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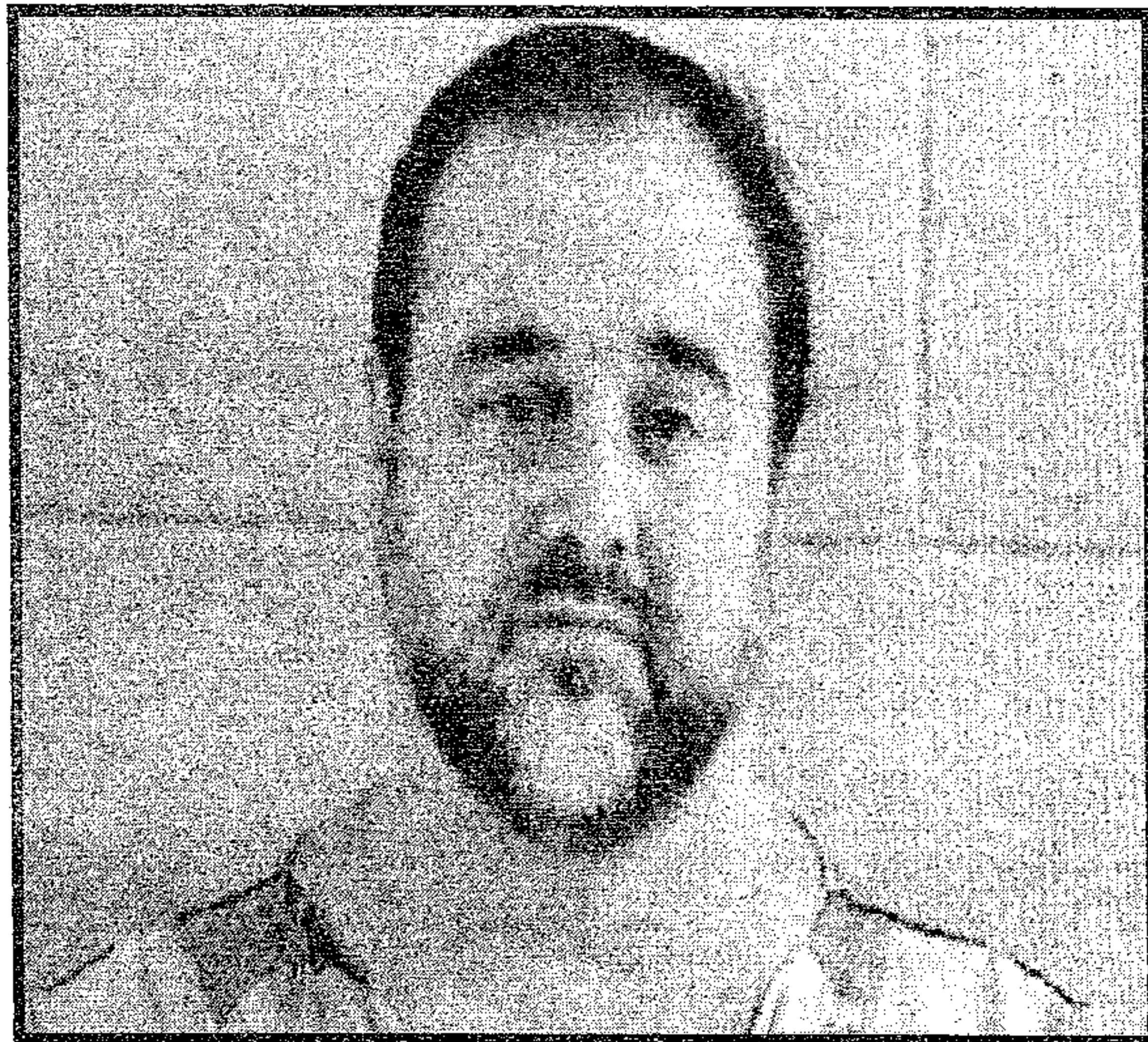
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Wednesday, November 27, 2013

DUI with a gun for LC man

(see Gun pg. 5)

Vance Kirby, 38, Matlock Bend Rd, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st, Violation of implied consent, Possession firearm while impaired. Officer Bennie Houser,



Vance Kirby

FBI files

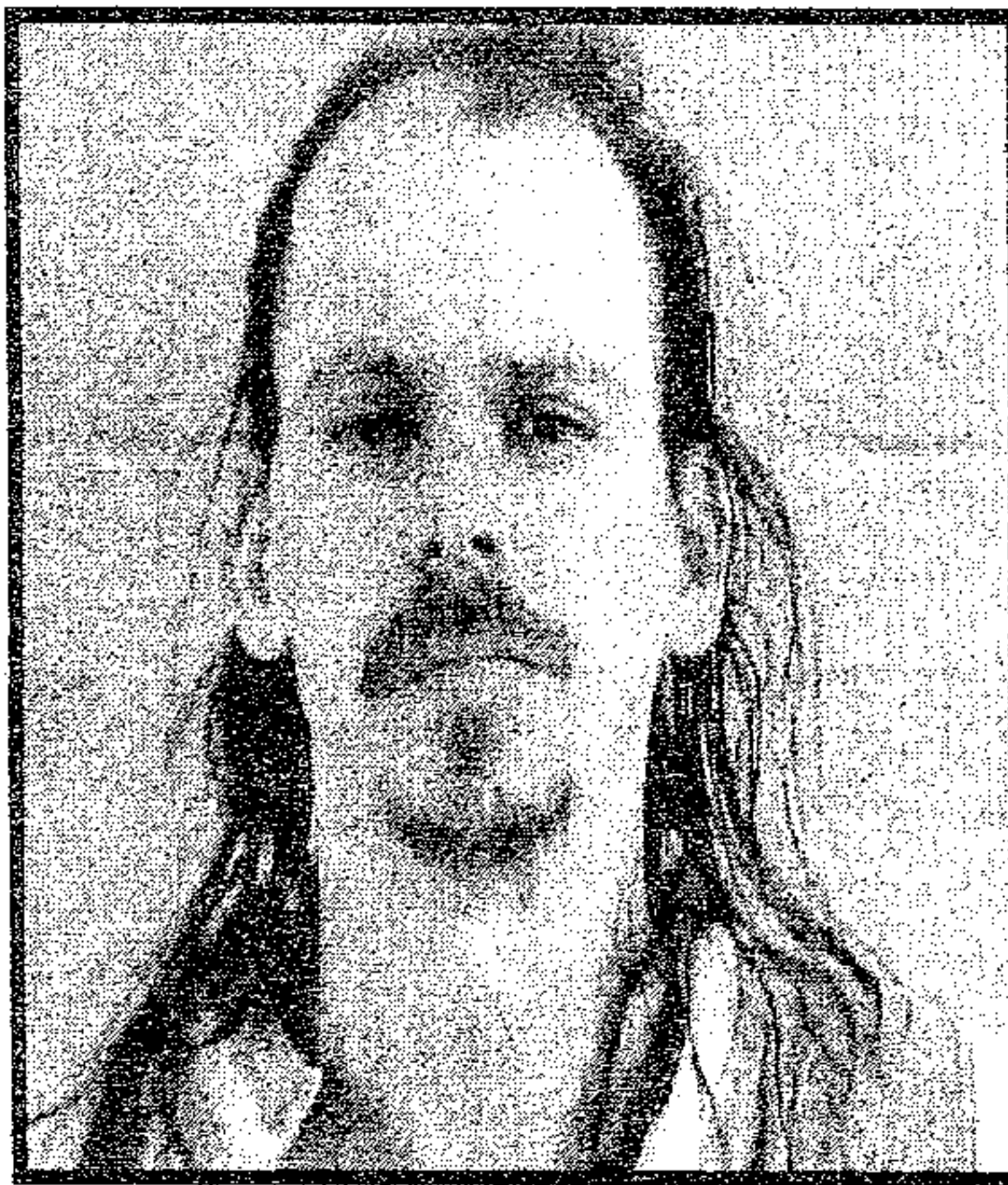
Attorney-Turned-Racketeer 'Stunning' Betrayal of the Law

