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Thursday, January 14, 2016

Fleeing shoplifter causes interstate shutdown; leaves infant behind

A man who fled authorities after reportedly shoplifting at Walmart was taken into custody after being boxed in on I-75. The man reportedly led authorities on a high speed chase that caused the interstate to be shut down for the safety of other driv-

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Dusty Qualls

You really showed up at the jail with Meth?

Obviously meth makes you SUPER STUPID!



John Lee

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Haslam Encourages TN Adults To "Reconnect And Complete" College Degrees

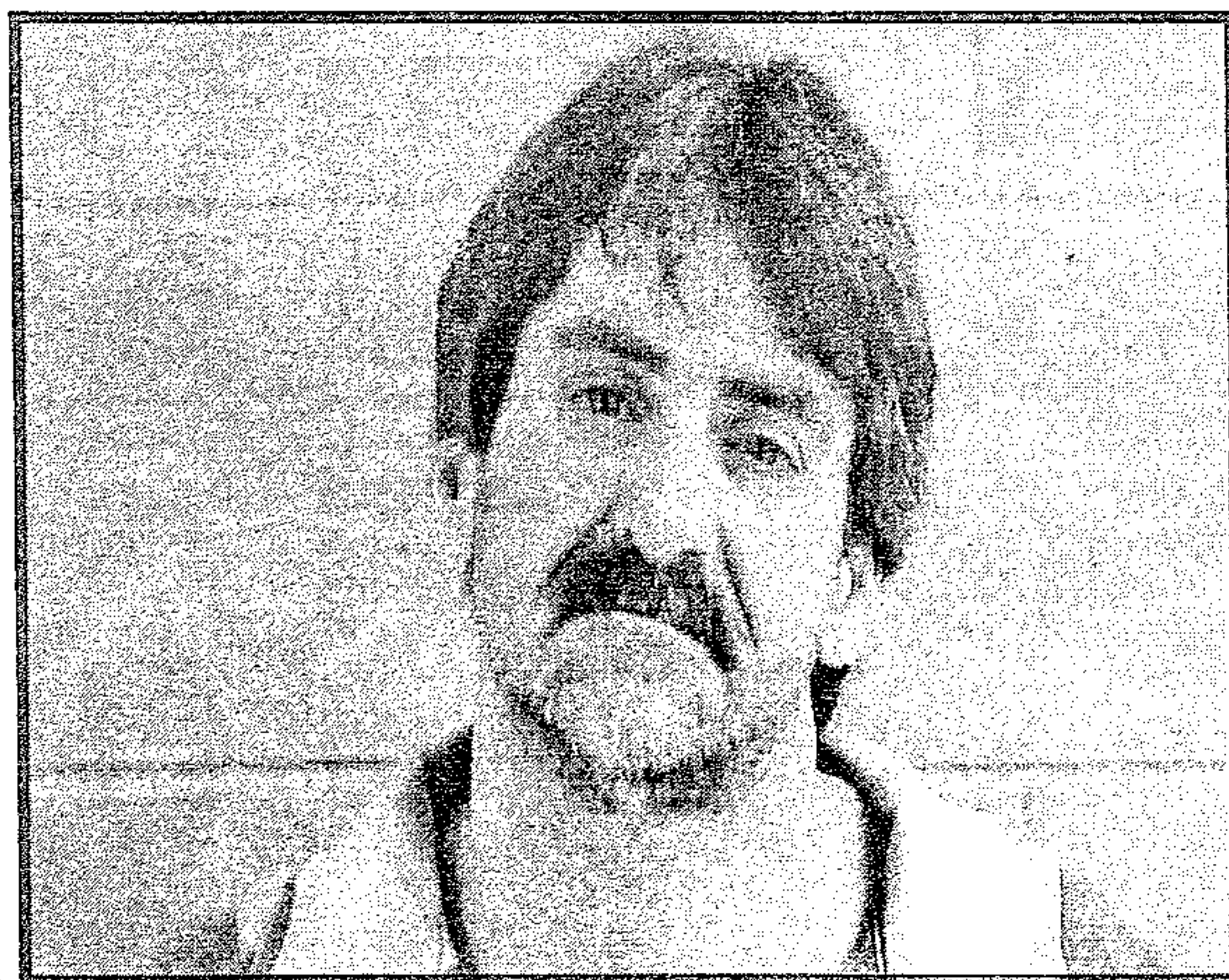
110,000 Tennesseans have already earned more than half the credit hours toward a degree

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today announced "Tennessee Reconnect + Complete," a Drive to 55 initiative focused on encouraging Tennessee adults with some college credit to return to college and complete their degree.

According to the

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Traffic stop leads to drug bust and more



Richard Strauser

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Transnational Gangs Part 2: Countering the Threat with Strong Partnerships



Gang graffiti in El Salvador.

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Verse of the Day

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. — Colossians 1:13-14

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

The Sheriff's Department Facebook page is getting a lot of views for sure. Keep up the good work!

Weather

Today: Sunny skies. High around 55F.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies in the evening, then becoming cloudy overnight. Slight chance of a rain shower. Low 34F.
Friday Cloudy with occa-

sional showers. High 51F.
Friday night: A few showers early with overcast skies late. Low 39F.
Horoscopes
Capricorn 12/22-1/19
Living up to your end of the bargain and managing

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stop

Richard Strauser, 47, Huffs Ferry Road Loudon, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH. II x2, Poss. of Drug Para., and Driving on Revoked/Suspended license. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a silver vehicle traveling on Hwy 321, the driver not wearing a seatbelt, and the tag cover was block-

ing the view of the state and county. Upon stopping the vehicle at Hwy 321 and Adesa Pkwy, Deputy made contact with the driver identified as Richard Strauser. A check of Richard information through dispatch revealed his license were suspended. Richard was placed under arrest. After doing a inventory on the vehicle Deputy located in the console

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Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), approximately 940,000 Tennessee adults have enrolled in a postsecondary institution in the state and achieved some college credit but left before

obtaining a degree or credential. Of those, nearly 110,000 Tennesseans have earned more than half the credit hours toward a degree during the past nine years, with 25,000 likely to have enough credits to graduate in only one additional semester.

“Between working full time, taking care of kids and paying the bills, going back to college can often seem like an unrealistic option for many Tennessee adults,” Haslam said. “We’ve challenged our universities, community and technical colleges to work even harder at finding new ways to assist busy adults, particularly those who left before graduating, to come back to school and achieve their dreams of getting a college degree or certificate.

