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Deputy Petty found liable for false arrest

Loudon County pays 80k plus

Garry Lynn Palmer tried to tell Deputy Chad Petty and another deputy they made a mistake.

A jury found Loudon County liable Wednesday for false arrest in the case of Palmer, who was wrongly charged with driving under the

influence three years ago when two deputies mistook his cerebral palsy symptoms for intoxication. Jurors awarded Palmer \$80,500 in damages.

"I'd just like to thank the jury," Palmer said. "I know everybody makes

mistakes, but sometimes it goes a little beyond that."

The jury found Deputy Chad Petty at fault for his handling of the case but assigned no fault to his supervisor, Lt. A.J. Yokley, or to Sa-

(see Petty pg. 3)

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoo

A Montana Moment



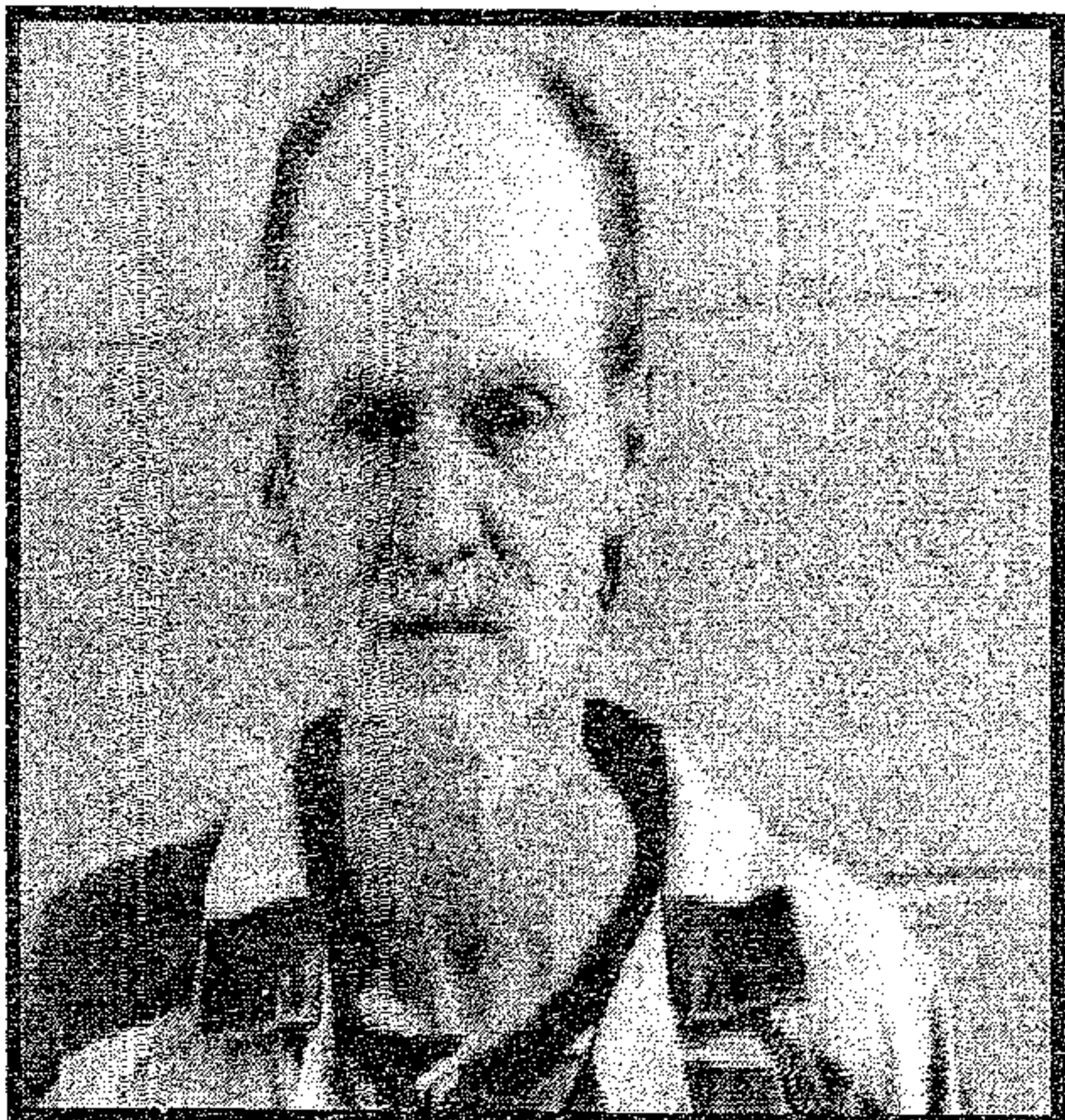
Greetings from big sky country! While Montana is known for some of its extreme winter weather, it is actually colder in Loudon County this week than it is here. Angie and I

promised several folks before leaving that we would send an occasional update involving our move out west so here goes!

A little over two weeks ago, my best

(see TGN pg. 4)

3rd DUI for Maryville man



Carey Wesley Davis, aka Pete, 51, of Ridgeview Road, Maryville, was charged with DUI 3rd offense.

(see 3rd DUI pg. 5)

Needles and more found in traffic stop



(see Duo pg. 7)

Woman killed in crash

A Loudon County woman was killed after her vehicle ran off Highway 72 Thursday afternoon and struck a tree stump.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol says Patricia Ratliff, 56, was driving northbound around 12:30 p.m. when she ran off the right side of the roadway.

The vehicle struck a culvert and went airborne. It then rolled and struck a four-foot tall tree stump, ejecting Ratliff.

Ratliff was later pronounced dead. It is not yet known if she was wearing a seat belt.

Burglary reported

According to the report, Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO responded to Hwy 11 East (Country Kinfolk) in reference to a burglary that had occurred. On arriv-

Sammy Clabough

al Deputy Parks made contact with the victim who is the owner of the business. The Victim was opening the business when she discovered a window in the back of the business had

(see Burglary pg. 2)

Verse of the Day

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. — Proverbs 27:1

Obituaries

None

Wazzup

A big shout out to Carl's Drive in Loudon. Wow, when you order something there it's right! Thank

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Burglary

been shattered. The victim then noticed that the cash register to be missing from the business. The victim called Loudon County dispatch to report this incident.

Upon Deputy Parks

arrival the victim looked around the business and did not notice anything else to be missing. The back door of the Business had been hit with some type blunt object and did not open, the window beside the door was the point of entry and the front door was

unlocked when the victim arrived which was possible exit point.

The cash register stolen had approximately 5.00 dollars in change. The register was a Roy-

al 435 DX model small in size.

The case is under investigation by CID.

