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LC man shows up to vandalize camper



Joseph Queener

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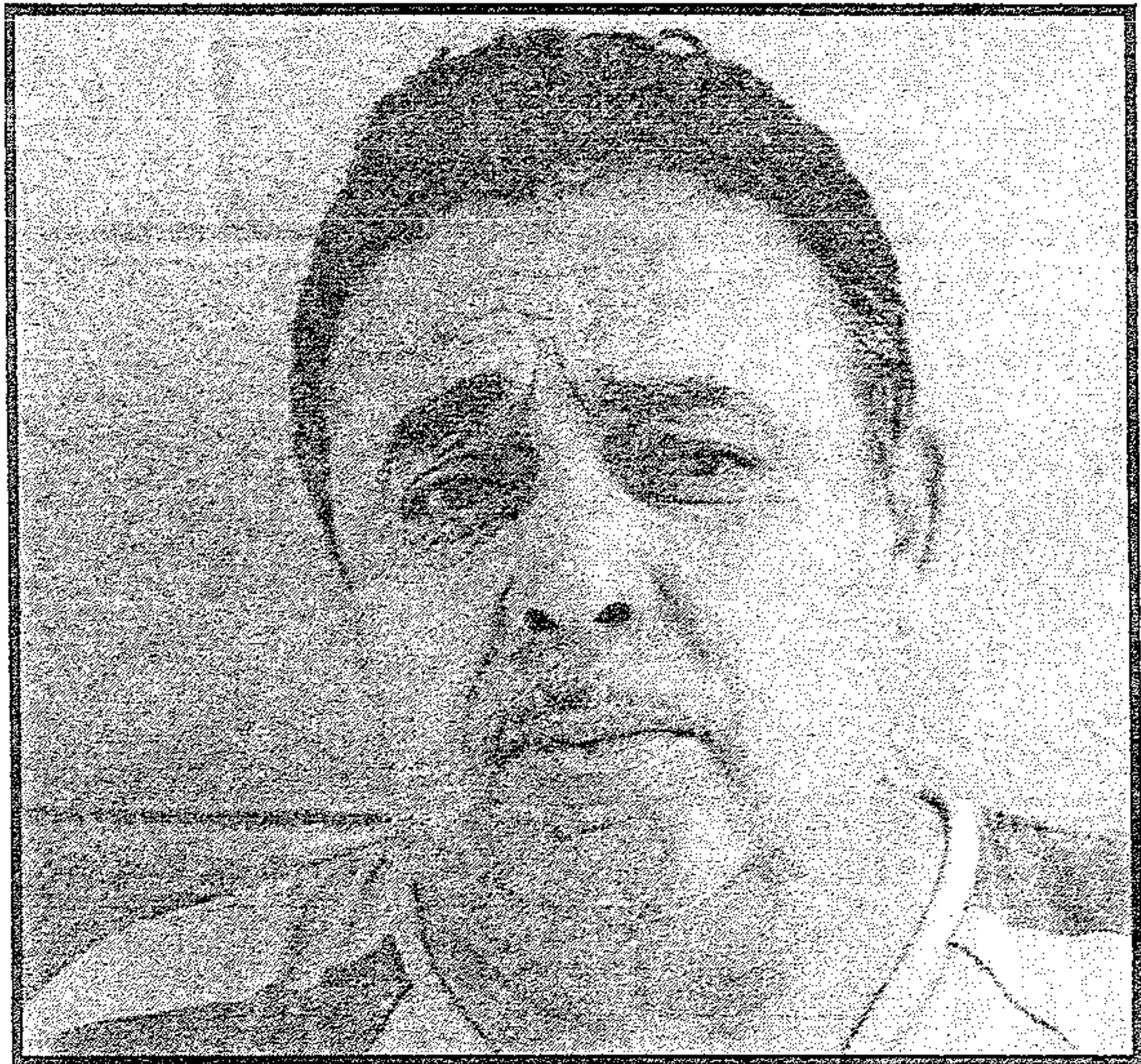
Loudon woman charged with domestic assault



Melissa Eaton

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Man crashes vehicle while under the influence of alcohol



Rafael Rodriguez

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Art Crime: FBI Seeks to Identify Rightful Owners in Cultural Artifacts Case

Four years ago, after an operation in rural Indiana resulted in the largest single recovery of cultural property in FBI history, the Bureau's Art Crime Team faced an unprecedented challenge: how to identify the rightful owners of more than 7,000 seized artifacts that came from locations spanning the globe.