“Data shows us that when

adult students re-enter higher education they do very well, so it’s crucial that we find a way to help more of them succeed. It’s not only important to them but also to our employers and to our state.”

The Tennessee Reconnect+ Complete initiative includes:

- Comprehensive training for college and university leaders on best practices to serve adult students.

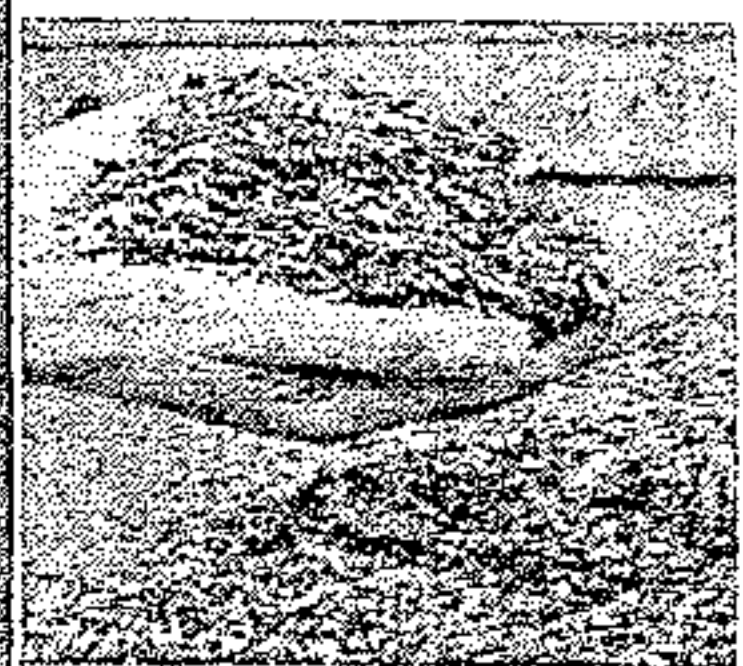
- A targeted advertising and

outreach campaign to reconnect with interested adults and help them return to school. (To view examples, please see video above and click here.)

• A one-stop shop website, www.TNReconnect.gov, to assist adult students in connecting with the right college, finding financial assistance and utilizing prior learning experience to receive college

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At the start of the FBI's recent Central American Law Enforcement Exchange (CALEE) program, participants from U.S. police departments and their counterparts from Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize, and Panama were strangers, but they shared one thing in common: a commitment to make their communities safe from violent gangs such as MS-13 and 18th Street.

By the end of the three-week program, the men and women had overcome language barriers and become friends as well as partners—and they were armed with new resources to fight the transnational gang threat: a network of intelligence sharing, expanded contacts, and access to FBI-led task forces throughout Central America.

"There's a synergy between the gangs that helps them grow and become stronger," said Special Agent Jason Kaplan, the FBI's legal attaché in El Salvador. "As law

enforcement, we need to develop that same relationship with each other, because the gangs are doing it, and if we don't we are going to fall behind."

CALEE was developed in 2009 with that spirit of collaboration and partnership in mind. This year's group of nearly 40 participants traveled to Los Angeles and Houston before spending a final week in El Salvador, where the MS-13 and 18th Street gangs have grown powerful and extremely violent. In

each venue, participants received training and information about different jurisdictions' approaches to managing their gang threat.

In El Salvador, besides getting a first-hand look at gang neighborhoods and a prison whose inmates are exclusively violent gang members, participants were briefed on the latest cases and trends within the gangs. Many MS-13 and 18th Street leaders—some of whom are incarcerated—are located in Central America

and order crimes to be committed in the United States.

CALEE participants also learned about the Transnational Anti-Gang Task Forces (TAGs), in which FBI agents are embedded with vetted Central American police officers to work cases and gather intelligence. Currently there are TAGs in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. They have been in existence for more

than five years, and they are highly successful.

"Before the Transnational Anti-Gang Task Forces were set up," Kaplan explained, "gang investigations in the United States that led to subjects in these countries often came to a dead end. There was no mechanism for us to really further those investigations." Since the TAGs were established, he said, "we now have a

