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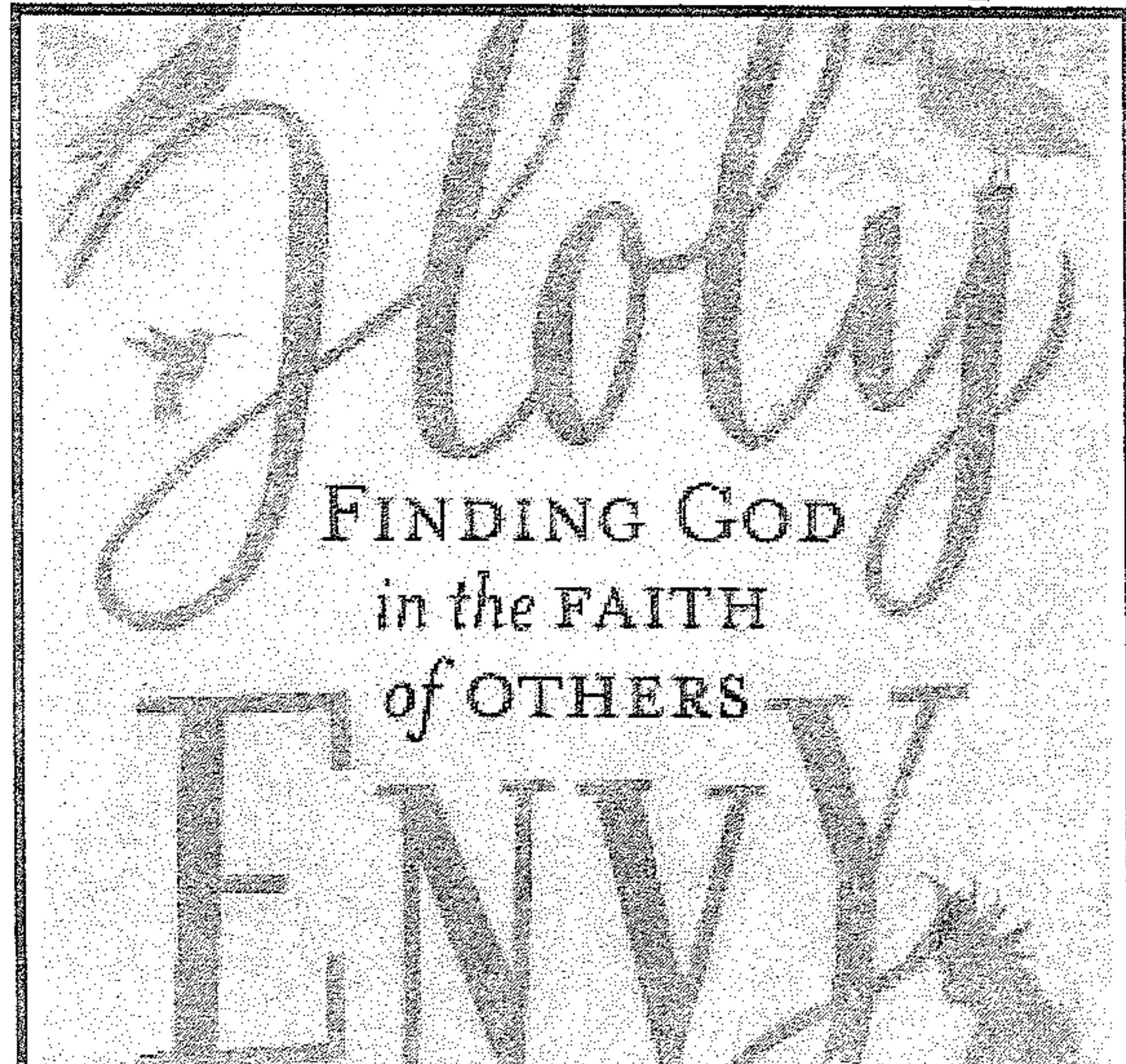
## Tennessee Highway Patrol Announces Youth and Junior Trooper Academy



*Junior Trooper Academy*

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## Best-selling Author Barbara Brown Taylor to Speak in Knoxville April 8



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### Verse of the Day

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world,

was taken up in glory.  
—1 Timothy 3:16

### Wazzup

PTO Family STEM night!! Check it out in March 21st at 6:00pm.

