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Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Man Drives down I-75 South asleep | Jailed for an active stalking warrant



James Fowler

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Brook Votra

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Woman did not know she ran over a mailbox



Regina Helton

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IC3 Annual Report Released Shows Cyber-Enabled Crimes and Costs Rose in 2018

The statistics gathered by the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) for 2018 show Internet-enabled theft, fraud, and exploitation remain pervasive and were responsible for a staggering \$2.7 billion in

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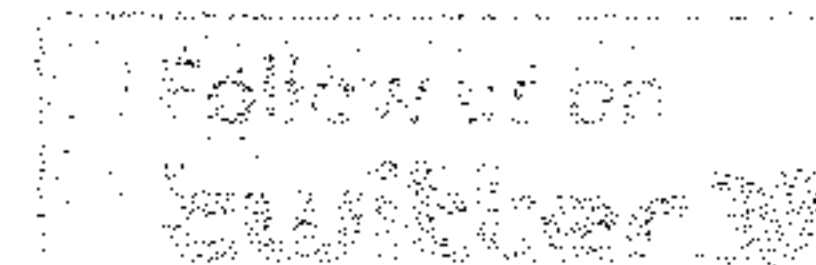
DEA prepares for perscription Drug Takeback Day

Dispose of your unused, unwanted, and expired medicine safely on April 27, 2019

United States Attorney J. Douglas Overbey wants to encourage the public to participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) 17th National Prescription Drug Takeback

Day on Saturday, April 27, 2019. The biannual event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at thousands of collection sites around the country, including several here in the Eastern District

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Verse of the Day

Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. — Psalm 146:1-2

Wazzup

Check out Celebrate

Recovery Thursday at the War memorial building at 6:00

Weather

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Thursday night: Clear. Low of 51F.

Horoscopes

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Stretch to wrap the arms of your heart around the broadest possible perspective today. It is when

social interactions, unfamiliar environs, or pesky annoyances are viewed through an extremely narrow lens that anxiety grows. Dont let your worries or your fears

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Sleep

James Fowler, 30, Bob Brill Road Alabama, was charged with DUI, and Poss. Of a Handgun while Under the Influence. Deputy Rogers LCSO, observed a white vehicle running on the shoulder of I 75 south bound in the area of 79mm. Upon walking up to the driver side window Deputy observed a male subject asleep with a beer can in his hand. Deputy began to knock on the window the sub-

ject identified as James Fowler stirred and began to press the gas pedal. The tachometer was red-lined and the subject was still asleep. Deputy began banging his fist on the window and after several minutes with the gas pedal pressed down Fowler woke up and rolled down his back window. Deputy ask subject to step out of the vehicle, Fowler reeked of alcohol. Fowler stated he was coming from Pikeville Kentucky

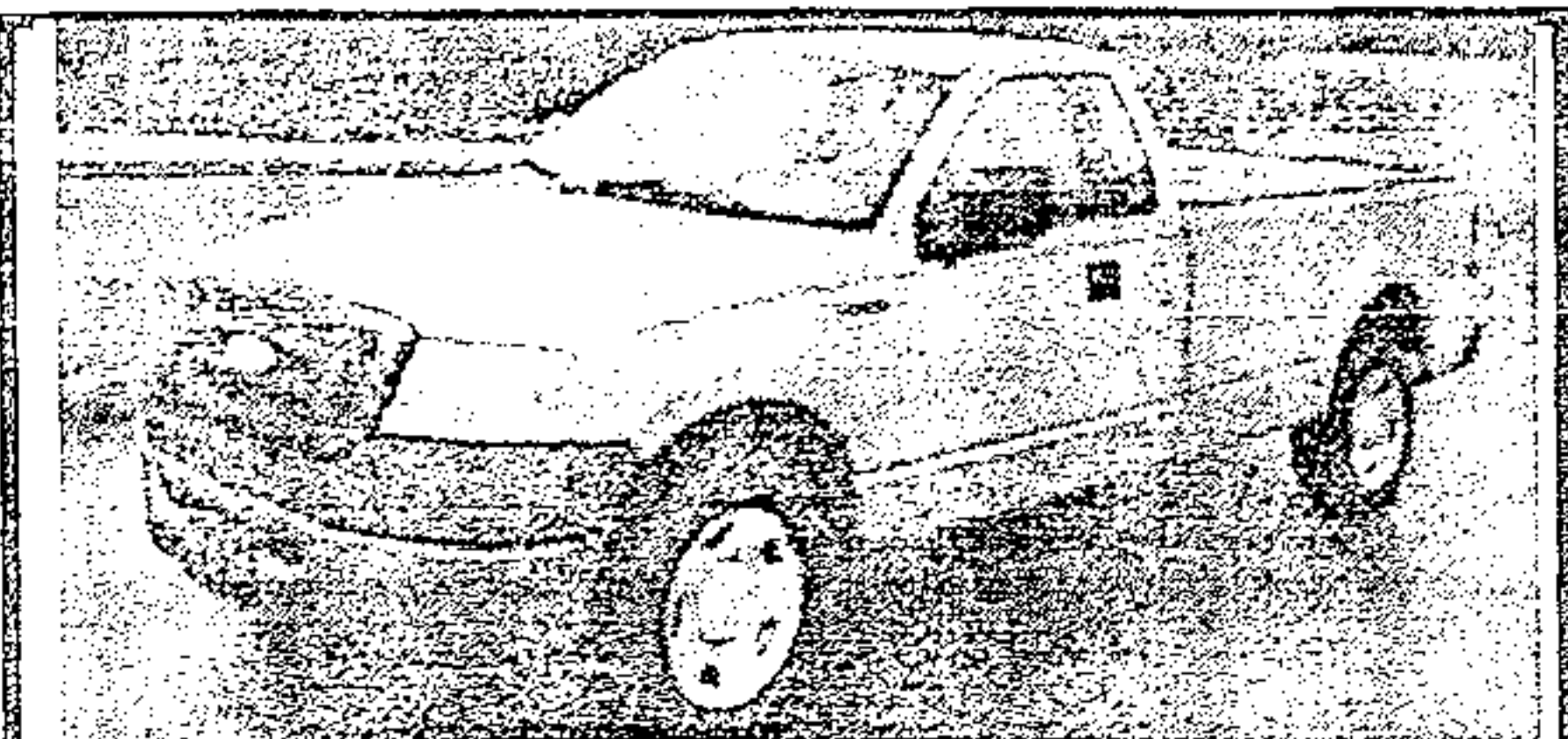
and headed home to Birmingham. Fowler did not know why he pulled over but stated he had drank 4 tall boys to help keep him up. Fowler did poorly on sobriety test. Fowler gave consent to search

his vehicle, a handgun was located under the driver seat. The handgun had a full magazine and one in the chamber. Fowler did give blood sample and transported to the Loudon Jail.