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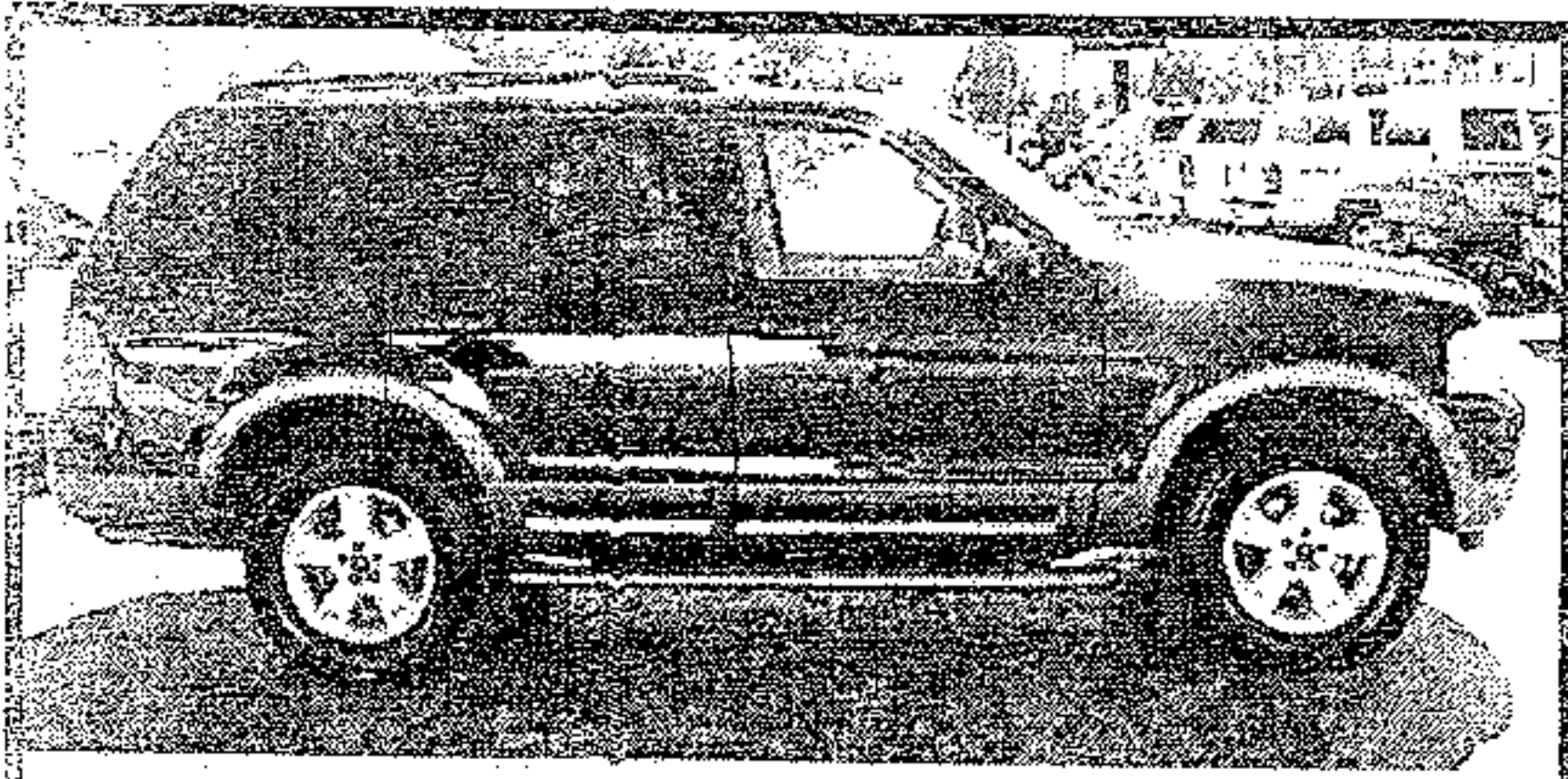
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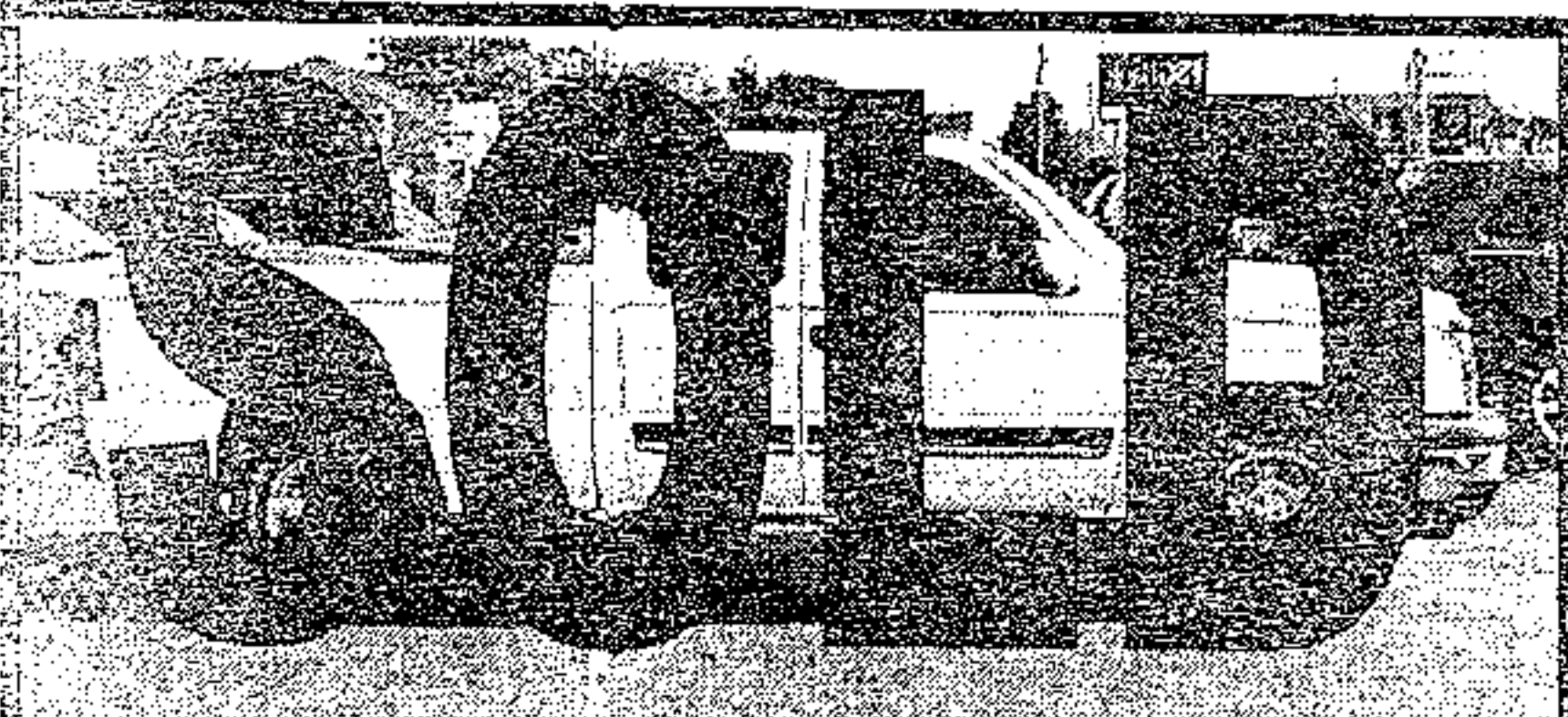
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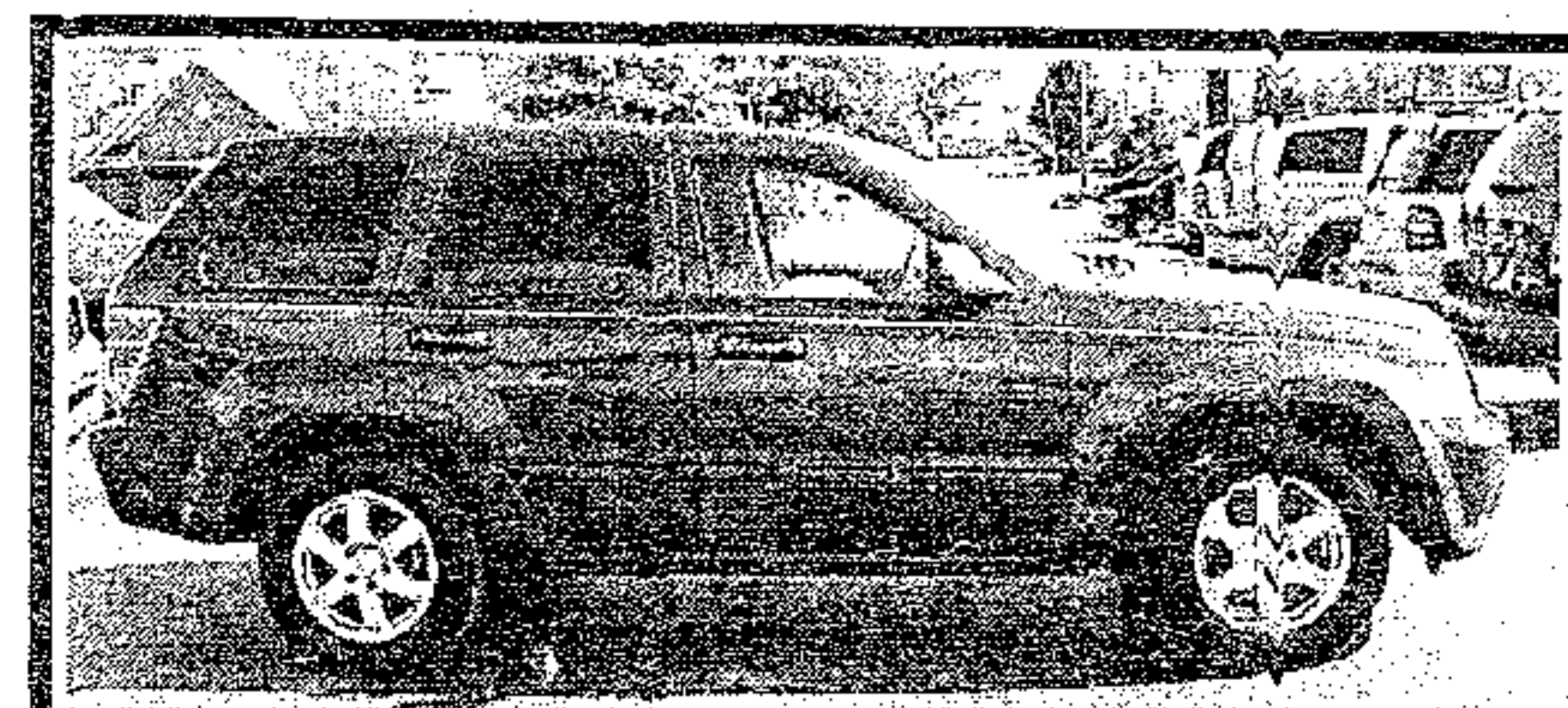