Earlier this year, a man was put on trial in a federal courtroom in Newark, New Jersey. From the list of charges—nearly two dozen in all—he sounded like a gang leader, drug lord, or organized crime boss. He was accused of running a criminal enterprise, conspiring to murder a federal witness, committing wire fraud, distributing cocaine, and facilitating prostitution, bribery, and other crimes. But the individual who was ultimately convicted on 23 criminal counts and sentenced to life in prison was actually a high-powered Newark lawyer, a former New Jersey state and

(see FBI pg. 3)

Strange behavior

Shawn Risk, 42, Acadia Rd. Oak Ridge, was charged with DUI and Implied consent law. Officer Don Lorenz LCPD was dispatched to Buddy's BBQ/Kenjo regarding a man in a white vehicle who was acting strange,



Shawn Risk

(see DUI pg. 3)

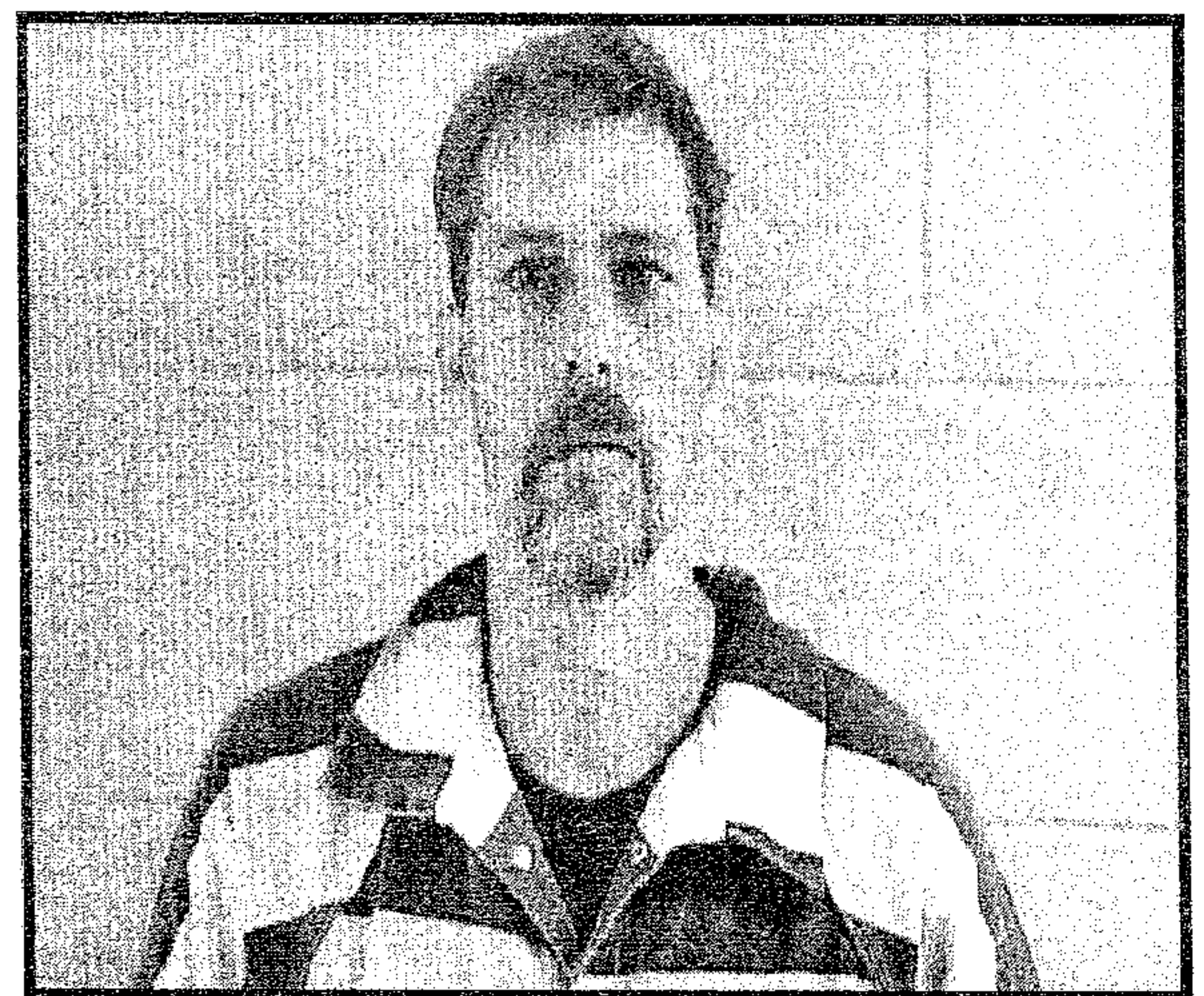
All over the road



Robin Ruppel

(see Road pg. 4)

DUI by THP after reckless driver call



Charles Odom

(see Reckless pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this

is their vindication from me," declares the LORD. — Isaiah 54:17

Obituaries

Erdine Corwin
Robert H. McRae
Marilyn Chestine Kloss

Raymond E. (Ray) McCulloch

Walter B. Hornbeak, Jr

Wazzup

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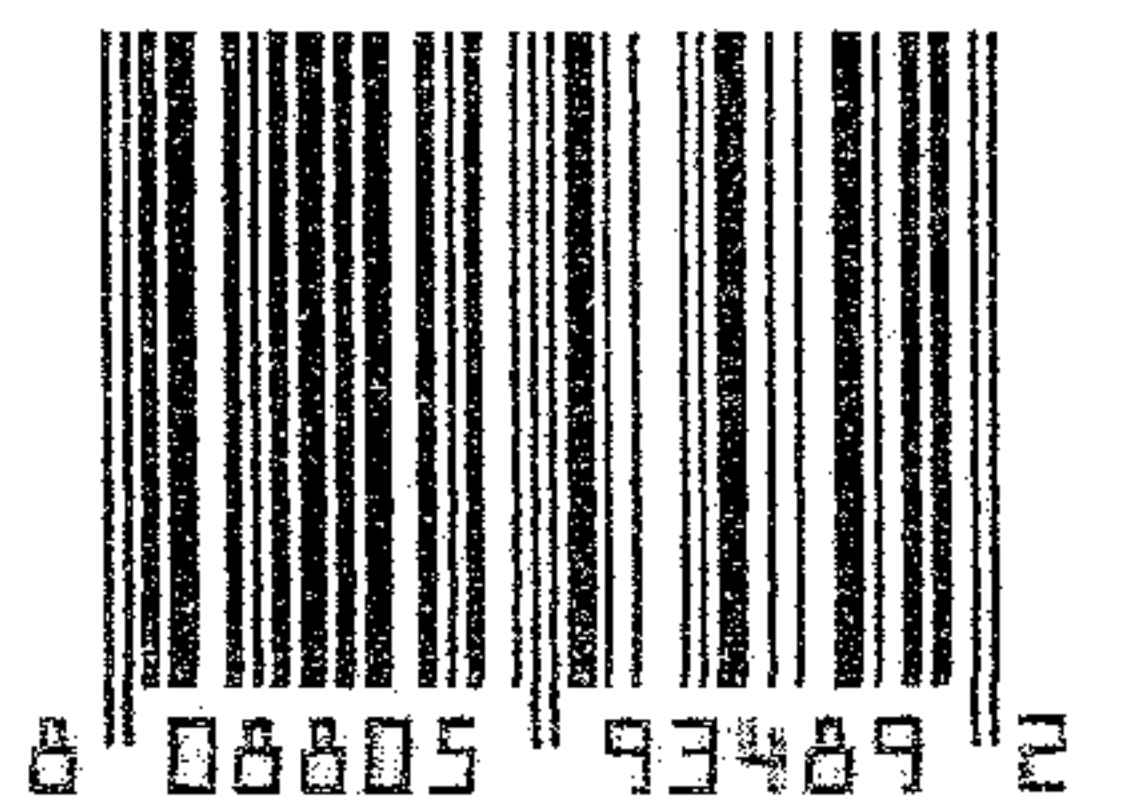
have a great holiday as well.

