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Wednesday August 15, 2012

Verse of the Day

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

— Galatians 6:2

Obituaries

Danny Ray Alexander
Leona Kirkland Miller

Wazzup

To those it may involve: instead of calling students idiots and telling them they look ridiculous walking around without their school supplies, why don't you offer them a solution and suggest they have their parents call their family resource center for help in getting those supplies. Name calling and ridiculing preadolescent middle school students is not a very good way to build confidence and boost self-esteem. (Parents, if you need help with school supplies, call your local family resource center or your child's school for information. Many good people have donated to "Stuff the Bus" programs for just that reason.)

Weather

Today: Isolated thunderstorms in the morning, then partly cloudy later in the day. High around 86.

Tonight: Mostly clear. Low: 66.

Thursday: Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s; Lows in the low 70s.

Horoscopes

Leo 7/23-8/22

You are a peacemaker now, and that can be a hard job. Try your best to keep everyone happy, but don't be too surprised if

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LCISO Narcotics Unit Investigation Puts Local "Weedmeister" Out of Business



Clockwise from top: approximately 70 marijuana plants, most still in buckets were found on the property, along with about 3 1/2 pounds of the finished product bagged up and ready to go when a LCISO-NU investigation culminated with a search warrant being executed at the home of Bradley Scott Heater on Friday



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July Revenues

NASHVILLE — Tennessee revenue collections continued their upward trend in July, but at a much slower pace compared to recent months.

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Banned & busted

A Harriman man who was banned from Walmart in 2010 was arrested at the Lenoir City

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Theft of laptop

A Maynardville woman was taken into custody on charges she stole a Lenoir City resident's laptop computer in late May, 2012.

Tammi Gail Unwin, 38, Beard Valley Road, Maynardville was charged with theft under \$500.



Unwin

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Out of Business

Sheriff Tim Guider announced that on Friday, August 10, 2012 the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit concluded a two month long investigation of Bradley Scott Heater, age 44. On Friday, investigators went to Heater's home, located at 21603 Vonore Road, Loudon to arrest him for allegedly selling marijuana to undercover sources. While at the home, investigators discovered marijuana and drug paraphernalia in plain sight.

Sheriff Guider reported that the investigators obtained a search warrant for the property and served it that morning. During the search of the property, investigators found approximately 70 marijuana plants in the overgrown backyard of the residence.

Additionally, they found equipment in the house for growing marijuana indoors, Sheriff Guider said.

Approximately three and one half pounds

of marijuana was also discovered in the house and Heater was allegedly in possession of a shotgun.

Investigators collected the plants and all the other evidence from the property and arrested Heater.

Bradley Scott Heater was charged with Manufacturing Marijuana, Felony Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana for Resale, Maintaining a dwelling for unlawful activity, and two counts of unlawful Possession of a Firearm. He is in the Loudon County Jail under a \$63,000 bond, Guider advised.

Police Beat

Matthew Lee Knox, 23, Moody Avenue, Knoxville was charged Thursday with violation of probation.

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

Ryan Seth Curtis, 35, Cedar Circle, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Officer Brandon Nix, LPD made the arrest Thursday.

Unemployment Benefits Allowed for Military Spouses

Tennessee Becomes 40th State to Allow Benefits for Trailing Spouses

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development Karla Davis is announcing changes to unemployment laws that allow a spouse of military personnel facing a military transfer to collect unemployment benefits if they quit their job. In most cases voluntarily quitting a job makes an applicant ineligible for unemployment benefits.

"This expansion of eligibility for unemployment is the right thing to do in supporting Tennessee's military families whom are often affected by military transfers," said Labor Commissioner Karla Davis. "Lawmakers and the Governor have created this temporary assistance and protected employers from additional tax burdens, which is ideal for everyone involved." Typically employers pay higher taxes when they lay off a worker and unemployment in-

surance is approved.

The bill that was sponsored by Senator Tim Barnes and state Representative Joe Pitts of Clarksville was signed by Governor Haslam in April, but \$278,800 in appropriations for the measure became available to claimants in July.

"The Governor's support of this bill shows that Tennesseans truly care about our military families," State Representative Joe Pitts said. "This is a tangible way to show our support and gratitude to our veterans, and I'm humbled to have the opportunity to do so."

