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Driving without a license leads to drug charge for 2



Downs



Hightower

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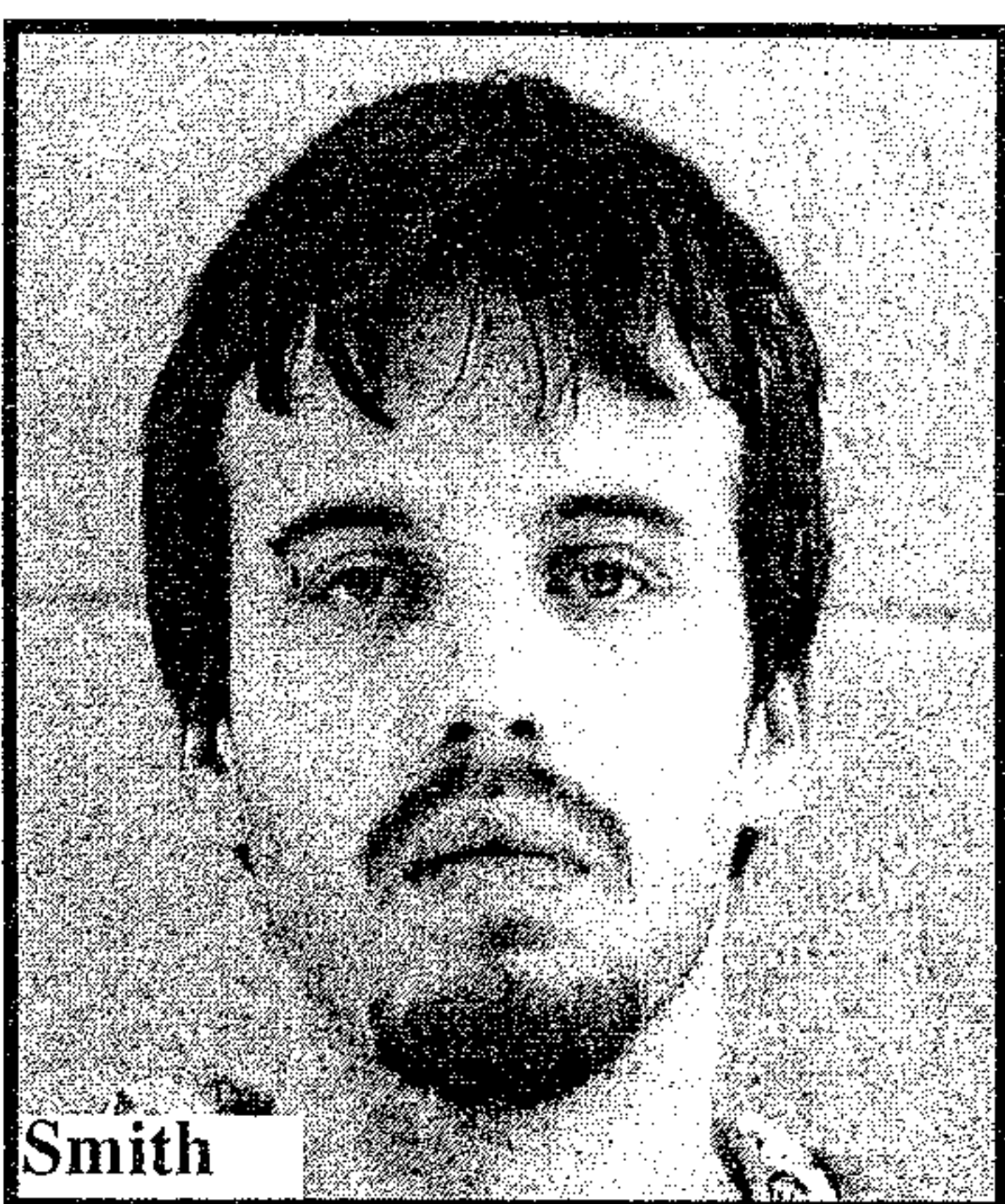
Woman uses drill in assault



