

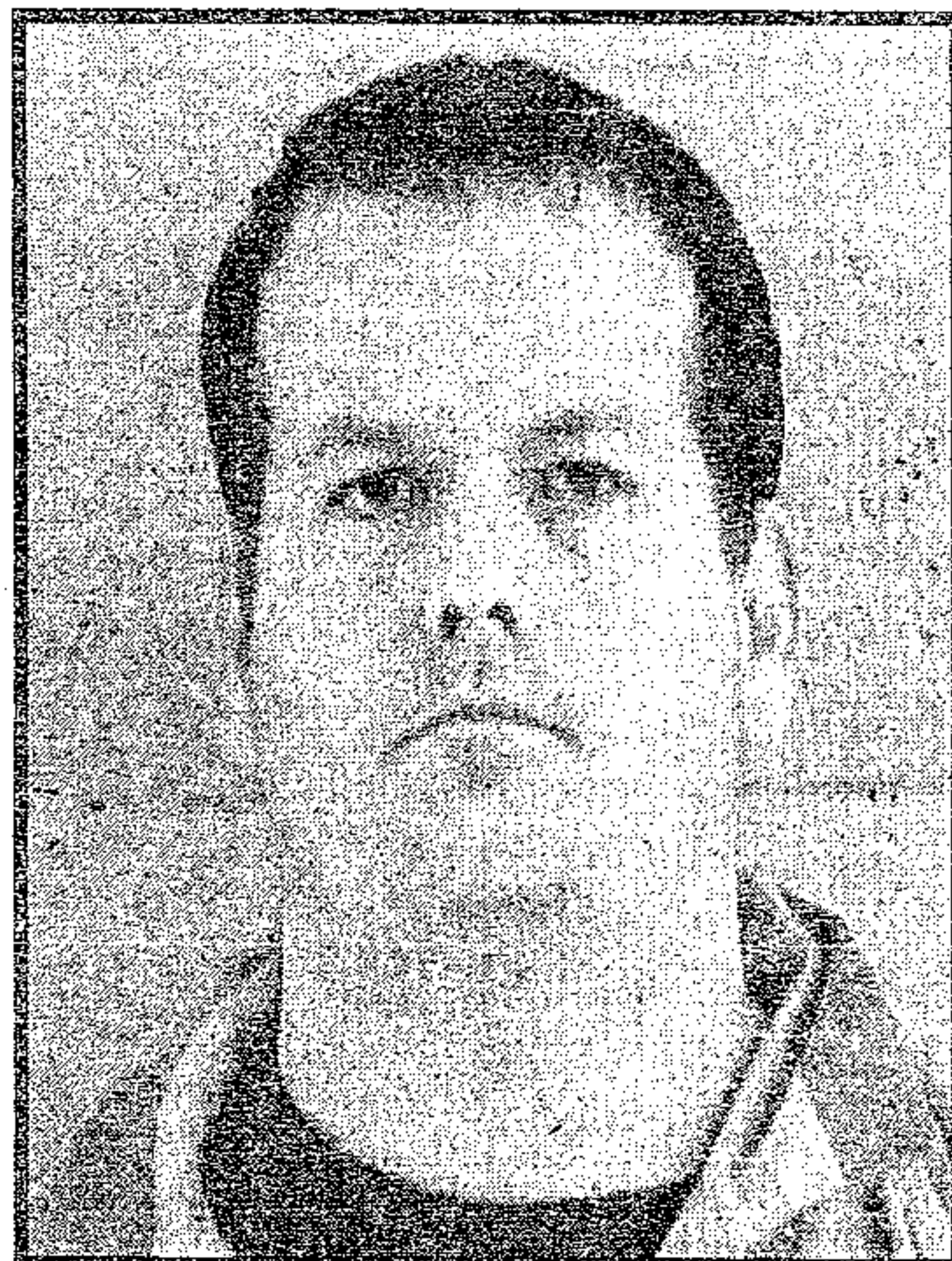
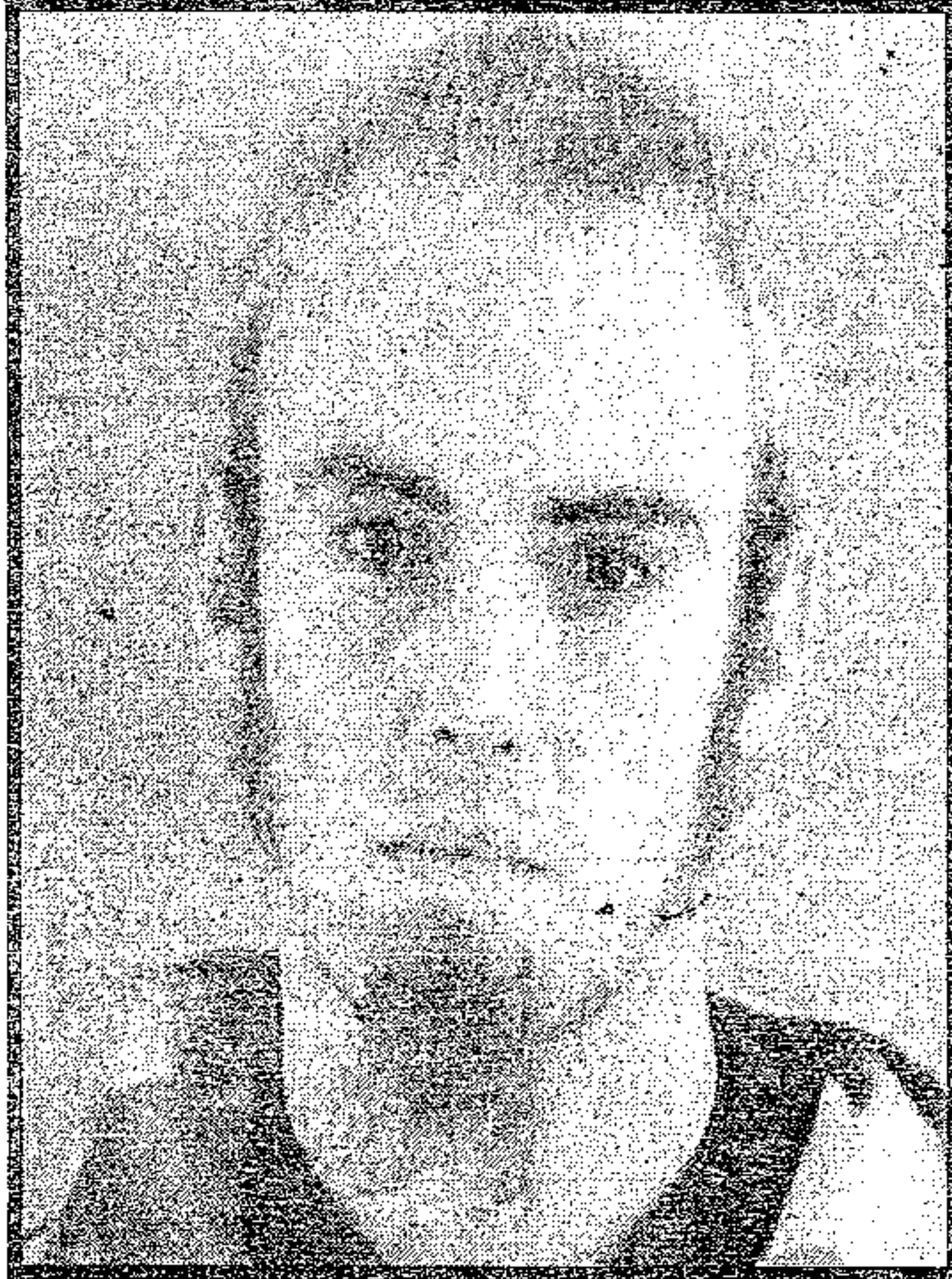
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Tuesday, December 20, 2011

