

Verse of the Day

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. — Romans 8:26-27

Obituaries

Captain Phillip Ray Skeen
James Ross Lane, Jr.
John Hardybala

Wazzup

You're in our thoughts and prayers, Paul Curtis; we're sorry for your loss.

Weather

Today: Partly sunny with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Thursday: Partly sunny with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 80s. Lows in the upper 60s.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your critical side is making life a little weird today, but the good news is that your energy is terrific and can help you with creative projects. You need to make sure that you're keeping a good

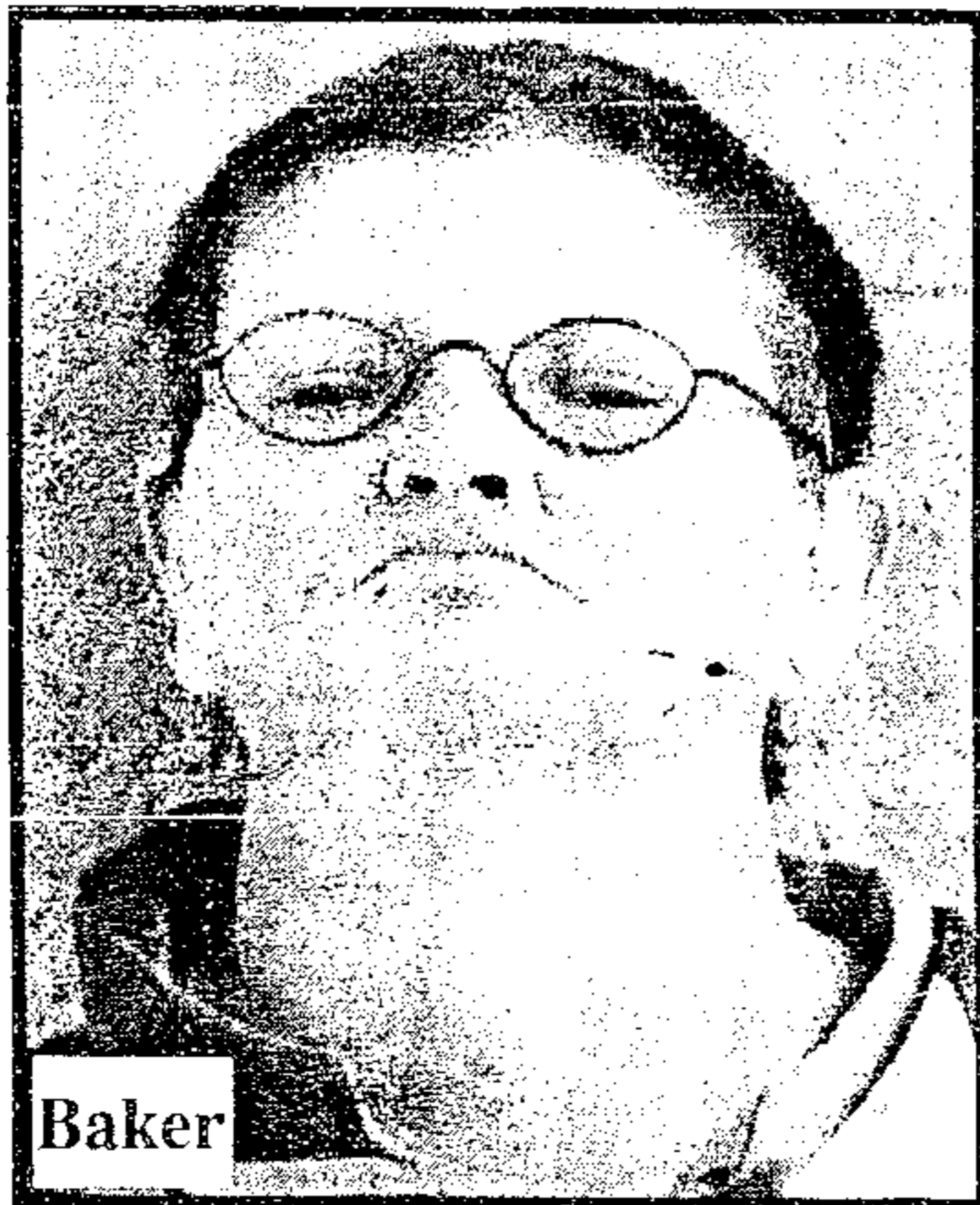
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Stolen check used to buy dogs

Detective Jack Fine arrested an Andersonville woman on charges she used a stolen check to purchase purebred dogs from a local resident.