The efforts to identify and repatriate the cultural property—which included approximately 500 sets of human remains looted largely

from Native American burial grounds—is ongoing, and the FBI is now publicizing the case, along with an invitation-only website detailing the items, in the hopes of gaining further assistance from governments around the world and from Native American tribes.

"There is no single expert that can tell us everything we need to know about all of this

material," said Special Agent Tim Carpenter, who oversees the FBI's art theft program and who led the 2014 recovery effort in Indiana. "This case requires the FBI to go out and seek assistance from many experts in the field."

The seized artifacts and human remains were part of a much larger collection amassed by Don Mill-

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Verse of the Day

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

—Psalm 103:12

Wazzup

Check out Family Movie Night March 8th start-

ing at 6pm at the war memorial building!!!

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 41F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 20F.

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Tuesday night: Clear and COLD. Low of 19F.

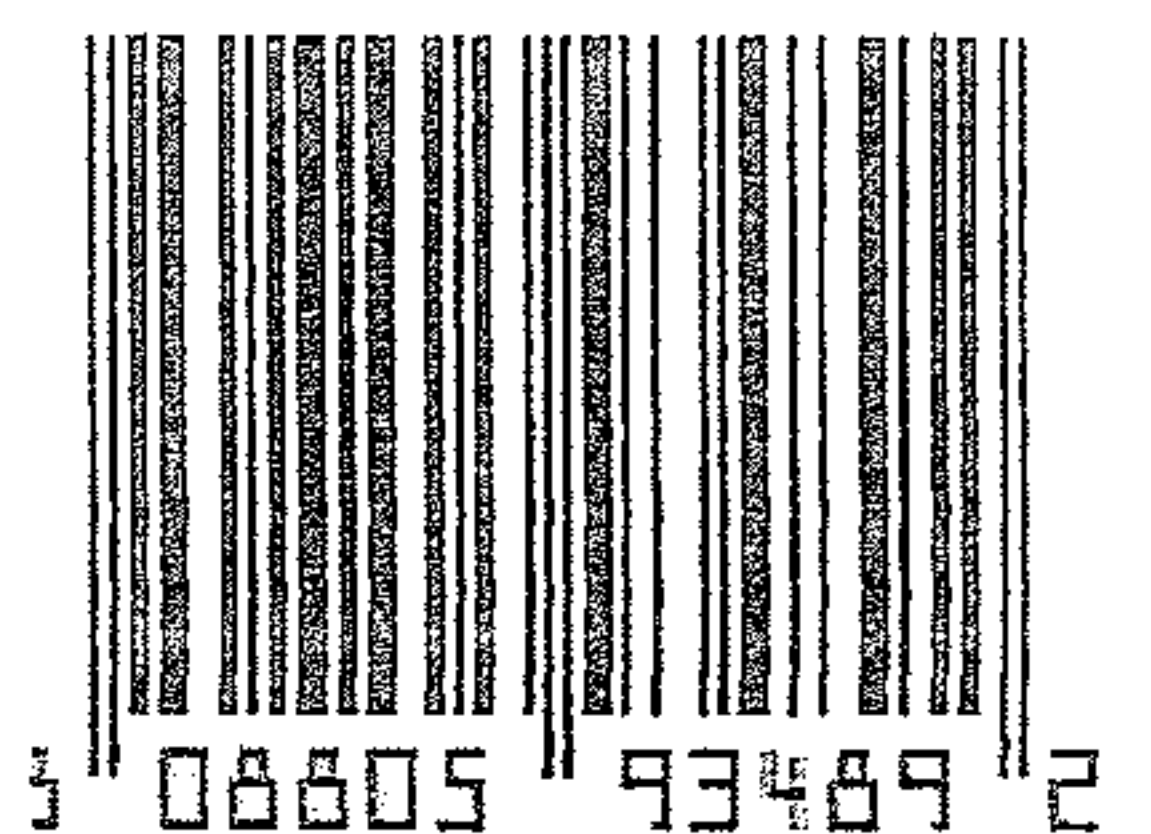
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Pisces 2/19-3/20

