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Monday, October 3, 2016

Teen charged with meth and contributing to minor

Agustin Cisneros, 18, Church Street Loudon, was charged with Tampering/Fabricating with Evidence, Man/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance, and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

Officer Brendon DeBoer LPD, was on patrol in the City of Loudon at approxi-

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Agustin Cisneros

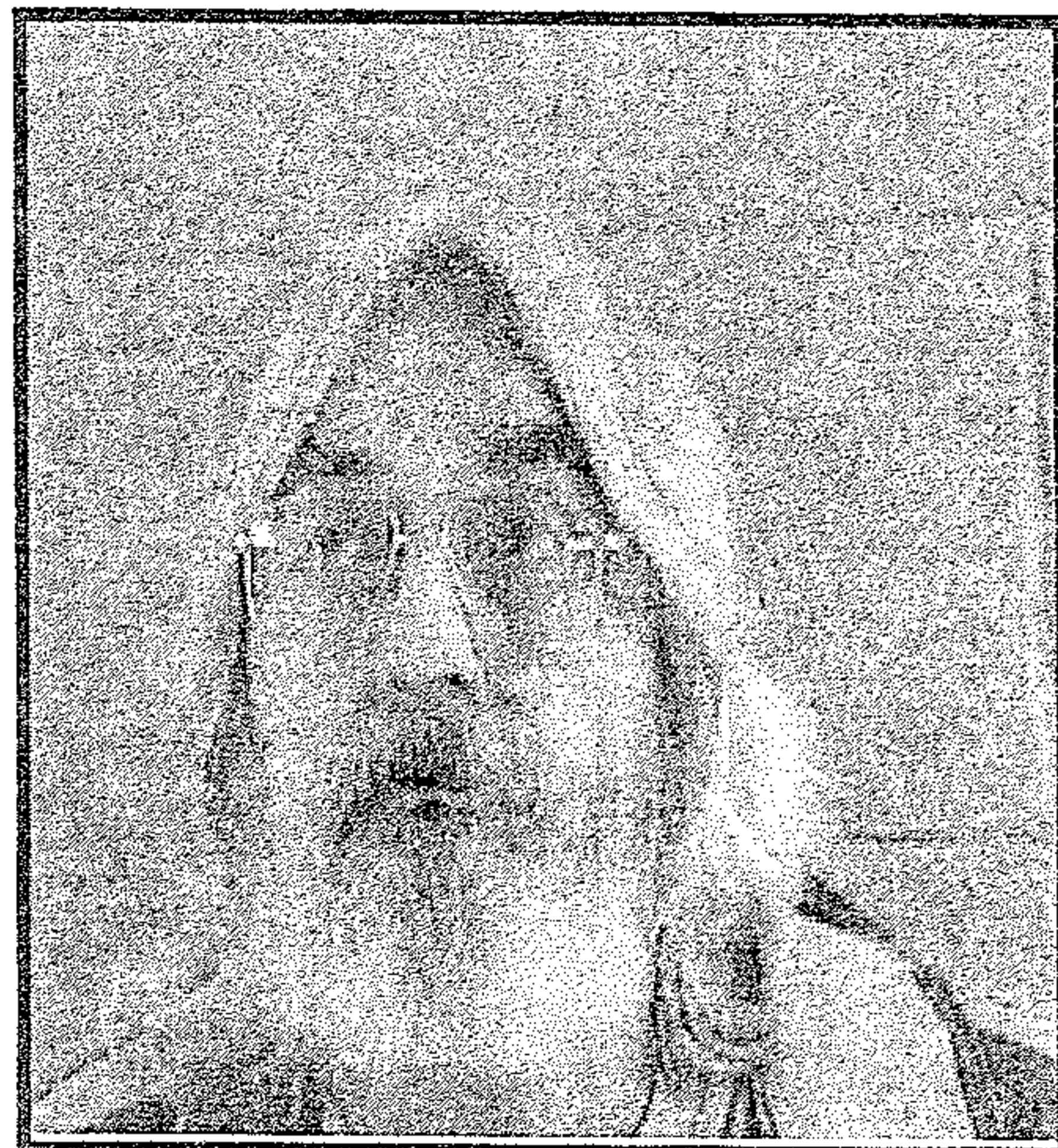
Headlight out leads to drug charges



Jesse Collins

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Baseball used during fight; tooth knocked out



Roland Russell

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Animal Cruelty

Houston "Crush" Cases Were First Under Federal Statute

E-mail correspondence in Houston animal crushing case.

Evidence presented in court included e-mail correspondence with customers containing links to download the video files and thanking them for wiring money transactions.

The sentencing last month of a Houston man for creating and distributing videos depicting the torture and killing of small animals brings to a close the first success-

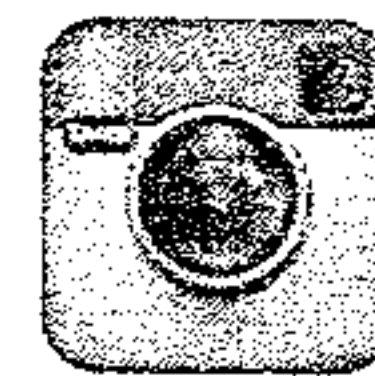
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Victim hit after Ktown Pool hall visit