Patricia Ann Baker, 58, of Lonesome Dove, Andersonville

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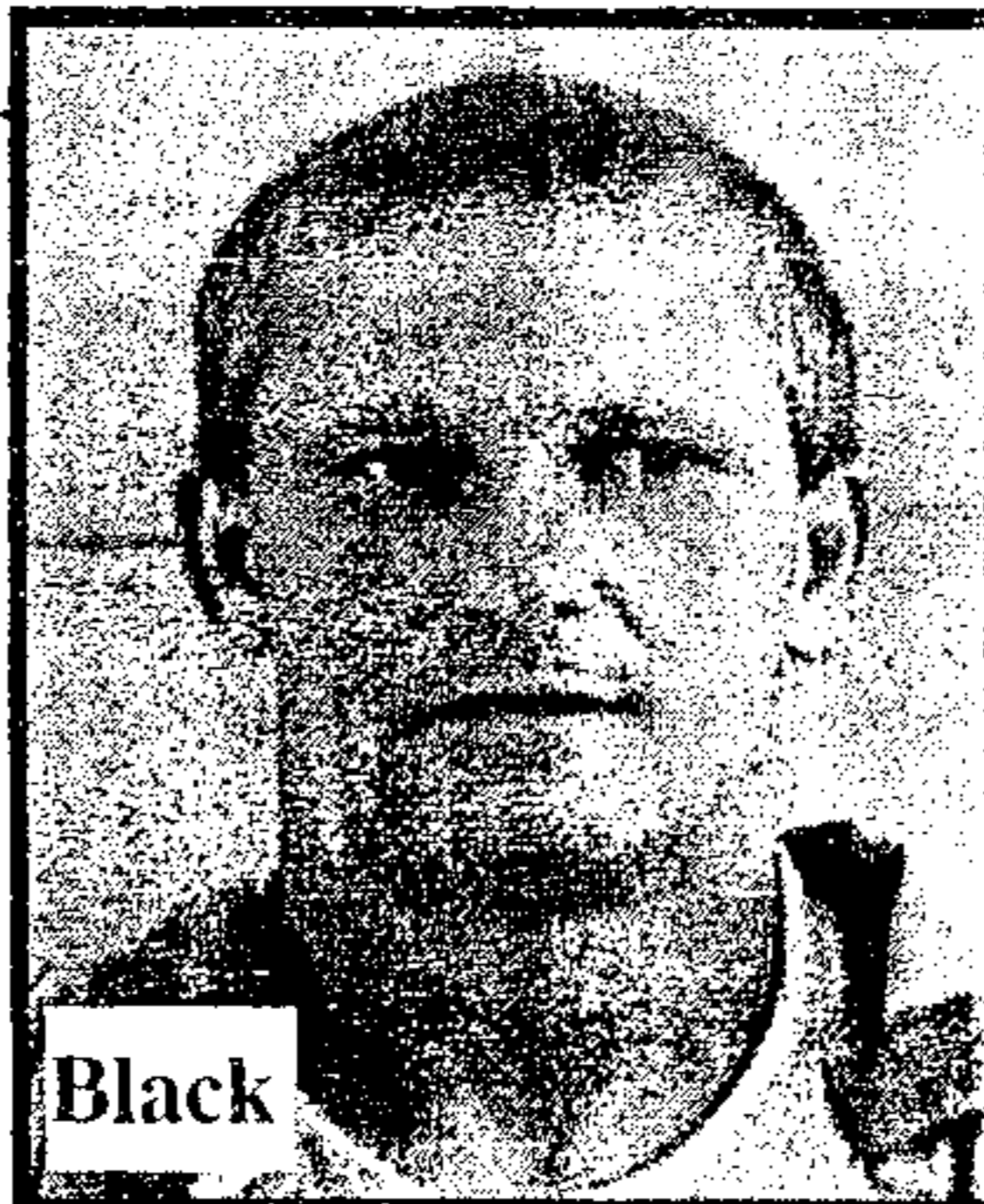
Baker

Intoxicated driver has unlawful weapon

When THP took a Dandridge man into custody for DUI, lawmen reported finding he had a prohibited weapon inside his vehicle.

Gregory Edgar Black, 42, of Black Road, Dandridge was charged with DUI and unlawful pos-

(see Black pg. 3)



Black

Not using seat belt results 2nd DUI

A Knoxville man received his second DUI charge when THP stopped his vehicle because he was not wearing a sea belt and found he reportedly was under the influence of alcohol.

Aaron M. West, 27, of Gallaher View Road, Knoxville was charged with DUI 2nd.

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Women get DUI

To local women were taken into custody on DUI and related charges after one let the other drive, knowing she was on medication.

Joye Lynn Starritt, 48, of Elm Street, Loudon was charged with DUI, driving on suspended 2nd offense and violation of seat belt law.

Vickie Lea Millett, 49, of Elm Street, Loudon

(see Women pg. 6)

Child able to flee gas huffing McGhee Square dad

An eight year old child reportedly told police her daddy was acting drunk and there was a strong smell of gas in their vehicle when she ran to a local market for help. Responding police reported finding a McGhee Square man who had been huffing gasoline in a vehicle with his child present.

