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Friday, June 29, 2018

## One Man Shot Twice After Shooting at River Manor; Suspect On The Run

A Knoxville man is on the run after shooting a man in the head and arm. Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider identified the suspect as Michael Smith of Knoxville TN. Smith is considered armed and dangerous and may be driving a maroon Ford F-150



Michael Smith

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## U.S. Attorney's office for Eastern District of Tennessee supports World Elder Abuse Awareness day

Each year, June 15 is U.S. Attorney General recognized as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. On this day, our nation joins the world in voicing our opposition to elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

As part of the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act, which the president signed into law last October,

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## "What happened Officer"



Derrick Kiker

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## Fraud home improvement services



Harry Small

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## Maryville Resident Arrested For Child Pornography Offenses

On June 21, 2018, George Robert Everhart, 29, of Maryville, Tennessee, was arrested following the return of a four-count indictment by a federal grand jury on June 19, 2018, alleging that Everhart committed child pornography offenses. Counts One and Two of the indict-

ment, on file with the U.S. District Court, allege that Everhart used two minors, ages seven- and 10-years-old, to produce and attempt to produce child pornography in the Eastern District of Tennessee. The indictment also alleges that Everhart distributed child por-

(see Child pg. 4)



**Verse of the Day**  
Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. — Philippians 3:20  
**Obituaries**  
None reported

**Wazzup**  
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**Weather**  
Today: Cloudy. High of 91.  
Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 70F.

Saturday: Morning showers. High of 92F. Saturday Night: Clear. Low of 72F.  
**Horoscopes**  
Cancer 6/22-7/22  
Sometimes, taking care of your own needs first better equips you to provide emotional nourishment for

those who rely on you. The responsible Capricorn Full Moon highlights your 7th House of Partnerships, reflecting your yearning for something more than the temporary satisfaction provided by a passing whim. However grand your expect-  
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**Shooting**

A Female passenger and a 4 door pickup truck. The victims identity has not been released at this time. Guider stated Smith and victim were parked side by side in the River Manor Apartments at 1 p.m. when Smith pulled an "AR pistol" and shot the victim in the head and arm.

A Female passenger and a 2 yr old were in the vehicle but were not harmed. Deputies also found nine spent rounds in the parking lot. The victim was flown via LifeStar helicopter to UT Medical Center. Guider stated that Smith and the victim had been feuding

but they were unclear as to why they were feuding. Smith has been added the TBI's 'Top 10 Most Wanted' list. Smith is wanted for Attempted 1st degree murder, Aggravated Assault and Especially aggra-

vated child abuse. If you have any information please contact Loudon County Sheriff's Office at (865)458-9081.

