

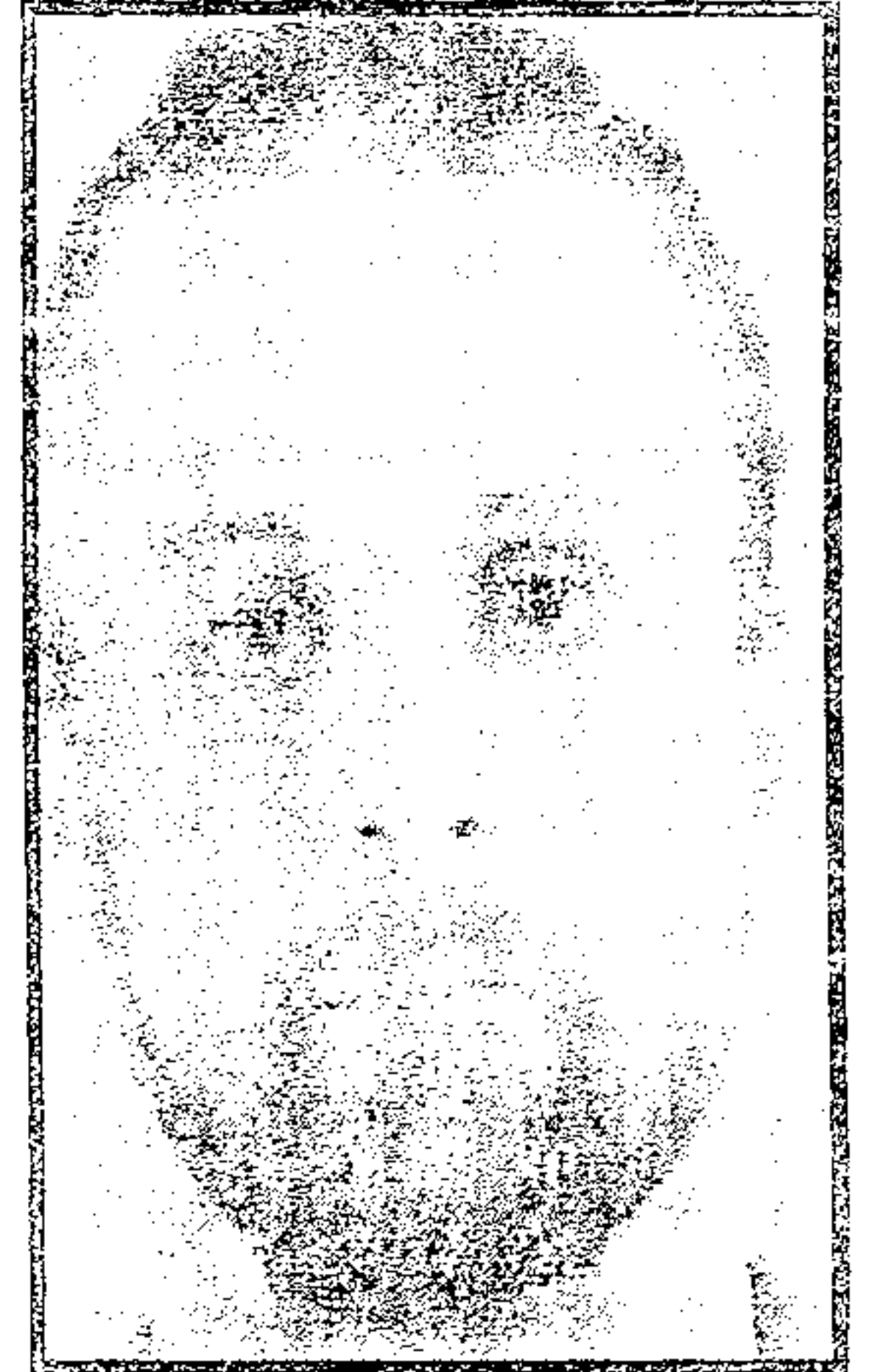
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Thursday, October 6, 2016

Instead of stealing someone else's work how about getting a job!

Struck in the head and still charged!



Timothy Black

I don't know why anybody would call in on me!

Melinda Fortunato (see theft pg. 2)

Former Wayne County Chief Deputy Stole Gas and Cash

A special investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office in conjunction with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has resulted in theft and forgery charges against former Wayne County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Chief Deputy Gerald Baer. The investigation revealed that Baer used two schemes to steal at least \$7,700 dollars from the sheriff's office.

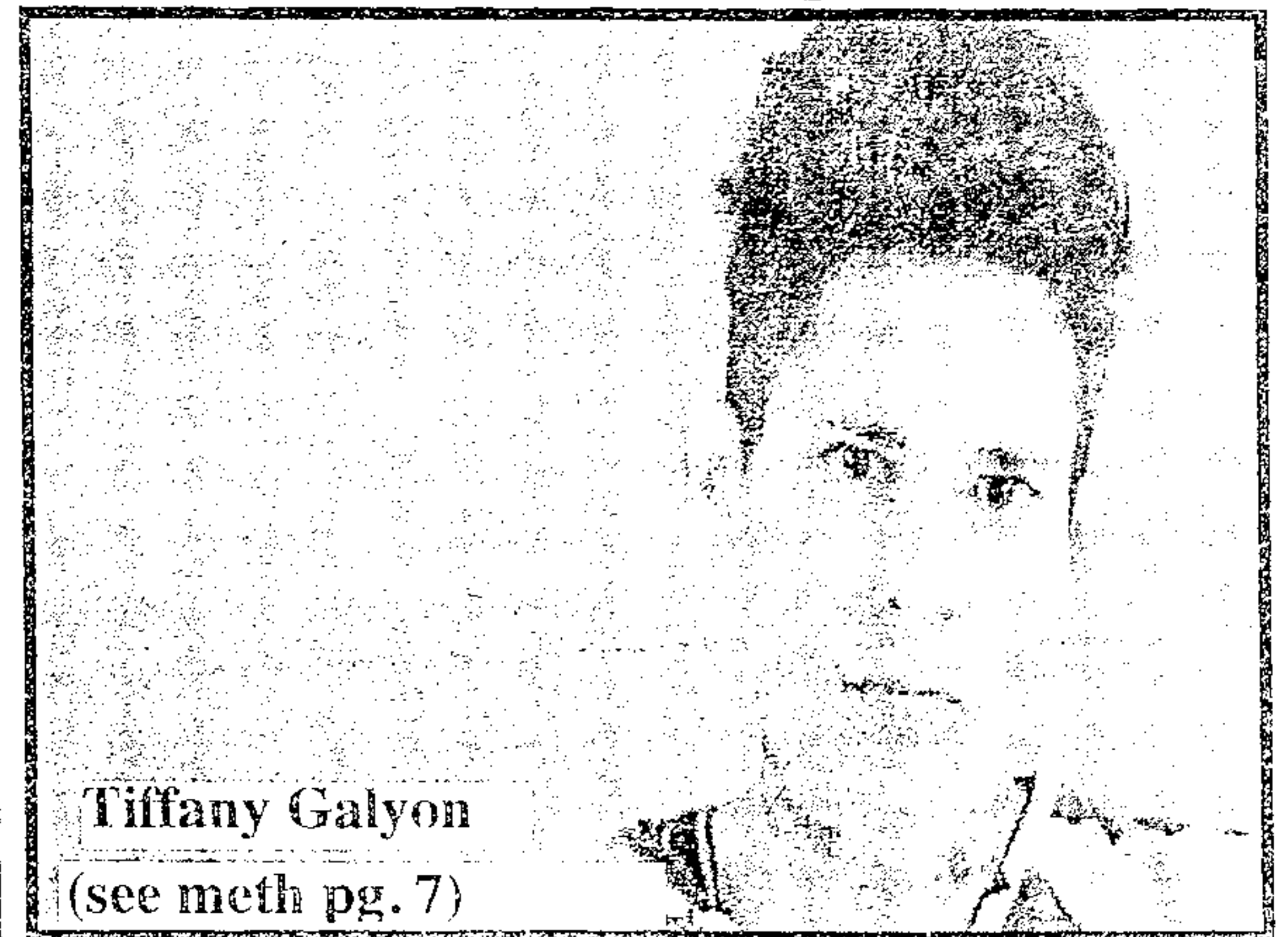
Mr. Baer stole at least \$3,440 by taking cash from WCSO's confidential drug funds. Mr. Baer used white-out, added signatures, and