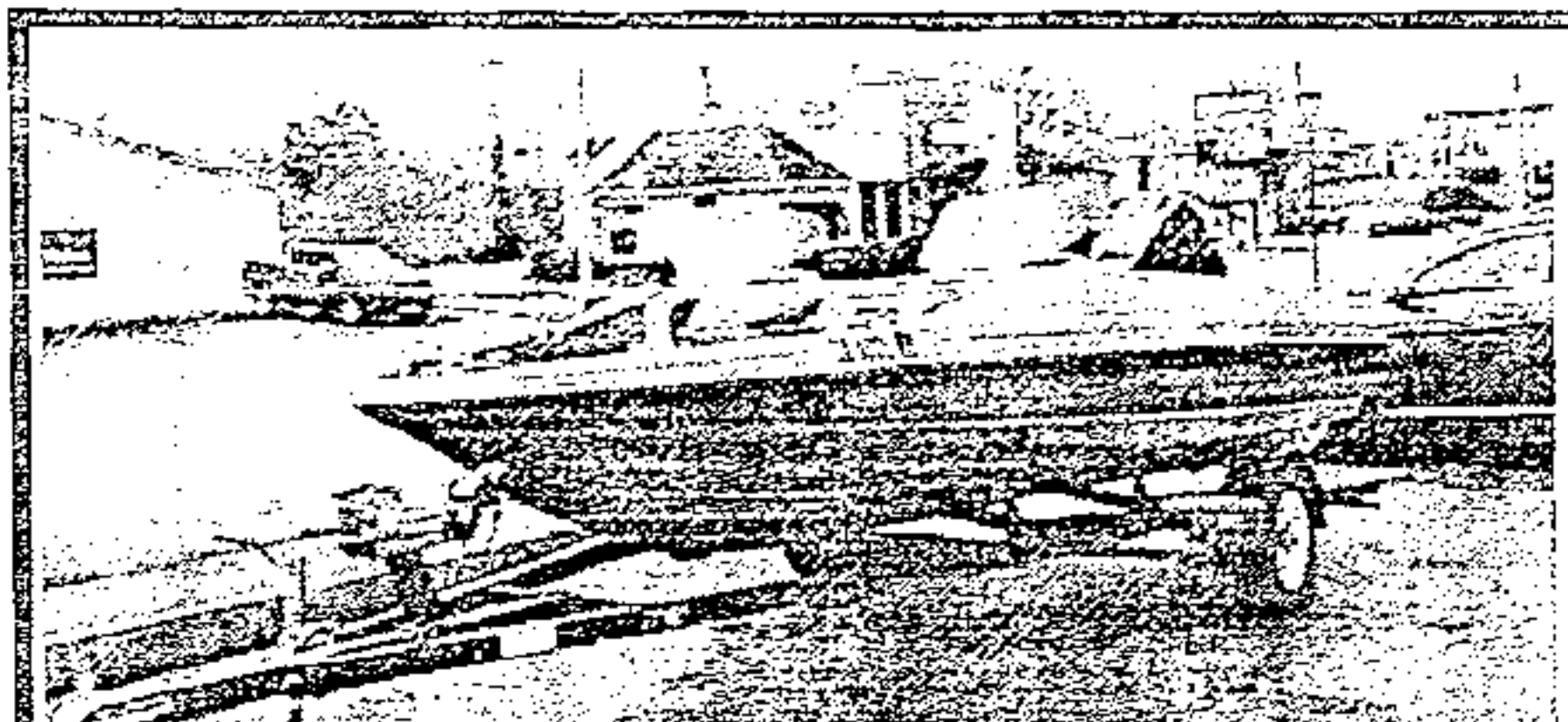
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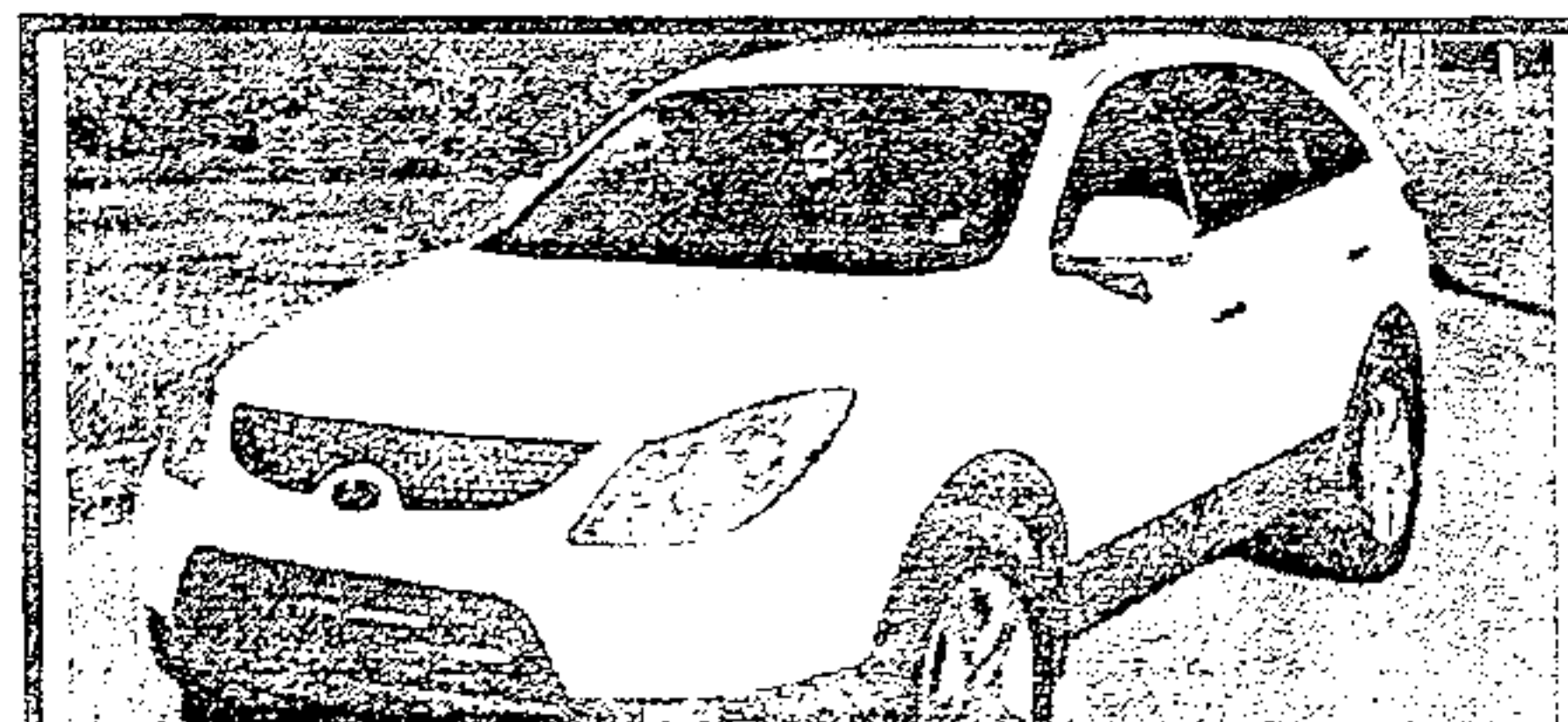