Coleman

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Mooch goes back to jail



Smith

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The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoe

"Sins of Thought"

As we continue this series of articles based



ask forgiveness each day for things I catch myself thinking. It's not uncommon to have judgmental, hateful, sinful, selfish

upon God's Word and the book *Returning to Holiness*, by Dr. Gregory Frizzell, I ask you to carefully consider the text. If the title alone made you think, "Uh Oh!", then you may discover some reasons that your Christian walk is not as satisfying as it once was. Trust me; I have to

thoughts, its how we deal with them that determines if it equals to sin in our lives and distance from the Lord. Until our thoughts and attitudes are under God's control, we can never know the fullness of life in Christ.

It is no accident that Satan frequently targets our (see *The Good News* pg. 4)

Domestic Terrorism: Focus on Militia Extremism

Last March, nine members of an extremist militia group were charged in Michigan with seditious conspiracy and attempted use of weapons of mass destruction in connection with an alleged plot to attack law enforcement and spark an uprising against the government.

According to the federal indictment, the nine individuals planned to kill a law enforcement officer and then use bombs to attack the caravan of cars taking part in the subse-



A cache of guns seized from militia extremists

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Verse of the Day

"Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer."

Psalm 101:5

Obituaries

Bonnie Houston

Wazzup

Did you know? As of July 1, the Florida Department of Children and Family Services are required to conduct drug tests on adults applying to the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. Some are crying foul, the

ACLU reportedly is thinking about suing; but the powers that be seem to have a valid point: taxpayers have to pass drug tests to be able to work, which in turn pays into the system that helps needy families, so they are basically saying they don't want the people

to have support drug addicts. Some are even crying that the new is unconstitutional. What do you think?

Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

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Coleman

A Philadelphia woman is accused of assaulting another woman with a hand drill, which sent the victim to the hospital for treatment of large holes in the back of her head and lower back,

Tammy Renee Coleman, 32, Spring Street, Philadelphia was charged with aggravated assault.

According to an affidavit filed by investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID; on September 18th, 2011, the Loudon County Sheriff's Office received a call of a physical assault in the area of Spring Street and McCurray Street in Philadelphia. Upon arrival, officers found a female on McCurray Street with injury to the back of her head and her lower back area.

The victim, who lives on West Lee Highway, identified the female who assaulted her as Tammy Coleman.

With further investigation and statements, it was determined that Tammy Coleman followed the victim into the street from her residence on Spring Street, and struck her in the head and back area with a orange colored hand drill, causing

large hole-type wounds to the back of her head and cuts to her lower back.

The victim was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for medical treatment.

Investigator Jason R. Smith, LCSO-CID served the warrant and made the arrest Wednesday.

Walden reports theft

A local woman told police she came out of the shower Tuesday to find someone had stolen nearly 100 pills, a ring and money from her safe.

According to records, Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO was dispatched to the home of Ms. Amy Walden, East Dogwood Lane in Lenoir City Tuesday on a burglary and theft.

Ms. Walden stated she went upstairs to take a shower and when she finished she went back downstairs where her bedroom is located and discovered someone went in there, moved her mattress and emptied all the drawers to her dresser.

The suspect(s) also went into her closet and found a small safe. The safe was on the floor and had been forced open and all of it's contents were removed.

The missing items were listed as three bottles containing 93 pills, of prescription medication, a yellow gold diamond ring, and \$200 in cash. The theft is under investigation.