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Petty

brina Long, the deputy court clerk who issued the warrant for Palmer.

Sheriff Tim Guider shook Palmer's hand after the reading of the verdict.

"I just want you to know there's no hard feelings," the sheriff told Palmer. "I thought it (the verdict) was fair and reasonable."

Palmer was arrested after he accidentally hit a dog on Shaw Ferry Road the night of May 17, 2010, while driving home from visiting his wife's

grave. He told the owner, Jason Owens, and went home when Owens flew into a rage. Owens called authorities and reported Palmer as being intoxicated.

Petty, who never saw Palmer behind the wheel, along with Lt. Yokley said they smelled no alcohol on him at his house but couldn't understand him and thought he might be high on pills, even though Palmer told them about his condition and produced his prescribed medication in the prescription bottles. Prosecutors ultimate-

ly dropped the DUI charge months later after a blood test showed no alcohol or other intoxicating drugs in Palmer's system.

"They said they had to get the lab report back to determine (Palmer's condition)," his lawyer, Herbert S. Moncier, told the jury. "What they're saying is that in Loudon County you have to prove you're innocent."

When a person is suspected of DUI in Loudon County they have no right to choose their Breath Alcohol Con-

tent, or BAC test, the officer does, and if the person passes a breath test the officer still has the right to change it to a blood test.

The problem is that with a blood test the results are not immediate and the person is charged with DUI with no proof otherwise until the results of the BAC test are back which usually takes quite a long period of time.

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friend (Blondie) and I piled everything we own into a 26 ft. U-Haul truck, said goodbye to our friends and family, and began a three day journey across the country in separate vehicles as missionaries to Helena, Montana. After thirty nine hours of travel time, two half nights in a motel and over a thousand dollars in fuel, we arrived into Helena around 10:00 p.m. on a Sunday night just as a winter storm was approaching.

The following morning brought over four inches of snow and strong winds as we slid around town looking for a house to rent. By noon we had committed to a little cabin just outside of town and within 24 hours we had the U-Haul unloaded and my bride was setting up house! A couple of trips to the local thrift store and a membership to the Costco left us in pretty good shape.

In the days since, Angie has settled into her new job with the state and I have found a part time job like no other; I am now gainfully part time employed in the bow hunting department of a local outdoor store that allows me to interact with Montanans as they visit the store to fulfill all of their outdoor needs! I am meeting fishermen, trappers, hunters, hikers, campers and just everyday folks who pass through the store each day. I have established relationships with men that know Christ as well as some that I fear do not, which is exactly why

we are here!

Angie and I have been to multiple small group Bible studies, we have seen four folks baptized within the Big Sky Fellowship Church family, we have been invited to the homes of others for dinner and have met a couple of other missionaries who are working with students within the local college and have invited us to join them in future outreach opportunities. Blondie has been sharing her faith within the context of her new job and has an unchurched lady planning to attend small group with us next week! It is apparent, no, it is undeniable that God is placing us within the context of what He is already doing in this valley and it really confirms to us that we are following His will for our lives here in Helena. Regardless of where folks are in this country or any other, God is always making His love for us

known in so many ways and we feel so honored to be part of what He is doing here in Montana.