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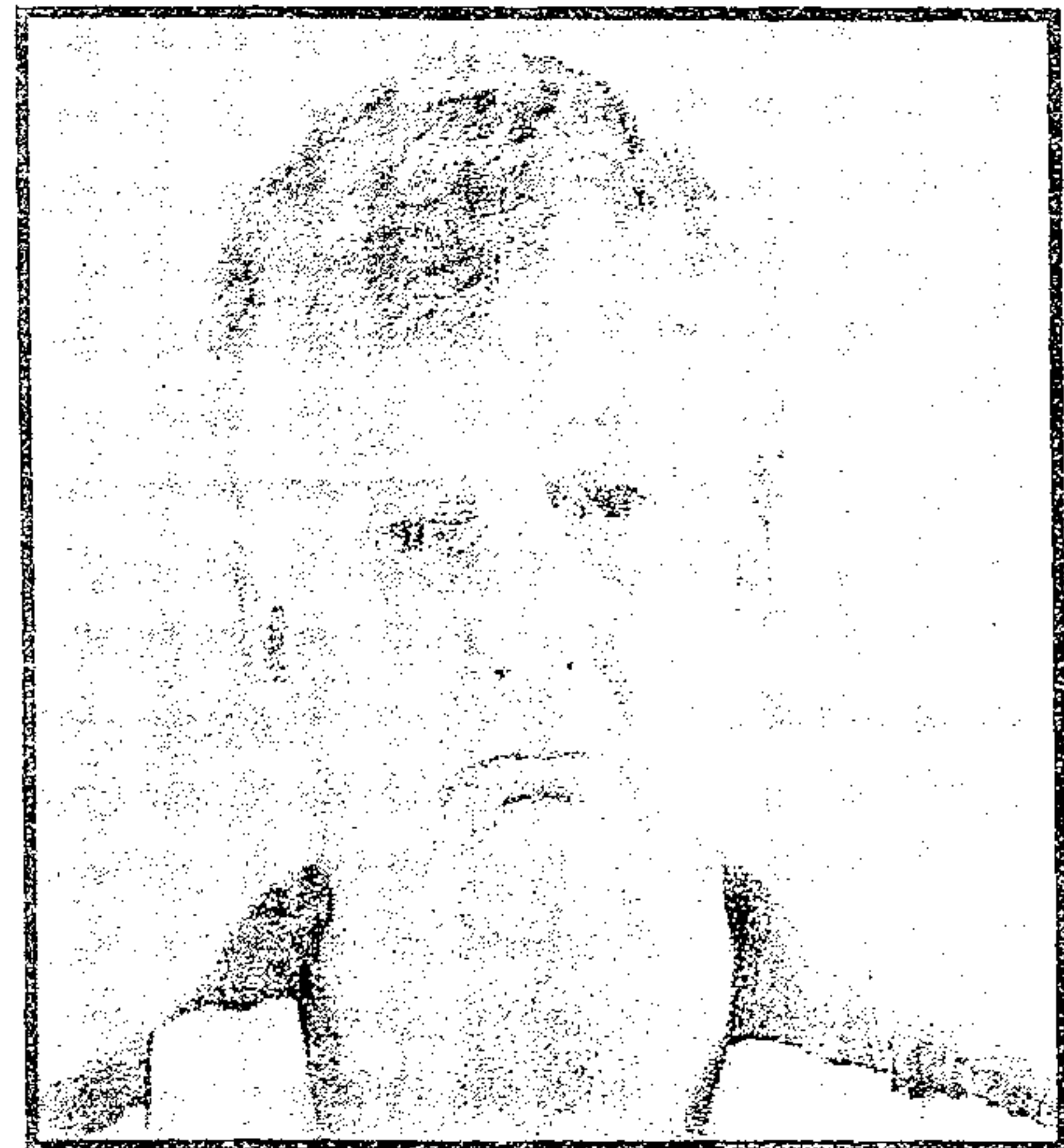
Brittany Arden

Michael Abbott (see assault pg. 3)

Meth and assault charge after attack on girlfriend

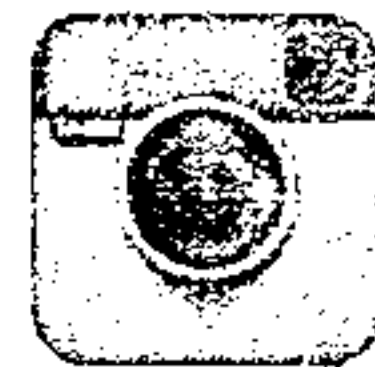


Tiffany Galyon (see meth pg. 7)



John Lawson

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Verse of the Day

Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their

prey and robbing the fatherless. — Isaiah 10:1-2

Obituaries

see inside Wazzup

TTJC karate in Loudon has an upcoming Tourney coming up. Check it out.

Weather

Today: Mainly sunny. High 84F.
Tonight: Clear skies. Low 56F.
Friday: Mainly sunny. High 84F.
Friday Night: Clear skies. Low 61F.

Horoscopes

Libra 9/23-10/22
You are on a mission to expand your mind and deepen your understanding of the complexities of the universe. But an irrepressible square from super-hero Mars to (Continued on page 6)



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Theft

Melinda Fortunato, 53, County Road Sweetwater, was charged with Theft of Property, Criminal Impersonation, Habitual Motor Offender, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Timothy Black, 56, Monroe Street Sweetwater, was charged with Theft of Property, and Assisting other

Agency.

Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, observed a red vehicle pull into the Dixie Lee Nursery and start loading plants into the vehicle. On approaching Deputy found a female and a male in the vehicle. Female gave a name of Eva. Upon finding a black pouch thrown under Deputy vehicle it was found out that

female name was actually Melinda Fortunato. The female informed Deputy after being mirandized they were there to steal the plants and sell them so she could get her power turned back on at

home. Upon checking Melinda through dispatch revealed her license were revoked, and was a habitual motor offender. The male identified as Timothy Black was checked through dispatch

(see theft ctd. pg. 8)



