

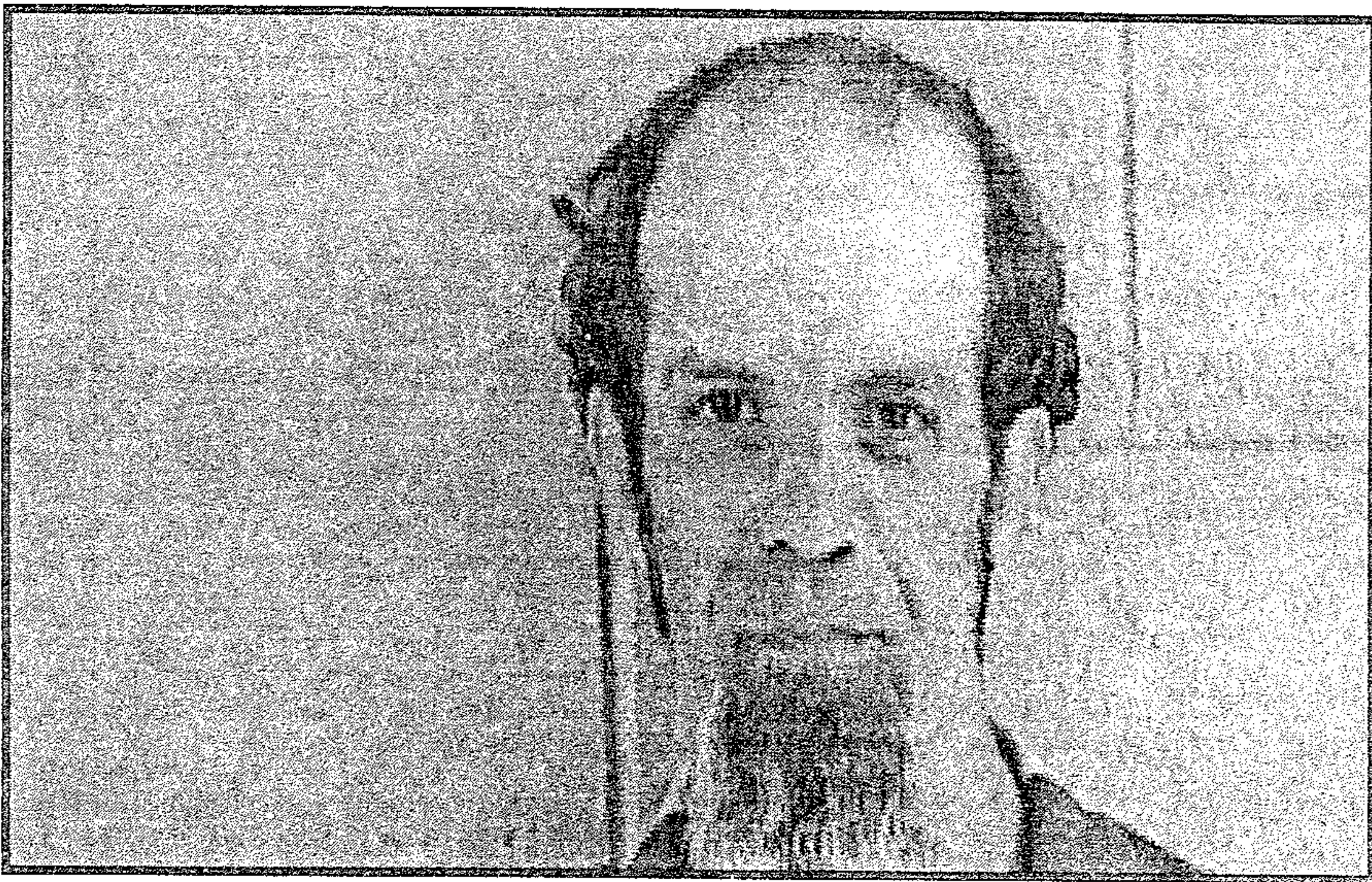
# The Daily Edition

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Wednesday, August 29, 2018

## Misuse of 911 system by LC man



Marty Mills

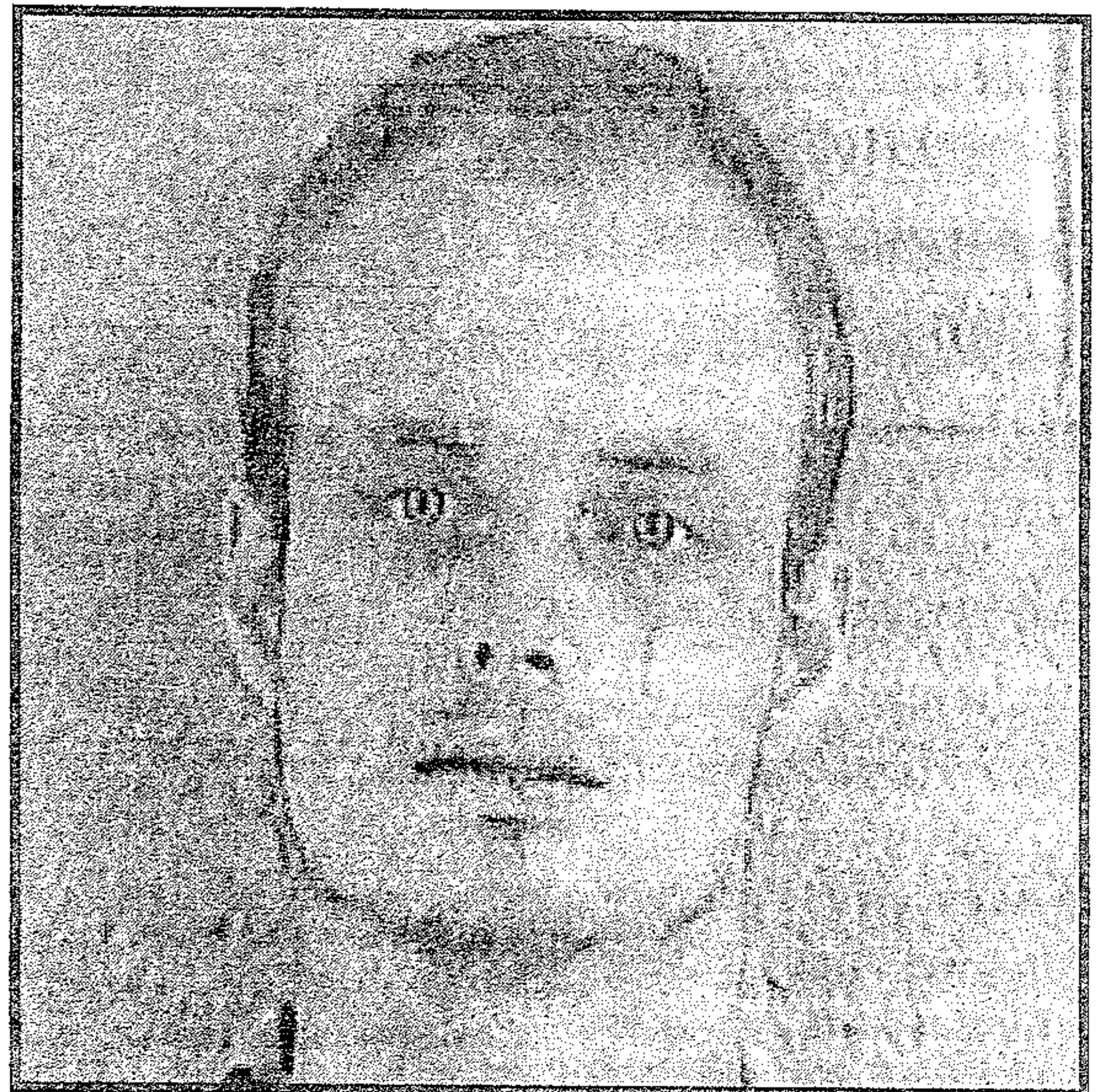
## Deputy met head on in DUI stop



Rex Morrison

See Head On P.5

## Wreck leads to DUI charge



Michael Josh Crabtree

see DUI pg. 3

see 911 pg. 2

## New Charges Filed Against Shawn Hatchett

Former Town of Rogersville Superintendent and Hawkins County Board of Education Contractor Received Pay for Work He Did Not Perform The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has released a second investi-

See New P.5

## Sentencing in West Virginia Drug Conspiracy Key Player Directed Criminal Activities from Behind Bars

A West Virginia man already serving a 20-year drug sentence will now spend even longer in prison. Velarian Carter was sentenced in July to an additional 20 years for orchestrating a drug con-

spiracy while he was behind bars.

Investigators say he was at the center of a drug conspiracy flooding the state's Raleigh County and nearby areas with illegal drugs, including cocaine, crack,

(see FBI pg. 4)



### Verse of the Day

I love the Lord. He heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. — Psalm 116:1-2

### Obituaries

None  
**Wazzup**  
LCPD along with THP and LCSO will be teaming up for roadblocks this Labor Day Holiday. So DO NOT DRINK and DRIVE!!!