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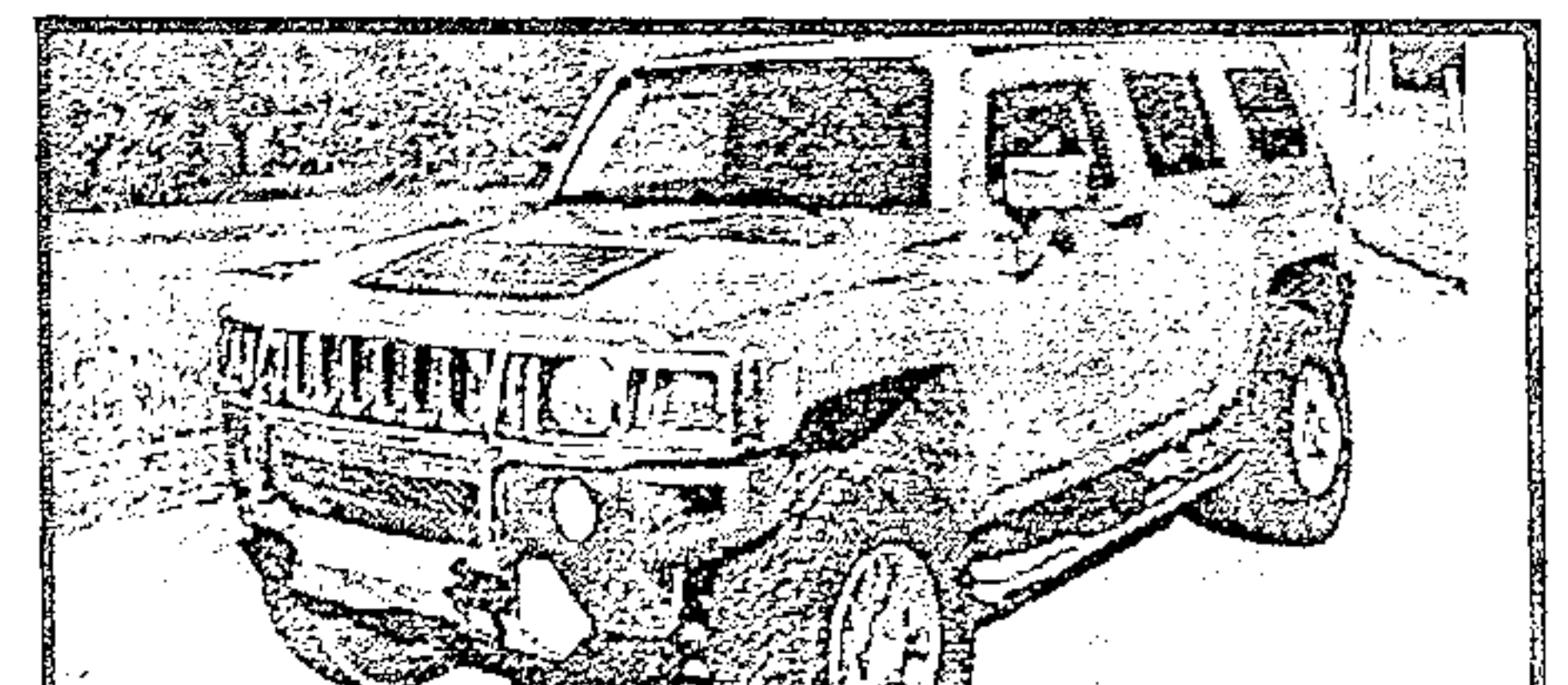
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Stalking

