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Monday, March 11, 2019

LC man violently assaults woman with a pipe wrench, syringe and a knife



Michael Courtney

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Check forged, Philadelphia man charged x2



Luke Goodman

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Arrested for filing false reports



Kevin Dills

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The Good News The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Joel
2:1-2, 12-17

As we approach Lent, many of us are thinking about what practices to take up this year. How about the practice of paying attention--even to the hard stuff? The prophet Joel names what he sees: "the vine withers,

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Results of Elder Fraud Sweep Announced, More Than 2 Million Seniors Victimized in Past Year

The FBI joined federal partners and Attorney General William P. Barr today in announcing the results of a yearlong targeted effort to capture and prosecute fraudsters who prey on the elderly. Coordinated

law enforcement actions in the past year, they said, resulted in criminal cases against more than 260 defendants who victimized more than 2 million Americans, most of them elderly. Losses are estimated to

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Verse of the Day

The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.
—Psalm 121:7-8

Wazzup

When the arrows on the roadway tell you to get over.. GET OVER

Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of 61F.
Tonight: Cloudy. Low of

38F.
Tuesday: Cloudy. High of 61F.
Tuesday night: Clearing. Low of 42F.
Horoscopes
Pisces 2/19-3/20
A few hours of hibernation may be in order today, but

nobody says you to have to do it alone. Being in the company of one of your favorite humans could soothe your soul just as much as a nice, long nap. Your relaxation is doubled

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Assault

Michael Courtney, 49, Ford Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault, and Interfere with Emergency Call. Deputy Pesterfield LCSO, was dispatched to the parking lot of the Loudon County Justice Center for

a female wanting to report an assault. Deputy made contact with (the victim). The victim stated that on this date around 20:30 hours she went to Ford Rd. were she has been living with the offender Mr. Michael Courtney. The victim stated the day before she and the offender

got into an argument and she left the residence. The victim stated the couple talked earlier in the day and were going to meet at the residence and talk. The victim stated when she arrived the offend-

er grabbed her purse and threw it at her. She stated he then jumped on top of her and began hitting her in the face and then bit the top of her head. She stated the offender then took Assault ctd. to pg. 3