## 9th DTF strike mobile meth lab

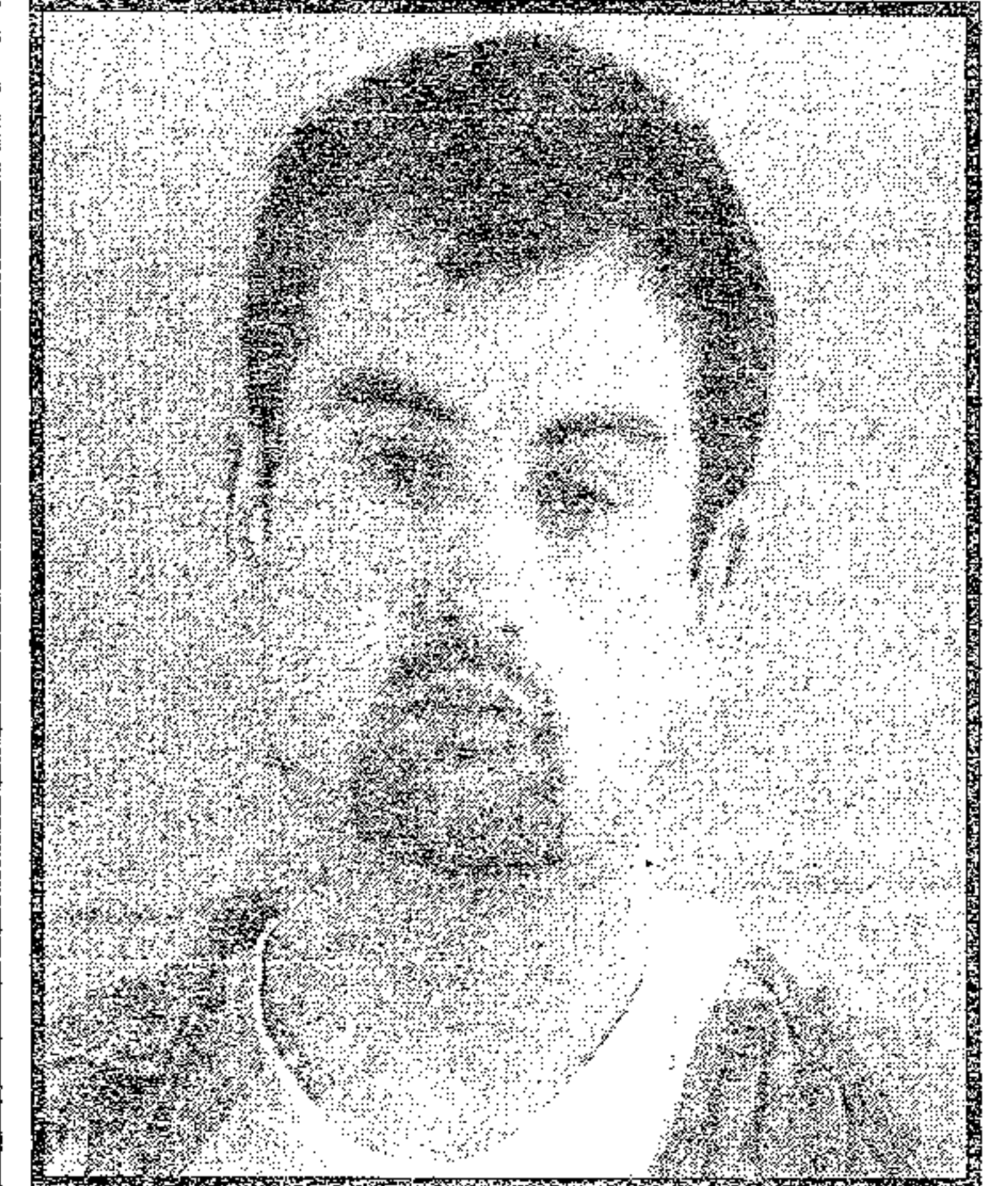
Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF conducted a traffic stop on a blue Ford Ranger for traveling after dark without headlights. The driver was identified as Jonathan Millsaps. While talking with Mr. Millsaps he appeared to be under the influence of a narcotic and was extremely nervous. The agent asked Millsaps for permission to search his person and vehicle and he consented to both. During a search the agent discovered several hypodermic needles,

(see Death Lab pg. 3) Millsaps



Sewell

## Shopper for Monroe meth cooker nabbed



Evans

Agent Jeff Vittatoe, 9th Judicial Drug Task Force reported Christopher Evans was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped on hwy 11 near the

(see Shopper pg. 7)

## Passenger violates order, charged

A local man was taken to jail for allegedly violating the conditions of an order of protection when he reportedly was caught in a vehicle with the protected person behind the

wheel. Kenneth Jean Shelton, 56, Mayo Road, Loudon was charged with violation of order of protection Saturday.