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-Jim Morrison

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Obituaries

Bonnie Houston - age 64 of Lenoir City, passed away Thursday morning, September 22, 2011. Bonnie was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and was retired from Loudon County Highway Department Office. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, William and Lillie Howerton Houston, and her brother, Carl Bruce Houston. Survivors include her brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Glenda Houston of Knoxville; sister-in-law, Filomena Houston of California; aunt, Faye Cummings of Sharps Chapel, TN; nieces and nephews: Gino, Mario, Monette, Michelle, Phillip, Anita, David, Margaret, Wanda, and Laurie. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Riner and Rev. Mike Hawkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Loudon County Memo-

rial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friendship Baptist Church, 1998 Friendship Road, Lenoir City, TN 37772. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements

The Good News

minds with inappropriate, sinful thoughts. The devil knows that if he can develop strongholds in our thinking, he will easily lead us into sin and separation from God's power.

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

II Corinthians 10:5 (NKJV)

Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

When you're alone, driving to work or when nobody is around, what kinds of things do you think about? How much of your time is spent thinking about serving

Christ compared to thinking about work, kids, the upcoming weekend, ballgames or the opposite sex? Do you often have hateful or selfish thoughts? When you pass someone you know is your mind immediately filled with things you hold against them or unclean thoughts that your spouse would not appreciate?

Mathew 5:28 (NKJV)

But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Colossians 3: 1-2 (NKJV)

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth.

What about your prayer life? Do you pray for things that benefit you in your life or do you pray to seek God's will for your life? Do

you pray for those who are suffering or just tell folks, "We'll be praying for ya"? Do you bow your knees before an Almighty Savior and seek a relationship or just say, "God help me cause I really need this to happen"? *James 4:3 (NKJV)*

You ask and do not receive because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Do you slide in for a one hour Sunday morning service thinking about what the rest of your day holds for you, or do you attend church thinking of how GOD will be speaking through the pastor and the Holy Spirit, and how you need to listen closely because He might be speaking to you?