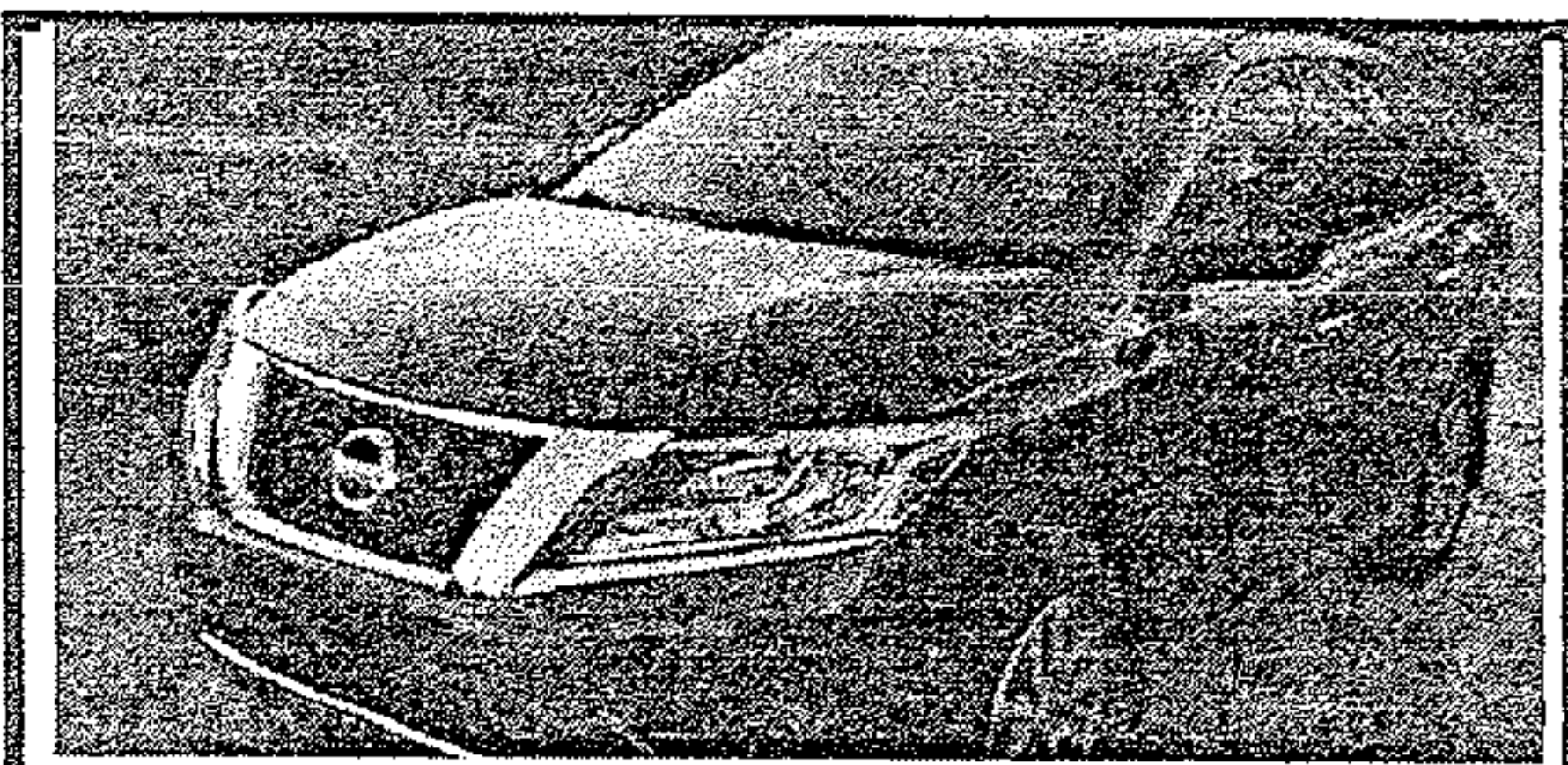
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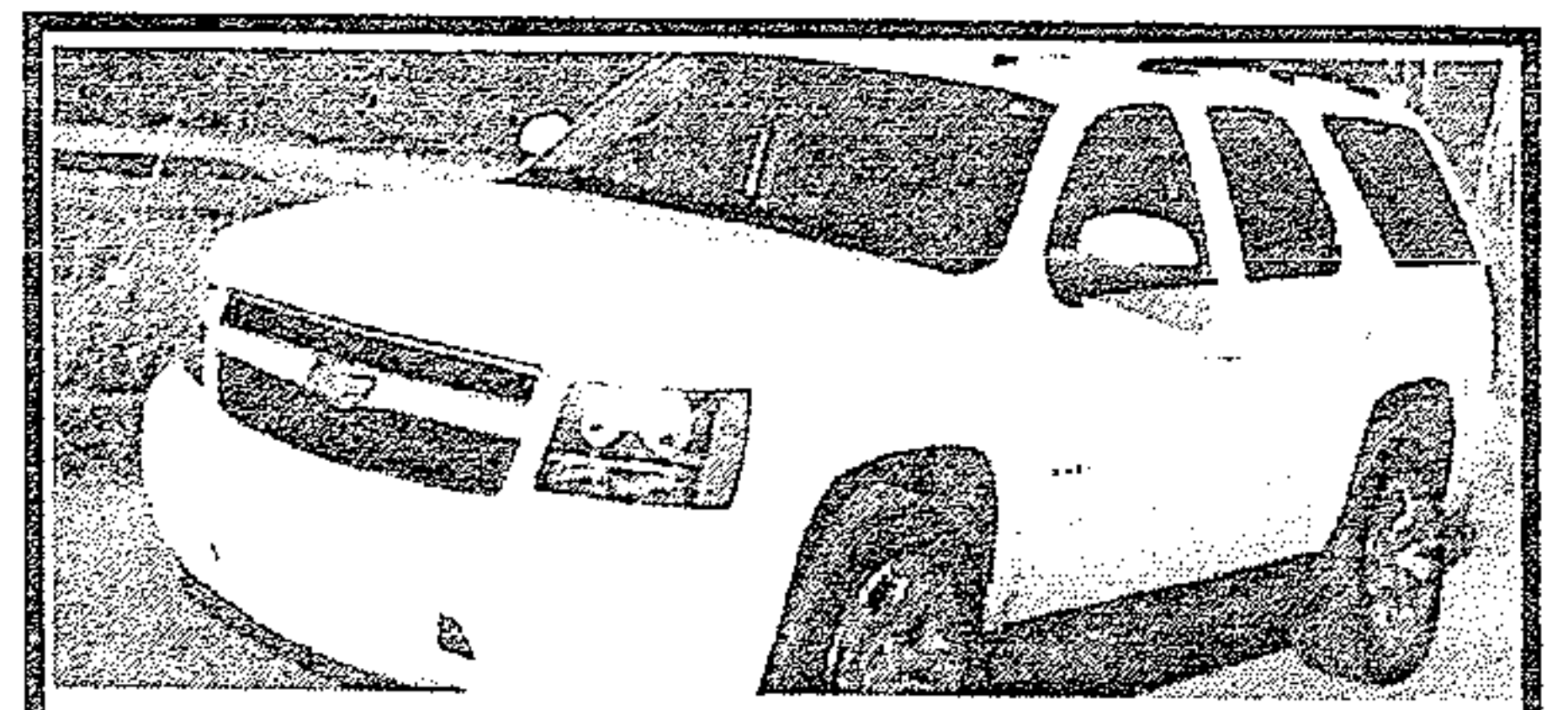
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