Although we miss many of our friends and family, we are more than convinced that it really does matter how each of us invest our time, our talents and our resources. To whom much is given..... much is also required. Each morning I thank God that He has granted me one more opportunity to lift His name up before those He places in my path. I thank Him for my health, my family and those who have sacrificed their time, talents and resources in preparing Angie and me for the mission that lies ahead of us.

Is there someone God has used to invest in your life? Are you investing in the lives of others? Do you realize how all of the things that bog down our lives will one day pass and be forgotten? There is one standard that is

consistent with every person in the world today; each of us will bow before the Creator of the universe one day and give an account of our lives and how we responded to Jesus. Will you be invited in to spend eternity with Christ? Or will you be told, "Depart from Me, I never knew you?"


The message I intend to share here in Montana is the same message I am sharing here with you;

"For God so loved the world (including you) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

If you have never placed your faith and trust in Jesus Christ I pray that you don't wait until it's too late. Jesus paid the ransom

for your sins and mine but we must admit we are sinners, believe that He is God's risen Son and confess Him as the Lord and Savior of our lives to inherit eternal life with Him. Jesus completely transformed our hearts and lives, and He wants to do the same for you!!

If you ever want to share your thoughts, ask a question or just say hello, we would love to hear from you. While we are 1,980 miles from TN, we are always just a phone call or an email away!! We would love to hear how God is working in your life or how we could pray for you. Our web address is www.tgnmissions.com and my phone number is still (865) 304-6779. My email address is jeff@tgnmissions.com or you can friend us on Facebook from our webpage. Thanks for reading today and may the Lord bless your life as He has so richly blessed ours.



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3rd DUI

According to the report, Deputy Jamie Ketner, LCSO observed a green pickup cross the fog line and the double yel-

low line and conducted a traffic stop.

The driver was identified as Carey Davis. There was an odor of an alcoholic beverage

coming from inside the vehicle. Mr. Davis had blooshot eyes and two empty beer cans were found in the backseat along with an open 24

oz. beer was in the drivers side cup holder.

The deputy asked Mr. Davis to step out of the vehicle and he performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

In the glove compartment was a bottle of Opana, Oxycodone along with a lid with powder residue on it. The pills were prescribed. Mr. Davis has two prior DUI convictions.

senger not wearing a seatbelt. Upon checking the driver Mike DL status the Trooper was informed that Mike's DL was suspended, he was placed under arrest. Trooper Colby Huff THP made the arrest.

Michael Lane, 33, Shasta Drive, Lenoir City was charged with Violation of probation. Deputy Brandon Dixon LCSO, responded to City Park Drive in Lenoir City, Tennessee in reference to a wanted person. On arrival the Deputy identified Mr. Michael Lane and verified that he had outstanding warrants in Loudon County and Knox County. The Deputy did place Mr. Lane in custody for Violation of Probation.

Police beat

Mike Spence, 42, Corryton Road, Corryton was charged with Driving on Suspended License 2nd.

According to the report, Trooper Colby Huff THP conducted a traffic stop on a green vehicle traveling North on I-75 mm for the pas-

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According to the report, Deputy Jamie Ketner, LCSO observed a blue van cross the center line on Pond Creek Road and Stockton Valley Road.

The deputy identified the driver as Chantell Pelfrey and her passenger as Edward Wells.

The deputy ran

Ms. Pelfrey's license through NCIC and it came back as being suspended.

A check of Mr. Wells ID came back with him being wanted in Roane, Anderson, Loudon and Monroe Counties.

Ms. Pelfrey stated there were used needles inside the vehicle.

Under the passenger side seat there was a

black bag containing 50 needles and one had a clear liquid inside, one pipe used for smoking crack cocaine and one push rod.

Inside the glove box there was 2 spoons with burn marks which is consistent with the use of illegal narcotics.

Chantell Deniene Pelfrey, 36, homeless, was charged with pos-

session of drug paraphernalia and driving on suspended.

Edward Allen Wells, 36, homeless, was charged with failure to

appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Deputy Jamie Ketner, LCSO made the arrests.

