

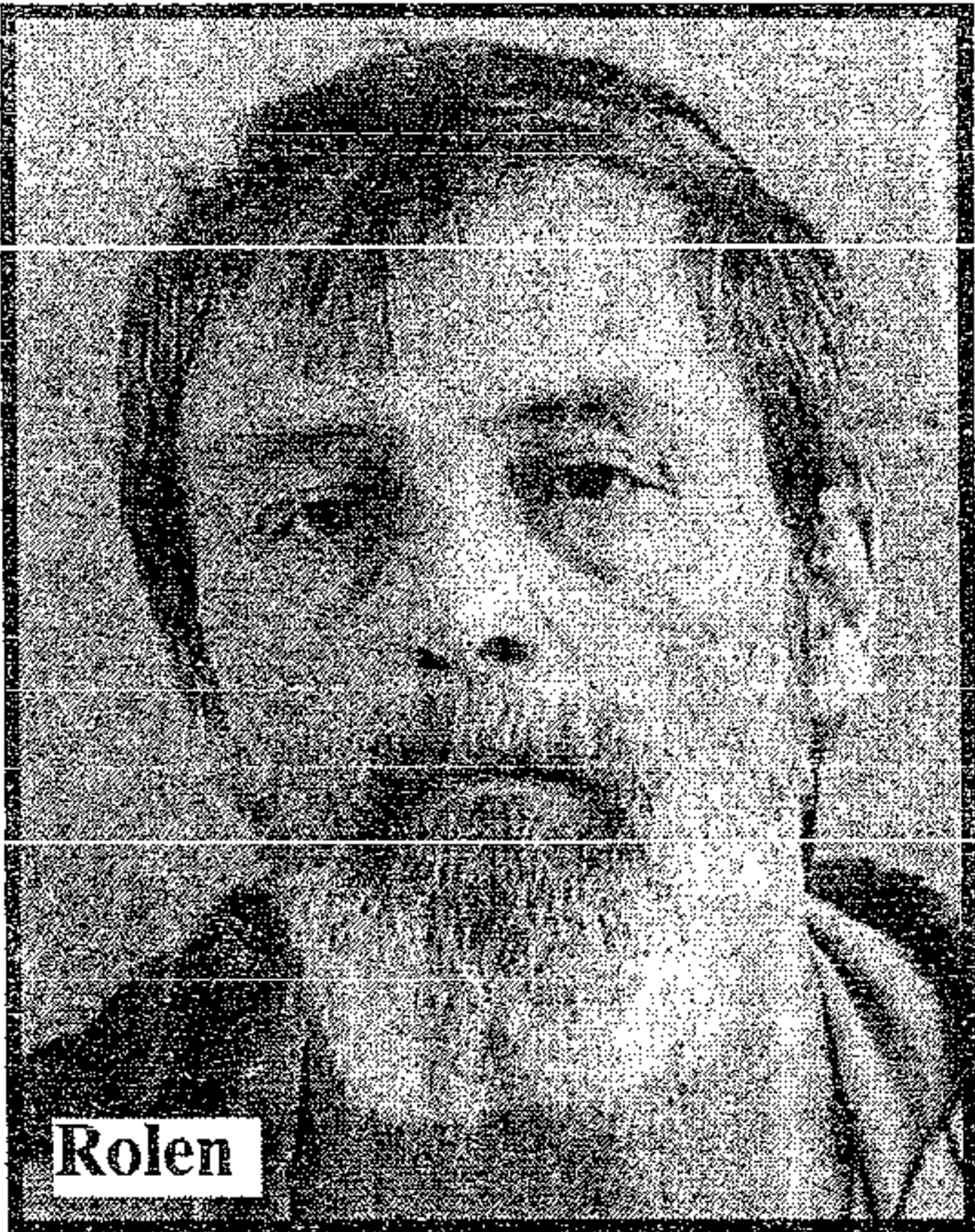
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Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Assault call leads to pot grow bust

(see Bust pg. 2)



Rolen



A marijuana plant found growing in the basement of the Joe Rolen Diana McMahan residence