Anthony Martin

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Verse of the Day

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Obituaries

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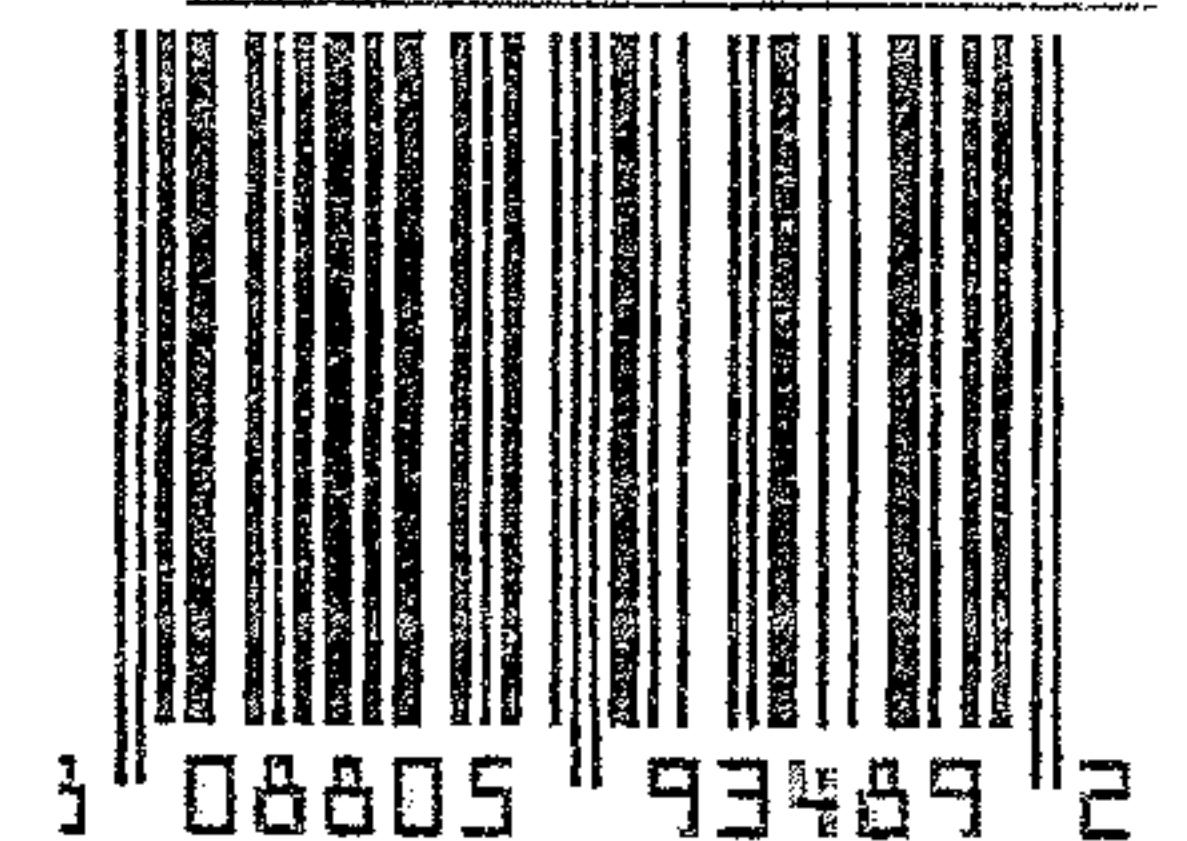
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Meth

mately 2:00am. Officer observed two young males that he believed to be juveniles standing near the corner of Church Street and Poplar Street smoking cigarettes. Officer asked one of the males how old he was and the male responded that he was 17 while holding a lit cigarette. Officer exited his vehicle and the second male took a food

box and dropped it into a street gutter. Officer identified this male as Augustine Cisneros. Officer looked into the grate in the road and saw the food box sitting sideways inside the gutter with a swisher sweet package sticking out of the top. there was also a pack of newport cigarettes sitting next to the food box. Officer retrieved all of these items and opened the

swisher sweet package and inside there was approximately 1 gram of suspected methamphetamine. Cisneros stated that the methamphetamine wasn't his but that all the other items were. Cisneros was charged with Tam-

pering with Evidence, Possession of Methamphetamine and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. The Minor charge stemmed from providing cigarettes to the male juvenile. This incident occurred in Loudon County.