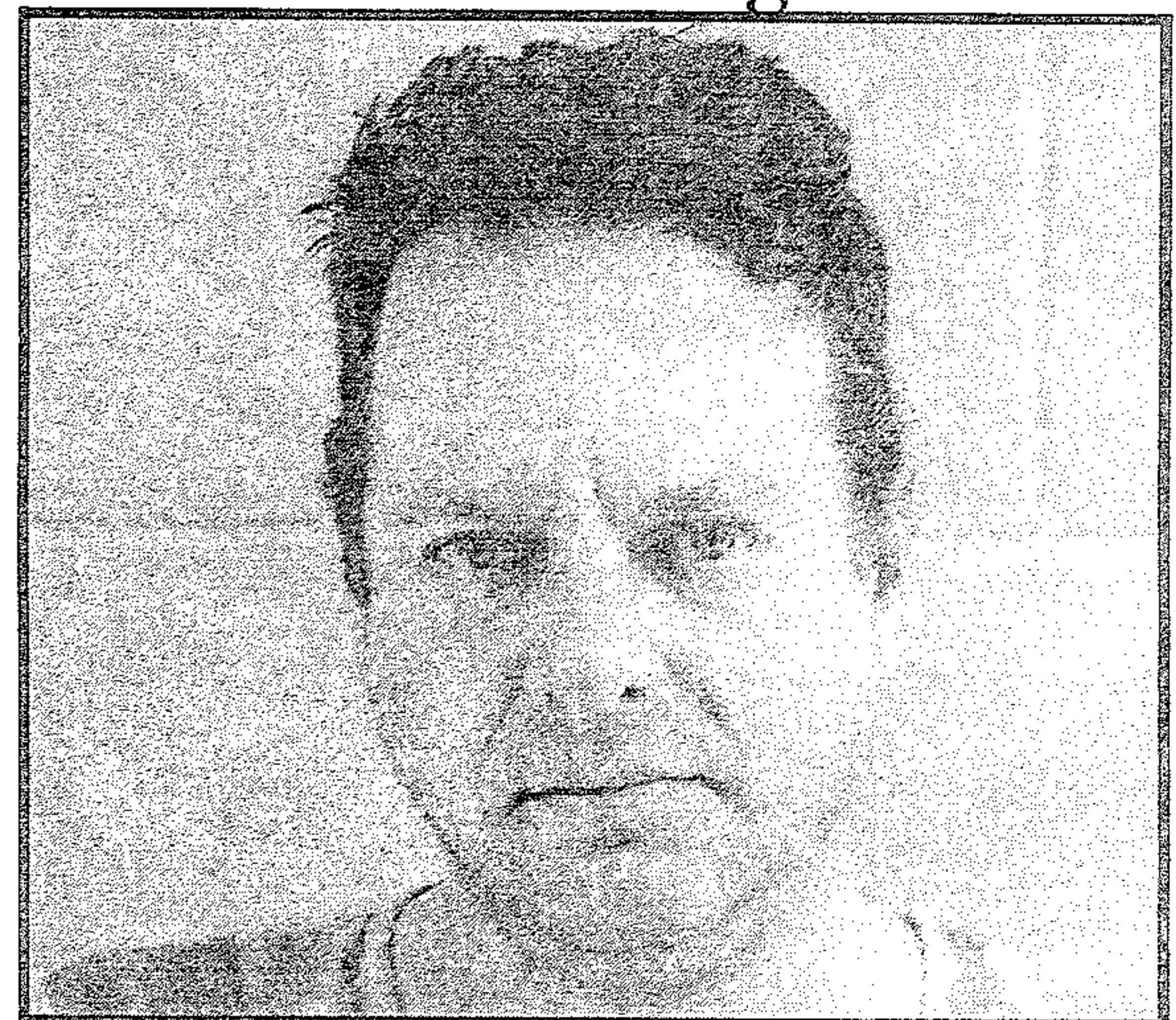
### Weather

Today: Sunny. High of

61F.  
Tonight: Clear. Low of 42F.  
Thursday: AM Showers. High of 55F.  
Thursday night: Clearing. Low of 36F.  
**Horoscopes**  
Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your sphere of positive influence spreads wider than you realize now. Channel your steadfast energy into a crusade on behalf of a good cause while assertive Mars in