McMahan

Loudon County Deputy graduates from Law Enforcement Academy

Loudon County Sheriff Tim W. Guider announces the graduation of Deputy Jason Tuttle from the Blount County Sheriff's Office (see Deputy pg. 7)

Photo right: Sheriff Tim Guider (left) offers congratulations to Deputy Jason Tuttle upon his graduation from the Law Enforcement Academy



4th DUI for LC man

A local man received his fourth DUI charge despite having an interlock device installed in his vehicle after Trooper Rodney Best stopped him when he reportedly ran a red light, then nearly stuck another vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

According to the warrant, filed by Trooper (see Durst pg. 5)



Durst

Unemployment Insurance Program Plagued by Overpayments and Delayed Benefits

The \$1.2 billion unemployment insurance program administered

by the state's Department of Labor and Workforce Development has made

overpayments exceeding \$73 million due to fraud and errors over the last

six years.

State auditors found that the department's

internal controls for the program were ineffective or non-existent, resulting (see Unemployment pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

— Ephesians 3:17-19

Obituaries

William Anthony Primo
Carol Pritchard Hicks

Dorothy E. "Dot" Ray Wazzup

Congratulations, Bill and Ashley, on the birth of your new baby girl, Shelby Nicole, born on Easter Sunday!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs around 57.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows around 36. Wind chill around 32.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Highs around 59. Overnight: Partly cloudy with scattered showers. Lows around 41.

Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19

You are feeling good about your place in the world -- or, if somehow you feel out of sorts, you see a solution immediately available.

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Bust

According to the warrant, filed by Detective Charles Cosner LCSO CID; the victim reported she went to a residence on Loudon Ridge Road to discuss retrieving her daughter's property that

was at the residence. When she arrived, she approached the chain link fence at the front of the residence where she was met by Joe Rolan. When Mr. Rolan refused to return the items without being paid \$500, then the victim suggest-

ed she would call law enforcement to settle the dispute. Mr. Rolan retrieved a handgun from his pocket, pointed it at the victim, and declared he would "blow her head off", placing the victim in fear of serious bodily (see Bust ctd. pg. 4)

