

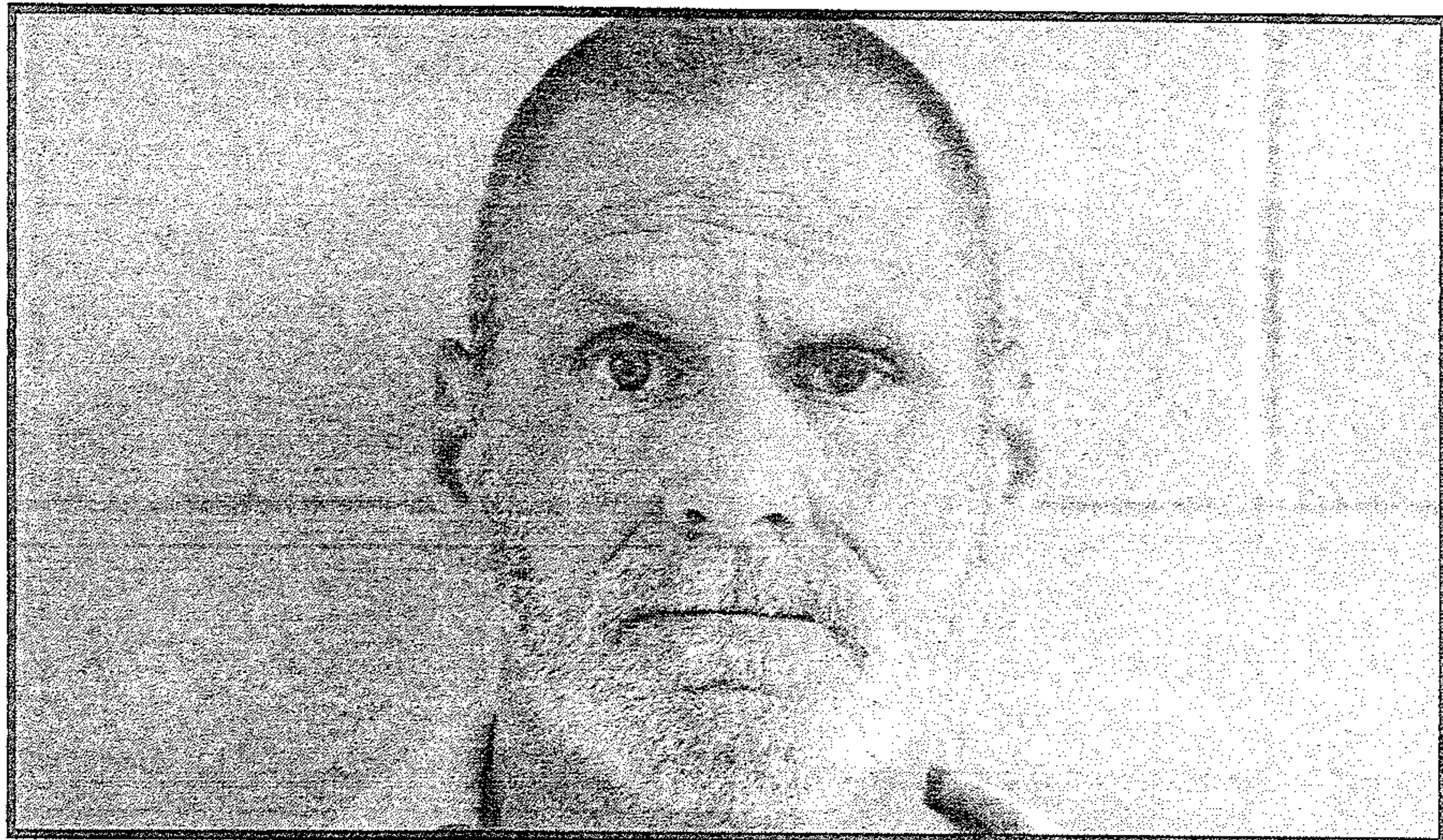
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Man charged after attempting to stab victim and threatens burn her mothers house down