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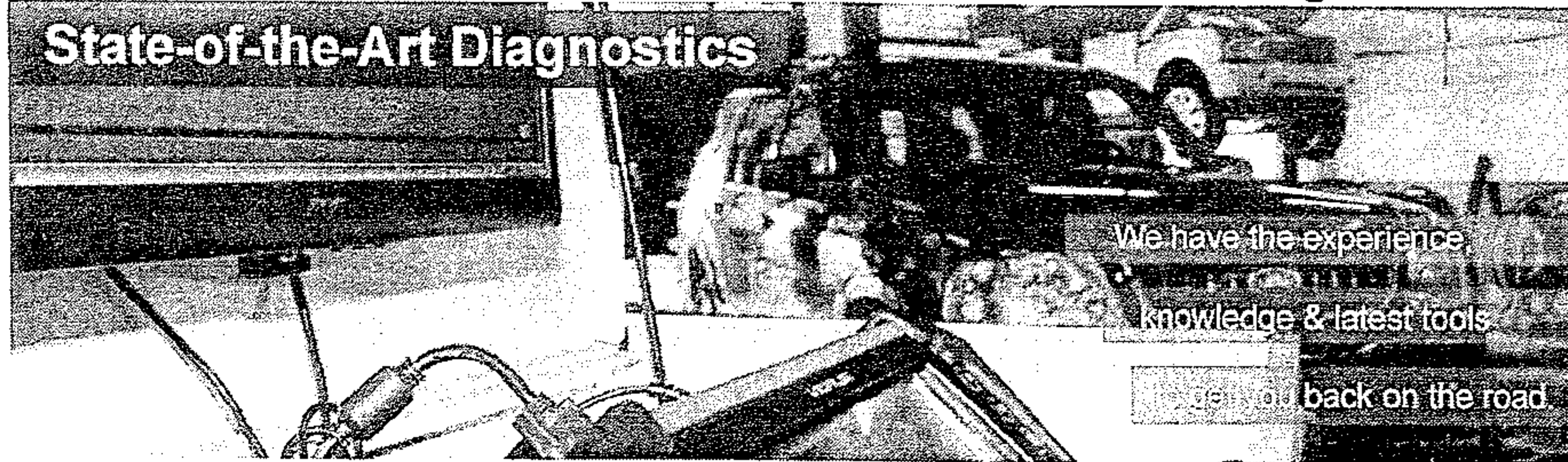
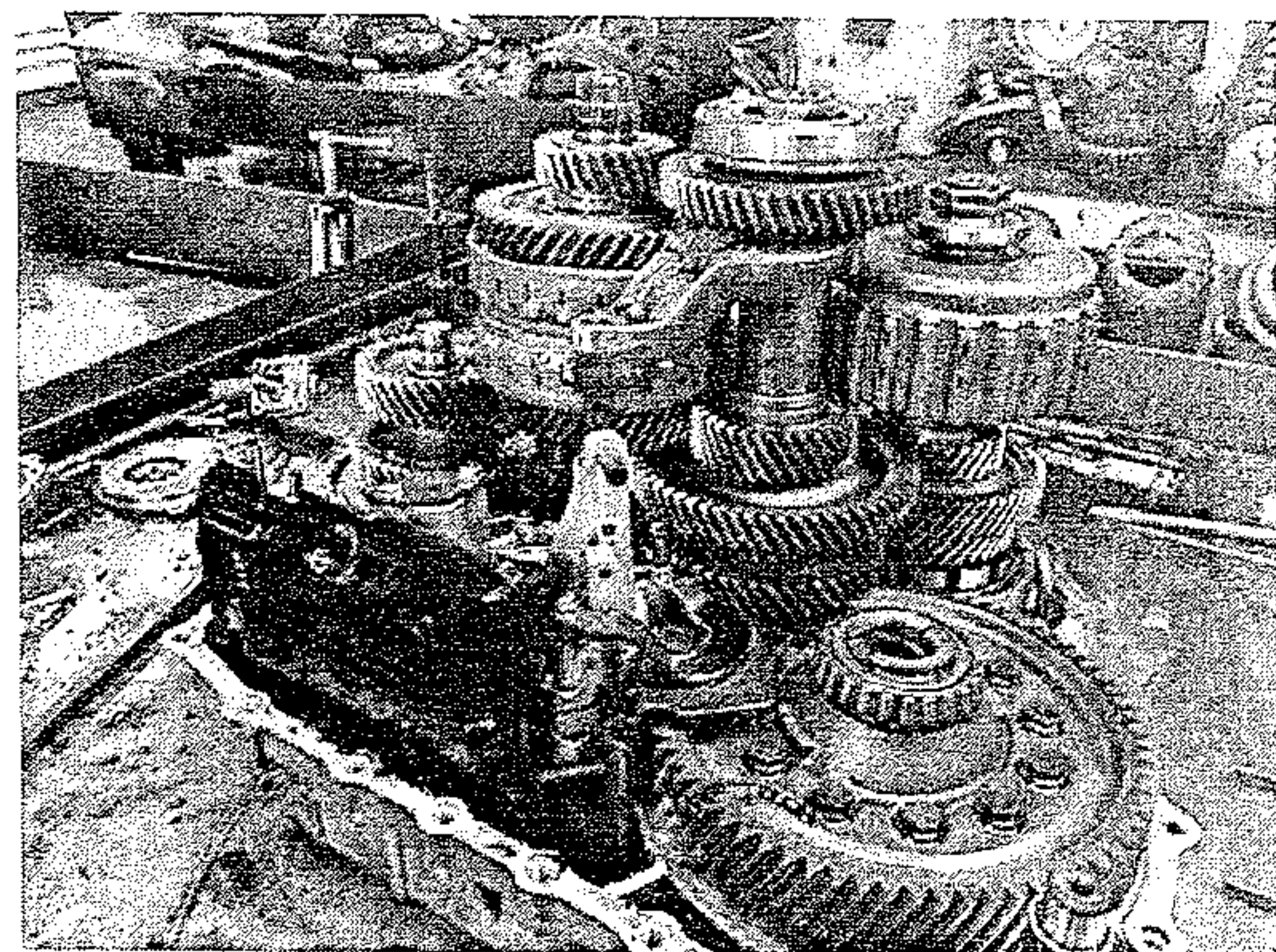
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meth

John Lee, 22, Kelly Point Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, and Promotion of Methamphetamine Manufacture Promotion of Meth. Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, and partner K9 Deja, was informed by Narcotics units of several subject possibly dropping off illegal narcotic at the Loudon jail. Deputy

made contact with the vehicle in question in the jail parking lot and identified the occupants. The rear driver side passenger was identified as John Lee. After back up Deputies ran the occupants of the vehicle through dispatch the owner was ask to search the vehicle. The driver owner did give consent. K9 Deja was deployed for a drug sniff and gave a

positive indication of a trained illegal narcotic at the driver side front door and passenger window. A search of the vehicle Deputy located in the rear passenger compartment a clear plastic bag with a clear crystal substance that tested positive for Methamphetamine weighting approx. 1 gram. The passenger in the rear driver seat was placed under arrest.

Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, made the arrest.

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liaison here, a resource for investigators in the United States. When they get to that point where they realize that one of their principal subjects is located in Central America, they now have resources where they can go to further that investigation. Similarly, the countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras can do the same.”

Kaplan added that in-

telligence gathered by the TAGs has stopped crimes—including murders—from taking place. “Dozens of lives, possibly hundreds, have been saved since the establishment of the anti-gang task forces.”

“Certainly the value of the TAGs can’t be understated,” noted Special Agent Grant Mann, who works in the Safe Streets and Gang Unit at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and helped organize this year’s CALEE program. “One of our main goals for the group in El Salvador was to fully expose participants to what the FBI has here by way of resources.”

Mann’s unit also administers the FBI’s Safe Streets Violent Crime Initiative. Established in 1992, the program is designed to bring local, state, and federal law enforcement together in their U.S. communities to fight gang-related crime. Today there are 164 Safe Streets Task Forces throughout the country, and U.S. CALEE participants are drawn from the ranks of Safe Streets Task Force officers.

“The Safe Streets model combines the strengths of all these different agencies and all of our FBI resources,” Mann said. “The goal is to make everyone’s community safer. Our efforts with the TAGs and our international partners are an extension of that goal, because there is no doubt that the gang problems in El Salvador have an impact on gang crime in the U.S.”