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*Bruce Fontecchio*

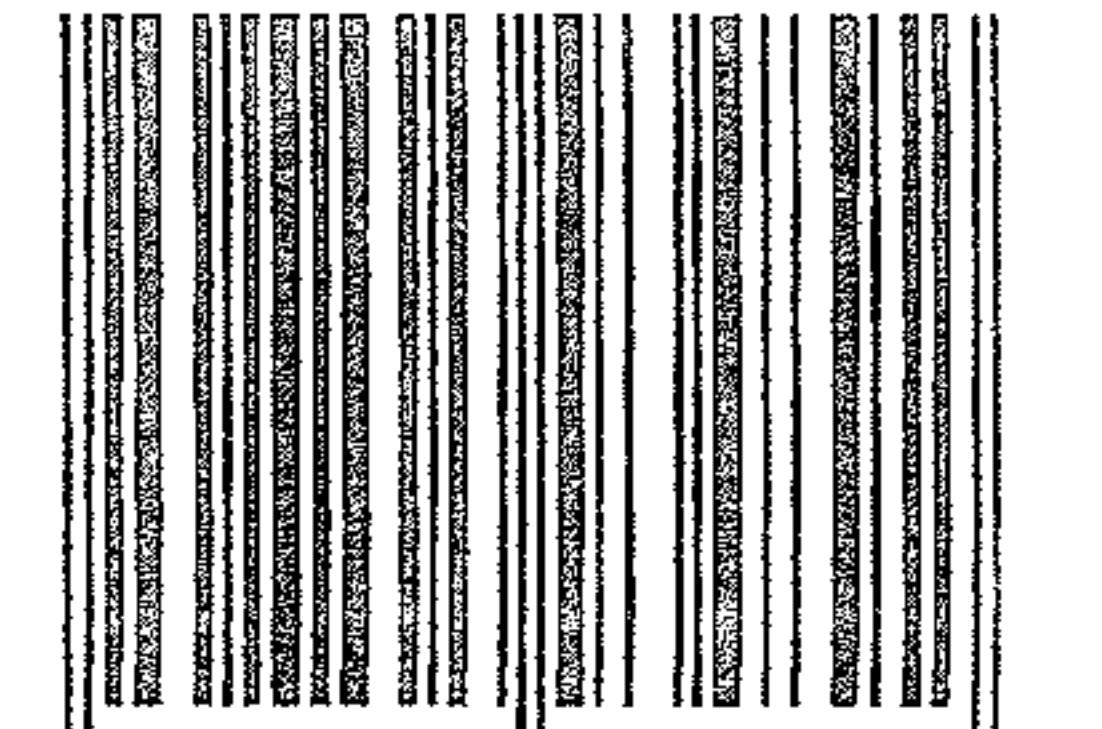
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## Futures Foreclosed Mortgage Fraudster Caused Victims to Lose Out on Dream of Homeownership

The pitch sounded enticing: for an up-front fee, real estate “investor” Hasan Hussain promised to find clients the homes of their dreams or negotiate the loans of existing homeowners struggling to pay their mortgages.

Yet Hussain did neither of those things. He simply took his victims’ money—depriving them of their dreams of homeownership and defrauding them out of more than \$1 million. Hussain targeted people for whom English was

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## Academy

The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) is excited to offer youths who have an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement the opportunity to attend THP's Youth and Junior Academy this summer!

The Junior Academy, designed for middle school

students grades 5-8 will take place June 24-28. The Youth Academy, designed for high school students grades 9-12 will take place July 7-12. Cadets will be provided educational and recreational experiences that involve respect, discipline, integrity, team building, physical fitness and much more.

In addition, cadets will be involved in a community service project supporting the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Nashville Rescue Mission. This will encompass a canned food drive where collected donations will directly support

food banks in the cadets' communities. Food donations can be dropped off at any one of our eight district headquarter locations. Both academies are being held at the THP Training Center located at 283 Stew-