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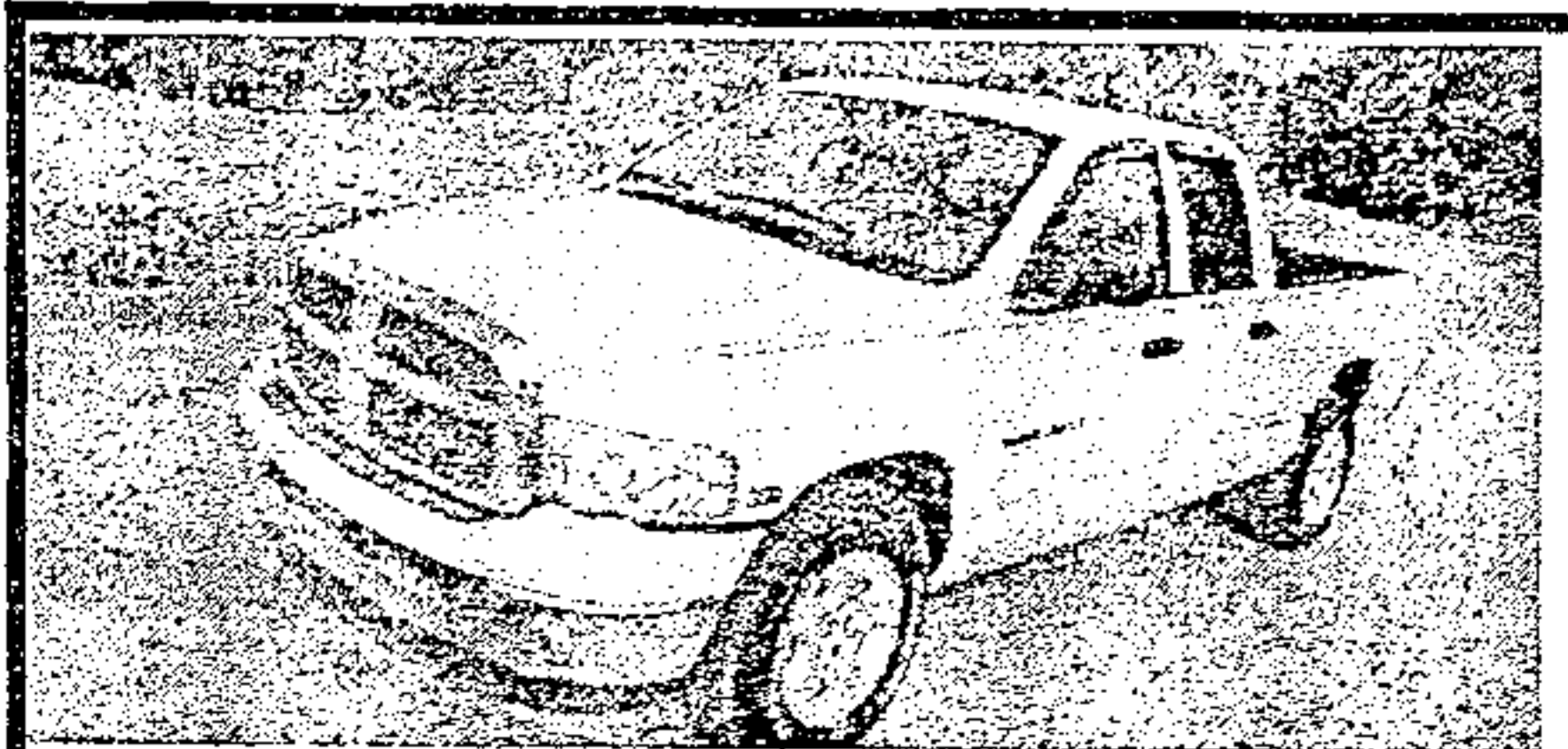
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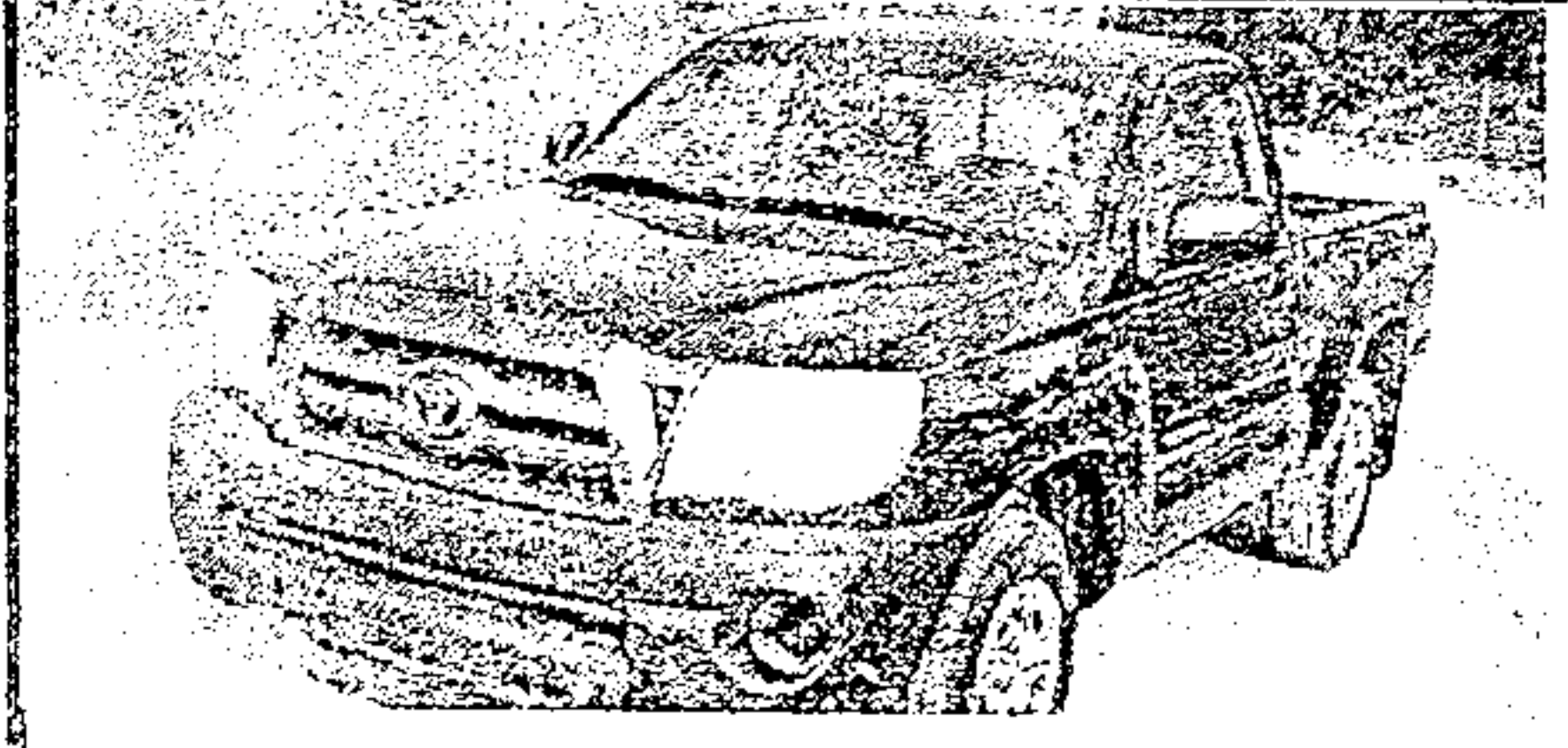
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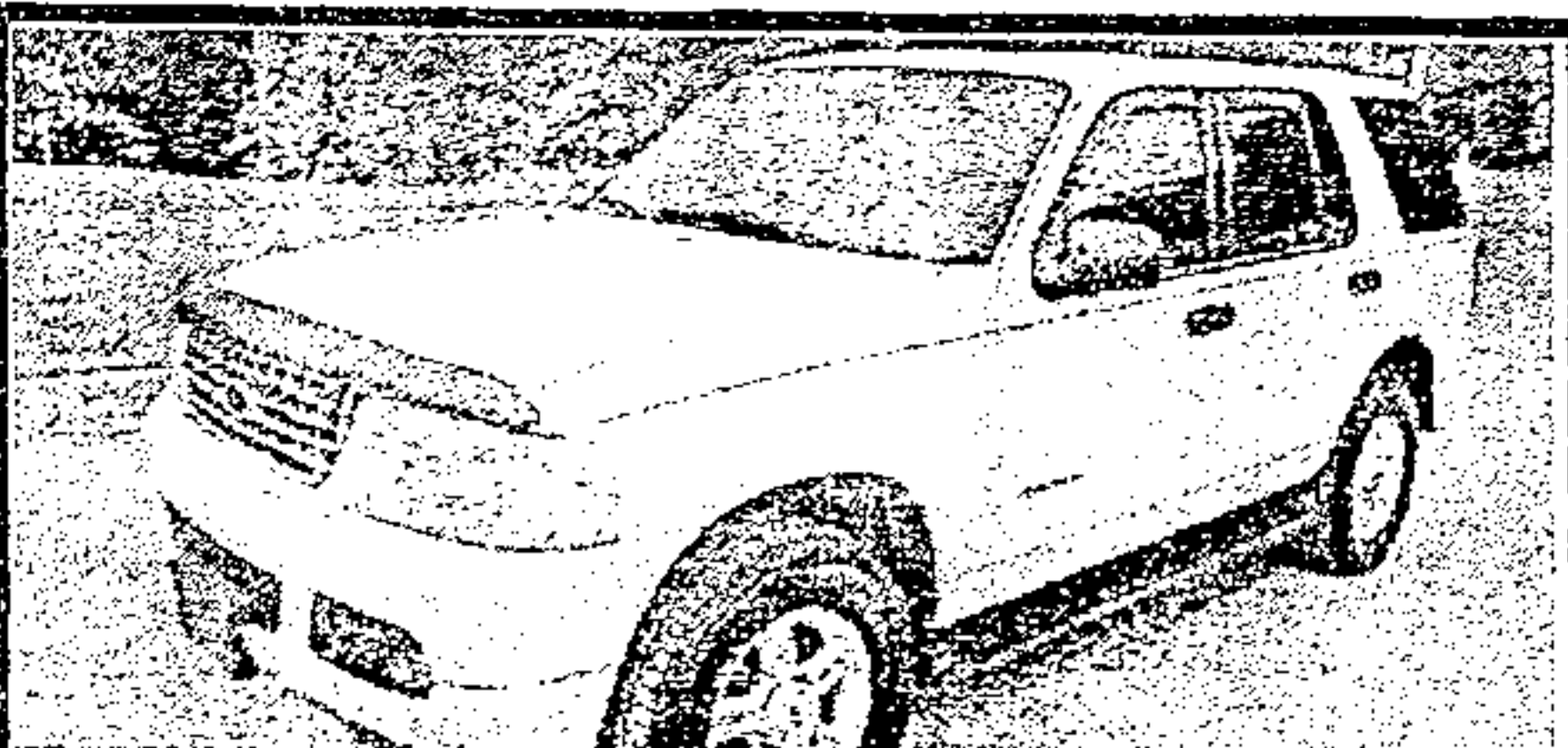
2006 Mustang GT V8 Power, Leather, Loaded, PW, PL, PS, Alloy Wheels, Low Miles