Speaking of the cooperative efforts between the U.S. and El Salvador to fight the MS-13 and 18th Street gangs, El Salvador’s Attorney General Luis Martinez noted, “There is something very important that both countries are aware of: that we share the same serious problem and that we have to work jointly in order to find resolutions. That is why an event like CALEE 2015 is very important,” he said. “This training will be very valuable for every single participant here.”

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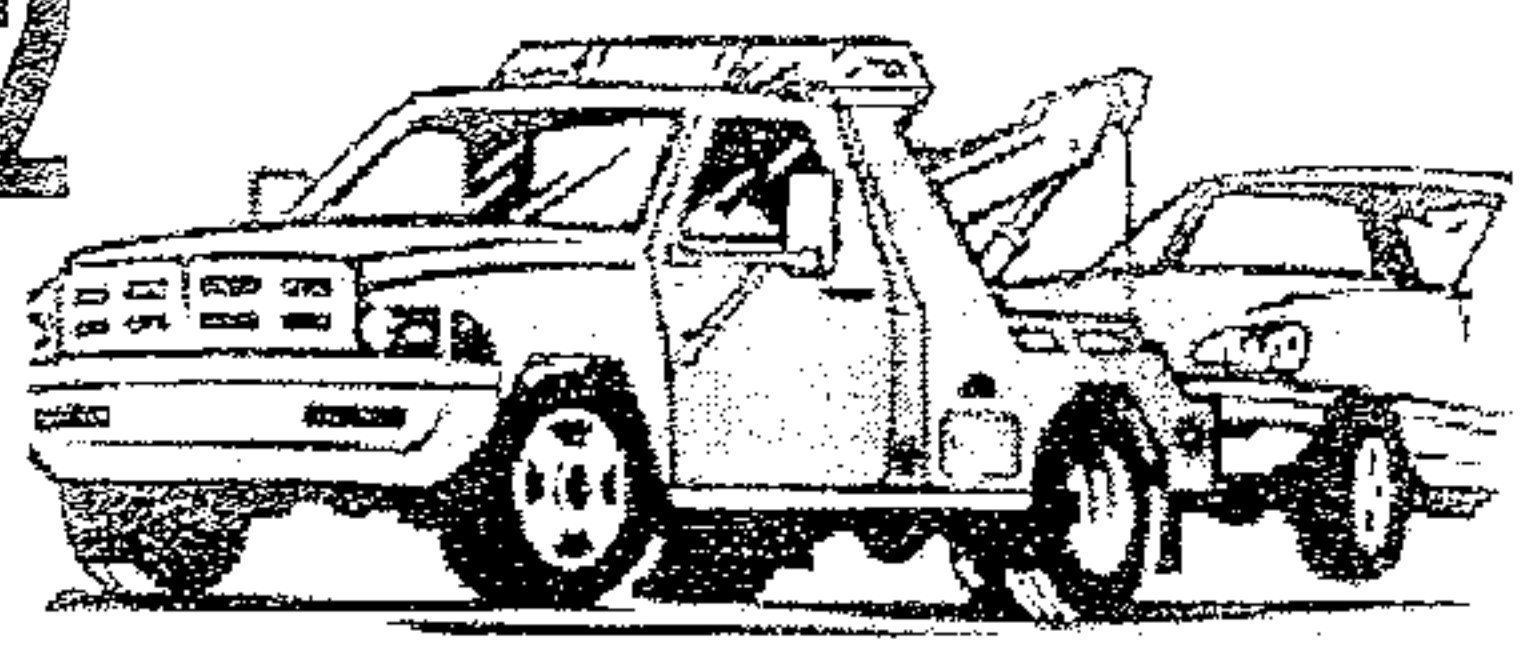
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ers until the man was taken into custody.

Dusty Qualls, 27, James Ferry Road Kingston, was charged with Evading Arrest, Reckless Endangerment x2, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License. Deputy Brad Rayfield LCSO, was on routine patrol on Hwy 321 when E-911 gave LCPD a call at Walmart on a shop-lifter that was trying to leave the parking lot in a black vehicle and went towards the I-75. Deputy Rayfield spotted the vehicle in question and tried to get behind it with his emergency equipment

on the vehicle took off running from the Deputy on Hwy 321. The vehicle turned onto I-75 toward Monroe Co. with Deputy pursuing. Deputy Rayfield and Lt. Paul Curtis pursued the vehicle on the interstate with the vehicle refusing to stop speeds were around 75-80 mph. Other LCSO units were waiting at the exit 76. Deputy Rayfield and other units boxed the vehicle in and got the vehicle to slow to a stop close to the 75 mm. The driver identified as Dusty Qualls, leaped from the driver seat and ran across the median into the woods where he was later located and

taken into custody. Inside the vehicle was 2 passengers one being a 2 month old. Deputy Brad Rayfield LCSO, made the arrest.

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a silver canister. Inside the canister were 8 blue pills identified as Oxycodone, and 2 green pills identified as Oxymorphone, and in the glove box was a syringe. Richard did have marking on his arms from drug use. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, made the arrest.

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credit.

“Taking that first step to find out how to reconnect and ex-

plore their options is often the hardest part for adults, so we are working to make it as easy and accessible as possible for folks to go back and complete their degrees,” Drive to 55 Executive Director Mike Krause said.

In 2013, Governor Haslam launched the Drive to 55 to increase the number of Tennesseans with a postsecondary degree or certificate to 55 percent by 2025. As a result, the Drive to 55 has:

- Established the Tennessee Promise program, the nation's first scholarship and mentorship program that provides high school graduates last-dollar scholarships to attend two years of commu-

nity or technical college free of tuition and fees;

- Reduced the number of college freshmen requiring remediation through the SAILS (Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support) program;

- Provided free technical college for adults through TCAT Reconnect Grants;

- Created Tennessee Reconnect + Complete to help more adults return to college to complete unfinished degrees;