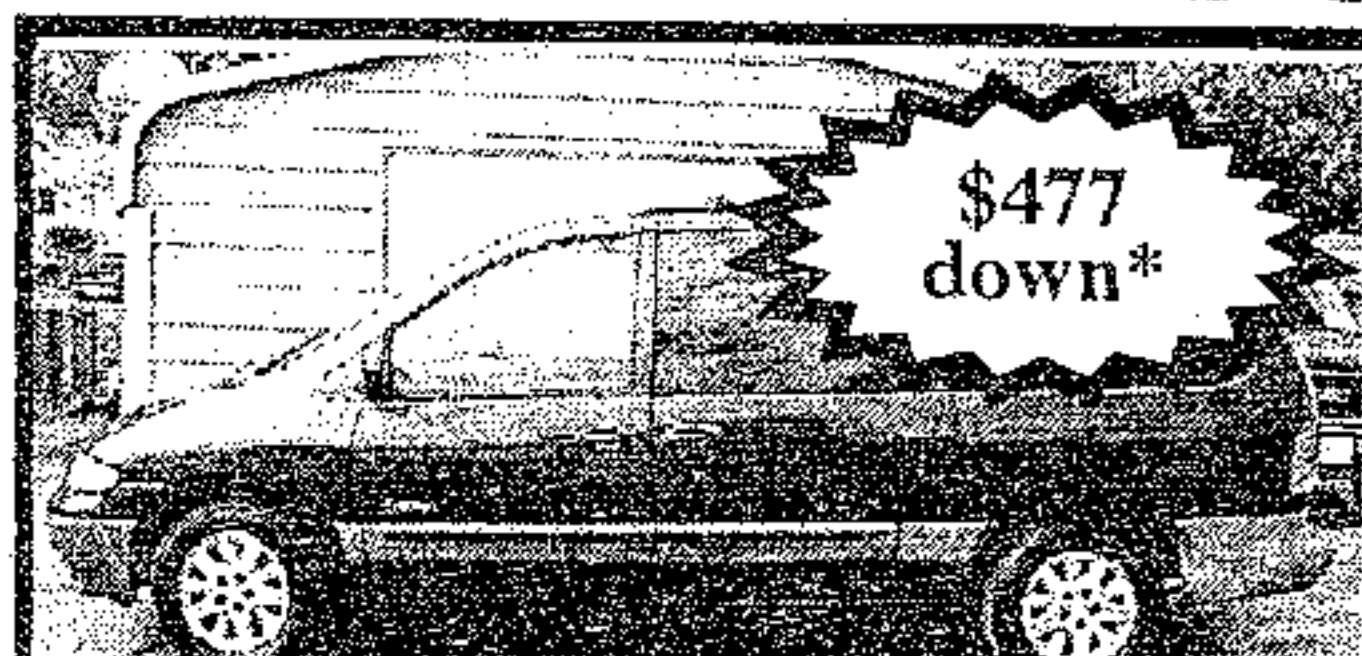
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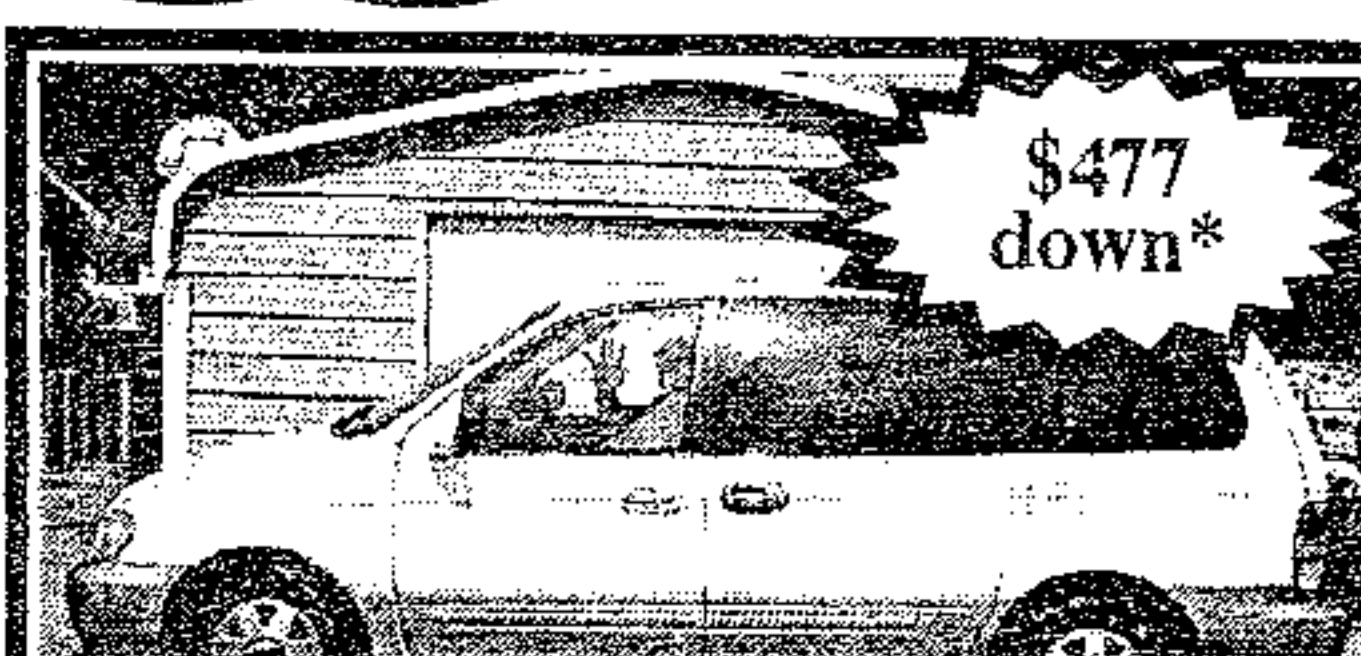
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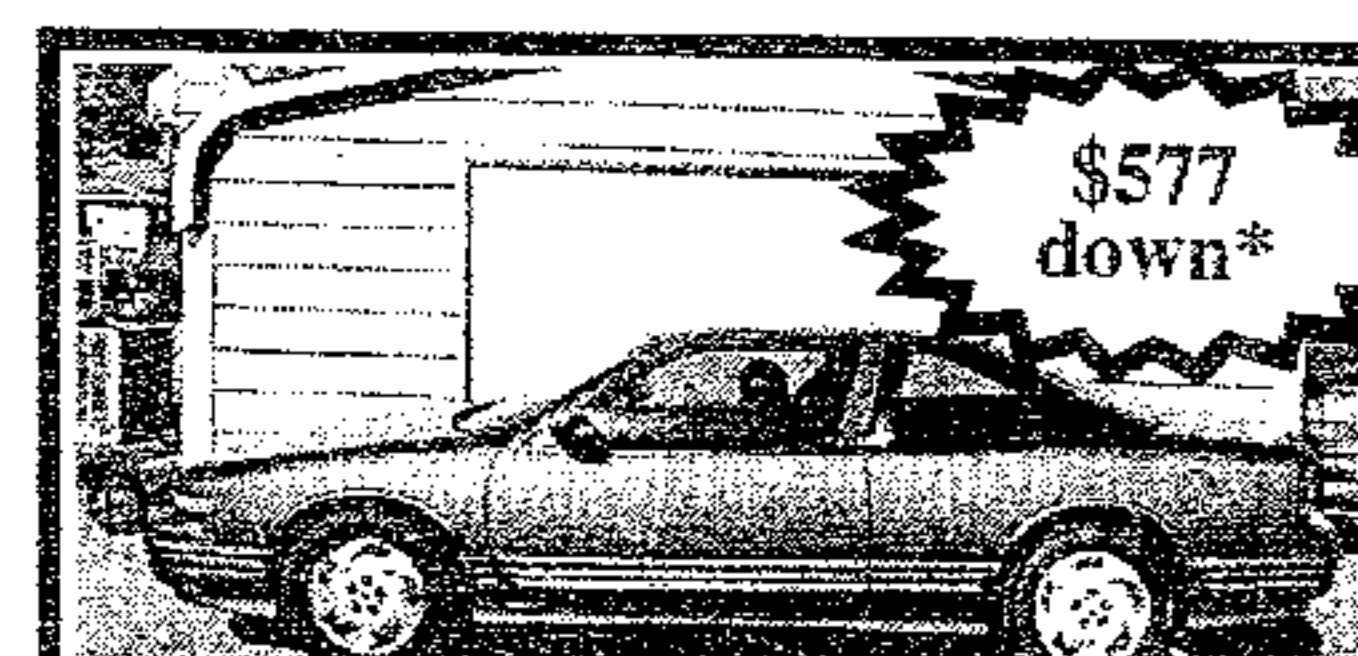
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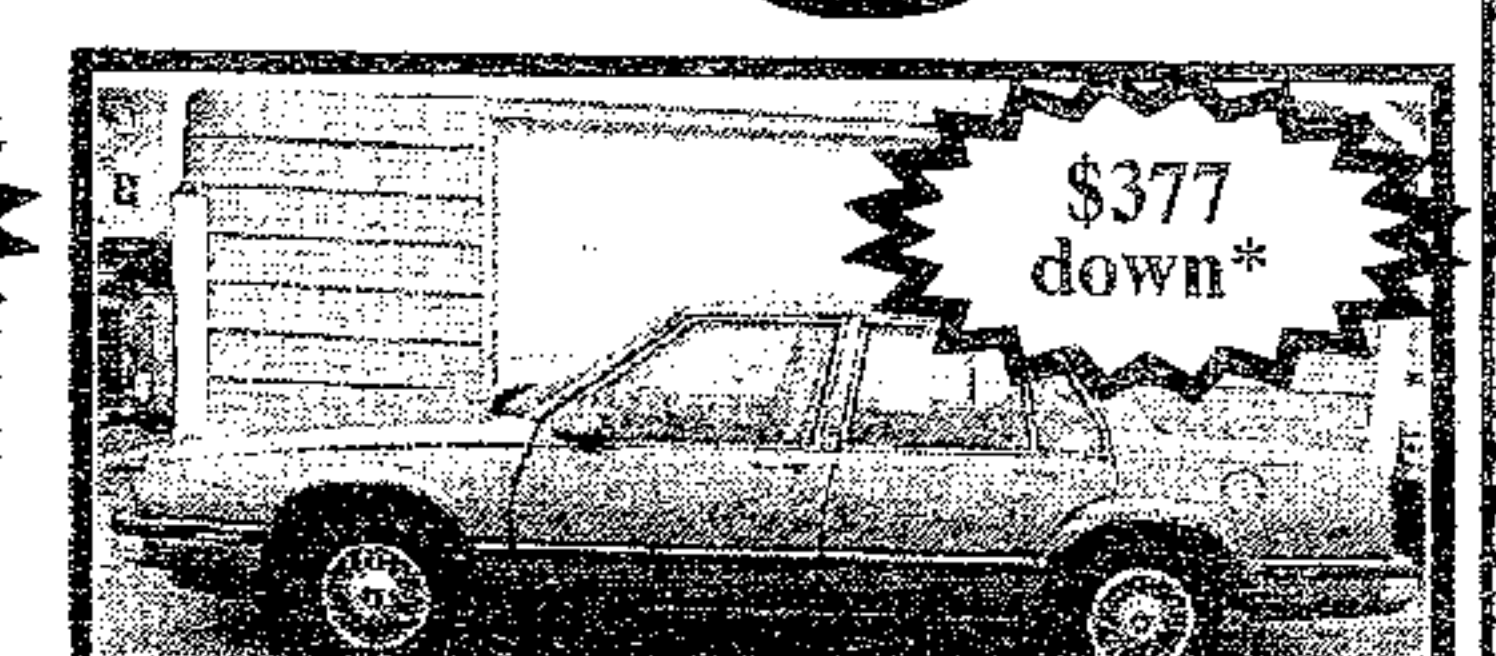
