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Pills, pot & papers found in traffic stop

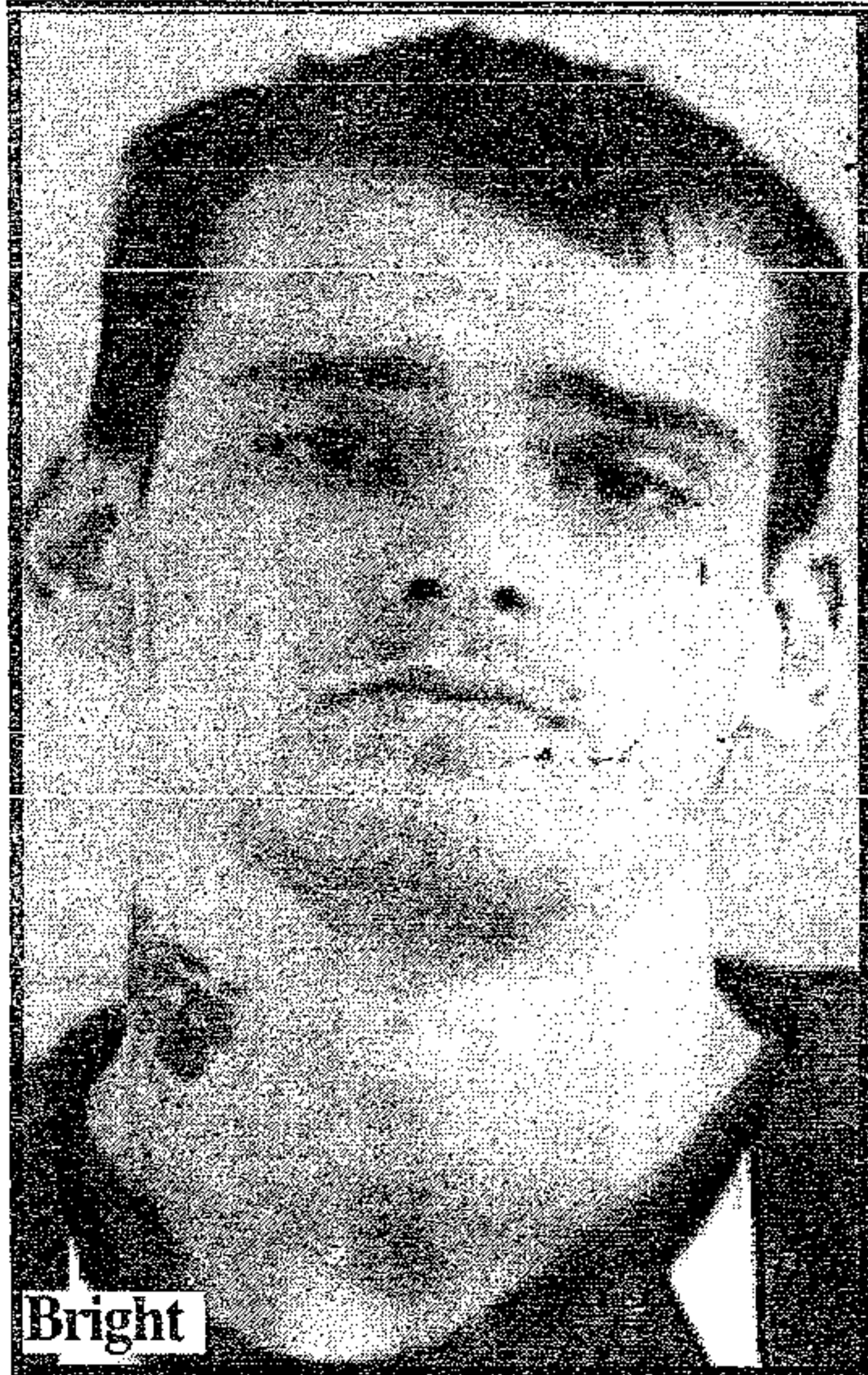
Leads to weapon charge

When a traffic stop for a window tint violation ended with a passenger being taken to jail on a variety of charges, including unlawful possession of a weapon, a domino effect was set into motion that ultimately saw two additional men taken into custody on weapons and drug charges.

According to the report, Officer B. Brown, LCPD stopped a silver vehicle for a window tint violation. The driver gave consent to search the vehicle.

