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Monday, February 25, 2019

LC man charged for assault, drugs and falsifying a 911 call



Edward Hale

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Cracked cell phone leads to domestic assault



Alexander Parker

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Man refuses to speak to police after stealing a car



Justin McClendon

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Robert Edward Howland sentenced to 167 months in federal prison on armed robbery and firearms charges

Robert Edward Howland, 47, of Bristol, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, Senior U.S. District Judge, to serve a total of 167 months in federal prison. Howland was sentenced to 155 months for the 2016 armed robbery of the

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James Fitzgerald "Boogie" Simonton sentenced to 330 months for crack cocaine, firearms and witness intimidation offenses

On February 20, 2019, James Fitzgerald Simonton, a/k/a "Boogie," 51, of Kingsport, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, Senior U.S. District Judge, to serve 330 months in federal prison. There is no parole in the federal system.

Simonton was convicted by a jury, in March 2018, following a three-day trial, for conspiracy to distribute 280 grams or more of crack cocaine; possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense; three counts of being felon

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Verse of the Day

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. —Ephesians 4:25

Wazzup

A big Happy Birthday

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Weather

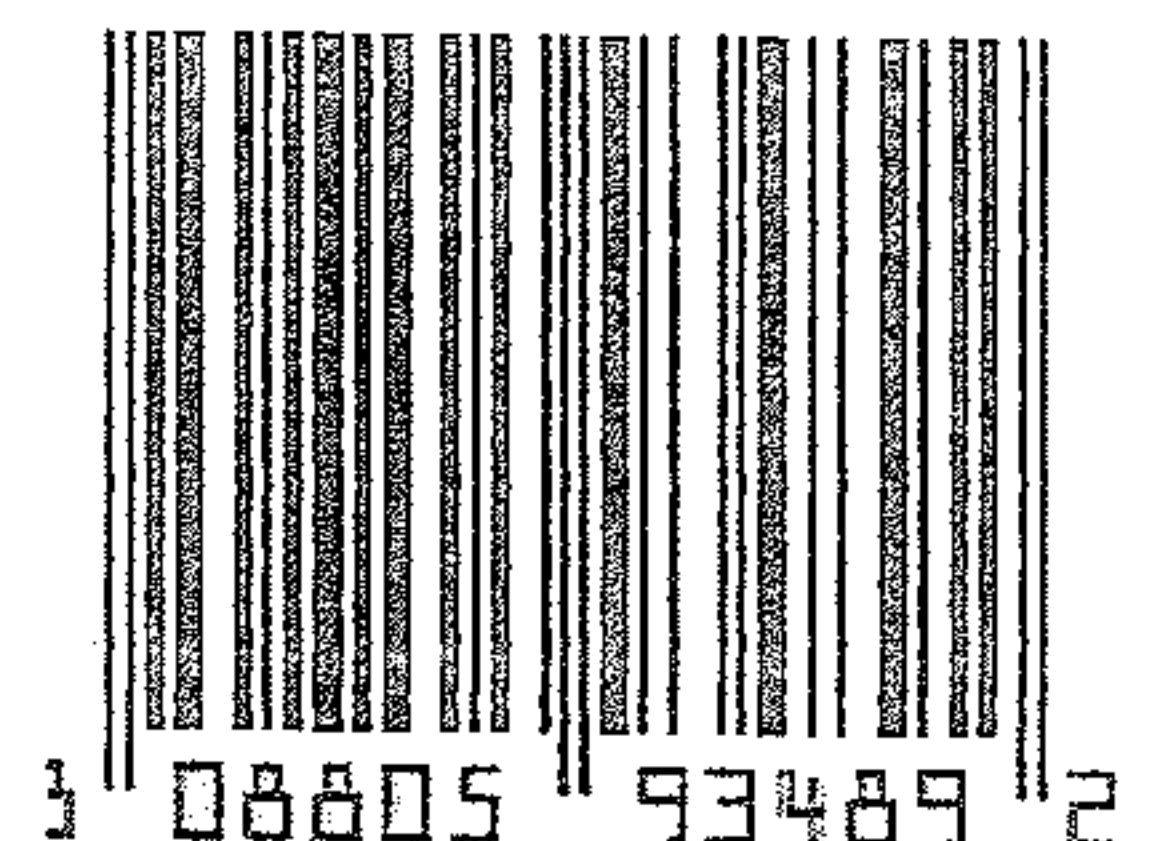
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31F. Tuesday: Partly Sunny. High of 60F. Tuesday night: Cloudy. Low of 37F. **Horoscopes** Pisces 2/19-3/20 Your confidence is growing by leaps and bounds

today. Your approach to everything around you changes as you become more unique and true to you. Thankfully, the people you work with are on board with your growing