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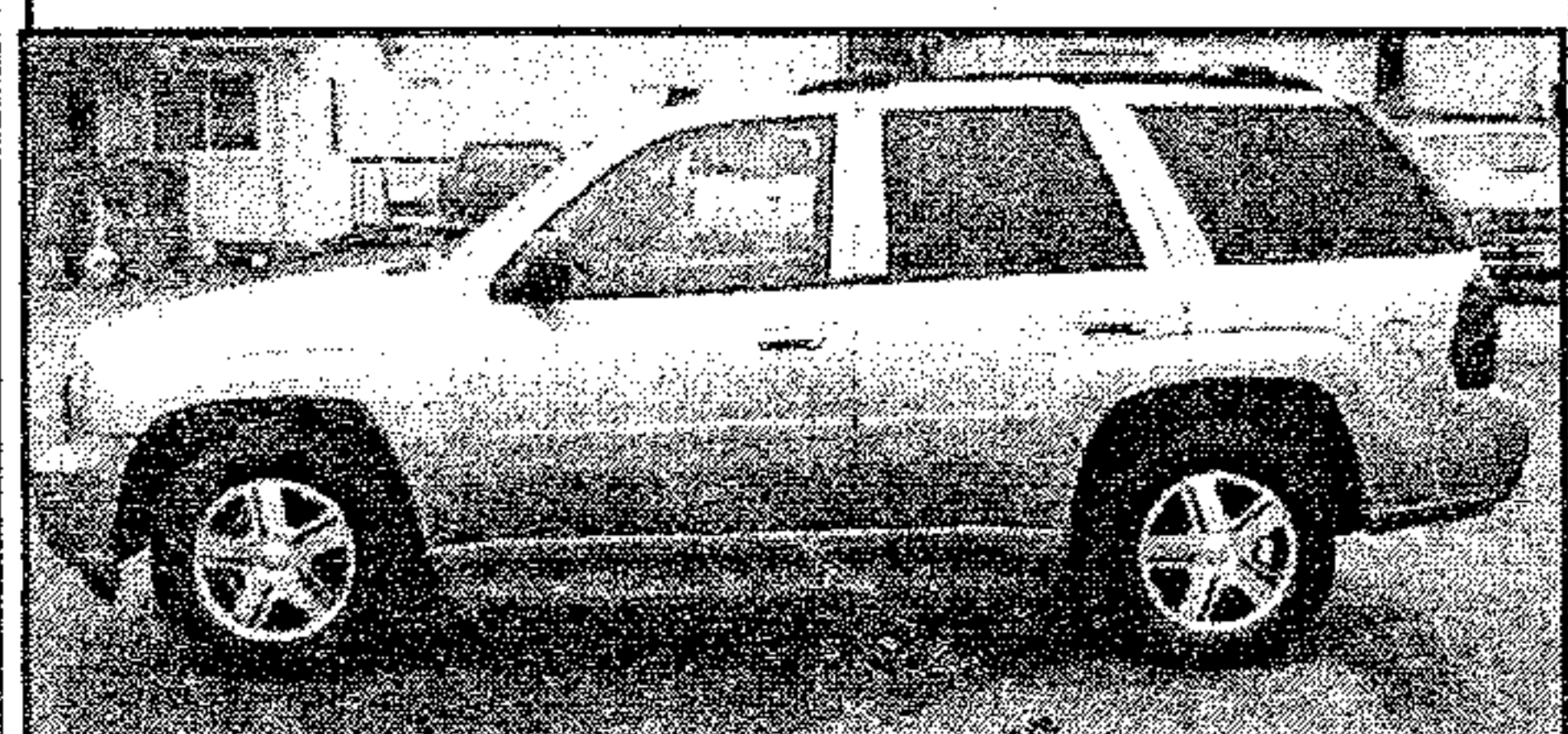
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