The passenger was Cory

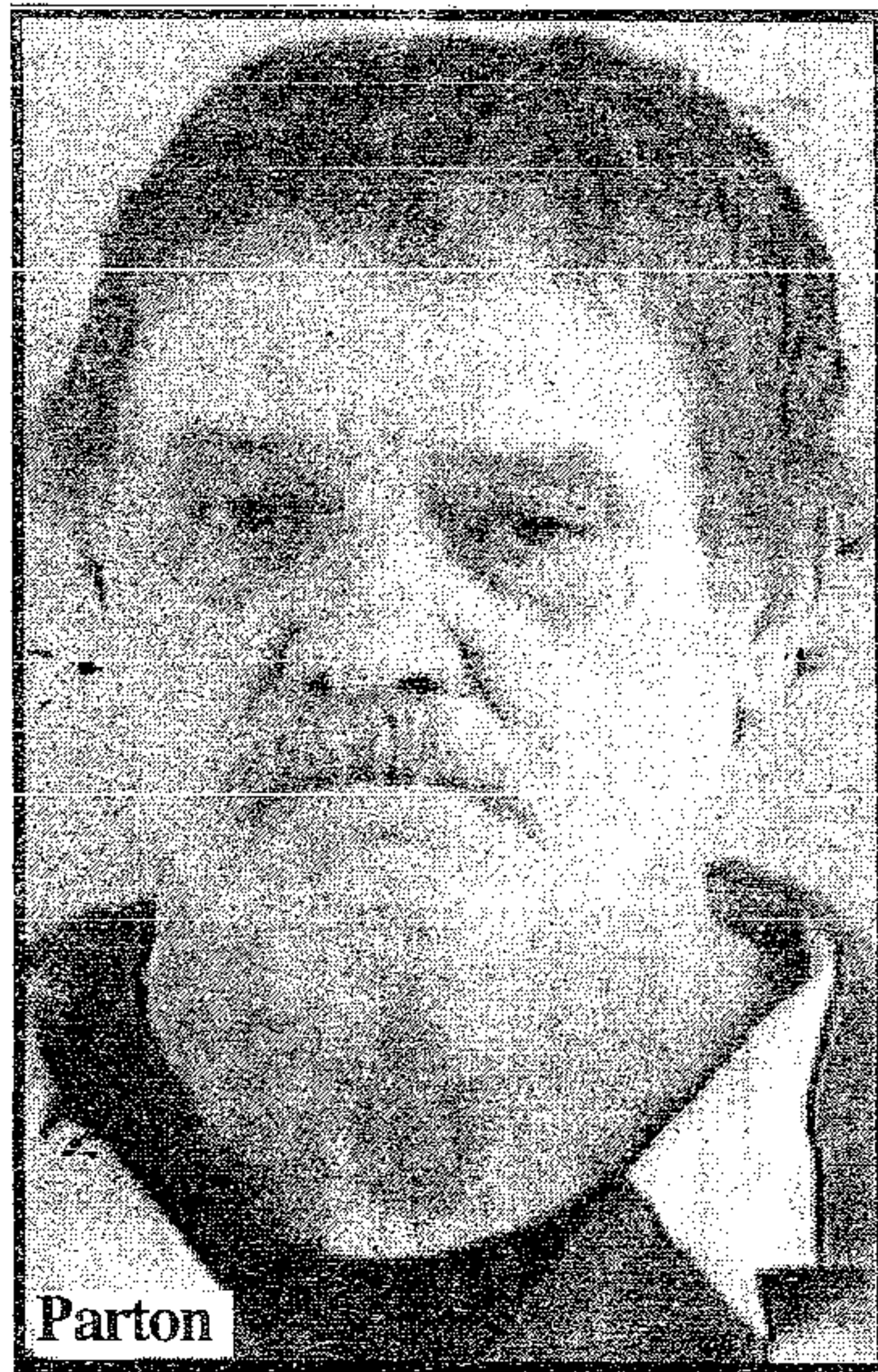
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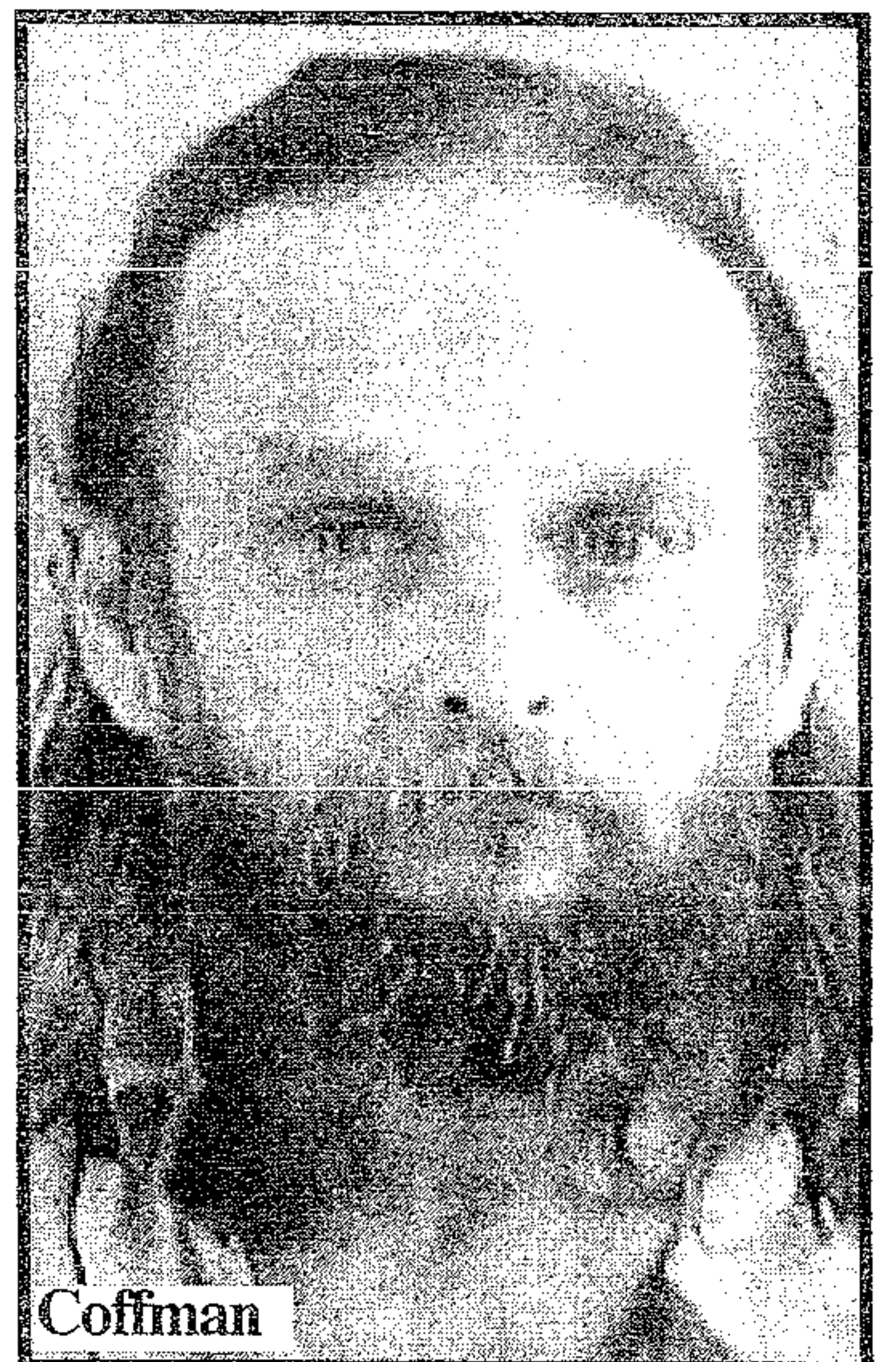
Bright