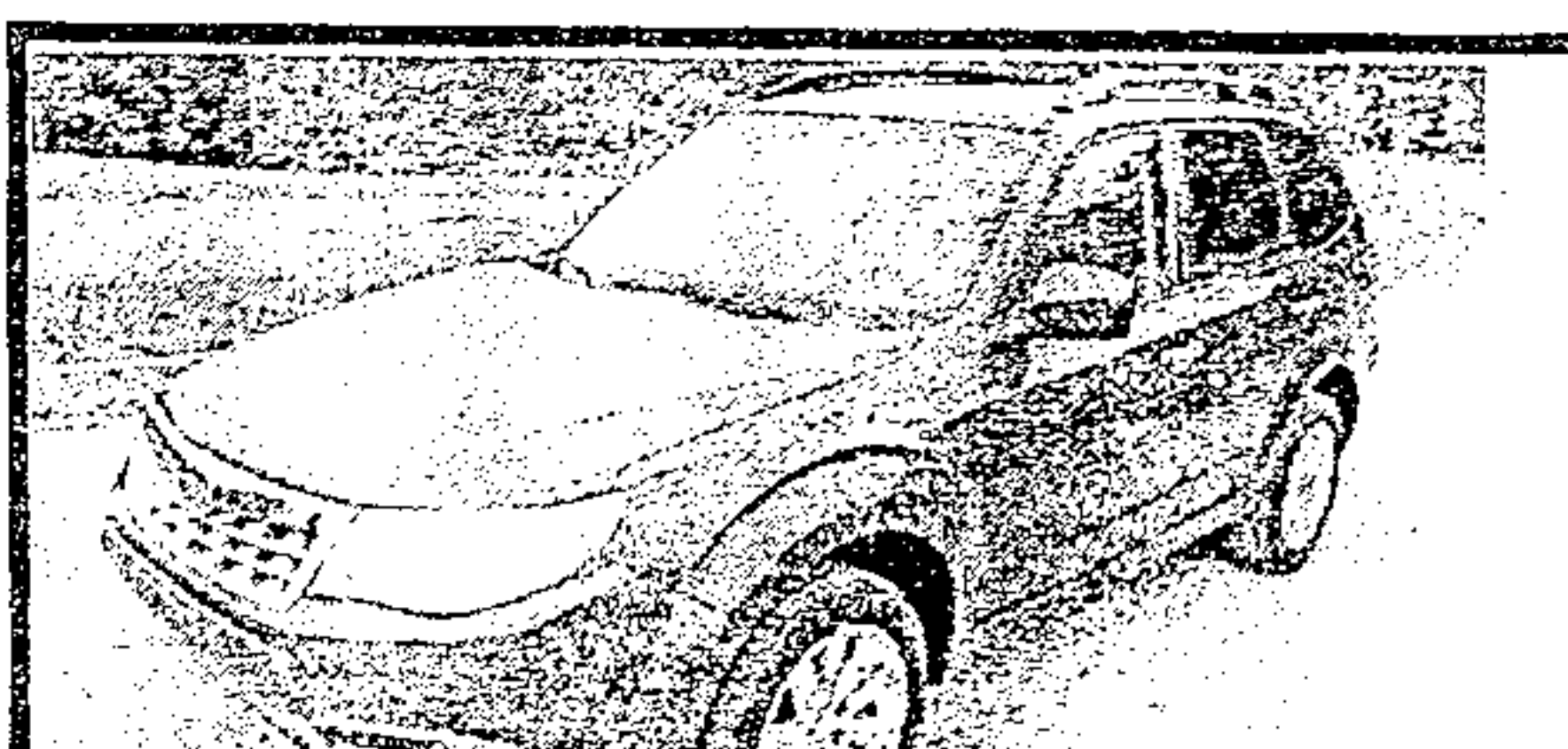
2005 Dodge Ram Like New, Bed Liner, Low Miles, AC, PW, PL, Hemi, Cruise



2009 Toyota Tacoma 5 Speed, Cold Air, Gas Saver, Tilt Wheel, Alloy Wheels, Bed Liner



2005 Ford Explorer XLT 4X4, PW, PL, 3rd Row Seating, Rear AC, Leather, Low Payments



2011 Subaru Forester Gas Saver, Auto, PW, PL, PS, Alloy Wheels, AWD

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Assault

Brittany Arden, 29, Kingwood Street Kingston, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Brandon Nix LPD, was dispatched to Collins Street for a Domestic Assault.