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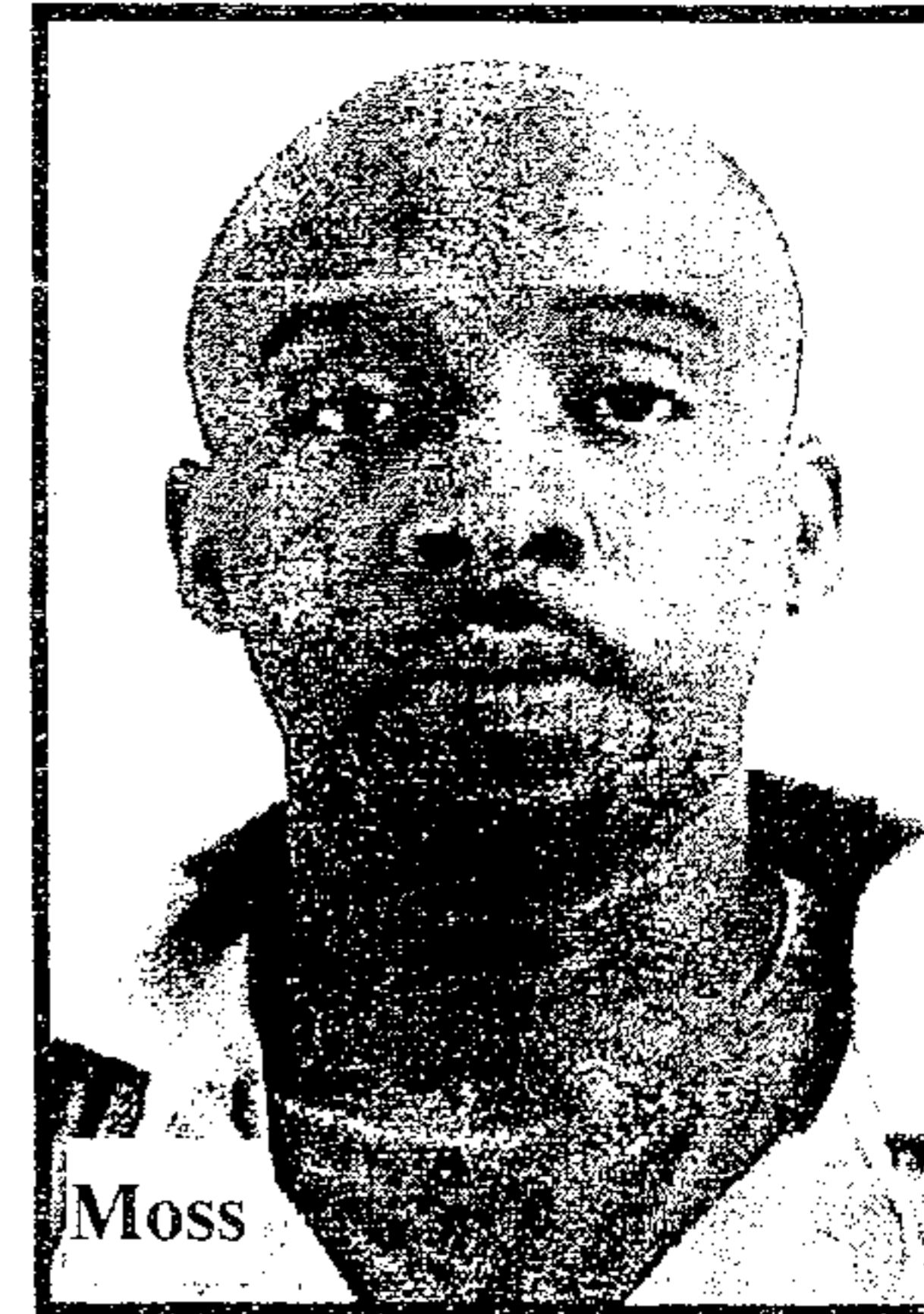
Mahala

4th DUI for MI man

When a suspended driver was stopped for speeding, he received his fourth DUI charge and another driving violation.

Steven Bernard Moss, 40, of Andrea St., Ypsilanti, MI, was charged with DUI and driving on revoked/suspended 2nd offense. According

(see Moss pg. 6)



Moss

DOS&HS Announces New Identity Crimes Unit

NASHVILLE - Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons announced the formation of a new investigative unit to combat the increase in identity theft and related crimes in Tennessee. The newly

formed Identity Crimes Unit is comprised of employees from three divisions of the department: Tennessee Highway Patrol, Office of Homeland Security, and Driver Services Division.

Additionally, the (see New Unit pg. 5)

Black
session of a weapon.
According to the report, Trooper Huff, THP stopped a silver Mazda for the driver, Mr. Black, not wearing

a seat belt. Mr. Black had slurred speech and he was unable to perform sobriety tests satisfactorily.

Upon a search of the vehicle, a pair of silver

knucks were found in the driver side door.

Trooper C. Huff, THP made the arrest.

West

According to the report, Trooper Eric

Miller, THP conducted a traffic stop for not wearing a seat belt. A check showed the tag was expired and the 2013 sticker on the tag had been taken off of another tag.

West had an odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and stated he'd had two beers and an unknown pill his brother had given him. West stated he used to smoke marijuana but hadn't in a long time and that he used to have a severe pill problem and snort Oxycontin.

West performed poorly on sobriety tasks and a check showed a prior DUI in 2007. Trooper E. Miller, THP made the arrest.