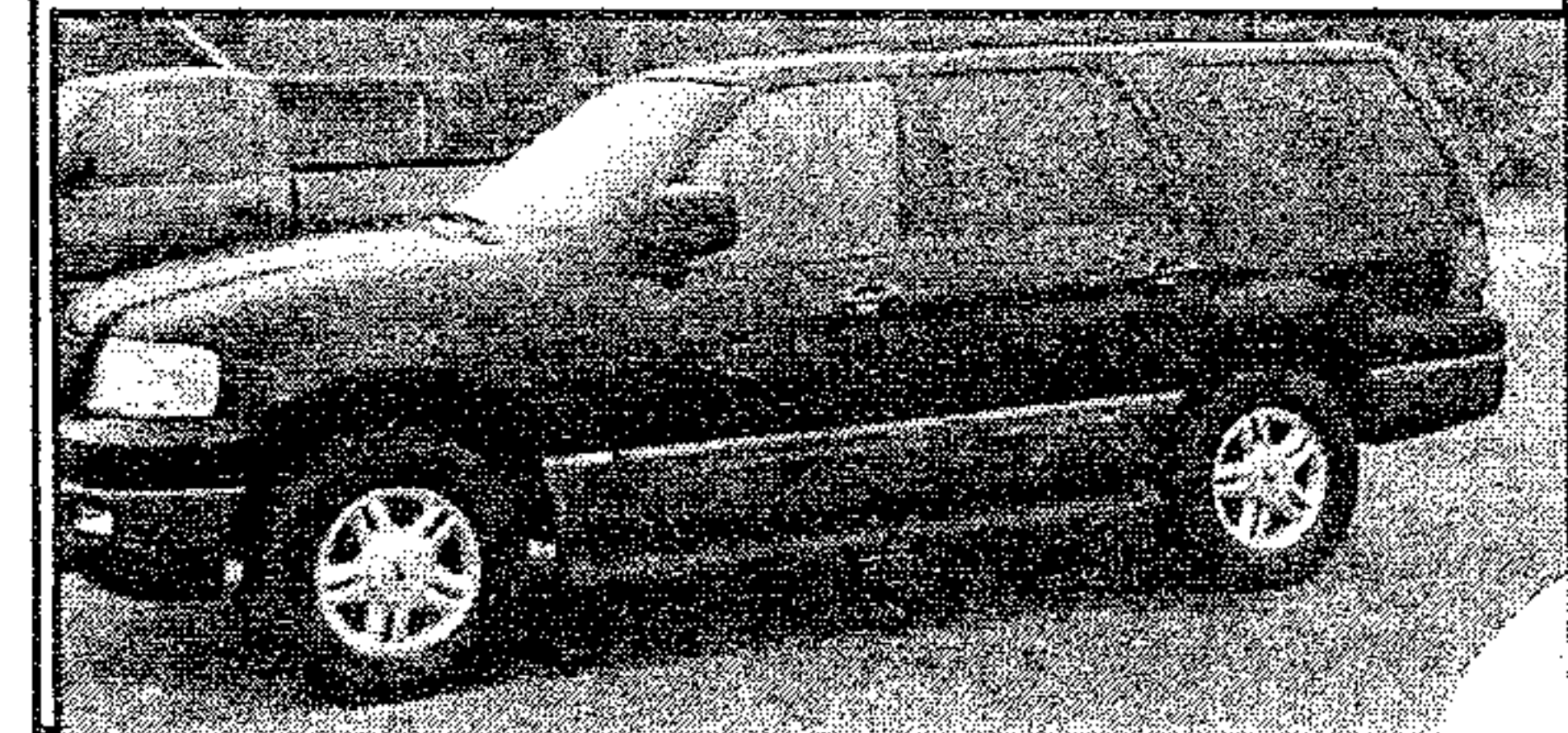
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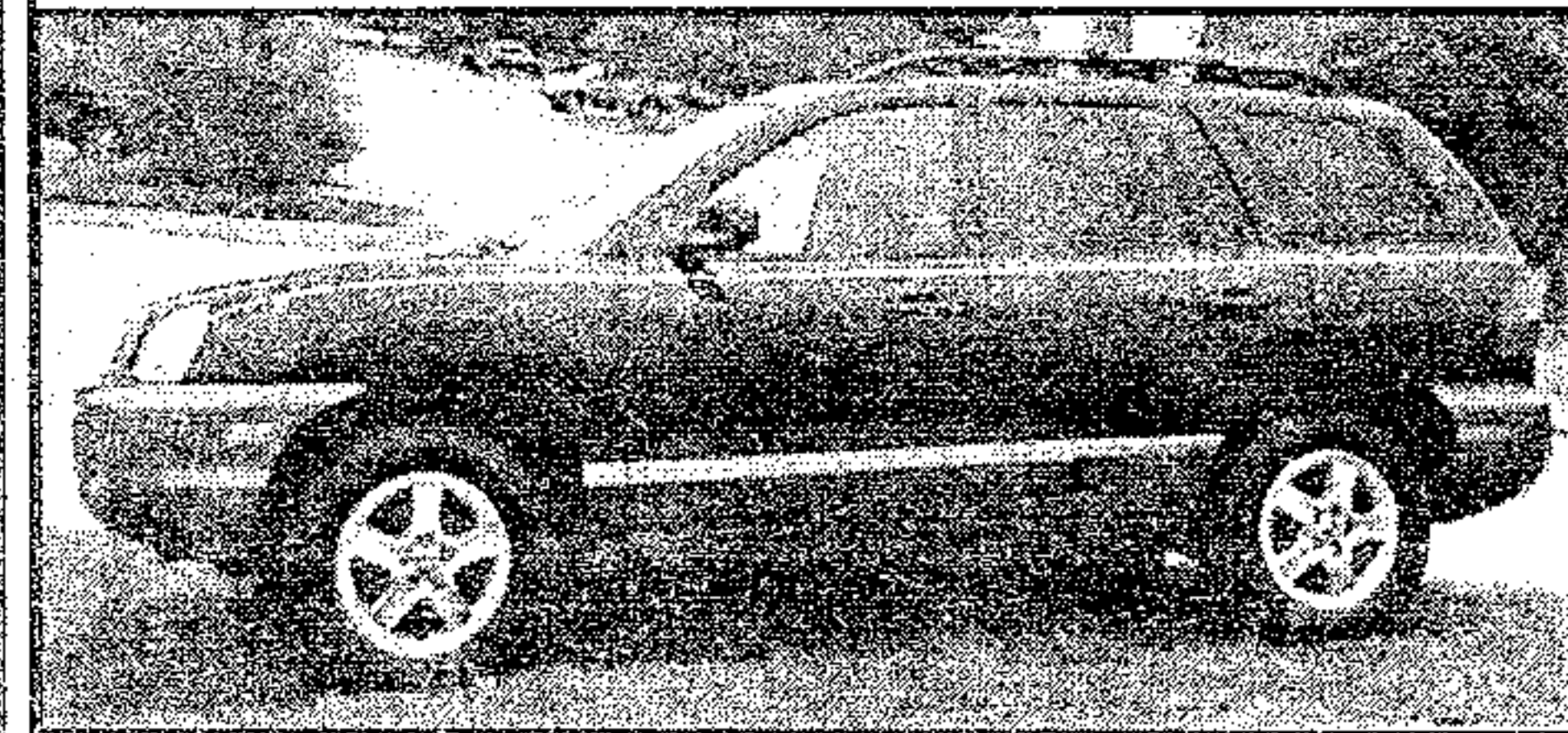