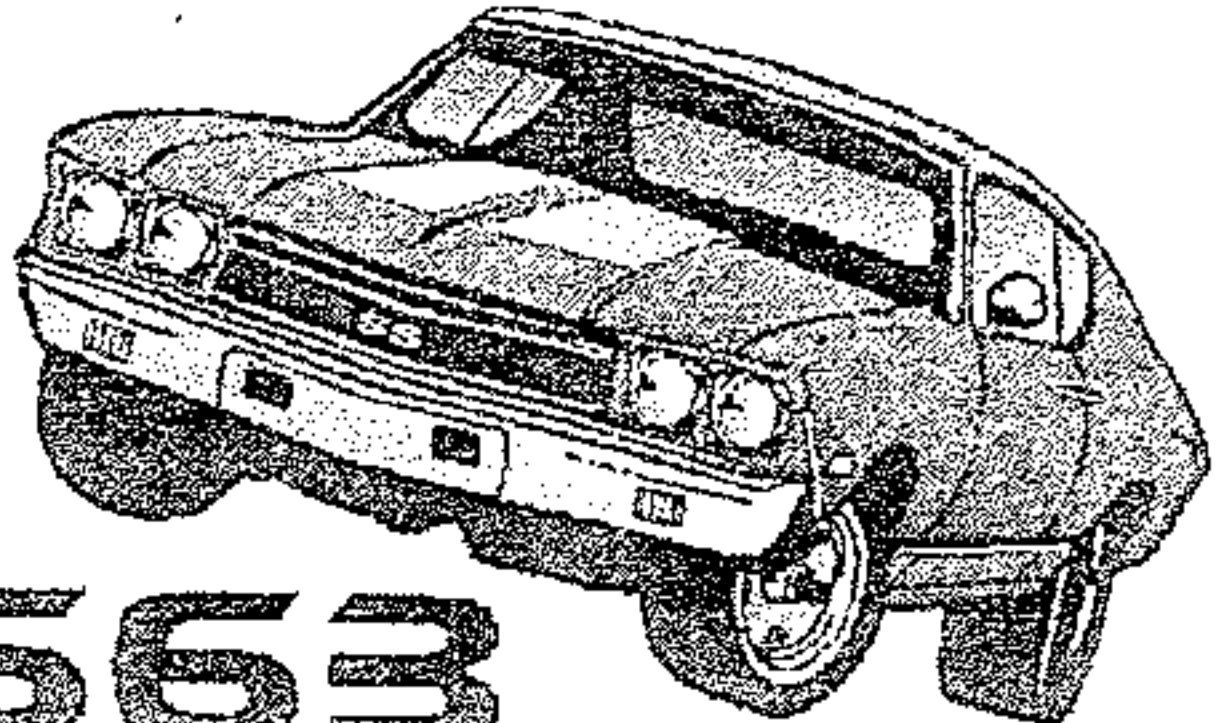
Michael Abbott, 35, King Wood Street Kingston, was charged with Failure to Appear.

Upon arrival Officer made contact with the complainant Michael Abbott, who stated his wife Brittany Arden had


physically assaulted him. Michael stated they had been arguing due to Brittany wanting to leave the residence on which Michael was working. Michael stated he unloaded some lumber out of the vehicle and went inside to look for his measuring tape. Michael then went back to his vehicle to look for the tape, and Brittany was inside the vehicle. Michael stated as he tried to unlock the vehicle, Brittany would lock them. Michael got in the vehicle and looked

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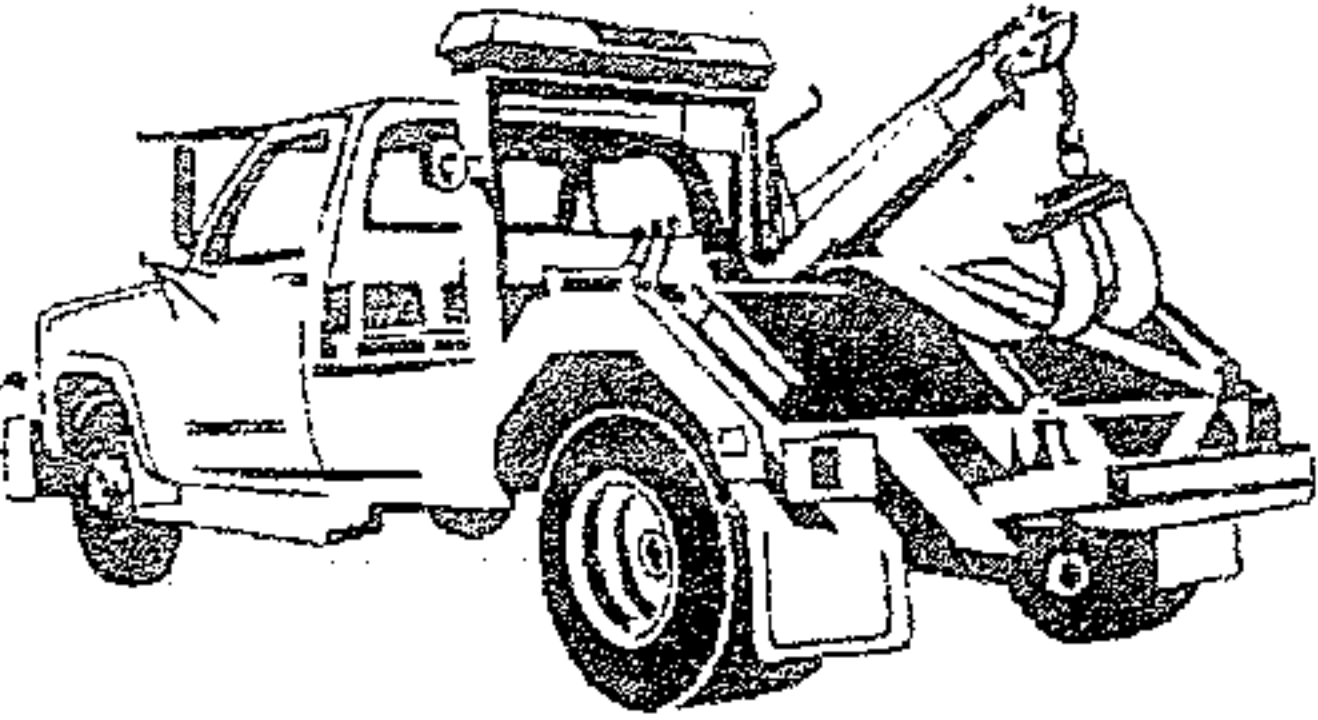
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copied thumbprints on documents to conceal his theft. More than 100 documents were fabricated by Mr. Baer.

Additionally, investigators determined that Gerald Baer used a WCSO fuel card to make unauthorized purchases totaling at least \$4,283. Some of this gas was purchased in Florida during a trip to Walt Disney World. Furthermore, Mr. Baer, who also served as a City of Waynesboro alderman, made fuel purchases with the sheriff's office card while traveling on city business. Mr. Baer was then reimbursed by the city for the related mileage.

Mr. Baer admitted that he used the fuel card for his personal benefit and took

money from the confidential drug funds. He stated he was financially stressed and used the money to pay his everyday living expenses.

Gerald Baer resigned after speaking with Comptroller investigators on May 18, 2016.