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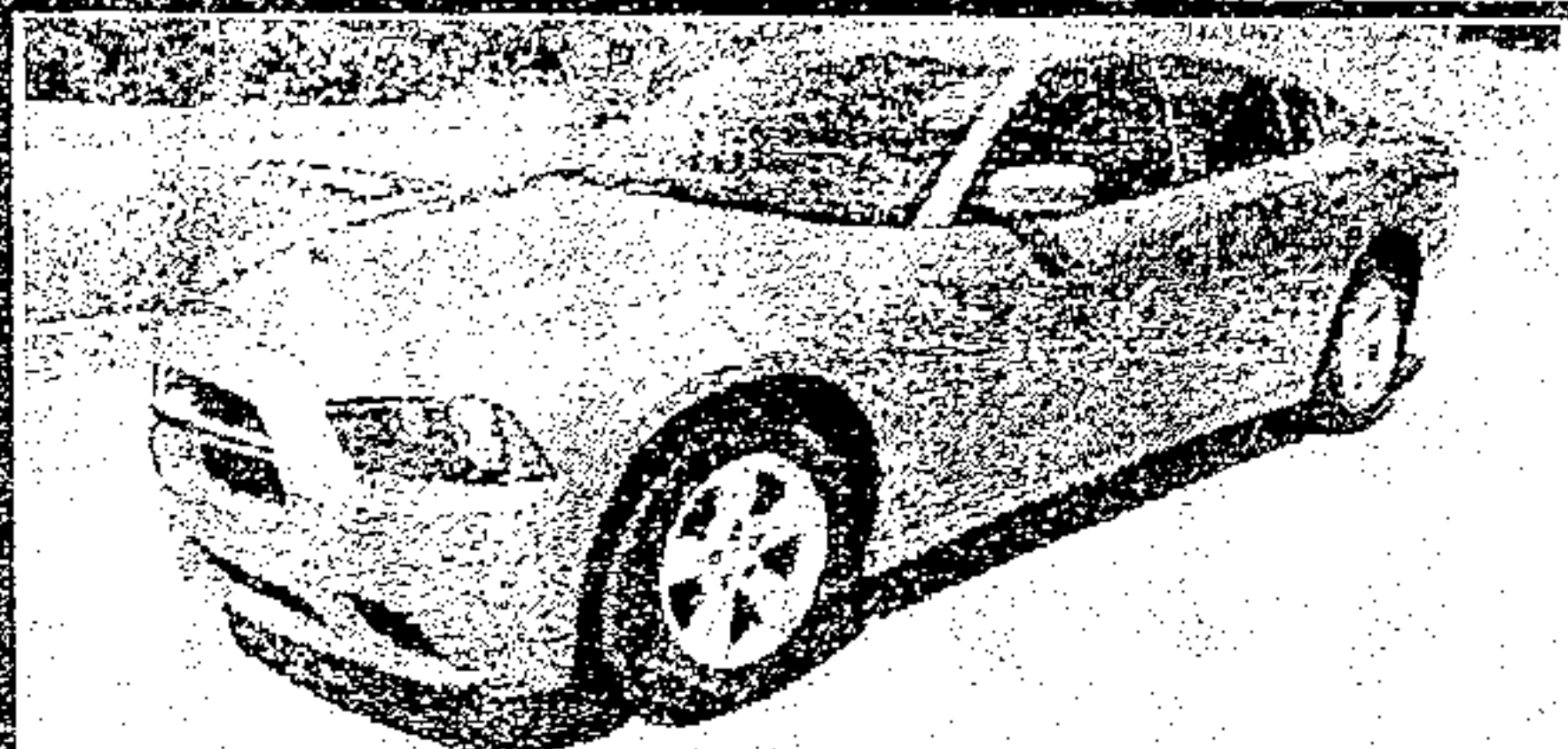
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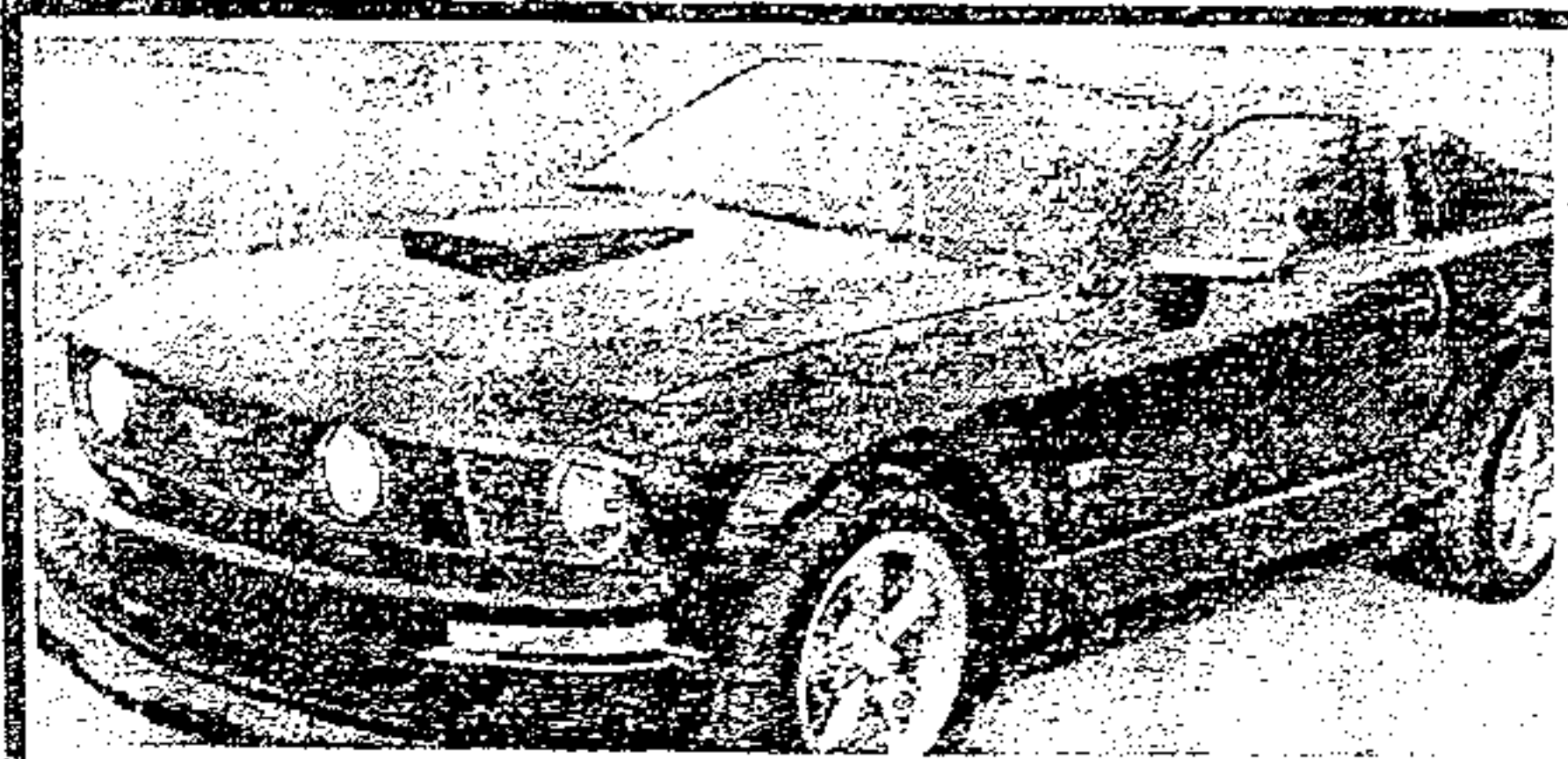