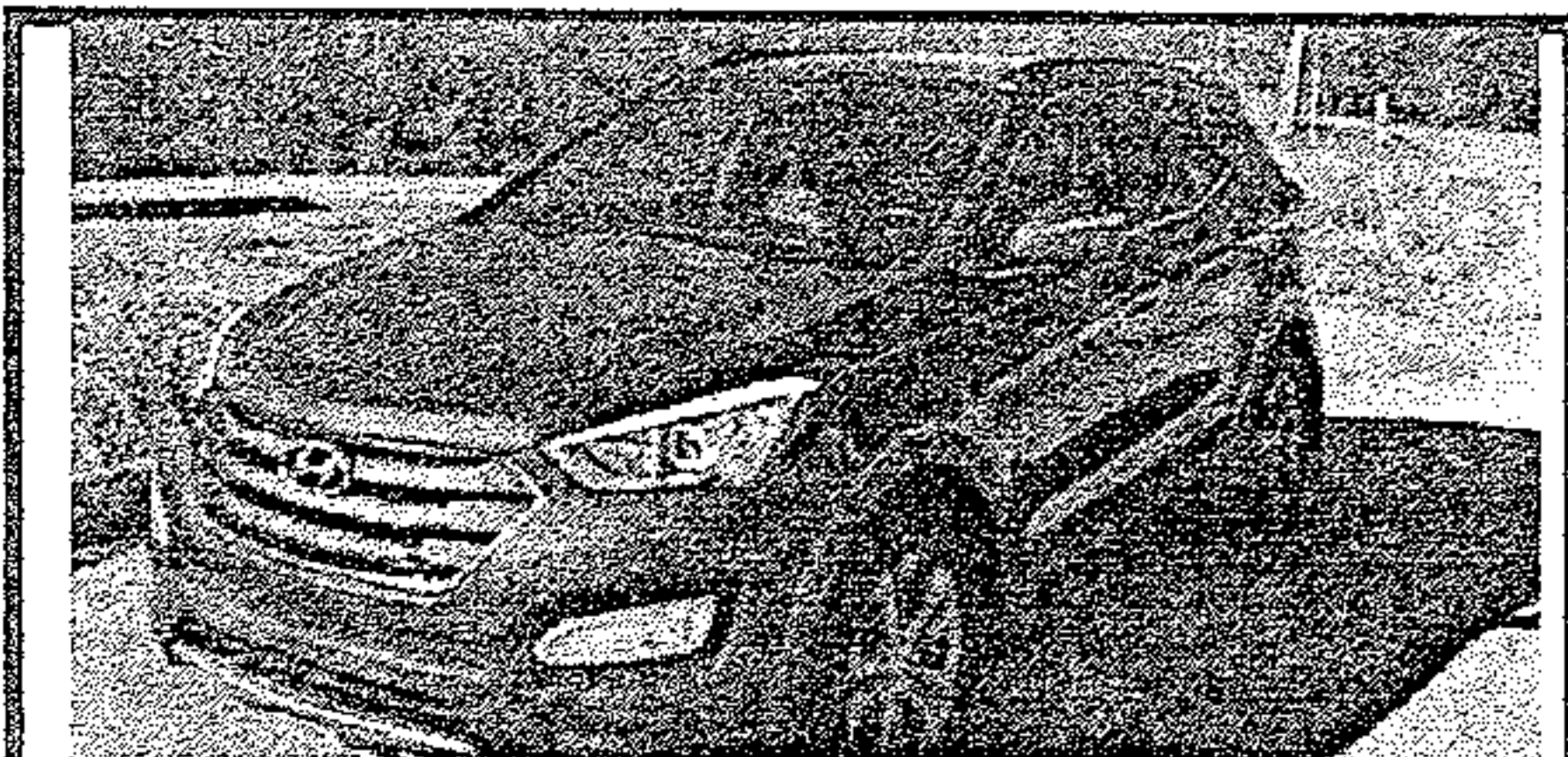
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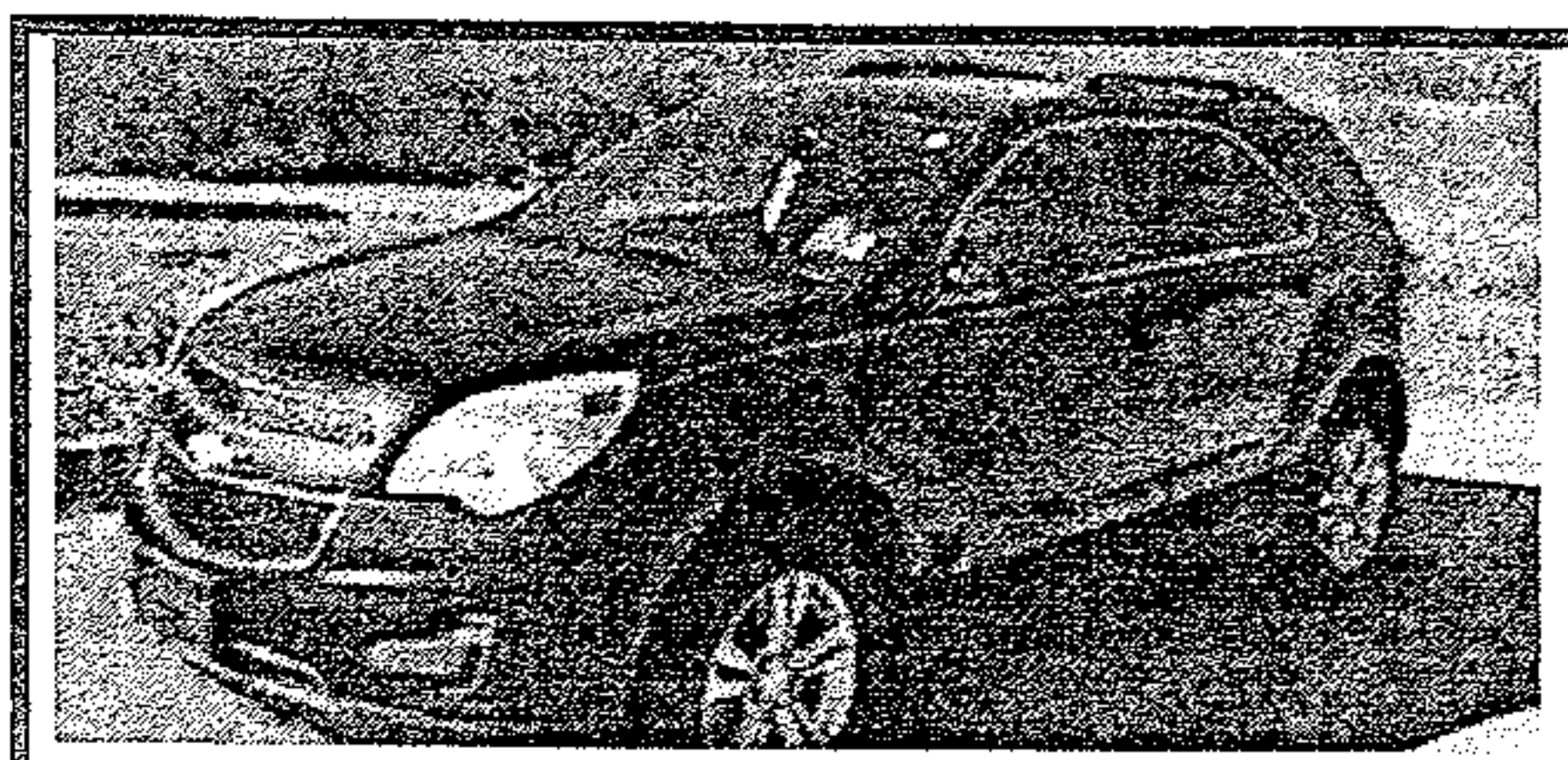
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