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Monday, November 14, 2016

## Gun pulled during Village War of the Bushes

Ralph Williams, 77, Elohi Way Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault.

Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, responded to said location Elohi Way to a dispute between neighbors and 1 party displaying a hand gun.

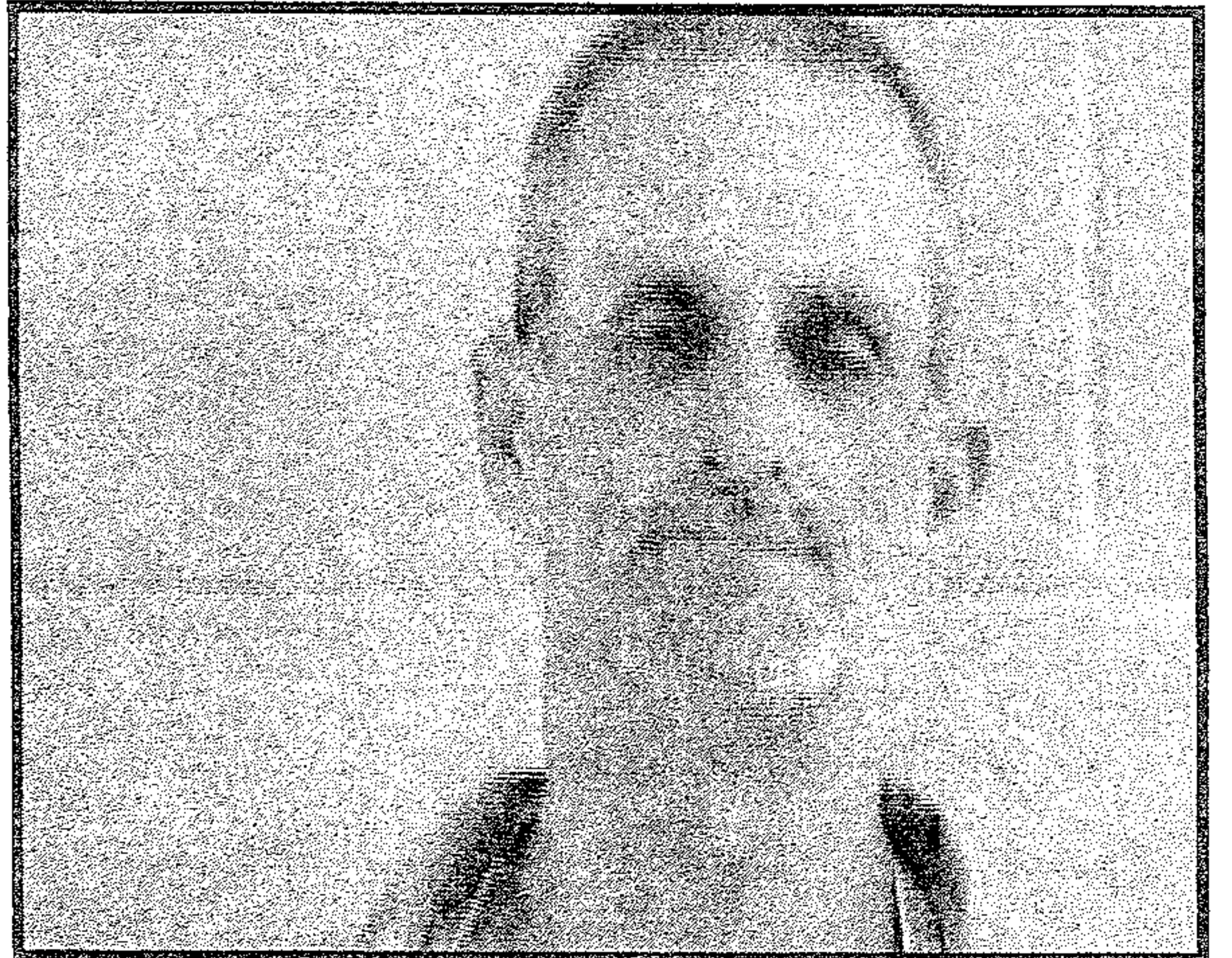
Deputy arrived on scene with both neighbors separated and spoke to the complainant/victim. Vic-

(see gun pg. 2)



Ralph Williams

## DUI for reckless driver after LCSO stop



Jackie Davis

(see DUI pg. 4)

## Jonesborough resident sentenced to serve 42 months in prison for possession of firearm after felony conviction

Benjamin Harold Hall, 35, of Jonesborough, Tenn., was sentenced on Nov. 10, 2016, by the Honorable Pamela L. Reeves, U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 42 months in federal prison.