### Weather

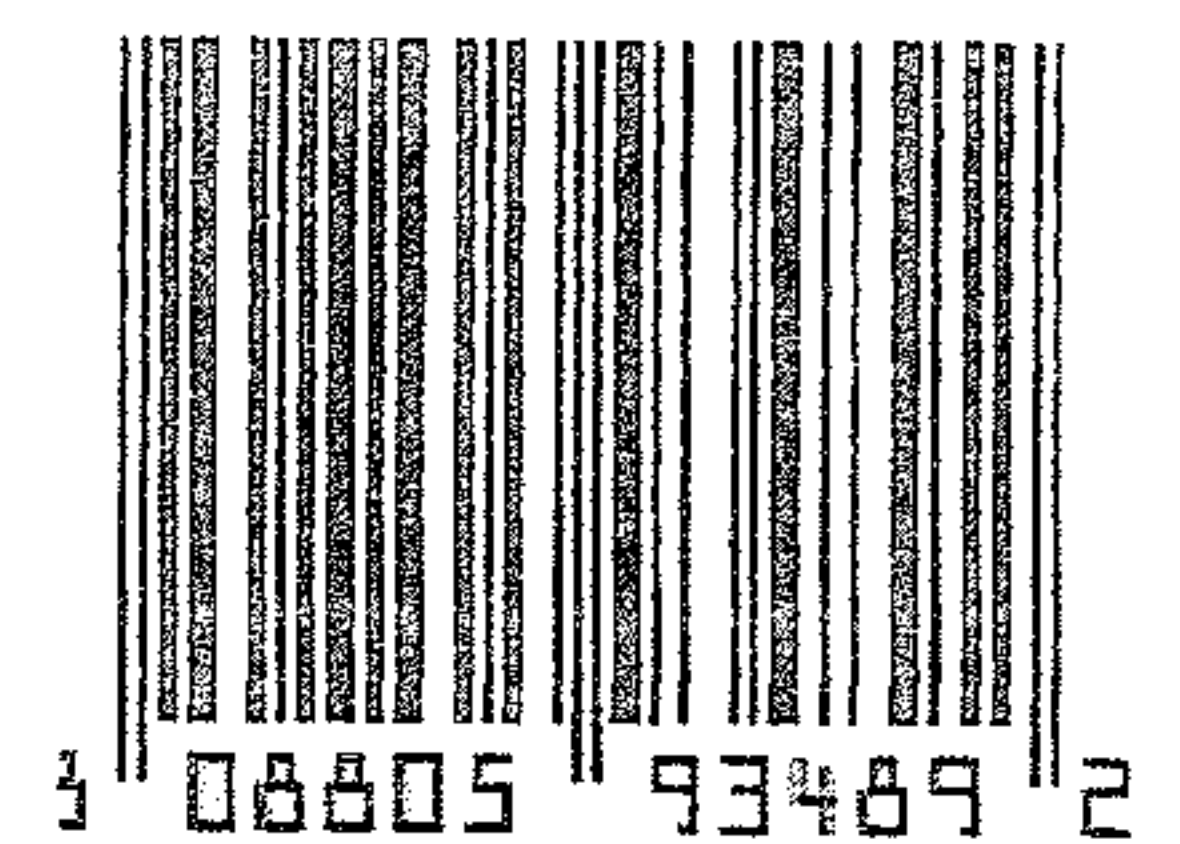
Today: Mostly Sunny. High of 89F.  
Tonight: Clear. Low of 70F.  
Thursday: Scattered thunderstorms. High of 85F.  
Tuesday Night: Scattered

storms. Low of 69F.

### Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22  
Assessing a situation correctly today demands more than a simple analysis. However, outdated viewpoints are not of service to you anymore. The con-

(Continued on page 6)



**911**

Marty Mills, 35, Mealer Road Lenoir City, was charged with Misuse of 911 Emergency.

Corporal Smith LCSO, did respond to Mealer Road in Loudon County at 1949 hours in reference to someone being in trouble 911 call. Cpl. spoke

to Mr. Marty Allen Mills and he advised a male had called him and it sounded like him and his wife was in trouble. Cpl. did make contact with the male and his wife, they both stated they were not in any trouble and appeared to be fine. Cpl. then advised Mr. Mills, that the male

had advised him that Mr. Mills had been calling and texting his wife, making her very uncomfortable. At 2107 on the same date Mr. Mills called 911 to report that the male ing either party and that if he call on 911 again for a non emergency he would go to jail for misuse of the 911 system.