Weather

Today: Rain. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 30s.

Tonight Rain early followed

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Police beat

Courtney Crass, 26, Scott Road Lenoir City, was charged with murder trial Mttimus. Officer Kay Arnwine Lenoir PD served Courtney with a Mttimus warrant at the Loudon County Jail.

Fred Bridges, 26, Harmon Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Assault D/V. Deputy Brad Rayfield LCSO, was dispatched to Harmon Ln. On a physical Domestic call. Dispatch advised Deputy that the subject was leaving the

scene in a white vehicle. The Deputy arrived on scene and found victim standing outside flagging the Deputy down. Victim was crying and red faced she advised the Deputy that Fred Bridges her boyfriend had broken several items in the residence

and had hit her in the face. The Deputy located Fred Bridges at the Knights Inn on 321

and placed him under arrest. Deputy Brad Rayfield LCSO made the arrest.

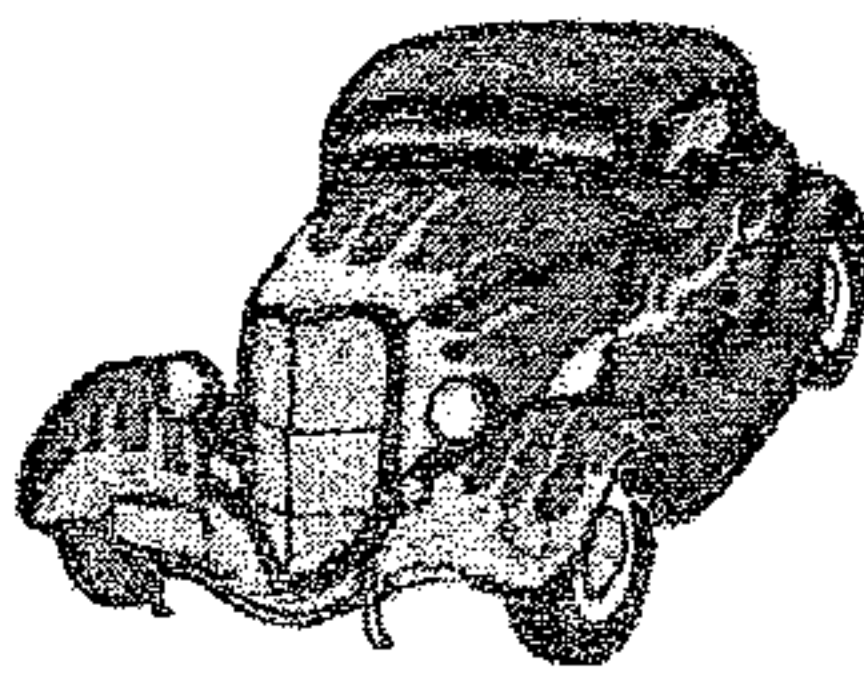
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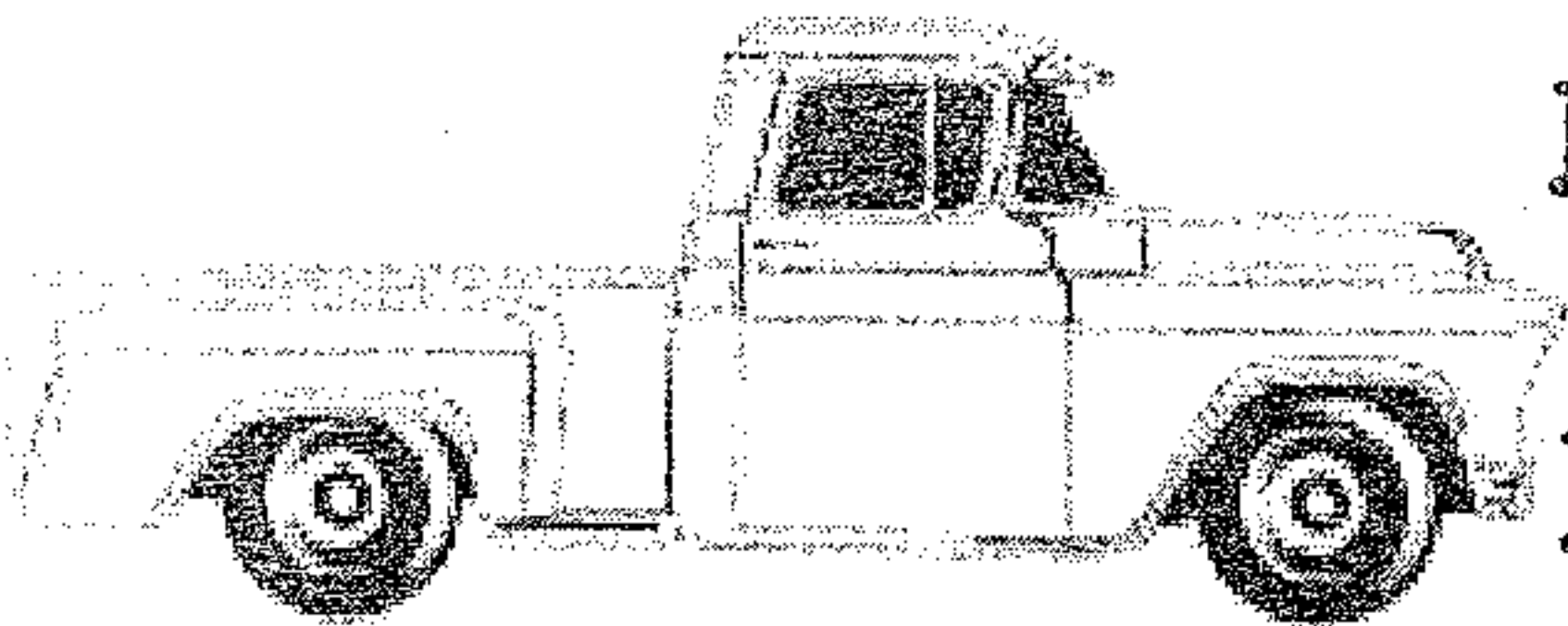
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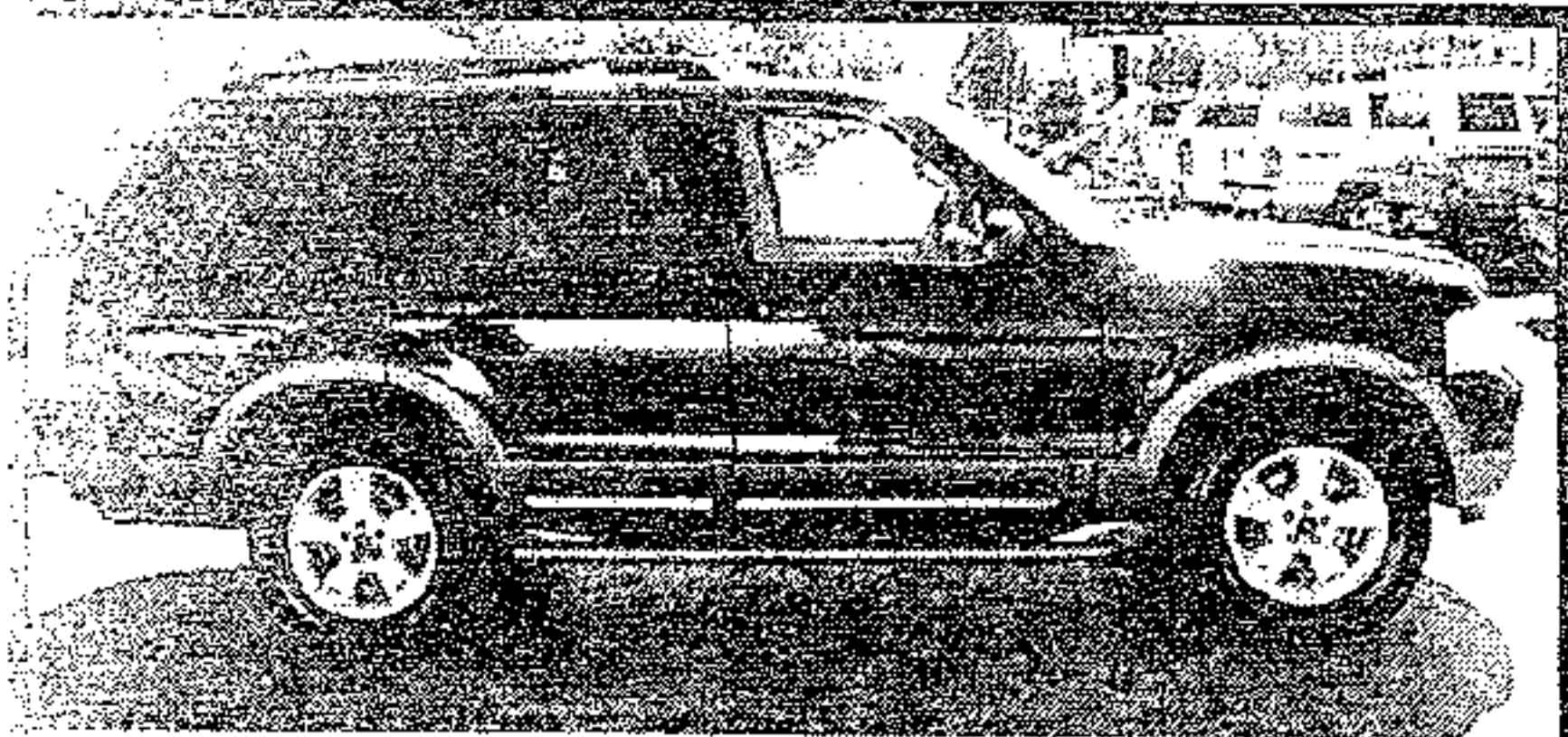
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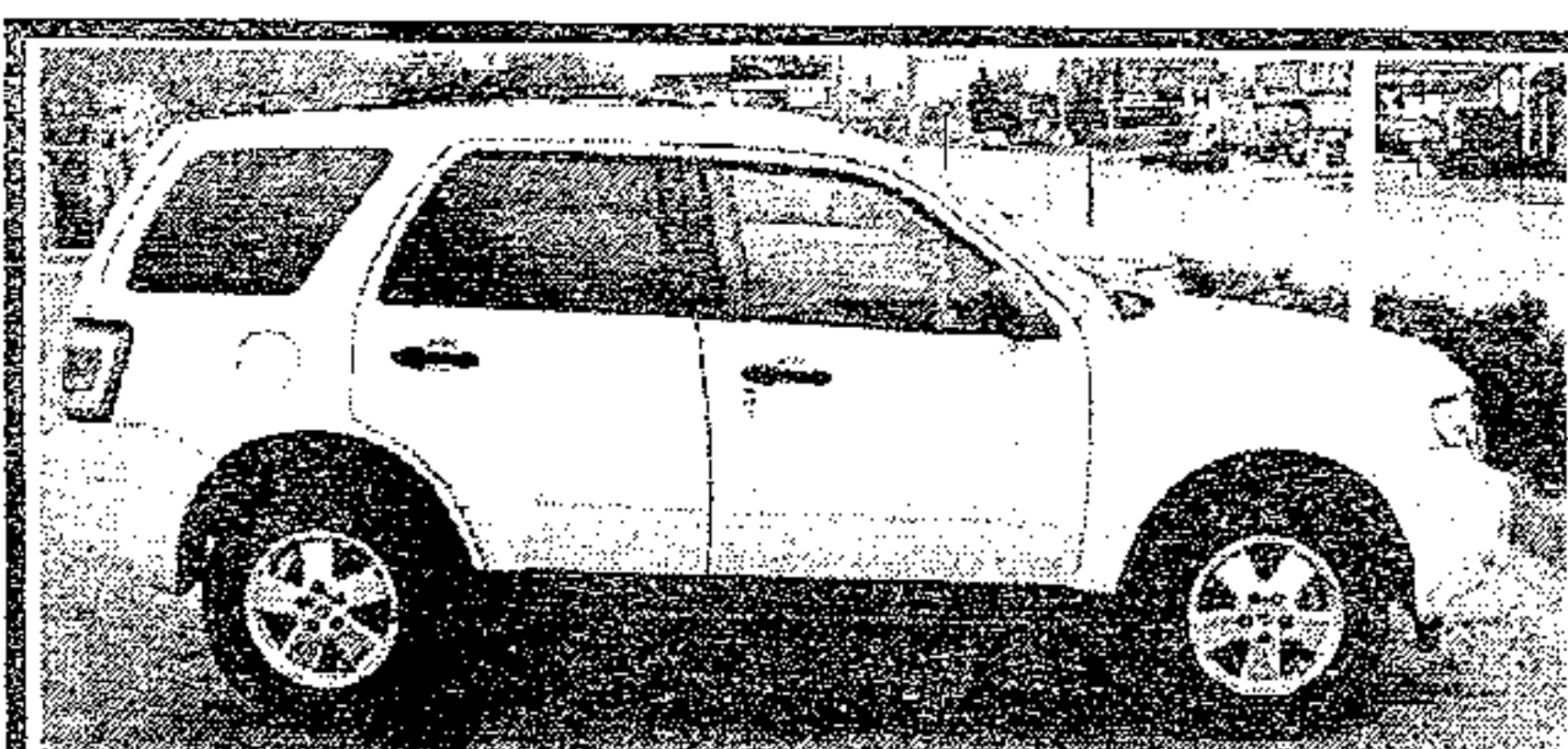
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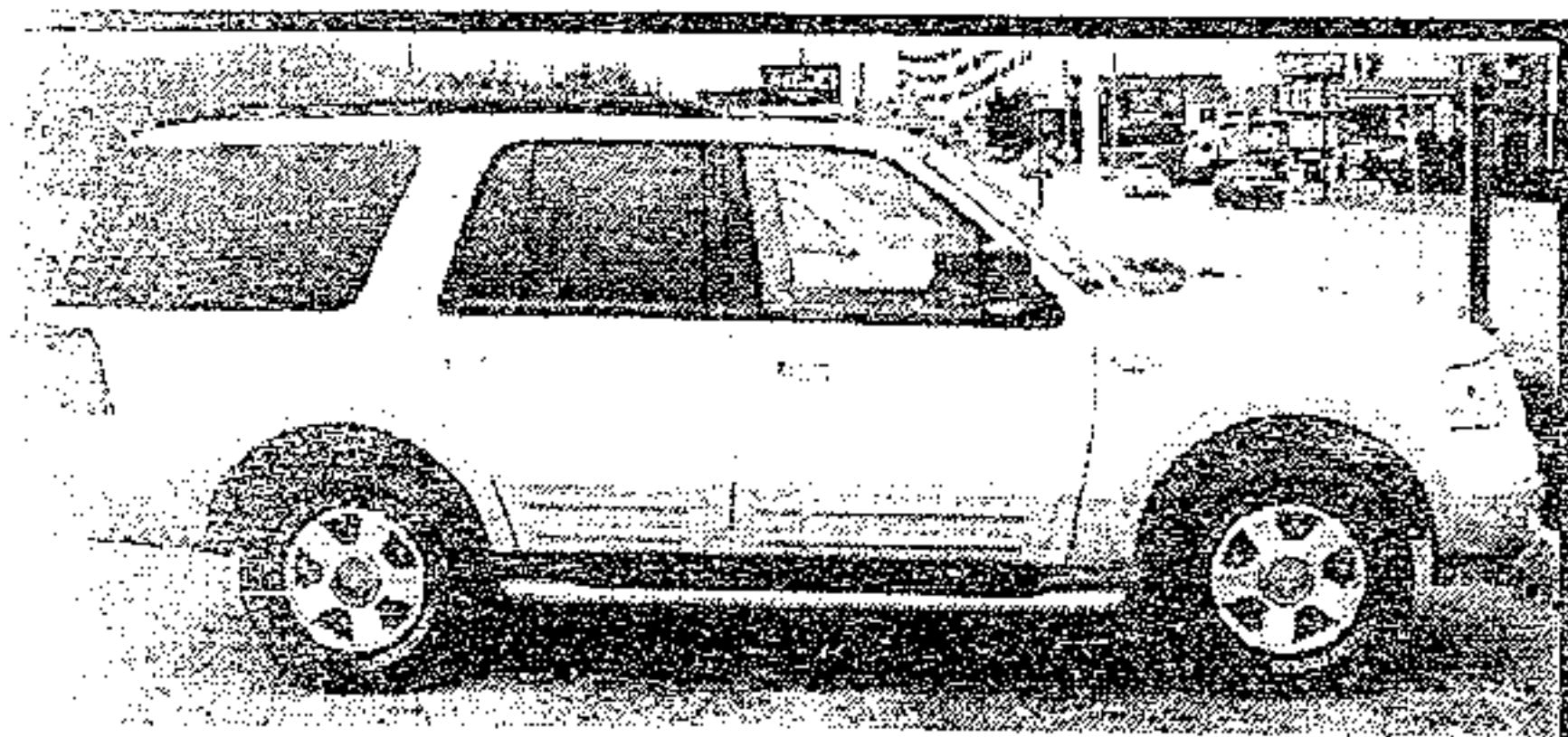
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DUI

