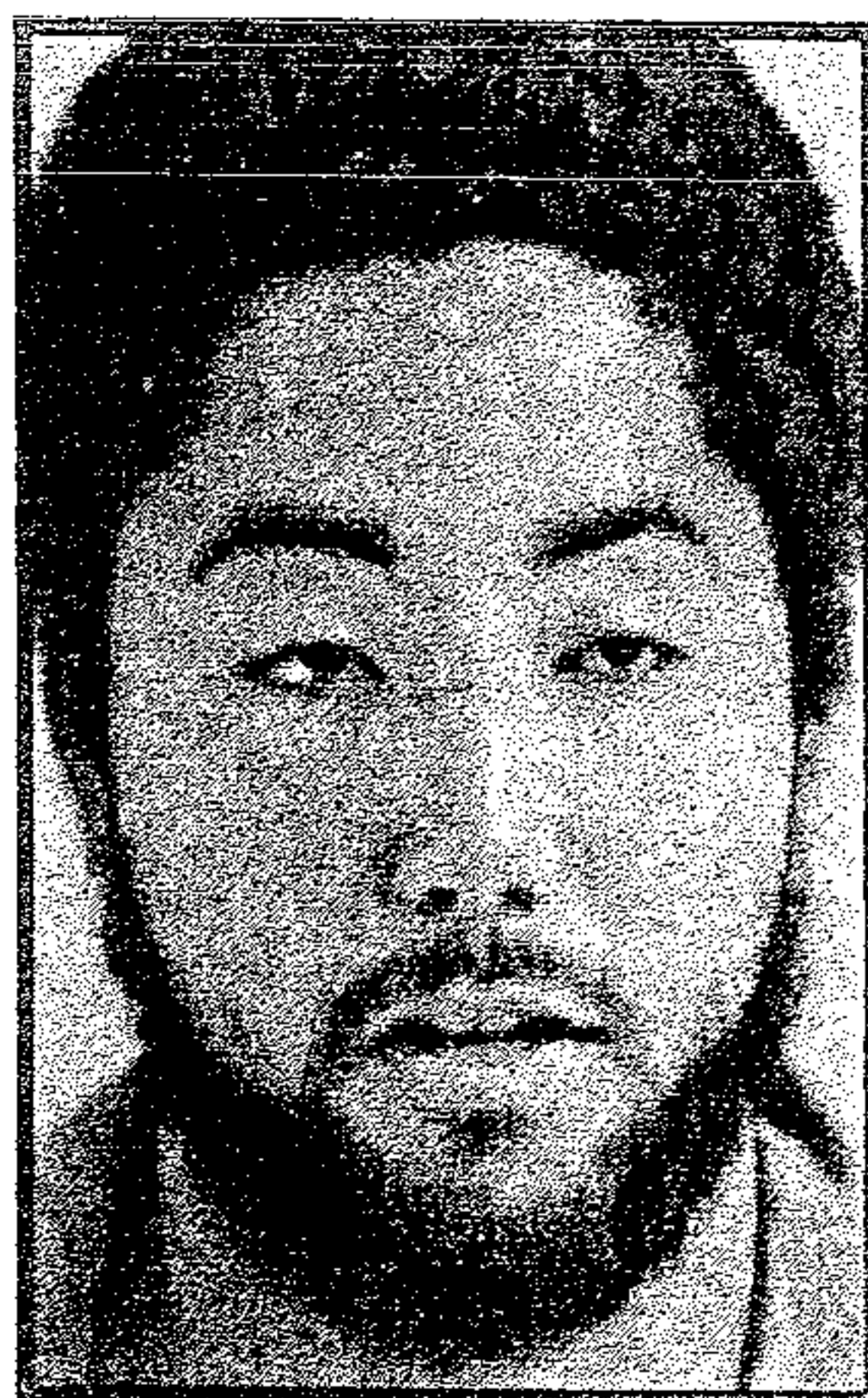


Courtney Brown

see Assault pg. 3

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x3 Capias



Isacc Ernest

See Capias p.3

Five defendants in methamphetamine distribution conspiracy sentenced to serve time in prison