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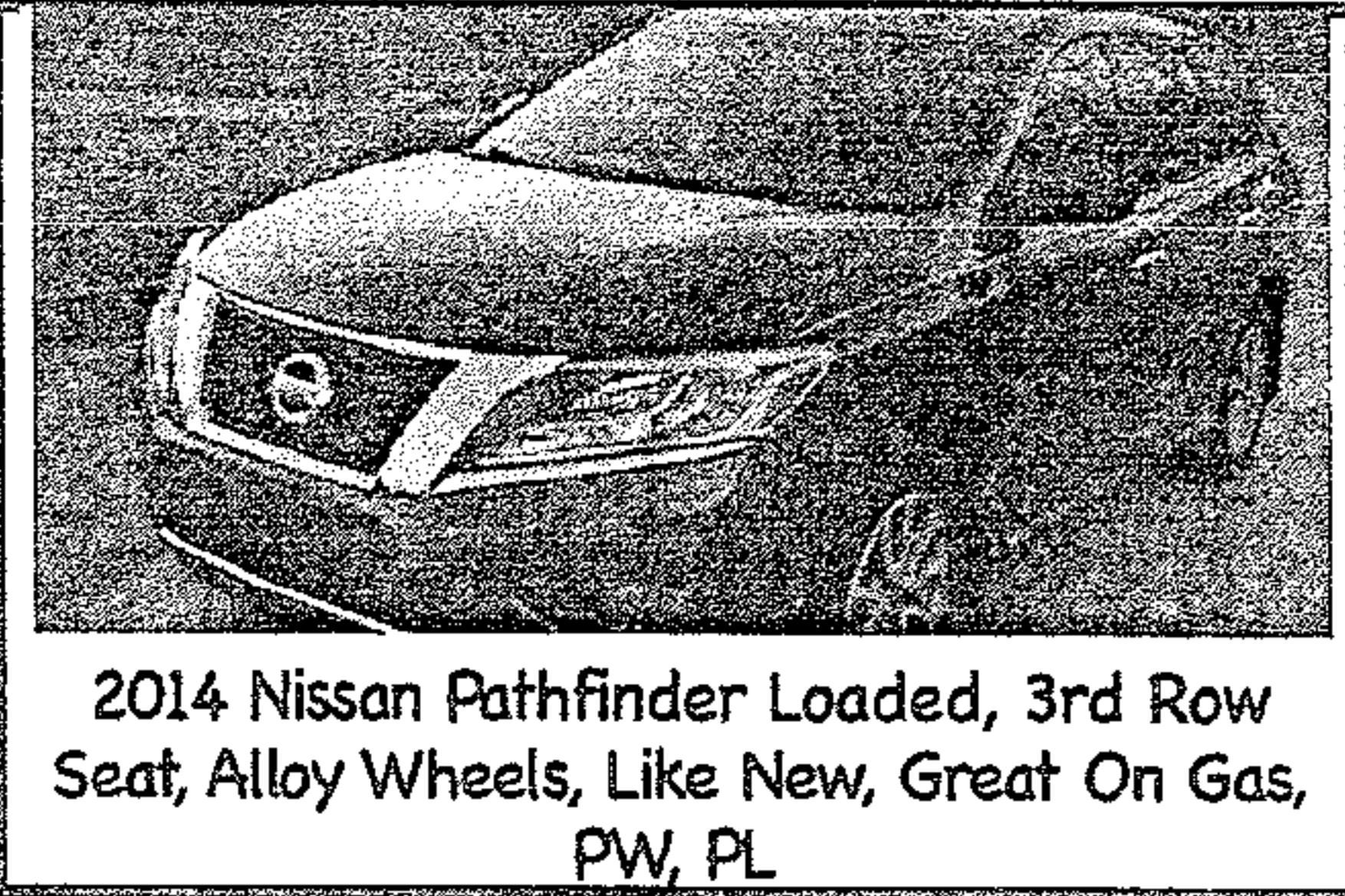
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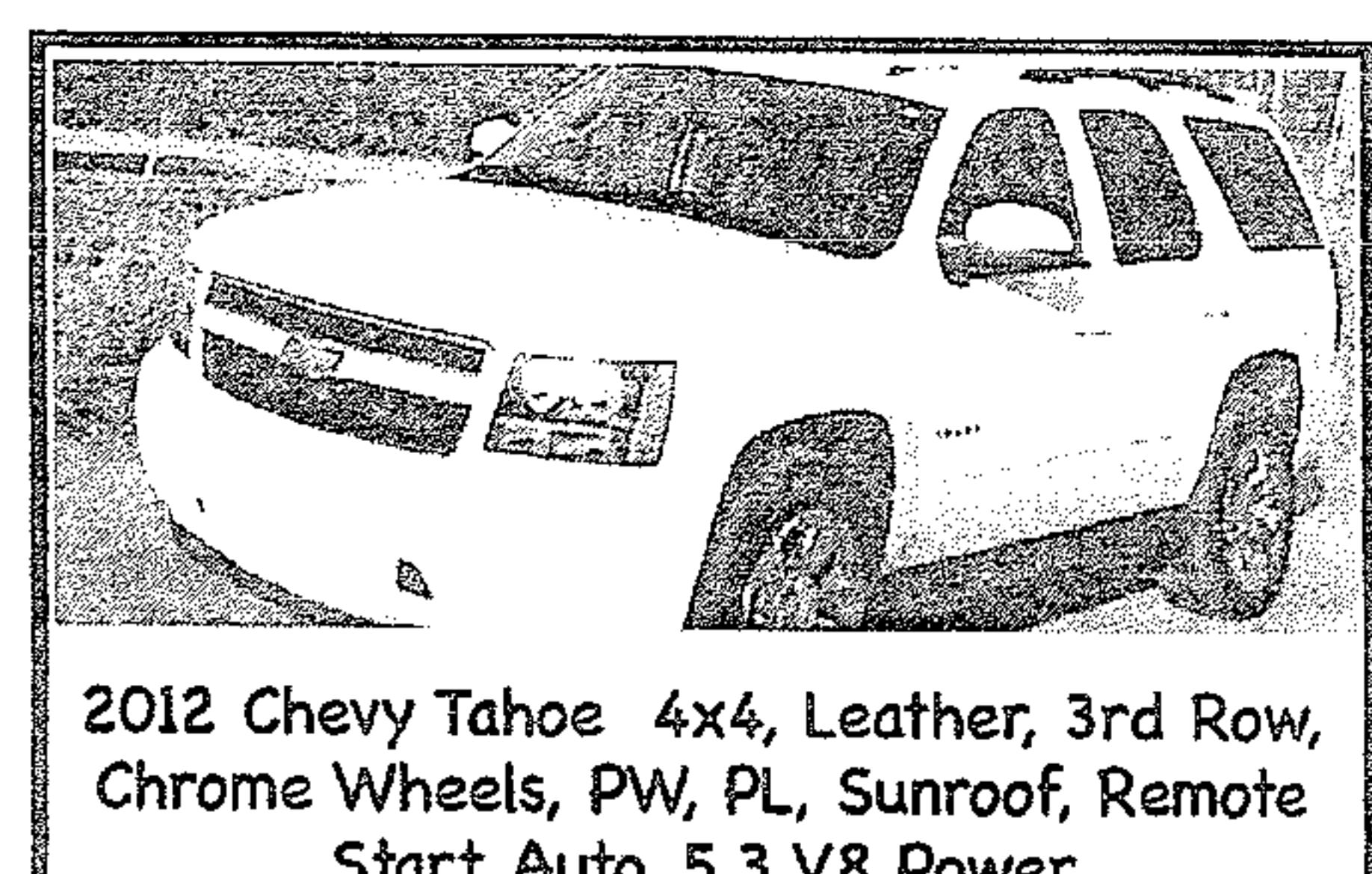
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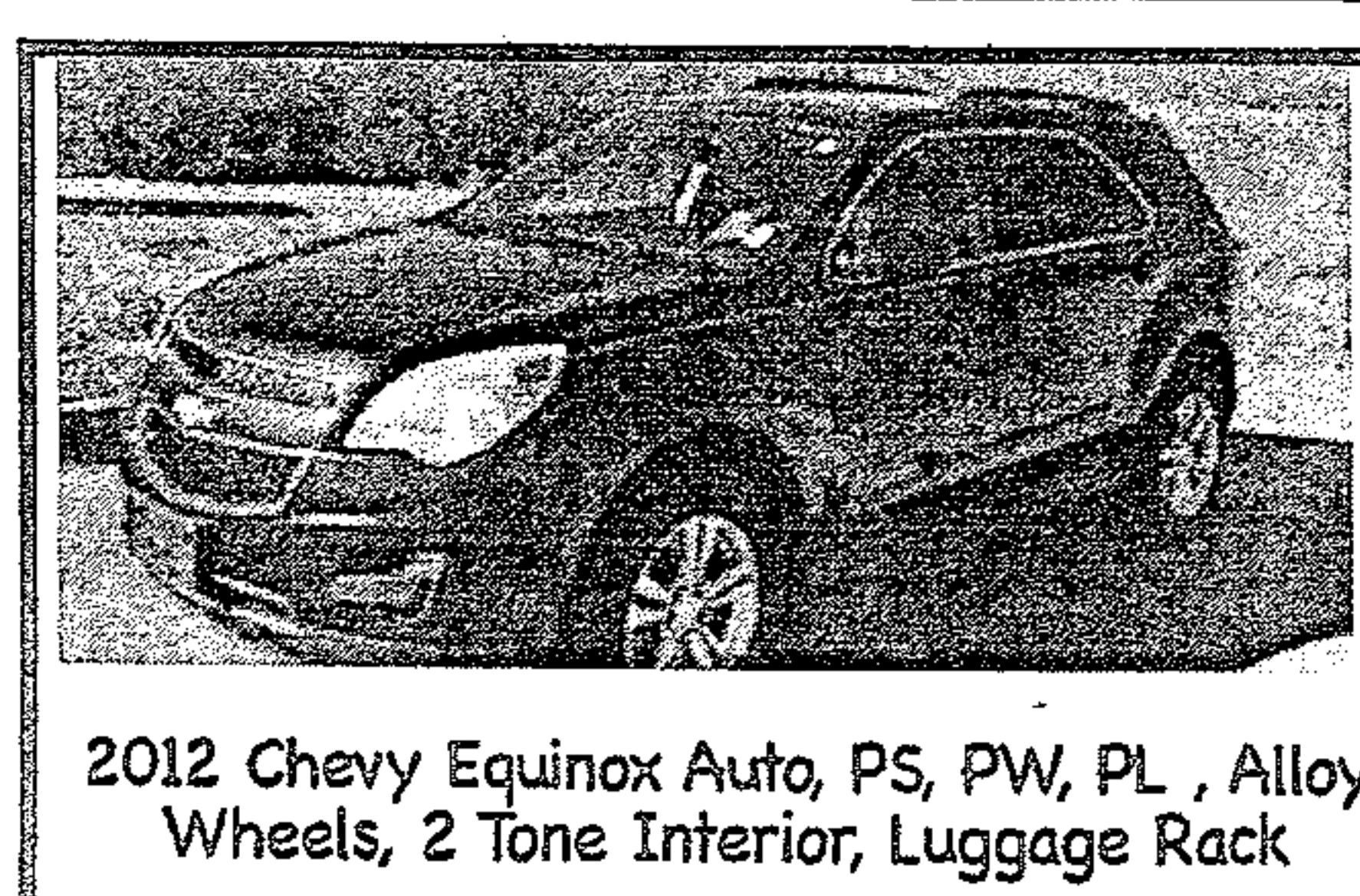
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work. Deputy Bengel told him that he could go get the paperwork and come back but could not take his kids with him because he did not know if he had custody of the children. Mr. Richardson then began yelling again and causing alarm to the public at the courthouse and was detained for