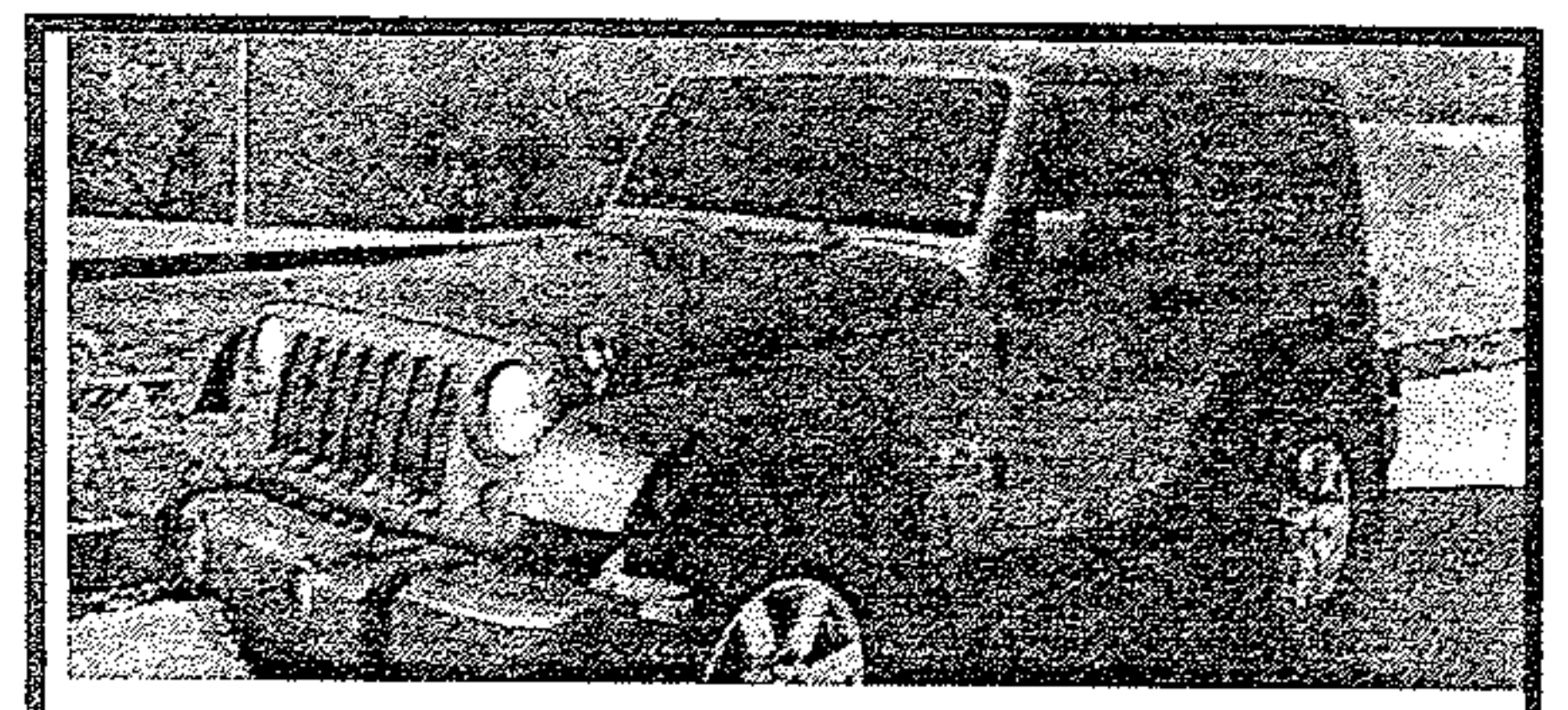
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a syringe and stabbed her multiple times in the left shoulder with it. The victim stated the offender then hit her in the back several times with a pipe wrench. The victim stated she attempted to kick the offender off of her he then stated he would kill her and displayed a knife but