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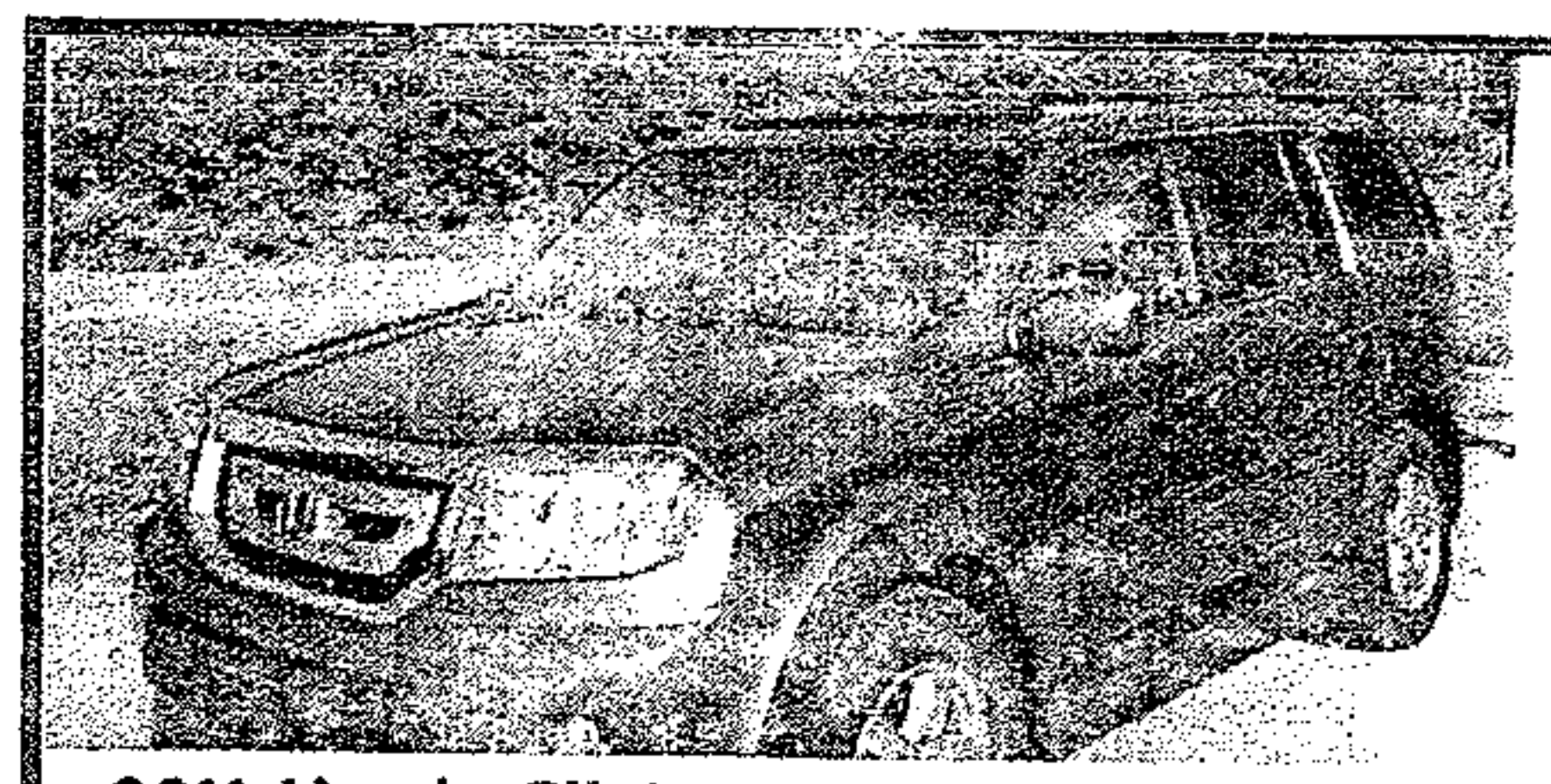
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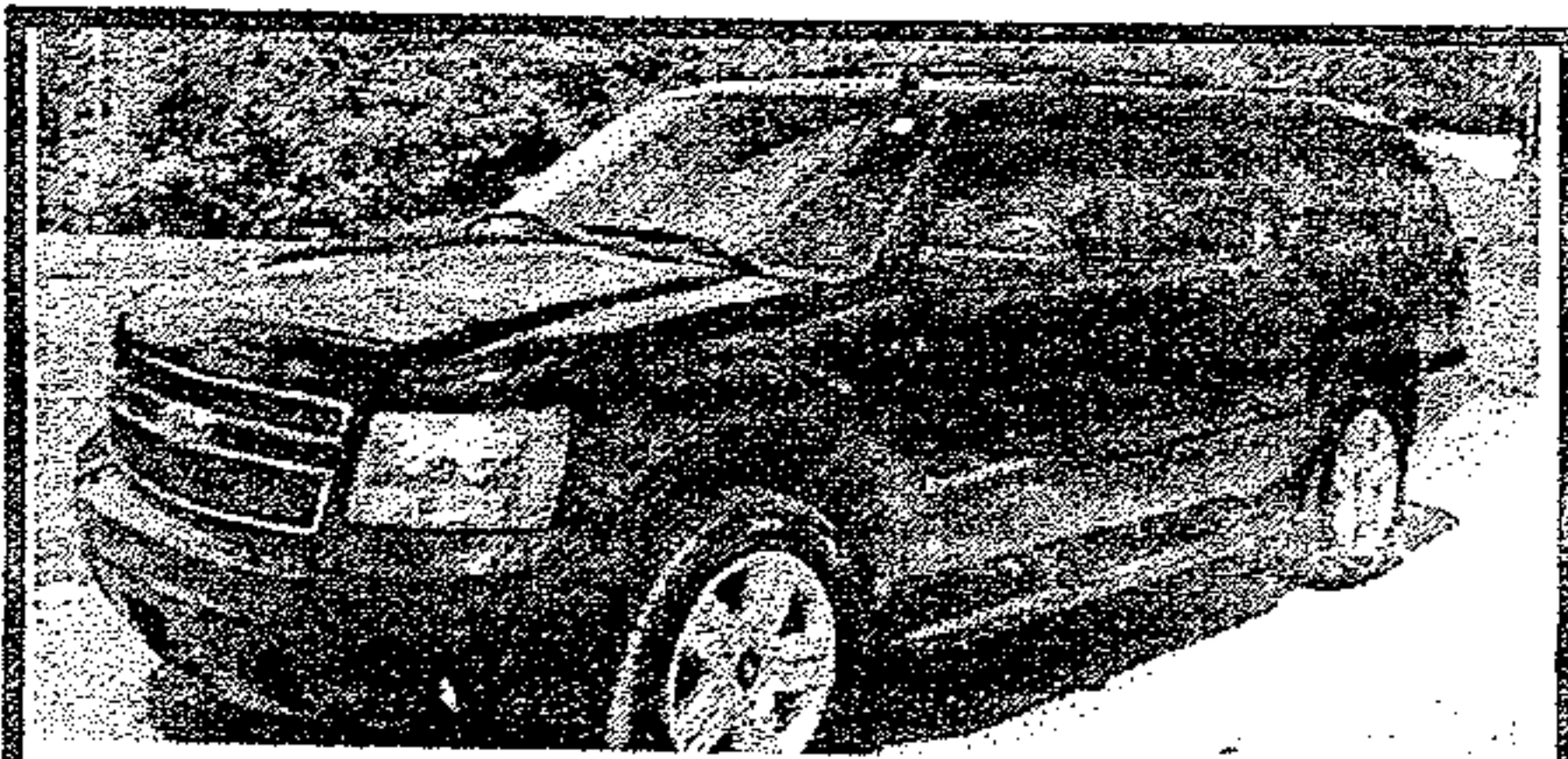
2011 Nissan Xterra Like New, A/C, PW, PL, Luggage Rack, Auto, Alloy Wheels