Police Beat

Brelsford 'Houston' Johnson Jr., 24, Cleveland Avenue, Athens, was charged with driving on suspended license and speeding.

According to reports, Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO was on routine patrol of Morganton Cemetery Road in Greenback when he noticed a white SUV traveling at 45 mph in a 15 mph zone. The deputy activated his blue lights and stopped the vehicle at the intersection of Morganton Cemetery Road and East Coast Parkway. The driver was identified as Brelsford Houston Johnson, Jr.

A check of his drivers license revealed it was suspended for failure to satisfy citations and Mr. Johnson was transported to the jail.



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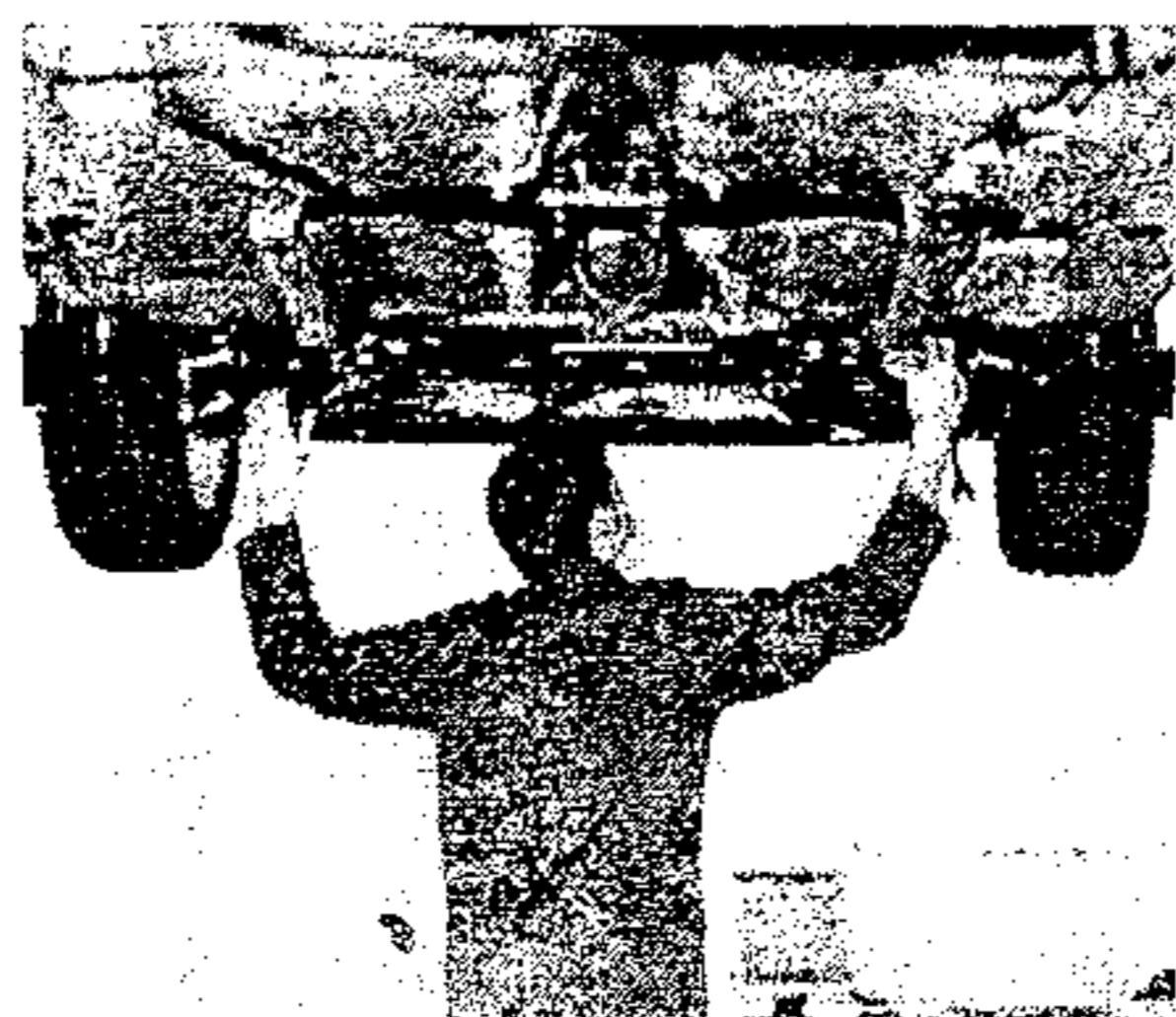
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Identity Crimes Unit is receiving support from federal partners. The United States Secret Service Nashville and

Memphis field offices; Homeland Security Investigations, under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and the Federal Bu-

reau of Investigation Memphis division, are supporting the Identity Crimes Unit in investigations with possible federal violations.

The new unit is the direct outgrowth of the department's top-to-bottom review requested last year by Governor Bill Haslam.

"As part of the top-to-bottom review, we focused on the needs of our citizens and the law enforcement community, as well as ways we could maximize the effective use of the resources we have," Gibbons said.