"With the passage of unemployment benefits for military spouses, Tennessee became the twelfth state in the nation to attain all of the Department of Defense's desired outcomes regarding military spouses," said Sen. Barnes. "I am proud that Tennessee is leading the way in

showing how our military families should be treated."

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development projects more than 70 families could take advantage of the benefits during this fiscal year. Funding for these benefits is paid from the state's General Fund rather than from the state's unemployment trust fund.

The only exception to the new eligibility laws are assignments outside the United States, Canada, or any United States territory. Federal law prohibits the payment of unemployment benefits to claimants outside these areas.

Claims can be filed on the Internet at www.tn.gov/labor-wfd or by the phone. A dedicated phone line has been established to take initial claims for military spouses. The number is 1-866-331-1271 ext 7590.

Mobile Home Park in Lenoir City – two and three bedroom units from \$270 to \$475 – 1st months rent free to qualified applicants - call 865-986-4608 Monday thru Friday 8:30 to 5:30, **NO PETS.**

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The 10th Annual Haunted Trail of Fears presents ZOMBIE APARKALYPSE 2012, opening Oct. 5. We are holding a fund raiser to help rebuild the Philadelphia Park and are looking for volunteers to help clean and build this year's Haunted Trail. Also ZOMBIES are needed: do you have what it takes to join our walking dead? Have an experience that you can tell your family and friends about for years! If you would like to come and help us with this event call Robby at 865-304-6460, or David at 256-571-6262. Visit HTF2012.COM or like us on facebook! Haunted Trail of Fears offers nightly events: live bands, food, games, bonfires, and more is being planned with more to come. We are the longest running haunted trail in Loudon, so come and help us rebuild the park. Vendors, if you would like to set up during this event give us a call. More details coming soon...



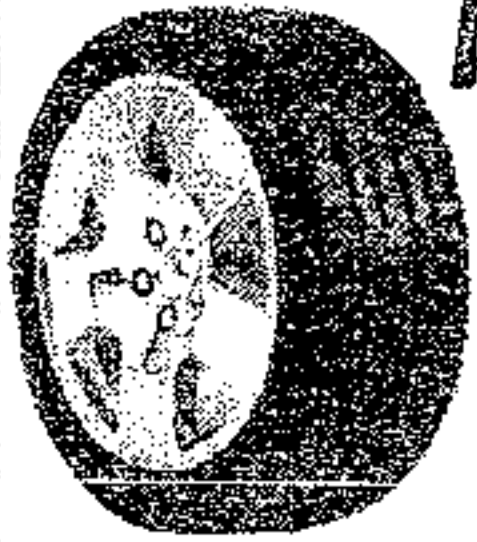
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Unwin

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; on May 25, 2012, between the hours of 7:30 and 10:30 PM, Ms. Unwin removed a HP Latitude laptop computer valued at \$300 from the victim's apartment on Oakwood Drive without the permission of the victim.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO served the warrant and made the arrest Saturday at the Union County Jail.

Fitzgerald

location after he allegedly shoplifted more than \$100 in merchan-



Fitzgerald

dise. Michael Lynn Fitzgerald, 39, Hillwood Drive, Harriman was charged with theft under \$500 and criminal trespass.

According to records, Walmart Loss

Prevention noticed Mr. Fitzgerald conceal various items on his person, including light bulbs, repellent, and a tri-fold wallet. He then placed jeans, a water filter and a belt in a cart and pushed through the general merchandise doors without paying for the merchandise, which totaled \$107.64.

Loss Prevention also discovered Fitzgerald had previous charges from other Walmart stores and he was aware he was banned from Walmart property in Rockwood on February 18, 2010.

Officer Jason Felts, LCPD responded and took Fitzgerald into custody.

No License

Juan Jose Velasquez, 22, Browder Hollow

Road, Lenoir City was charged with driving while unlicensed.

According to records, Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD observed a white Ford Windstar* van traveling East on West Broadway. The vehicle appeared to be exceeding the posted 30 mph speed limit. Radar confirmed the speed of 43 mph.