During the week of May 21, 2018, five defendants in an east Tennessee methamphetamine (meth) conspiracy were sentenced by the Honorable R. Leon Jordan, Senior, U.S. District Court Judge to serve time in federal prison. James Dwayne

Byington, 50, Rogersville, Tennessee, was sentenced to serve 210 months. Edward Smith, 52, Rogersville, Tennessee, was sentenced to serve 70 months. Frankie Benton, 34, Bulls Gap, Tennessee, was sentenced to serve 188 months.

(see Conspiracy pg. 5)



Verse of the Day

Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. — Romans 15:2

Obituaries

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Wazzup

The rain is almost over folks, time for some sunshine!

Weather

Today: Thunderstorms. High of 84F.

Tonight: Showers. Low of 68F.

Saturday: AM Thunder-

storms. High of 87F.

Saturday Night: Cloudy. Low of 66F.

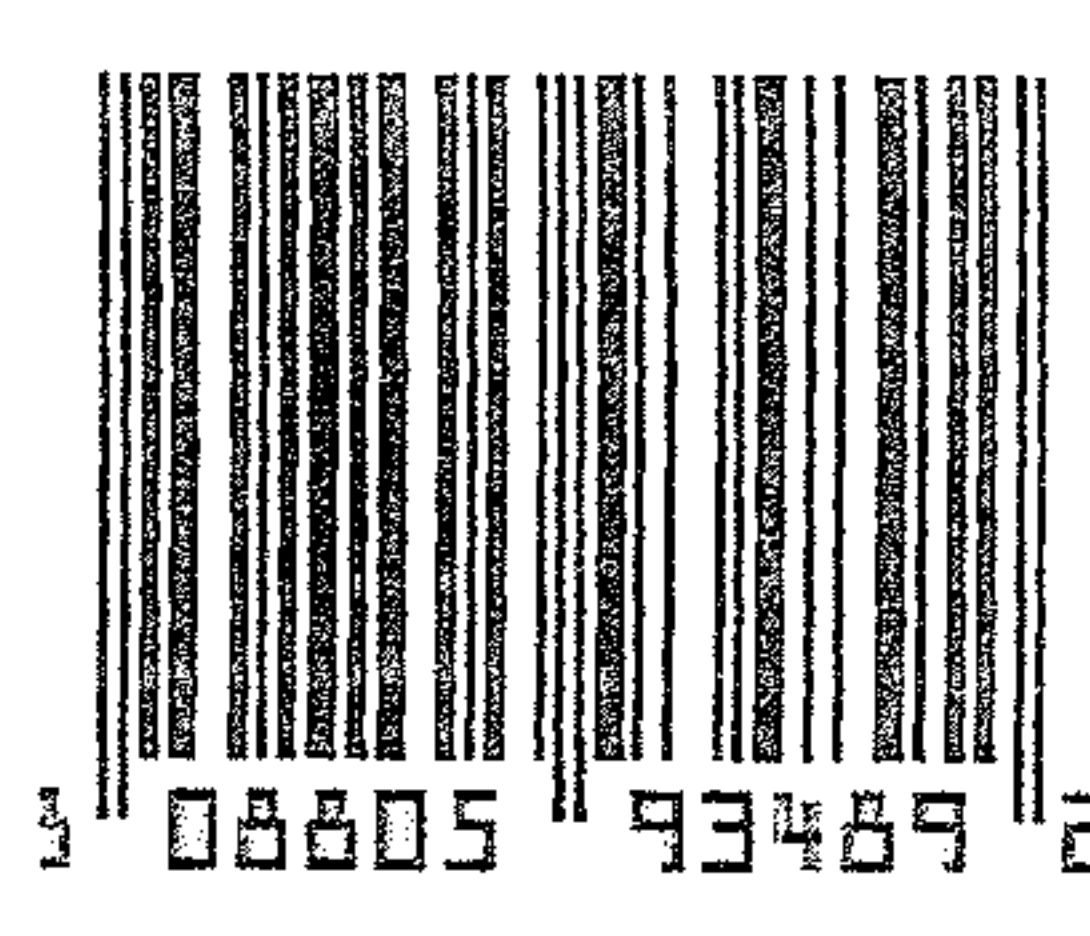
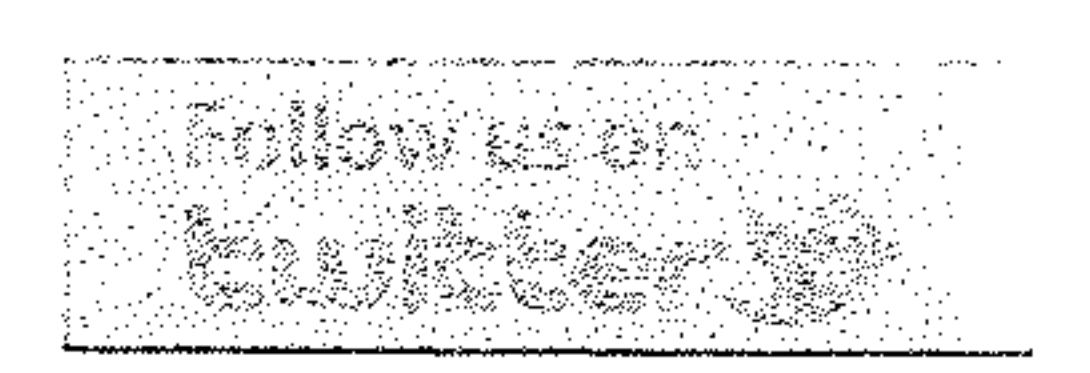
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People may be caught off guard by how much you want to talk and how fast you speak your words to-