According to the Consumer Sentinel Network, a data base used by law enforcement to collect consumer complaints, in 2011 there were 4,275 complaints of identity theft filed in Tennessee, compared to 4,175 filed in 2010. Nationwide, in 2011 there were 279,156 complaints of identity theft filed, compared to 258,854 filed in 2010.

"Identity crimes are a growing part of our crime problem, and many local law enforcement agencies struggle with investigating these cases. In addition, the Highway Patrol has specific au-

thority under state law to investigate identity theft, there are obvious homeland security concerns with such crimes, and many identity crimes relate to driver licenses. So, we see it as a great opportunity for all three divisions of the department—our state troopers, homeland security agents, and driver license examiners—to work together as a team," Gibbons noted.

The Identity Crimes Unit provides support to local law enforcement upon request, but will consider several factors to determine the level of involvement. Some of these factors include fraudulent use of a driver license; a nexus to homeland security issues; cooperation of victims; violation of Tennessee's felony theft law; the number, financial amount, and frequency of transactions; and referral from a federal agency. Investigators and staff assigned to the Identity Crimes Unit have been training for months to increase skills in the area of identity crimes and collect best practices for this type of in-

(see New Unit ctd. pg. 7)

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Baker

was charged with theft of property and forgery.

According to the reports, according to victim/witness statements, on May 19, 2006 at approximately 6pm, Patricia Ann Baker went to the victim's residence and purchased two miniature Doberman Pincers for the amount of \$650 with a check.

Records indicate the check had been stolen from Knox County and Baker was in possession of the stolen property.

Detective Jack Fine, LCPD made the arrest.

Moss

to the report, Trooper C. Huff, THP stopped a silver vehicle for speeding. Upon making contact with the driver, Mr. Moss, the trooper could smell the odor of an intoxicating beverage coming from Mr. Moss. Moss informed the trooper he has no license. Moss performed poorly on sobriety tasks. This is his 2nd revoked charge and 4th DUI. Trooper C. Huff, THP made the arrest.

Women

was charged with DUI by allowing.

According to the report, Trooper Rodney Best, THP observed a vehicle for the driver not wearing a seat belt. The vehicle pulled into a parking lot and the passenger got out of the vehicle. The trooper pulled to the side of the road to see if the vehicle returned to the highway and it did. The trooper stopped the vehicle and observed the driver was now the passenger. After checking the driver's license he observed, Joye Lynn Starritt, it was found to be suspended. She was very shaky and the trooper noticed her face twitching. Ms. Starritt reported she was on methadone. Ms. Starritt performed poorly on sobriety tasks and agreed to a blood test.

The trooper then spoke with the woman that was driving when

he stopped it and found her to be Vickie Lea Millett. She stated she was Ms. Starritt's caretaker and knew she should not have let her drive. She stated she knew Starritt's license was suspended and she was on methadone. Ms. Millett was charged with DUI by allowing and taken into custody. Trooper Rodney Best, THP made the arrests.

Police Beat

Jason David Brown, 42, Blaine Drive, Blaine was charged with driving on revoked, cancelled, suspended license.

According to records, Officer B. Burley, LCPD observed Mr. Brown driving a red Pontiac Firebird on Medical Park Drive. Mr. Brown pulled the vehicle over and raised the hood, stating the vehicle was overheating and inoperable.

During the course of the conversation, Officer Burley asked Mr. Brown if he had any warrants for his arrest and Brown

said no. A check of his name and date of birth revealed Mr. Brown had a warrant for his arrest out of Indiana.

The warrant was non-extraditable, however it lead to the discovery Mr. Brown had a license in Indiana that was suspended for multiple failure to appear, multiple failure to satisfy, failure to pay child support convictions. He was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Daniel Eugene Croft, 57, Kilmer Lane, Winter Haven, Florida was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

According to records, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO noticed a gold Ford F-250 pickup stop in the turn lane coming from Highway 72 to Highway 444. The vehicle backed up then pulled forward to a stop again. It sat there for several minutes then turned onto Highway 444.

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Once it turned, it was traveling about 10 mph in a 50 mph zone. Then it stopped and started again. Deputy Brewer activated his emergency equipment and stopped the truck to see if there was a problem. The driver was identified as Daniel Croft.

Mr. Croft had a strong odor of an intoxicating beverage on his breath, slurred speech, blood-shot eyes and he was unsteady on his feet. He did poorly on field sobriety and was read the implied consent advisement. Mr. Croft was transported to the Fort Loudoun ER for a BAC and then to the jail.

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

Detective Kay Arwine, LCPD made the arrest at the Loudon County Jail.