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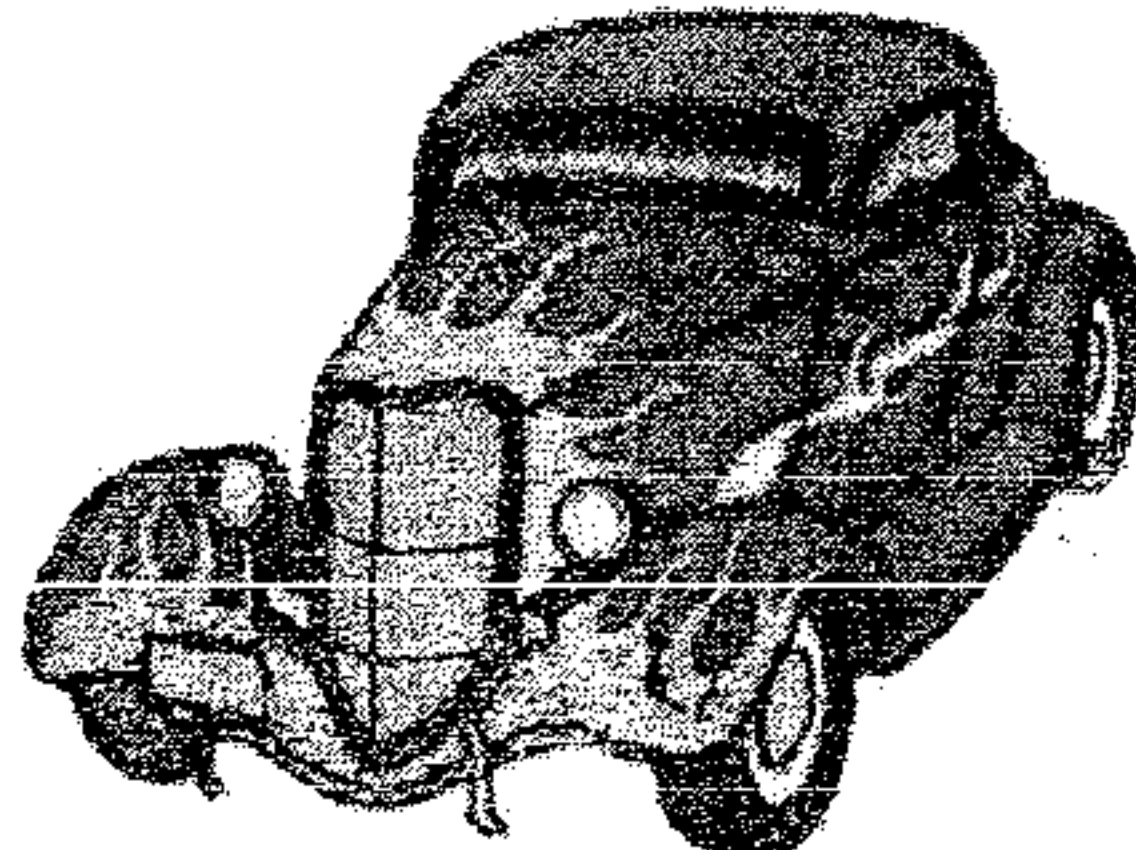
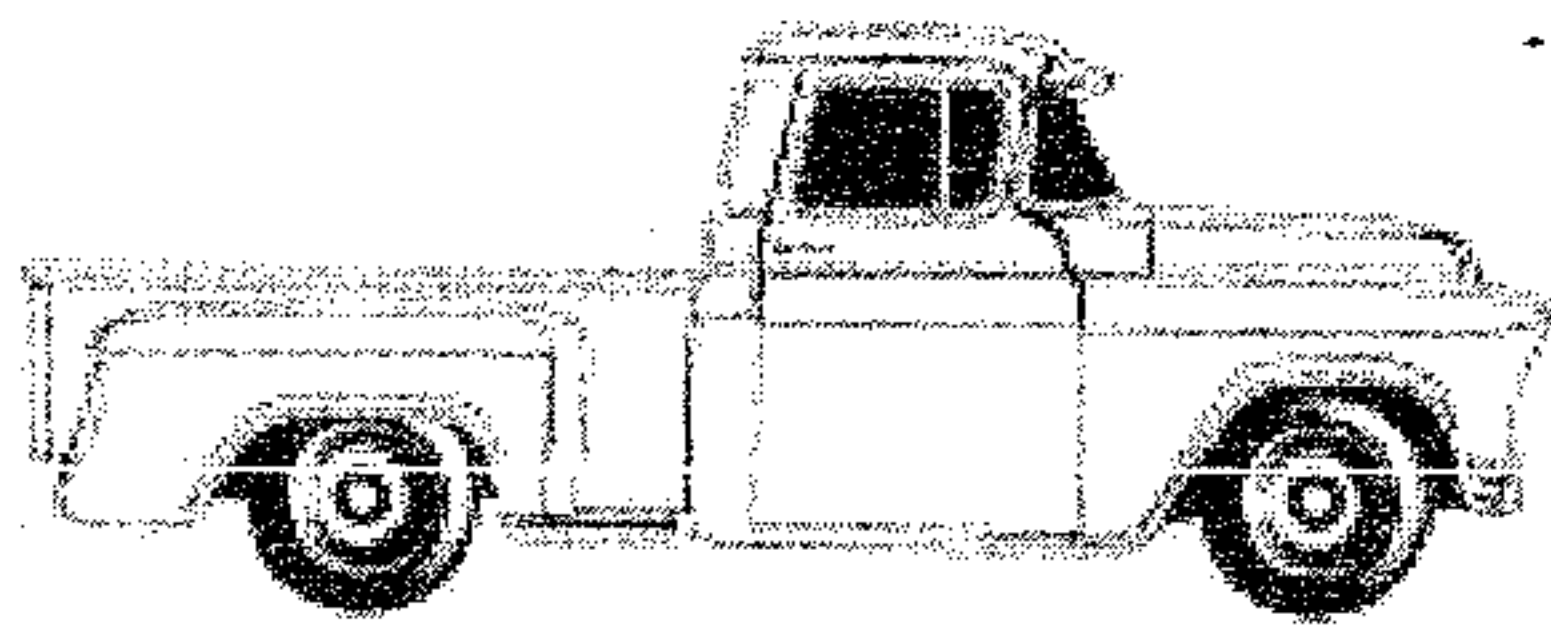
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Unemployment