Brooke Votra, 35, Cairn Circle Knoxville, was charged with Stalking. Deputy Marshall Lynn LCSO, was notified via Loudon County Dispatch of a wanted person in Knox. County custody at the TA on Watt Road. Deputy arrived on scene and took suspect Brooke Votra into custody who had an active Stalking Warrant out of Loudon County and

transported to the Loudon Jail.

Mail

Regina Helton, 39, Abbott Road Lenoir City, was charged with Vandalism x4, Leaving the Scene of Accident with Property Damage, Reckless Driving, and Resisting Arrest. Deputy Mark Tinnel LCSO, was dispatched to Abbott Road on a call of a mailbox stuck underneath

a vehicle. Upon arrival Deputy spoke with Regina Helton who advised there was a mail box stuck under her red vehicle that was parked in the driveway. During the course of investigation, a witness stated that he saw the red vehicle with Regina as the driver hit the mailbox with her vehicle. Then witness watch Regina proceed to her driveway get a towel and wipe the front of her vehicle clean. The victim did not see Regina hit the mailbox but wanted to press charges. Regina Helton was placed under arrest.

er illegal drug," said U.S. Attorney Overbey. "Adolescents and young adults are especially vulnerable because many teens that begin abusing prescription drugs turn to heroin for a cheaper high. Please take this opportunity to check your medicine cabinets and take advantage

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Takeback

of Tennessee. The event is an effort to rid homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. "Over the past decade, the death toll from prescription painkillers has tripled. Every year, more people die from prescription painkiller overdoses than from heroin, cocaine, or any oth-

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Takeback ctd. from pg. 3 of DEA Prescription Drug Takeback Day to dispose of any unused, unwanted, and expired medicine safely.”

“At a time when prescription opioid pain relievers are killing more Americans than car accidents, the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is an easy way we can all make sure that our unneeded, unused, or expired medications don’t end up in the wrong hands,” said D. Christopher Evans, Special Agent In Charge of DEA’s

Louisville Field Division.

Last October Americans turned in 457 tons (900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 6,000 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 16 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 11 million pounds—more than 5,400 tons—of pills. The disposal service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. (The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles, or sharps,

only pills or patches.)

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 91 Americans die each day from an opioid overdose. Some painkiller abusers move on to heroin: Four out of five new heroin users started with painkillers.

Flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them in the trash pose potential safety and health hazards. This initiative addresses the public safety and public health issues

that surround medications languishing in home cabinets, becoming highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

For more information or to locate a collection site near you, go the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day web site at <https://takebackday.dea.gov/#collection-locator> where you can search by zip code, city, or state.

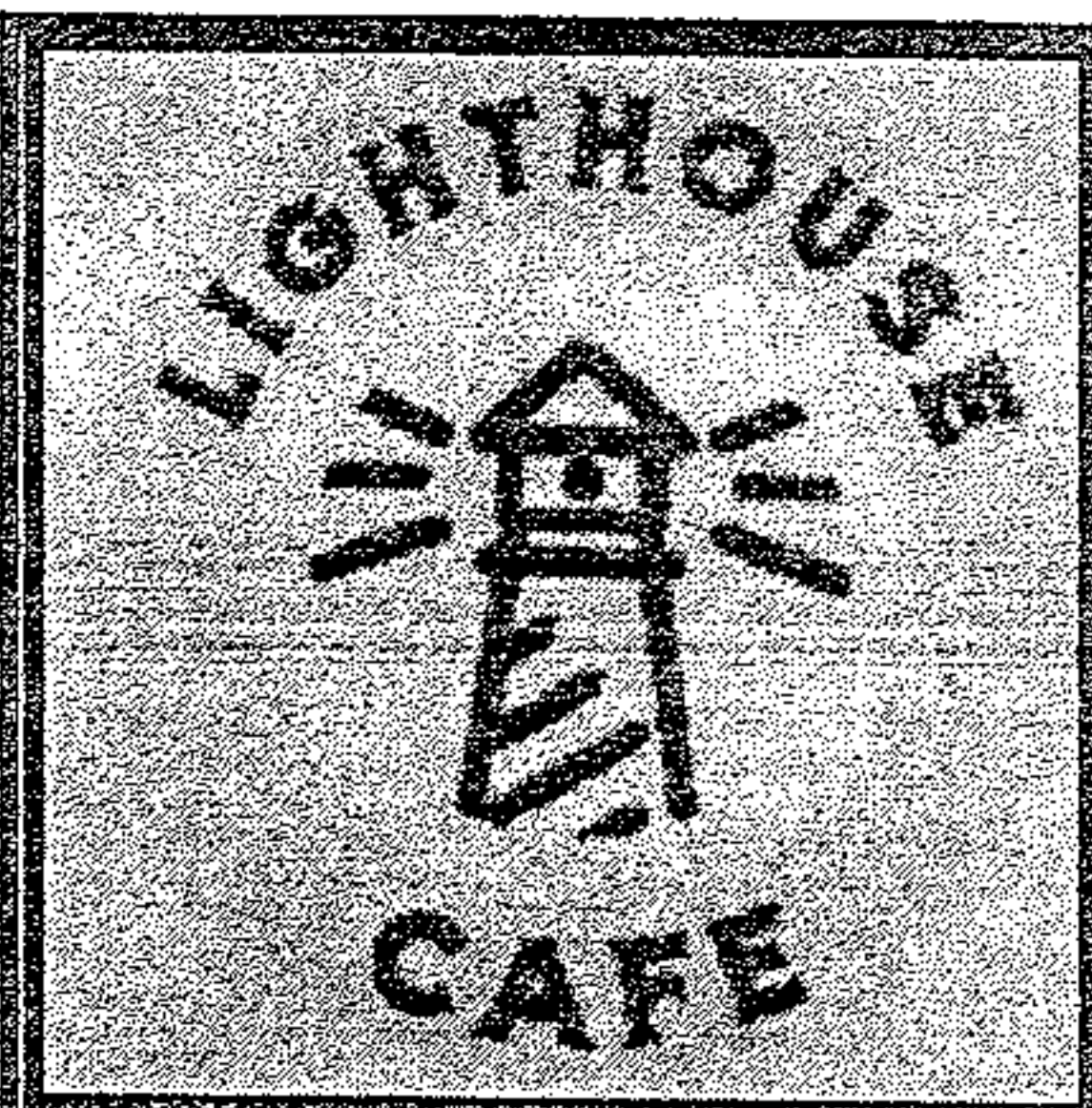
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financial losses in 2018.

