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Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Loudon Drug House Boarded Up



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Shots Fired at Roommate

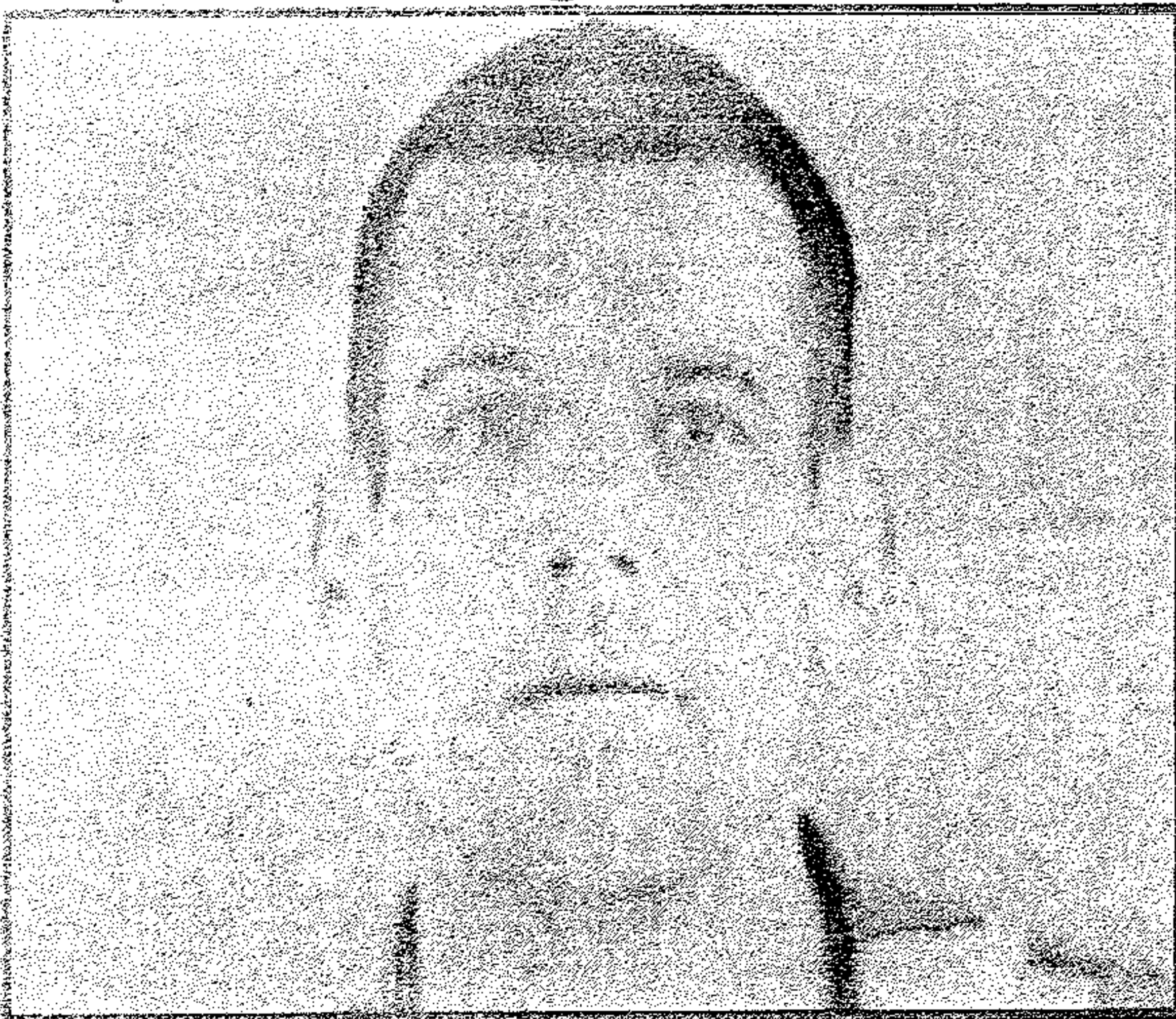


David White

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Man gets DUI After 3 reports of Impaired Driving All Over Town

Leaving the Scene



Christopher Darnell

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Autumn Sanchez

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Seeking Victims of David Delay Seattle-Area Sex Trafficker Duped Victims With Promise of Fame and Riches

An 18-year-old Seattle-area high school student looking for a relationship online found herself entangled with master manipulators who coerced her into prostitution

with promises of fame, money, and love.