day. Your normally deliberate style of communication feels old and worn out, but you don't necessarily have anything to replace it. Be cautious about overloading others with information too quickly. Put your thoughts in or-

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Drugs

Brittany Harris, 18, Eagle Springs Lane Knoxville, was charged with Simple Possession, and Possession of Drug Para.

Benjamin McClain, 18, Smith Road Kingston, was charged with Simple Possession, and Posses-

sion of Drug Para. Zaccary Mielock, 18, Stone Ridge Karns, was charged with Simple Possession, and Possession of Drug Para.

Tajawon Taylor, 20, Clearwater Court Knoxville, was charged with Simple Possession, and Posses-

sion of Drug Para. Officer Runyan LCPD, Conducted a traffic stop on a black vehicle at Hwy 321 and Crossroads. The vehicle was occupied with 4 individuals. All were identified

as Brittany Harris, Benjamin McClain, Zaccary Mielock, and Tajawon Taylor. All were found to be in possession of Marijuana, alcohol and drug see Drugs p.7



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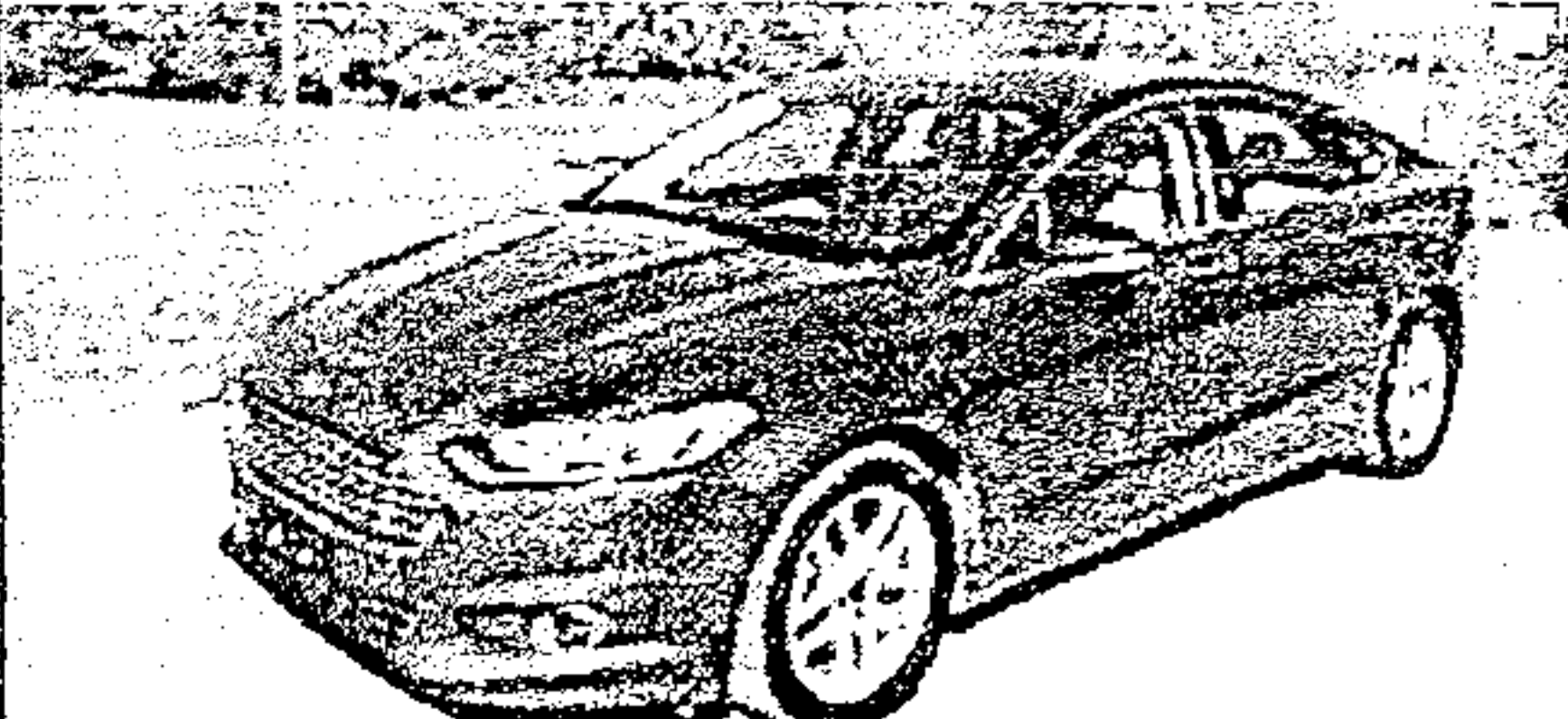
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Assault

Courtney Brown, 32, Donelson Road Philadelphia, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Deputy Pesterfield LCSO, was dispatched to Donaldson Rd.

for a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival Deputy spoke with victim who stated he was laying in bed when his wife Ms. Courtney Brown came in accusing him of cheating on her with the neighbor. He stated she also thinks he wears a earpiece and is talking to the neighbor. He stated Ms. Brown then became angry and started to hit him. Victim stated he was trying to defend himself as she was hitting him. Victim stated Ms. Brown struck him multiple times but could not tell how many. Victim had multiple injuries to the face including two deep lacerations to the neck and multiple open wounds on the face and head area. Deputy spoke with Ms. Brown who had visible injures to the face including an open wound on the lip and swelling to the eye and cheek area. Ms. Brown initially refused medical care. Ms. Brown stated victim was being disrespectful to her and thinks he can do whatever he wants. Ms. Brown stated she was in the bedroom and victim was being disrespectful to her she then stated that she at that time hit victim.