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Assault

Edward Hale, 45, Cordova Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault, False Imprisonment, Interfere with Emergency Call, and Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI. Deputy Spradlin LCSO, was dis-

patched to Cordova Lane in reference to a 911 hang up call. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with victim and Edward Hale. The victim answered the door crying and had a white rag on the left side of her face. Deputy recognized that there had been a phys-

ical altercation between the victim and offender. Hale came down the stairs and Deputy began speaking with him. Hale stated he came home from work then left and went to Bull Feath-

ers and then came back home. Hale stated he went up stairs to see the victim who he thinks is cheating on him. Hale confronted victim during the conversa-

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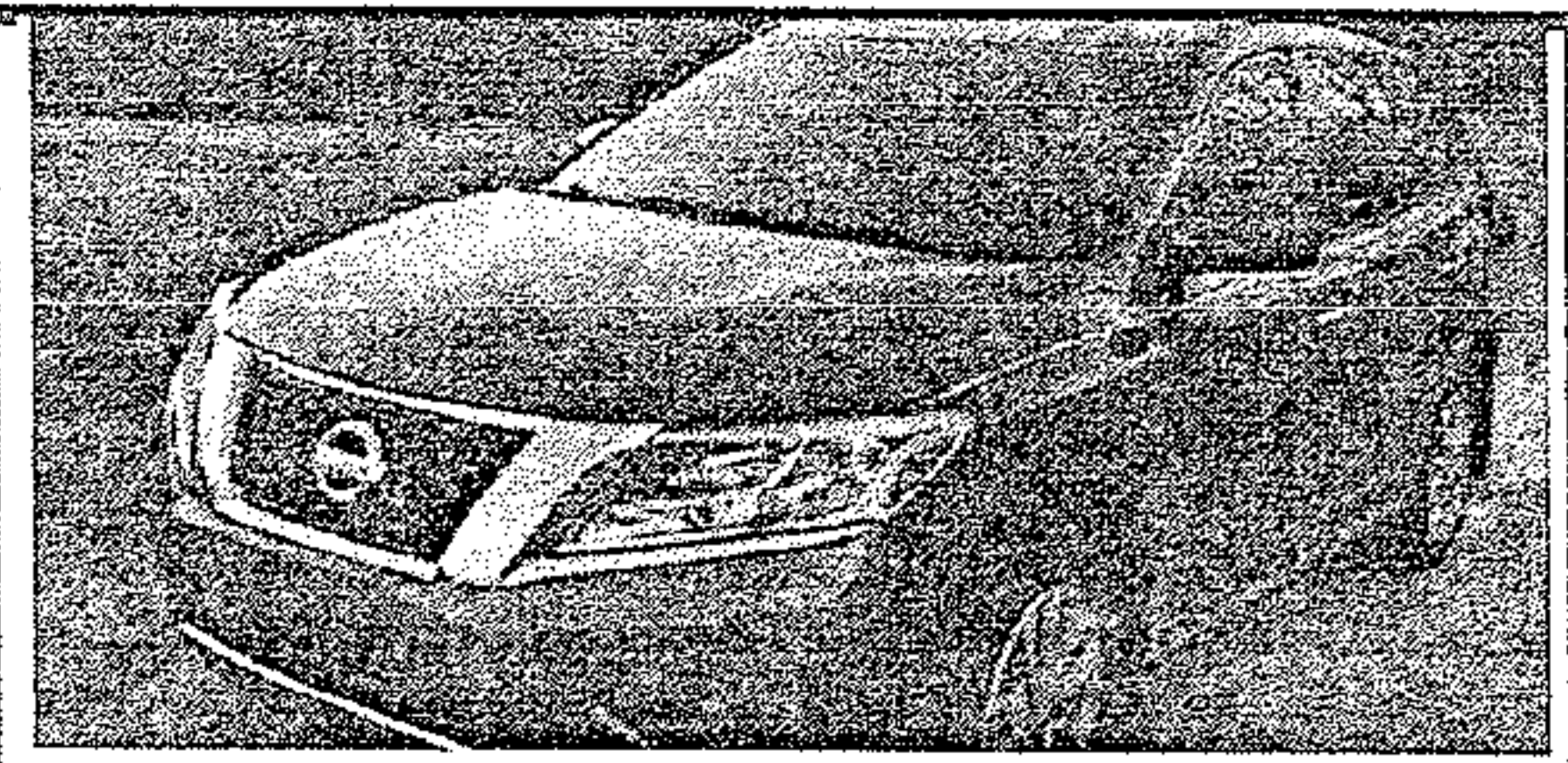
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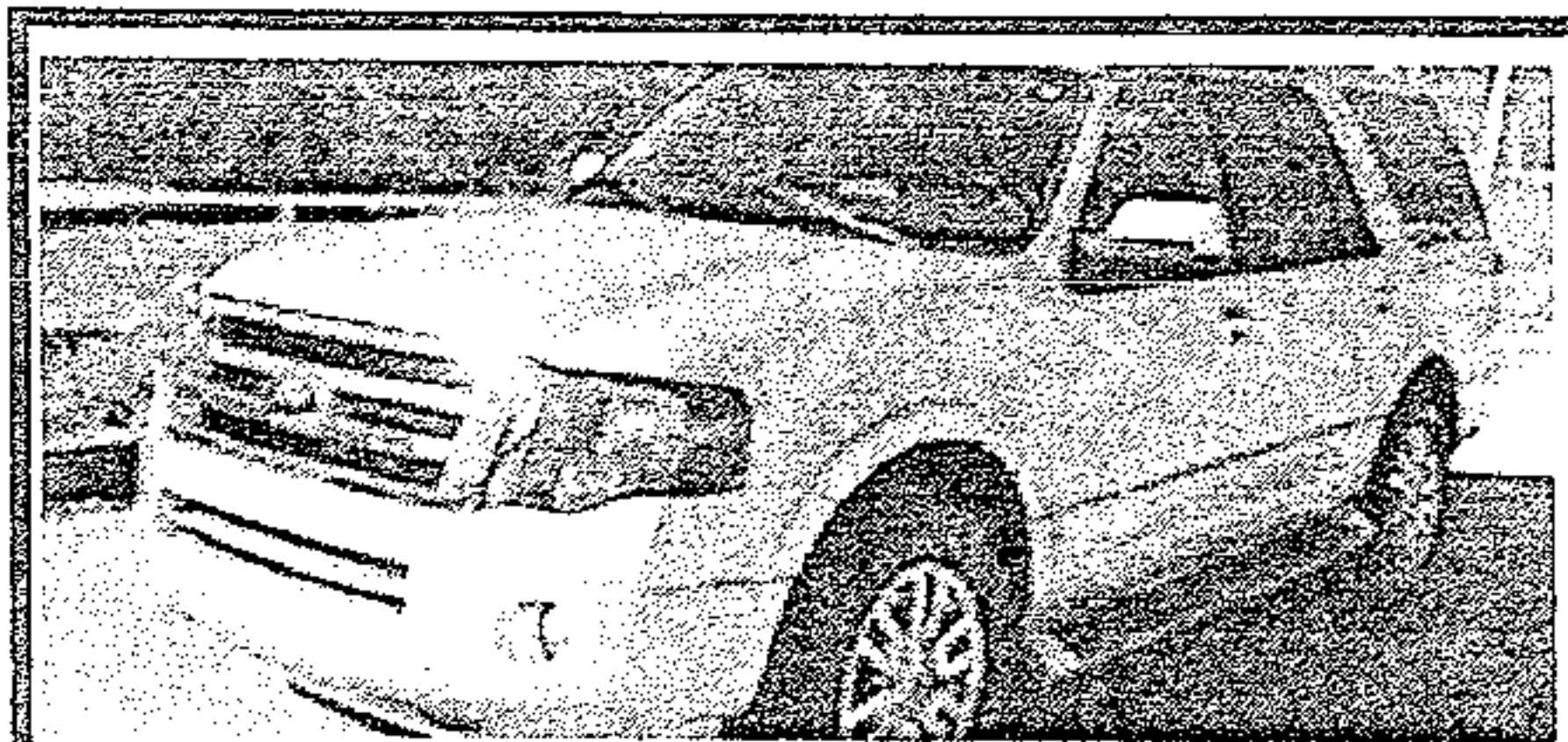
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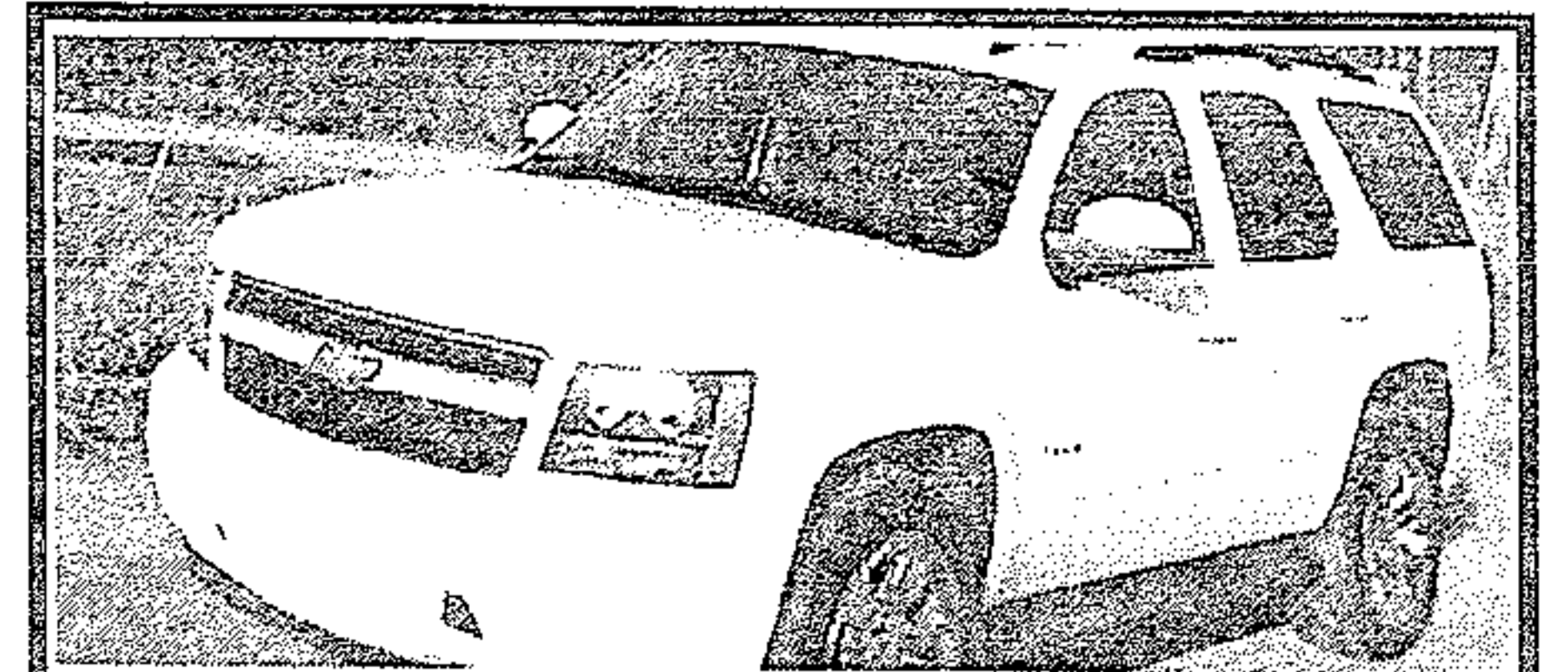
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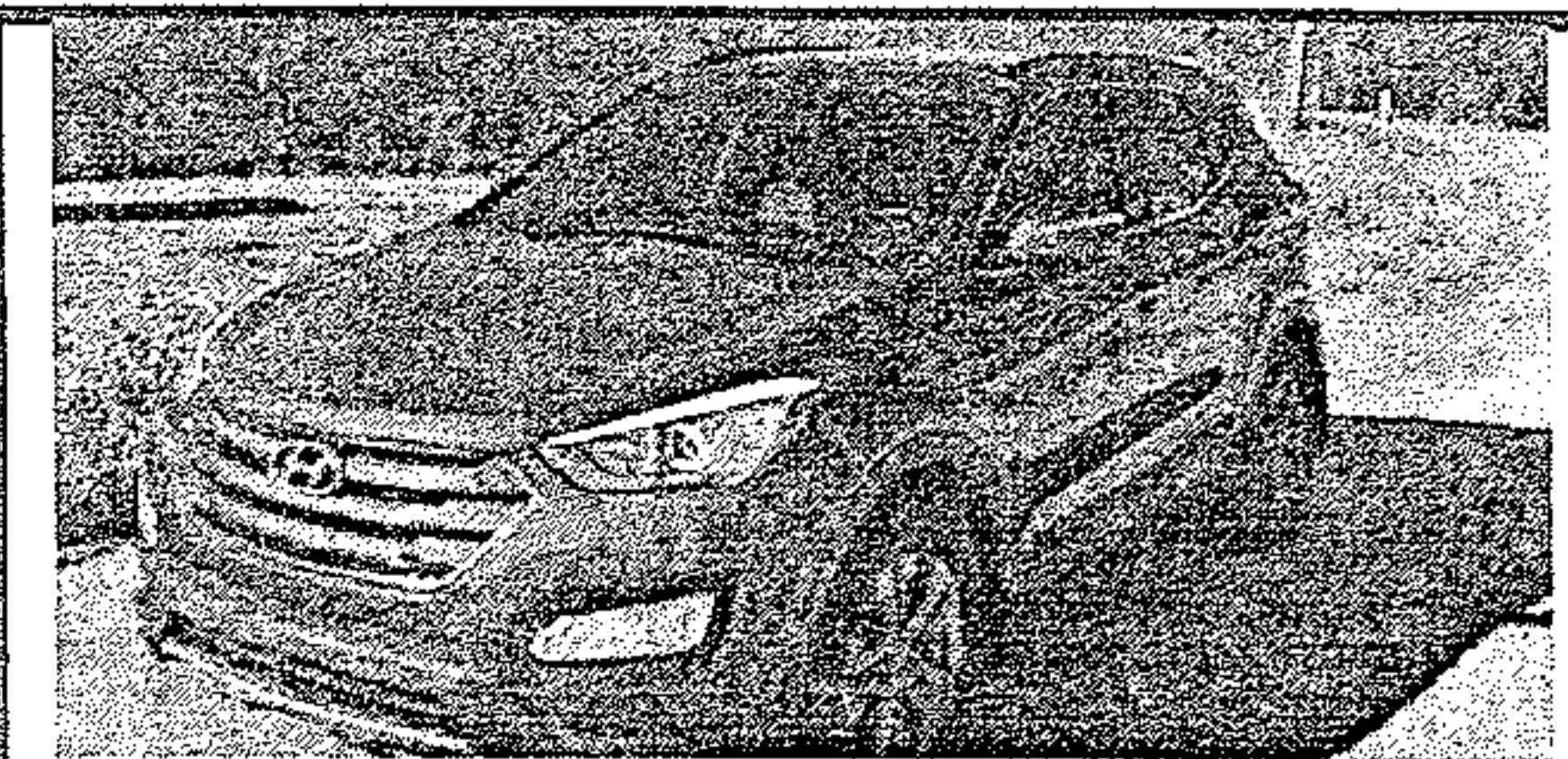