in overpayments of claims due to fraud or error. The department's efforts to review fraudulent claims and claims paid in error and to collect overpayments were also strained. The

department has only been able to collect 23 percent of the overpayments on average.

In addition, those citizens who were actually eligible for benefits did not receive them in a timely manner. Due to increased backlogs in the department's claims process, some benefit payments were delayed for those who needed help.

Those are among the findings of the state's Single Audit Report, which was released Thursday. The Single Audit Report is an annual audit of state agencies

and universities' compliance with federal requirements. The new report, covering the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2012, examines more than \$15.9 billion of federal funds spent by state government.

In all, the report contains 48 findings with recommendations for improvement at 11 different state agencies and universities. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development was the subject of 12 of those findings, including the ones related to the unemployment insurance program.

State auditors concluded that management's failure to properly administer this state/federal program jeopardizes the integrity and future viability of the program.

"The state's unemployed citizens must be able to rely on the Department of Labor and Workforce Development officials to properly administer the unemployment insurance program and provide critical benefits to those who are dependent on them," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "The new acting commissioner of the department has responded and initiated a corrective action plan to strengthen controls and establish program oversight. We appreciate the new commissioner's prompt action as well as the former commissioner's request for a review of specific allegations when she identified fraud risks within the department."

To view the Single Audit Report online, go to:

http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/repository/SA/2012_TN_Single_Audit.pdf

Police Beat

Megan Hope Hernandez, 26, of Wilkins Street, Knoxville, was charged with driving on suspended and speeding.

According to the report, Officer Don Lorenz, LCPD observed Ms. Hernandez on Hwy 321 speeding 64mph in a 40mph zone and stopped her.

Hernandez was found to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy citations (13x). The registration was expired and Hernandez is on parole.

Officer Don Lorenz, LCPD made the arrest.

Marquis Gary Hampton, 23, of Riverbend Drive, Loudon, was charged with failure to appear.

Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO made the arrest.

Edwin Christopher Eaker, 34, of Sevierville Pike, Knoxville, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest.

Dustin Lee Robinson, 20, of County Road 350, Sweetwater, was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO made the arrest.

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Obituaries

William Anthony Primo - age 64 of Lenoir City passed away Sunday, March 31, 2013. A veteran of the U. S. Navy serving in the Vietnam War. Preceded in death by his parents, Anthony E. Primo, Sr. and Mary Hazelette Primo. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Pesterfield Primo; sons, William A. Primo, Jr. and Michael Primo; stepchildren, Michael Bivens and Linda Pesterfield; grandchildren, Brooke, Madison, Michael, Arianna; step-grandchildren: Destiny Pellom, Alysia Shepperd, Samantha Bivens, Michael McKamey, Tee Pellom, ; brothers, Anthony Primo and Edward Primo; sisters, Mary Margaret LaGrande and Ann Marie Peters; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Thomas Ringenbach and the breakfast friends at the Waffle House. A special thanks to

Nurse Laura Miller and all the nurses from hospice. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas the Apostle the Catholic Church in Lenoir City with Father Christian Mathis officiating. Burial will be in the Simpson Cemetery with full military honors being conferred by the Loudon County Veteran's Honor Guard. Click Funeral Home, in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Fritchard Hicks - age 77 of Lenoir City went to be with Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013. Carol was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, D. Adam Hicks and son, Daniel Adam Hicks III. Survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Brian Link,

Kathy and Tony Kagley all of Lenoir City; son and daughter-in-law, Vince and Cheryl Hicks of Kansas City, KS; 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. A private interment was held in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements. www.click-funeralhome.com