9th DTF makes pill bust in LC

(see Busted pg. 7)



Parton



Coffman

Ldn man charged with felony evading in DUI stop

Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO observed a vehicle cross the centerline twice and the shoulder line twice on Hwy 444 and attempted to stop it. The vehicle pulled over and then pulled back out and went down Popular Ridge Road to Davis Ferry, then onto Vonore Road where it pulled

(see Norman pg. 4)



Norman

Indicted



Ramsey

(see Ramsey pg. 2)

Woman charged with theft from 2010

An Athens woman is facing a theft charge in Loudon County nearly three years after she allegedly cashed a stolen check at ORNL.

According to a warrant filed by Investigator Jason Smith LCSO; on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, a local woman went to

(see Johnson pg. 3)



Johnson

Verse of the Day

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.
— Psalm 104:33-34

Obituaries

Shirley Harper Letsinger

Wazzup

Happy Birthday, David Morgan - we sure do love ya!

Happy Anniversary, Wayne & Pat Morgan! Number 49 and counting!!

Wazzup with the speeders and tailgaters in the new river bridge construction zone area? When a driver is going the posted 40 m.p.h., there should be no reason for the motorist behind to keep "pushing" it through the zone! Perhaps some random radar or official presence is

needed on occasion...

Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers. Lows in the mid to upper 40s.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s. Lows in the upper 40s. Chance of rain 60%.

Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/22-1/19
Your big ideas need

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Ramsey

Carmen Ahslea Ramsey, 35, of Amanda Lane, Harriman was charged with a capias out of criminal court for theft over \$1000.

Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest at the Loudon County Jail.

Police Beat

Misty D. Ziegler, 38, of Paint Rock Ferry Road, Kingston, was charged with DUI 1st.

According to the report, Ms. Ziegler was driving her SUV when she had a crash. Upon arrival of authorities at the scene, Ms. Ziegler appeared confused and

disoriented.

Ziegler performed poorly on sobriety tasks and consented to a BAC at the hospital.

Trooper S. F. Holcomb III, THP made the arrest.

Steven Calvin Black, 48, of Spring Street, Philadelphia was charged with violation

of probation.

Deputy Bruce Padgett, LCSO made the arrest.