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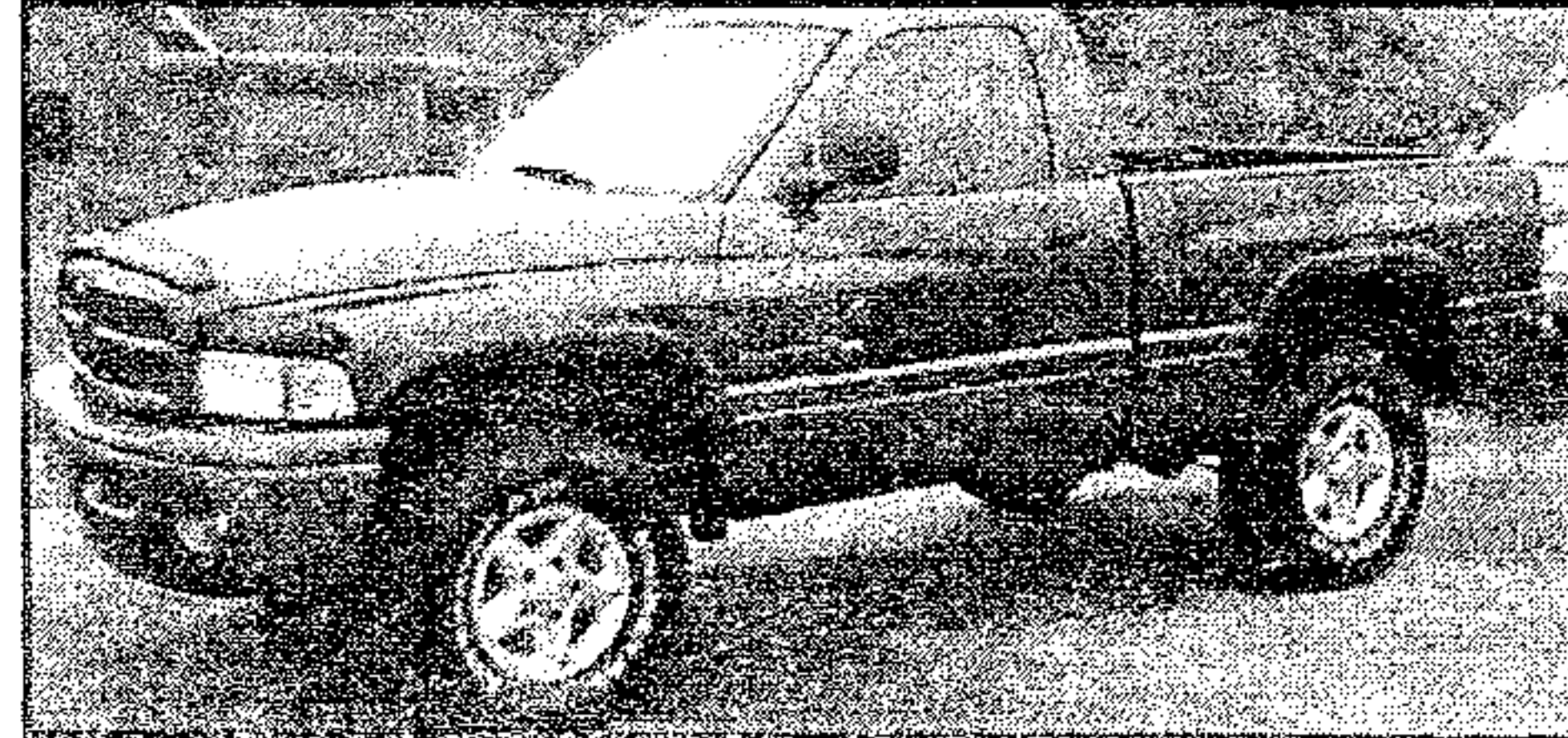
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Domestic Terrorism