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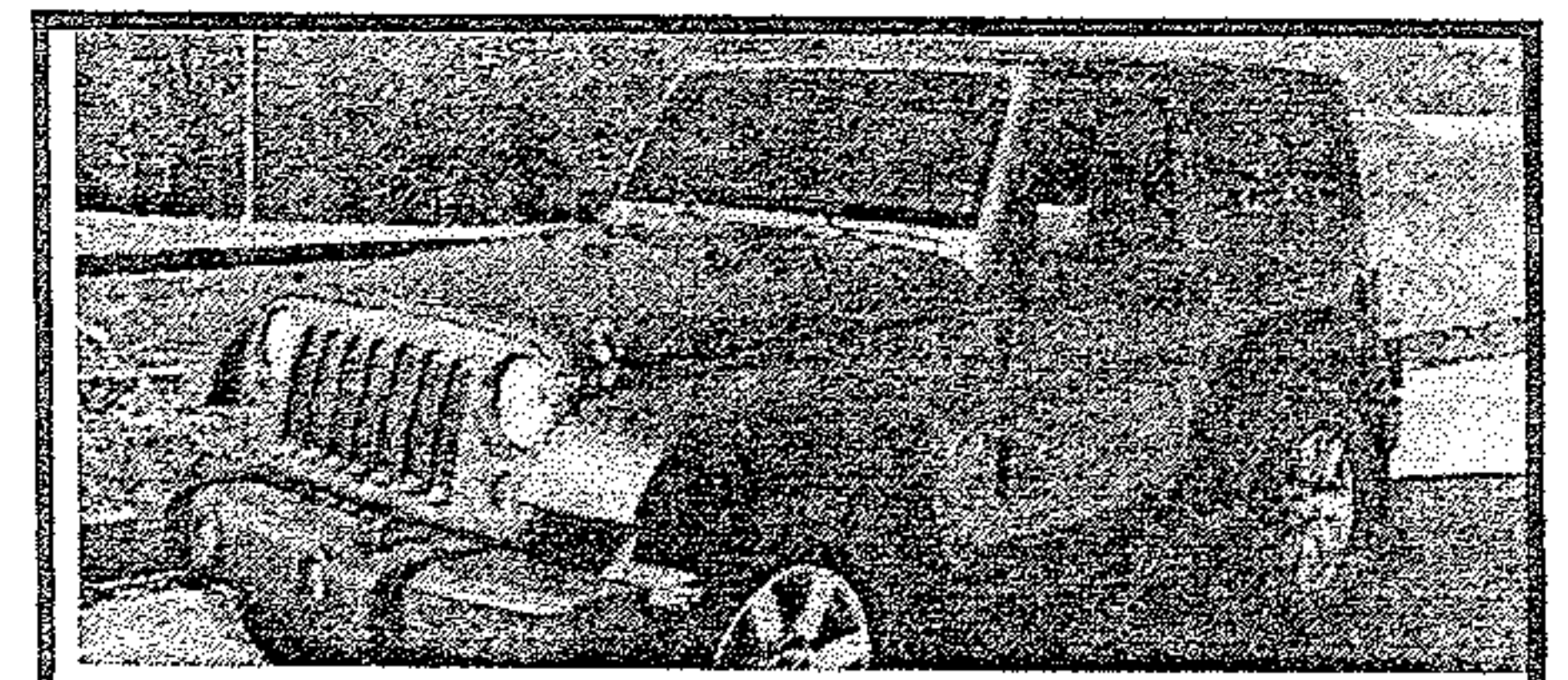
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tion the argument became physical and he stated the victim pushed him. Hale did state he hit victim in the face. Hale then began hitting the bed while the victim was trying to escape. Victim stated she called 911 and Hale hit her and took the phone