She stated she only hit victim once and then he hit her 4 or 5 times. Victim injuries are not consistent with this. This is an ongoing issue and Ms. Brown was also arrested earlier this year for domestic assault on

victim. Deputy spoke with complainant who called 911. Complainant stated that Ms. Brown is usually the aggressor and stated he believes she "beats up on him." Deputy also spoke with other parties on scene who stated that Ms. Brown is usually the aggressor in these situations. Due to the totality of the circumstances Ms. Brown was determined to be the primary aggressor. Deputy did place Ms. Brown in custody for domestic assault and transported her to Fort Loudoun Medical Center after her request for medical care. Ms. Brown was released and transported to the Loudon County Jail. All the above actions did occur in Loudon County

Capias

Isacc Ernest, 21, Vale Street Loudon, was charged with Simple Possession, General Session Capias x2, and Lenoir City Capias.

Deputy A. Parton LCSO, observed a gold Honda Accord traveling on Simpson Road without headlights on thirty minuets after sunset. Deputy then stopped the vehicle and Identified the driver as Isaac Ernest. Deputy then asked Mr. Ernest if he would empty his pockets and show him that he did not have any weapons or illegal substances on his person. Mr. Earnest then removed a baggie with a crystal like substance believed to be meth. Deputy was then advised that Mr. Earnest had three warrants out of Loudon County. Deputy then placed Mr. Earnest into custody and transported him to Loudon County Justice Center with no further incident. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee



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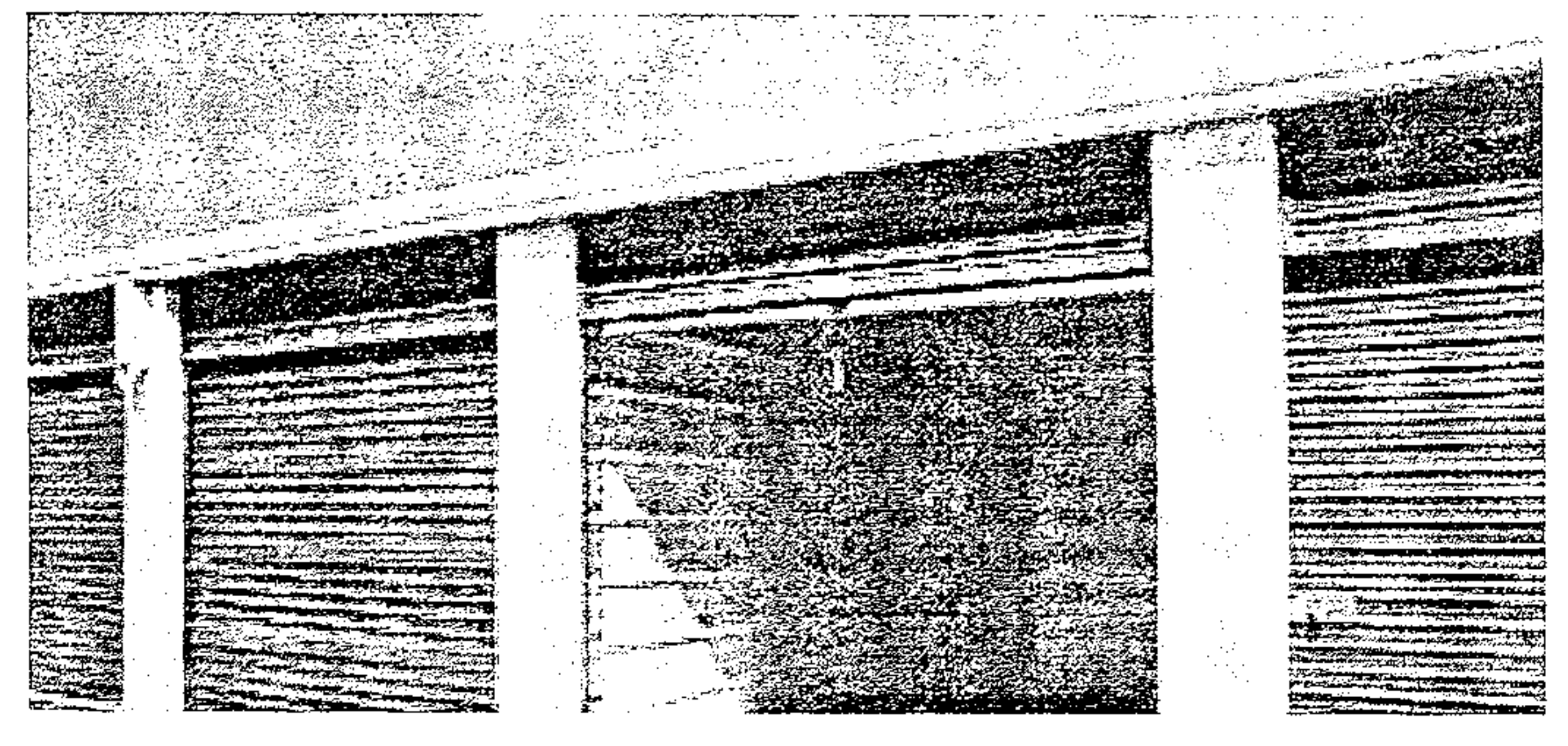