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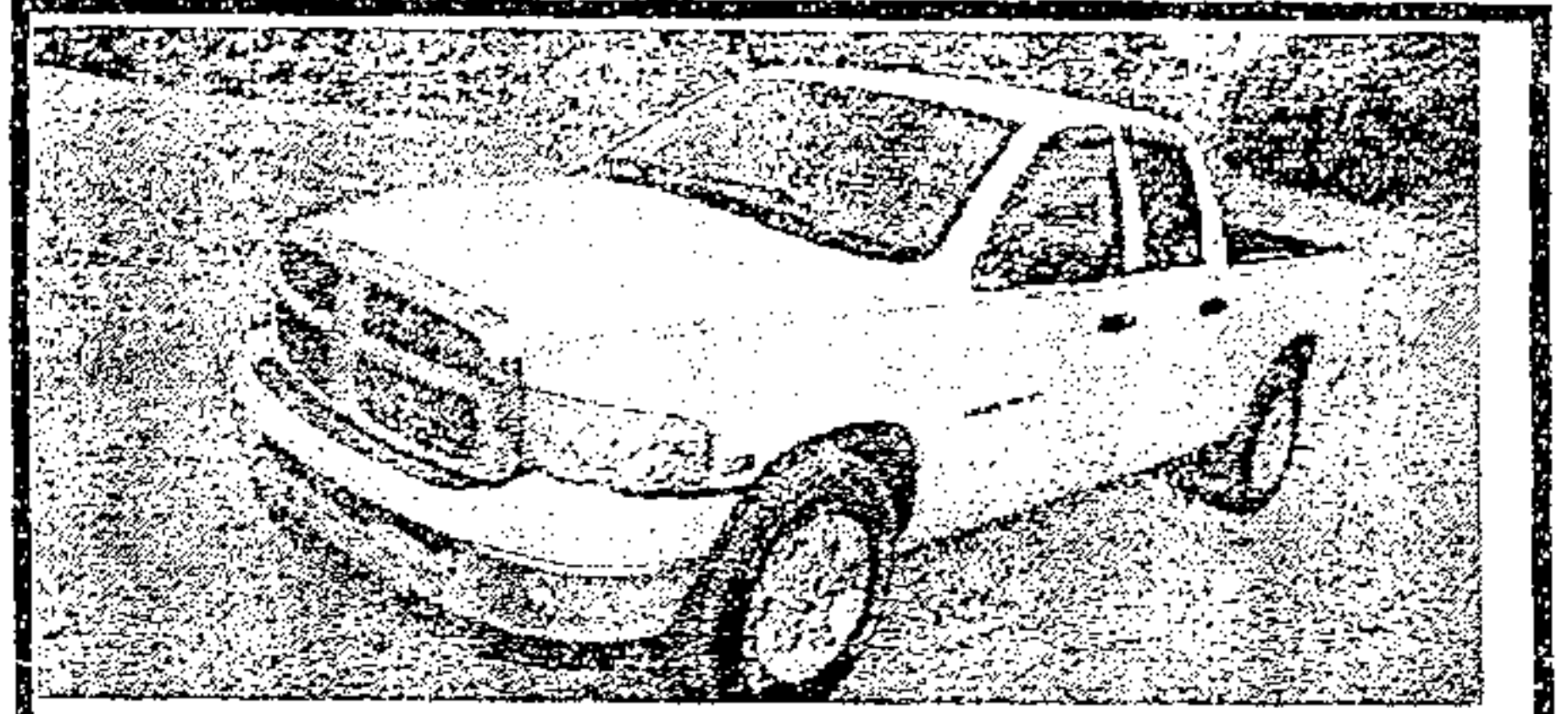
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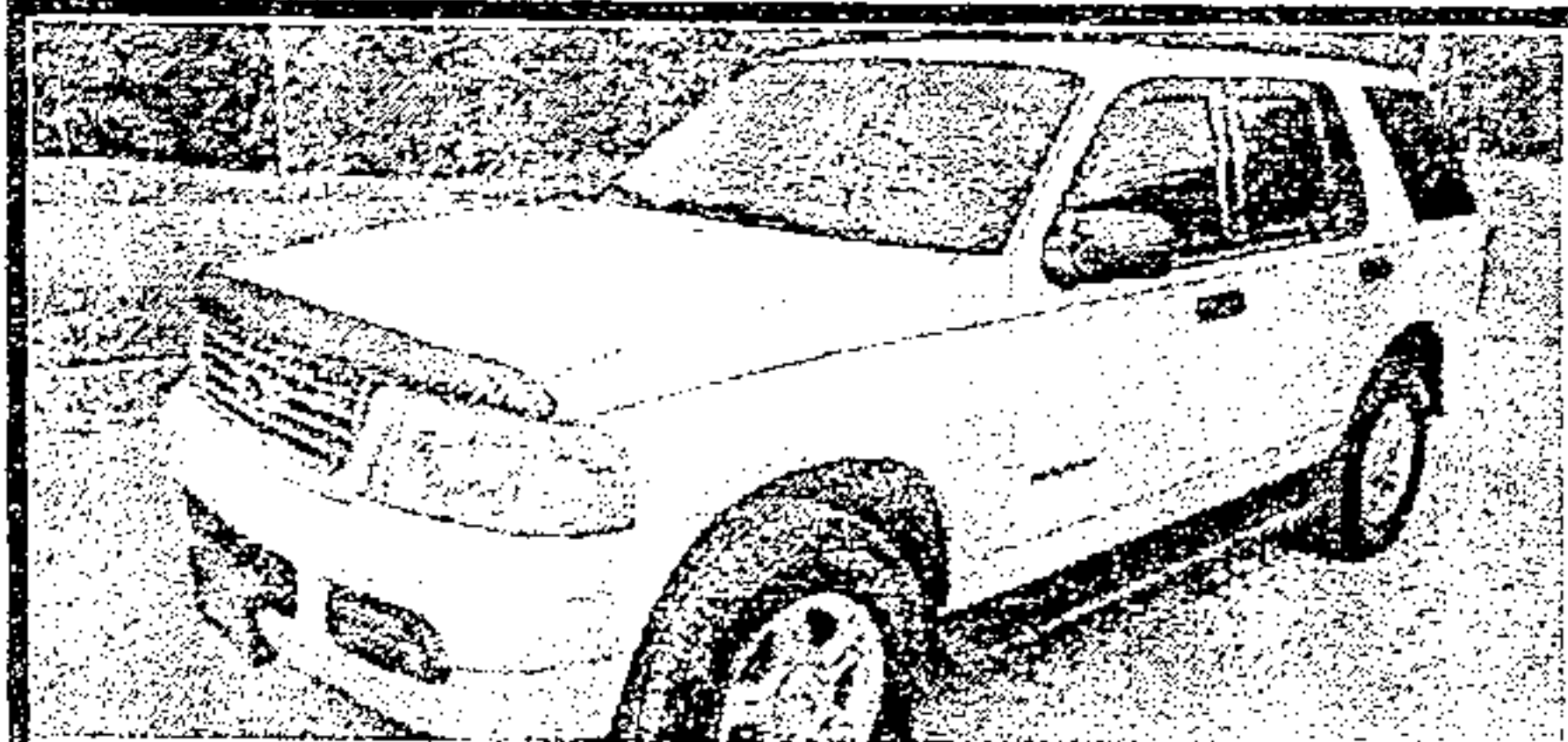
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charges