and smashed it. The victim stated Hale then grabbed a gun and backed her in the closet. The victim stated Hale then tried to give her the gun. Hale held the victim down on the floor preventing her from leaving. Edward Hale was placed under arrest.

Car Theft

Justin McClendon, 29, Homeless, was charged with Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Simple Possession. Officer Samuels LCPD, was dispatched to the area of W. 1st. Ave. in reference to theft of a motor vehicle. When enroute the victim, stated to dispatch that his silver vehicle was headed towards West Broadway then turned towards the Loudon Justice Center. After being dispatched Cpl. McGinley LCSO, observed the vehicle in question traveling W on US Hwy 11 towards Loudon County Justice Center. Cpl. Initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 11 at Sugarlimb Road. After Cpl. McGinley ran the registration dispatch advised it was the vehicle in question. Cpl. McGinley made contact with the driver Justin McClendon and detained him until Officer Samuels arrival. Once on scene Officer made contact with Justin

McClendon in the back of Deputy Lynn's patrol vehicle, and read him his Miranda Rights, at this time Justin stated he did not want to speak to Officer. Dispatch advised Justin license were suspended for failure to maintain proof of insurance, and an active vehicle theft warrant out of East Ridge PD. Officer located a small clear and white container with a crystal substance residue believed to be methamphetamine. Justin McClendon was placed under arrest.

Boogie

in possession of firearms; and, witness intimidation. Evidence presented at trial revealed that an investigation began following the May 2016 appearance of two young males with gunshot wounds at Indian Path Hospital, one of whom was Simonton's son. Detectives developed Simonton as a suspect in the shooting of the two. When officers went to his residence, they found a Glock pistol with extended magazine, which was traced by the Alcohol, To-

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Phone

Alexander Parker, 18, Ford Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy Dishner and Rogers LCSO, were responding to Ford Road for a Domestic Disturbance. Before arriving on scene Deputy Dishner observed a male walking on Ford Road. After making contact with the male Alexander Parker he did advised he was involved with the domestic. Deputy then transported Parker back to the scene and made contact with the victim, who stated they were arguing because Parker had cracked the screen on his cell phone, and argued over him paying for the phone. Parker became more irate, and victim stated Parker said he had a baseball bat in his room and would wear him out with it. Victim stated Parker slammed the phone on the ground and punched a hole in the door of his room. Parker was placed under arrest.

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bacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to Simonton's neighbor. Through the trace, detectives learned the firearm had been purchased at Academy Sports in Johnson City. Academy pro-

vided paperwork for the transaction and surveillance video from its store, which reflected Simonton had been present along with a codefendant during the purchase of the firearm. Additional surveillance video showed that Simonton was present when another firearm was purchased by his then girlfriend. As the investigation progressed, two codefendants, one of whom was another son of Simonton, were arrested for possession of crack cocaine, leading to information about Simonton's involvement in trafficking of crack cocaine from a source in Georgia into Sullivan County, Tennessee. Ultimately, the investigation successfully uncovered the firearm used in the shooting of the two young males, an AK63, 7.62 caliber rifle.

After his arrest, and while in federal custody, Simonton threat-

ened a cooperating witness against him in an effort to influence that witness' testimony. The jury found him guilty of intimidation of that witness.

Law enforcement agencies participating in this joint investigation were the Kingsport Police Department, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, and ATF. Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Gregory Bowman represented the United States in court proceedings.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a comprehensive national strategy that creates local partnerships with law enforcement agencies to effectively enforce existing gun laws. It provides more options to prosecutors, allowing them to utilize local, state, and federal laws to ensure that criminals who commit gun crime face tough sentences. PSN gives each federal district the flexibil-

