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LC man charged with Domestic assault



Rodney Simpson

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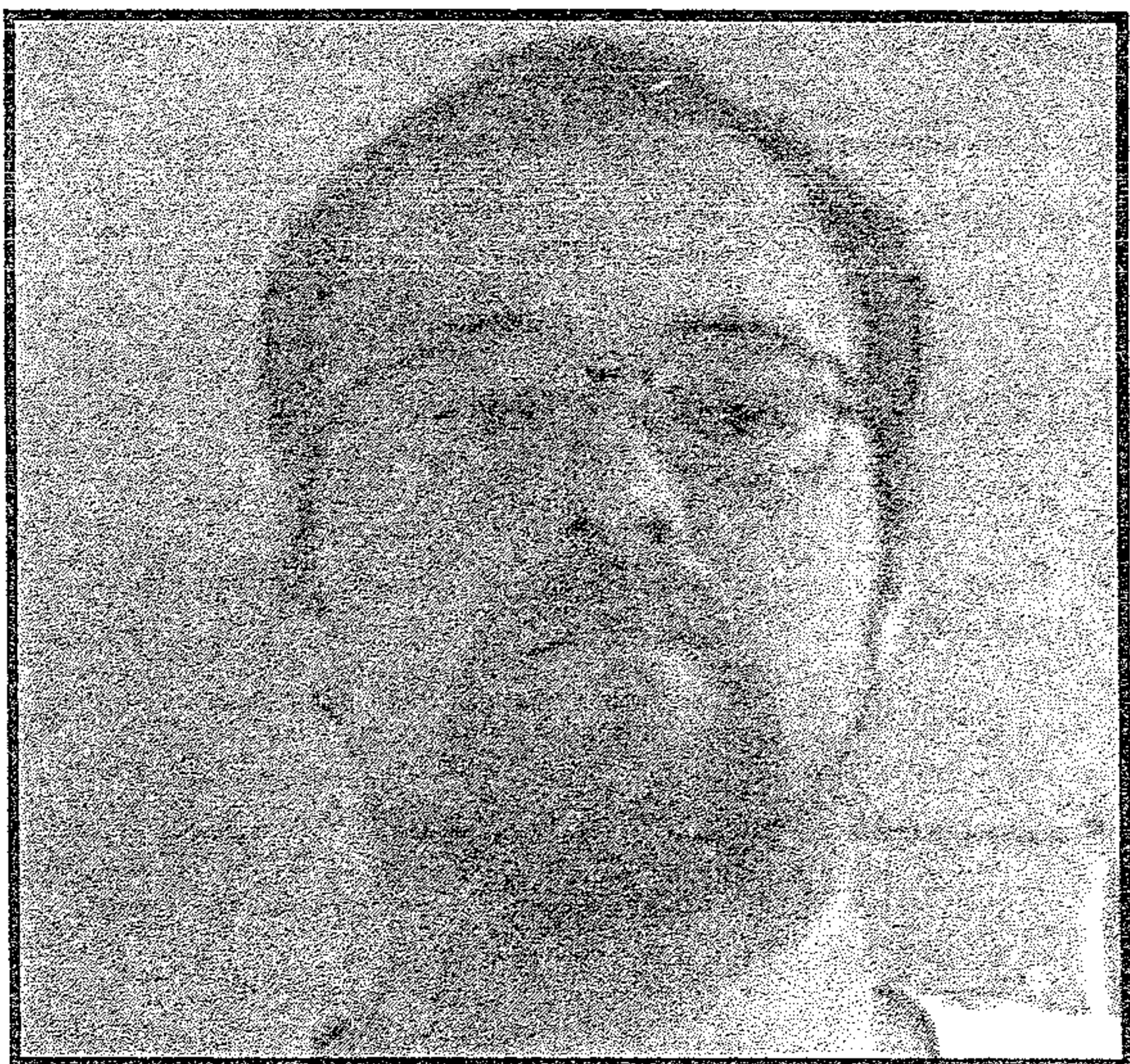
Woman uses credit card with out permission to buy air conditioner



Kimberly Norman

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No seat belt leads to DUI arrest