Hall pleaded guilty in June of 2016 to being a felon in possession of two firearms. The firearms were discovered when he was arrested by officers, after an August 2015 domestic altercation at his residence in

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## A Legacy of Crime Brought to an End

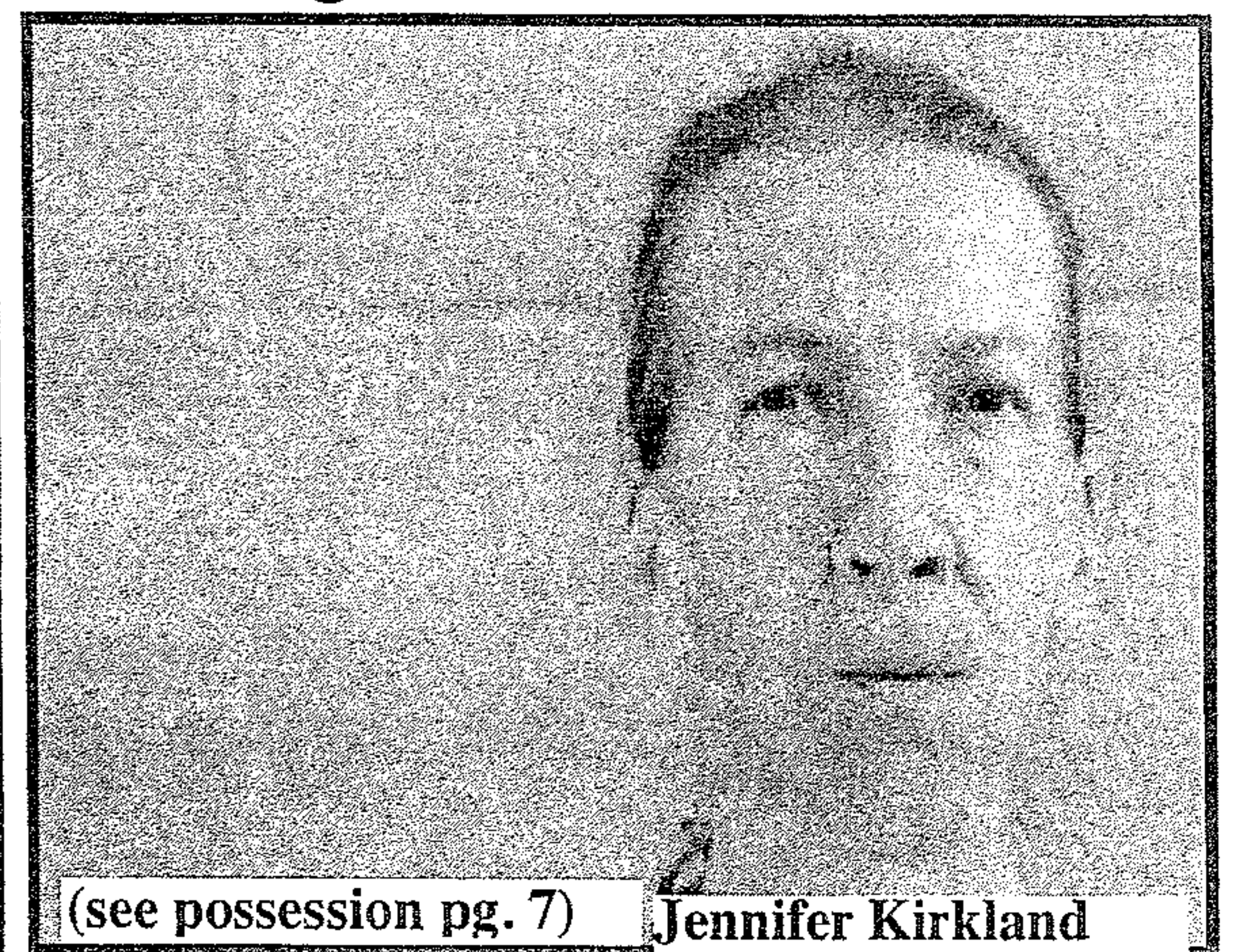
Violent Gang Leader in Buffalo Sentenced for Role in Murders