Jackie Turpin

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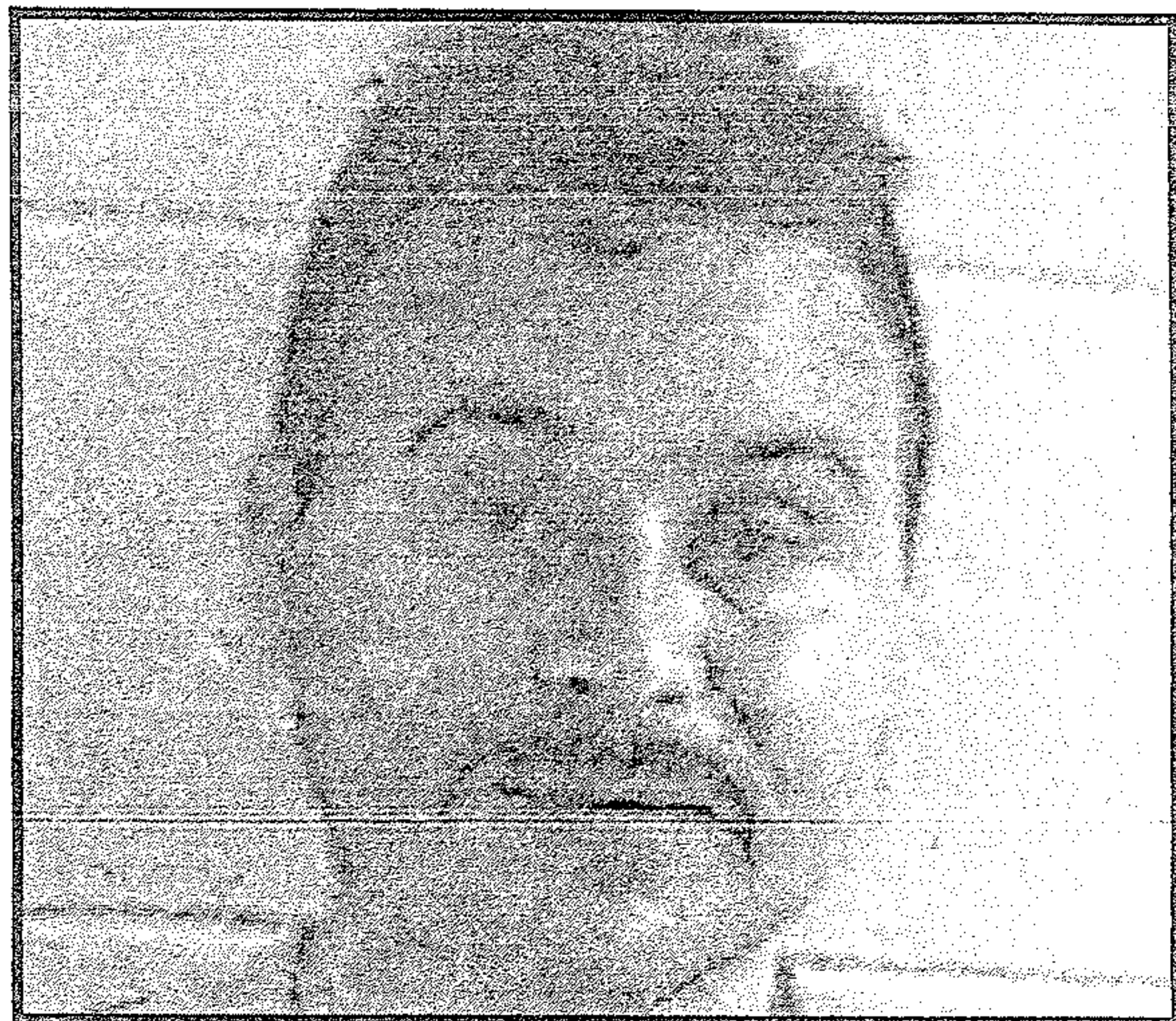
Driver was so intoxicated he could not stay awake



Terry Marshall

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Driver refuses to get out of vehicle after DUI



Juan Mejia

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Second Tennessee Correctional Officer Pleads Guilty to Federal Civil Rights Offense for Beating Inmate

Tanner Penwell, 22, pleaded guilty to using unlawful force on an inmate while Penwell was serving as a correctional officer with the Tennessee Department of Correc-

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TDOC Commissioner Issues Call For Cellphone 'Jamming' Technology

Calling it one of the largest security concerns in prisons today, Tennessee Department of Correction Commissioner Tony Parker is again issuing a call for action against contraband cell phones. Commissioner Parker's latest call comes

on the hills of a just released report from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) that cites the effectiveness of micro-jamming technology to block illegal cell-phone signals in correctional facilities.

The NTIA report

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Verse of the Day

The inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, "Let us go at once to entreat the LORD and seek the LORD Almighty. I myself am going."

—Zechariah 8:21

Wazzup

A big thanks to the SNL Homescapes crew you all are amazing!!

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 94F.

Tonight: Cloudy. Low 70F.

Tuesday: Cloudy. High of 92F

Tuesday night: Clearing. Low of 69F

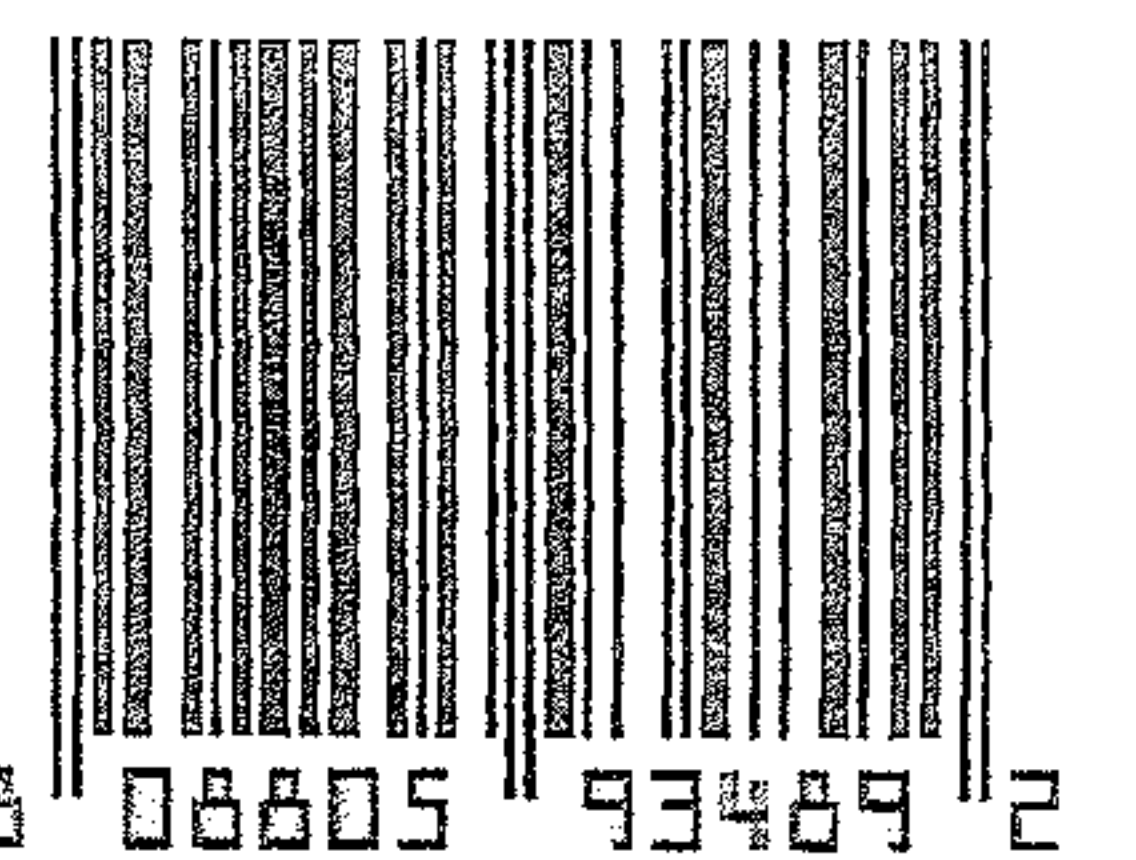
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You may become more

aware of the sneaky ways you sabotage your own success. Often you can see an external foe, but its harder to catch and dismantle your own habits that disrupt productivity. One com-