he was getting in and out of his truck. When the Officer arrived on scene he observed a white vehicle parked in the side of the Kenjo. The Officer spoke with the defendant identified as Shawn Rick who was setting in the driver seat and the keys were in the ignition. The Officer asked Mr. Rick what he was doing and where he came from and he was extremely confused, and was unsteady on his feet. Mr. Risk did poorly on field sobriety test and was placed under

arrest. Officer Don Lorenz LCPD made the arrest.

FBI

federal prosecutor-turned defense attorney. His name is Paul Bergrin, and in the end, he sacrificed the oath he had once taken to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States for the chance to line his own pockets. As New Jersey U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman said following the jury conviction, "Bergrin's conduct was a stunning violation of his role as an officer of

the court and a betrayal of his roots as a member of law enforcement."

For years, Bergrin and his law firm were highly successful. His busy client roster ran the gamut—from famous celebrities to gang leaders and drug traffickers. He was a man-about-town who wore expensive suits, drove luxury cars, and rarely lost a case.

But after the 2004 murder of a federal informant who had damaging information about one of Bergrin's criminal clients, the FBI began an investigation. We uncovered evidence that revealed Bergrin was using his law offices as a cover to conduct illegal ac-

tivities to protect his criminal clients from prosecution and carry on their unlawful pursuits. He used his position as a criminal defense attorney to manipulate and disrupt court proceedings on behalf of his clients.

And of course, he was paid handsomely for all of it.

Among Bergrin's criminal actions:

Counseling, intimidating, and sometimes bribing wit-

(see FBI pg. 8)

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Road

Robin Ruppel, 51, Roseale Ave, Loudon was charged with DUI. Officer Jeff King LCPD, was dispatched to a vehicle weaving all over the road. The Officer observed the vehicle turning on HWY 321 from HWY 11 at which time the Officer activated his camera and followed the vehicle. The Officer observed the vehicle swerve and fail to maintain its lane and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. The Officer made contact with the driver identified as Robin Ruppel, the Officer immediately smelled an odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. Ruppel had slurred speech and was slow to find her Driver license. The Officer asked Ruppel if she had anything to drink or took any medication she stated she had taken a Klonopin an hour earlier. Ruppel could not perform field sobriety test. Ruppel then told the Officer that she had a Vodka and Diet Coke earlier. Ruppel was placed under arrest and consented to blood draw. Officer Jeff King LCPD made the arrest.

Obituaries

Erdine Corwin - age 92 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, Tennessee passed away on November 20, 2013. Erdine attended the Community Church at Tellico Village. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Junior" Corwin. Survivors include her daughter Audrey (Robert) Cys of Tellico Village, sons Richard C. Corwin (Marilee), of Michigan, and Thomas N. Corwin (Cee Jay), also of Michigan; eight grandchildren Michael, Thomas, David, Jennifer, Dennis, Russell, Dawn and Melissa and 23 great-grandchildren,

Nicholas, Andrea, Benjamin, Natalie, Madeleine, Hannah, Charlie, Max, Jarod, Alex, Seth, Miranda, Hunter, Jordan, Jenna, Karlee, Zach, Andrew, Allison, Ashley, Dylan, Lilly and Grayson. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 11:15 a.m. at The Neighborhood Assisted Living Community in Tellico Village. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Neighborhood, 100 Chatuga Drive, West, Loudon, TN 37774.