Dorothy Elizabeth "Dot" Ray - age 87 of the Tellico Village Community Loudon, TN, passed away Saturday morning, March 30, 2013. She was a faithful member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church and a longtime secretary at Northview Public School in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dot is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Ken Ray; children: Kenny Ray and wife, Sandy of Tellico Village, Gary A. Ray and wife, Donna of West Bloomfield, MI, Cheryl

Deuel and husband, Steve of Chattanooga, TN, Tom Ray and wife, Roxanne of Oshkosh, WI, Stephen Oosting and wife, Rose of Upper Montclair, NJ; grandchildren: Derek and Chelsea Ray, Audra Whitmer and husband, Neil, Vytas Ray, Kurt and Greg Deuel, Alex and Marcus Ray; brother, Don; sisters, Gloria and Lila along with several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A celebration of Dot's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6, 2013 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church on Highway 72 in Loudon. Pastor Mark Rhodes will officiate. A luncheon will follow in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Research. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

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injury or death. Joe Edward Rolen, 49, of Loudon Ridge Road, Lenoir City, was charged with aggravated assault.

When officers went to serve the warrant for aggravated assault the occupants of the residence included Joe Rolen and Diana McMahan. Dur-

(see Bust etd. pg. 5)

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Durst
Rodney Best, THP; the trooper observed a black Honda Accord that was traveling

south run a red light and almost strike another vehicle that was turning. After stopping the vehicle, the trooper identified the driver as

Grant C. Durst. The lawman reported he observed Mr. Durst had bloodshot eyes, constricted pupils and a slow raspy speech.

Mr. Durst had an interlock device on his vehicle, which showed him to have a BAC of .00%. While talking with Mr. Durst, he stated he had taken Xanax about 3 days prior and had smoked marijuana.

was conducted at the hospital.

Grant C. Durst, 30, of Donna Drive, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 4th. Trooper Rodney Best, THP, made the arrest.

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The trooper observed the man had a lot of scabs on his arms, neck and face and also some recent needle mark on both arms.

ing the execution of the warrant, permission was gained to conduct a search of the residence for any weapons that were used during the incident of which Mr.

Durst performed poorly on sobriety tasks and a BAC test

(see Bust ctd. pg. 7)

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ing sit-ups, push-ups, vertical leap, one and a half mile run, 300 meter run, and an obstacle course. The training took place at Eagleton Middle School, as well as the Sheriff's Office training facility located on Honeysuckle Road in west Blount County.

Sheriff Guider offers congratulations to Deputy Tuttle upon his graduation from the Law Enforcement Academy and wishes him continued success in the future.

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Rolen was charged with aggravated assault. Additional permission was gained to enter the basement of the residence.

During a search of the basement, one marijuana plant was found growing.

Joe Edward Rolen, 49, and Diana Maria McMahon, 48, of Loudog Ridge Road were charged with manufacturing a controlled substance - marijuana. Sgt. Detective Charles Cosner LCSO CID made the arrests and filed the charges.