The 7th Street Gang once operated on the lower West Side of Buffalo, New York, but gang activity in the area has diminished considerably thanks to the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force.

The 7th Street Gang in Buffalo, New York was once considered one of the most violent criminal organizations in the city. It terrorized the surrounding neighborhood while its leader, Efrain "Cheko" Hidalgo, led a bloody turf war with a rival gang. Murders and shoot-

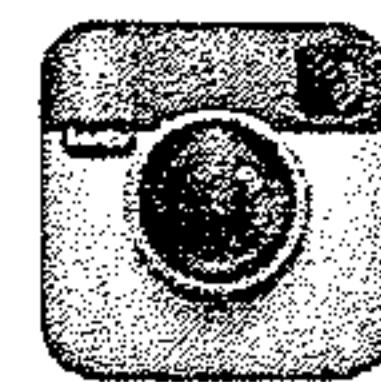
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## Possession charge follows weaving across road line



(see possession pg. 7)

Jennifer Kirkland



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### Verse of the Day

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And

they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. — Hebrews 11:13

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

Are you serious? Ri-

ots, demonstrations all over the election that 7 out of 10 of the protestors didn't even vote in? College kids getting therapy? Where did we go

wrong?

### Weather

Today: Sunny skies. High 66F.

Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low 37F.

Tuesday Partly cloudy High around 65F.

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**Gun**

tim gave verbal and written statements that he started planting bushes on common property. Victim stated that the neighbor Mr. Ralph Williams confronted him on where he was planting the bushes. A verbal argument ensued with Mr. Williams cursing at the neighbor about the bushes and other family problems. Mr. Williams

than began cursing at victim and stating that he was tired of people taking advantage of him and that he carries a gun and nobody will take advantage of him again. Victim then asks if he has a gun. At this point Mr. Williams began to curse that he does have a gun and pulls the gun from his right front pocket. Victim then stated that due to Mr. Williams demeanor and

pulling the gun put him in fear of his safety and bodily harm. Victim then ran to his residence and called 911 and locked the residence. Deputy Bobby Hamilton spoke to Mr. Williams on scene and