his safety and the safety of the public. Statements were taken from witnesses at the courthouse and Mr. Richardson was taken in to custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. This did occur in Loudon County Tennessee. Video recorded via body camera and in car camera.

## Meth

Bruce Fontecchio, 45, Scenic Drive Maryville, was charged with MFG/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, and Poss. Of Drug Para. Deputy B. Dishner LCSO, observed a red Dodge Durango traveling south on Hwy 411. Deputy did observe the above vehicle having a driver side tail light not working. I did conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle on Hwy 411 at Shults Lane. Deputy then made contact with the driver Mr. Bruce Fontecchio. A check through dispatch did advise Mr. Fontecchio's license to be suspended out of Knox County. After speaking with Mr. Fontec-

chio he did advise that he had been arrested in Knox County for possession of methamphetamine. Mr. Fontecchio did give consent for a vehicle search. During the search Deputy did locate a small plastic bag containing a crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine in the center console. Deputy also located a small black case containing three syringes in a bag belonging to Mr. Fontecchio. The crystal substance did weigh approximately 1 gram. At that time Mr. Fontecchio was taken into custody, and transported to the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County Tennessee.

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## FBI

a second language, encouraging them to sign documents they did not understand.

"One woman gave him her life savings. It was her American dream to find a home, and he told her he'd help her," said Special Agent Christina Grady, who investigated the case out of the FBI's Boston Field Office. "But he never followed through on any promises to anyone. He would collect money—from people who didn't have much money—and pocket it."