quent funeral procession, hoping that this violence would incite a larger armed conflict with authorities. Fortunately, the FBI and the Michigan State Police intervened and took the subjects into custody before they could carry out their alleged plot.

It's just one example of the dangers posed by so-called militia extremists—the latest topic in our series to educate the nation on domestic terror threats that the FBI investigates today. Previous stories have focused on anarchist extremists, eco-terrorists/animal rights extremists, lone offenders, and sovereign citizen extremists.

Who they are. Like many domestic terrorism groups, militia extremists are anti-government. What sets them apart is that they're often organized into paramilitary groups that follow a military-style rank hierarchy. They tend to stockpile illegal weapons and ammunition, trying illegally to get their hands on fully automatic firearms or attempting to convert weapons to fully automatic. They also try to buy or manufacture improvised explosive devices and typically engage in wilderness, survival, or other paramilitary training.

Who and what they target. They usually go after the government itself—including law enforcement personnel, representatives of the courts, and other public officials, along with government buildings. When caught, most militia extremists are charged with weapons, explosives, and/or conspiracy violations.

What they believe in. Many militia extremists view themselves as protecting the U.S. Constitution, other U.S. laws, or their own individual liberties. They believe that the Constitution grants citizens the power to take back the federal government by force or violence if they feel it's necessary. They oppose gun control efforts and fear the widespread disarming of Americans by the federal government.

Militia extremists often subscribe to various conspiracy theories regarding government. One of their primary theories is that the United Nations—which they refer to as the New World Order, or NWO—has the right to use its military forces anywhere in the world (it doesn't, of course). The extremists often train and prepare for what they foresee as an inevitable invasion of the U.S. by United Nations forces. Many militia extremists also wrongly be-

lieve that the federal government will relocate citizens to camps controlled by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or force them to undergo vaccinations.

One important note: simply espousing anti-government rhetoric is not against the law. However, seeking to advance that ideology through force or violence is illegal, and that's when the FBI and law enforcement become involved.

What is the FBI doing to combat the militia extremism threat? In addition to our lawful use of sophisticated investigative techniques, we've expanded our work with other federal agencies such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and with our state and local partners. And we use intelligence and analysis to help identify gaps in our knowledge, emerging tactics and trends, and effective investigative strategies.

As always, the combination of intelligence, coordinated law enforcement efforts, and an informed public is the most effective way to counter the threats posed by domestic extremists.