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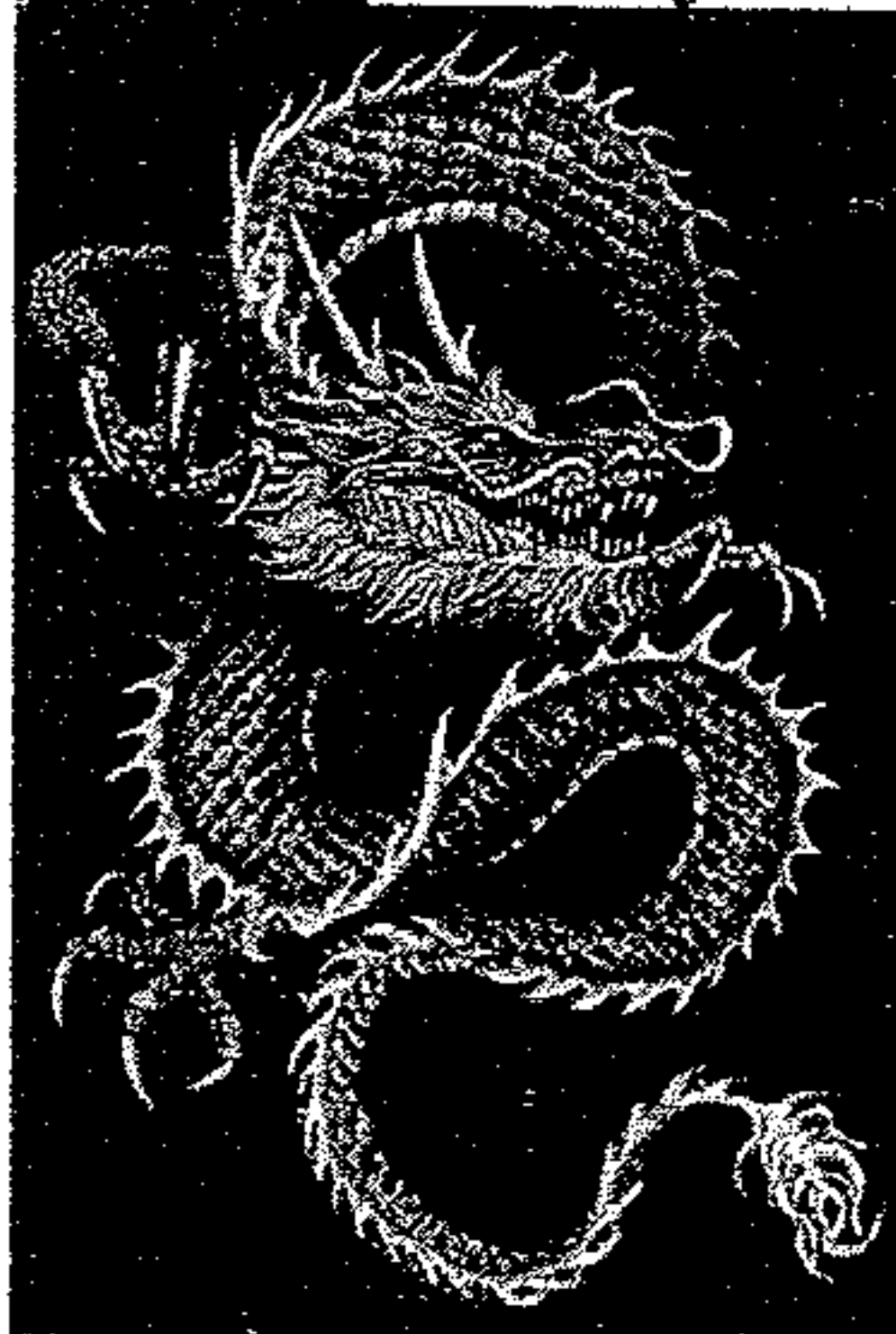
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Mahala

According to the report, while parked in the parking lot of Tellico Center near the Auto Zone, Roger Mahala did commit the offense of child neglect of an eight year old juvenile. Mahala did knowingly neglect his eight year old child by adversely affecting the child's health and welfare. Mahala did this by inhaling (huffing) gasoline in the presence of the child, in the enclosed vehicle with his child in the vehicle with him. The vehicle was parked and running, with the doors locked when it occurred.

According to the child, he refused to let her exit the vehicle, after several pleas, the child unlocked the door and ran to strangers for

assistance at the Dollar General Market. The child stated to law enforcement the odor of gasoline was very strong inside the vehicle and her Daddy acted drunk, and that is why she ran for safety.

During the officers investigation, Roger Mahala stated he did "huff" gasoline due to severe depression. Mahala also stated he did not know why he did this in the presence of his child.

Roger Coy Mahala, 39, of McGhee Square Apartments, Lenoir City, was charged with child neglect and public intoxication. Officer K. Sennett, LCPD made the arrest.

New Unit ctd.

investigating from other states.

The unit has created a resource kit for iden-

ity theft victims and has linked it to www.tn.gov/safety. Investigators will also participate in programs and events to encourage identity theft awareness, distribute educational materials to safeguard against identity crimes, and encourage the public to take proactive steps to reduce the debilitating impacts of identity crimes.

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security's (www.TN.Gov/safety) mission is to ensure the safety and general welfare of the public. The department encompasses the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Office of Homeland Security and Driver License Services. General areas of responsibility include law enforcement, safety education, motorist services and terrorism prevention.

Police Beat

Calvin C. Jones III, 42, Sycamore Cove, Medina

was charged with driving on suspended license.