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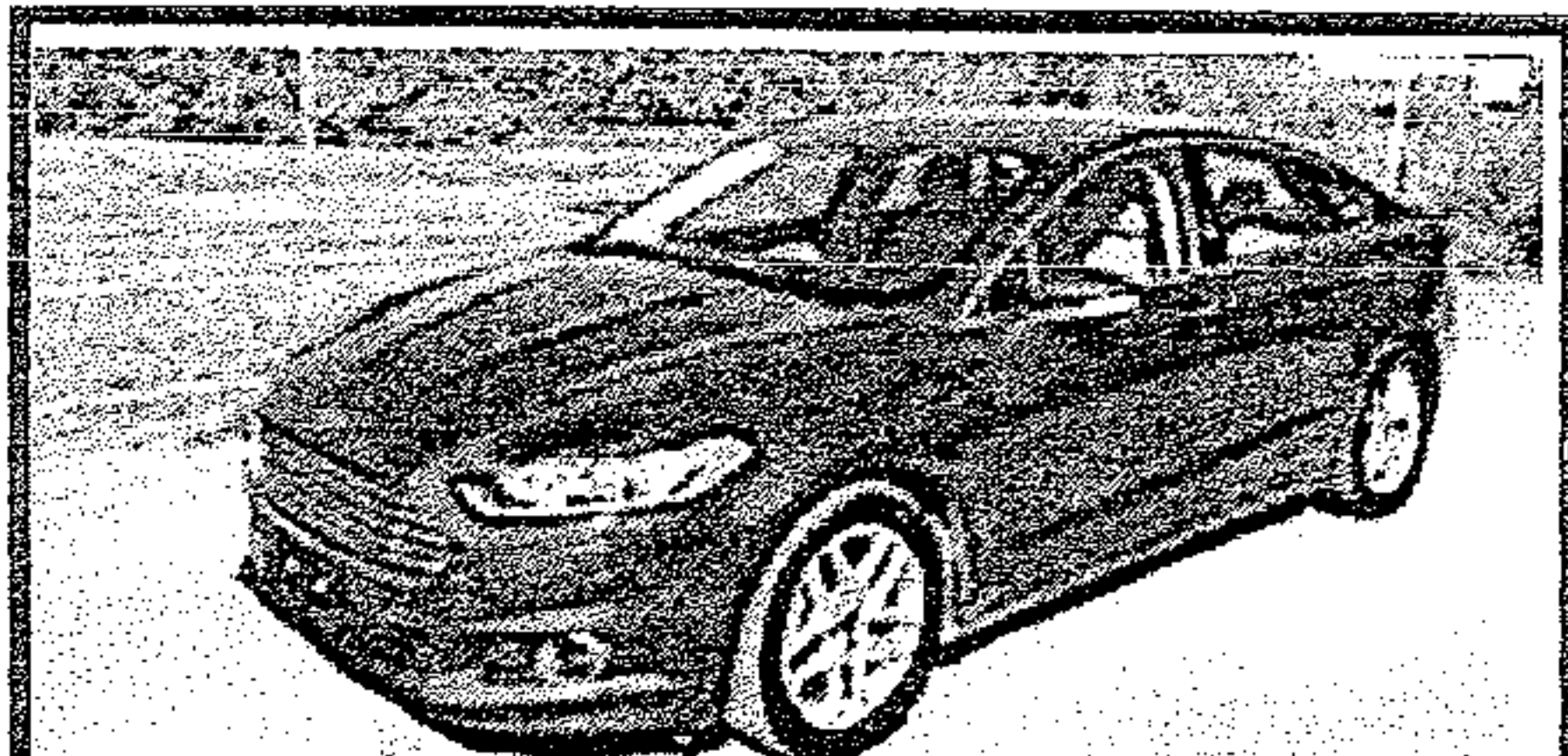
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## Abuse

every U.S. Attorney's Office in the country to work on the elder justice issues most pressing in those communities while also collaborating with state and local partners in combating all forms of elder abuse and fraud. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jen-

nifer Kolman was designated as the Elder Justice Coordinator for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

According to statistics, each year, an estimated \$3 billion are stolen or defrauded from millions of American seniors. Criminals prey on some of the most vulnerable Americans to steal their hard-earned savings and their peace of mind

through "grandparent scams," fake prizes or even threats. In a matter of minutes, criminals can take away the secure retirement for which many seniors have spent most of their lives working, saving, and sacrificing.

"Protecting our seniors is a top priority of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee. We will work with our local, state and federal law enforcement partners to prosecute vigorously anyone who chooses to victimize the elderly citizens of our district," said U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey.

Currently, there are many ways in which our elderly communities in our district are targeted in fraud schemes, committed by family, friends, neighbors and even strangers the elderly victims have never met. One of the most prevalent schemes involves a bogus Lottery Sweep-

stakes in which elderly victims, who are vulnerable and often isolated from friends and family, receive a phone call informing them that they have won a large sum of money in a lottery specific to senior citizens. They are told that being a senior citizen automatically enrolled them in the sweepstakes. The victims are bombarded with calls telling them to send money for taxes, processing costs, and other bogus charges, often resulting in the depletion of the entire savings of the victims over the course of time. The perpetrators of this fraud are difficult for law enforcement to identify as they often operate outside the country and use phones that cannot be tracked.

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## MVA

Derrick Kiker, 47, Henslowe Drive North Carolina, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Officer Ridings LPD, received call of a MVA on the Loudon bridge inside the city of Loudon.