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Assault

Jackie Turpin, 56, Clyde Street Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault Felony. Officer Sam Harrison LPD, was dispatched to a domestic at the Loudon Garden Apt. Upon arrival Officer spoke with the victim who stated

Jackie Turpin had been arguing and that he had locked her out of the apt. Victim advised that she just wanted to retrieve a few items and leave the premises, however it soon became apparent that the incident had been physical just prior to Officer arrival. Victim ad-

vised that Jackie became angry with her because she had been outside speaking with a friend. Victim advised that she attempted to leave the apt. and that Jackie had pushed her down on the

bed multiple times. Victim advised that Jackie pulled out a knife and stabbed the bed next to where she was sitting, cutting the sheet and the

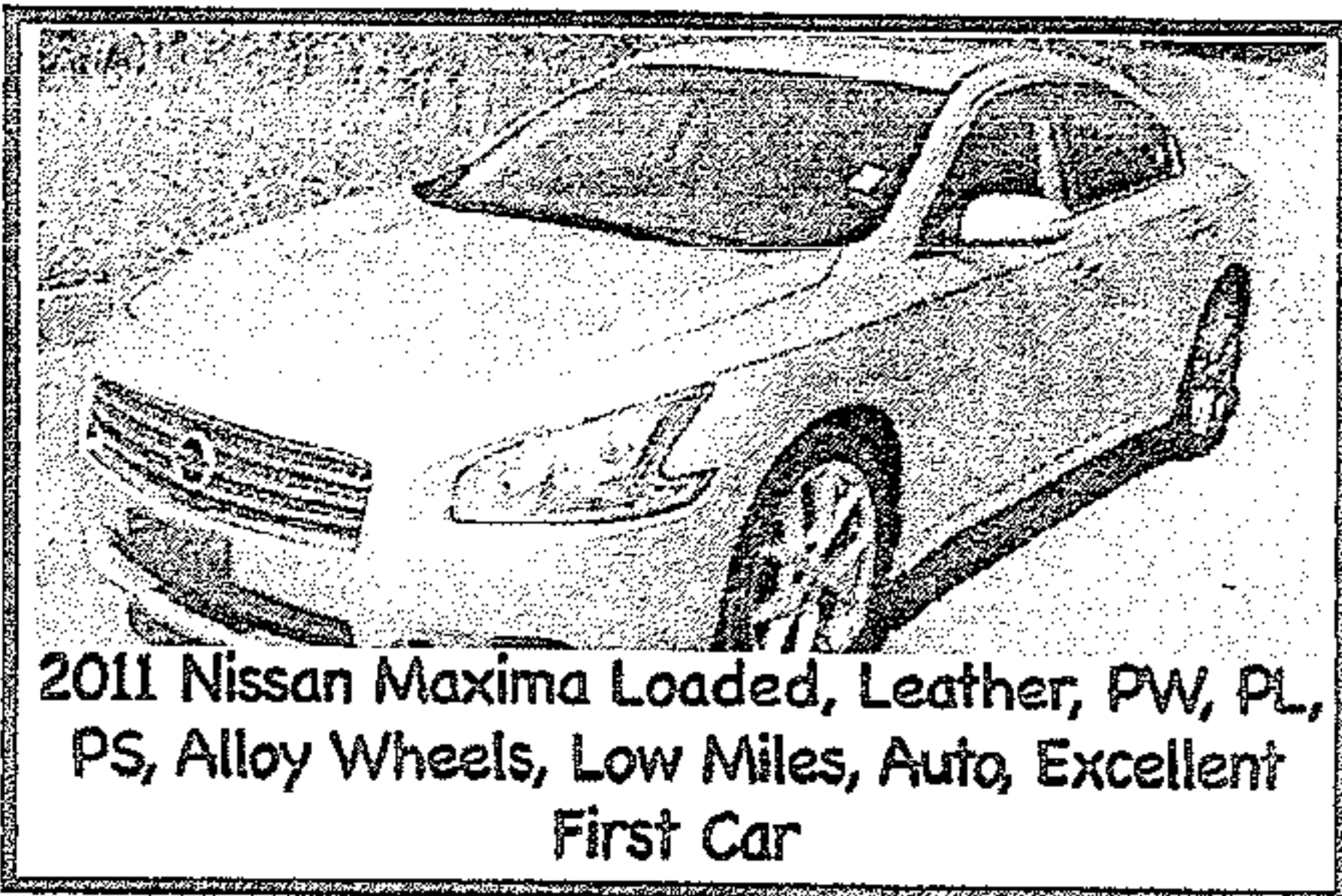
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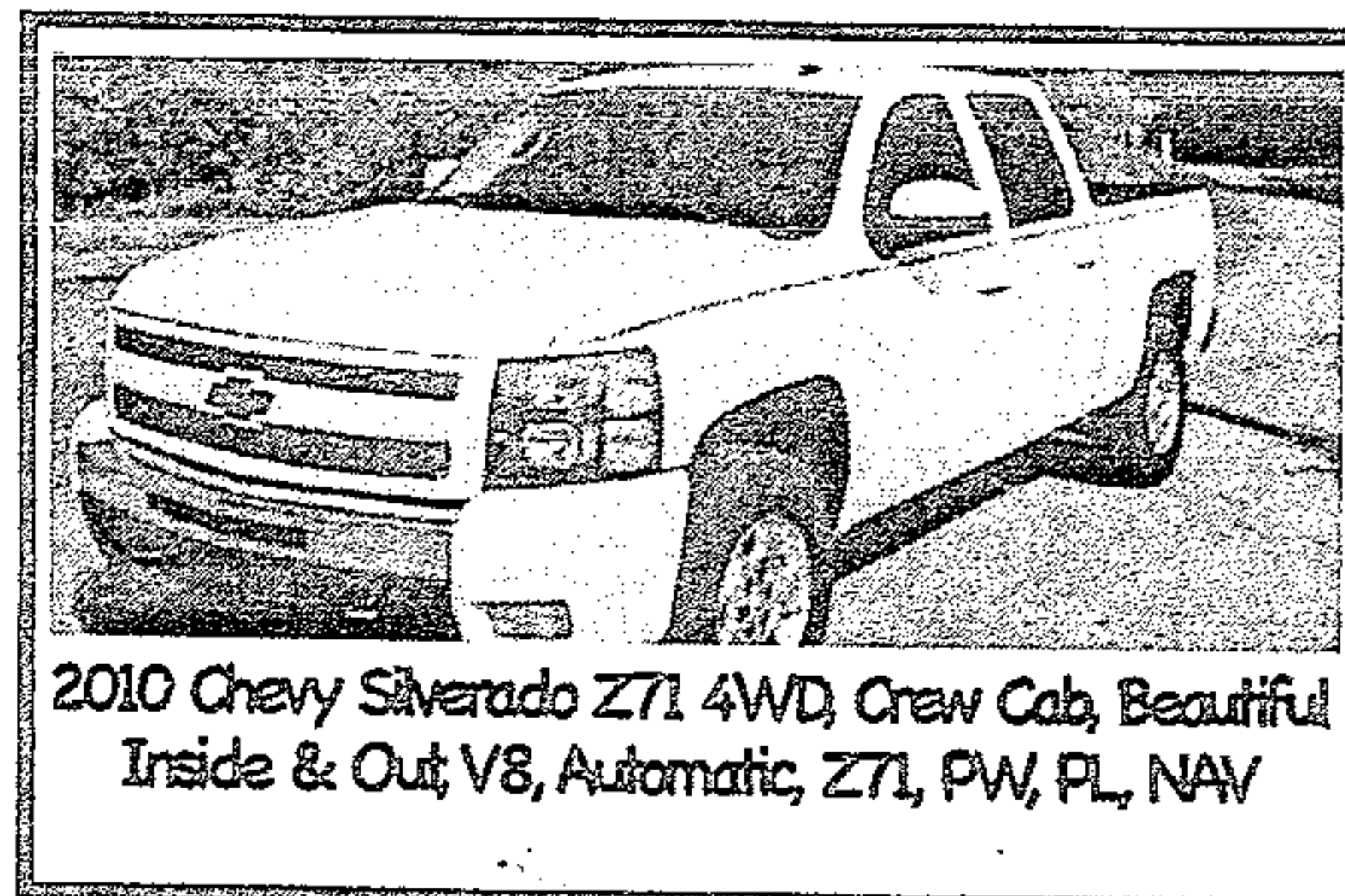
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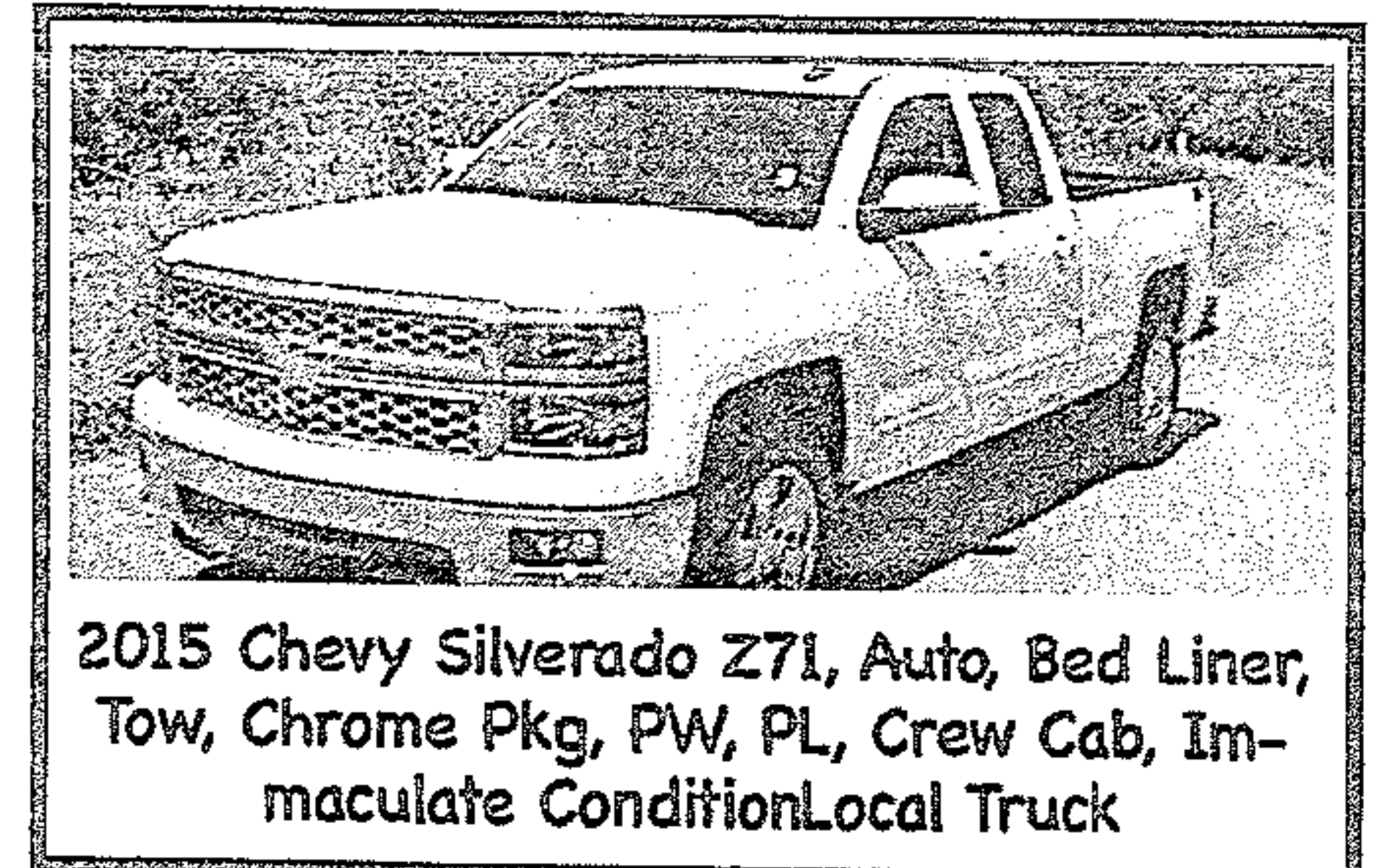