Jesse Collins, 26, Country Wood Road Knoxville, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, observed a vehicle traveling on I-75 SB near MM 67 without a left headlight. Deputy stopped the 2002 Hyundai Sante Fe, and identified the driver as Jesse James Collins. Deputy asked Mr.Collins for his license and

when he was retrieving his license from his back pack Deputy noticed a zip lock bag inside the back pack. Deputy asked Mr.Collins what was in the bag and he gave it to me. The bag contained approximately one gram of marijuana.


Deputy had Mr.Collins exit the vehicle. Mr.Collins did state that he had one marijuana pipe in the car. Deputy searched the vehicle and the following items were found: 1.5 grams of meth-

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Cruelty

ful prosecutions under a 2010 federal statute specifically tailored to prohibit so-called “crush” videos.

Brent Justice, 55, was sentenced on August 18 in Houston to nearly five years in prison for making videos that featured a woman mutilating and killing puppies, chickens, and kittens between February 2010 and August 2012. The woman in the videos, Ashley Nicole Richards, 25, originally from Waco but residing in Houston, was also convicted.

The case against co-defendants Justice and Richards highlighted a little-known federal statute—The Animal Crush Video

Prohibition Act of 2010—that criminalizes the creation, sale, and marketing of videos depicting cruelty to animals to satisfy a fetish. The law’s enactment followed a Supreme Court ruling in 2010 that struck down a 1999 animal cruelty law that was determined to be too broad and a violation of free speech rights.

Richards pleaded guilty last September to four counts of creating crush videos and one count of distribution, making her conviction the first under the 2010 statute. In the videos, which were distributed online, Richards is scantily clad and wearing a Mardi Gras-type mask while making

sexual comments to the camera. Crush videos are part of a fetish subculture, with videos circulating online, often under the guise of ritual sacrifices.

Justice was found guilty in state court last February and sentenced to 50 years in prison. He was found convicted in May on the federal charges and subsequently sentenced to 57 months in prison.

The case was originally investigated by the Houston Police De-

partment, where Officer Suzanne Hollifield followed a tip from the animal rights organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA.

“I knew what crush videos were, I had been trained to recognize them, but I never expected to see something like that in my career,” said Hollifield, a 22-year police veteran who served on her department’s animal cruelty squad.

She quickly identified Richards and Justice

in the videos, charging the pair under state animal cruelty laws. The hardest part of the case, she recalled, was reviewing—repeatedly—the horrific videos in order to identify Justice as the camera operator shooting and assisting Richards.

Hollifield, who years earlier worked with the FBI on a cyber crimes task force, sent

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DV

Roland Russell, 64, Summer Street Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault.

Officer Bobby Lankford LPD, received call of a domestic disturbance at summer st in the city of loudon. Upon arrival spoke with a Victim who stated she and her husband a Roland Rus-

sell were arguing when Roland Russell shoved her. The son of victim tried to intervine to stop the argument and was assaulted by Roland Russell and had to defend himself and fought back striking Roland Russell about the face knocking out a toothe of Roland Russell. Rolland Russell then retrieved a ball bat and struck the son

about the left arm and hand causing visable marks and swelling to the left arm and left hand of victim.

Officer investigation determined Roland Russell to be the primary aggressor and Roland Russell was placed under arrest for aggravated assault by Domestic Violence and transported to the Loudon county Jail.

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amphetamine located in a silver cigarette box on the driver seat, one marijuana pipe in a backpack, one marijuana pipe in the back floor board and one black bag containing \$1,130.00 and a set of digital scales under the passengers seat. Mr.Collins had a total of \$1,169.00. Mr.Collins stated that

the money belonged to him, but the scales in the bag did not. There was also drug ledger found inside the vehicle.

Mr.Collins was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County jail without incident. The money was also seized. Mr.Collins also stated to me that he was unemployed. These above actions occurred on a public roadway in Loudon County, Tn.

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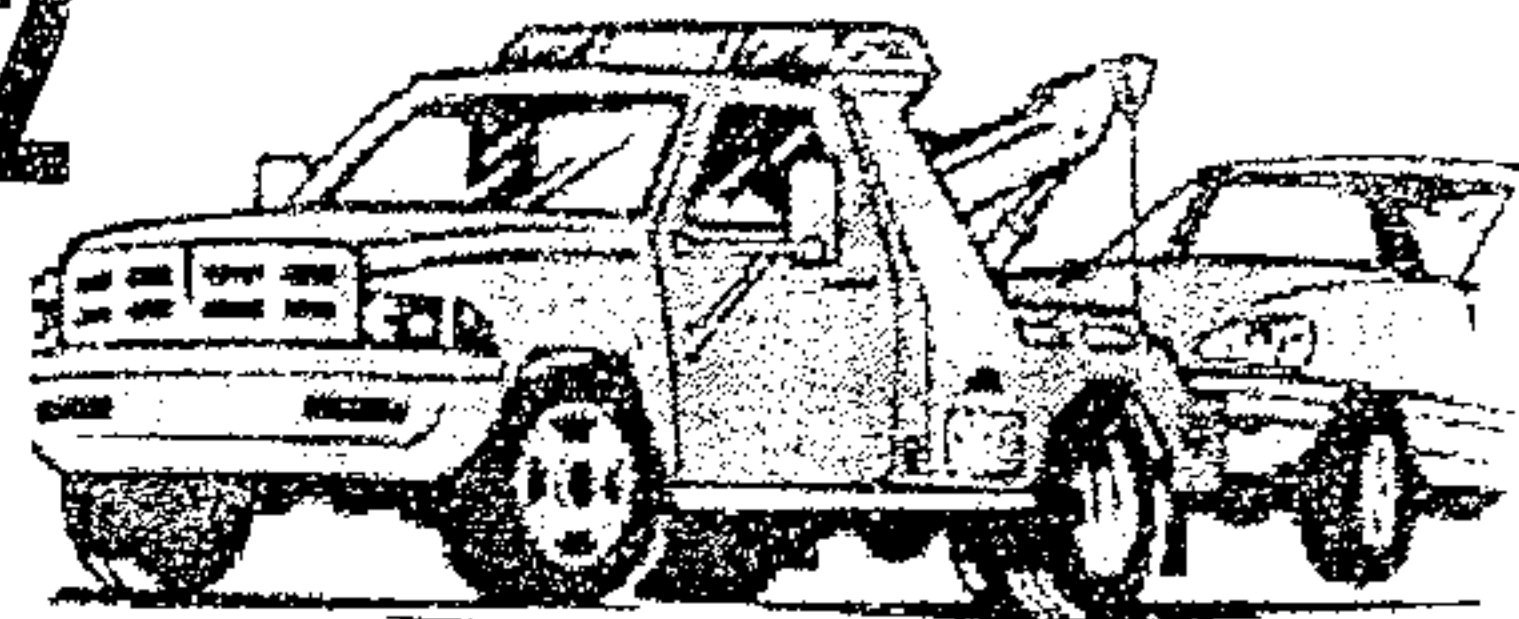
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Deputy Jeremy Garland LCS, was dispatched to a disturbance on I-75 at the 72 exit. Upon my arrival, Deputy made contact with the victim. The victim stated that he and his brother, Anthony Martin, had been in an altercation because Anthony had hit his girlfriend who was in the back seat. Victim stated they were at a pool hall in Knoxville. On their way home, victim called Anthony a name and he began