Officer Condee stopped the van at C Street and identified the driver as Juan Velasquez.

Mr. Velasquez couldn't produce any identification and advised he didn't have a drivers license.

Velasquez was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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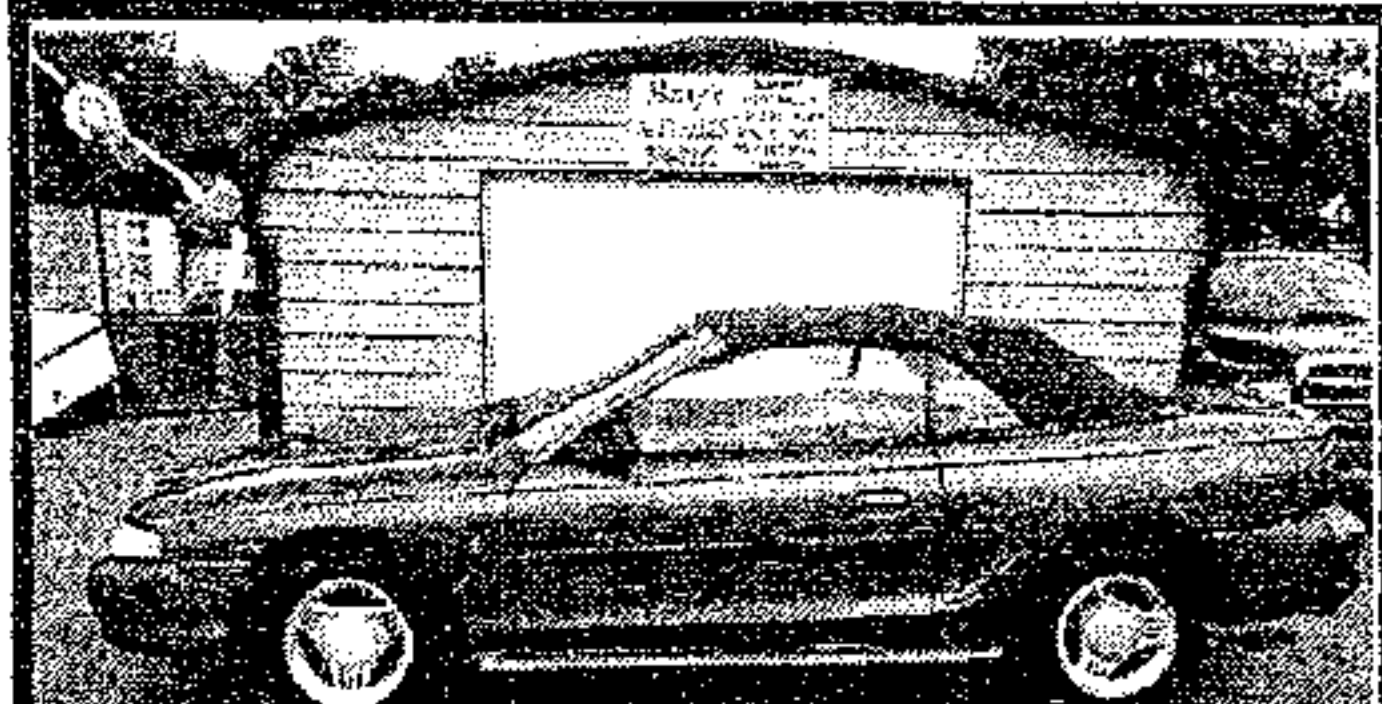
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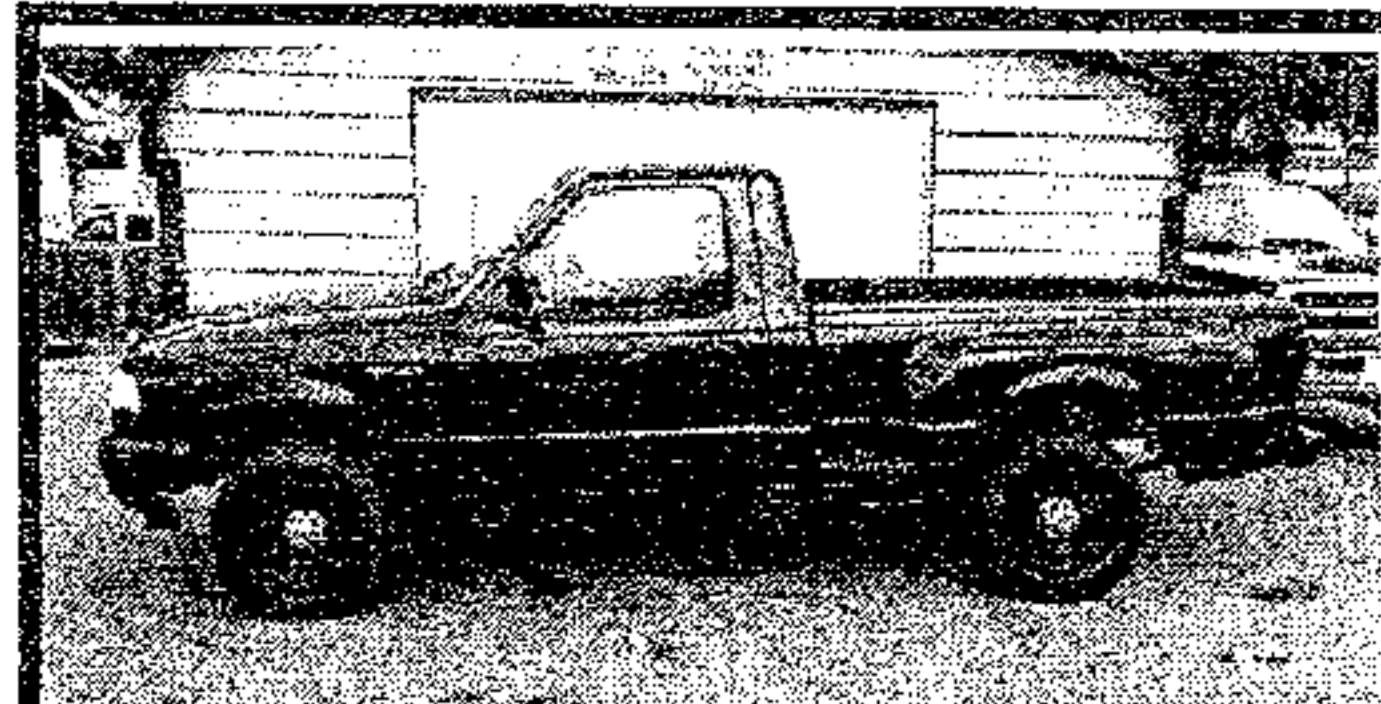