Robert H. McRae - age 89 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away on November 23, 2013. Bob was a member of the Community Church at Tellico Village. In his early years Bob lived in various locations through out the south including Atlanta, Charlotte and Richmond before attending high school in Cincinnati. During WWII Bob served in the USMC in the South Pacific. After the war, he attended Michigan State University where he met his wife-to-be, Joann Gilbert. He spent 40 years working in the industrial aluminum industry in sales/management at Reyonalds Metals, Olin Matheson and Nichols Homeshield Corporations. After he retired in 1992 Bob and Joan moved to Tellico Village where he enjoyed playing golf and

the many friends that they have made these past 21 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Lamar and Gertrude McRae. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Joann; sons, Michael (Kathy) McRae, Kevin (Peggy) McRae, and Brian McRae; grandchildren Ryan, Lauren and Kyle. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 2:00pm at The Community Church at Tellico Village. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Community Church at Tellico Village Building Fund.

Marilyn Chestine Klossage 66 of Rockwood passed away Monday, November 25, 2013. Marilyn was a very strong woman. She was a loving mother and grandmother. Preceded in death by her father, Chester Newton; mother, Mary Mills; brothers, Leroy Newton and Donald Mills. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly Lashlee and ex-husband, Michael, Tonia Robinson and Shane Porter; son and daughter-in-law, David and Christine Perry; grandchildren: Amber, Sarah, Ashley, Daniel, Kiara, Skyann, Jon, David, Lanndon, Tasha, Madison, Katie and Bella;

sister, Vinita Head; brother, Ron Newton; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City with a Celebration of Life to follow at 7 p.m.

Raymond E. (Ray) McCulloch - age 80 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, November 25, 2013. He was a member of Nelson Street Missionary Baptist Church. Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Rosa Johnson McCulloch; son, Randy R. McCulloch; parents, Jess and Blanche McCulloch; sisters, Robbie and Birdie (Tincey). Survived by sons, Mike McCulloch and wife, Cheryl, Mark McCulloch and wife, Connie all of Lenoir City; grandchildren: Dustin McCulloch and wife, Lisa, Brittany McCulloch, Monica McCulloch, Jean Anne, Jesse McCulloch and wife, Tiffany; great-grandchildren, Mariah McCulloch, Colton Lambert and Bentley McCulloch; sister, Carolyn Caldwell; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Gene Colvard and Rev. Scott Capooth officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Saturday morning and proceed to Loudon Co. Memorial Gar-

dens for graveside services at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Nelson Street Missionary Baptist Church.

Walter B. Hornbeak, Jr. - age 71 of Lenoir City passed away Sunday, November 24, 2013. He was former owner and operator of Valley Feed and Farm Center for many years. Walter was an active member with the Ruritan Club and a member of Avery Masonic Lodge #593 F & AM in Lenoir City. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter B. Hornbeak, Sr. and Fannie Jane Clark, and step brother, Mike Clark. Survived by his daughters, Sherri Lynn Skinner and Kerri Rae Johns and husband, Todd of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Kristen Skinner and Brycen Johns; mother of his children, Pat Hornbeak; sister, Barbara Philpitt and husband, Don; step brothers, Terry Clark and Lee Clark and wife, Tina; many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, December 1st at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Memorial services will follow at 3 p.m. with Rev. Jimmy Riner officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Multiple Sclerosis, in honor of his daughter, Sherri. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.



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Gun

LPD observed a vehicle traveling East on HWY 72 without their headlights on. After the Officer stopped the ve-

hicle in the Taco Bell Parking Lot, he made contact with the driver Vance Kirby, as the Officer approached the vehicle the driver side door open and the Of-

ficer advised Mr. Kirby why he had stopped him. Mr. Kirby had a strong odor of intoxicant about his person and stated that he had drank 2 large beers.

Mr. Kirby performed poorly on field sobriety test, he also had a 9mm hand gun on a bag in the front seat within arm's reach, he refused implied consent law and was placed under arrest. Officer Bennie Houser LPD made the arrest.

pending she was placed under arrest. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO made the arrest.

Chris Welch, 34, West 10th Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Assault. Officer Brandon Gentry responded to West 10th Ave on reference to a 911 hang up. When the Officer arrived Mr. Welch was throwing items and spitting in the direction of his caretaker. The Officer instructed MR. Welch several times to stop. Mr. Welch refused to stop, the Officer informed Welch if he did not stop he would go to jail. Mr. Welch intentionally did strike the Officer on the leg with his hand. Mr. Welch was taken into custody. Officer Brandon Gentry LCPD made the arrest.

Police beat

Deztany Bishop, 25, Connecticut St. Knoxville, was charged with Driving on suspended license. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, observed a blue vehicle traveling north on HWY 95, the Deputy noticed the vehicle had a headlight out, and made a traffic stop on said vehicle. The Deputy made contact with the driver identified as Deztany Bishop, a run of Deztany license revealed them to be sus-

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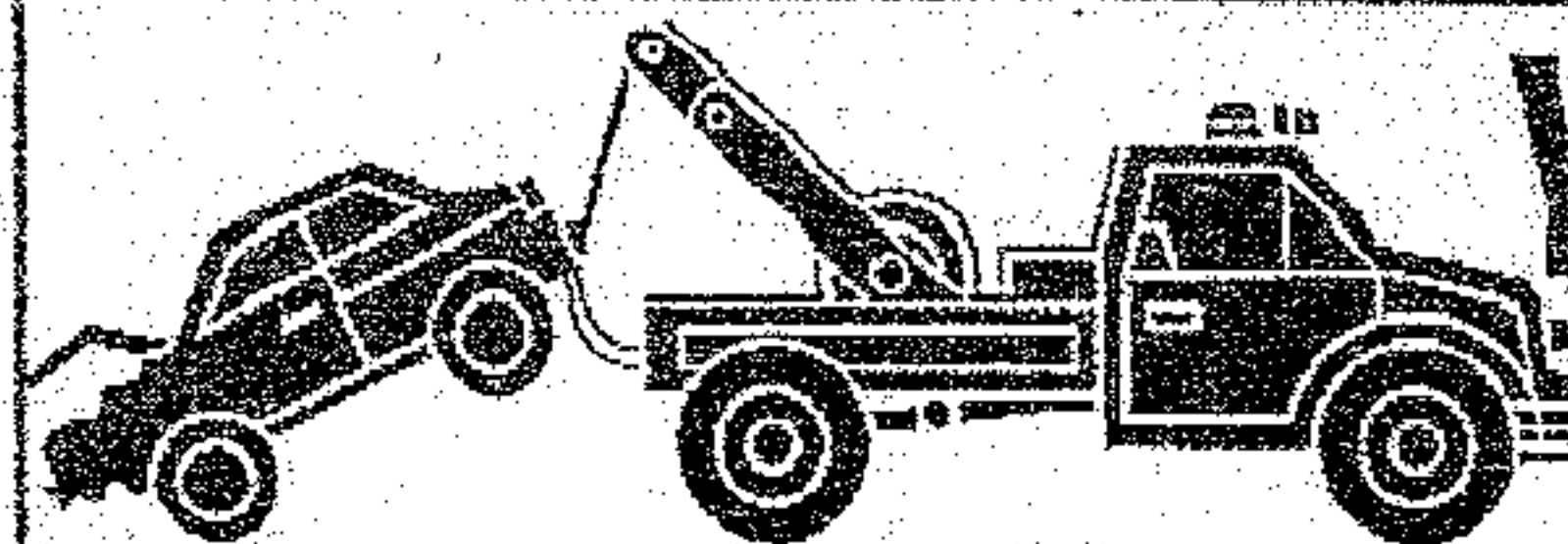
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state and pulled into the Marathon on HWY 321, the subject then got back in the driver seat and re entered the interstate. The Trooper then observed the vehicle cross the center line again and a traffic stop was conducted. The Trooper made contact with the driver Charles Odom. Mr. Odom had constricted pupils and dry mouth. The Trooper asked Charles to exit

the vehicle and perform field sobriety test, Charles could not perform test as instructed. During pat down Trooper found a pill bottle containing Oxycodone. The prescription was for 80 pills there was only 5 remaining in the bottle that was filled on 10/31/13. The defendant stated that the rest was locked up at home. Charles consented to blood draw and was

placed under arrest. Trooper Eric Miller THP made the arrest.