In its annual Internet Crime Report, the FBI reports the IC3 received 351,936 complaints in 2018—an average of more than 900 every day. The most frequently reported complaints were for non-payment/non-delivery scams, extortion, and personal data breaches. The most financially costly complaints involved business email compromise, romance or confidence fraud, and investment scams, which can include Ponzi and pyramid schemes.

Reports came in from every U.S. state and territory and involved victims of every age. There was a concentration of victims and financial losses, however, among individuals over the age of 50. “The 2018 report shows how prevalent these crimes

are,” said Donna Gregory, chief of the IC3. “It also shows that the financial toll is substantial and a victim can be anyone who uses a connected device. Awareness is one powerful tool in efforts to combat and prevent these crimes. Reporting is another. The more information that comes into the IC3, the better law enforcement is able to respond.”

The bright spots reported by the IC3 include the establishment in February 2018 of the Recovery Asset Team and its success in recovering funds lost in business email compromise scams. These sophisticated scams involve perpetrators infiltrating businesses’ email accounts and requesting fraudulent wire transfers or gift card purchases.

The Recovery Asset Team has helped streamline

communication with financial institutions and assist FBI field offices in the recovery of funds for businesses that report a fraudulent domestic transfer. The team was able to successfully recover more than \$192 million in funds—a recovery rate of 75 percent.

One recovery success came in Colorado, where a victim wired \$56,179.27 for a home purchase to a thief after receiving a spoofed email request from the lending agent. The Recovery Asset Team worked with the Denver Field Office and the victim’s bank to freeze the funds transfer and return \$54,000 of the stolen money.

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Donna Gregory, chief, IC3 To improve the chances of a successful recovery, it is imperative that victims contact their bank immediately upon discovering a fraudulent transaction as well as report the crime to the IC3.

The large number of complaints captured by the IC3 in 2018 also helped improve the data available to all law enforcement entities as they search for connections among cases and look for trends and patterns in crimes

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 and victims. In addition, the IC3's Operation Well-spring Initiative helps build the cyber investigative capability and capacity of state and local law enforcement by linking them to the FBI's field offices for support on identifying and responding to malicious cyber activity. In 2018, the IC3 also worked with the FBI's Victim Services Division to add staff to help better serve the victims of cyber-enabled crime. The victim special-

ist-Internet crimes position helps provide crisis intervention services, assess victim needs, and refer victims to additional resources. The IC3 website provides a list of common and current scams as well as tips on how to avoid being a victim of an Internet-enabled crime. The most important prevention tips include keeping hardware and software updated and protected by anti-virus programs and strong passwords. The other steps include learning how

to recognize suspicious messages and requests and researching and verifying the legitimacy of every offer, person, message, or opportunity en-

countered online. The IC3 was created in 2000 to provide the public with a reliable and convenient reporting mechanism to submit information