yelling and swinging at her in the back seat. Victim stopped the vehicle and confronted his brother about hitting a female. Victim then stated that after an argument, he told Anthony to get out of his vehicle. Anthony then grabbed the keys from the ignition of victim vehicle and took off running. He returned a short time after with the keys and the brothers began arguing again. Anthony

and victim then got into a physical altercation which resulted in victim getting a busted lip. Due to the incident inside the vehicle involving both victims suffering a bodily injury, it was determined that Anthony was the primary aggressor. He was then taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. victim did voluntarily write a statement of the events that occurred

animal crush statute. And the FBI began following the videos' digital breadcrumbs, investigating the scope of the business venture, which had Internet-based customers across the U.S. and as far away as Pakistan and Italy.

"They were corresponding with people around the world and

selling these videos," said Special Agent David Ko, who was on the Houston FBI's violent crime squad at the time. "They would ask Richards to put on certain clothing and perform certain acts and send her money. And then she would buy a certain animal and torture and kill it."

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Evidence presented in court included e-mail correspondence with customers containing links to download the video files and thanking them for wiring money transactions. One e-mail dated August 10, 2012 also included a link to a sample video of a dog being slaughtered.

"It is very cruel video with lots of action and sexy scenes you will like," the e-mail stated. "Let me know if you like it and what you can afford."

Richards was sentenced on state charges in 2014 to 10 years in prison. As part of her plea to the federal charges last year, she agreed to testify

against Brent Justice.

Prosecutors showed that Justice handled the business side of the video venture, advertising and promoting the underground business, while Richards served as his performer. During his trial, one of the crush videos was played in open court.

"It's extremely violent. It's tough to watch," said Ko, who reviewed more than 16 hours of video to prepare for the original grand jury indictments in 2012. "It's gratifying to know they're arrested, behind bars, and not doing these types of crimes anymore."

"I am very satisfied with the results," said Hollifield. "It was so horrific. We were determined from the out-

set to make this case." **Good Shepherd Center of Monroe County presents EmiSunshine**

Madisonville native, EmiSunshine gained national attention at the age of nine when a video of her singing Jimmie Rogers "Blue Yodel No. 6" at the Sweetwater Flea Market went viral. That exposure led to an appearance on the Today Show, followed by touring engagements from coast to coast. Emi and her family band have performed on the Grand Ole Opera multiple times and have opened concerts for Willie Nelson and Jason Isbell. They will also be opening two shows for Loretta Lynn later this month. A fourth generation musician, Emi first sang in public at a friends wedding at the age of four, and now at age 12,

she's in the process of finishing production on her fourth album.

This concert is a benefit for our friends at Good Shepherd Center to go towards their much needed building fund. For every dollar raised, an anonymous donor will match the total, so please help spread the word about this event.

The EmiSunshine concert will be: Thursday,

October 13, 2016 Location is the Hiwassee College Buckner Memorial United Methodist Chapel, 225 Hiwassee College Drive, Madisonville, TN 37354. Doors open at 5:30 PM, Show at 6:30 PM. Tickets \$12.00, Kids ages 6 and under free. Tickets may be purchased at the door, Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, Kahite and Rarity Bay Club Houses.