According to records, Investigator Shane Ezell, LCSO-ND made contact with a silver Chevy Tahoe on Highway 321 and having prior knowledge the driver, Mr. Jones's license was suspended for failure to satisfy citations stopped the vehicle at the American Trust Bank.

A check through NCIC revealed he was indeed suspended and Mr. Jones was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Steven Chad Hinton, 33, Friendsville Road, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

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

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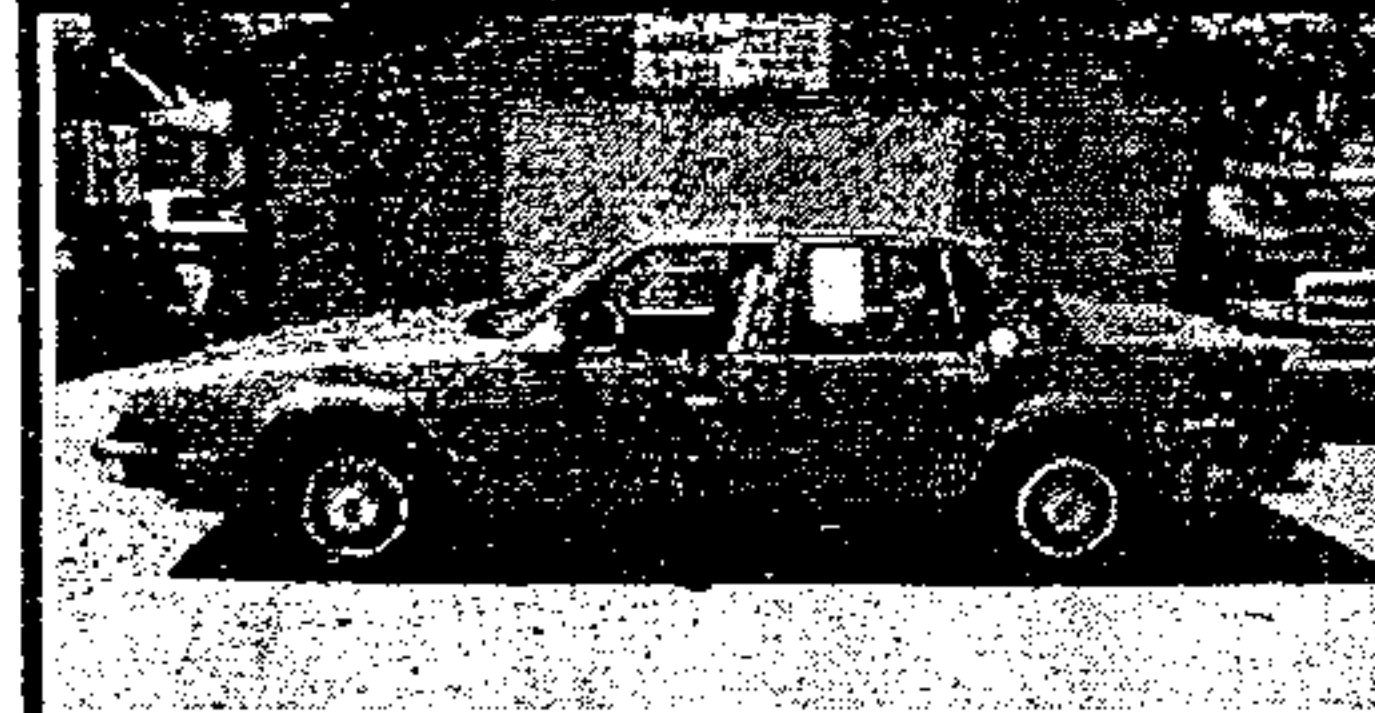
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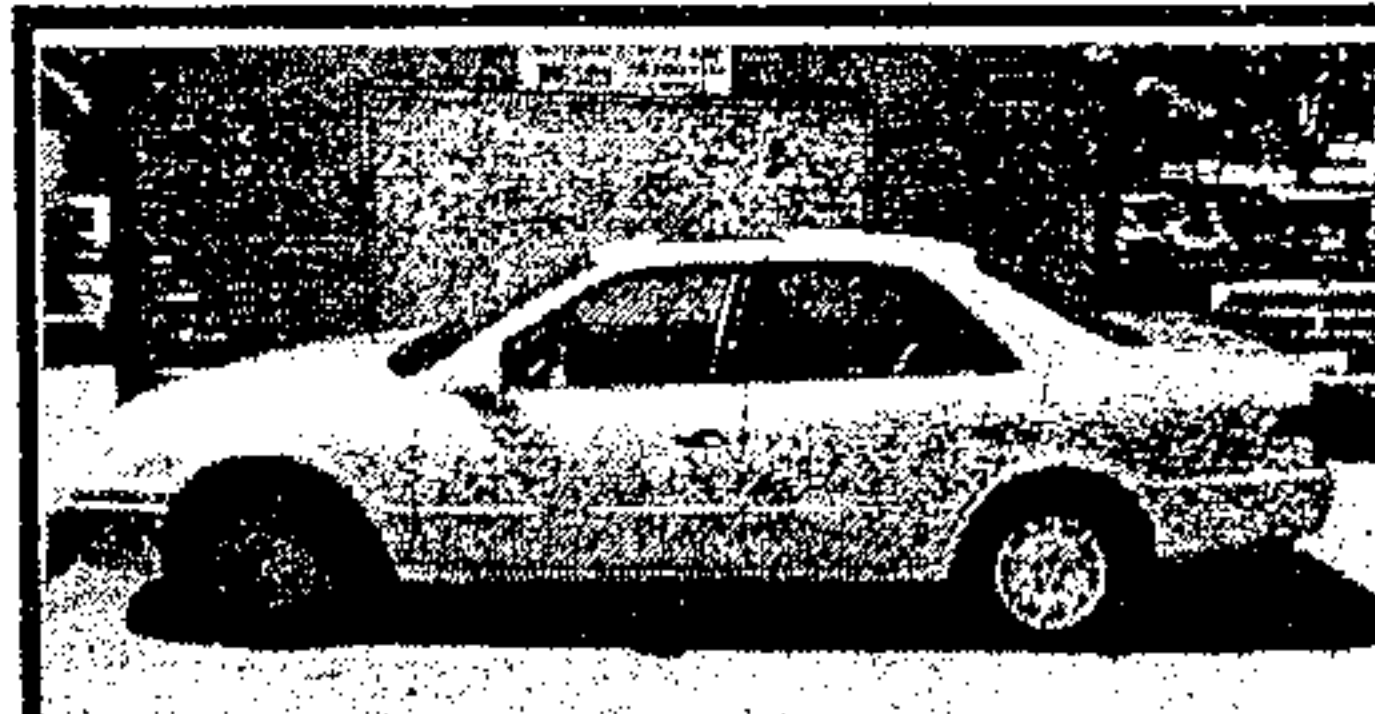