Lauren (not her real name) met Marysa Comer on a dating website in 2014 and quickly hit it off—so much so that she

(see Victim pg. 4)



Verse of the Day

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you — guard

it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. — 2 Timothy 1:13-14

Obituaries

None

Wazzup

Hope everyone had a safe Labor Day!!

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny. High of 88F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 70F.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. High of 89F.

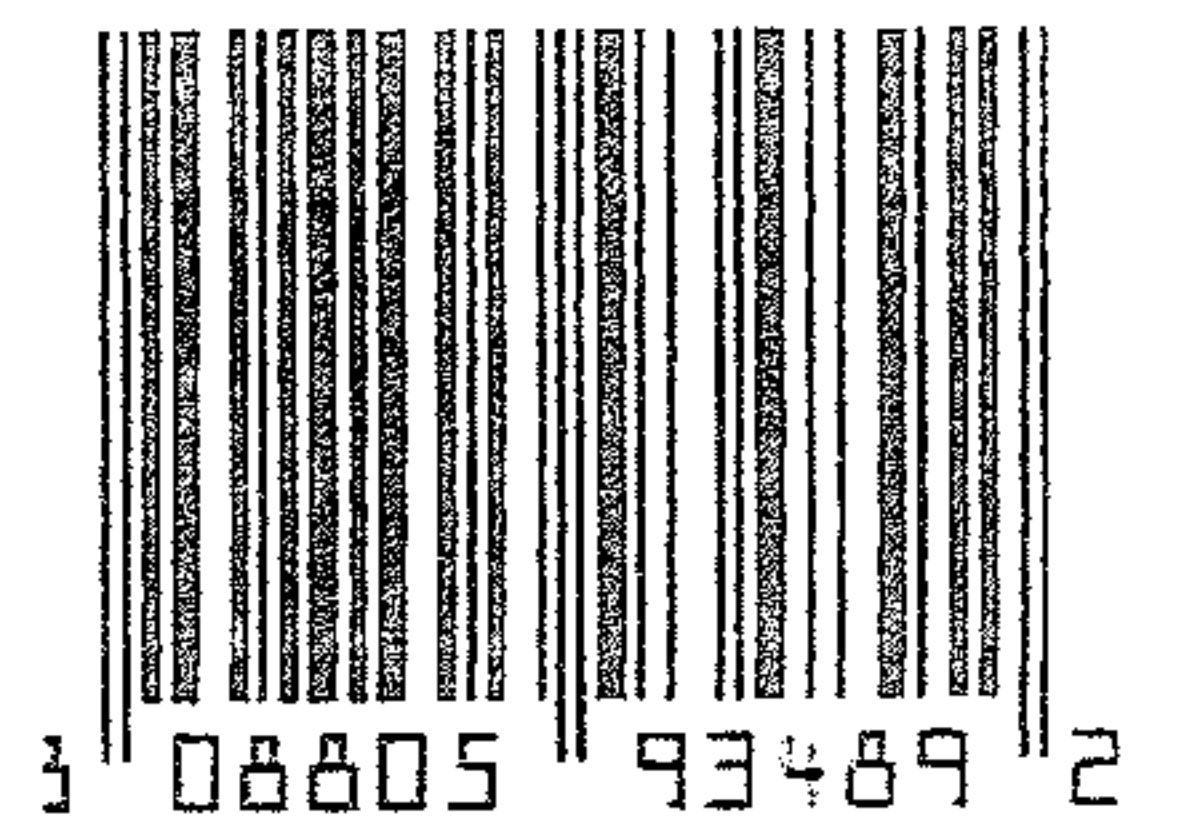
Thursday Night: Overcast. Low of 70F.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Creating something new is serious -- and is seriously rewarding work if your heart is invested in your latest project. Thankfully your friends understand when you must bury your