Jeffery Proctor

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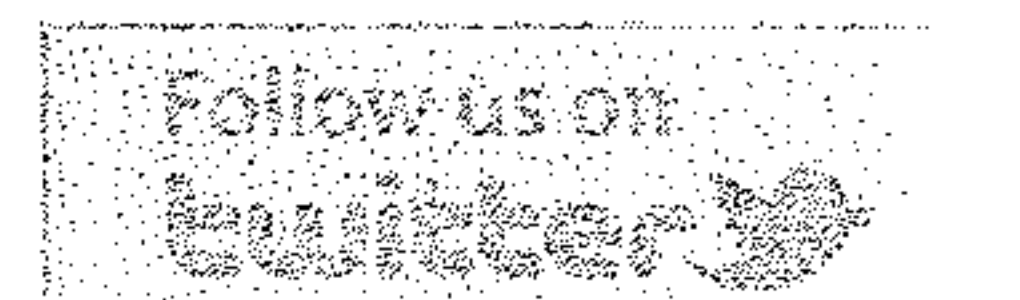
Telemarketer and his companies agree to pay \$2.5 million to settle allegations that they operated telemedicine schemes involving illegal kickbacks and unnecessary prescriptions

United States Attorney J. Douglas Overbey and U.S. Attorney Maria Chapa Lopez for the Middle District of Florida announce that Scott Roix, together with several entities through which he ran his telemarketing business, including Health-Right, LLC; Health Savings Solutions, LLC; Vici Marketing, LLC; and Vici Mar-

keting Group, LLC (hereinafter collectively referred to as "marketing companies"), have agreed to pay \$2.5 million to resolve allegations that Roix and these marketing companies violated the False Claims Act by causing the submission of false claims to feder-

al healthcare programs in connection with telemedicine health care fraud schemes. The government alleged that: (1) Roix and his marketing companies fraudulently obtained insurance coverage information from consumers across the country to

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Verse of the Day

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of

approval.

—John 6:27

Wazzup

Hope everyone is getting back into the school groove. Be sure to watch out for buses letting kids off, STOP

means STOP!!!

Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy.

High of 88F.

Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 70F

Saturday: Partly Sunny.

High of 89F

Saturday night: Cloudy.

Low of 67F.

Sunday: Sunny. High of 91F

Sunday night: Clear. Low of 67F.

Horoscopes

Leo 7/23-8/22

The truth of who you

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Assault

Rodney Simpson, 51, Bethel Drive Lenoir city, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Officer Yoakum LCPD, responded to Bethel Drive in reference to a domestic assault. Upon arrival the victim stated that she and Rodney

Simpson started arguing. Victim stated Rodney started striking her in the right arm area. The victim stated Rodney then forced victim head into the couch cushions and choked her until she could not breath, and almost passed out. Officer observed numerous red

marks on victim upper arm and neck area. The family room was filled with overturned furniture, broken pictures and a TV. Rodney Simpson was charged with aggravated Assault.

Air

Kimberly Norman, 45, Shaw Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Illegal Possession/Fraudulent use of a Credit Card.

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DUI etd. from pg. 2

Deputy TJ. Scarbrough LCSO, was dispatched to Shaw Ferry Road to a stolen credit card. On arrival Deputy spoke with the victim who stated she got a electronic receipt from Home Depot. Victim advised that a air conditioner had been bought with the victim's Home Depot card. Victim went to Home Depot and spoke with the

cashier on the receipt. The cashier described Kim Norman who is kin to the victim. Once victim got home she confronted Kim Norman who stated she would pay victim back. The victim never gave Kim Norman permission to use the credit card. The air conditioner is valued at 315.01 dollars and was recovered. Kim Norman was placed under arrest.

DUI

Jeffery Proctor, 29, Daisy Circle Maryville, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent. Officer Runyan LCPD, responded to the area of Hwy 321 to the Kenjo/Buddys BBQ area to a possible intoxicated male that walked into the store staggering and purchased alcohol. The caller stated that this male appeared to be heavily intoxicated and got into a red vehicle and was leaving area behind Shoney's. Officer located the vehicle in the Shoney's parking lot

and noticed the driver not wearing a seatbelt. Officer traffic stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver Jeffery Proctor, who had a heavy odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath. Proctor stated he had 3 or 4 beers earlier in the day. Officer had Proctor exit the vehicle who was unsteady on his feet and sweating heavily. Officer had Proctor perform sobriety test which he was too impaired to complete. Proctor became belligerent and refused Implied Consent. Jeffery Proctor was placed under arrest.