Dont hesitate for a single moment if you need to call an unscheduled retreat today. Being emotionally

available to the ones you love could be a challenge, especially if their recent behavior has been erratic and not at all to your liking. You can talk things over in a day or so, after

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Camper

Joseph Queener, 31, Beals Chapel Lenoir City, was charged with Vandalism. Deputy Anderson and Jenkins LCSO, responded to Beals Chapel Road in reference to an unwanted guest. Upon arrival Dep-

uty made contact with victim standing in front of the horse barn. Victim stated Joseph Queener had showed up at the residence and vandalized their live on camper. While Deputy was speaking with victim he heard a loud commotion coming from

inside the barn. Upon entry Deputy observed victim 2 seated and Queener standing over him yelling up close to victim face in a threatening manner. Parties were separated. Victim

2 stated both victims were sitting in the camper when Queener came in. Victim stated he ask Queener how he was doing and he went off vandalizing the camper.

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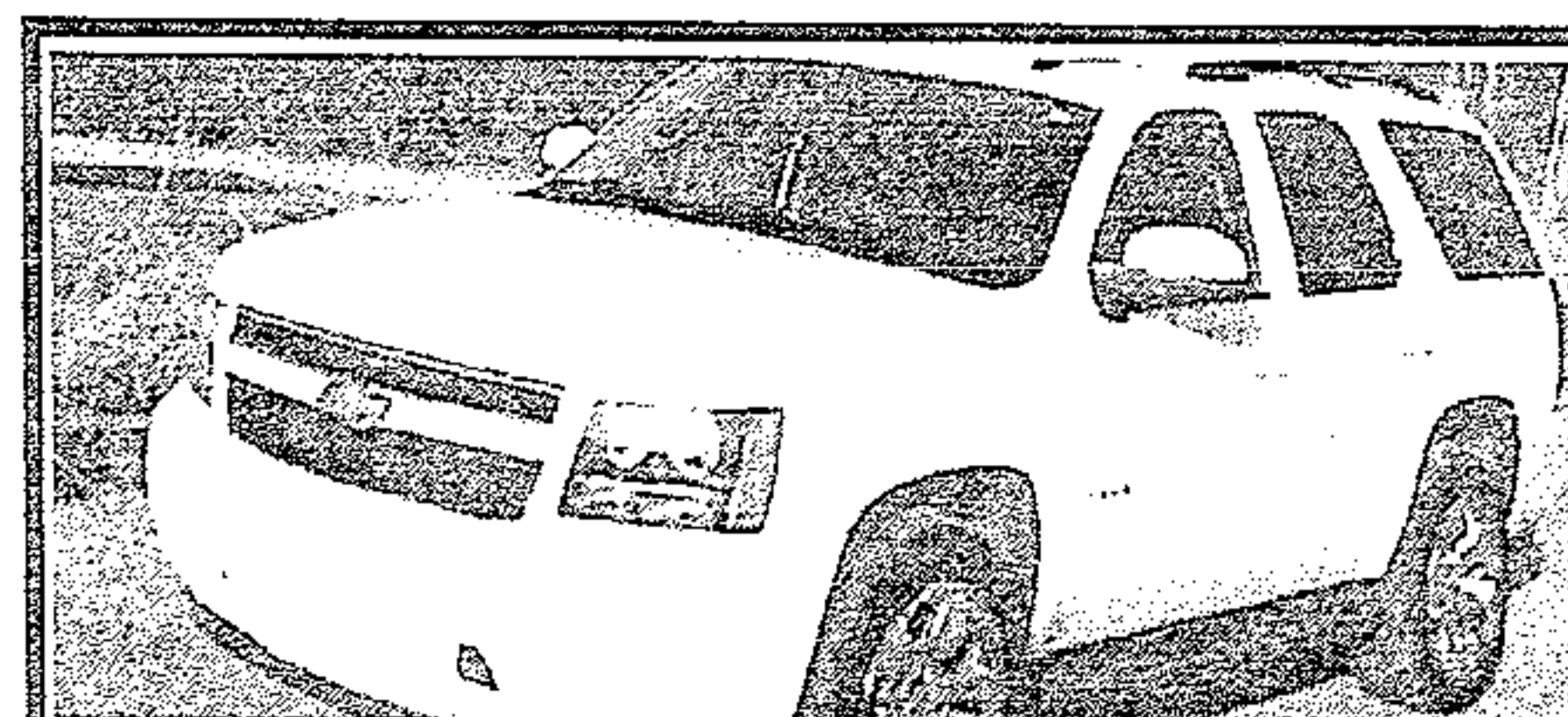
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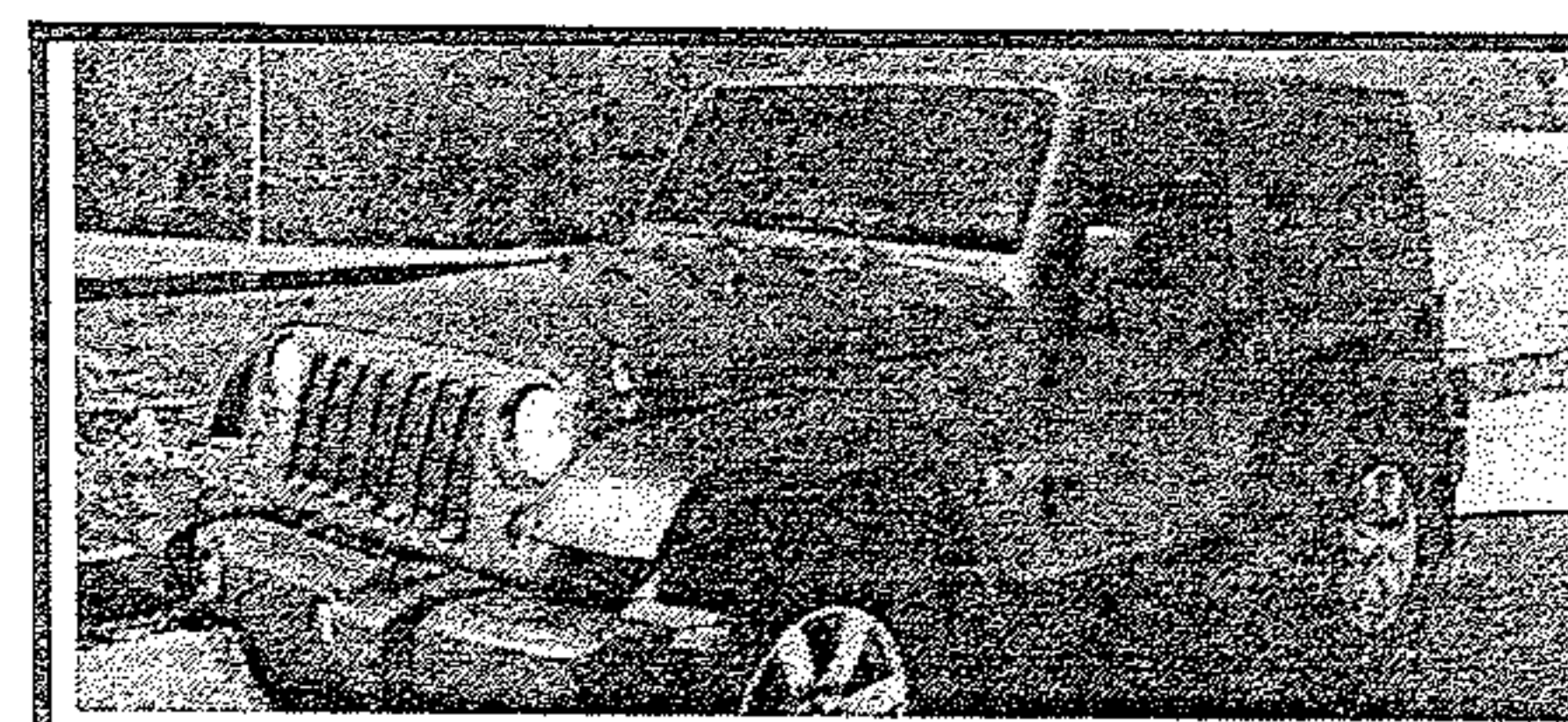
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Inside the camper Deputy observed a broken kitchen cabinet, cola poured throughout the living area, on the ceiling, and shredded cheese scattered throughout the camper. Queener was placed under arrest.