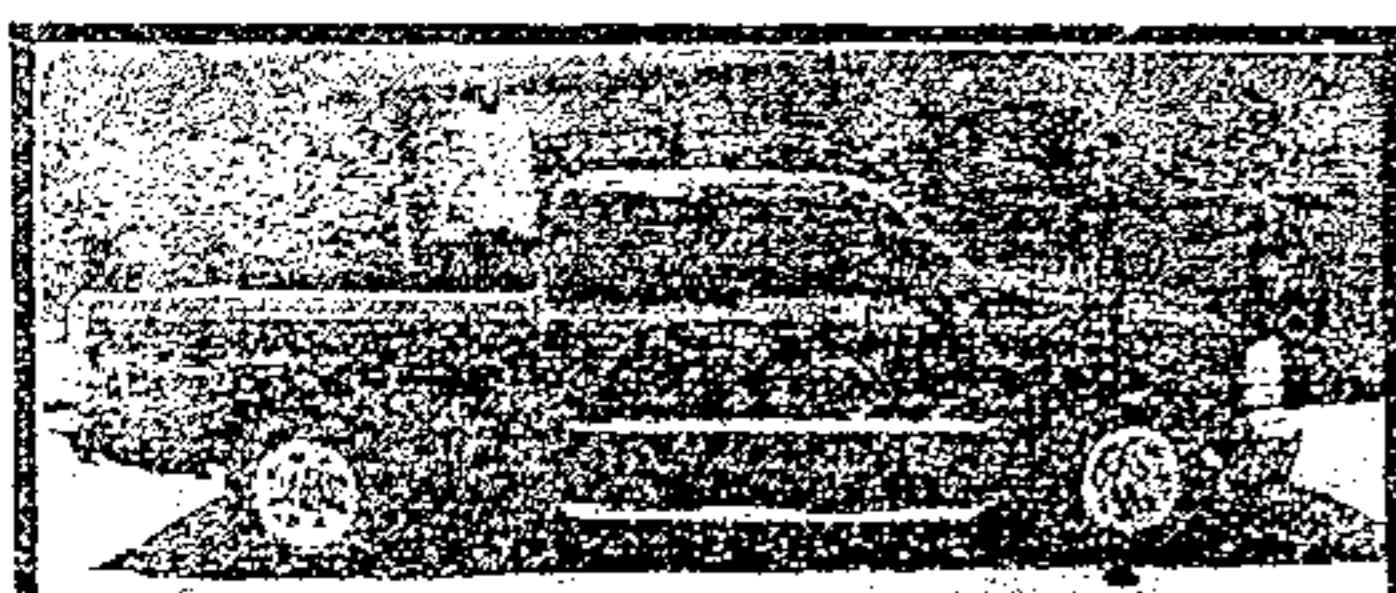
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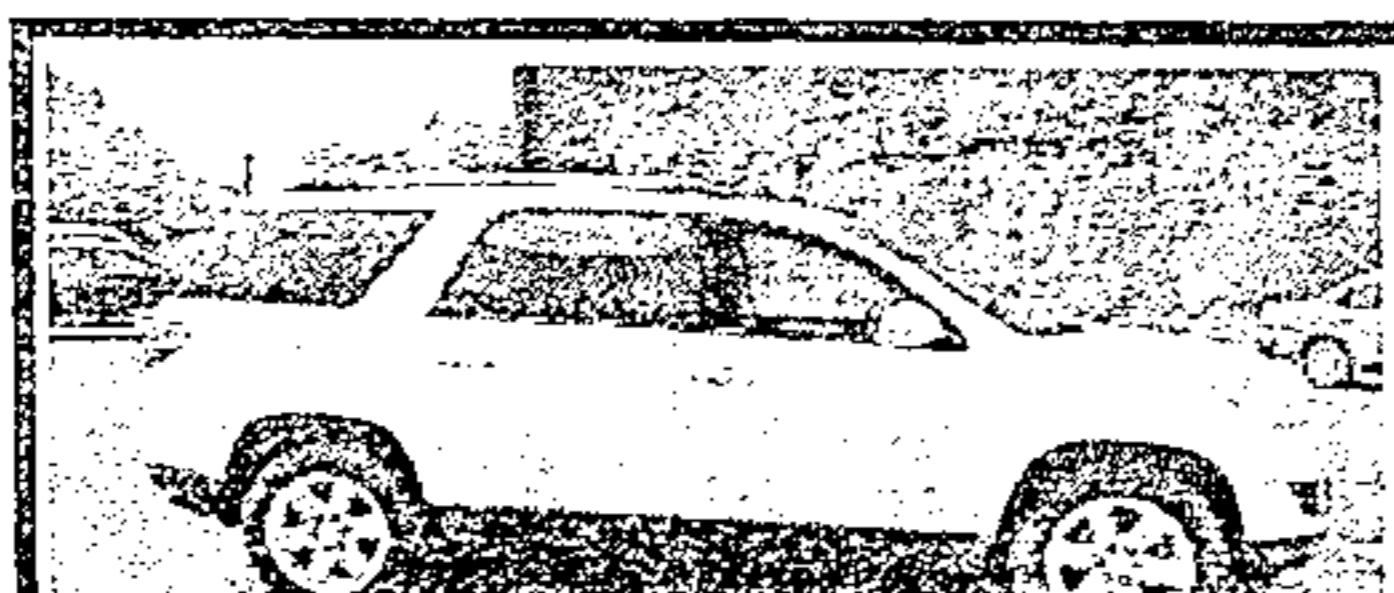
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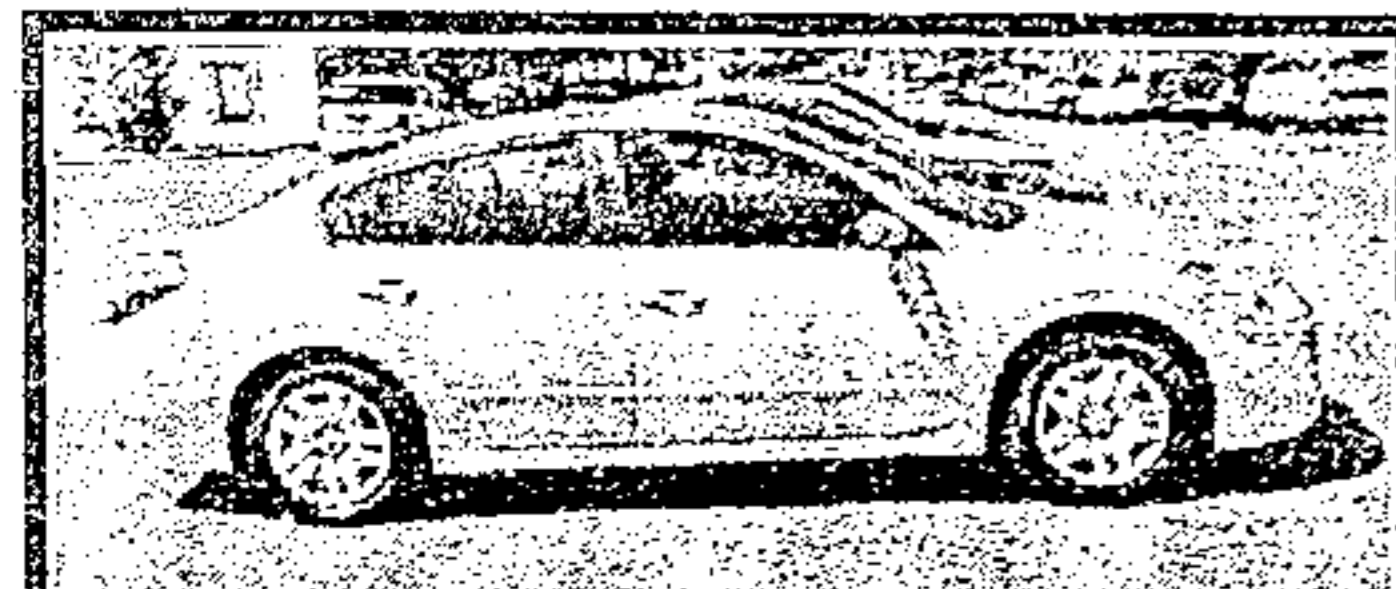