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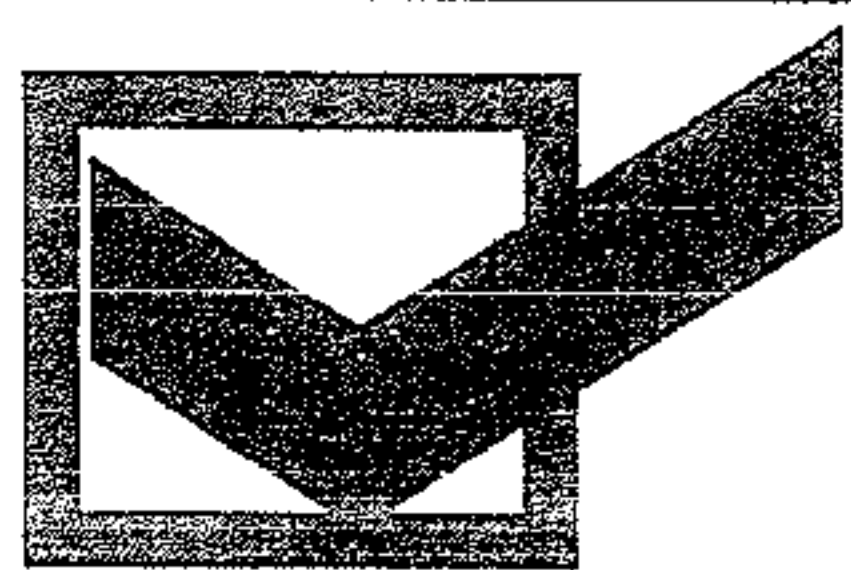
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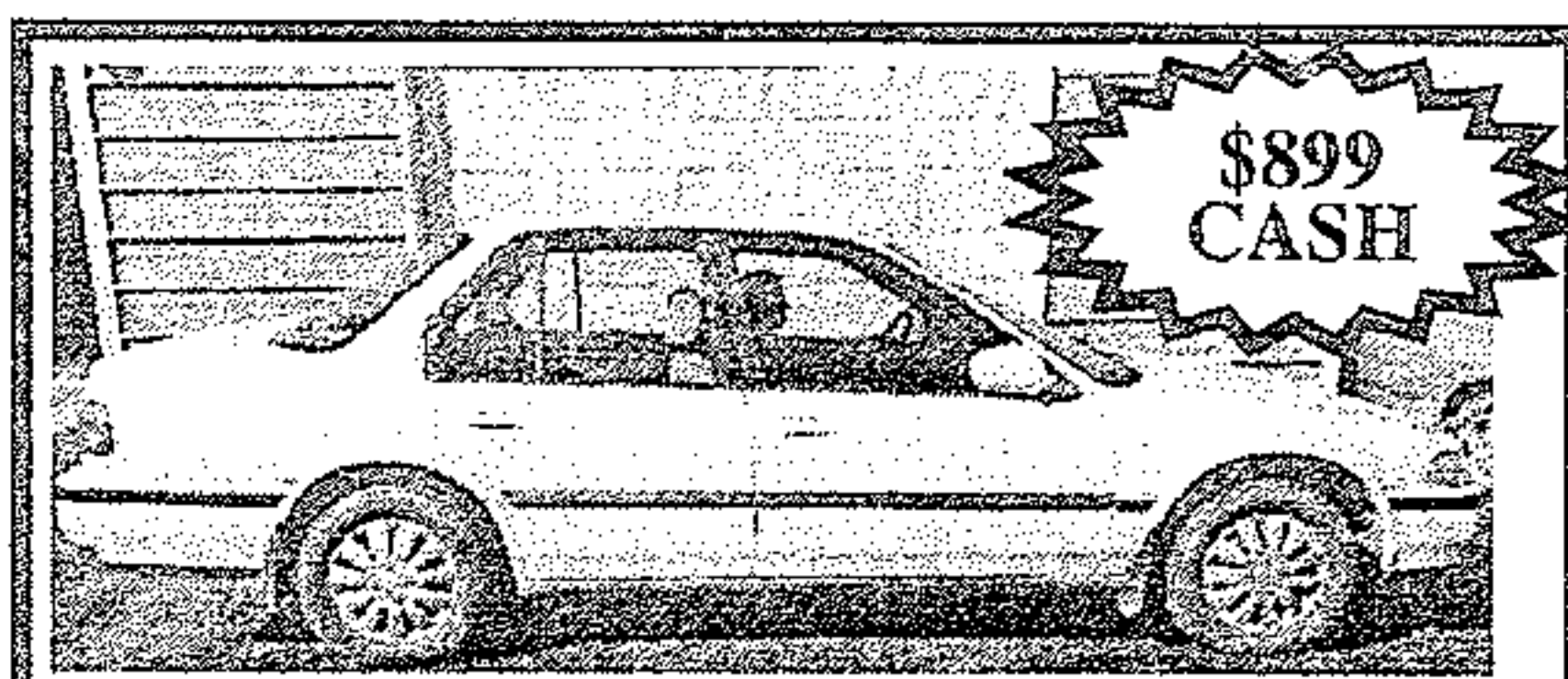
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