Assault

Melissa Eaton, 40, Clyde Street Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault, Poss. Of Drug Para, and Simple Possession. Officer J. Yates LPD, responded to Clyde Street in reference to neighbors hearing

screaming. Upon arrival Officer found that Melissa Eaton and the victim who had been in a physical domestic. The two are in a relationship and live together. The parties were separated and interviewed. The victim was asleep when he was attacked by Eaton. Victim had several scratches and bruising on his arm and face due to being hit with 2 different bottles that Officer observed on the floor. Eaton was found to be the primary aggressor and placed under arrest. Officer located a rolled cigarette and a unlabeled clear bottle that contained approx.3 grams of marijuana. Melissa Eaton was transported to the Loudon Jail.

DUI

Rafael Rodriguez, 50, Browder Hollow Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Financial Responsibility. Deputy Pesterfield LCSO, was dispatched to the area of Simpson Road at Heather Lane for a vehicle crash. Upon arrival Deputy witnessed a Dodge vehicle that was bottomed out in the ditch off the roadway. Deputy identified the driver as Rafael Rodriguez. Upon check of his license returned as a history only and was suspended. While speaking with Rafael Deputy noticed a strong odor

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of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person, blood shot watery eyes, dilated pupils and was unsteady on his feet. Deputy also noticed Rafael had urinated on himself. Dragon with LCPD arrived to translate, and ask him how much he had to drink he stated 2 beers, and he had fell asleep. Officer Dragon had Rafael sobriety test which he did poorly on. Rafael did give breath test which returned .221 and 30 mins later .212, Rafael Rodriguez was charged with DUI.

Art

er, a renowned scientist who helped build the first atomic bomb and a globetrotting amateur archaeologist whose passion for collecting sometimes crossed the line into illegality and outright looting.

For more than seven decades, Miller unearthed cultural artifacts from North America, South America, Asia, the Caribbean, and in Indo-Pacific regions such as Papua New Guinea. A Ming Dynasty vase or intricate Italian mosaic might be on display in his home alongside Civil War and Revolutionary War items.

"Don would collect pretty much anything," Carpenter said. "He collected from just about every corner of the globe." Areas of

his Waldron, Indiana, farmhouse where he displayed many of the approximately 42,000 items in his collection were stacked "floor to ceiling" with material, Carpenter said. "But his passion, I think, was Native American cultural goods."

Although Miller opened his home over the years to school groups and others wishing to view his collection, he mostly kept hidden hundreds of human remains. A tip to the FBI in 2013 that he had such remains led Carpenter to his door.