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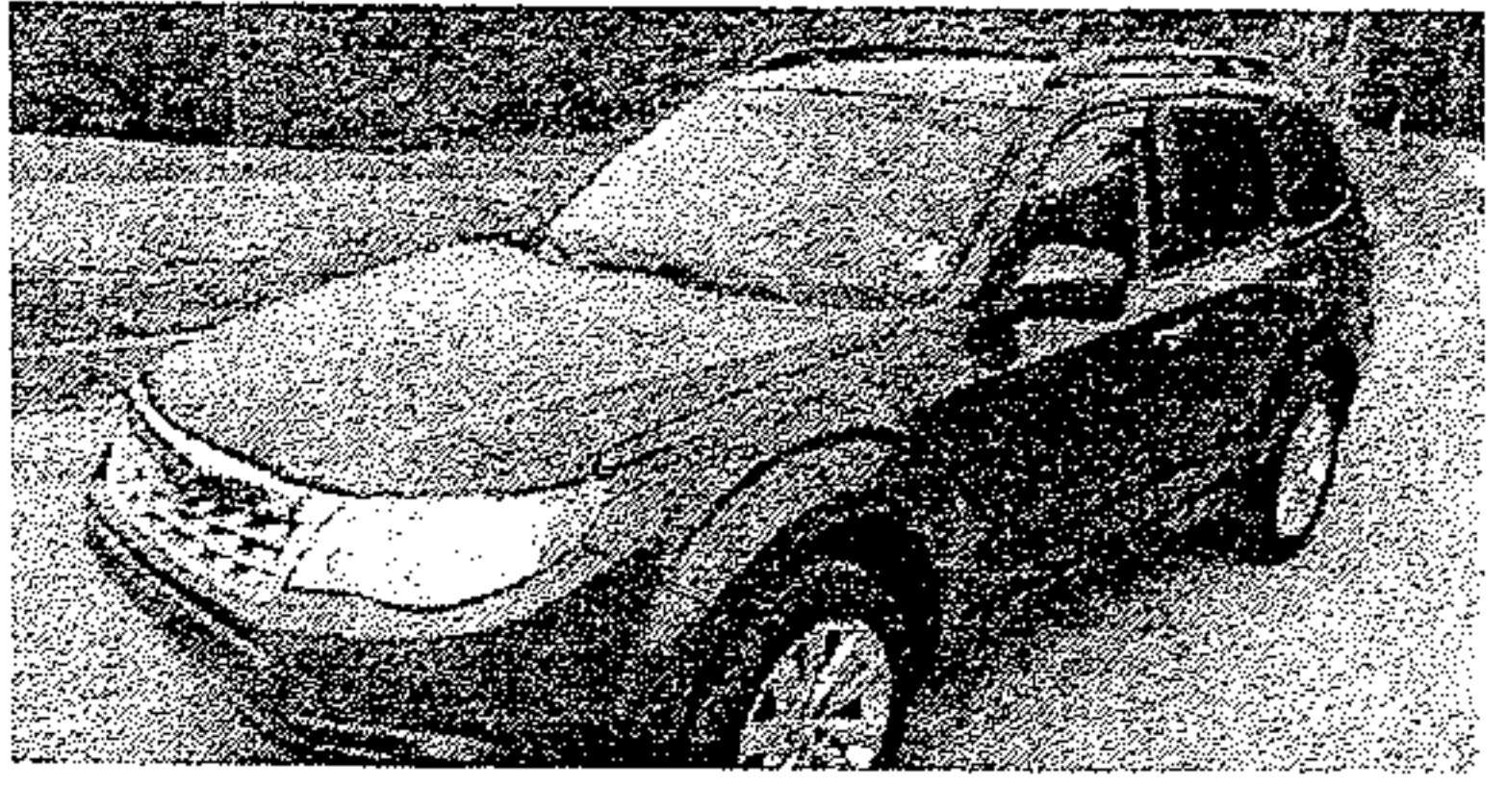
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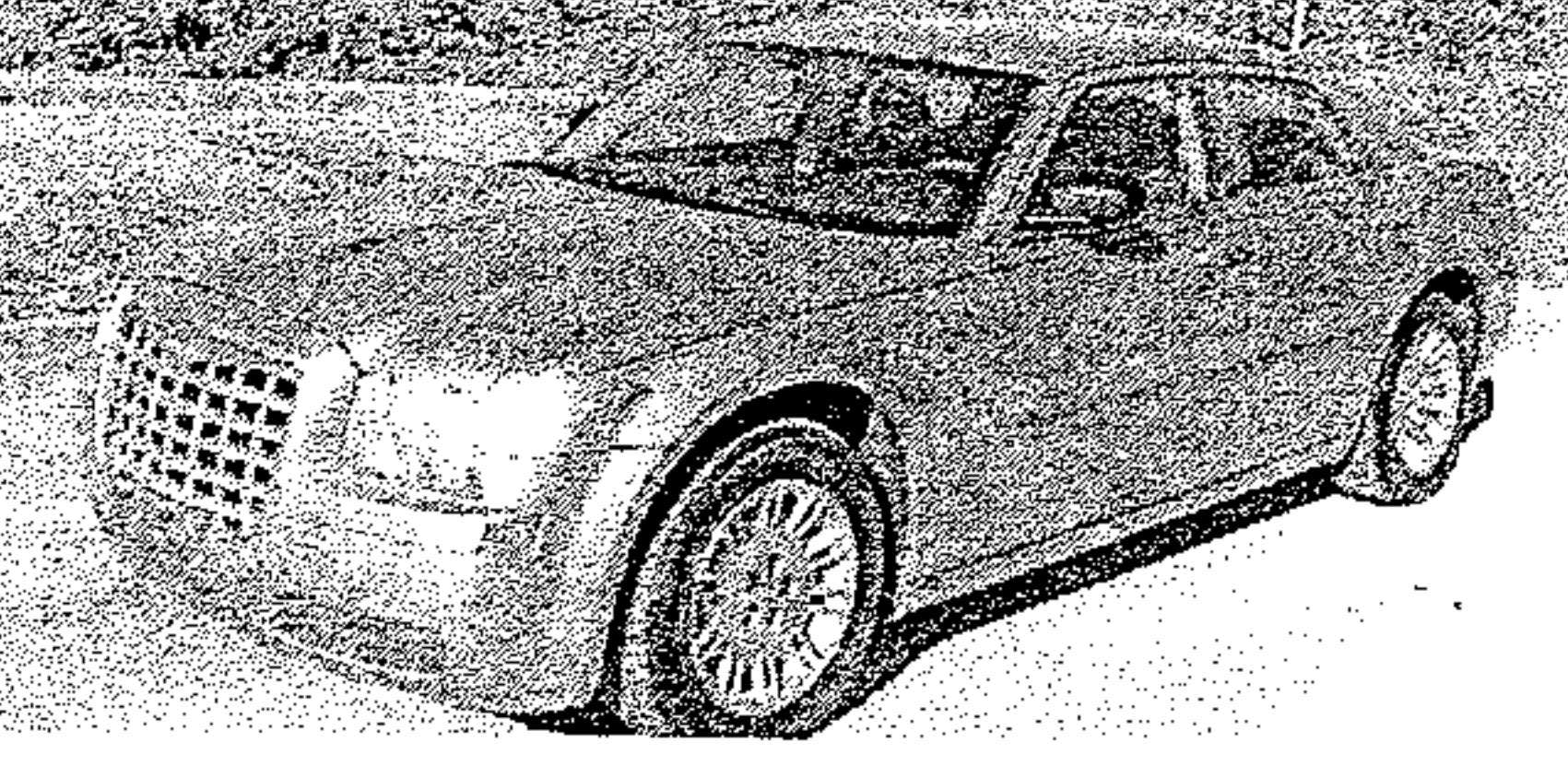