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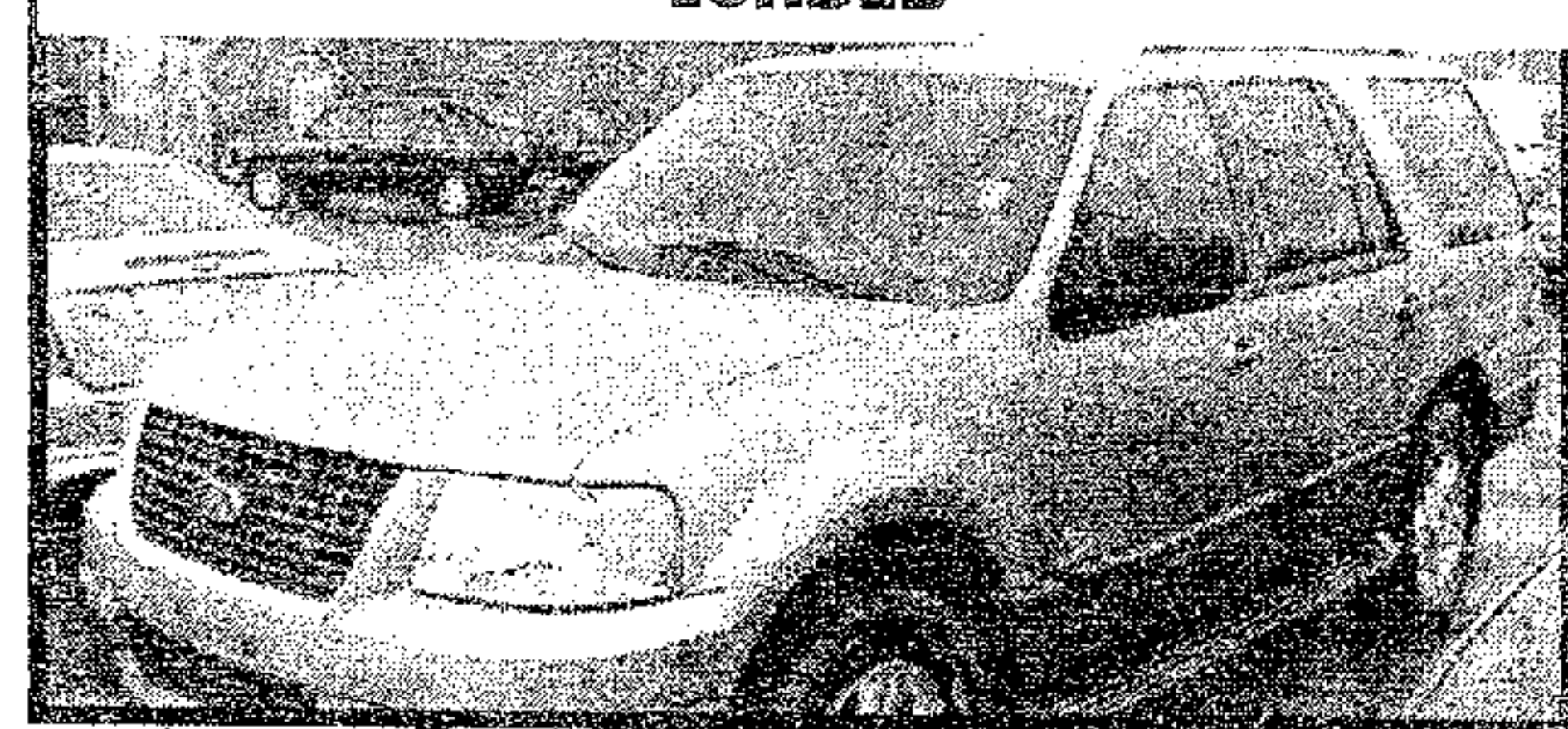
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Johnson
the Justice Center to report three checks had been stolen from her residence. One of

the checks appeared to have been signed by the victim, but she advised she did not sign it, nor did she give anyone permission to sign any

of the stolen checks. The checks were written to Susan Ann Johnson and the victim reported she does not know Susan Johnson.

A license number and the name of Susan Johnson was endorsed on the check and video surveillance showed Ms. Johnson at ORNL at the time the check was cashed.

Susan Ann Johnson, 46, of Ray Street, Athens was charged with theft under \$500.

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

Police Beat

Jeffrey Douglas Juhas, 42, of Seminole Circle, Loudon was charged with driving under the influence and violation of implied consent.

According to the report, Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO observed a red vehicle on

Hwy 444 crossing the centerline and white fog line and stopped it. The driver, Mr. Juhas had slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet.

Juhas performed poorly on sobriety tasks and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Juhas reported he had a few beers and refused a BAC test.

Deputy Brian Smith LCSO made the arrest.

Vickie Lynn Hartline, 52, of Williams Ferry Road, Lenoir City was charged with contempt of court and violation of probation.

Officer B. Gentry, LCPD made the arrest.

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Norman

into a lot and tried to back into the driveway, almost hitting the deputy's patrol car.

The driver was ordered to turn the vehicle off and the deputy identified him as James Gary Norman.

Mr. Norman had a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person and performed poorly on sobriety tasks. Mr. Norman also refused a BAC test and it was learned he had been convicted of DWI in 2001.

James Gary Norman, 37, of Vonore Road, Loudon was charged with driving under the influence, felony evading arrest and violation of implied consent. Sgt. Bowen made the arrest.

Police Beat

Charles Fletcher McBride 2nd, 38, of Jeffrey Drive, Chattanooga was charged with DUI and violation of implied consent.