According to records, Sgt. (see Passenger pg. 7)

## No License

Mariano Perez Sanchez, 32, of D Street, Lenoir City was charged with no driver li-

(see No License pg. 3)

## Tennessee Cattle Producers Vote to Support In-State Beef Promotion

NASHVILLE – The results are in and Tennessee cattle producers have voted to increase the assessment they pay to support in-state promotions of beef announced state Agriculture Commissioner Julius

(see Referendum pg. 6) Beef Referendum Tally



## November Unemployment Rate 9.1 Percent

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development Karla Davis announced Tennessee's unemployment rate for November fell to 9.1 percent, down from the October revised rate of 9.5. The national unemployment rate for November 2011 was 8.6 percent,

a decrease of 0.4 percentage point from the October rate.

"This is the lowest unemployment rate Tennessee has experienced since January of 2009 at 9.0 percent," Commissioner Davis said. "After seasonal adjustments were made, nearly 10,000 jobs were created since October with posi-

(see Unemployment pg. 5)

### Verse of the Day

*"Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed."*

Psalm 112:1-2

### Obituaries

M. Laird Willson

Willson

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### Weather

Today: Cloudy skies with a few showers later in the day. High 59. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain: 50%.

Tonight: Cloudy with periods of rain. Low 52. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 80%. Rainfall near a half an inch.

Wednesday: Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms.. Highs in the low 60s and lows

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**Death Lab**

burnt spoons and items used to ingest narcotics located under the center console.

The agent then asked if there was anything illegal in the truck box and Mr. Millsaps advised the agent there might be components of a meth lab. In the truck box, the agent found two backpacks. One backpack contained a soda bottle full of Coleman fuel, one bottle containing muratic acid, several pieces of rubber tubing, a bag of ammonium nitrate pellets and several needles.

In the other back-

pack there were plastic baggies, several measuring cups, bowls with white powder residue and a needle. Mr. Millsaps admitted to being a meth cook. Millsaps told the agent he planned on cooking meth that night and he cooks on a regular basis. Millsaps told the agent that out of a 12 hour box of pseudo he produces approximately two and a half grams of meth. Millsaps admitted to using meth earlier in the day.

Jonathan Edward Millsaps, 26, of Hwy Hwy 68, Madisonville, was charged with manufacturing metham-

phetamine and felony possession of drug paraphernalia.

The passenger of the vehicle was identified as Jack Sharp Sewell. Mr. Sewell was found to have just purchased a box of pseudo ephedrine based product from the Rite Aid in Loudon. This box was going to be used to make meth. Mr. Sewell had nearly all the components of a working meth lab. Mr. Sewell has exceeded his purchase amount for 30 day periods several times over the last year and told the agent he has been buying the boxes of pseudo to make meth for the last

2 years.

Jack Sharp Sewell, 35, of Hiawasse Road, Sweetwater, was charged with promoting the manufacture of methamphetamine and felony possession of drug paraphernalia. Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF made the arrests.

**No License**

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD, stopped Sanchez for failure to keep in proper lane. A check showed Sanchez to have an expired license.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

**Police Beat**

James Allen Richesin, 33, of County Rd 298, Sweetwater was charged with simple possession of Subutex and warrant out of Blount County.

According to the report, Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF stopped a vehicle for driving without headlights.

A check of Richesin's

license showed he was wanted in Blount County.