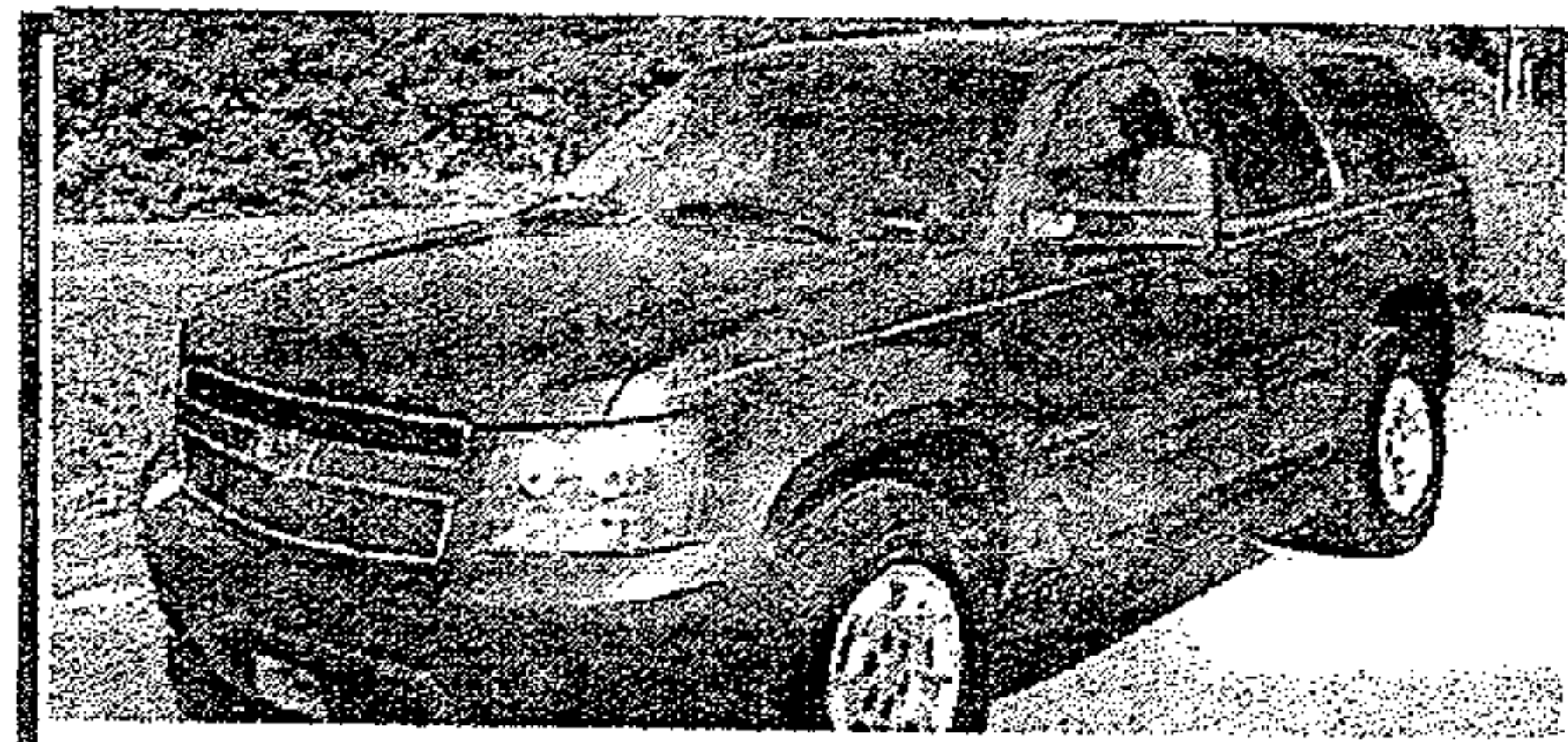
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 had called him and made threats. Cpl. asked Mr. Mills if he would show him the call log on the cell phone that the male call him on and Cpl. was unable to find any calls from the male back to June of this year. While