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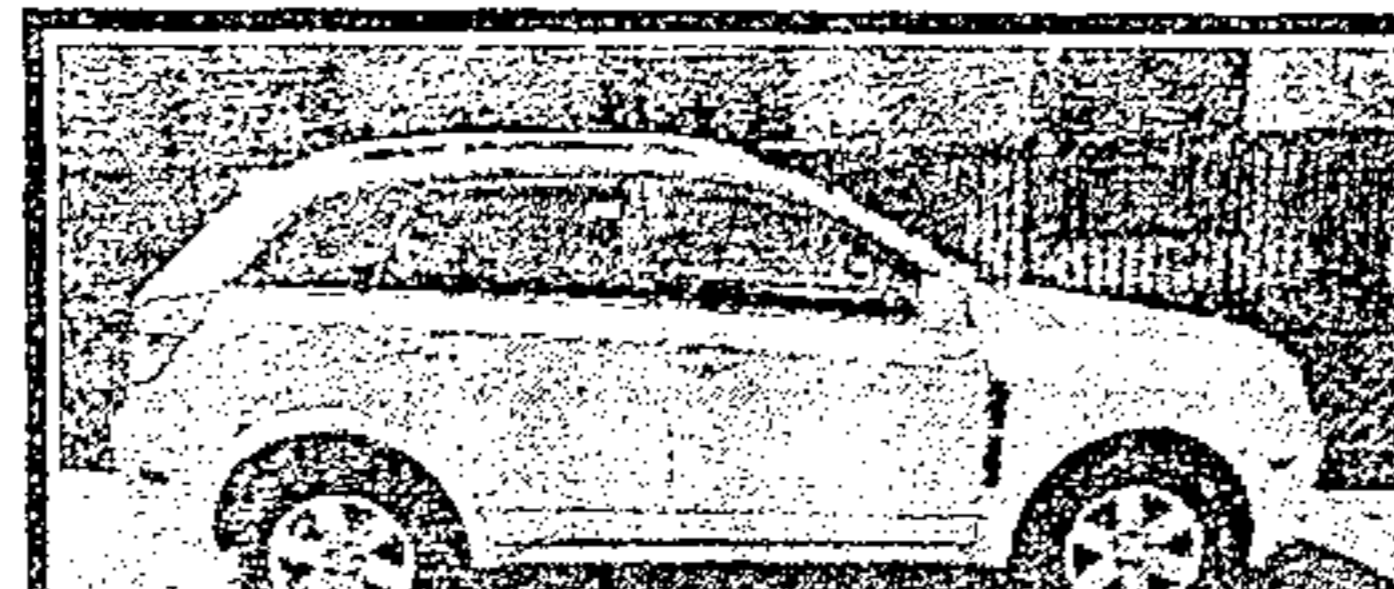
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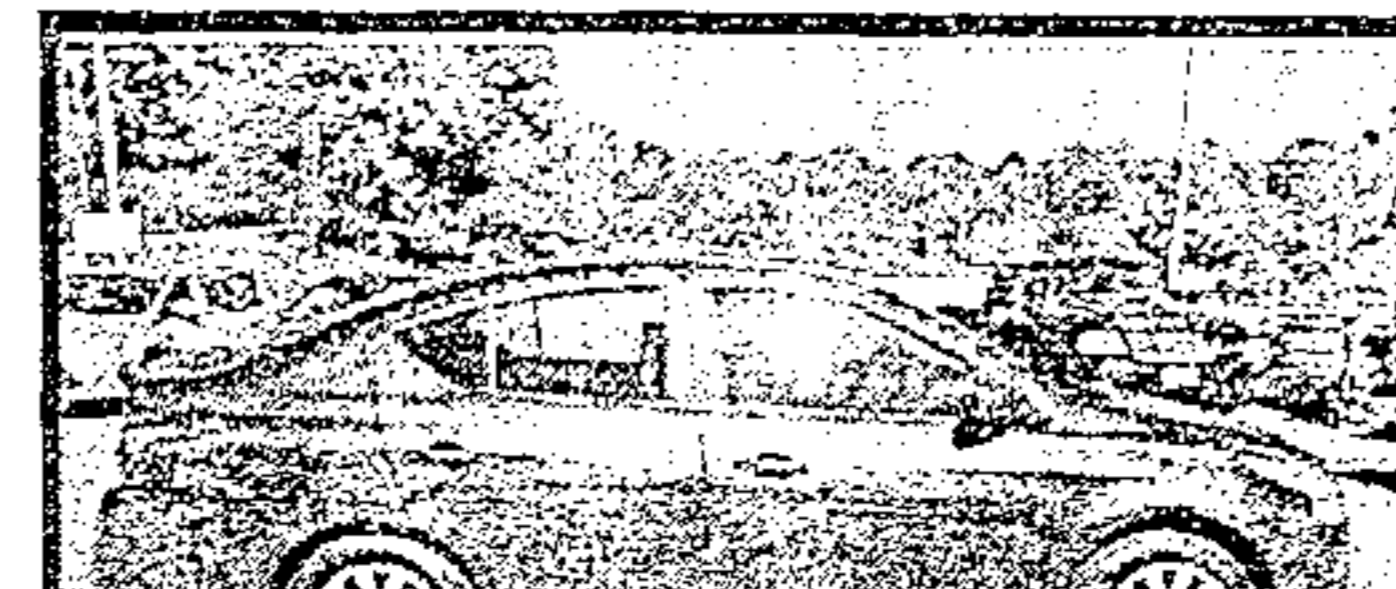
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