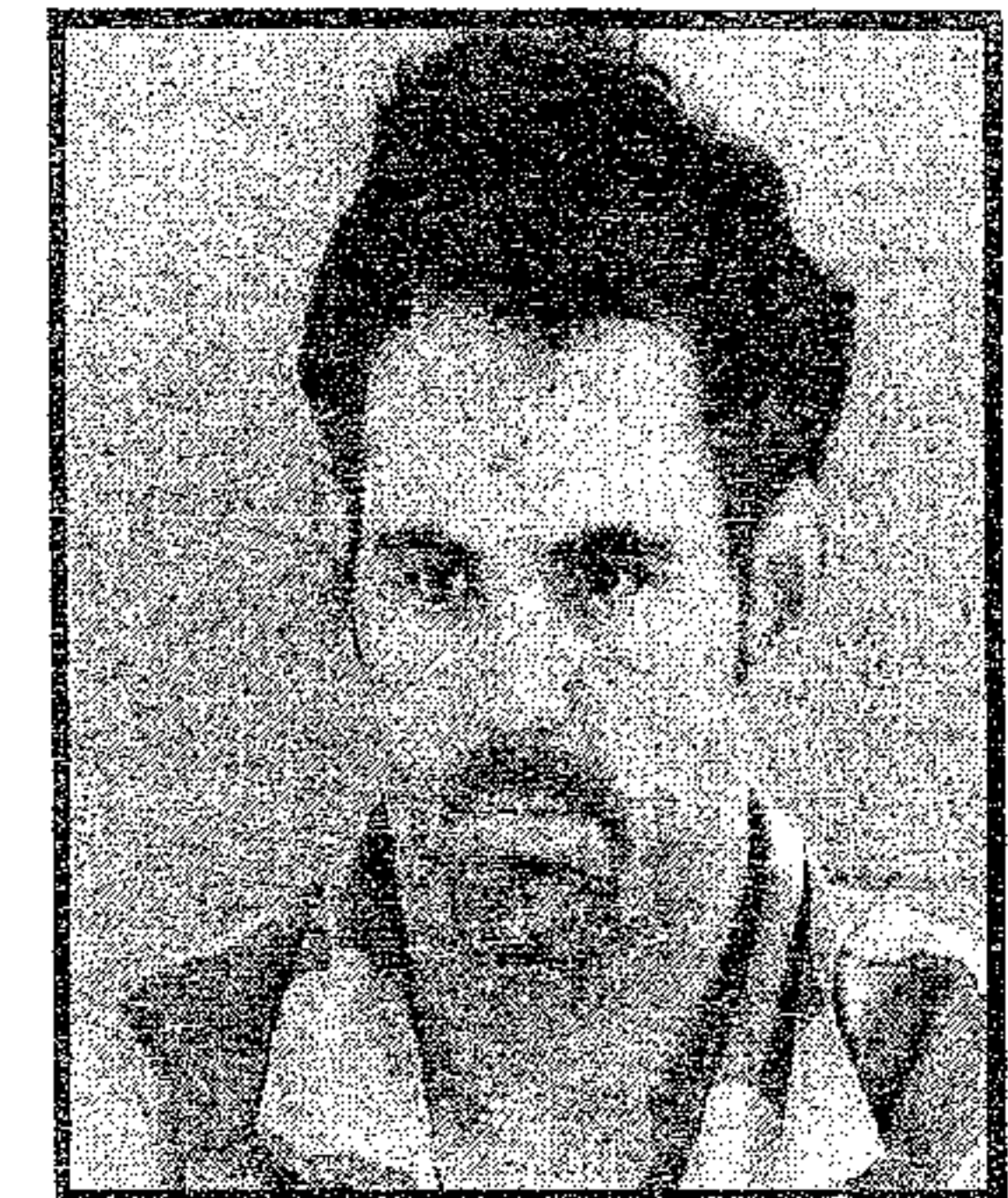
A search produced one pill identified a Subutex, a schedule III narcotic.

Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF made the arrest.

Josue Haberto Palacios-Herrera, 21, West 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday.

**Indicted**



Jeremy Thomas Palmer, Age 34, Crock Road, Loudon was charged with a criminal court capias for theft over \$1000.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Thursday at the Loudon County Jail.

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**Unemployment**

tive job growth in the service sector such as retail trade and temporary jobs.”

The state's unem-

ployment rate is seasonally adjusted to account for the hiring and layoff patterns that accompany regular events such as the winter holiday

season and the summer vacation season. The nonagricultural figures (below) are unadjusted estimates.

From October to No-

vember, trade/transportation/utilities increased 9,200, of which 8,900 was in retail trade; and professional and business services was up by 7,100, and government increased by 1,500 jobs. From October to November, arts, entertainment, and recreation decreased by 1,800 jobs; wholesale, trade was down 1,400; and durable goods manufacturing declined by 400 jobs.