A year before his death at the age of 91, Miller agreed to relinquish items he had likely acquired in violation of state and federal law and international treaties. "He cooperated with us throughout the course of the investigation," Carpenter said, "and it was his wish that we take these objects and return them to their rightful owners, and for the Native American ancestors to be reburied appropriately."

During a painstaking, six-day recovery operation in 2014, the FBI took possession of 7,000 items.

"It was a very complex operation," Carpenter recalled. "We are not treating this material as simply evidence. These objects are historically, culturally, and spiritually important, and you have to take that into consideration." He added, "We are dealing in many cases with objects that are thousands of years old. So imagine a scenario where you take an artifact that was created 4,000 years ago, survived in the ground or a tomb, survived being looted,

survived being transported to the United States, has been in this guy's house for the last 60 years, and the FBI comes along and we pick it up and we stumble and we drop it and we break it. That's a pretty bad day."

In many ways, he said, "we had to learn to become a museum." Until the FBI can identify the rightful owners and repatriate the items—a task made more difficult because Miller did not keep detailed records—"we have to care for and curate these pieces like any museum would."

To accomplish that, the Bureau partnered with tribal authorities and academic experts early on, consulting with archaeologists, anthropologists, and tribal experts on how to handle and care for the objects and human remains, and how best to locate their rightful owners.

The FBI leased space in a facility near Indianapolis where all the material is housed securely and temperature, humidity, and light levels are controlled. A

team of anthropology and museum studies graduate students from Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI) helps to curate the items and prepare them for shipping when repatriation occurs.

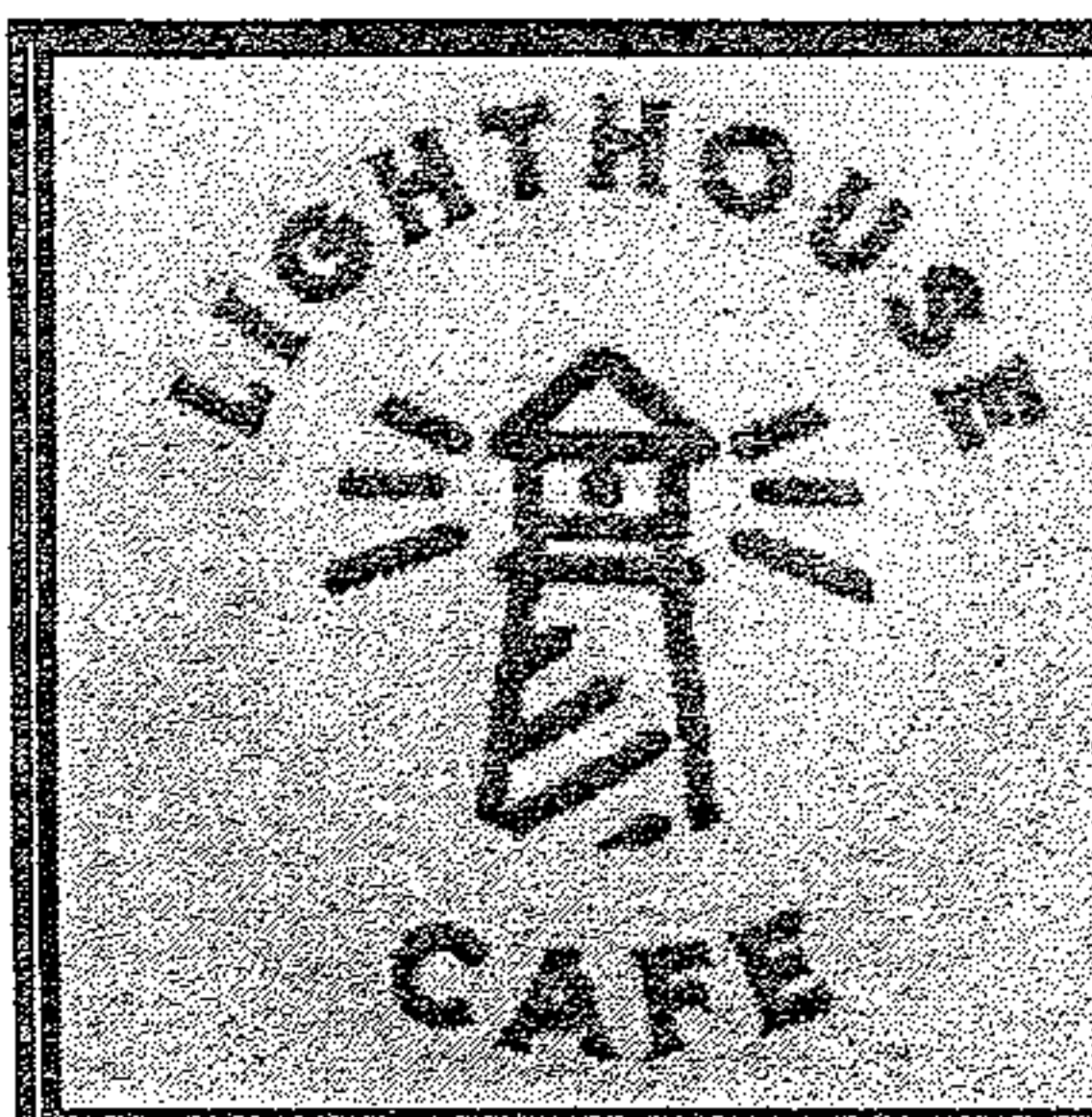
"My students work diligently to make sure that each piece is properly rehoused before it is shipped back to its homeland or to its proper country," said Holly Cusack-McVeigh, a professor of anthropology and museum studies at IUPUI. "We make sure that