never touched her with it. The victim stated the offender took her cell phone and keys and would not allow her to leave or call for help when she told the offender she was going to call 911. She stated the offender took \$100.00 out of her purse and gave her the phone and keys. She stated she met the offenders mother at the Kenjo

gas station in Lenoir City and she gave the victim \$100.00. Deputy did witness the victim to have visible injuries that included a knot on the top right of her head and a busted lip that was very swollen. The victim refused EMS multiple times but did state she was going to seek medical attention. The victim did give a written and body cam recorded statement of the events. All the above actions did occur in Loudon County TN.

United Community Bank Branch located at Mulberry St. in Loudon in an attempt to cash it. This check was originally written for a magazine subscription. The check had been altered to appear as if it had been written to female and Luke Goodman for the amount of Eighty Dollars. Goodman was picked out of a photo line up and identified as the individual that had brought the check into the bank in an attempt to pass it. He also gave a written and verbal statement as to being the one attempting to pass said check. He stated that he and female had found this check in a truck belonging to victim which they had borrowed. He states that female altered the check and he took it into the bank. This was done with the intent to defraud victim. Said happened in Loudon Co.

Check

Luke Goodman, 23, Washington Pike Philadelphia was charged with Forgery x2. Luke Goodman did take check number 166 drawn on the United Community Bank account of the victim, to the

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Personnel Committee Meeting**

The Lenoir City Personnel Committee will meet at City Hall, in the small conference room, on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider filling vacancy in the Police Department.



When Do We Meet:
Every Monday Night
Doors open at 6pm Program starts at 6:30. Childcare provided

Where Do We Meet:
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- What Groups We Offer:**
- Chemically Dependent Men & Women
 - CoDependent/Family Support Men & Women
 - Youth Recovery 14 - 18



*A person standing alone can be lifted and disabled, but two can stand and lift each other, and together three are even better for a broken world that is not easily broken. Ephesians 4:12

Reports

Kevin Dills, 29, Grove Street Loudon, was charged with False Reports/Statements. Deputy Kirkland LCSO, was notified that Mr. Kevin Dills had an active warrant for filing a false report (20190211154). Deputy made contact with Mr. Dills at Grove St. and he was taken in to custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. This did occur in Loudon County Tennessee. Video recorded via body camera and in car camera.

Elders

have exceeded more than \$700 million. "The people involved are vulnerable, and because of their stage in life, they don't have the opportunity frequently to recover. And so these losses are devastating to them," Barr said during a press conference at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. The number of defendants, victims, and alleged financial losses exceeded last year's figures, when the Department of Justice announced charges against more than 250 subjects and losses of more than \$600 million. The

targeted federal efforts were set in motion in 2017 with the enactment of the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act, which included, among other things, enhanced penalties for telemarketers who target or victimize people over age 55.

Barr described a scam in which fraudsters used his own name and official photo from his previous time as attorney general to try to lure victims to pay to apply for a "government grant." Barr said he received numerous calls as the scam circulated on social media and had to work with social media companies to have it taken down. "Some of the people were desperately hoping this was not a scam, and they were inquiring about my abilities to send them money," Barr said.

Former FBI Director William Webster, 95, and his wife, Lynda, attended the press conference, not only as distinguished

guests but also as victims of a fraudster who targeted them in 2014. A caller told the Websters they had won millions of dollars and a new car but they needed to pay thousands of dollars to cover shipping and handling. When the couple hedged, the caller made death threats.

The Websters were targeted in a Jamaican lottery scheme, one of a variety of scams designed to separate seniors from their money. Other common schemes include romance scams, which prey on lonely seniors, and technical-support scams, in which criminals call potential victims and trick them into providing remote access to their computers or devices.