Not only did he target vulnerable homeowners or would-be homeowners but Hussain also had a knack for winning his victims' trust, becoming "like part of their family," Grady said.

Hussain, who began his years-long fraud scheme in Rhode Island in

2009 while on supervised release for similar crimes in Massachusetts, used a variety of tactics to defraud his victims, which got more complex over time as he acquired more homes.

For example, he convinced a family struggling to pay their mortgage to move out of their home and into one of his other properties; he then rented their home out, collecting rent from the tenants without paying the homeowner's mortgage. Another tactic involved convincing homeowners that he was trying to negotiate with their lender on their behalf. Instead he would damage their property to decrease its value, and once the home was damaged, he'd buy the home in a short sale—a term for a property being sold at a price lower than what is owed on the mortgage.

## Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. located at the United Methodist Church of Philadelphia.

Hussain also solicited investors to purchase properties they never intended to live in, telling the victims he would rent out and manage the homes on their behalf. He did not actually make the mortgage payments, defrauding the homeowners and jeopardizing their credit scores.

"He had a lot of different schemes, but it was basically making promises to people in difficult circumstances and never following through with a single one," said FBI Forensic Accountant Kathleen Brekenfeld, who painstakingly matched up thousands of Hussain's financial transactions with real estate activity to help prove the case. "It's unfathomable how he could meet these people, see

what they're going through, and rip money out of their hands."

Hussain pleaded guilty last September to aggravated identify theft and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. In January, he was sentenced to 13 years in prison.

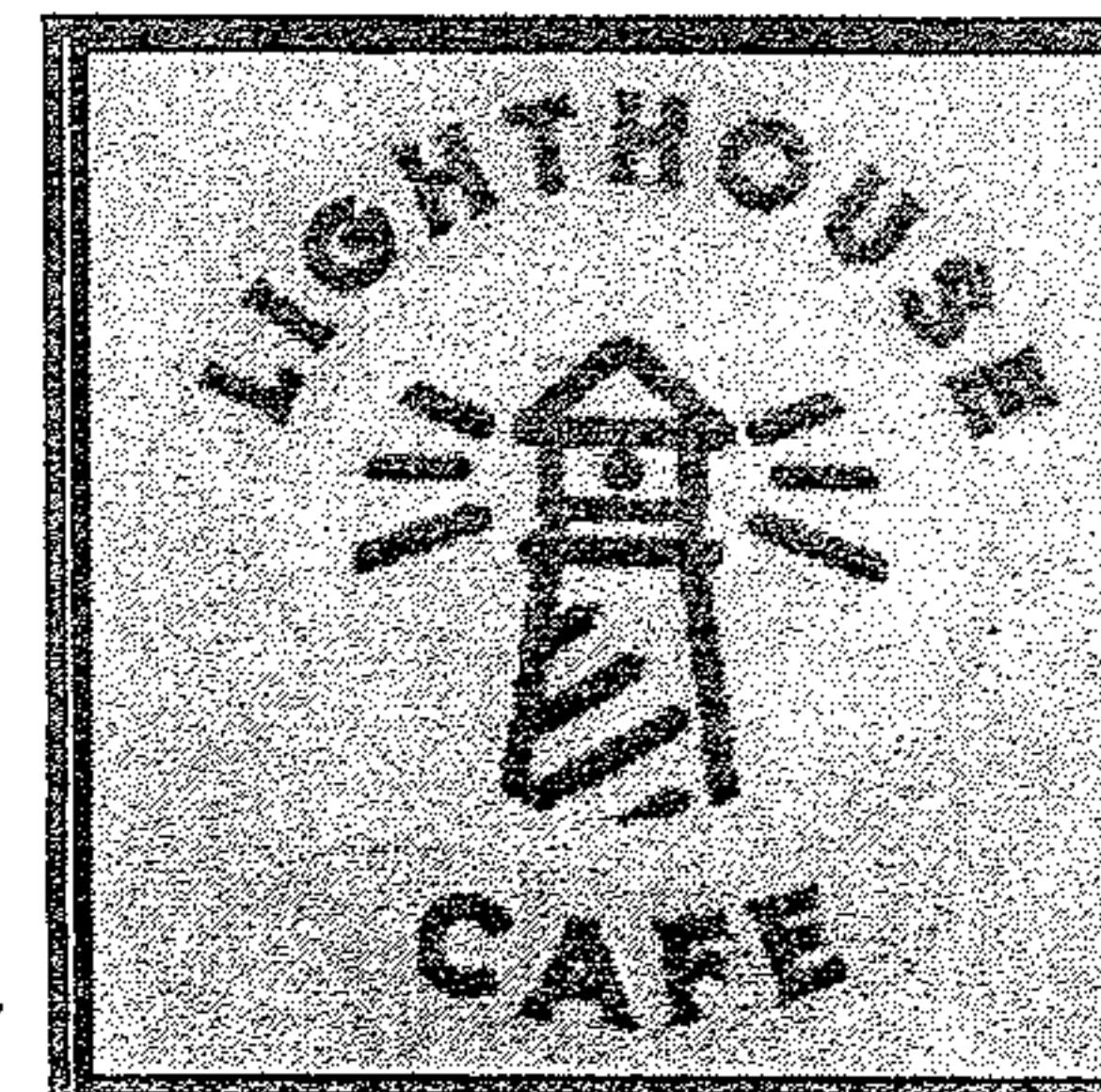
"They won't get their money back, but the victims were pleased with the sentence, knowing that he can't do this to