- Developed a more comprehensive state approach to serving student veterans; and

- Leveraged technology to enhance classroom instruction and see TN conc. pg. 8

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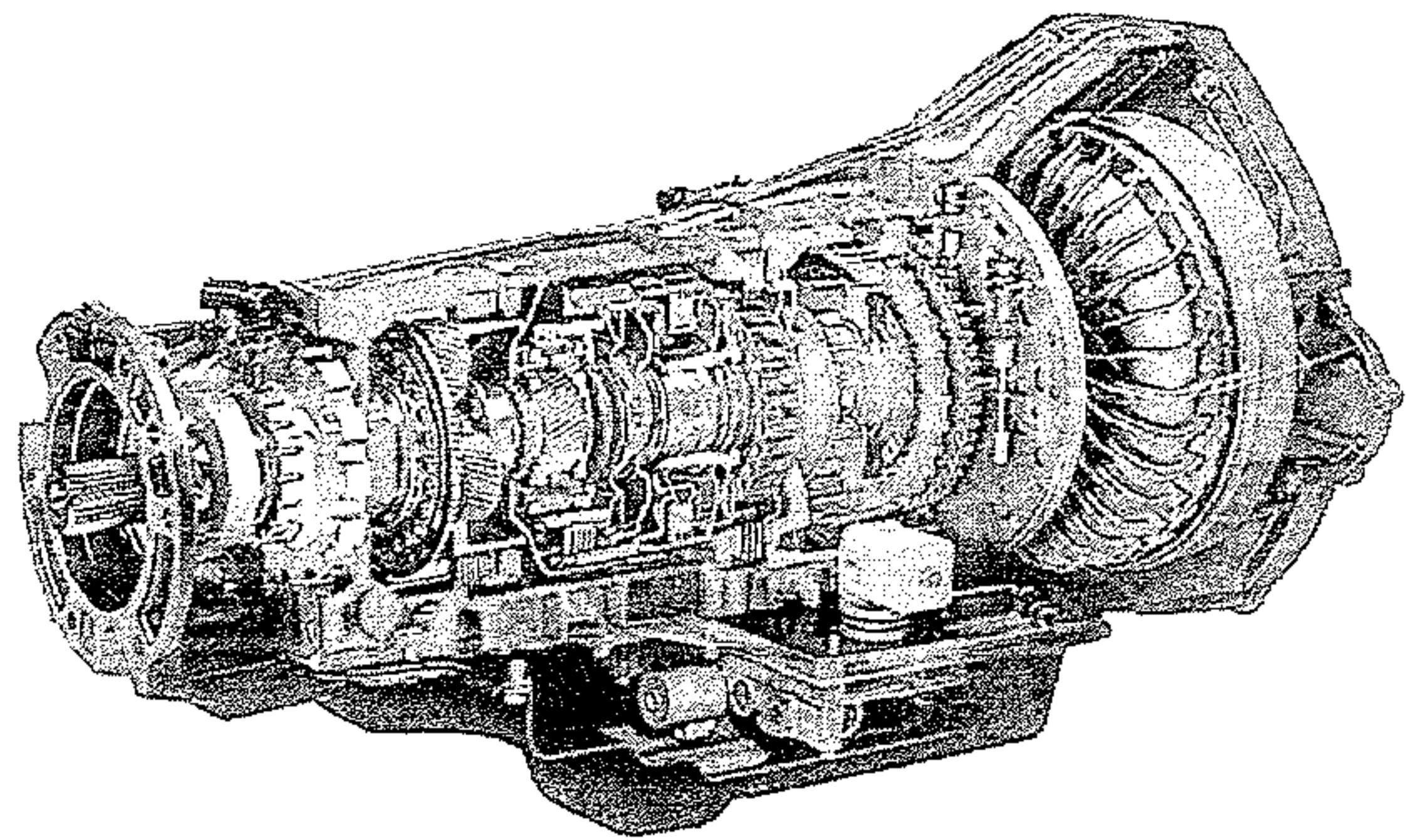
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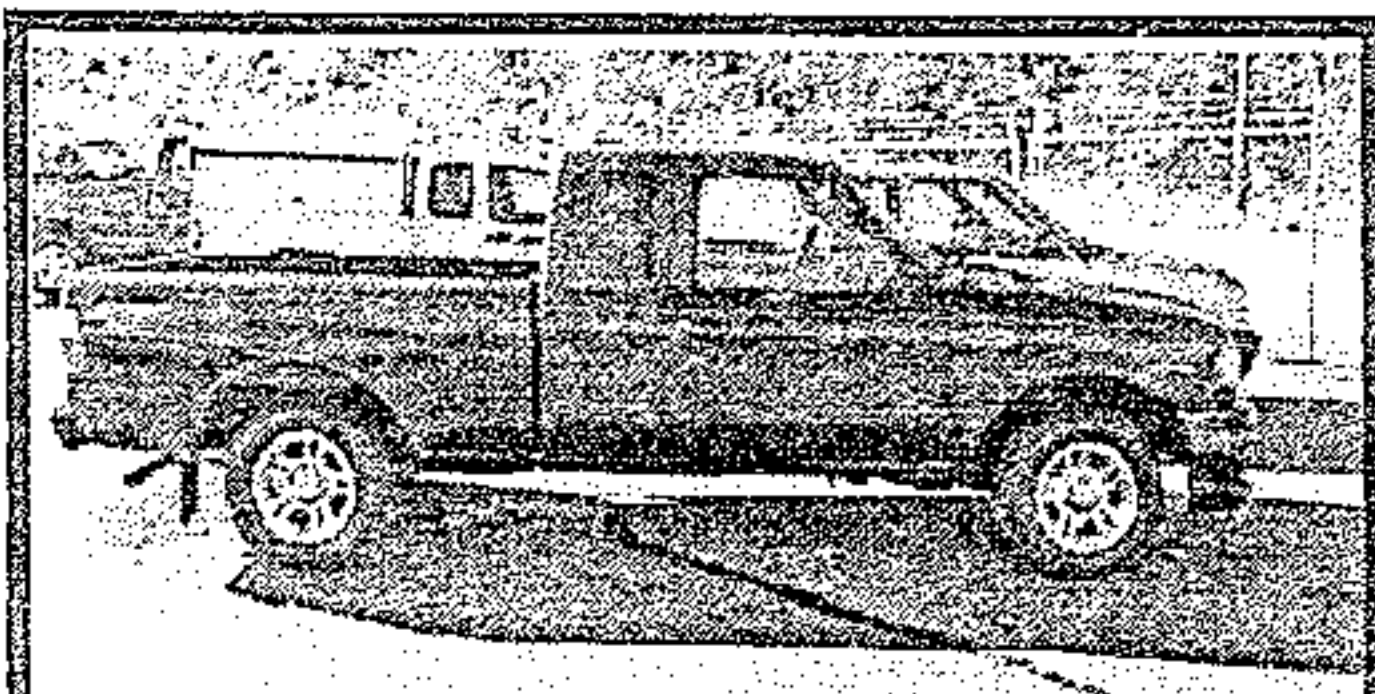