Officer arrived on scene found the defendant standing beside his car he asked Officer what had happened. Mr Kiker had very dry mouth seemed very agitated sweating profusely could not perform field sobriety tasks. Mr.Kiker stated that he had already taken all his meds for the day including his evening dose. He had a pill bottle of Amphetamine salt combo prescribed on 06-12-2018 for #90 pills there were only 70 pills left. Placed Mr.Kiker under arrest for DUI 55-10-401 tca. Mr. Kiker refused to ablood test also refused to sign the implied consent form.

## Child

nography in interstate commerce and that he possessed child pornography depicting prepubescent minors or minors who had not attained 12 years of age.

A trial date of August 28, 2018, before the Honorable Chief District Judge Thomas A. Varlan was set. Everhart was detained in U.S. Marshal's Service custody pending trial.

If convicted of the use of a minor to

produce or attempt to produce child pornography, Everhart faces a minimum mandatory 15 years and up to 30 years in prison, at least five years up to life of supervised release, a fine of \$250,000, and forfeiture and a \$5,100 special assessment per count. The punishment for distributing child pornography in interstate commerce is a minimum mandatory five years and up to 20 years in prison, at least five years up to life of supervised release,

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## Obituaries

**Freddie Wayne Brewster** age 74 of Lenoir City passed away on June 26th at Parkwest Medical Center. Freddie was born to Mary Joy Hill Brewster and Ray Brewster on May 26, 1944. Preceded in death by his parents, brother, Eddie Brewster and wife Phyllis, brother, Roger Brewster, and nephew, Eddie Ray Brewster, Jr (Bubby). He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Brenda Jo Julian Brewster, sons and daughters-in-law, Jason Brewster and wife, Julie, Tyson Brewster and wife, Shelly. The joy of his life, his grandchildren, Dylan, Jordan Kate, Alyssa and Carson Brewster; brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Becky Brewster of Philadelphia and Don and Susan Brewster of Murfreesboro, Toby Brewster of Lenoir City; along with many

special nieces, nephews, co-workers and friends.

A graduate of Loudon High School class of 1962 and the University of Tennessee in 1969. He began his career with the Co-Op system in 1969 until he retired in 2010 after 41 years of service. His family is proud of the positive and enduring impact he made on Tennessee's farmers, our state's agriculture and the cooperative system where he built relationships with his co-workers, employees and local farm community.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 29th, at Calvary Baptist Church, Lenoir City from 5-7 pm. Funeral service will follow at 7 pm with Reverend Larry Bryant officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 30th for a graveside service at Loudon County Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Refuge Church, 2144 Old Highway 95, Lenoir

City, TN 37771. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

**Neil Kelvin Cook** age 72 of Lenoir City went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 25, 2018. Neil was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Neil was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the U. S. Army. He retired from Southern Railway with 30 years of service. Neil enjoyed golf, camping and bowling, but most importantly time with his family. Preceded in death by his parents, Avery and Lorene Cook. Survived by his wife, Joyce Lethgo Cook; children, Rachel Ferguson (Lauren), Avery Cook (Kristina), and Stephanie

Moore; step-children, James Cline (Greta) and Brittney Benson; grandchildren: Whitley Ferguson, Afton, Addison, Korban, Karlee and Emmerson Cook, Colton Cline and Jayden Hohman; brother and sister-in-law, Walton and Nancy Cook; nephew, Jeff Cook; several cousins and friends. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, July 2nd at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 12 noon with Rev. Eddie Chasteen officiating. Burial will follow in the Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens with military honors conducted by the Loudon Co. Veterans Honor Guard. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

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Another prevalent fraud scheme targets elderly individuals through the internet. Victims receive a pop up message that their computer has a virus that can be removed for a fee. There is, of course, no virus; however, the victims are often scared into believing there is an urgency to get the virus removed immediately. Depending on the vulnerability of the victim, perpetrators of the fraud will up charge for a continued service for future problems and bombard the victim with instructions to get the money to them in the mail immediately and by overnight services so the victim is less likely to stop payment.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee has had several successful prosecutions involving elderly victims. Additionally, there are several open cases involving pending litigation, as well as ongoing investigations that may lead to

future charges.

In May 2018, Roger Dale Williams pleaded guilty to conducting a Ponzi scheme to defraud primarily elderly individuals, as well as obstructing and impeding the Internal Revenue Service. His sentencing is set for September 13, 2018.