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Prison

a search warrant being executed at Coffey's Whitesburg residence, where law enforcement found distribution quantities of methamphetamine and a gun.

The investigation was the product of a partnership between Hawkins County Sheriff's Department, Third Judicial Drug Task Force, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Christian Lampe represented the United States in court proceedings

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The Good News

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: John 3:1-17

God said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live" (Numbers 21:8). If you have ever been to the doctor, a hospital or a clinic you may have seen this image -- a traditional medical seal with two snakes circling a pole. Jesus used this ancient story, but with a twist. Instead of looking at a snake on a pole for healing, Jesus said, "Look to the cross and live". Throughout the ancient Roman Empire, the cross was a symbol of power, pain and fear. The cross represented something so horrible that just its image, for-

lorn and looming over a city, conveyed great suffering and sin.

God takes the cross, this symbol of sin and transforms it into an instrument of life. God's son is lifted up on the cross so that all who look to it will find life. Through the cross, our pain, brokenness and burdens are transformed into balm, healing and peace. Look to the cross and you shall live.

Prayer: O God, we give thanks that through Jesus' death on the cross you have shown the power to turn suffering into healing, to turn brokenness into wholeness, to take death and turn it into life. Amen.

Obituaries

Tommy Keener age 78 of Lenoir City passed away on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nora Keener; parents, James and Mary Lawson Keener, and brothers, James A. Keener and Carl D. Keener, and sister, Phebe Keener. He is survived by his sister, Katherine Wilkerson; several nieces and nephews. No services are planned. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

McCarter, Nellie Green age 88 of Philadelphia, passed away Tuesday, May 29th at the Park West Hospital. Nellie was a member of New Macedonia Baptist Church. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed cooking for her family. Nellie was

a loving mother and grandmother and will be dearly missed by her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Jessie (Hensley) Green; husband, Leo Robert McCarter; grandson, Jason Scott; brothers, Floyd, Charlie, Avery, Jim, Ivan, Bud and John Green.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Pam McCarter; daughters and sons-in law, Linda and Harold Hobbs; Carolyn and Jimmy Scott; grandchildren, Lisa and David Haskins, Melanie and Sonny Lowe and Joy White; great grandchildren, Miranda, David Lee, Kelsi, Lexi, Addie, Jayden, Rylee and Ashton.

Services to honor and celebrate Nellie will be held 7 PM Friday, June 1st with Rev. Bill White and Rev. Denny Moore officiating. Interment 11 AM Saturday in the Reed Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends 5-7 PM Friday prior to the service at McGill Click Funerals & Cremations, Hwy 72 N, Loudon.