According to the report, Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO pulled into the Exxon and was advised the driver of another vehicle was intoxicated. The deputy stopped the man after his vehicle crossed the shoulder getting on the interstate.

The driver, Mr. McBride had a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was unsteady on his feet. McBride performed poorly on sobriety tasks and refused a BAC test.

Jamey Lee Coker, 33, of Cherokee St., Maryville was charged with assault by domestic violence.

Deputy Jason Arden, LCSO made the arrest.

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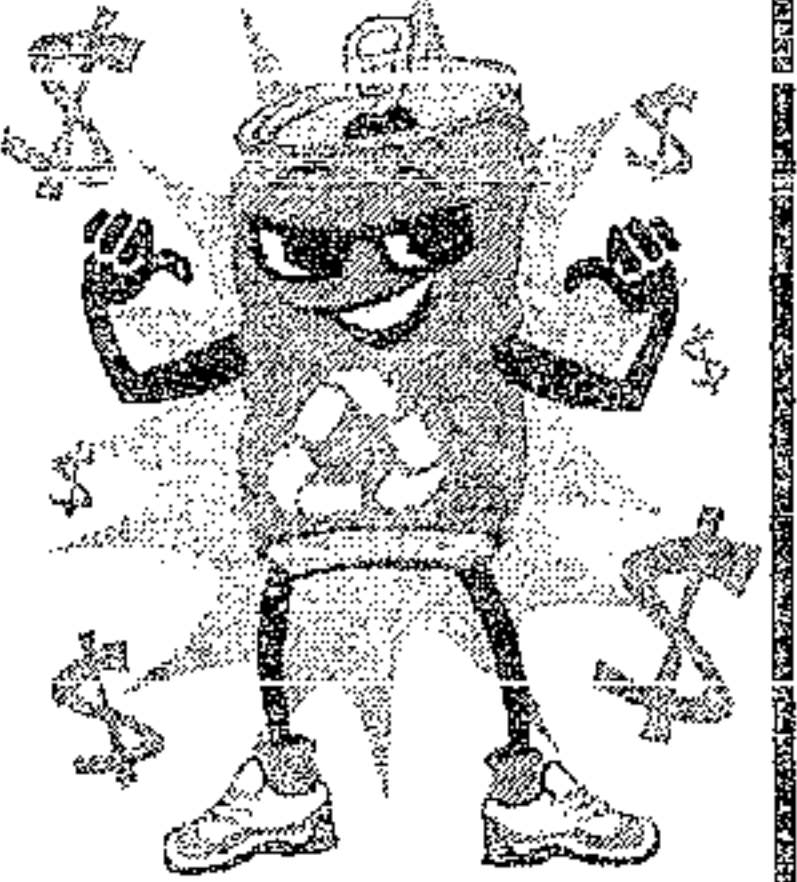
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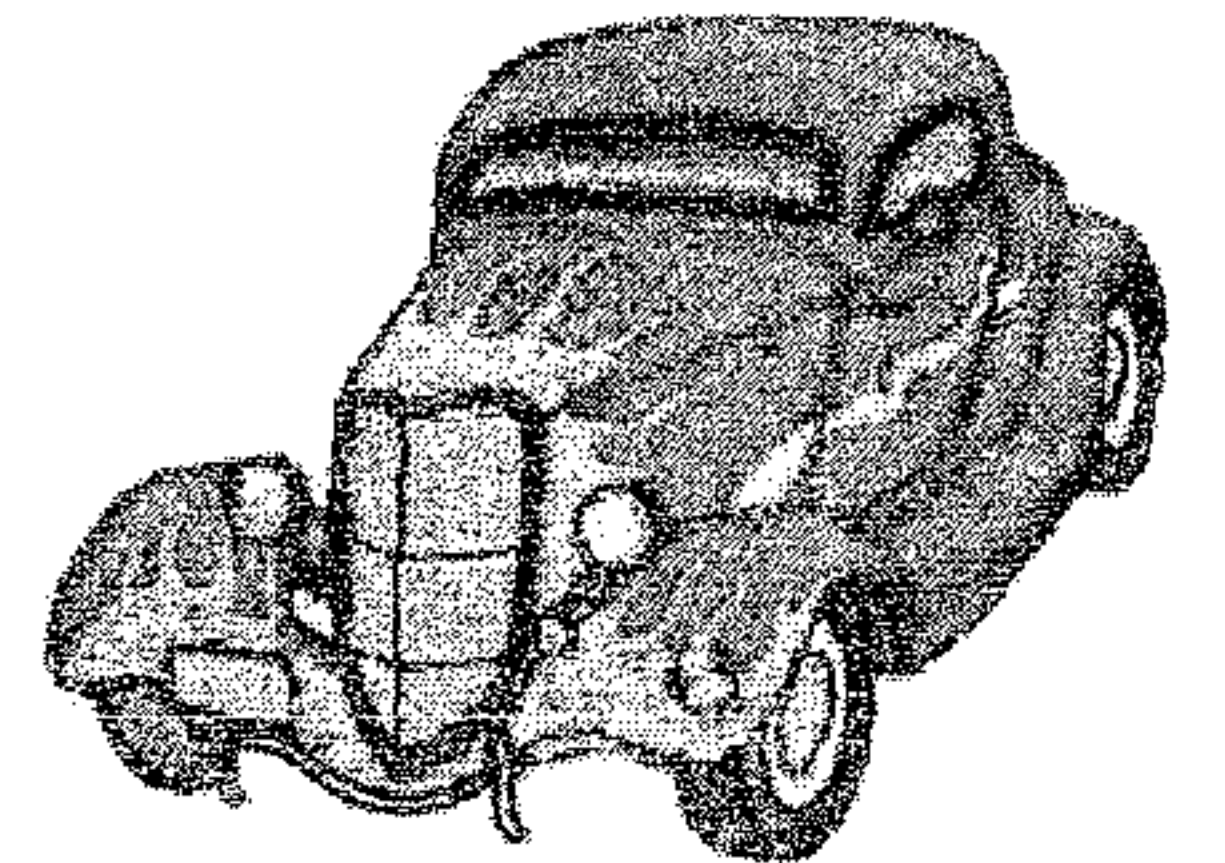