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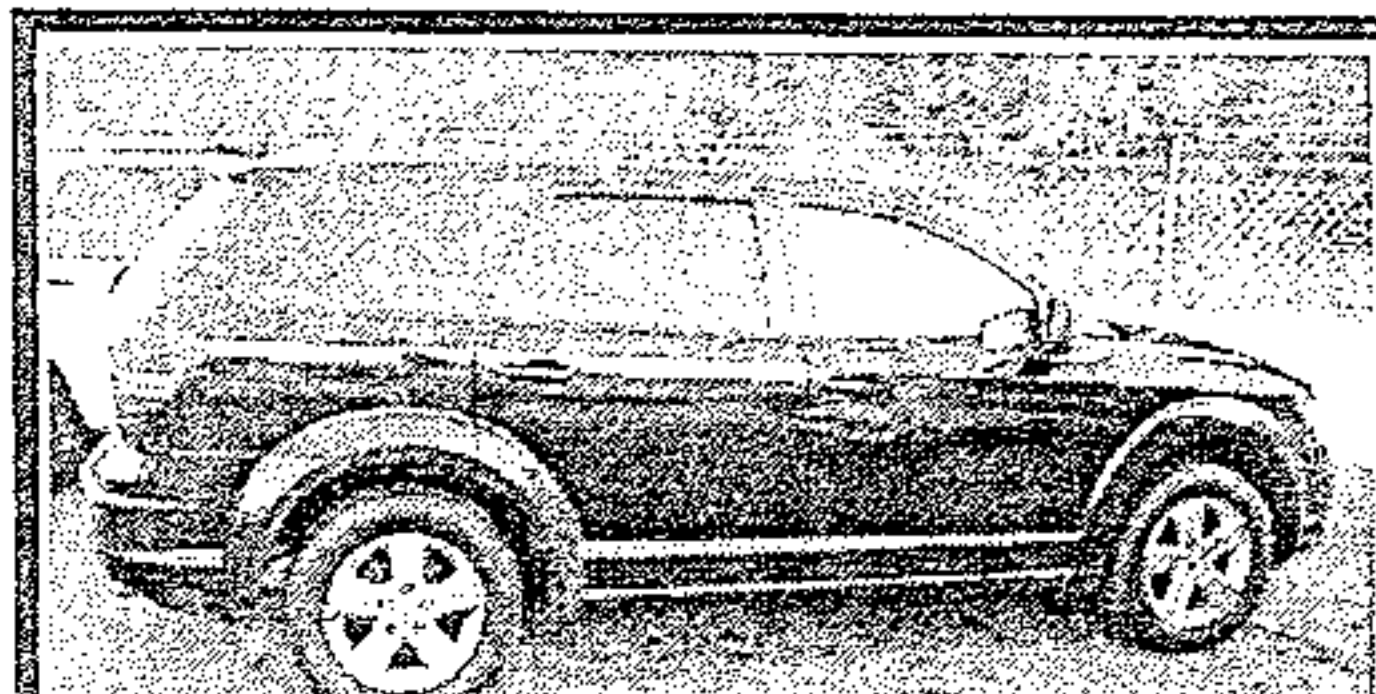
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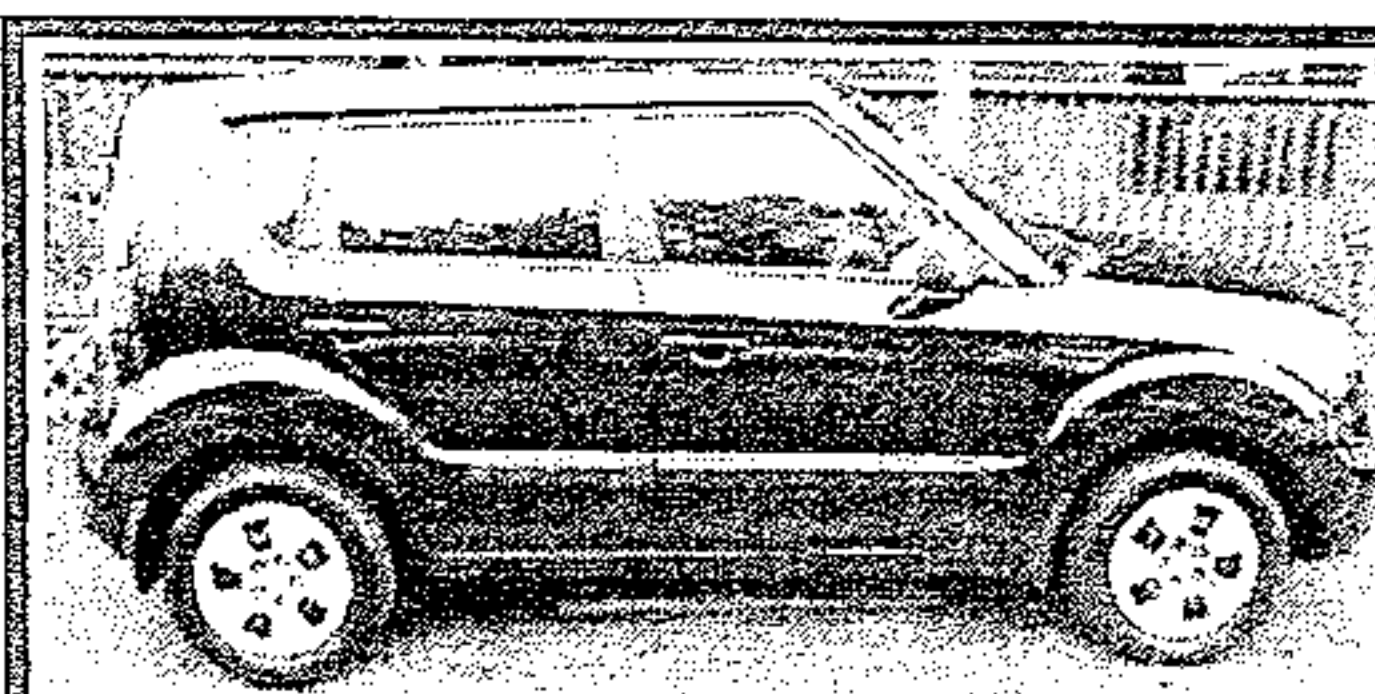
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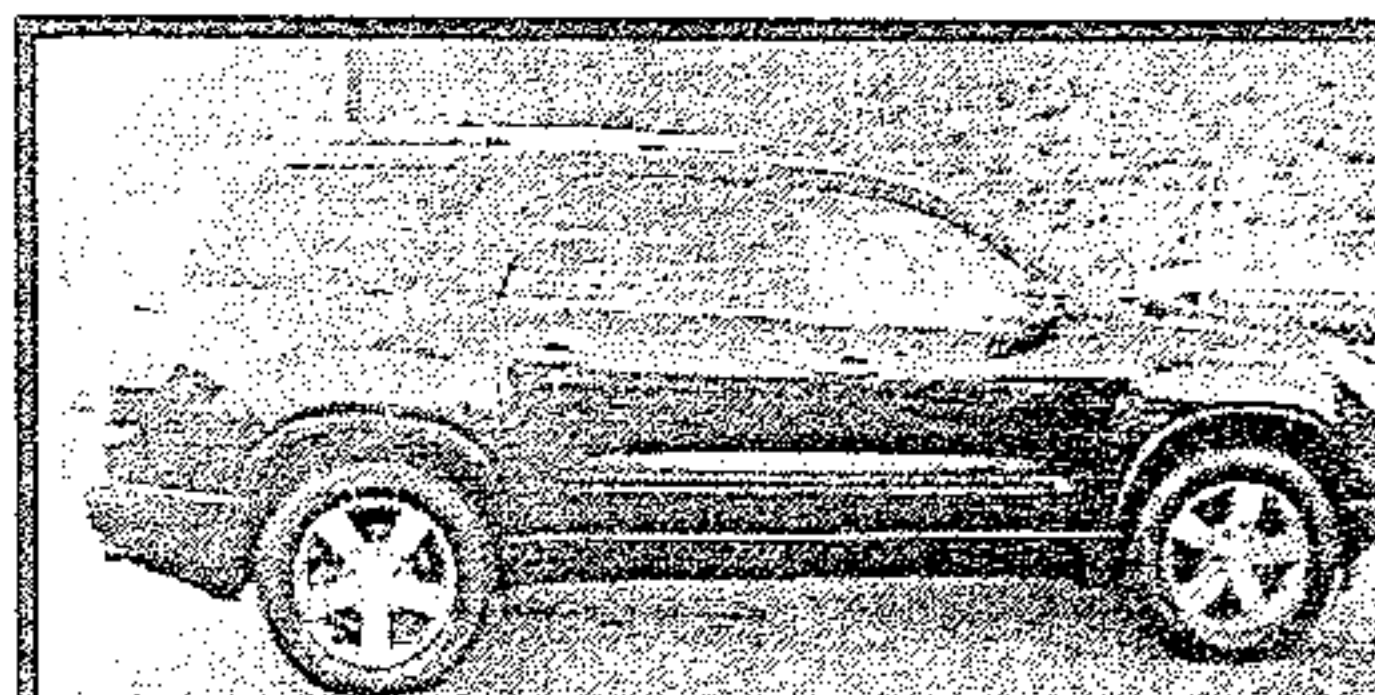
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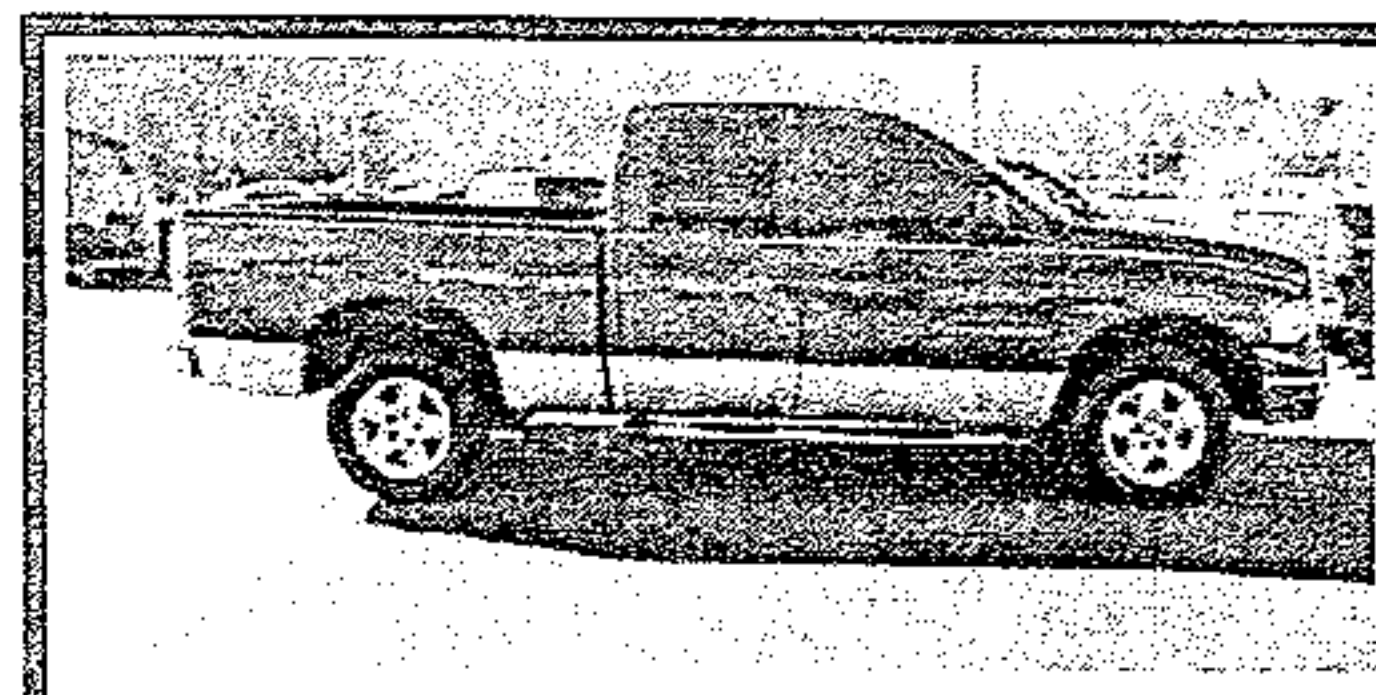
2011 Kia Soul, 5 speed, 4 dr, Gas Saver, Nice & Clean