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Drug House

Yesterday, near downtown Loudon, the 9th Judicial Drug Task Force (9th DTF) and the Loudon Police Department (LPD), with the assistance of City of Loudon employees, boarded up a house at 620 Church Street utilizing the state nuisance law. The house at this location, according to a petition filed in Loudon County Criminal Court by District Attorney General Russell Johnson, has been the subject of an ongoing investigation conducted by the 9th DTF for illegal drug and other criminal activity.

During the course of this investigation DTF Agents found that there have been 25 calls for service to the LPD since April of 2018 including, aggravated assaults, stabbings, drugs, warrants, fights, thefts and

other criminal activity. During these calls officers found that numerous people were constantly moving in and out of the residence and information collected showed that these people would use this house a place to use and sell drugs. "This type of nuisance action to close and potentially seize a home owner's property is not taken lightly by the any of the entities involved", said District Attorney General Russell Johnson. The DAG's office just recently boarded a house in Lenoir City bringing criminal charges against the home owner as well at the August meeting of the Loudon County Grand Jury. Those cases are still pending.

The owner of the Loudon property has been spoken to by law enforcement on several occasions in an attempt to stop the il-

legal activity occurring at this residence on a daily basis. According to DTF Deputy Director Brendan Deboer, "The owner has taken no measures to correct the issues".