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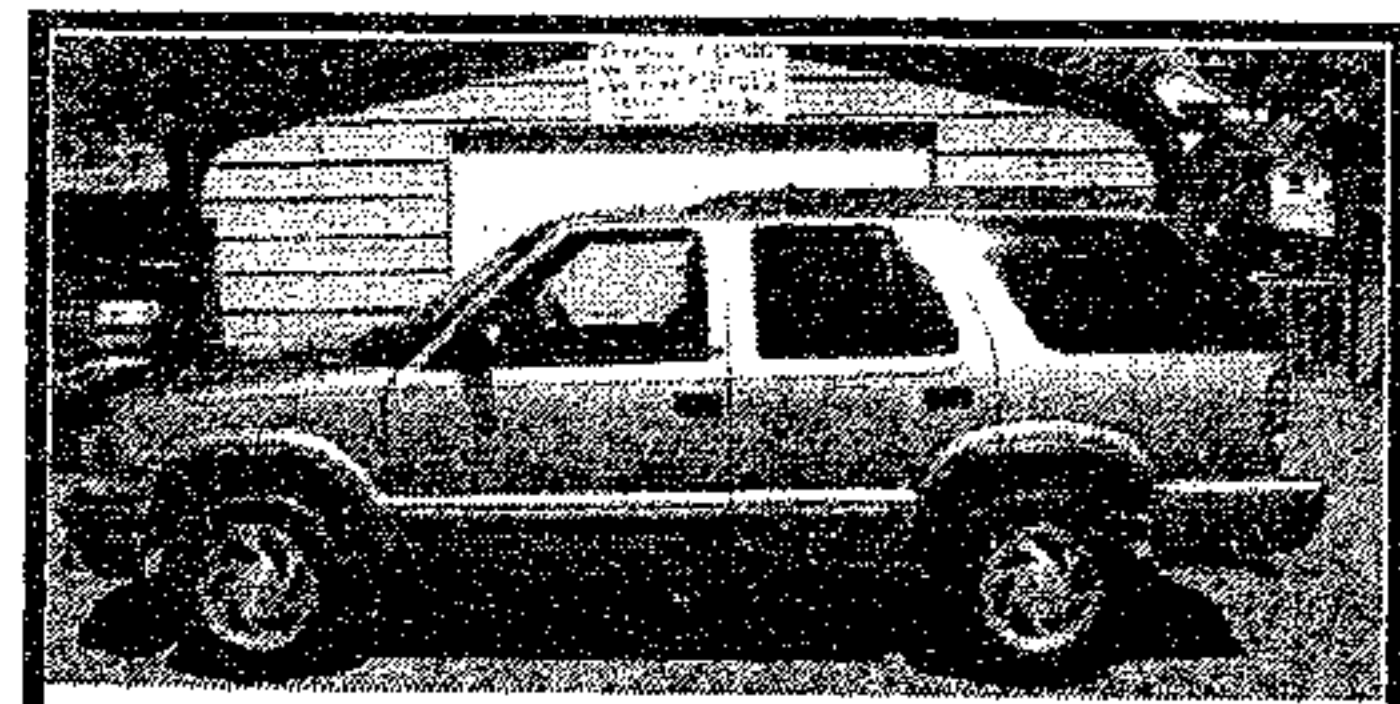
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