In his plea agreement, on file with U.S. District Court, Williams admitted that he began offering bogus investment opportunities in 2001 as part of membership in an "investment club," which included opportunities for stock purchases, business start-ups, and bonds in solicitations that he mailed to victims. In order to perpetuate the scheme, he would also provide victims with false IRS forms pertaining to the purported investments. More recently, Williams extended his fraud scheme to members of the King Branch Road Church of Christ in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, where he had become a pastor. He solicited funds for the purchase of purported church

bonds and claimed the funds would be used for the benefit of the church, particularly to pay off the church's debt. However, Williams diverted the funds raised for purported church bonds to his own personal use and benefit, as well as used the funds to make lulling payments to investment club members. He convinced several victims to transfer their Individual Retirement Accounts into bogus investments under his control, then he siphoned off the funds for his own use and benefit. Due to Williams' fraud, several elderly victims lost their entire retirement savings. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Morris represented the United States in these court proceedings.

Also in May 2018, Cynthia Brooks Holt, was sentenced to serve 24 months in prison and ordered to pay \$294,470.69 in restitution for aggravated identity theft involving an elderly neighbor.

According to her plea agreement on file with U.S. District Court,

Holt and the 92-year-old victim were neighbors in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. After an arson at the victim's home in November 2011, Holt took on the role of contractor in the rebuilding of the victim's home. During this time, she had the victim write checks to her for construction costs incurred. However, after the completion of the construction, Holt continue to have the victim write checks to her. Between May 2012 and February 2017, she stole books of checks from two of the victim's accounts, wrote checks to herself, and had the victim sign. She eventually began forging his signature on these checks resulting in hundreds of unauthorized checks written to herself from the victims account. The total amount of the fraud was \$294,470.69. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Kolman represented the United States in these court proceedings.

"Fraud targeting seniors is so common

that no victim should feel ashamed to come forward and report it. It can happen to anyone," said Attorney General Sessions in his recent remarks to the Elder Justice Coordinating Council.

Elder fraud complaints may be filed with the FTC at [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov) or at 877-FTC-HELP. The Department of Justice provides a variety of resources relating to elder fraud victimization through its Office of Victims of Crime, which can be reached at [www.ovc.gov](http://www.ovc.gov).

## Fraud

Harry Small, 54, Egypt Road Bluff City Tn., was charged with Fraud by Home Improvement Services, and Vandalism. Deputy Moore LCSO, arrived at Greene County Jail and took Harry L Small into custody. Deputy arrived back at Loudon county jail where he served warrants (2015CR400C1) and (2015CR400C2) without incident.

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a fine of \$250,000, and forfeiture and a \$5,100 special assessment. The punishment for possessing child pornography is up to 20 years in prison, at least five years up to life of supervised release, a fine of \$250,000, and forfeiture and a \$5,100 special assessment.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment constitutes only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until his or her guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation leading to the indictment was conducted

by the Knoxville Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, with assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Morris will represent the United States in court proceedings.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state