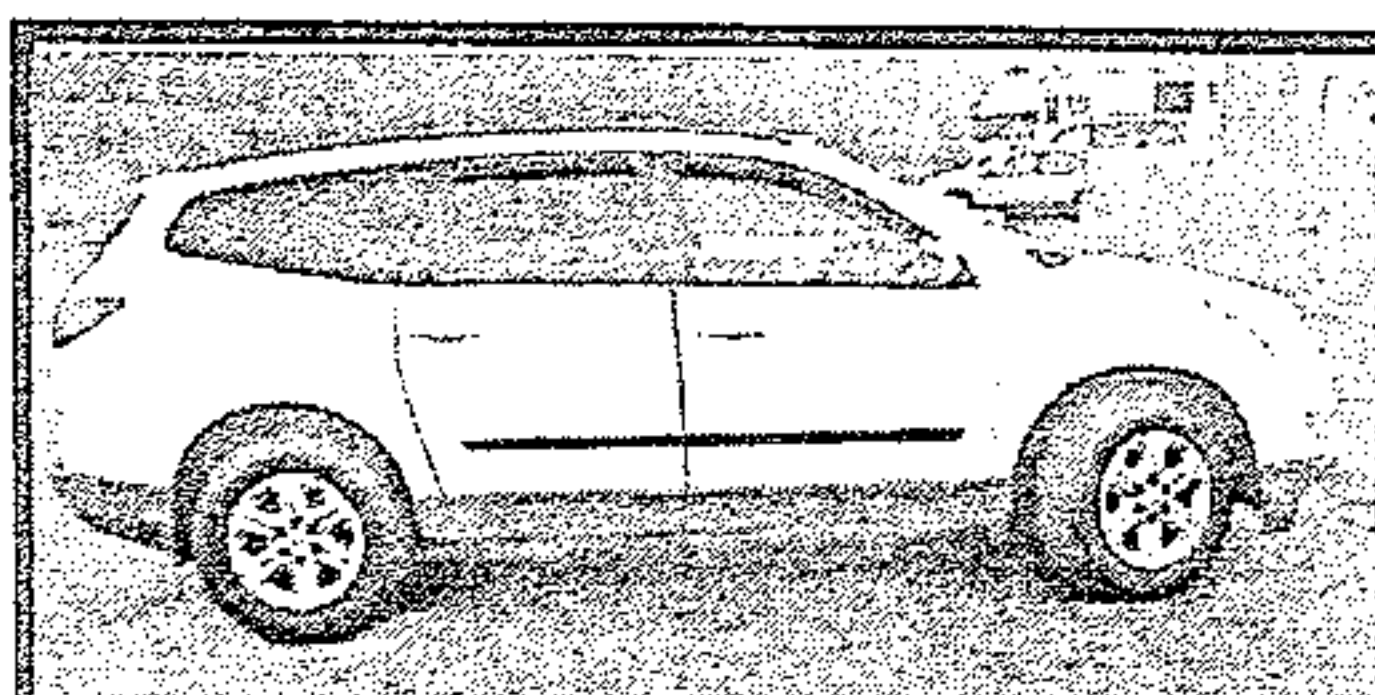
2007 Chevy Equinox, 4dr, Extra Clean, lots of room