TGN

Mathew 15: 8-9 (NKJV)

These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

I can assure you there has not been a thought cross

your mind or a sin that you have committed that I am not guilty of as well. I am the last person qualified to write of such things and often wonder if that's why God has allowed me this opportunity. I'm not a preacher and far from a saint. I have destroyed lives, run from God, served myself and definitely spent time thinking about sinful things. I'm just here to say that God did forgive me of those things. He cleansed me, put happiness in my heart and is now molding me (and Angie) into someone He can use.

To assist us in cleaning up our thoughts and desires Angie and I decided to remove some of the garbage that enters our ears every day. We canceled our satellite service, changed some of the folks we hang out with and even had to stop listening to some of the music we once did. I love country music but try listening to three songs on the radio without hearing about drinking, cheating or other sinful things. Can't do it!

If God has revealed deficiencies in your life today, doesn't that mean He needs you for something bigger and hasn't given up on you? Our thoughts and motives define our heart. Ask God for forgiveness and strength to change.

Imagine what could happen if we all really put our faith in the Lord, trusted Him to guide our lives and focused our thoughts and actions on winning souls to Jesus.

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Charged

Two persons went to jail Tuesday when DTF agents stopped the vehicle they were in because they recognized the driver and knew he had no license and a subsequent field interview revealed the pair were in possession of pills they reportedly were delivering to buyers when law enforcement intervened.

Jeremiah William Downs, 34, East Sixth Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with possession of marijuana, conspiracy to sell and deliver schedule II controlled substances and driving on suspended license.

Eva Marie Hightower, 26, Old Spears

Road, Lenoir City was charged with possession of schedule II oxycodone for resale.

According to affidavits; on or about September 20th, 2011, 9th DTF Agents Jeff Vitatoe and Brendan DeBoer conducted a traffic stop on a 1990 Mitsubishi at Shoney's in Lenoir City. Mr. Downs was the driver of the vehicle and known by Agent DeBoer to have been driving without a license.

A consensual search of the vehicle and statements made by Mr. Downs revealed a small amount of marijuana, approximately 1 gram, in the vehicle.

Further investigation and interviews with

both Mr. Downs and his passenger, Ms. Hightower, revealed Ms. Hightower was in possession of approximately fifty 30 mg. oxycodone. Ms. Hightower retrieved the pills from her pants and turned them over to agents of the 9th DTF.

Text messages from Ms. Hightower's phone indicated that both she and Mr. Downs were delivering schedule II controlled substances to others for money.

Mr. Downs' license was also confirmed suspended.

"Constantly choosing the lesser of two evils is still choosing evil."

-Jerry Garcia

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Mooch

A local man charged in recent weeks with the theft of a Rambling Acres man's wallet and prescription medication and who also is known for mooching off hard

working families in the community was jailed Tuesday after being caught when he reportedly tried to run from law enforcement officers who were looking for a suspicious person in Loudon.

Dennis Samuel "DJ" Smith, 25, Grayson Freeman Lane, Lenoir City was charged Tuesday with resisting stop, halt, frisk and violation of probation.

According to reports, Officer Buddy Brad-

shaw, LPD was notified by Sgt. Scott Newman, LPD that he was attempting to locate a suspicious person in the area of Angel Row wearing a gray hoodie and shorts. While traveling on Collins Street, a street up from Angel Row, Officer Bradshaw saw a man matching that description.

When the man saw the police cruiser, he turned around and went the other way. As he rounded a house on the 300 block of Collins Street he started to run in an attempt to elude police.

When Sgt. Newman came across the railroad tracks separating Angel Row and Collins Street, the man turned

around again. He was intercepted in the middle of Collins Street and taken into custody.


The man, identified as Dennis Samuel "DJ" Smith, ignored Sgt. Newman's commands to stop. Once at the jail, it was discovered Mr. Smith had an outstanding warrant for violation of probation and was served.

Officer Bradshaw made the arrest.

Police Beat

Autumn Miracle Melton, 25, Mountain View Road, Sweetwater was charged Wednesday with failure to appear.

Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.



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