nothing is just thrown in a checked bag and tossed into the belly of an airplane. Everything is handled with the utmost care.

An intricate Italian mosaic was among the thousands of items recovered by the FBI at Don Miller's home in 2014.

Artifacts recovered from Don Miller's home in Indiana in 2014 are being stored in a facility where temperature, humidity, and light levels are controlled.

Museum studies graduate students from Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI) see FBI ctd. pg. 5



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sity-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) help care for the recovered artifacts in a facility near Indianapolis where all the recovered artifacts are housed securely and temperature, humidity, and light levels are controlled. Students and highly trained IUPUI staff also help prepare the artifacts for shipping when repatriation occurs.

In addition to her background in anthropology and museum studies, Cusack-McVeigh has a deep knowledge of Native American culture and has been an invaluable partner to the FBI regarding the Miller artifacts, particularly the handling and repatriation of Native American human remains.

Cusack-McVeigh took part in the six-day recovery operation in

2014 and recalled that no one on the team was expecting to discover hundreds of remains. "The FBI immediately understood that these are human beings and we can't treat them like inanimate objects," she said. "They need to be treated with respect and dignity, and the FBI took that very seriously."

Pete Coffey, who represents three affiliated North American tribes—the Mandan, the Hidatsa, and the Arikara—said he has "nothing but praise" for the agents who worked on the Miller case. "They made sure that the tribal representatives were included in all aspects of the repatriations," he said. "They were very forthcoming with regard to procedures and policy."

The affiliated tribes Coffee represents,

known as the MHA Nation, were historically farmers along the Missouri River bottomlands. He has taken part in reburial ceremonies involving repatriated remains from the Miller collection and explained that in his culture, "When you die, your spirit goes back to your ancestral village. If you are not buried with proper ceremony, or if that was interrupted like these burials were, you will never be able to go back to that village."

When remains have been dug out of the ground after being laid to rest, he added, "their spirits are wandering. They cannot rejoin their relatives and family members in the afterlife. That's my motivation for doing these repatriations," he said, "to make sure that these spirits are at rest."

Robert Jones, special agent in charge of the Indianapolis Field Office at the time of the 2014 recovery operation, said he was "bothered immensely" by the fact that Miller had so many Native American remains.