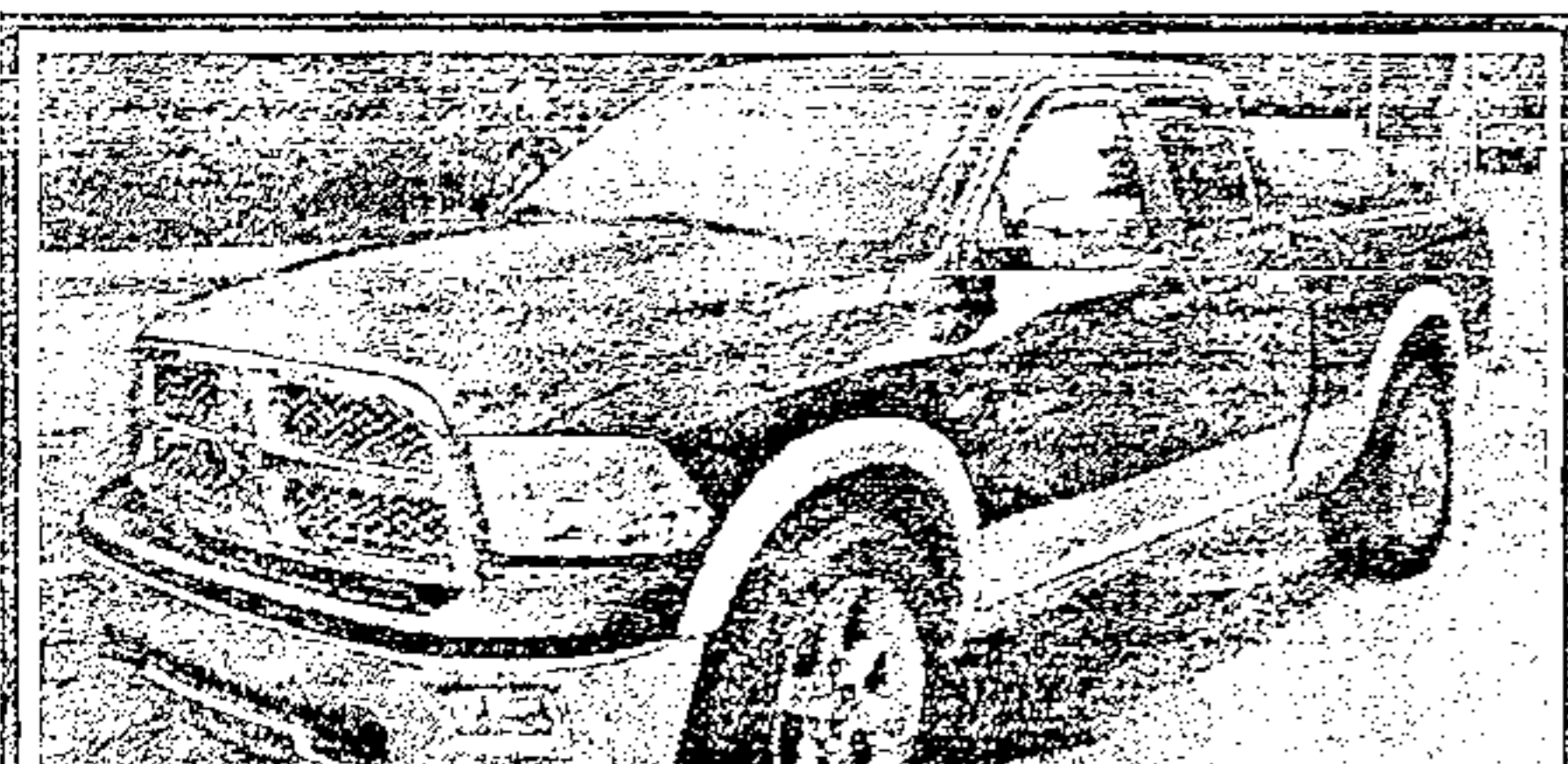
LPD Officer and DTF

Agent April Farmer has been the lead agent on this investigation. Assistant District Attorney General Kristin Kelley is the leading prosecutor on this case and all drug cases in Loudon County.

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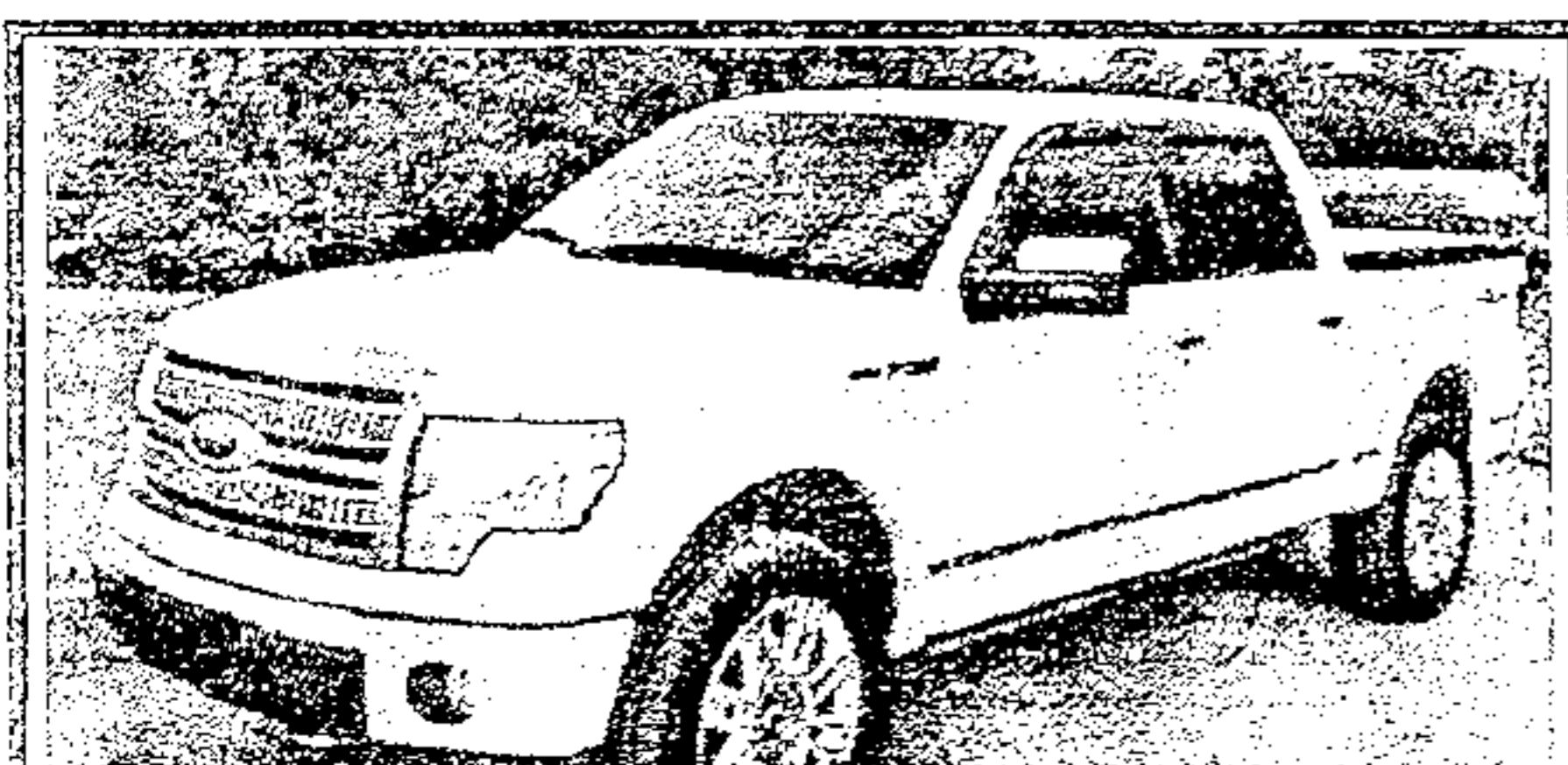
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Shots