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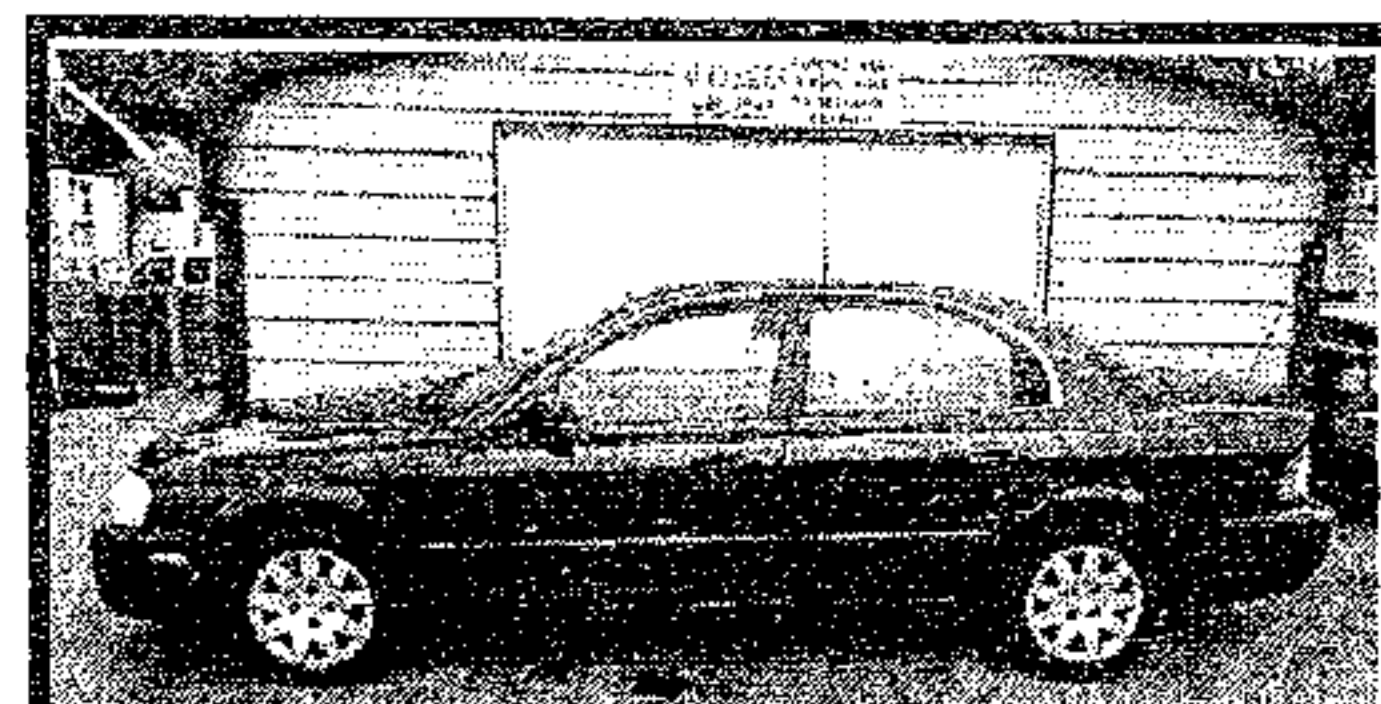
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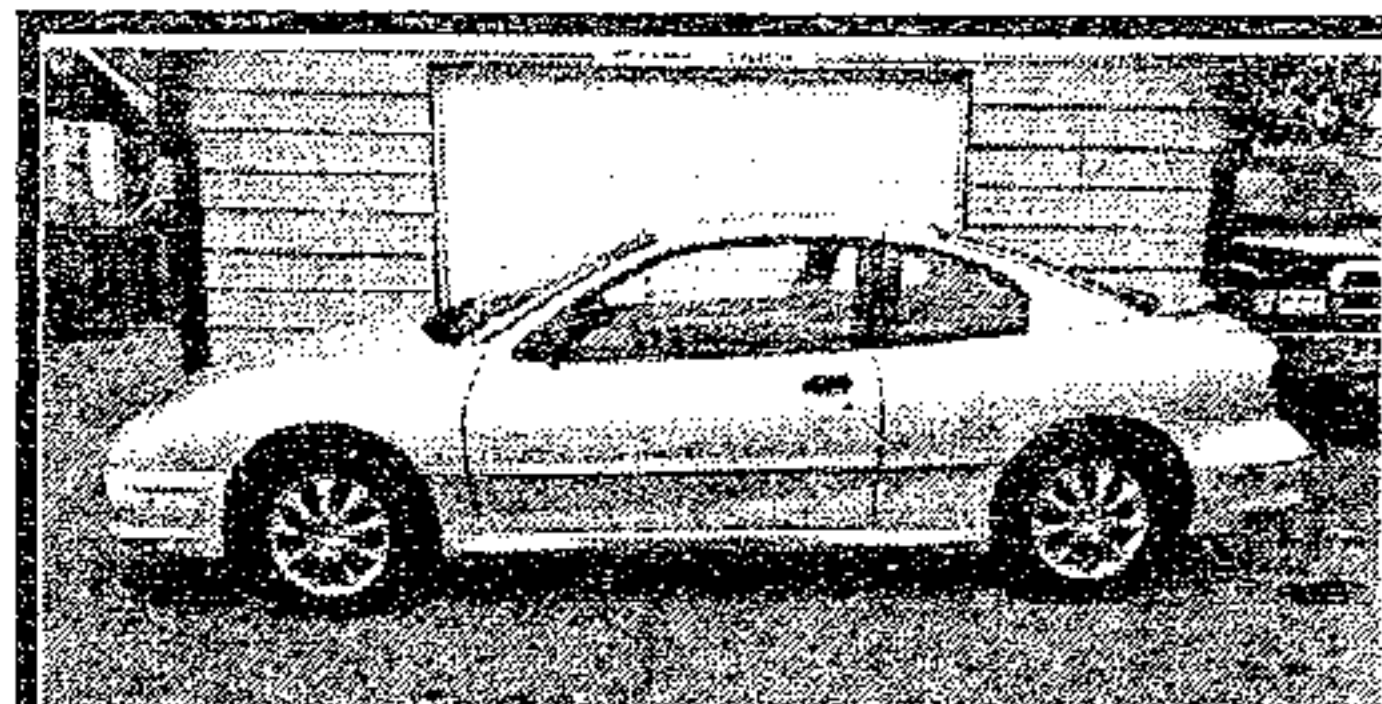