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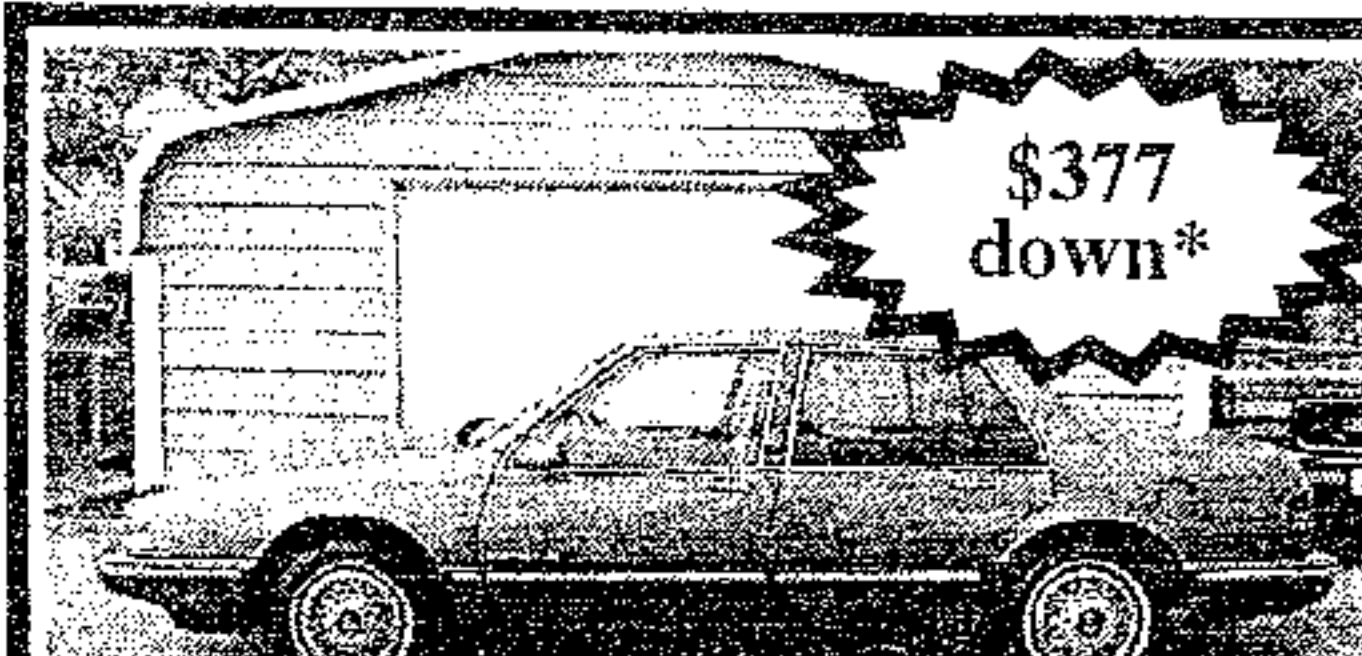
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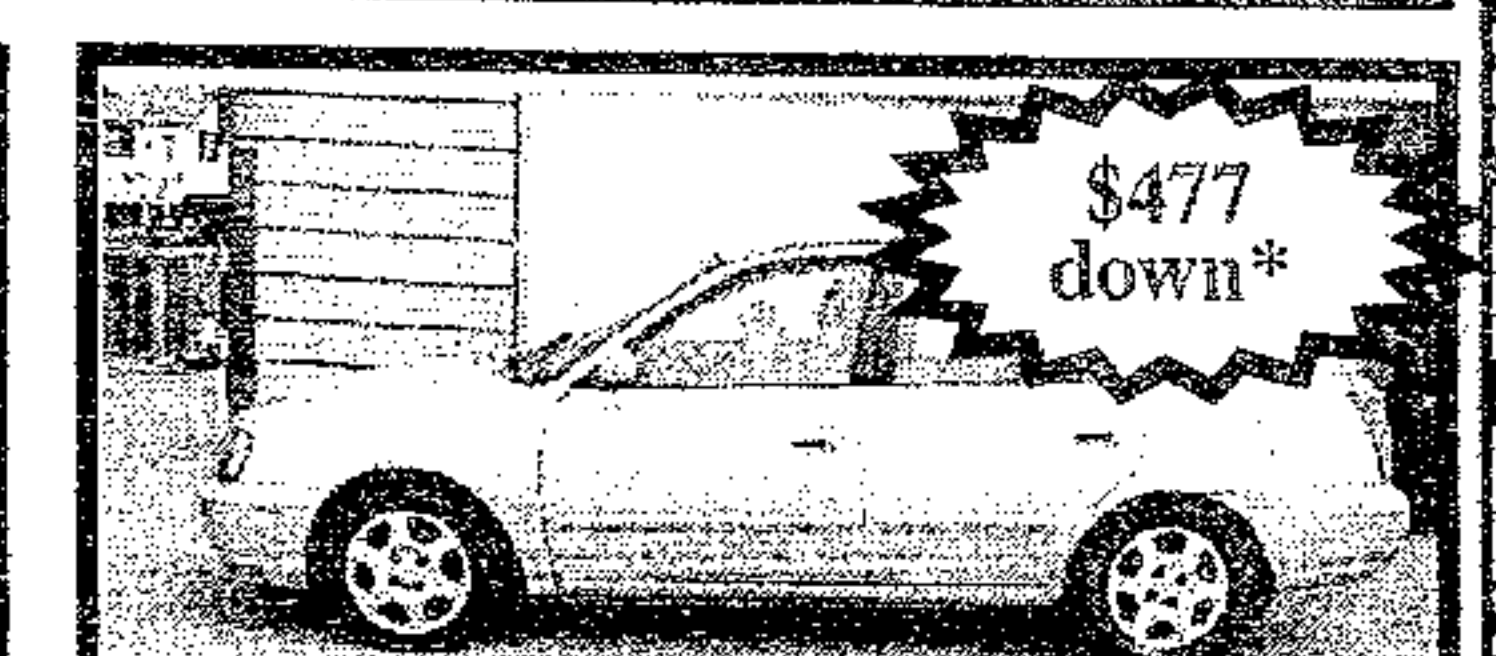
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Police beat