Foreign cyber actors target home and office routers and networked devices worldwide

The FBI recommends any owner of small office and home office routers power cycle (reboot) the devices. Foreign cyber actors have compromised hundreds of

thousands of home and office routers and other networked devices worldwide. The actors used VPNFilter malware to target small office and home office routers. The malware is able to perform multiple functions, including possible information collection, device exploitation, and blocking network traffic. The size and scope of the infrastructure impacted by VPNFilter malware is significant. The malware targets routers produced by several manufacturers and network-attached storage devices by at least one manufacturer. The initial infection vector for this malware is currently unknown. VPNFilter is able to render small office and home of-

fice routers inoperable. The malware can potentially also collect information passing through the router. Detection and analysis of the malware's network activity is complicated by its use of encryption and misattributable networks. The FBI recommends any owner of small office and home office routers reboot the devices to temporarily disrupt the malware and aid the potential identification of infected devices. Owners are advised to consider disabling remote management settings on devices and secure with strong passwords and encryption when enabled. Network devices should be upgraded to the latest available versions of firmware.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Loudon County Budget Committee will meet at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the County Office Building in Loudon.

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Conspiracy

Clay Seals, Jr., Surgoinsville, Tennessee was sentenced to serve 120 months. Curtis Carpenter, 43, of Whitesburg, Tennessee, was sentenced to serve 172 months.

In 2016, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies working together began an investigation into an evolving meth distribution network that was distributing multiple kilogram quantities of meth in and around Hawkins County, Tennessee. David Jones, 61, who lived in Chatsworth, Georgia, supplied this organization with kilograms of meth that were distributed by members of the conspiracy, most of whom were from Hawkins County, Tennessee. Jones was sentenced in April 2018 to serve 180 months in federal prison.

The convictions of Byington, Smith, Carpenter, Benton, and Seals are the result of a 49-count indictment that also charged the following individuals for their roles in the conspiracy:

David Jones, 61, of Chatsworth, Georgia;

Jonathan Delph, 51, of Rogersville, Tennessee;

Stephanie Bailey, 50, of Hawkins County, Tennessee;

Donna Strong, 54, a/k/a Donna Dunbar, of Surgoinsville, Tennessee;

Jerry Robinette, 48, of Rogersville, Tennessee;

Tyler Delph, 25, of Rogersville, Tennessee;

Scottie Delph, 49, of Rogersville, Tennessee;

James Michael Whitaker, 55, of Rogersville, Tennessee;

Paul Bledsoe Jr., 44, of Morristown, Tennessee

William West, 58, a/k/a Bump, of Rogersville, Tennessee;

Leonard Brad Eidson, 43, of Bull's Gap, Tennessee

Phillip Burton, 49, a/k/a Burger, of Rogersville, Tennessee; and

Toby Jones, 40, of Chatsworth, Georgia;

All of the individuals charged in this case have been convicted of conspiring to distribute meth. Many have already been sentenced in U.S. District Court and the remainder are scheduled to be sentenced between now and June 12, 2018.

The ongoing investigation leading to the indictment was the product of a partnership between Hawkins County Sheriff's Department, Third Judicial Drug Task Force, Hamblen County Sheriff's Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area - Rocky Top Task Force, Third Judicial District Attorney General's Office, U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Christian Lampe represents the United States in court proceedings.

The investigation is a result of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's drug supply reduction strategy. OCDETF was established in 1982 to conduct comprehensive, multi-level attacks on major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. Today, OCDETF combines the resources

and expertise of its member federal agencies in cooperation with state and local law enforcement. The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt, and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking and money laundering organizations and those primarily responsible for the nation's drug supply.

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• *Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.*