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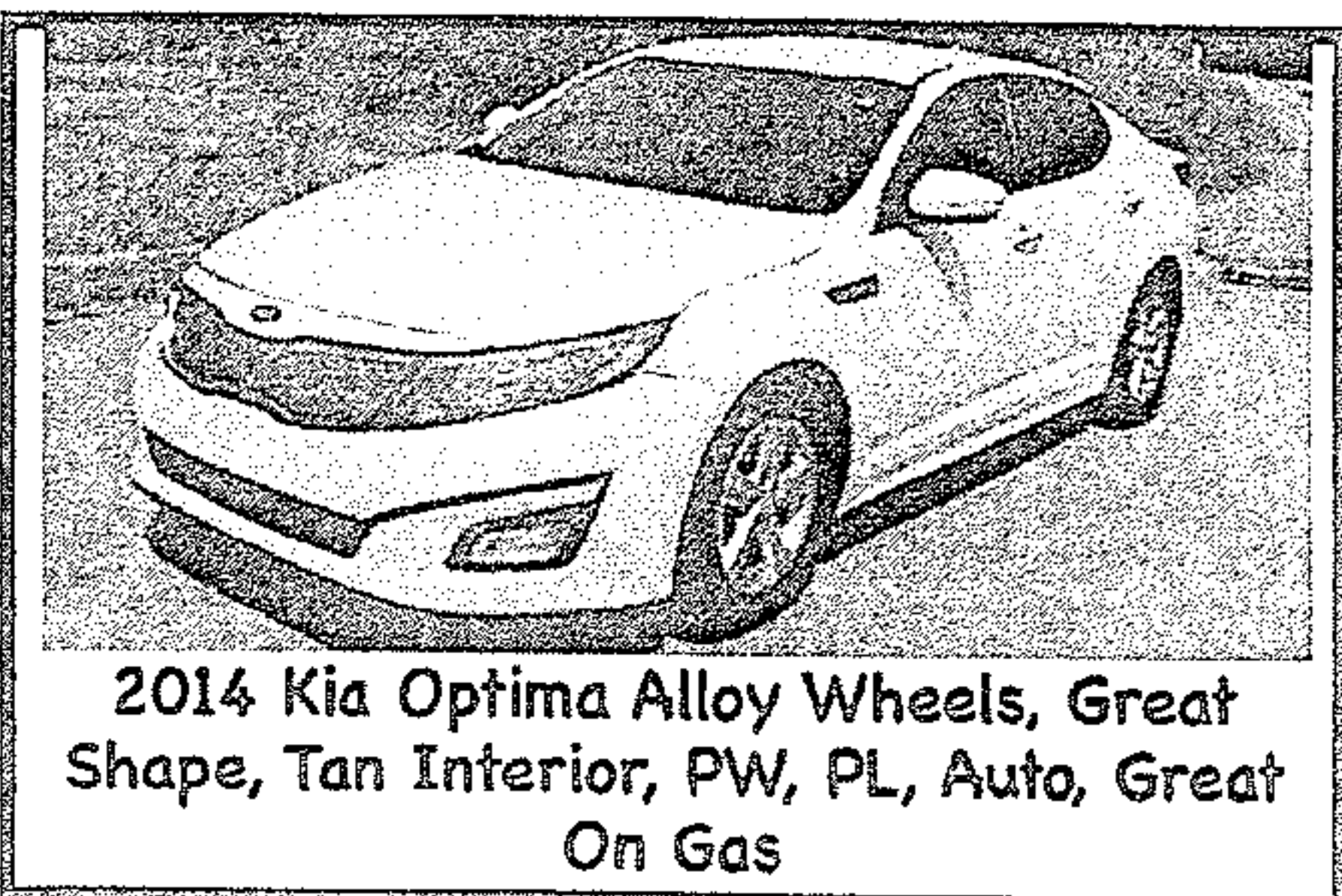
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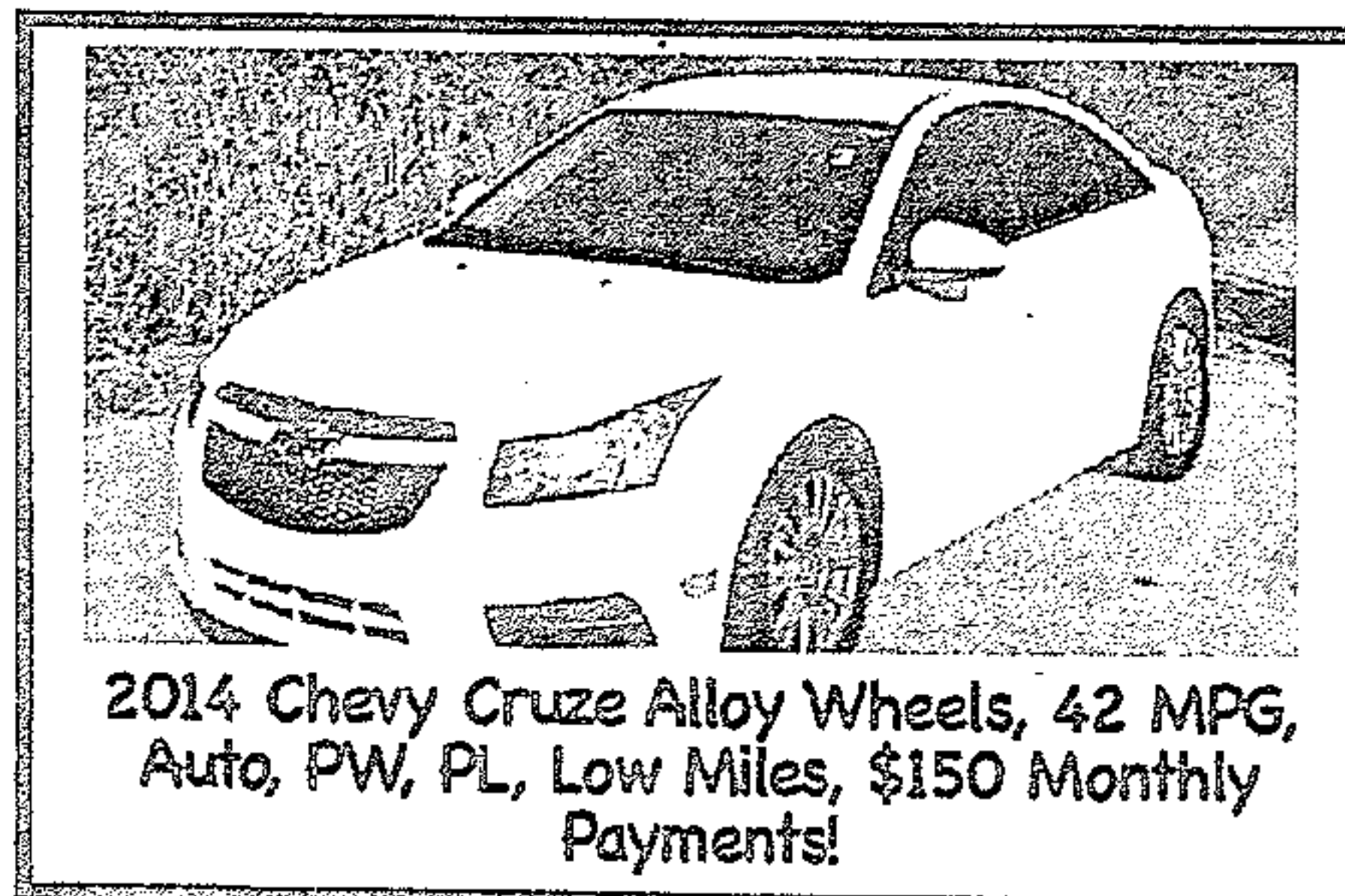
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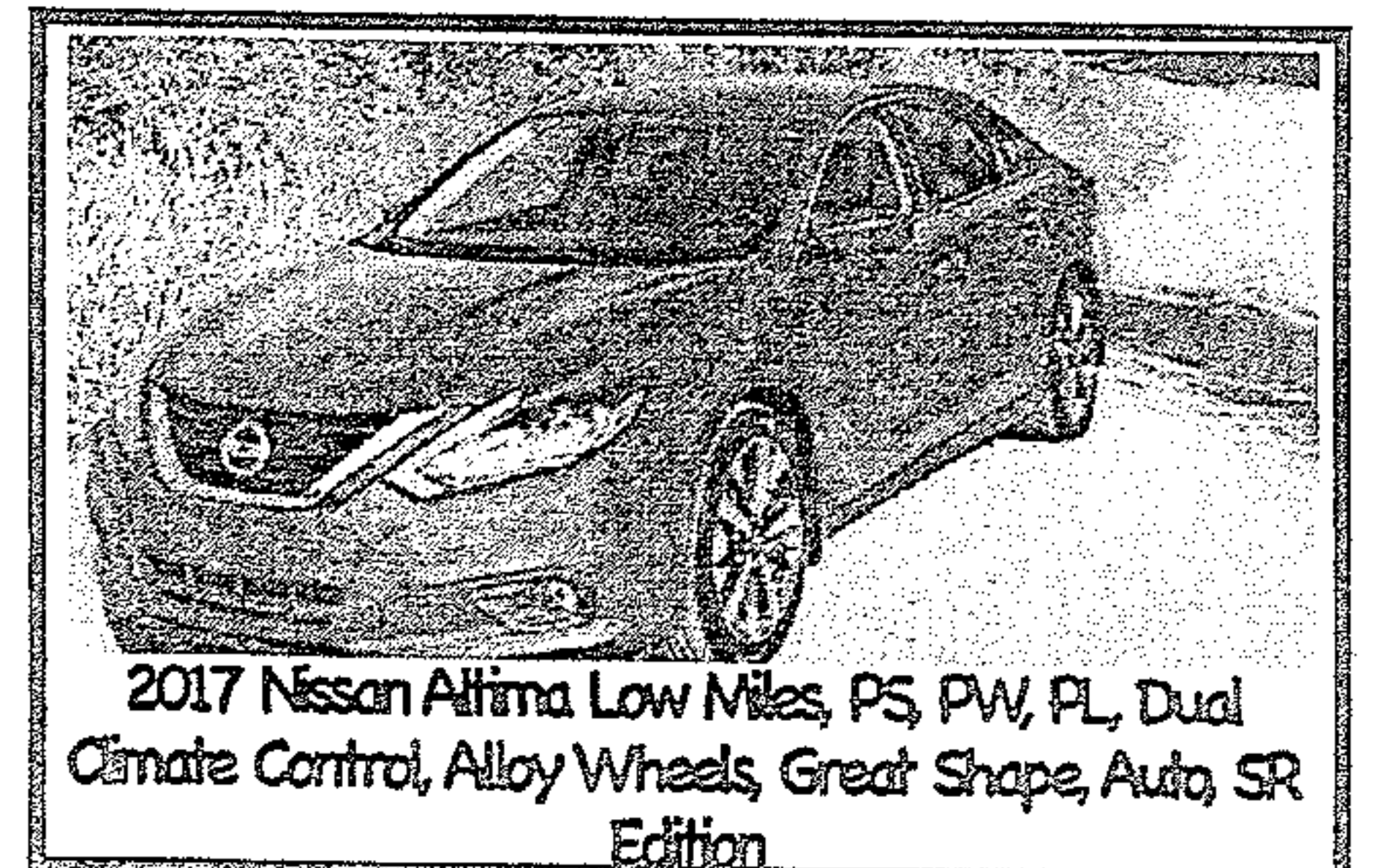
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Driver