Year-over-year increases took place in local government education services services, up 12,300 jobs; professional and business services was up 9,000; and manufacturing increased by 5,400. Employment decreases took place in retail trade, which was down by 4,700 jobs;

merchant wholesalers of nondurable goods were down 1,600; and hospitals declined by 1,400 jobs.

**Police Beat**

Ashley Christina Jenkins, 20, County Road 267, Niota was charged with violation of probation.

Ronnie Gene Tudor Jr., 20, also of County Road 267, Niota was charged with violation of probation and failure to appear.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrests Sunday at the McMinn County Jail.

Jesse Hayden Hall, 19, Foxwood Drive, Knoxville was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday.

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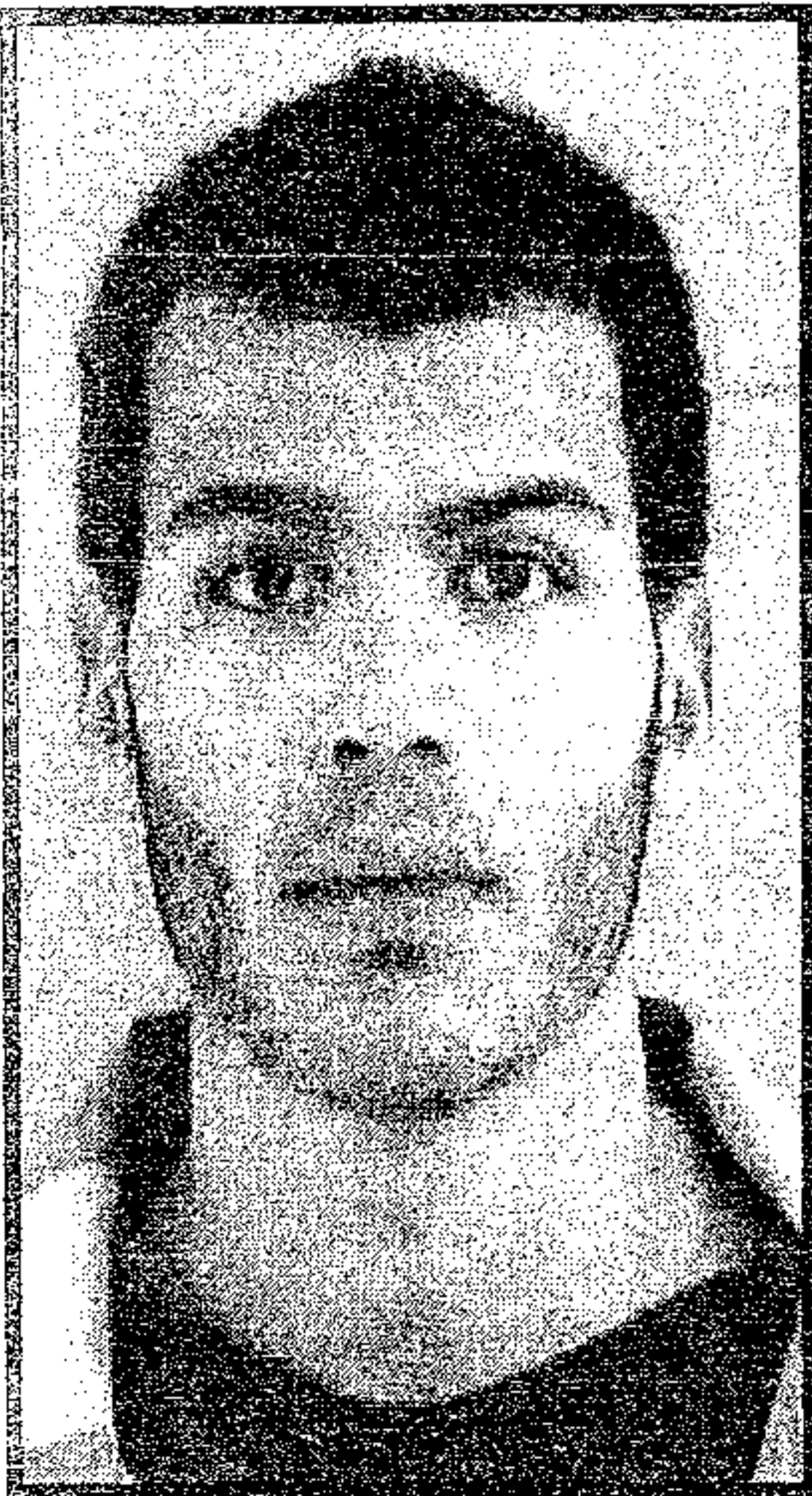
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**Indicted**



**Mitchell Tyrome Ferguson**  
Age 20, Harrison Bend Road, Loudon, was charged with a criminal court *capias* for one count of sale and delivery of a counterfeit controlled substance.