anyone again anytime soon. It gives them some closure," Grady said.

Grady and Brekenfeld recommend doing your homework in any real estate transaction, especially if someone asks you for significant cash up front or promises any sort of guaranteed returns. Legitimate investments do not offer guarantees.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it

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probably is," Brekenfeld said. "High upfront fees and guarantees should raise a red flag. Do your research. Step back and say, 'Does this really make sense to me?'"

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intent on guaranteeing the safety of her children, whom she has known and devoted herself to since before they took their first breaths. What kind of people turn away mothers of vulnerable youngsters? What kind of people sneer at those who devote themselves to helping the powerless? What kind of people string up and mock a mother who has come to nourish and provide for those who need her? The Gospel of

Luke and the witness of history answer: We do. God help us all. God had better be merciful. God had also better be fierce in commitment to pursue us and drag us under those healing wings.

**Prayer:** Persistent and long-suffering God, forgive us. We are ignorant, violent, and resistant. We inflict harm on others, harm you. We suffer harm from others, making it difficult to receive your love. Pursue us. Overtake us. Remake us. Amen.

#### Library

'Holy Envy' Recounts Experiences While Teaching Religion 101 to College Students

"Part of my ongoing priesthood is to find the bridge between my faith and the faiths of other people, so that those

of us who draw water from wells on different sides of the river can still get together from time to time, making the whole area safer for our children," says Barbara Brown Taylor.

A New York Times best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest, Taylor will be in Knoxville on Monday, April 8, to discuss her latest book, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, as the guest of First Presbyterian Church in downtown Knoxville and Union Ave Books. The event, which will take place at 7 p.m. at the church, is part of the church's Pettway Lecture Series. Taylor will be joined in conversation by Dr. William Pender, the church's senior pastor.

Tickets for Taylor's appearance are \$30 and can be purchased online at [barbarabrownaylor-knoxville.brownpaper-tickets.com](http://barbarabrownaylor-knoxville.brownpaper-tickets.com). The ticket price includes a copy of the book.

In *Holy Envy*, Taylor weaves together stories from the classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions — even those whose truths are quite different from hers.

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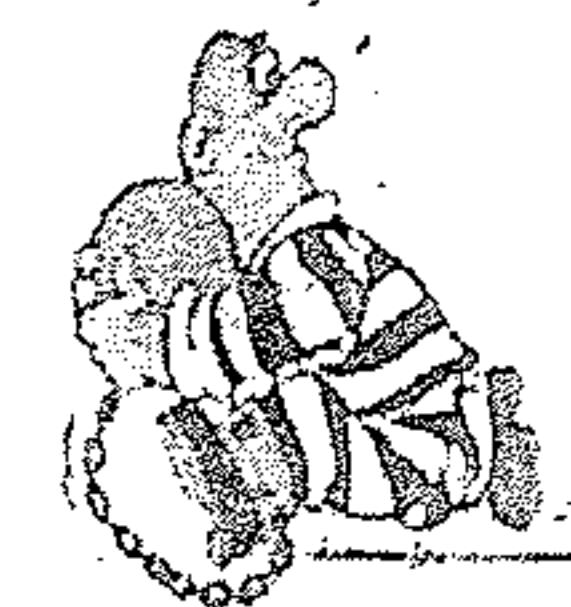
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