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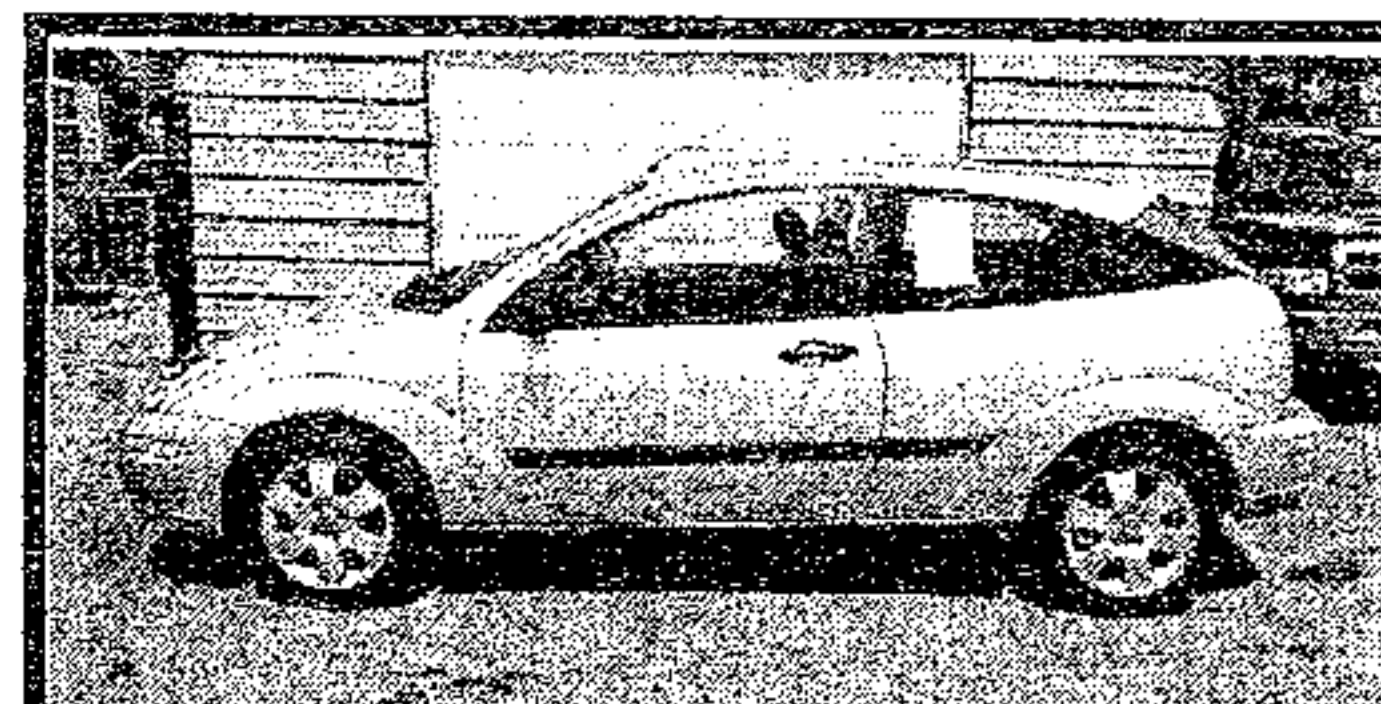
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