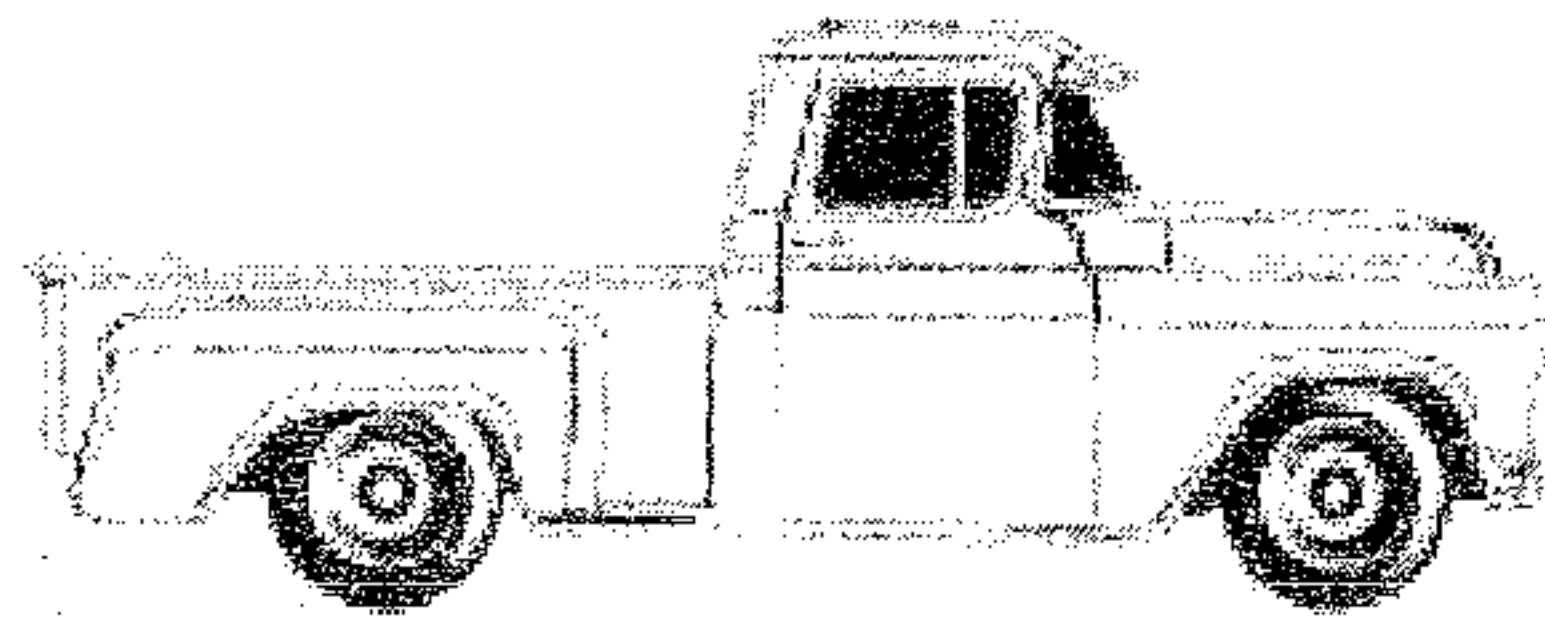
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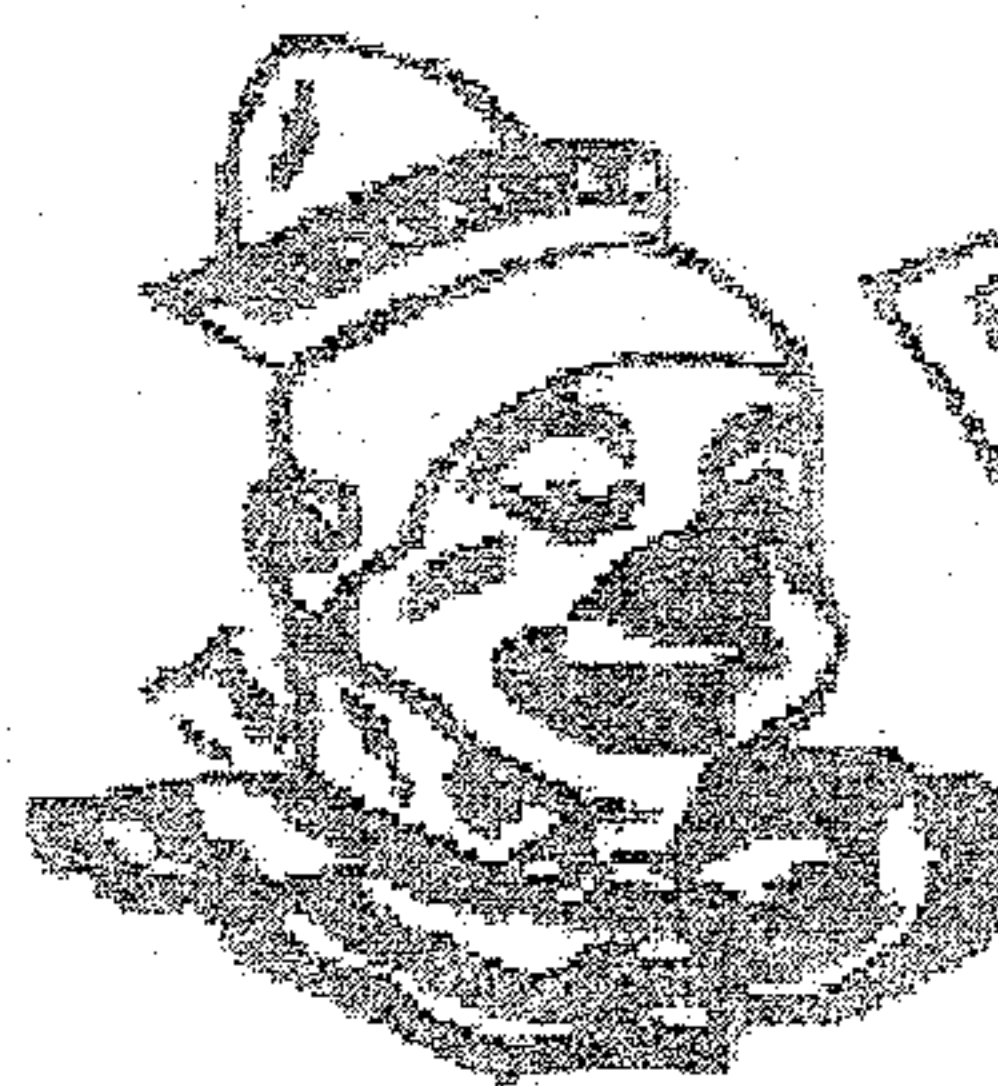
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Bright
Shane Bright. A "roach" of marijuana and a pack of rolling papers were found in the passenger side door that Bright