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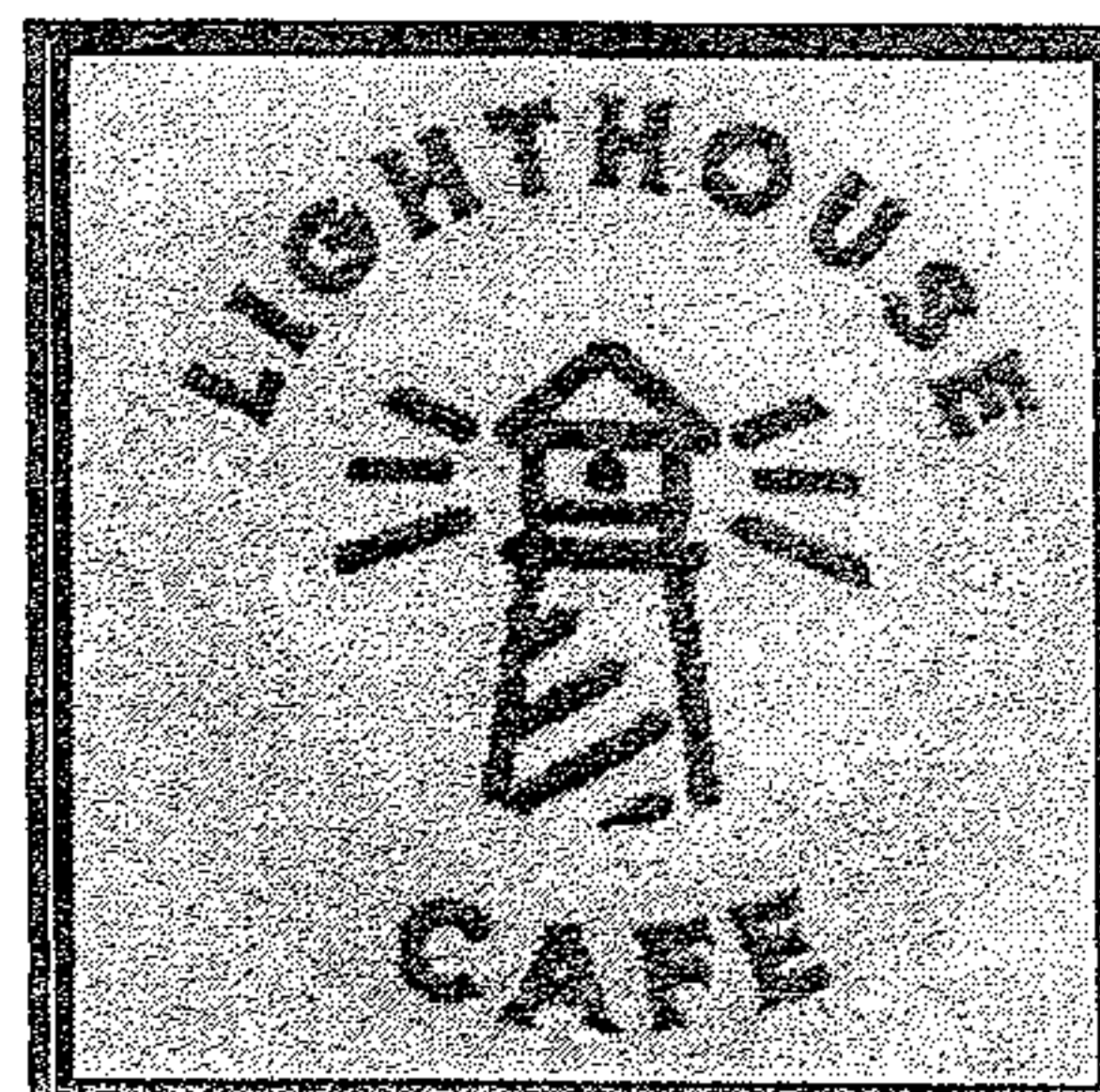
support and our protection, and we're going to do everything we can to be sure they're not defrauded and that they are protected," William Webster said at today's press conference.

The FBI has opened 66 economic crime investigations related to elder fraud since March 1, 2018, according to the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3),

a web-based clearinghouse for complaints of suspected crimes facilitated by the Internet. Its data shows confidence fraud and romance scams aimed at the elderly accounted for more than \$184 million in losses over the past year.

Technical-support fraud schemes have cost victims over age 60 more than \$26 million since last March. The schemes

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generated more than 142,000 complaints last year to the Federal Trade Commission, with consumers over age 70 filing the most complaints.

Meanwhile, the FBI and its partners conducted more than 300 interviews and served scores of warning letters during a two-month sweep last fall aimed at "money mules"—people who conduct illegal financial transactions (sometimes unwittingly) on behalf of criminals. In some cases, seniors who have been tapped out of their money are then asked to help facilitate other transac-

tions with the false promise of earning a lucrative fee.

Criminals target seniors because they tend to be more trusting, polite, and financially secure. They are also less likely to report a crime because of shame or embarrassment. That said, it is important to inform law enforcement, whether by reporting fraud to the FBI's IC3, the Federal Trade Commission, or local or state authorities. That way, law enforcement can spot trends, warn the public about specific scams, and develop strategies to stop the fraudsters.