"Even though this case didn't fit with our traditional type of investigation," he

said, "the FBI was in the best position to be able to right this wrong"—not only regarding the repatriation of human remains but taking responsibility for the stewardship of thousands of culturally significant artifacts Miller had collected illegally. "I felt that if it weren't for the FBI," said Jones, currently

special agent in charge of the Bureau's Pittsburgh Field Office, "a vast amount of important historical material might have been lost forever."

The task of returning the material to its rightful owners was never going to be easy, both Jones and Car-

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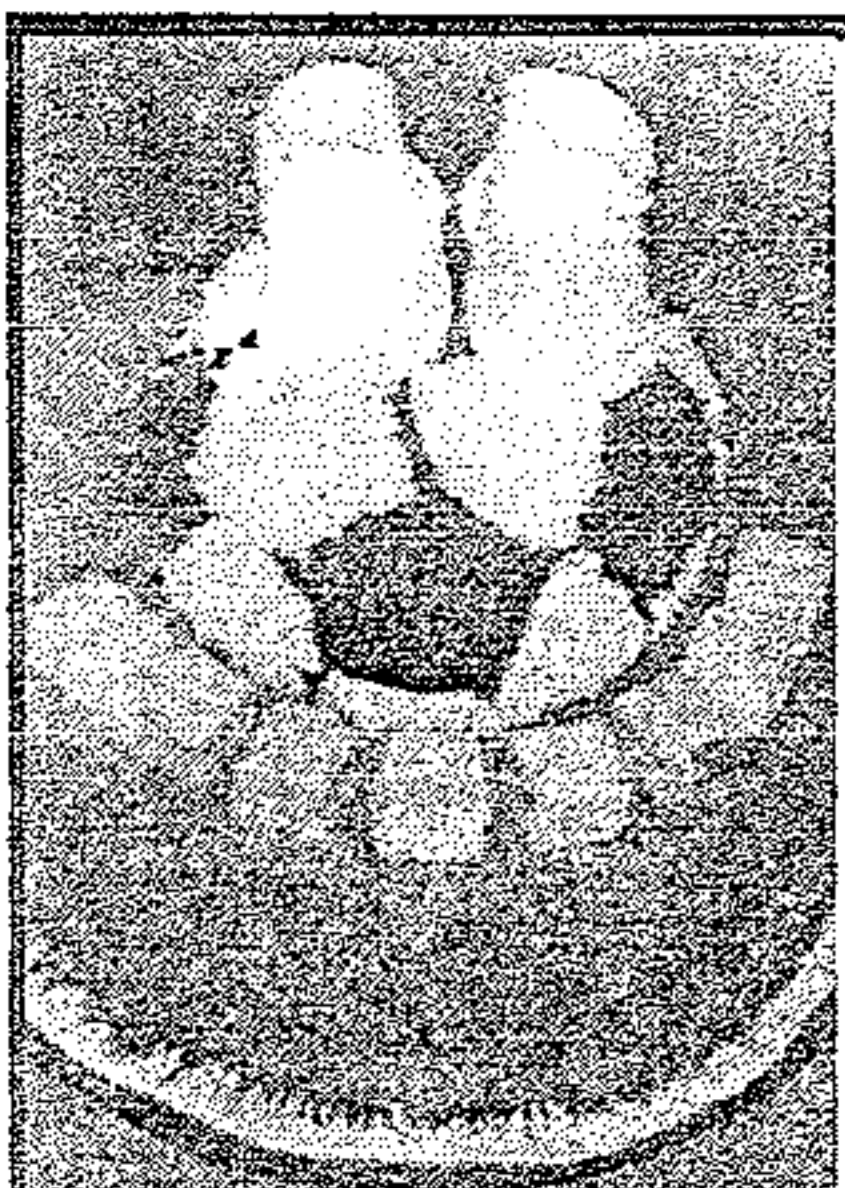
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