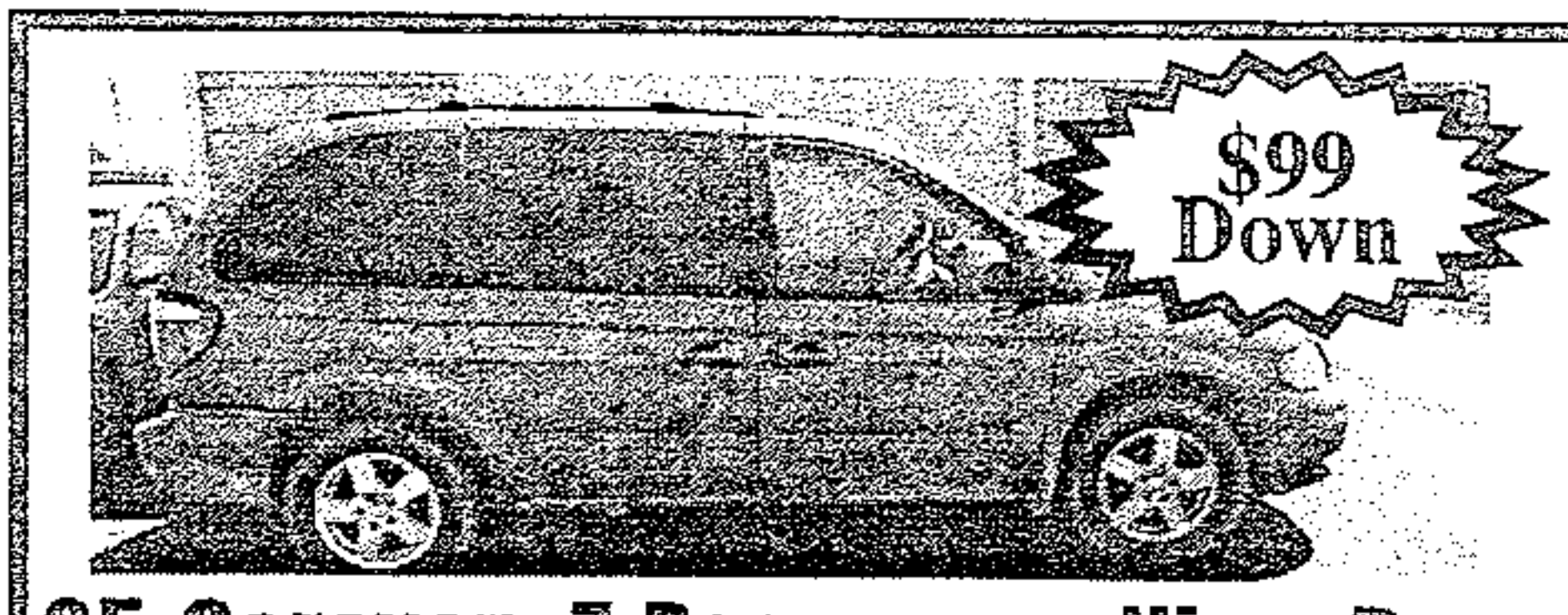
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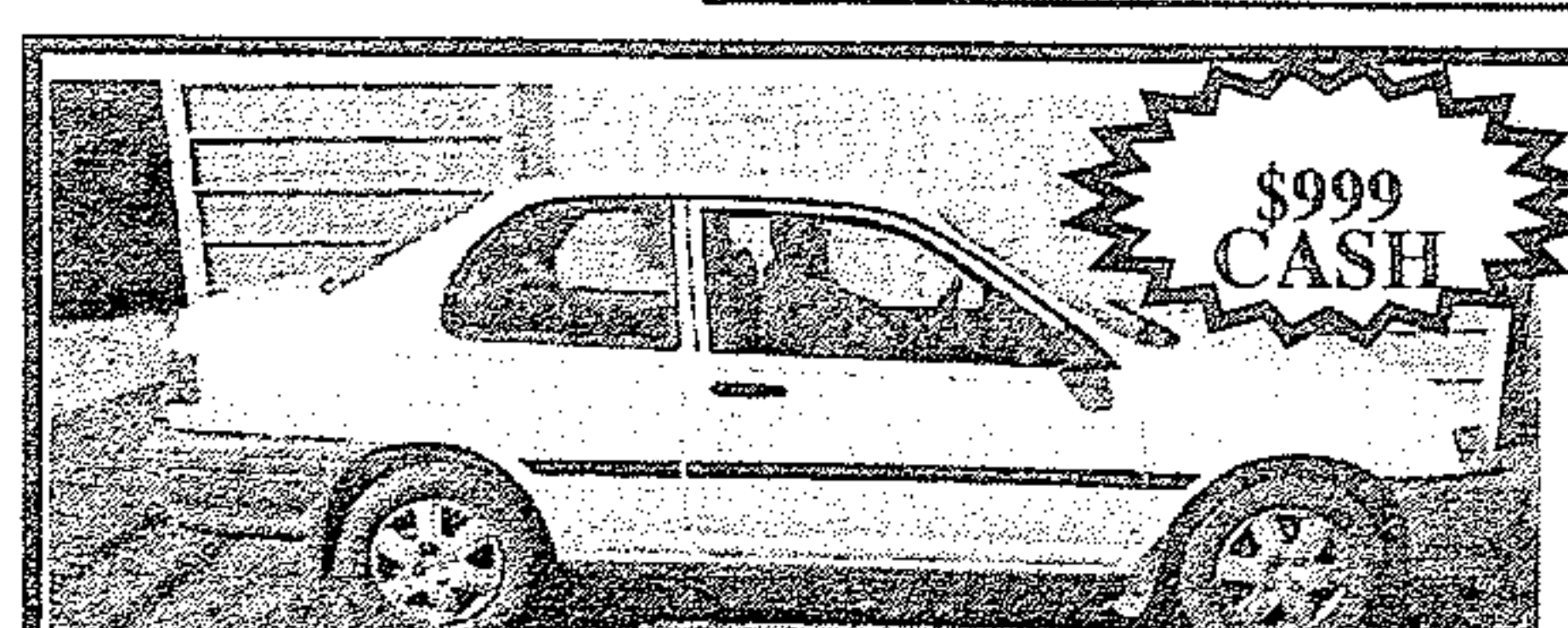
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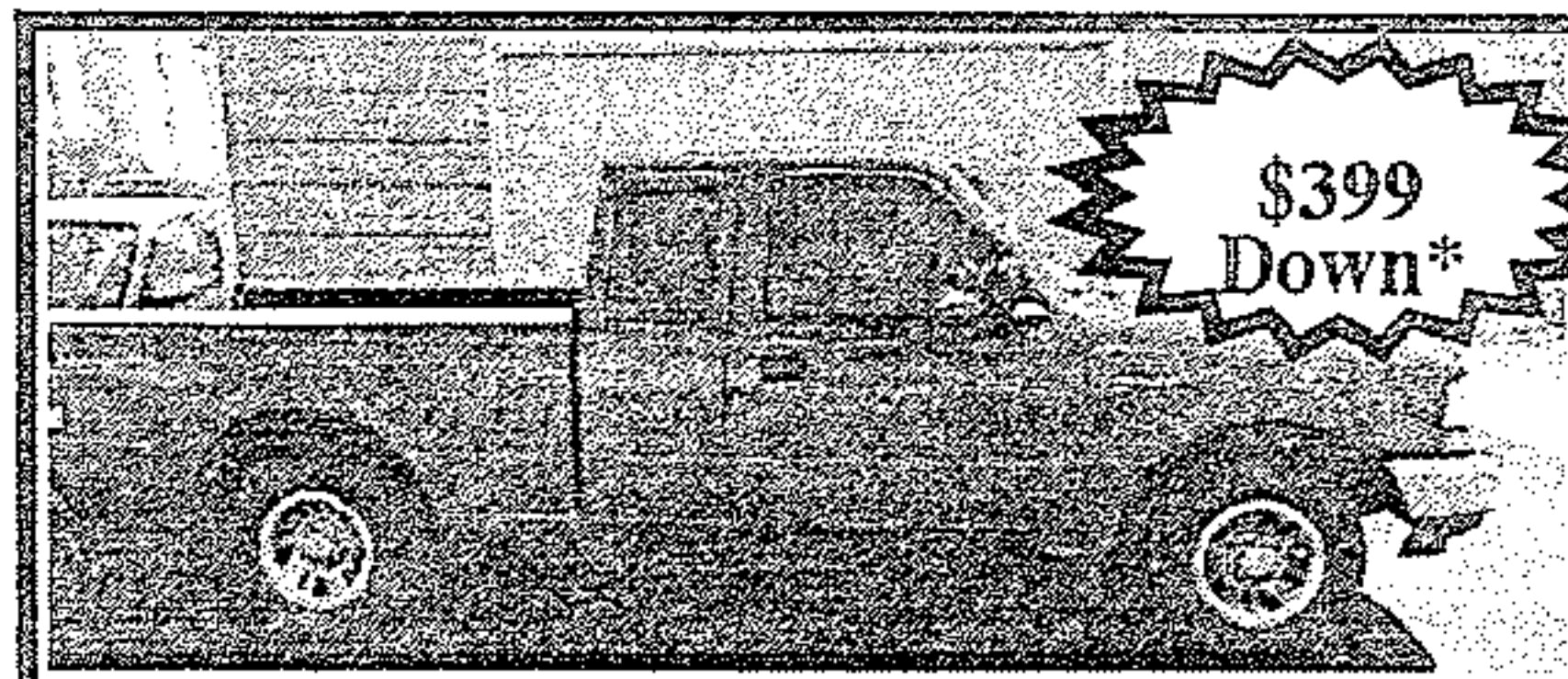