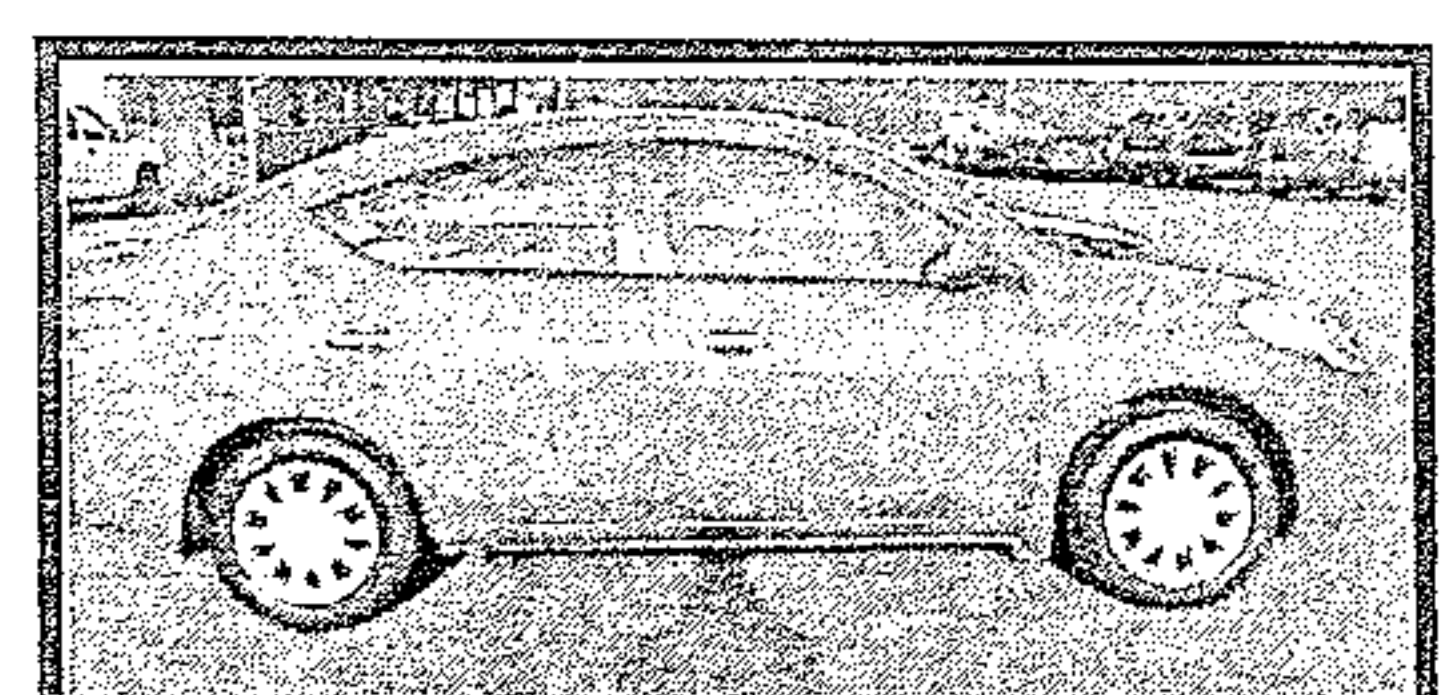
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