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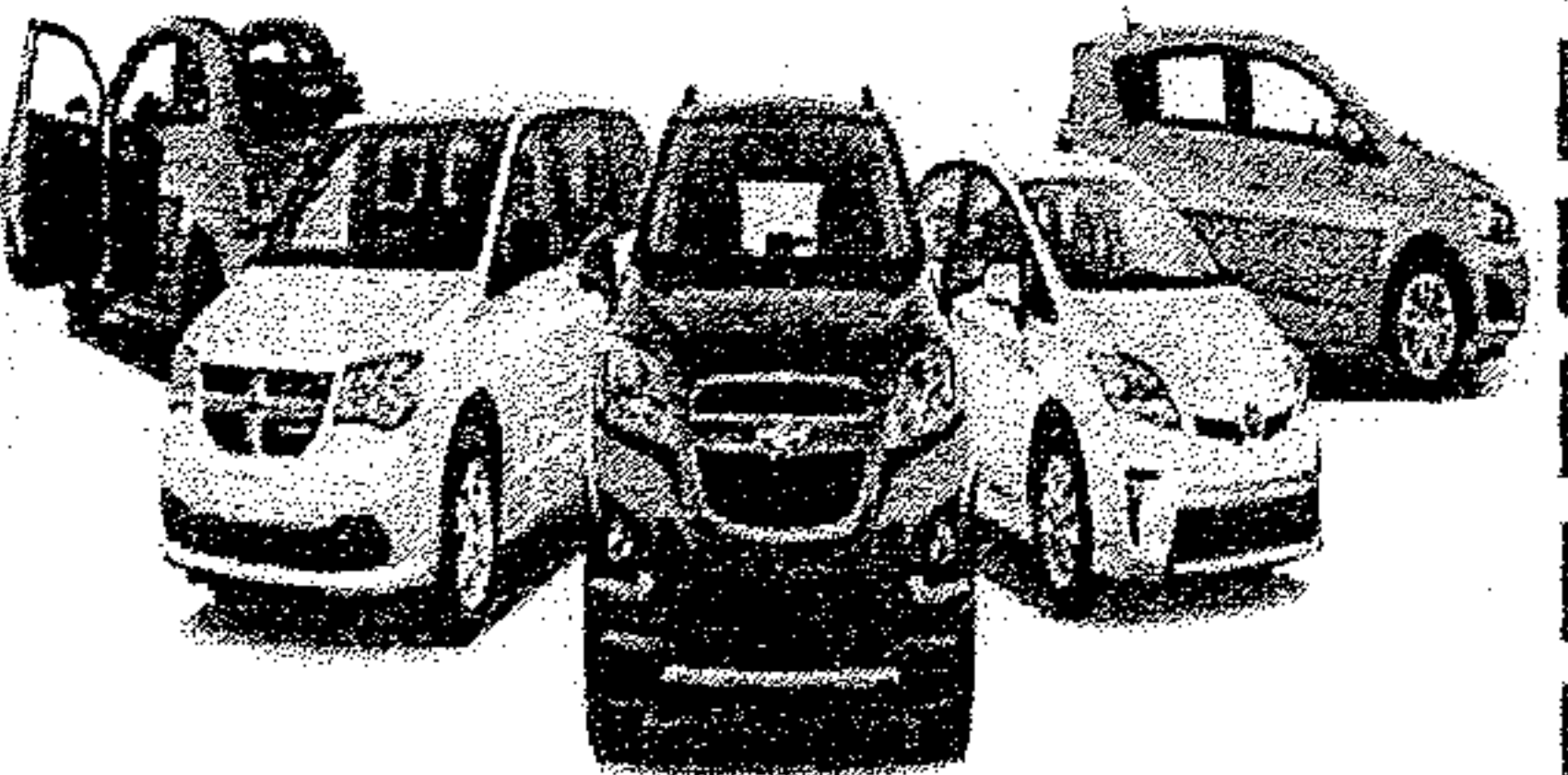
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**DUI**