Michael White, 53, Kingston Street Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault.

Michael David White, did knowingly and intentionally point a firearm at the victim, a fellow roommate at Kingston

Street. On this particular occasion, the defendant and victim were in an argument and according to the victim and the witness, the defendant pointed a .22 caliber pistol at Mr. Wilson's face while inside the living room of Kingston Street. The defendant

then moved the pistol to the left of victim face and fired a shot. Your Affiant spoke with the defendant who admitted that he had pointed a firearm at victim and moved it away from his face and fired a round into the wall. The defendant allowed your Affiant to come inside his home and take a picture of the bullet hole in the wall. Victim was placed in fear of serious bodily injury or even death by the actions of the defendant. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee. On 08/27/18 at 16:51 Officer Brad Rayfield made the arrest and transported Mr. White to Loudon County Jail without incident.

the accident and walk away staggering toward Lenoir City. Deputy observed the female walking and when he stopped to talk to her Deputy could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. Deputy identified her as Autumn Sanchez and asked her what happened. She started crying and stated that she was sorry. Deputy asked her what she was sorry for and she stated that she had a wreck and that her father was on the way. Cpl. B. Smith went and spoke to the other party of the accident and witnesses.

They stated that Ms. Sanchez rear ended another vehicle and left the scene walking. Deputy asked Ms. Sanchez if she could perform field sobriety and she stated that she would. Deputy explained the horizontal gauze nystagmus test to Ms. Sanchez and asked her if she understood and she stated that she did. During the test Ms. Sanchez could not keep her head still and kept closing her eyes and stopping. Deputy explained and demonstrated the walk and turn test to Ms. Sanchez and asked her if she understood and she stated yes. Ms. Sanchez missed several heel to toe steps, stepped off the line, and preformed and improper turn. During the one leg stand Ms. Sanchez used her arms for balance and put her foot down several times. Deputy then placed Ms. Sanchez under arrest and transported her to the Loudon County Justice Center. Once there Deputy read Ms. Sanchez her Miranda Rights and the Implied Consent and Ms. Sanchez consented to a breath sample. After the twenty minute observation period Ms. Sanchez preformed the first breath test with .136 as the result. On the second breath test Ms. Sanchez had a result of .129.