and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

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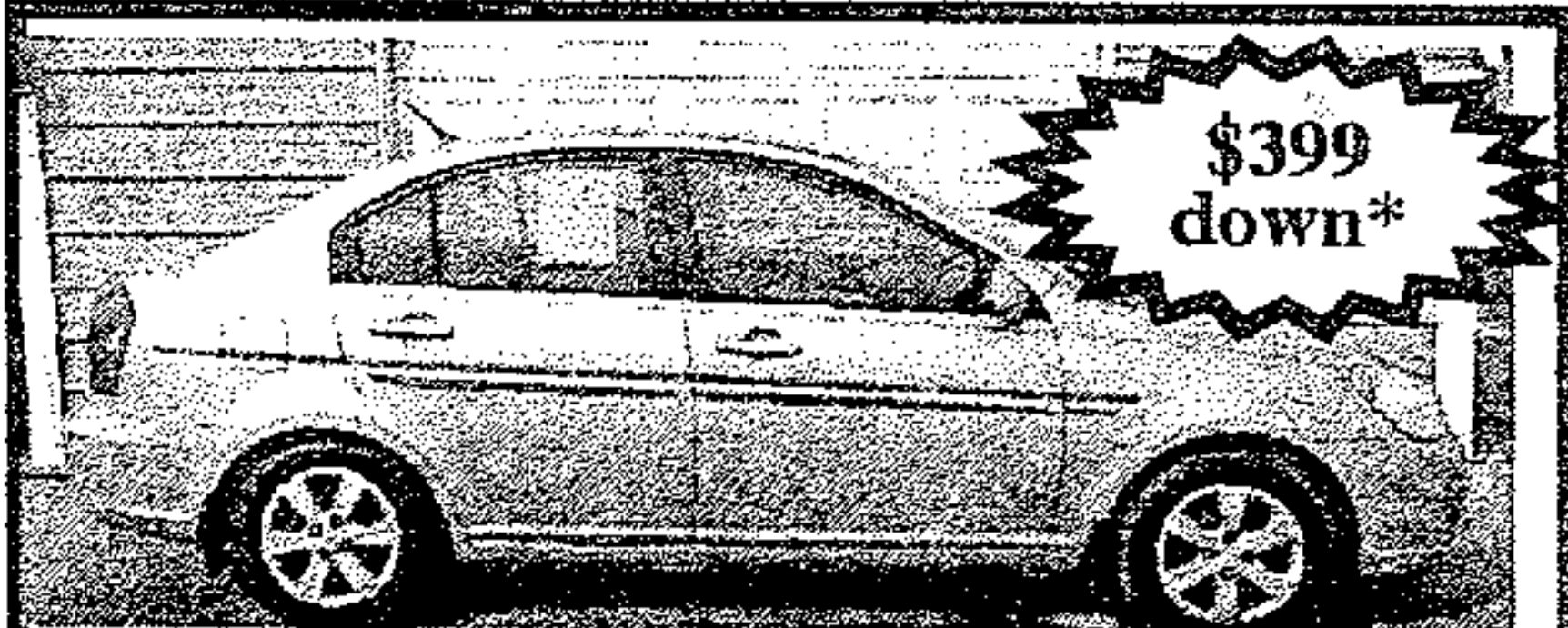
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