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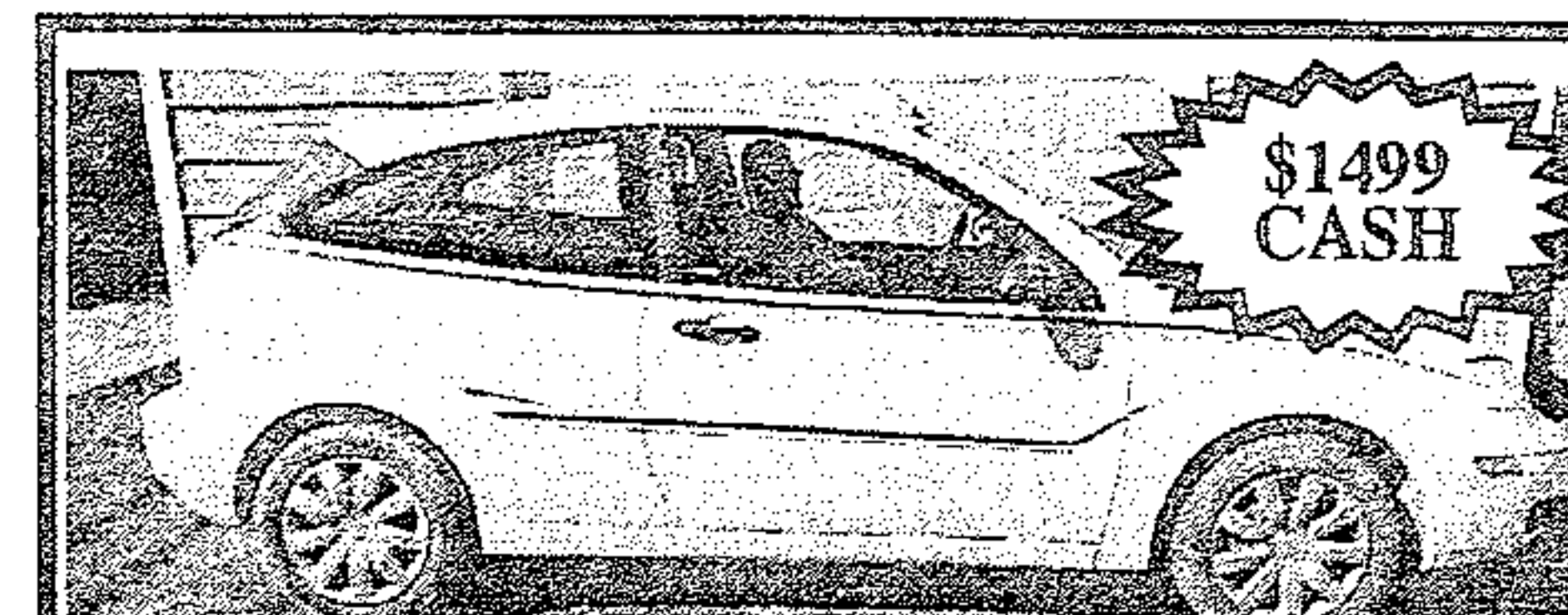
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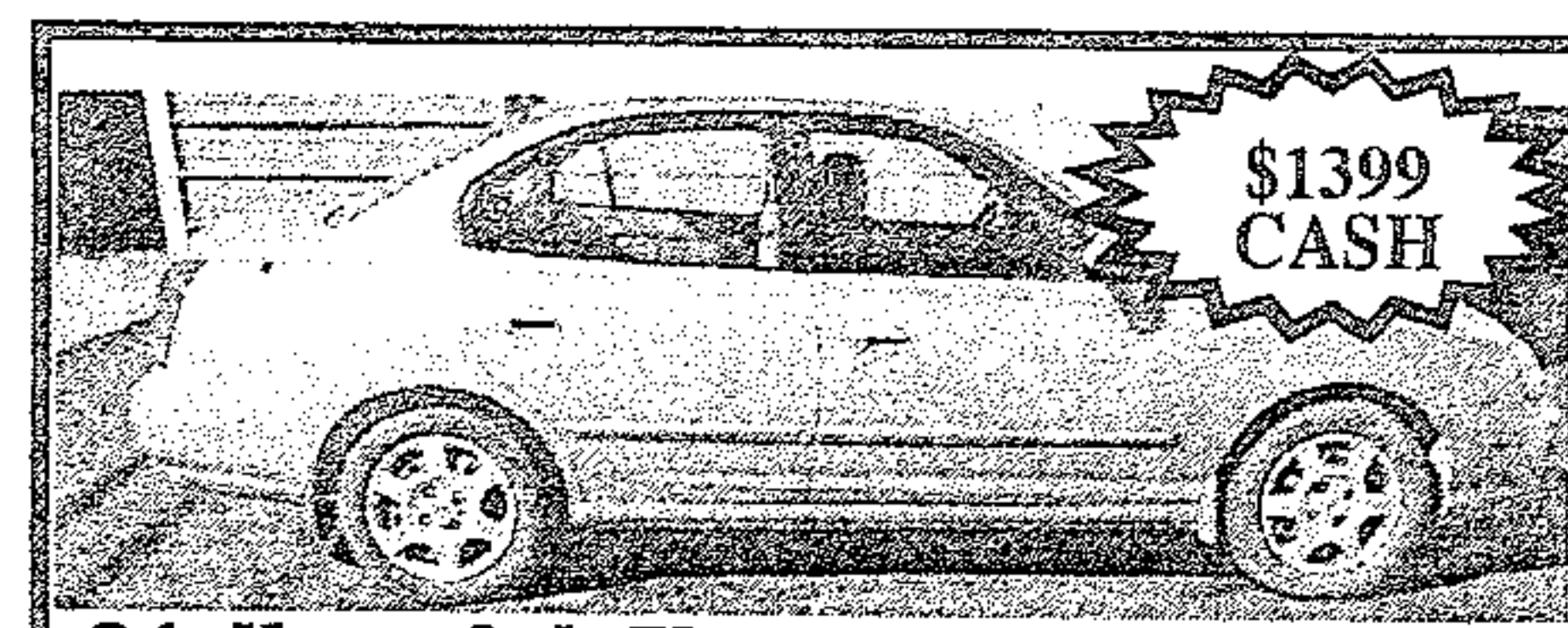
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