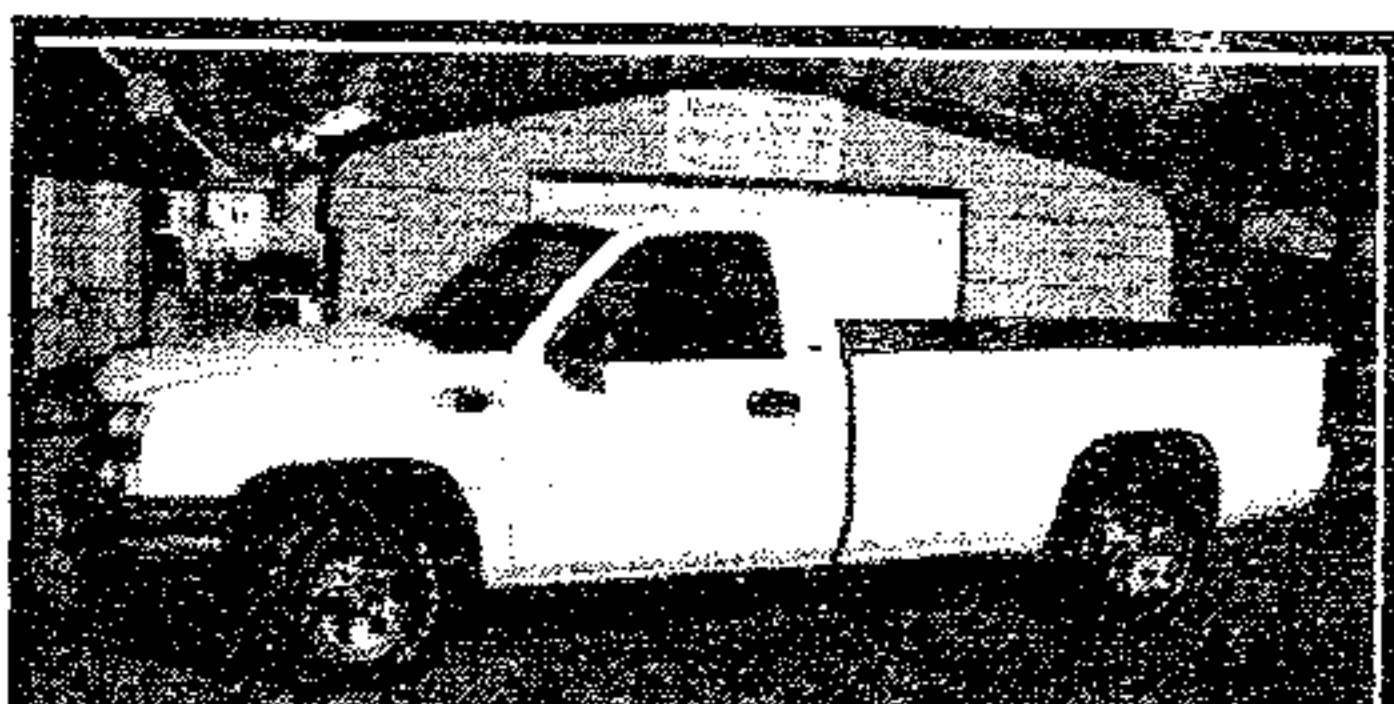
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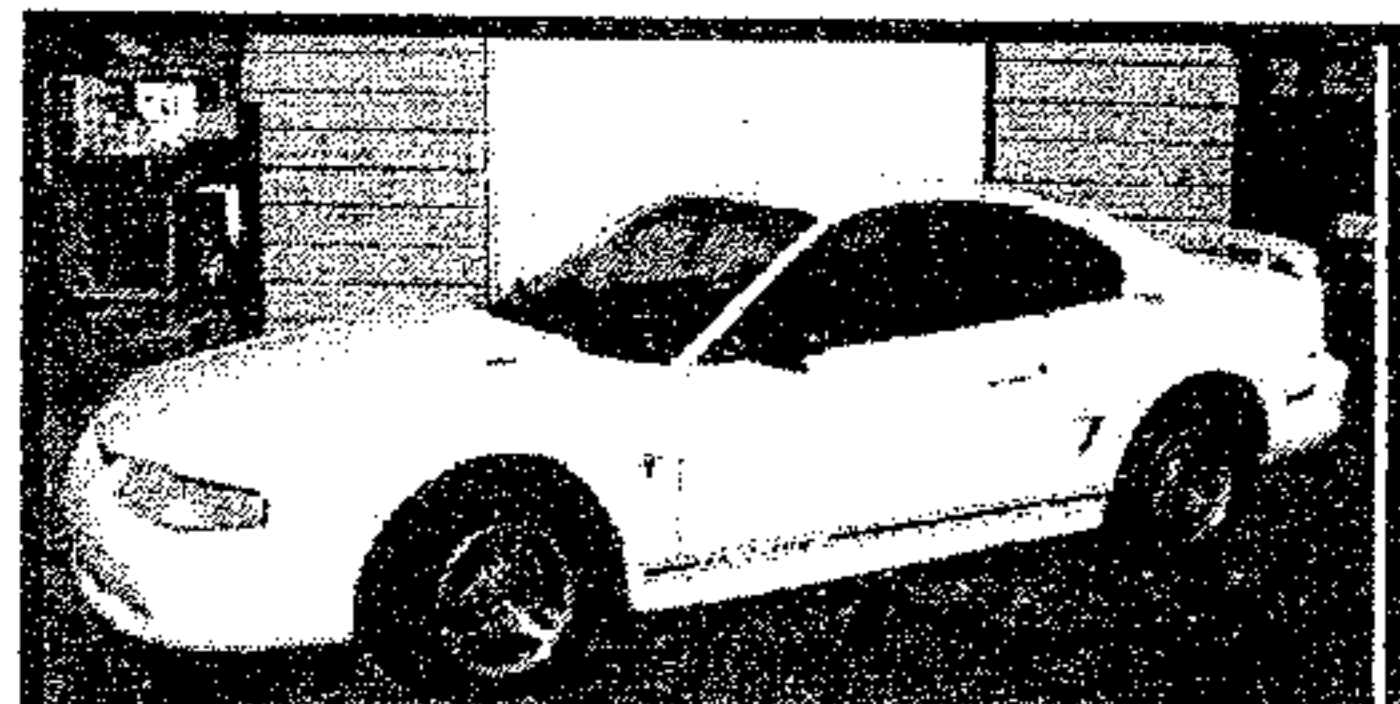