On September 29, 2016, Gerald Baer was indicted by the Wayne County Grand Jury on two counts of theft over \$1,000, 111 counts of forgery, and one count of official misconduct.

"Problems like these can be avoided with improved oversight and documentation," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "For example, one person should not be left alone to oversee the full administration of confidential drug funds. The

risk of fraud is great. I am pleased to see the Sheriff indicate that he is correcting these problems."

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/> **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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Dui

John Lawson, 61, Benton Pk Cleveland, was charged with DUI.

Officer Marty Ward LPD, was dispatched to the Weigels on Hwy 72 to a subject possibly passed out in his vehicle in the middle of the parking lot between the last gas pump and the Bojangles. Upon arrival Officer noticed the vehicle and he saw

a white male slumped over to the center console area of the vehicle. Officer approached the vehicle on the passenger side and said, "Hey Partner, are you ok" and the subject immediately sat upright and drove away. He left the parking lot and turned left toward Hwy 72 without turning his headlights on and failed to stop at the stop sign. He then turned right onto Hwy

72 still with no headlights and accelerated to 57 mph in a 45 zone, then turned left onto the south bound on ramp of I 75 without utilizing his turn signal. Officer stopped the vehicle at this time and identified the driver as Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lawson stated he hadn't had anything to drink and wouldn't have any idea why someone would call in on him for sitting

in the Weigels parking lot. Mr. Lawson had slurred speech and a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. Officer asked Mr. Lawson to do some field sobriety tests and he said yes. Officer had Mr. Lawson perform three separate sobriety tests and Officer assessed that he was too intoxicated to drive a motor vehicle. Officer asked Mr. Lawson

once more how much he'd had to drink and he said a few beers at a local establishment. Mr. Lawson also had an open cold beer in the cup holder and eight more in the passenger floor board. Mr. Lawson was arrested for DUI and transported to the Loudon County Jail. Mr. Lawson submitted to a breath test and blew .187.

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under the seat when Brittany struck him with a closed fist in his neck and facial area. Officer did notice red marks to Michael face and neck area. Brittany was placed under arrest. After running a warrant check on both parties revealed Michael to have a Capias Warrant out of Lenoir City. Both parties were placed under arrest.

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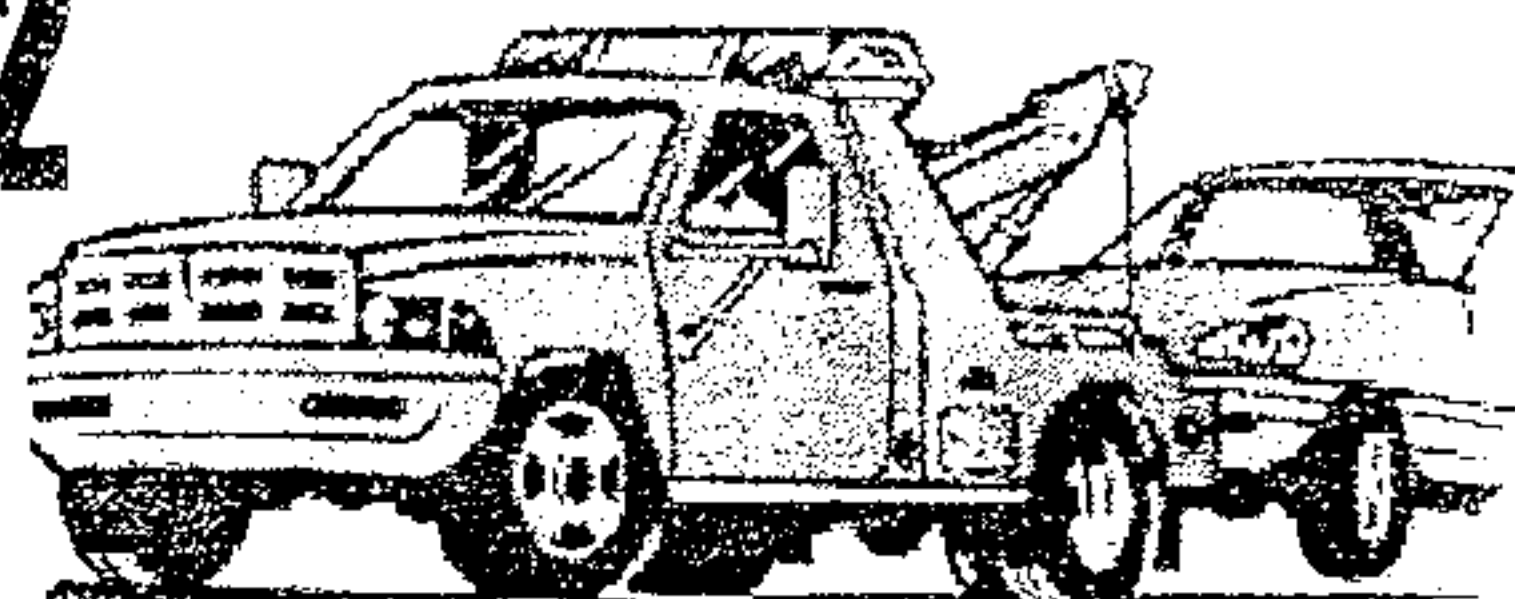
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Meth

Tiffany Galyon, 38, Waller Circle Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault, and Simple Possession. Deputy Jeremy Garland LCSO, was dispatched to Watkins Road in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the victim, who advised she was attempting to get her things from a vehicle at this residence, Victim stated that her girlfriend Tiffany Galyon became angry when victim got a call from an ex-girlfriend. Victim stated that Tiffany smacked her in

the head then punched her in the face busting her lip. Victim stated she ran to the bathroom to clean the blood off herself and every time victim tried to leave Tiffany would come after her. Deputy spoke with the homeowner and ask for consent to search consent was granted. Deputy located a small black box and a white tray in a cabinet that contained a white crystal substance believed to

be meth. tiffany stated the meth belonged to her. Tiffany was placed under arrest.

TennCare's New Approach to Payment Shows Savings

Episodes of care is a leading value-based strategy, reduced costs by at least \$11.1 million

Dr. Wendy Long, director of TennCare, the state of Tennessee's Medicaid program, announced today that doctors and hospitals reduced costs while maintaining quality of care in the first year of TennCare's episodes of care value-based payment strategy.

Episodes of care is one of several value-based strategies that

TennCare has advanced in the past few years through the Tennessee Health Care Innovation Initiative. Since 2013, TennCare and major health insurers in Tennessee have worked together to move from paying for volume to paying for value. Increasingly, health care providers are being rewarded for positive outcomes including high quality and efficient treatment of medical conditions and maintaining people's health over time.

"We launched the Health Care Innovation Initiative in February 2013 to make health care in Tennessee a value-based system focused on efficiency, quality of care and the patient experience. The state has established it-

self as a leader in paying for value in health care, and these results are an early and exciting indication of the promise of our approach," said Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam.

Results after the first year showed a reduction in costs of 3.4 percent in perinatal, 8.8 percent in asthma exacerbation, and 6.7 percent in total joint replacement (hips and knees). Overall, the cost for services in these three types of episodes was \$6.3 million less than the previous year, even though medical costs were projected to increase by 5.5 percent nationally. Conservatively assuming a 3 percent increase would have taken place in the absence TNcare ctd.. pg. 8

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and revealed him to be wanted out of Monroe. Both were placed under arrest.

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sence of this initiative, these episodes reduced costs by \$11.1 million.