Terry Marshall, 60, Robinson Spring Road Loudon, was charged with DUI, and Open Container. Deputy Caleb Green LCSO, was advised of a possible intoxicated driver traveling on Hines Valley Road that had ran off the road and nearly struck several vehicle. Inv. Stanley located the vehicle pulling out of Pine Grove Missionary Church. Inv. Stanley observed the vehicle pull of onto the shoulder of the roadway. Inv. Stanley made contact with the driver which was unconscious. Deputy arrived on scene and spoke with the driver identified as Terry Marshall. Deputy requested Marshall to exit the vehicle and perform sobriety test Marshall agreed. While Deputy was speaking with Marshall he observed him to have red watery eyes, slurred speech, and an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. Marshall had a disability which limited

the test he could perform. The test he could perform he did poorly on and stated he had a few drinks and had an open alcoholic beverage in the vehicle. Terry Marshall was placed under arrest. While transporting Marshall to the Loudon County Jail, Deputy observed Marshall nodding in the back seat, and had to wake him to prevent him from hitting his head on the window.

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foam mattress. Victim stated Jackie grabbed her necklace and threaten to break it, leaving a small visible red mark on her neck. Victim also stated that Jackie threaten to burn all of her stuff, and if he went to jail he would burn victim's mother place down. Jackie Turpin was placed under arrest.

DUI

Juan Mejia, 39, Main Street Loudon, was charged with DUI, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License. Officer C. Law LPD, was advised by

Agent Farmer that a maroon vehicle was coming over the bridge all over the roadway. The maroon vehicle was located and a traffic stop was made on Grove Street and Hwy 11. Upon making contact with the driver Juan Mejia, he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage upon his person, when he was ask to step out of the vehicle he clinched to the steering wheel and

refused to get out of the vehicle. After disengaging Mejia's hand from the steering wheel, Officer attempted to detain him and place him in handcuff. Mejia became very combative and irate. Officer then grabbed both of Mejia hands and placed cuff on him. Mejia refused to perform sobriety test. Juan Mejia was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Public Notice

The Loudon Regional Planning Commission will hold a public workshop at 11:30 AM, on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at the Loudon City Hall, 2480 Hwy. 72 N., Loudon, TN, to review and discuss the Zoning Ordinance, Standards of signs, billboards and other advertising structures.

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Cell

details the results of a pilot test of micro-jamming technology by the Department of Justice/Federal Bureau of Prisons of micro-jamming technology at a state prison in South Carolina. "This pilot program is a clear example of available jamming technology that has been tested in a true correctional

environment and has provided results that would render illegal cell phones inoperable inside Tennessee prisons, without disrupting legal communication devices outside the targeted area," Parker said.

Illegal cell phones inside prisons have been used to promote illicit activity, from drug smuggling networks to facilitating assaults and escapes.

In 2005, a contraband cell phone was used to facilitate an escape which led to the murder of Tennessee Correctional Officer Wayne "Cotton" Morgan.

For years the corrections industry has asked repeatedly for permission to use 'jamming' technology to disable cell phones inside prisons. In 2018, Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) and Representative William Lamberth (R-Portland) sponsored a resolution in the Tennessee General Assembly encouraging the Federal Communications Commission to support the use of jamming technology within Tennessee prisons.

"Without exception, we have continued to 'kick this can' down

the road, for a variety of reasons," Parker said. The only solution offered to corrections has been managed access systems that have proven, time and again, to be unreliable and very expensive. Other technology, such as wands and cell phone detectors, present many challenges inside correctional environments.

"It is time to move forward with the use of micro-jamming technology," Parker said. "All other technology designed to help correctional departments remove the threats that illegal cell phones bring have failed and it is time to put the interest of public safety first."

Inmate

tions. "This type of behavior and violation of an inmate's civil rights will not be tolerated," said Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. "The Department of Justice will continue to seek out justice on behalf of those who have had their civil rights violated."

"Correctional officers must abide by and adhere to the same laws they take an oath to uphold and enforce. Instead of serving and protecting the public, this officer used physical force to violate the civil rights of an individual and

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will now be held accountable, vividly illustrating that no one is above the law," said U.S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant for the Western District of Tennessee.

"The FBI will vigorously investigate and bring to justice any law enforcement officer who crosses the line and engages in activity that violates the civil rights of those whose safety they are charged with," said Bryan McCloskey, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "This plea should be a reminder that wearing a badge does not make one above the law."

With his guilty plea, Penwell admitted that, on Feb. 1, he and several other correctional officers entered the cell of R.T., an inmate in the mental health unit at the Northwest County Correctional Complex in Tiptonville, Tennessee. Penwell and the other officers entered the cell because R.T. was a suicide risk. Inmate R.T. was already bleeding when the

officers entered his cell, and R.T. flung blood toward the correctional officers.