speaking with Mr. Mills he stated to this officer the call was made to him as the birds in the trees were talking to him. Cpl. placed Mr. Mills in custody for misuse of the 911 system and transported him to the Loudon County Jail.

## DUI

Michael Crabtree, 27, Bill Smith Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI.

Deputy Rogers LCSO, was dispatched to a disabled vehicle on I40 east bound in the area of the I75 split. Upon contact with the driver Mr. Michael Crabtree, he advised he had blown a tire and hit the guard rail.

The vehicle was still in the lane of travel and Mr. Crabtree had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Due to the dangerous area of the vehicle, Deputy had it towed to the next exit where he also conducted SFST. Mr. Crabtree did perform poorly on all three test and advised he had been drinking Vodka at a friends house in Knoxville. Deputy placed Mr. Crabtree under arrest for D.U.I. Upon inventorying the vehicle it smelled strongly of marijuana and there was a bottle of vodka that had very little left in it found as well. Mr. Crabtree was read Tennessee Implied Consent to which he refused to give a blood sample and I then transported to him to the Loudon County Jail. Said did all occur in Loudon County, TN

## Police Beat

Greg Baird, 39, Private Lane Winfield, was charged with Failure to Appear.

Jeremiah Ballew, 35, Homeless Knoxville, was charged with Violation of Probation x2, and Contraband in Penal Institution.

Leslie Belcher, 51, Mosier Road Johnson City, was charged with General Session Capias.

Dustin Brady, 27, Essie Cleek Road Tullahoma, was charged with General Session Capias.

Alvina Brown, 38, Dosssett Street Athens, was charged with Failure to Appear.

Nathan Cooper, 20, Helms Drive Greenville, was charged with General Session Capias.

Justin Cozart, 36, Grove Road Loudon, was charged with Assisting other Agency, and Capias.

Jerimiah Sears, 33, Dewberry Drive Maryville, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Lori Sears, 33, Dewberry Drive Maryville was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Donald Thomason, 43, Shaw Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

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# FBI

and heroin.

FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent Jennifer King is no stranger to Carter's activities—she was part of the team that initially investigated Carter in 2016, uncovering his conspiracy to transport methamphetamine from California to West Virginia. For those crimes, he was arrested in March 2016, pleaded guilty in July 2016, and sentenced in February 2017 to his original 20-year term. Carter's Mexican cartel contact in California was also charged and is serving time in prison.