Investigator Shane Ezell, LCSO-ND made the arrest Thursday.

**Referendum**

Johnson.  
“In today’s competitive market, it’s important for farmers to reassess their efforts in the marketplace and how they can best reach today’s consumer,” Johnson said. “I’m pleased to have authorized this referendum and to have provided an opportunity for producers to have a say in determining their business future.”

Tennessee cattle producers cast their votes last week in a statewide referendum authorized by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. The referendum was requested by the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association, the state’s largest cattle organization.

More than 56 percent

or 718 of the 1,275 producers who cast ballots at local UT Extension offices supported the measure. The measure increases by 50 cents the assessment farmers pay per head of cattle sold to support in-state research, education and promotion of beef. Only a majority of the votes cast were needed to pass.

The 50 cent increase

will go into effect in the spring. Currently, cattle producers pay \$1 per head to help build consumer demand for beef products nationally. The national beef program was authorized by a vote of cattle producers and implemented in 1985.

Tennessee ranks as one of the top beef producing states in the nation with nearly

two million head of cattle. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, cattle and calves generated \$545 million in Tennessee farm cash receipts in 2010, making beef the state’s top commodity. There are approximately 47,000 cattle producers in the state.

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## Shopper

farmer coop for violation of a brake light law. Upon the driver giving permission to search the vehicle Mr. Evans was asked to step out. During a pat down Mr. Evans was asked if he had any weapons or needles and said he had none. Mr. Evans was then found to be in possession of a hypodermic needle stuffed in his sock. The vehicle search revealed a 15 count box of Aleve D Sinus medication that is commonly used to manufacture meth.

Mr. Evans told agents he had purchased the

box at a Loudon Pharmacy and was planning to sell it to a meth cook for \$50. Evans did acknowledge he knew what the box of medicine was to be used for.

Evans was also found to have outstanding warrants in Meigs and Bradley Counties.

Christopher A. Evans, 24, of Garrett Road, Madisonville, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and promotion of methamphetamine manufacture. Agent Jeff Vittatoe, 9th DTF made the arrest.

### Passenger

Jerramie Bowen, LCSO was advised of a reckless

driver on Beals Chapel Road who had turned onto Fox Hunters Road. On arrival, the officer spotted the vehicle turning out of a driveway on Fox Hunters Road. The vehicle had a headlight out and was stopped.

The passenger was identified as Kenneth Shelton and Sgt. Bowen had prior knowledge of a valid order of protection. A check through NCIC revealed he did have a valid order of protection in place and the protected persons were the driver of the vehicle and their son, who was also in the vehicle. The protection order is valid through March 2012.

Mr. Shelton was placed under arrest. No other persons were charged in connection with the violation at the time of Shelton's arrest.

### Police Beat

Timothy Allen Poe, 20, Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged with underage driving while impaired, implied consent, and possession of schedule IV.


According to reports, Wednesday, around 4:25 AM, Officer B. Brown, LCPD came upon a vehicle on City Park Drive. The Chevy Malibu was parked against a curb with its hazard lights flashing.

When the officer approached the vehicle he

discovered it was running and Timothy Allen Poe was passed out in the driver's seat. An open Natural Light beer was in the center console and on top of the can was a round green pill, later identified as the same type of pill as some found in front of the vehicle, clonazepam.

Another unopened beer was found in the passenger floorboard and a spilled bottle of pills was in front of the car.

Mr. Poe had an odor of an alcoholic beverage, extremely delayed motor skills, slurred speech and he was unsteady on his feet. He failed field sobriety tasks, was placed under arrest and read the implied consent form. Mr. Poe refused to give consent for BAC.



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