Flee

Autumn Sanchez, 18, Pebble Lane Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, and Leaving the Scene of Accident.

Dep. A. Parton LCSO, responded to Highway 70 at Highway 11 in reference to a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival Deputy was flagged down by a construction crew who stated that they witnessed the driver of a Gray Ford Focus leave the scene of

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Victim

left home to move in with Comer and her business partner, David Delay, in Lynnwood, Washington. Delay, 52, and Comer, 24, claimed they had a deal with a major TV production company to produce a documentary about why prostitution should be legal. Each participant would receive \$20 million.

"I just thought, 'I will have a lot of money and I'll be around people that care about me,'" Lauren said. "I just thought that

sounded great."

At first they treated her well, giving her attention and buying her things, but that was simply setting her up for manipulation to come. Soon after, they coerced her — through various forms of abuse—into signing a contract to participate in the documentary. The contract required Lauren and other victims to work as prostitutes and to be interviewed about their experiences.

"I think I was just kind of in shock, and I didn't

really know what to think of it. I just wanted to be cared about. I wanted a person to care about me and to be loved," Lauren said. "So, at that point, I just didn't really know what to do."

After a few months of being trafficked all over the country by Delay, Lauren escaped and returned to her family. But Comer lashed out, hacking into Lauren's social media account and harassing her family. That's when Lauren and her mother went to the Redmond Police Department for help.

As the Redmond Police and the FBI's Seattle Division began looking into Delay, they realized that not only had Lauren's story checked out but there were also other victims (see sidebar) who Delay had lured using the same approach—the promise of money and fame from appearing in a documentary on prostitution.

"He showed them what looked like legitimate contracts and had them sign non-disclosure agreements so they couldn't tell their

friends and family about it," said FBI Seattle Special Agent Ingrid Arbuthnot-Stohl, who investigated the case. "If they tried to get out of their contract or leave, he would threaten to sue them for breach of contract, so that kept actually quite a few of the victims in line."

While certainly not a Hollywood powerhouse, Delay had a few production credits and online videos to his name that he used to lure girls and women into his orbit. He posed for photos outside of television studios and used realistic-looking contracts. While he claimed the women would receive huge payouts after the documentary aired, he required the women to pay