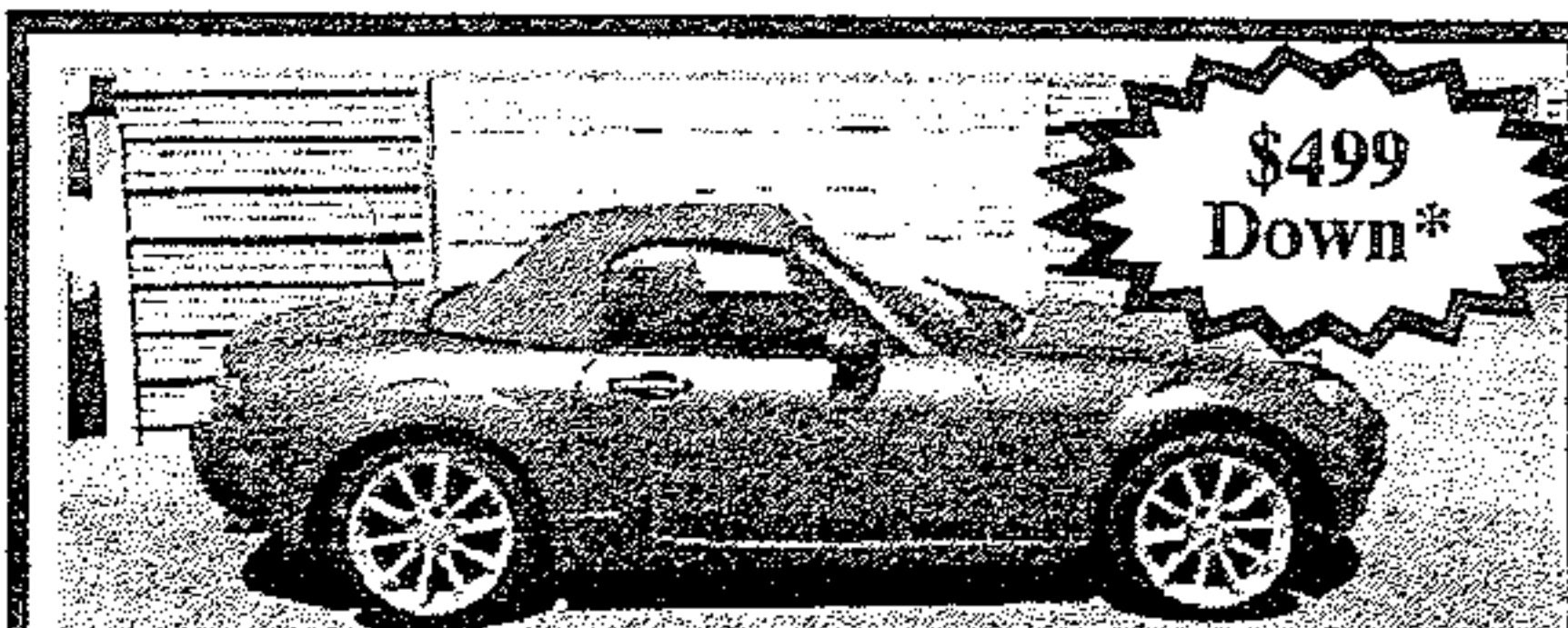
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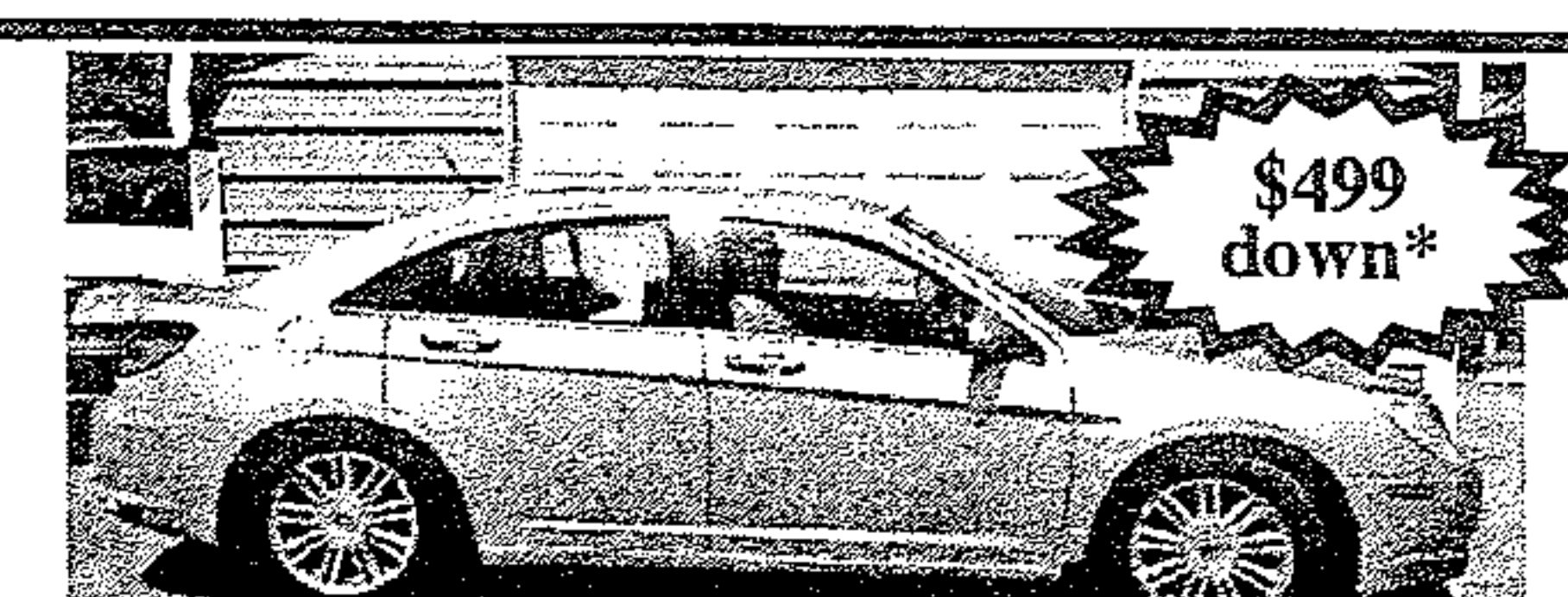
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