The public is encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Meeting

***Loudon County Budget
Committee will meet at
5:30 PM on Monday, June
4, 2018 at the Courthouse
Annex.***

Drugs ctd from p.2

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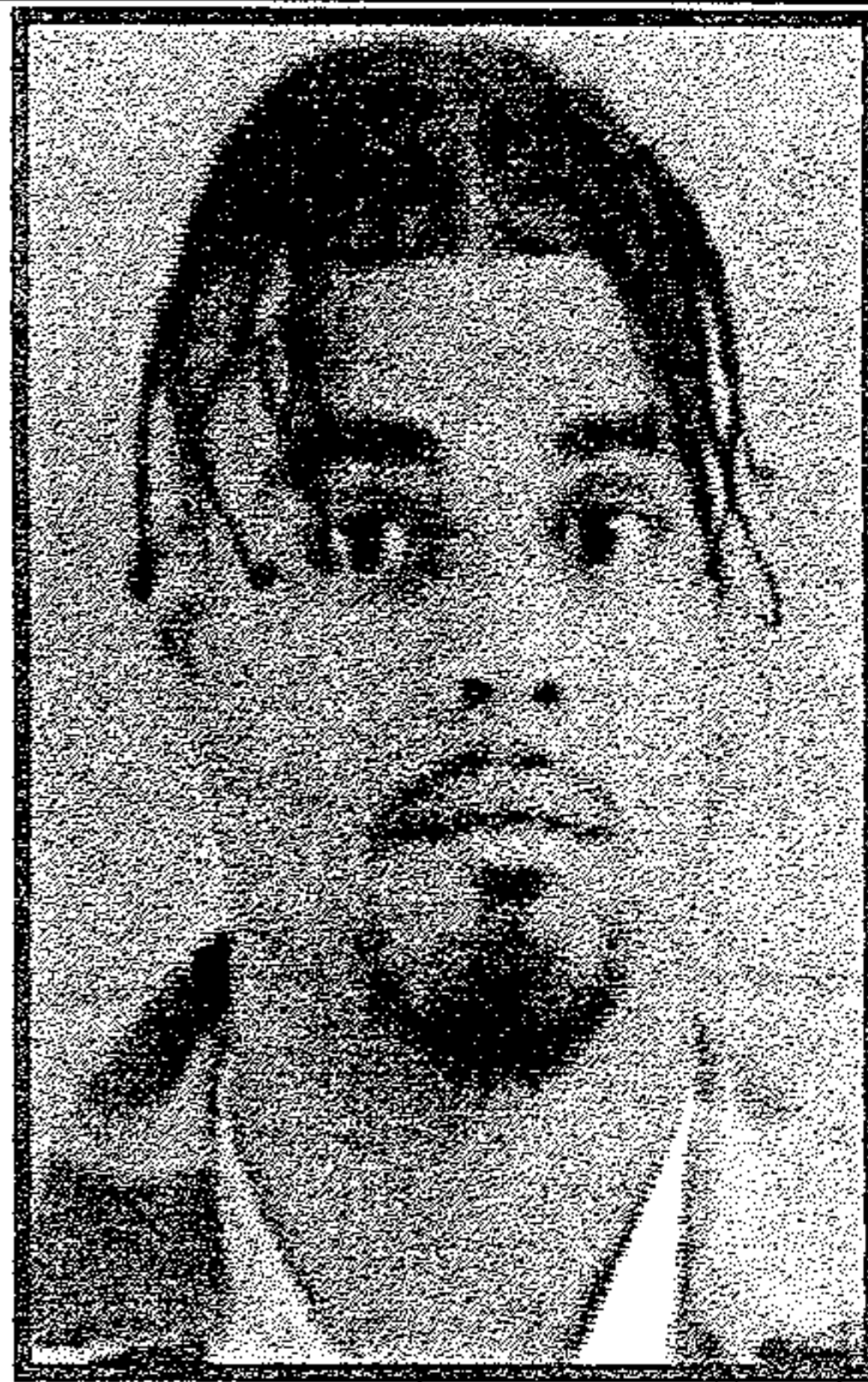
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Wanted and found

Canyon Givens, 22, Kimberwick Ct. Powell, was charged with DUI.

Deputy Anderson LCSO, responded to the TA Truck Stop at Watt Rd. in reference to a wanted person. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with a Knoxville Police Officer and took custody of Canyon Givens, the offender. The offender had one active local THP warrant (2017-CR-577). The offender was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All occurred in Loudon County, TN.



Canyon Givens

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