Larry Webb, 22, HWY 70 South, Rogersville, was charged with Violation of probation. Deputy Kyle Collins served Larry with a VOP Warrant at the Hawkins CO. Jail, and transported him to Loudon Co Jail.

Corey Smith, 36, County Road, Sweetwater, was charged with Failure to Appear. Deputy John Bearden LCSO made the arrest.

Identity Theft

The victim came to the Loudon County Justice Center to report identity theft. The victim stated that her sister the defendant opened a sprint cell phone account in her name. The victim stated the account was open up on 12/26/12.

The total charges in Victim's name are for 644.07. The victim stated that the defendant asked if she could use her name to open an account because she was just 17 years old.

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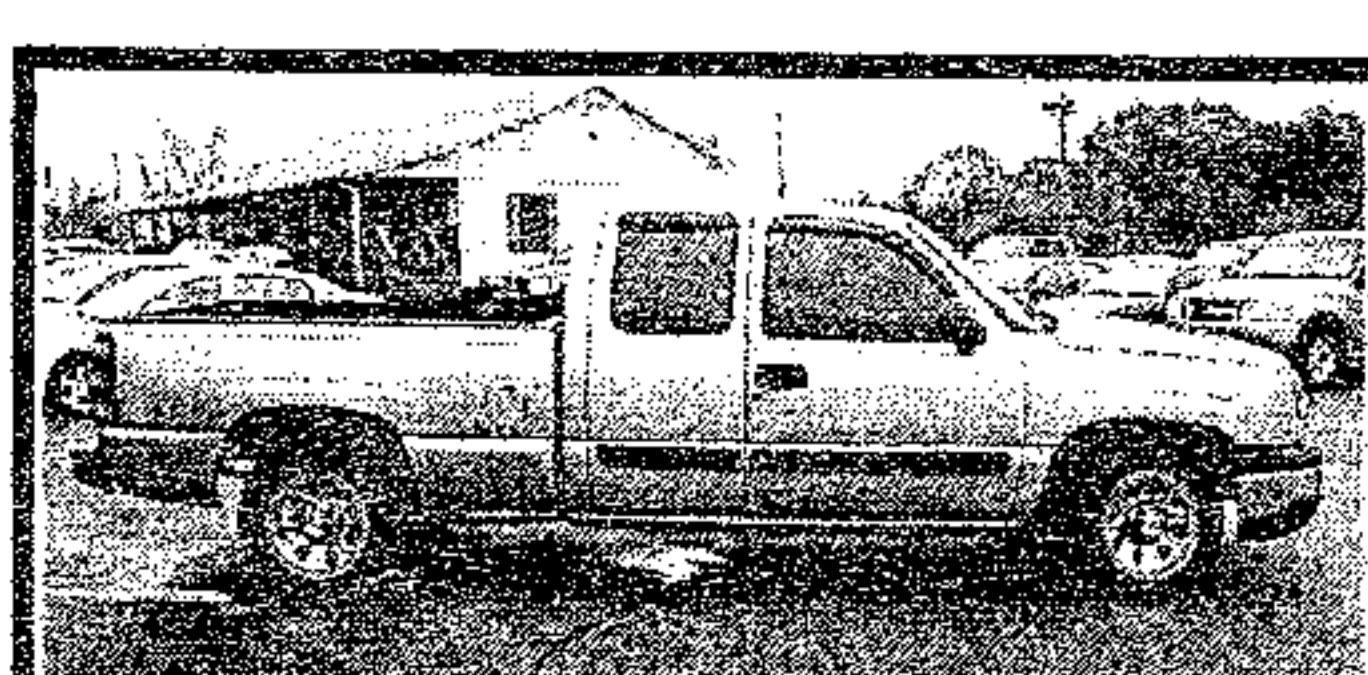
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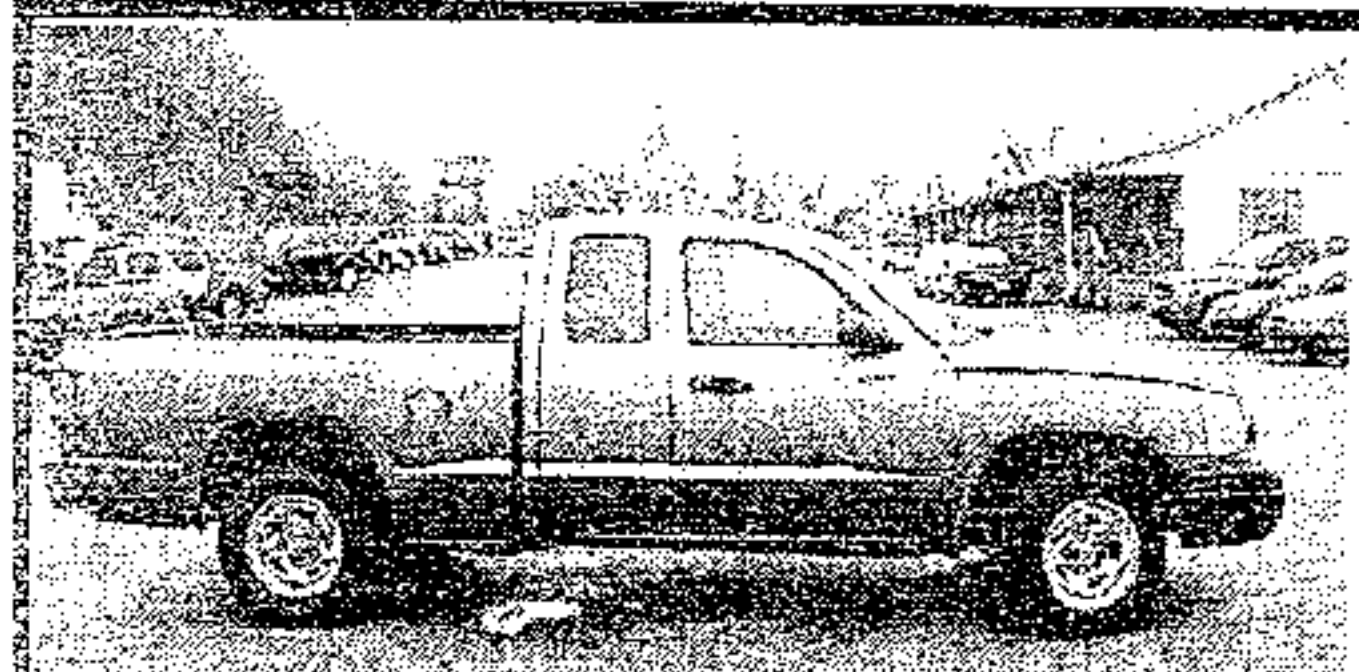
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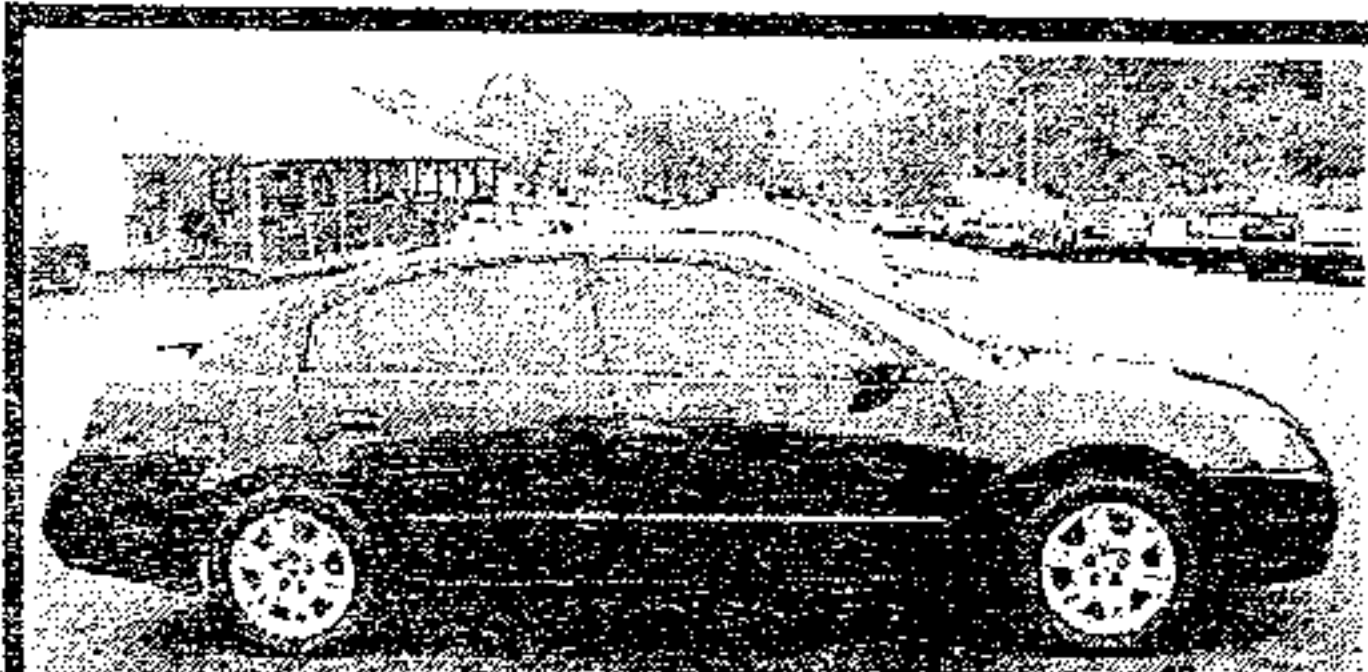
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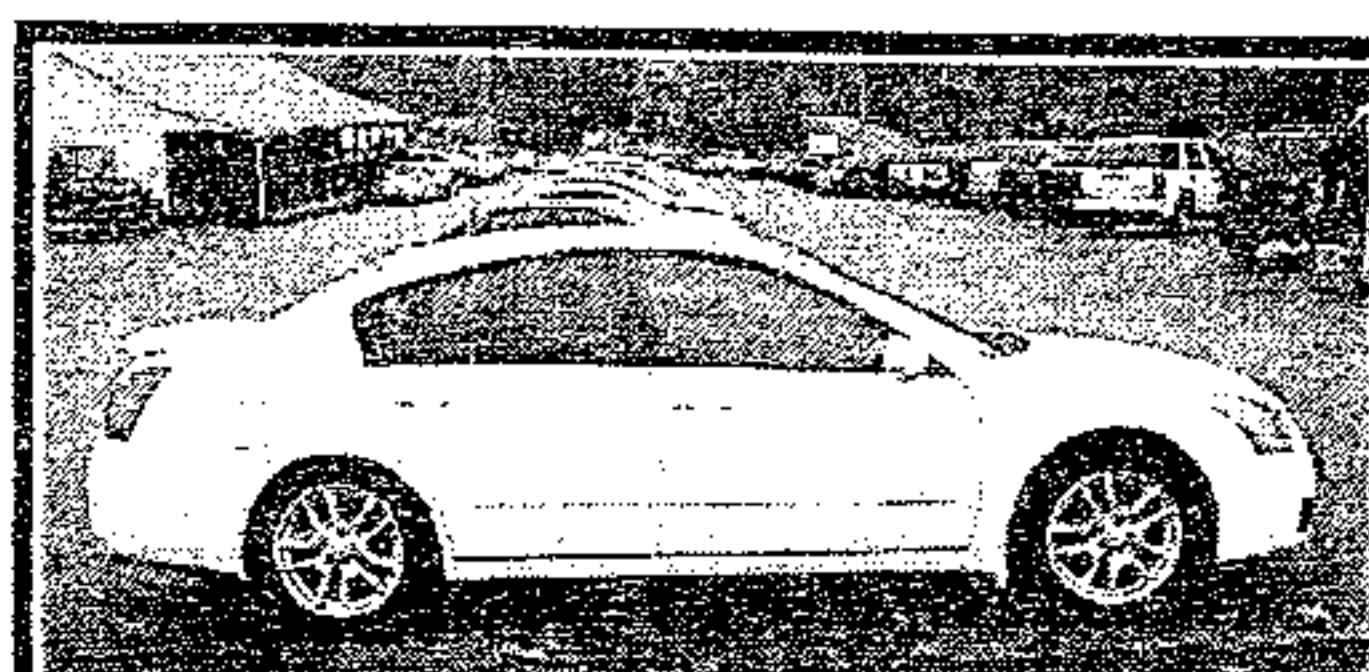
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