Shortly after Carter's guilty plea in the initial conspiracy, his criminal activities started up again. While being held in a jail in Barboursville, West Virginia, he became the ringleader for distributing illegal drugs to members of his network through coded phone calls and personal visits. According to case agent King, "Carter knew the jail recorded telephone calls, but he told one of his associates on the phone he believed it was safe to talk because he had already pleaded guilty."

For months the FBI monitored Car-

ter's calls and figured out what the coded conversations meant. Investigators were eventually able to get a number of court-authorized electronic surveillance orders on various communication devices and members of Carter's network.

"Carter's criminal network was tough to penetrate because it was composed mostly of family members," King explained. "It included Carter's sister, uncle, and several cousins and close associates that he had grown up with."

The FBI used informants, found cooperating witnesses, and conducted undercover operations and physical surveillance, but it needed electronic surveillance to fully dismantle Carter's criminal network. The investigation ultimately resulted in a mountain of ev-

idence and a June 2017 indictment, which led to the takedown of Carter's criminal organization after the execution of 23 federal arrest warrants and about a dozen search warrants.

In one of those searches alone, law enforcement seized more than \$70,000 in cash, jewelry, a car, and real estate. They also found more than 700 grams of a mixture containing heroin and fentanyl, a quantity of cocaine, a kilo press, and firearms.

In December 2017, Carter pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine, more than 280 grams of cocaine base, and more than one kilogram of heroin. King said that Carter admitted to directing other participants outside the jail to cook cocaine into crack

and to distribute controlled substances in and around Raleigh County. "He also admitted to, in some instances, directing what prices should be charged for the drugs and how the money collected through the sale of the drugs should be distributed," she added.

Carter's co-conspirators have pleaded guilty and are in various stages of the sentencing process.

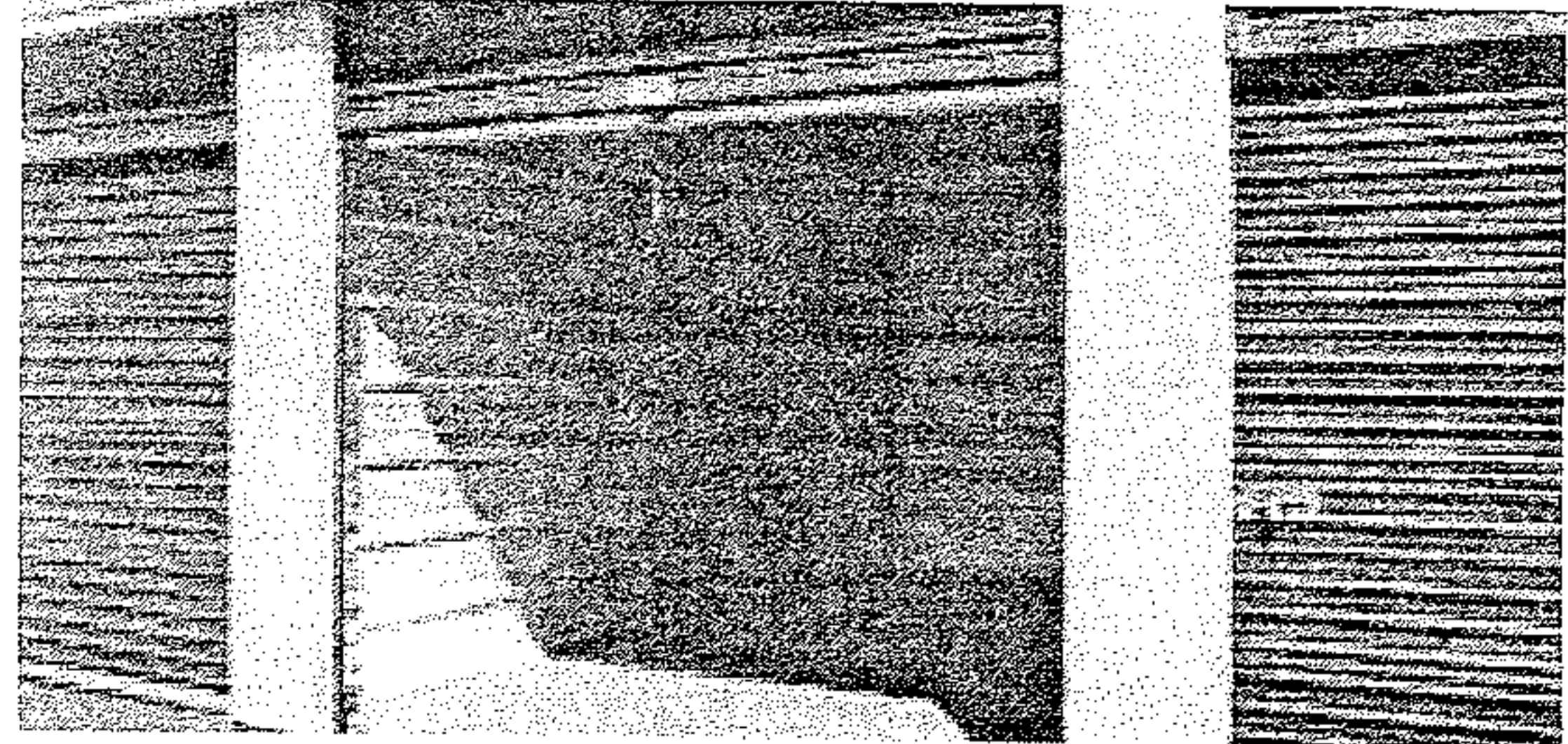
Like many other investigations the FBI undertakes, this case involved the assistance of multiple law enforcement partners, each contributing individual expertise, talent and resources. "But in particular," said King, "we worked very closely and seamlessly with the Beckley-Raleigh County Drug and Violent Crime Unit, representing the Raleigh County Sheriff's Office, Beckley Police Department.