stated was his. The officer also found a clear bag containing 12 circular blue pills identified as 30mg Oxycodones. The pills

were found in the passenger side floorboard. Bright also had a bag of marijuana in his sock that weighed approximately 5.2 grams.

Cory Shane Bright, 22, of Dry Valley Road, Loudon was charged with simple possession of schedule VI, drug paraphernalia and possession of schedule II with intent to resale.

In another warrant filed by Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF; on January 5, 2013 Agent Deboer conducted an investigation regarding Cory Shane Bright. Mr. Bright was found to have facilitated a transaction for oxycodone with Jerry Parton when Parton traded Bright a highpoint 40-caliber handgun for the pills.

Mr. Bright stated he had been buying approximately 80, 30mg

pills a month from Parton for the last year. Bright stated he usually purchases the pills for \$20-\$25 and resells them for \$30-\$35.

Mr. Bright cannot buy, sell or trade firearms due to him being a convicted felon and currently being on community corrections. Mr. Bright admitted to acquiring the gun from a local gun shop by having another individual purchase the gun for him due to his status as a felon.

Cory Shane Bright, 22, of Dry Valley Road, Loudon was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon.

Agent Deboer, 9th DTF made the arrest.

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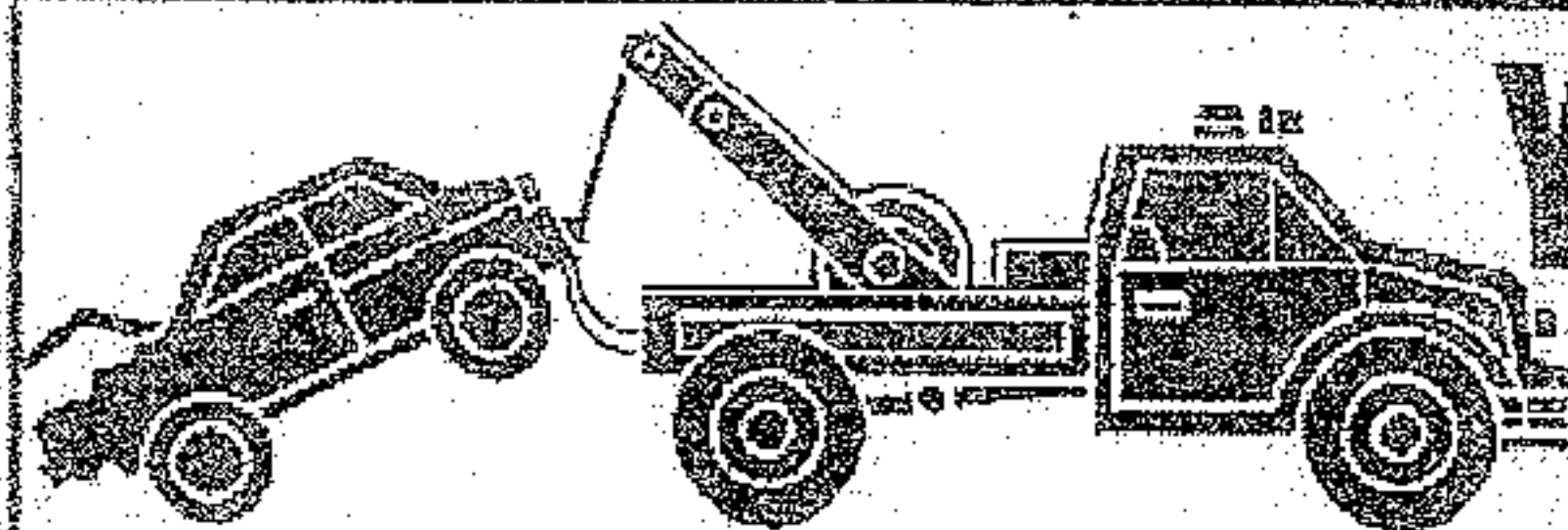
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According to the warrants, Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF conducted an investigation regarding Jerry Parton. Mr. Parton was found to be in possession of a 40-caliber handgun he admittedly passed to another individual just moments prior to Agent Deboer's encounter with him.

Mr. Parton admitted to taking the gun in as trade from another convicted felon for a past drug debt and also provided the individual with 13 oxycodone pills that were knowingly going to be sold in the Loudon County area. Mr. Parton admitted to selling Oxycodone

from his residence to numerous individuals on a regular basis for \$25 a piece.

Mr. Parton is a convicted felon and is not permitted to possess firearms.

Mr. Parton conspired with Cory Bright to distribute narcotics, specifically Oxycodone, on a regular basis in the Loudon County area. Mr. Parton has two defendants involved in this case, George Coffman and Cory Bright.

Jerry Ree Parton, West Broadway, Lenoir City was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon and conspiracy to distribute schedule II (oxycodone).

In another warrant, Agent Deboer con-

ducted an investigation regarding George Coffman of Lenoir City. Mr. Coffman was found to be in possession of a highpoint 40-caliber handgun during an encounter with him.

Mr. Coffman is a convicted felon and is prohibited from possession a firearm. Mr. Coffman was transported to the jail and during a search a small glass vial was found in his pants pocket containing one 30mg oxycodone pill.

George Nickerson Coffman, 53, of Chrisman Road, Lenoir City was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of schedule II (oxycodone).

Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF made the arrests and filed the charges.

Police Beat

Tommy Heath Richardson, 33, of Country Lane, Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked.

According to the report, Officer B. Gentry, LCPD responded to a call of a reckless driver in the area of Hwy 321

and Matlock Tire. The caller stated the vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed and following vehicles at a close distance.

The officer found the vehicle and stopped it. The driver was identified as Mr. Tommy Richardson and he has a revoked license for DUI.

Federal Unemployment Benefits to Continue Through 2013

The American Taxpayer Relief Act extends the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) program through January 1, 2014. The federal benefits were slated to expire at the end of 2012 with claimants receiving their last payment the first week of January.

EUC08 is a federally-funded program providing unemployment benefits to approximately 30,000 Tennesseans who have exhausted the first 26 weeks of state benefits (maximum). The legislation only extends the deadline to receive existing federal benefits and does not add additional weeks. Tennessee claimants are currently allowed a maximum of 26 weeks of state benefits and an additional 37 weeks of federal benefits.

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development must still receive authorization from the USDOL to pay federal EUC08 claims. While the USDOL expects to have authorizations in place to provide a seamless transition, a delay of a week or more is possible. A retroactive payment would then be

made to make up for lost weeks before resuming regular weekly payments.

Those presently receiving federal benefits should continue their weekly certification that notifies the department by phone or Internet they are still unemployed. If claimants stop their certification, they will have to contact the claims center to verify their unemployment status and could face a delay in their benefit resumption. Claimants should also continue to complete at least two work searches per week in order to meet the requirements for receiving federal benefits.

Claimants can check the status of their unemployment benefit deposit by logging in to <https://ui.tn.gov> with their personal identification number. If their account shows the benefit amount is "released," the deposit will be available within 48 hours.

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