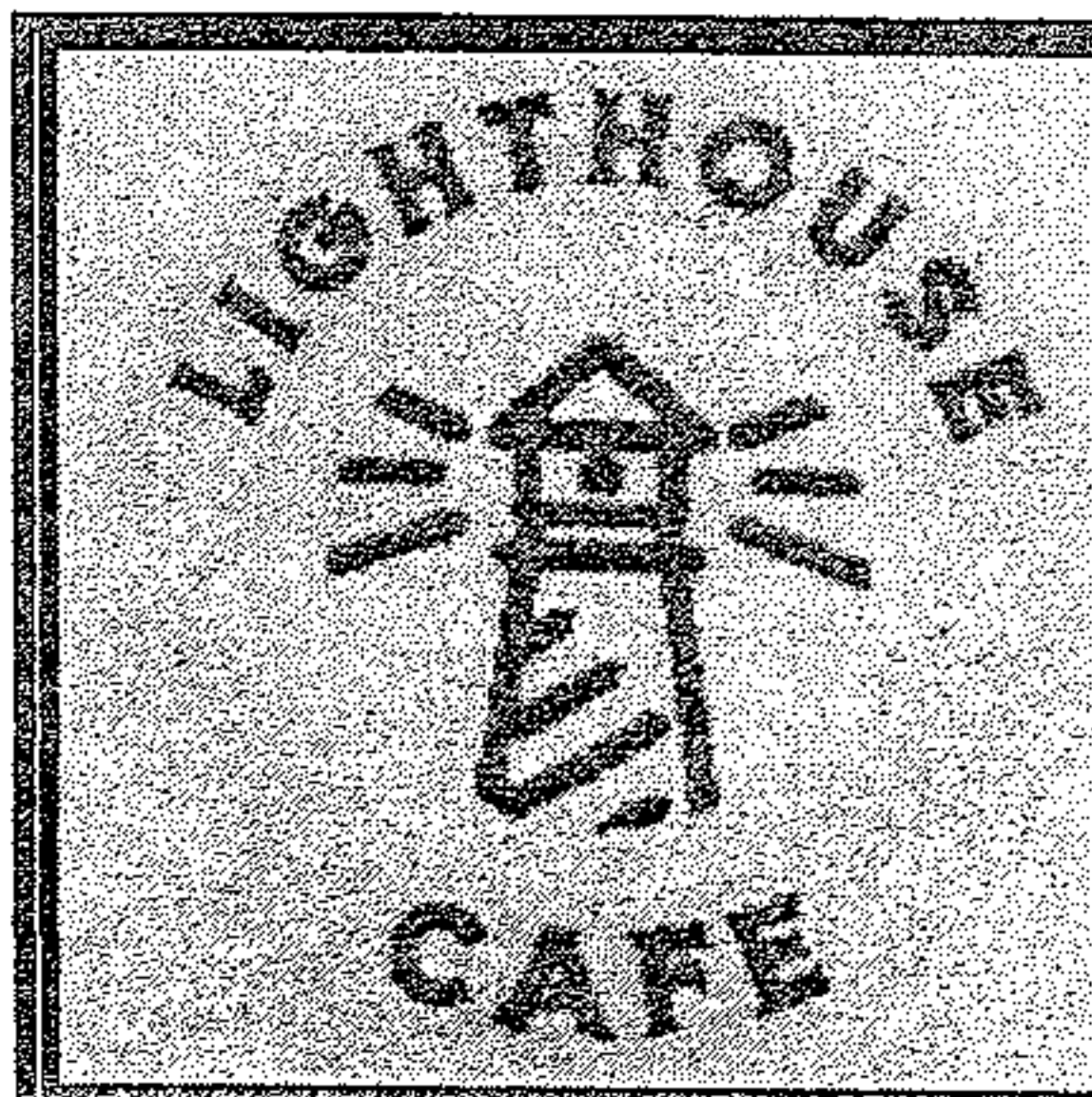
ity it needs to focus on individual challenges that a specific community faces.

Robbery

Big Orange Market in Bristol, Tennessee. He received an additional 12 months in prison, which will run consecutively, for violating the terms of his supervised release from a prior conviction. Upon his release from prison, he will be supervised by U.S. Probation for the remainder of his life.

According to the Robbery ctd. to p.5

plea agreement on file with the U.S. District Court, on November 26, 2016, Howland admitted to robbing the Big Orange Market by brandishing a semiautomatic pistol, pointing it at the clerk and putting it against her back. In addition to committing the robbery, he walked the clerk out of the store at gunpoint and attempted to force her inside his truck. A combination of the clerk yelling for help and other customers rushing to her rescue



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resulted in Howland speeding off alone. After the police located him, Howland refused to stop and led officers on a lengthy four county pursuit from Bluff City, Tennessee, to Jefferson City, Tennessee. When the officers finally stopped him and approached his vehicle, Howland was holding the same firearm he used to rob the store.

At the time of this offense, Howland was on supervised release from a December 2011 conviction in U.S. District Court for the felony offense of failing to register as a sex offender.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the investigation included the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau

of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Taylor represented the United States in court proceedings.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program that has been historically successful in bringing together all levels of law enforcement to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has made turning the tide of rising violent crime in America a top priority. In October 2017, as part of a series of actions to address this crime trend, Attorney General Sessions announced the reinvigoration of PSN and directed all U.S. Attorney's Offices to

develop a district crime reduction strategy that incorporates the lessons learned since PSN launched in 2001. The victim, criminal fines and felony assessments are paid to the department's Crime Victims Fund, which distributes the funds collected to federal and state victim compensation and victim assistance programs.

The largest civil collections were from affirmative civil enforcement cases in which the United States recovered government money lost to fraud or other misconduct or collected fines imposed on individuals and/or corporations for violations of federal health, safety, civil rights, or environmental laws. In addition, civil debts were collected on behalf of several federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Internal Revenue Service, the Small Business Administration, and the Department of Education.

Additionally, the U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District of Tennessee, working

with partner agencies and divisions, collected \$5,539,839.00 in asset forfeiture actions in FY 2018. Forfeited assets deposited into the Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund are used to restore funds to crime victims and for a variety of law enforcement purposes.