Police beat

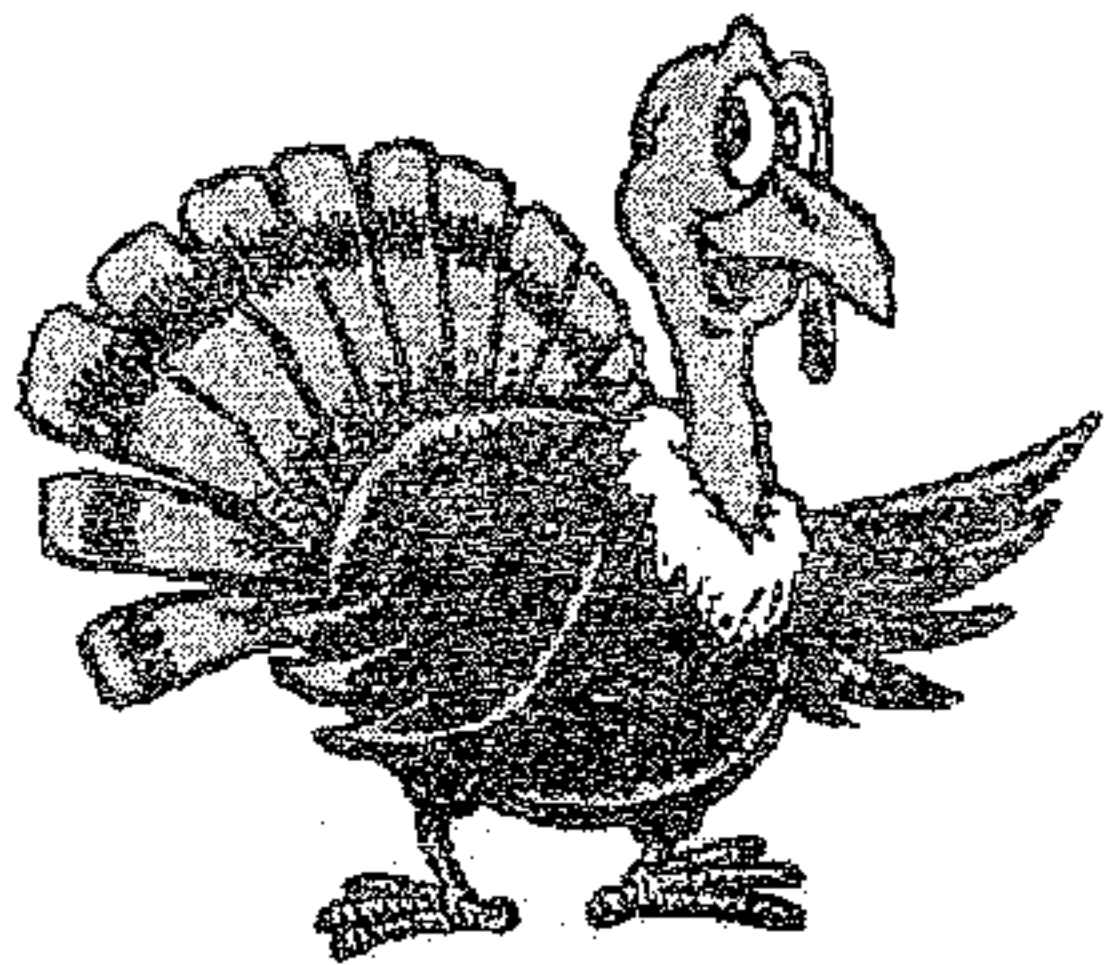
Jason Vincil, 45, Upper Street Loudon. Was charged with Driving on Revoked License. Deputy Brian Smith LCSO observed a brown vehicle stopped on the side of the HWY 11 at Browder Hill with the

hazard lights on. Upon the Deputy stopping with the disabled vehicle an dmaking contact with the driver Jason Vincil, and he stated he was trying to get to Loudon when his transmission stopped working, a check of Jason's license it revealed them to be revoked he was placed under arrest. Deputy Brian Smith LCSO made the arrest.

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Police beat

nesses to offer perjured testimony in favor of his clients or to flee so they wouldn't be available to testify;

Coaching an eight-year-old murder witness to lie on the stand, resulting in the acquittal of one of his clients;

Conspiring with clients to identify, locate, and murder witnesses who would testify against them;

Using his law firm to launder money for clients, associates, and himself and to set up phony corporations or other legal entities to facilitate even more crimes;

Running a drug trafficking operation and a prostitution business for two of his clients while they were in jail.

Bergrin had so many

crimes on his plate that he recruited others—including his girlfriend (who worked at the law firm), his law partner, and one of his criminal clients—to take part in his racketeering enter-

prise. All told, eight of the nine individuals charged in the 2009 indictment pled guilty.

The probe into Bergrin and his co-conspirators was complex and involved investigators from the FBI, the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. After a 2011 tri-

al which ended with a hung jury, his 2013 trial (Bergrin represented himself at both trials) ended a bit differently—the jury quickly found him guilty on all counts.