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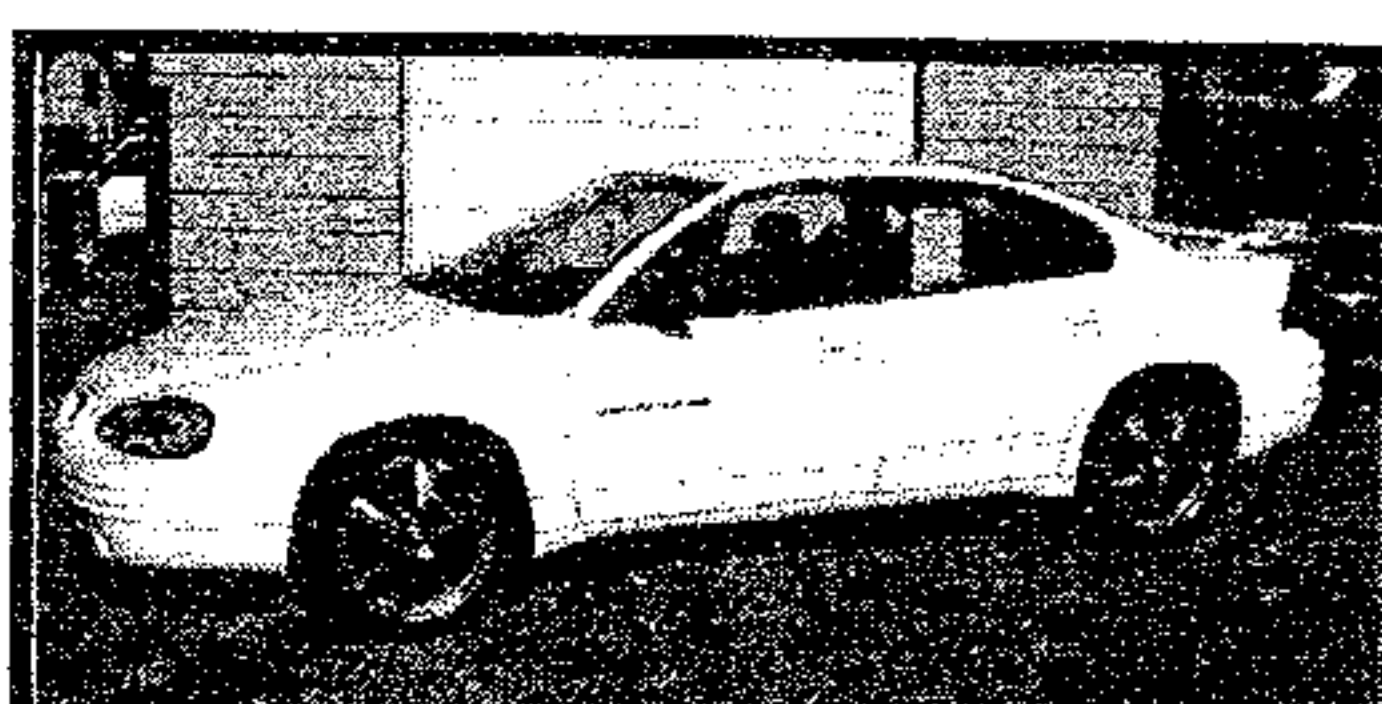
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