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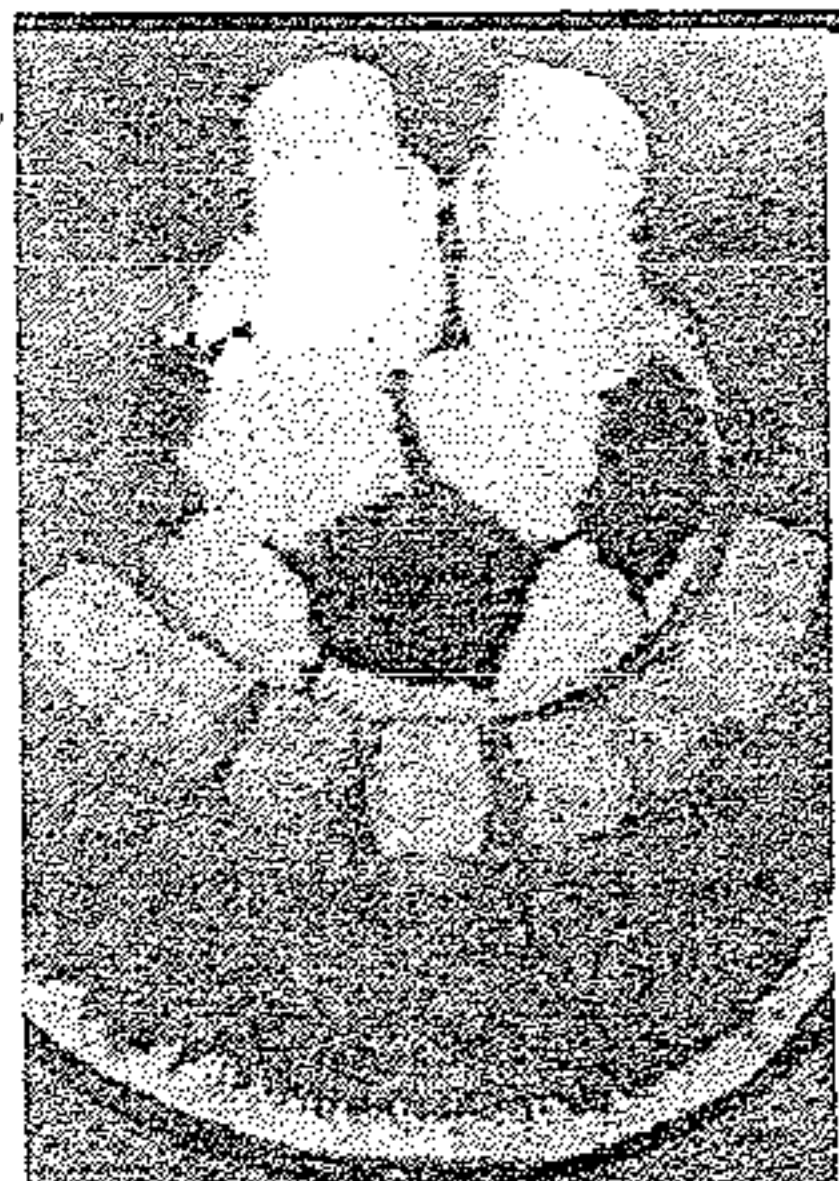
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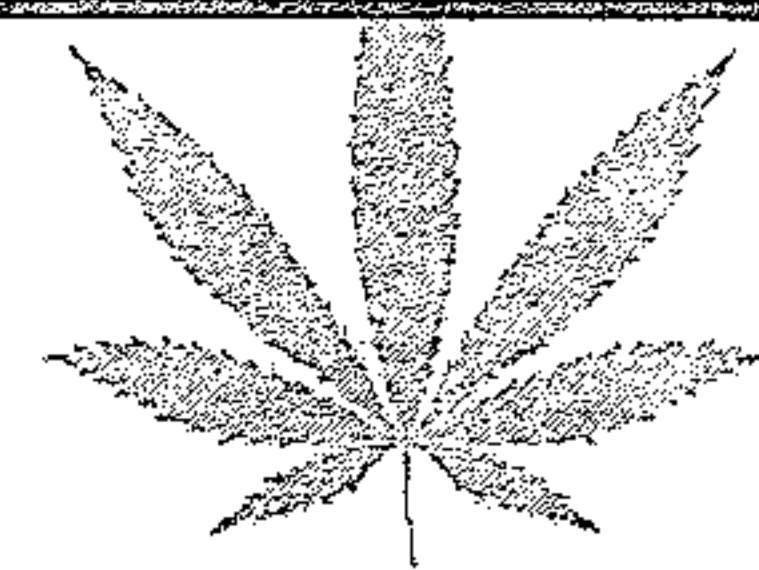
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