Missing Sheep Statue

Any infomation please call 865-936-0630

My huge life sized fiberglass sheep statue was stolen out of my back yard of the Loudon Housing Authority neighborhood on Creekwood Circle the 4th or 5th of July. My house backs up to trees between me and the houses on Carding Machine Road. The sheep was right behind my house in my flower bed so it was not visible from the road..... limited amount of people knew it was back there but evidently someone around me had company who saw it and decided to steal it. I am on disability now and had made payments to have this garden

statue ...I finally got it on May 20th so I did not get to enjoy it very long. I just want people to know if they see my Sheep or know who stole my Sheep..... That I would like her back and am willing to give a reward to someone if they will help.



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arrange for them to receive prescription pain creams and other similar products, (2) these prescriptions were not medically necessary and did not arise from a valid doctor-patient relationship, and (3) Roix and his marketing companies sold these prescriptions to pharmacies under the guise of marketing services, and the payments solicited were based on the volume and value of the prescriptions.

"The United States Attorney's Office is committed to protecting TRICARE and other federal health care programs from improper practices that harm our nation's healthcare programs," said U.S. Attorney Chapa Lopez. "Those who generate prescriptions for profit and violate the Anti-Kick-back Statute will be held accountable."

"Prescriptions and other medical services resulting from kick-backs undermine the integrity of our health care system," said U.S. Attorney Overbey. "Telemedicine is a valuable service for

our citizens, but it must not be abused. We will take action against individuals who break the law to make a profit at the expense of our federal healthcare programs and, ultimately, at the expense of the American taxpayer."

"Telemarketing fraud is a major threat to the integrity of the Medicare program," said Derrick L. Jackson, Special Agent in Charge at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General in Atlanta.

"Unscrupulous companies collect patient information then sell it to pharmacies and other medical providers in exchange for kick-backs."

U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General Special Agent in Charge Kenneth Cleevely, Eastern Area Field Office, stated, "The U.S. Postal Service spends billions of dollars per year in workers compensation-related costs, most of which are legitimate. However, when medical providers or companies choose to flout the rules and profit illegally, special agents with the USPS OIG will

work with our law enforcement partners to hold them responsible. To report fraud or other criminal activity involving the Postal Service, contact our special agents at www.uspsoig.gov or 888-USPS-OIG."

"This settlement demonstrates the commitment of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and our law enforcement partners to ensure that individuals do not unjustly enrich themselves by abusing the Department

of Defense TRICARE program. DCIS protects the integrity of DoD programs by rooting out fraud, waste, and abuse which diverts American taxpayer dollars intended to support our Warfighters," said Special Agent in Charge, Cyndy Bruce, Southeast Field Office.

"Today's settlement demonstrates the commitment of the Office of Personnel Management Office of the Inspector General and our law

enforcement partners at the Department of Justice to ensuring that federal health care programs, including the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, are protected from fraud and abuse," said Thomas W. South, the OPM Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations. "I am immensely proud of the work our office has done to not only safeguard taxpayer dollars, but also protect the health and wellbeing of

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“This settlement emphasizes the collaborative effort by the FBI and our law enforcement partners to target those individuals who cheat the system and destroy public trust in our federally funded healthcare programs,” said Michael F. McPherson, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Tampa Division.

The settlement resolves allegations that, beginning in September 2014, Health Savings Solutions, at the direction of Roix, received payments from Oldsmar Pharmacy that were based on the value and volume of prescriptions solicited by Health Savings Solutions in violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute, and the False Claims Act. These allegations were brought in a lawsuit filed under the qui tam, or whistleblower, provisions of the False Claims Act, which permit private parties to sue on behalf of the government for false claims, and to

receive a share of any recovery. The qui tam case against Roix and Health Savings Solutions was filed by Jennifer Silva and Jessica Robertson and is captioned: United States ex rel. Silva, et al. v. Vici Marketing, LLC, et al., Middle District of Florida (Case No. 8:15-cv-444-T-33TGW). Ms. Silva and Ms. Robertson will receive \$287,500 of the settlement.

The settlement also resolves allegations that, from June 2015 through October 2018, HealthRight, at the direction of Roix, received payments from Synergy Pharmacy that were based on the value and volume of pre-

scriptions solicited by HealthRight on behalf of Synergy Pharmacy. These allegations were also the subject of a criminal case captioned United States v. Scott Roix, et al., Eastern District of Tennessee (Case No. 2:18-cr-133), in which Roix and HealthRight pleaded guilty in September 2018.

This investigation was a collaborative effort between the U.S. Attorneys’ Office of the Eastern District of Tennessee and the Middle District of Florida. It was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jeremy Dykes, Michael Kenneth, and Jessica Sievert, with support from HHS-OIG, OPM-OIG, USPS-OIG, DOD-DCIS, and FBI.

Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. located at the United Methodist Church of Philadelphia.

Public Notice

The Loudon Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at the Loudon City Hall, 2480 Hwy. 72 N., Loudon, TN, to receive public comments regarding amending the Subdivision Regulations, Article III, C., Lots, subsection 2. Arrangement for lot frontage requirements for subdivision of property within the municipal boundaries of the City of Loudon only.

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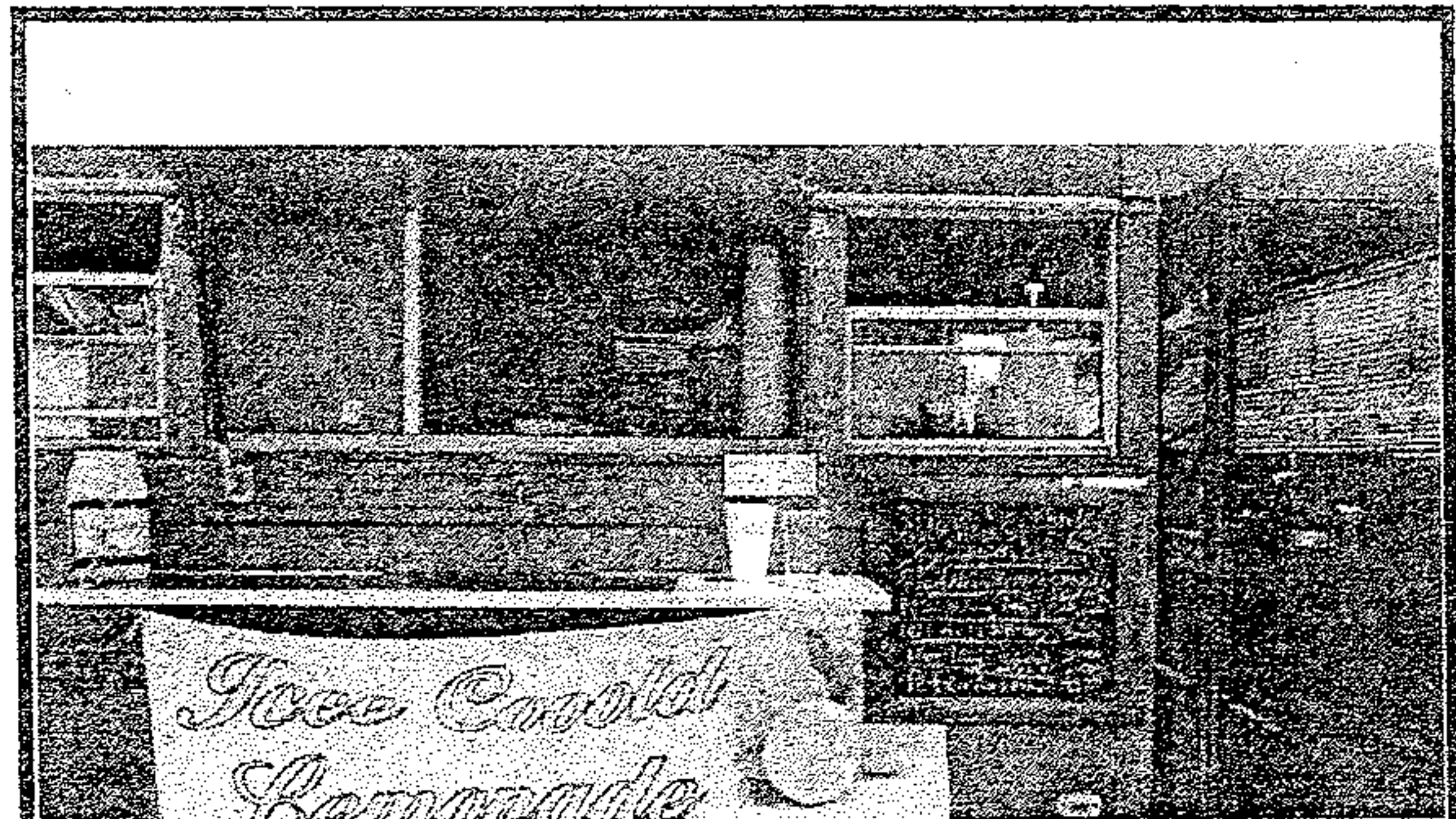
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