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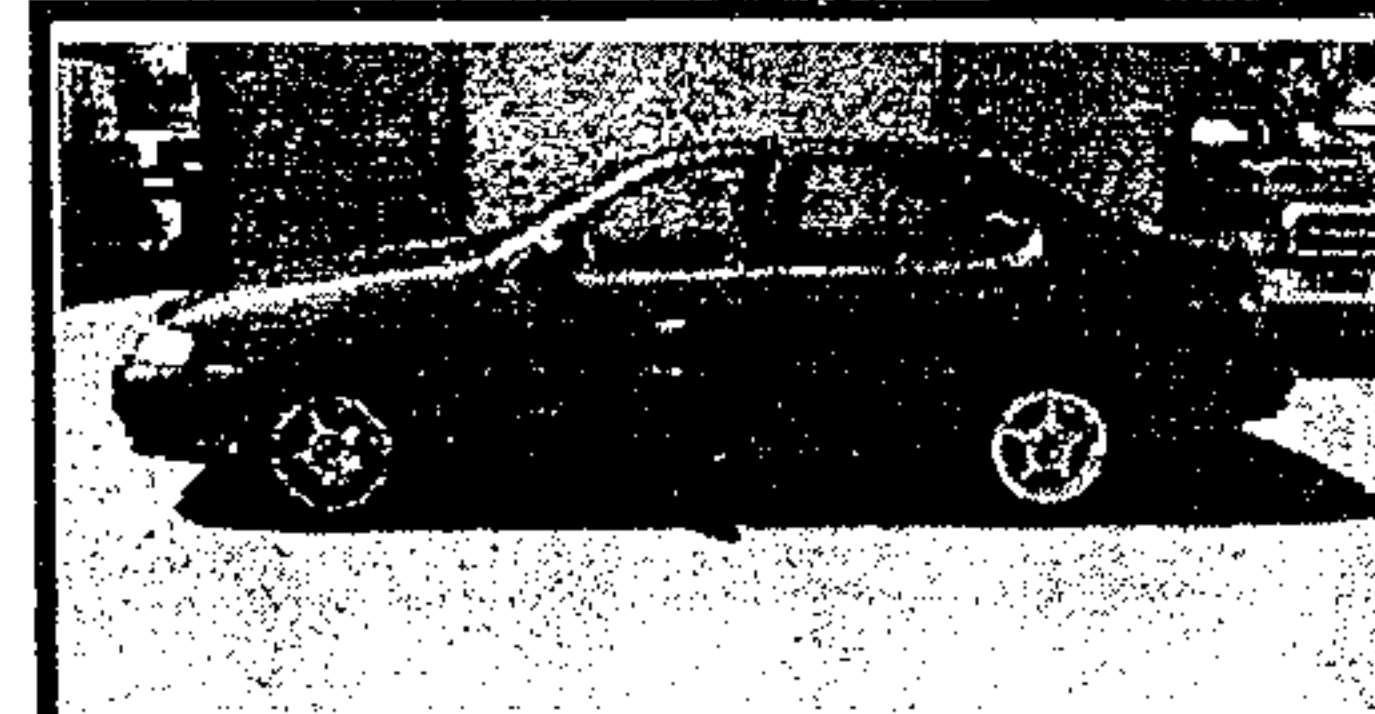
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