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## Public Notice

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2018 at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone Parcel 042.00 Loudon County Tax Map 016, approximately .5 acres, 7250 Hwy. 11 E, Lenoir City, TN, in the 6th Legislative District, from R-1, Suburban Residential District to C-2, General Commercial District.

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## Head On

Rex Morrison, 44, Bennett Lane Powell, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Deputy JC Schultz and Deputy C Bengal were met head on on the I-75 Northbound exit ramp at the 76 mile marker by a red Mitsubishi 3000 Gt. This Deputy activated his emergency equipment and stopped the vehicle head on. Upon approach to the vehicle a strong odor of alcohol was coming from the driver who was identified as Mr. Rex Allen Morrison. Mr Morrison had pinpoint pupils and stated he had been at the shed for a concert and had consumed one beer. He was asked to exit the vehicle and perform field sobriety. He complied and performed poorly. He was arrested and read implied consent and he refused to give a sample for testing. Dispatch advised Mr. Morrison had a lengthy driving history. He was transported to the Loudon County Jail by this Deputy without further incident. His red Mitsubishi 3000 Gt was towed and stored at James Wrecker Service.

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New

gation involving Shawn Hatchett, the former superintendent of the Town of Rogersville Water Department and contractor for the Hawkins County Board of Education. This investigation has resulted in additional charges against Hatchett. Hatchett was contracted as a certified operator for the Hawkins County Board of Education and fraudulently claimed and received \$64,800 in fees between April 8, 2011 and December 12, 2017. Investigators found that Hatchett did not perform the work he was paid to do. Hatchett was contracted to conduct required tests for wastewater treatment systems at various schools in Hawkins County. After performing the tests, he was responsible for filling out reports to document the test results. Hatchett documented that he performed the tests at the Town of Rogersville sewer treatment plant laboratory. However, Town of Rogersville employees at the sewer treatment plant told Comptroller investigators that samples from the schools had not been tested at their facility. Additionally, no logs, notes, or records documenting that Hatchett had used the sewer treatment plant's laboratory were found. On August 20, 2018, the Hawkins County Grand Jury indicted Hatchett on one count of theft over \$60,000, one count of forgery see New ctd to pg. 7

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and West Virginia State Police.”

At a press conference announcing the results of the 2017 takedown of Carter’s distribution organization, Beckley Police Chief Lonnie Christian thanked the FBI for its “tremendous” resources and personnel for the operation. He also said, “This is not only huge for law enforcement, but this is huge for the communities themselves.” Raleigh County Sheriff Scot Van Meter added, “In my 25 years of

law enforcement, this is the most significant drug investigation and roundup I have ever been involved with.”



As for getting nearly two dozen drug criminals off the streets of West Virginia communities, King said, “These guys arrested were a major problem in that area for a long time and had gone untouched. It took the joint efforts of local, state, and federal law enforcement to uncover their criminal conspiracy and make an impact on the availability of dangerous drugs in Raleigh County.”

**New ctd. from pg. 5**  
ery, and 55 counts of Violation of the Water Pollution Control Act.

This comes after the Comptroller’s Office released its first investigation involving Hatchett and the Town of Rogersville Water Department in April 2018, which resulted in Hatchett being indicted by the Hawkins County Grand Jury on one count of theft of property over \$250,000, one count of theft of property over \$60,000, and one count of official misconduct.

To review the Hawkins County Board of Education and the Town of Rogersville Water Department investigations online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia> If you suspect fraud, waste or abuse of

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