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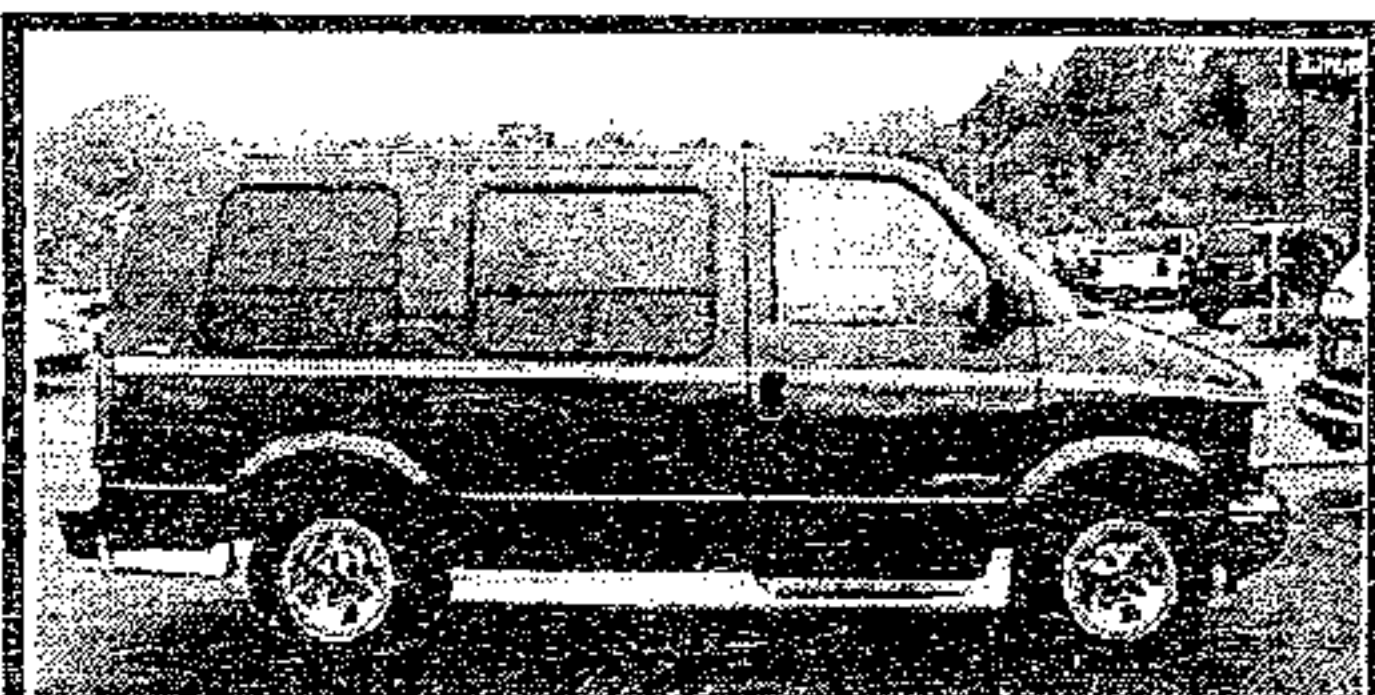
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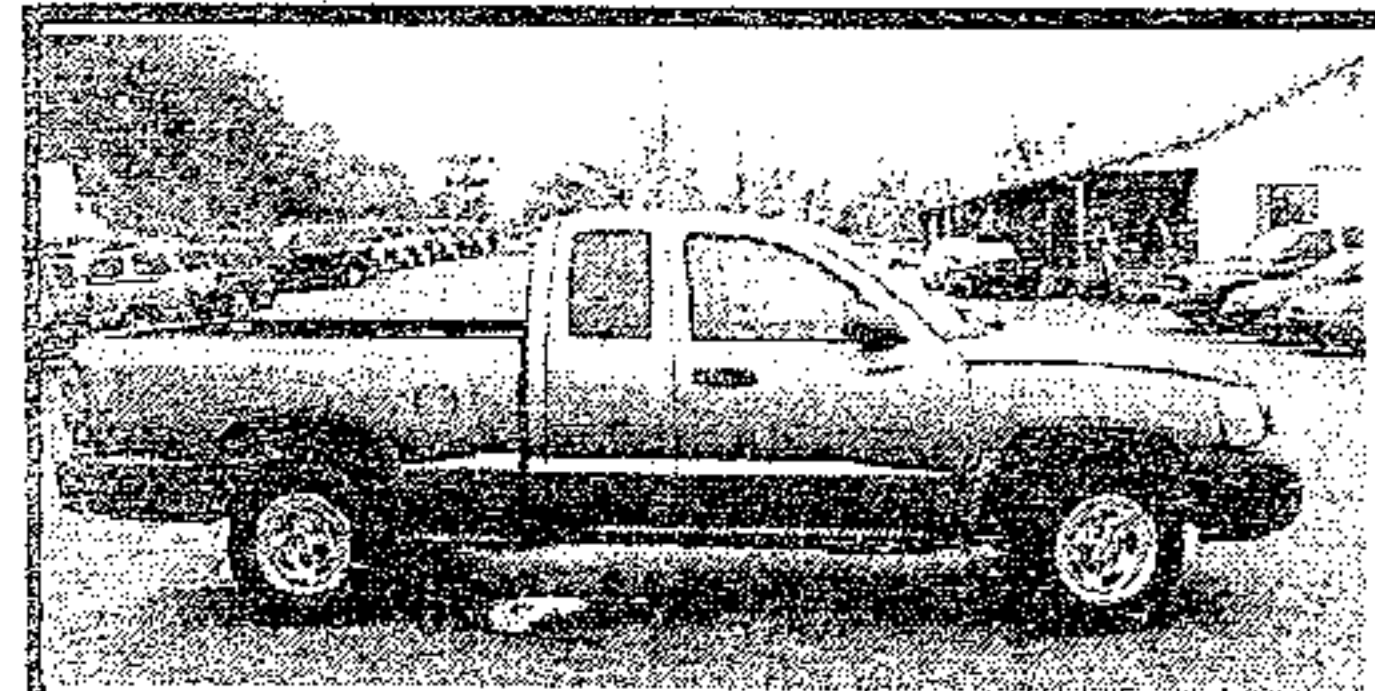
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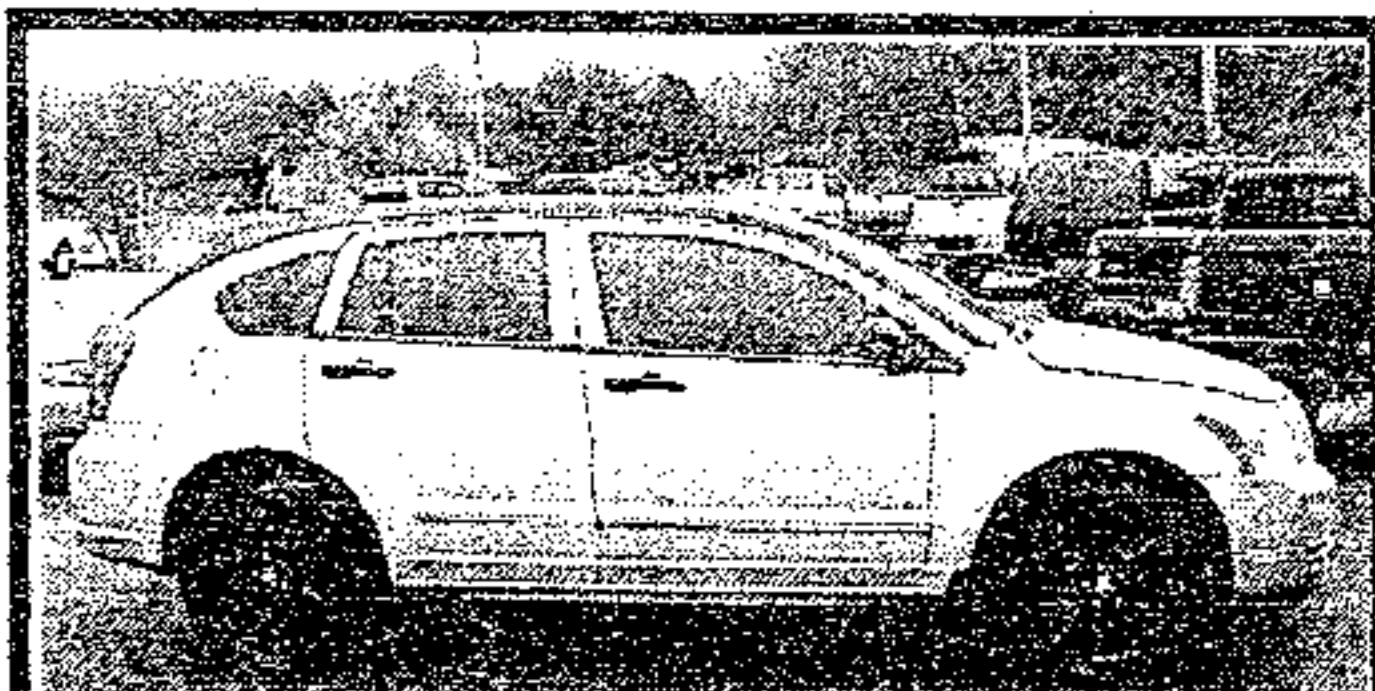
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