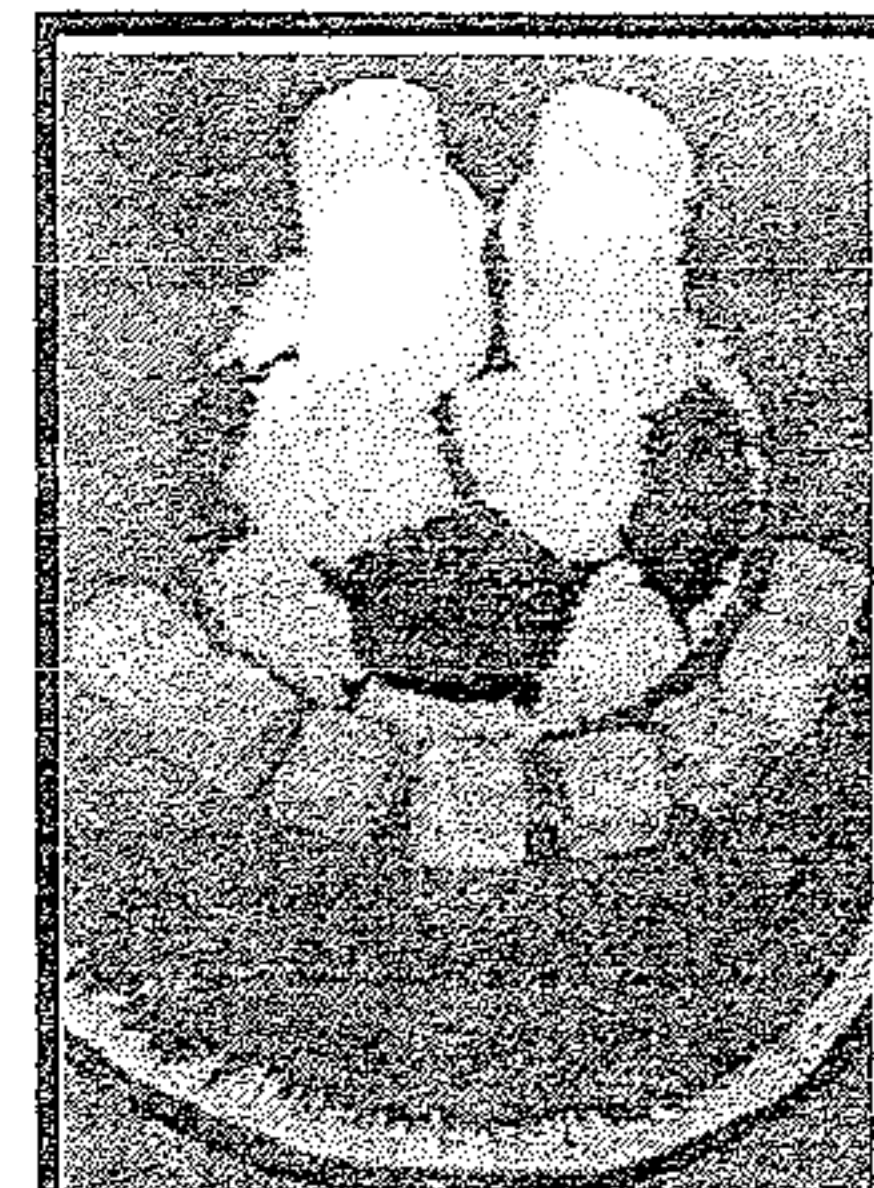
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the fig tree droops ..." (1:12). After noticing, Joel calls the people to a time of grief, with the traditional symbols of sackcloth and ashes, and with weeping, mourning, and rending of hearts.

Our culture does everything it can to avoid pain, with busy schedules and on-demand entertainment. What if you took this time of Lent to slow down and notice what's going on in your own heart? Among your neighbors? With the earth? Don't worry for now about how to fix what is wrong. At first, it's just enough to notice, and to let our hearts be broken by what's broken in the world. How might you grieve along with God? Can you trust God enough to be sad for a time? Prayer: God, show me what I need to

see in the world around me. Open my eyes and give me the courage to keep them open to my neighbors, even when they're full of tears. We cry out to you together, Lord, wherever joy withers away among your people. Amen.

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