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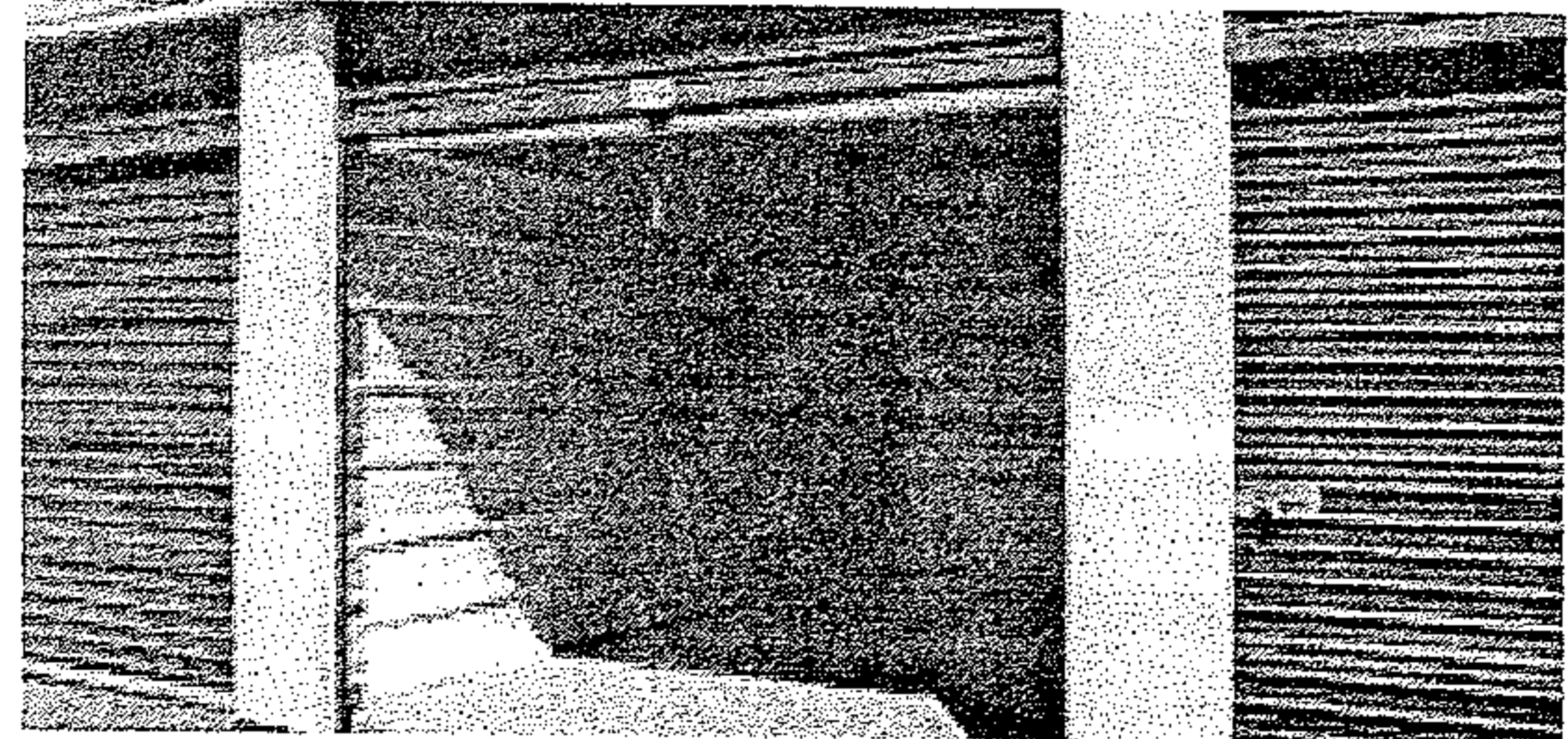
Public Notice

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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DUI

Christopher Darnell, 39, Cedar Grove Road Loudon, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Officer Morgan LCPD, was dispatched to reckless driver call on Hwy 11 for a silver Ford Explorer. By the time Officer made it to Hwy 11 a third call had come in about the vehicle on Browder Hollow Rd driving in the wrong lane of travel. Officer managed to catch up to the vehicle on Foster Rd where the vehicle was all over road and ditch. Officer conducted a traffic stop at Foster Rd and West Ln. Upon contact, Officer had the driver Christopher Darnell step out of the vehicle where he was unsteady on his feet. Officer asked Darnell if he had anything to drink and he stated yes but it had

been a few hours. Officer had Darnell conduct a Standardized Field Sobriety Test in which he performed poorly on all three. Officer read him the Tennessee Blood and Breath Consent Advisement form and asked if he would consent to blood and breath and he stated he would give breath. He was then taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident for DUI 2nd Offense first conviction date was 12/09/2015. Once at the jail Officer asked if he would give blood because he believed him to be under the influence of a drug. He said he would but he wanted to talk to his attorney first the request was marked as a refusal. This did happen in Lenoir City / Loudon County.

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him "production fees" in the form of some or all of their prostitution earnings.

"He always picked individuals who were vulnerable," said Redmond Police Department Detective Natalie D'Amico, who also worked the case. "If somebody wanted a relationship or just to feel love, he'd promise that. So he really focused on whatever vulnerability that specific victim had."

As a detective investigating sex crimes, D'Amico noted that human trafficking victims are typically controlled through physical abuse or access to drugs, but in this case, Delay simply used manipulation tactics.

"I think it is very unique, as this was primarily done through coercion and fraud," she said. "Deceit using contracts and the promise of fame and money—that was unlike anything I've ever heard of before."

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