“Episodes of care are helping us achieve low trends and reductions in costs, which is great news for Tennessee taxpayers,” Dr. Long said. “We achieved these reductions while continuing to provide high-quality care for TennCare members.” In an episode of care, providers can receive financial rewards if the services a patient received meet certain quality measures and are cost effective.

The results are from

the first three episodes implemented. In 2016, five additional types of health care services were added to the episodes list: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbation, colonoscopy, acute and non-acute percutaneous coronary intervention, and cholecystectomy. The state plans to have 75 episodes designed by 2020.

Episodes of care are becoming a more common approach to payment in Tennessee and nationally. Some providers have already engaged in episodes of care agreements for commercial insurance and for Medicare. More commercial insurers are expected to ramp up episodes programs in Tennessee next year. Medicare recently

made a joint replacement episode payment mandatory for 75 cities across the country including Memphis and Nashville. Medicare further announced that it plans to implement a mandatory episode program for all care associated with bypass surgery and heart attacks in July 2017.

For more information on the Tennessee Health Care Innovation Initiative including details on episodes of care, please visit <http://tn.gov/hcfa/section/strategic-planning-and-innovation-group>.

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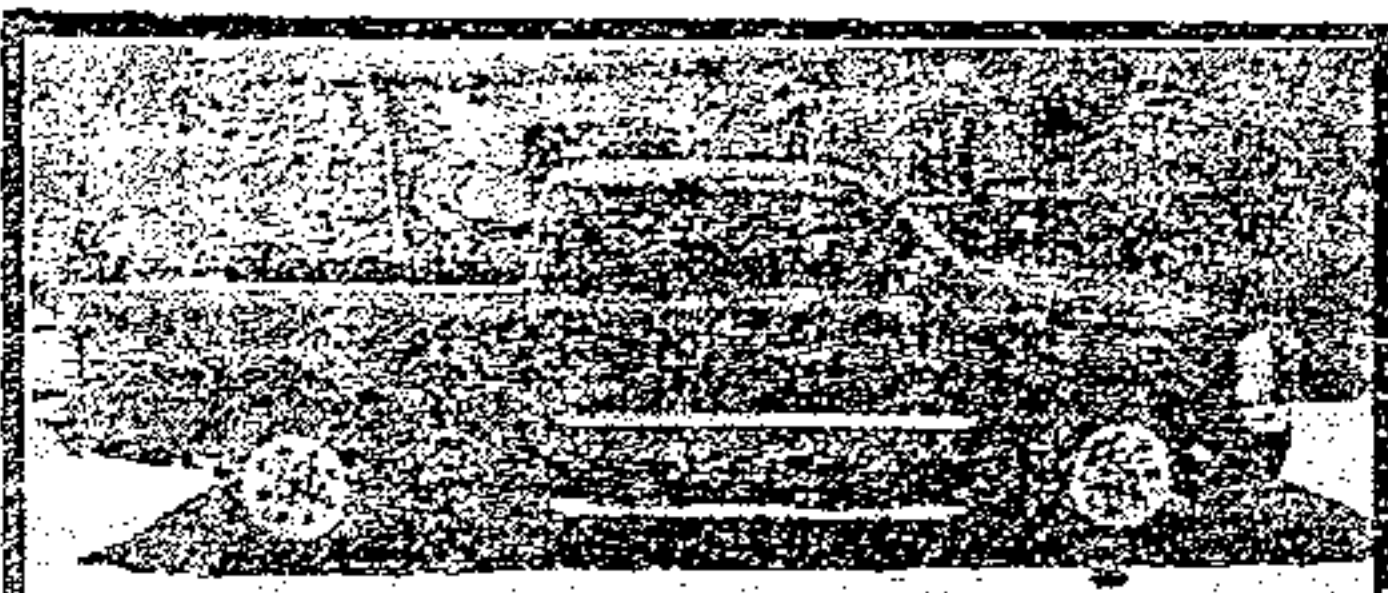
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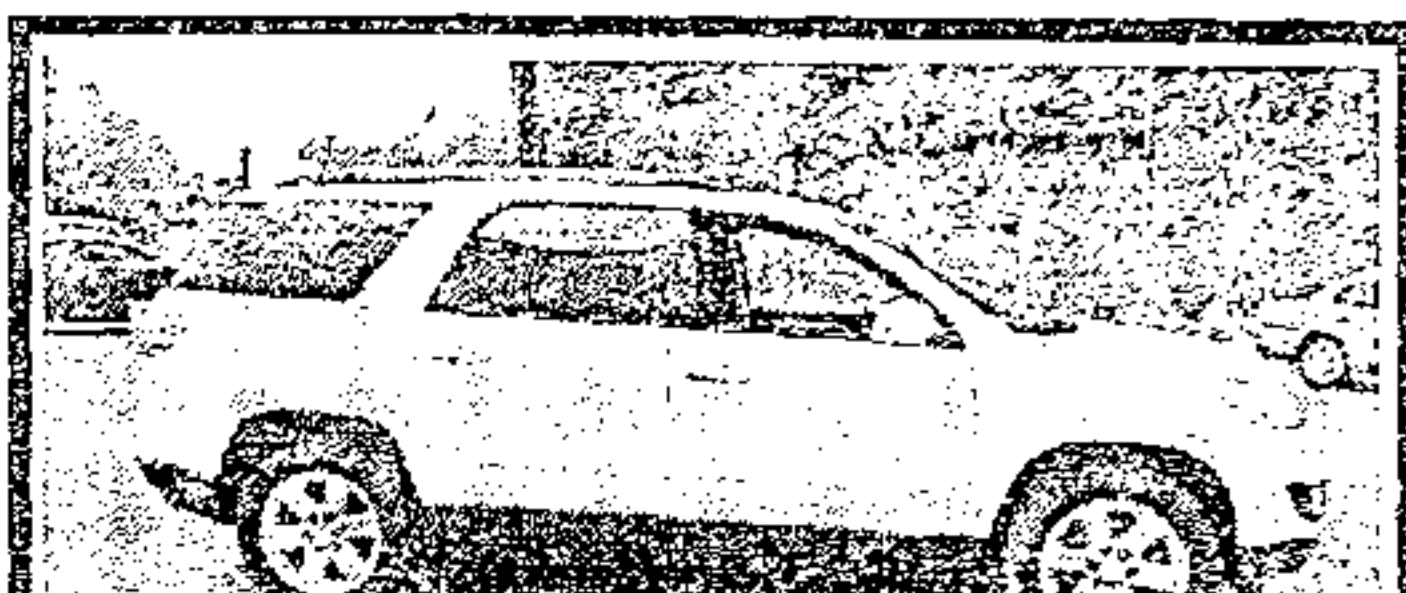
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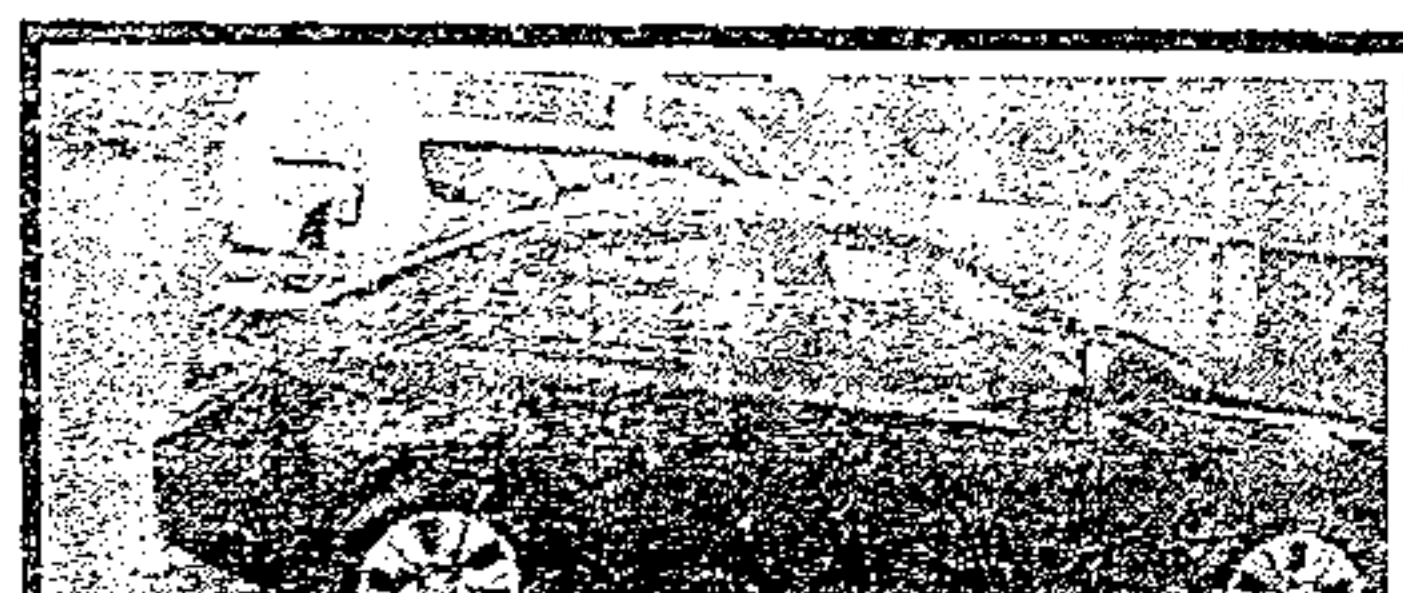
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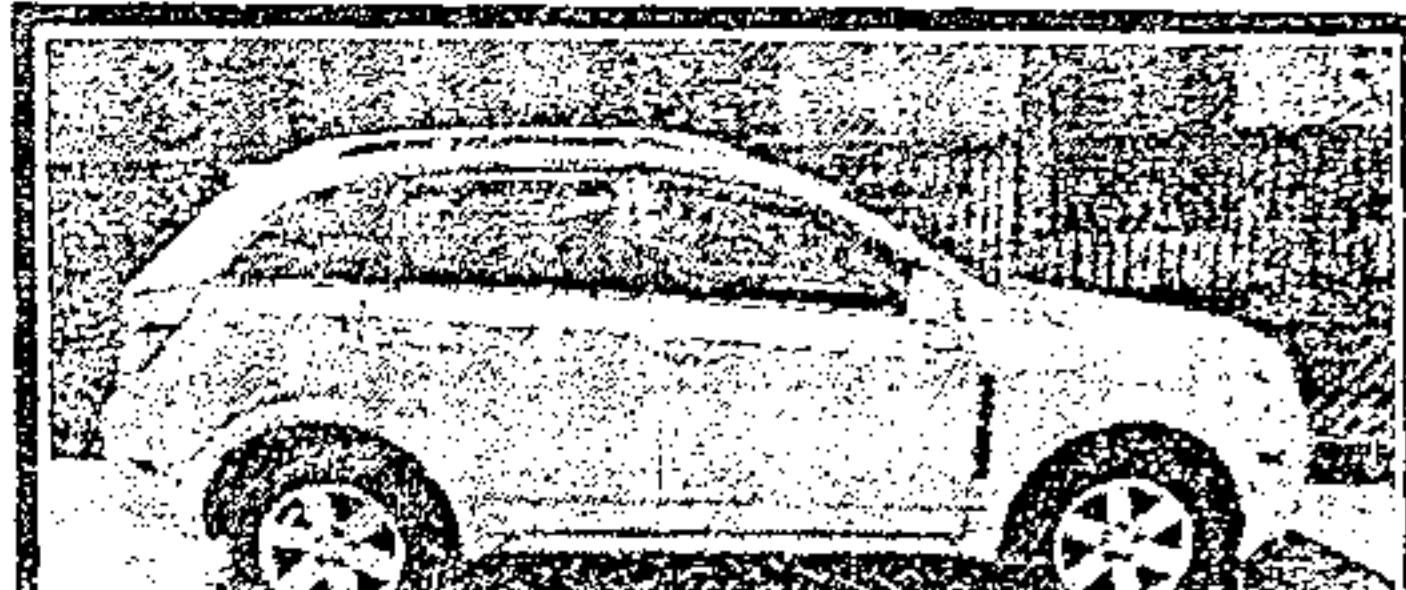
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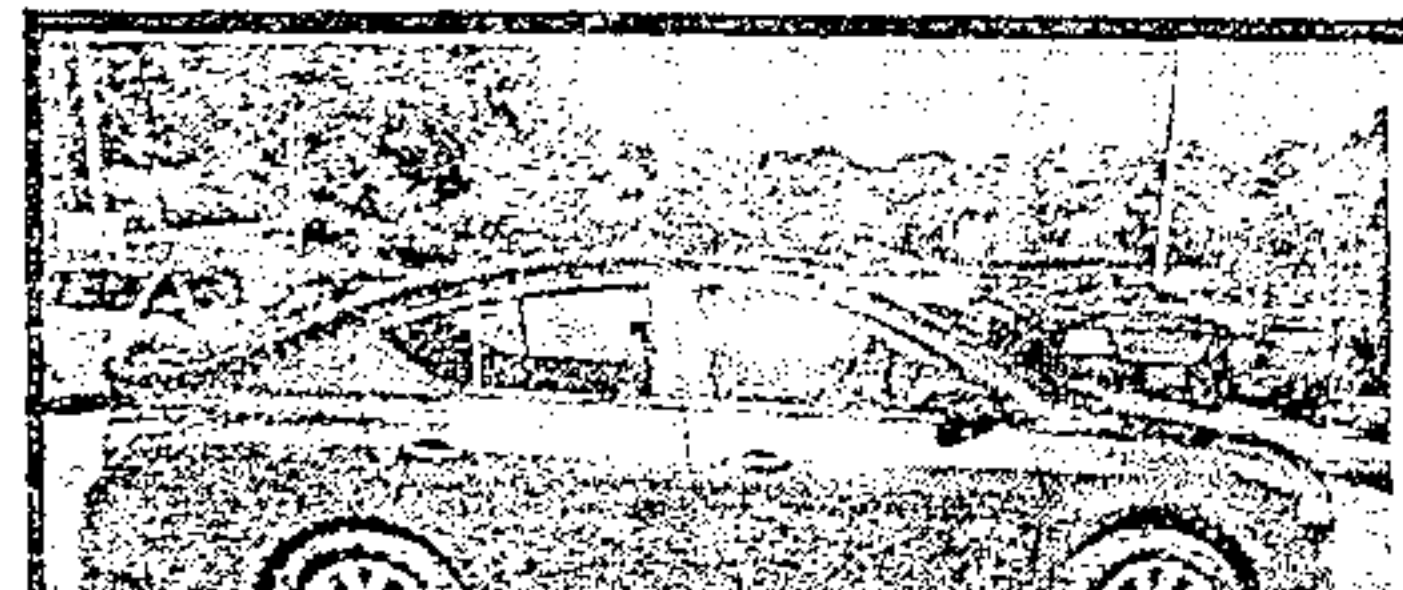
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