Once inside, a correctional officer looked in the direction of the surveillance camera in the cell and said, "violate the camera." Another correctional officer then covered the camera with his hand. The correctional officer who asked for the camera to be violated then repeatedly punched R.T. Penwell estimated that this officer hit R.T. more than 20 times. When the officer stopped hitting R.T., he looked back at Penwell and said, "get him." Penwell stepped up and punched R.T. multiple times in the head. After Penwell stopped punching R.T., a third correctional officer punched R.T. Throughout the time he was being punched by the correctional officers, inmate R.T. sat on the bench in the cell and only used his arms to cover his face in an apparent attempt to protect his face from the correctional officers' punches. At no point did R.T. attempt to fight back.

Penwell knew that punching R.T. was unlawful, but he did not step in to stop it. A supervisor and several correctional officers were in a position to watch as the three correctional officers punched inmate R.T., but none of them attempted to stop the officers from hitting R.T. After R.T. was punched by the officers, Penwell observed that R.T. was bleeding much more than when they had first entered the cell.

Once outside of the cell, Penwell spoke with several correctional officers and a supervisor. The supervisor said he needed to see if the camera inside the cell was working. The supervisor and the first correctional officer who punched R.T. decided that all of the officers would

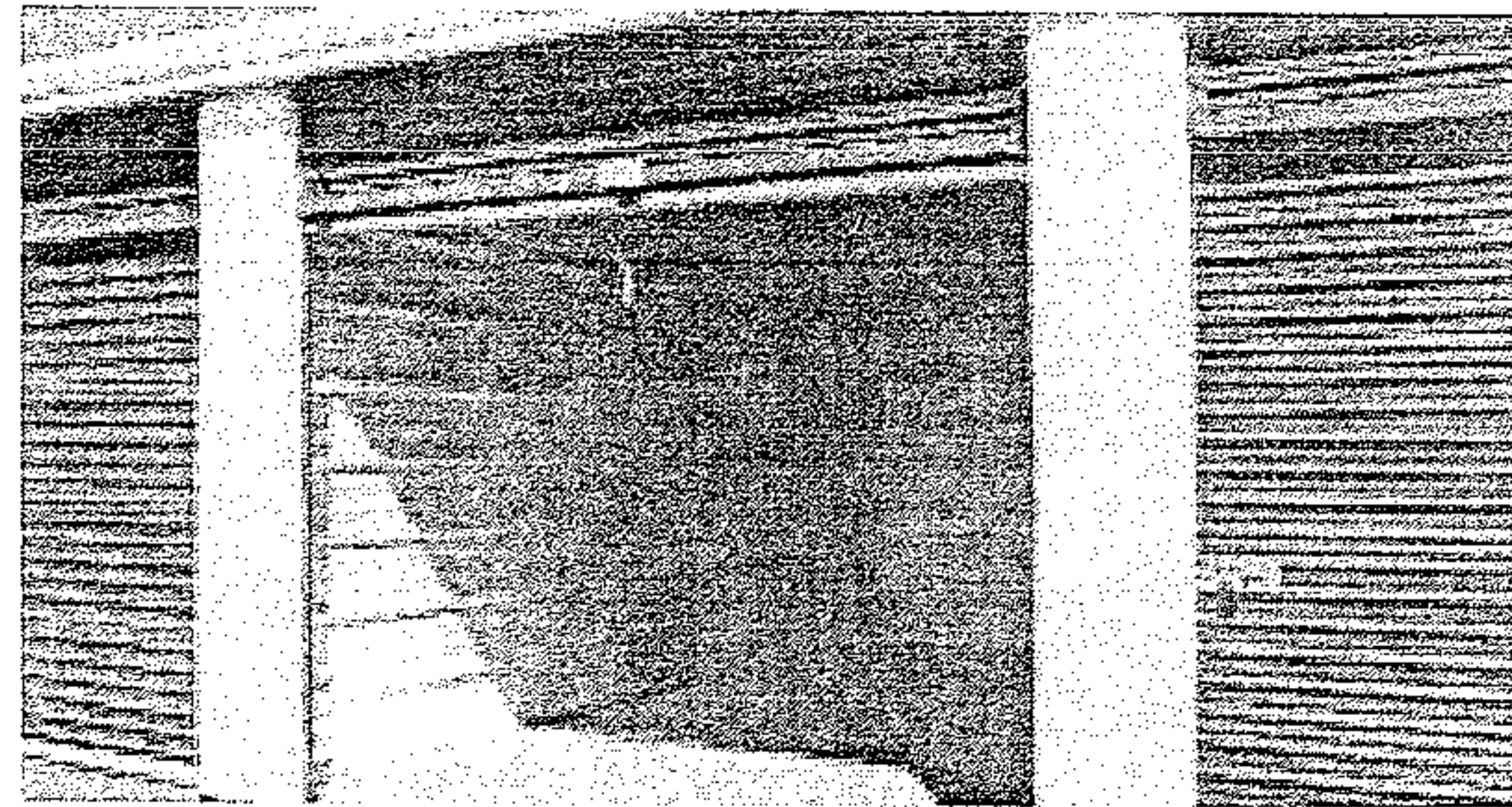
falsely claim that R.T. injured himself while he was on suicide watch in the mental health unit. The next morning, the first correctional officer who punched R.T. told Penwell that instead of falsely claiming that R.T. injured himself, as the supervisor had proposed the day before, they should both falsely blame the third correctional officer who punched R.T. for all of R.T.'s injuries. Over the next few days, the first officer who punched R.T. repeatedly told

Penwell to stick to this new cover story.

With today's guilty plea, Penwell admitted that he violated 18 U.S.C. § 242 when he repeatedly punched and injured inmate R.T. without legal justification. The maximum penalty for this civil rights offense is 10 years imprisonment.

In a related case, former Correctional Officer Nathaniel Griffin entered a guilty plea in federal court on Aug. 15. Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 27.

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