Jackie Davis, 49, Hines Valley Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Poss. of Drug Para., and Violation of Probation.

Deputy Brian Smith LCSO, did respond to the area of Highway 321 in Loudon County for a call of a reckless driver in a green Jeep Grand Cherokee, that was possibly armed. Deputy made contact with the vehicle in Weigel's parking lot while it was backing out of a parking space. Upon making contact with the driver Deputy identified him to be Mr.

Jackie Lea Davis. Deputy did notice a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Mr. Davis's person, he was unsteady while walking and standing. Mr. Davis did state he had been drinking and should not have been driving. Deputy did ask Mr. Davis to perform standardized field sobriety tasks and he did perform poorly. Deputy also found Mr. Davis's license to be revoked for Driving under the influence through NCIC. Deputy did read Mr. Davis the Tennessee implied consent form and he did refuse. While inventorying Mr. Davis's vehicle

Deputy found a glass pipe commonly used for smoking methamphetamine, a light bulb that appeared to be modified to be used as a glass pipe in a cooler behind the drivers seat. Deputy also found Mr. Davis to have a warrant for Violation of probation from General Sessions court warrant #14-CR-1250. Deputy did place Mr. Davis in custody and did transport him to the Loudon County Jail.

**American Legion is Visted by Loudon Police Department**

Special guest speaker for American Legion Post 256, Sgt. R.S. (Scott) Newman enlightened members of details of how the Loudon Police Department's primary goal is prevention and protection of the public from dangers affecting safety such as crimes or disasters. Also, discussed were concerns

of what to do if a police officer gives you the blue light, and the most logical answer to that is "comply", pull over in the safest way possible, then follow the officers requests, "comply". If you have a weapon in your vehicle, you don't have to show it, just tell the officer where it is located and follow the officers direction. Sergeant Newman is a 22 year veteran of the Loudon Police Department with 12 years as a Sergeant. He is also a

S.W.A.T certified commander. For additional information about the American Legion contact Commander Vic Vickery, 423-884-6476 or visit the website: [www.TellicoLake-Post256.org](http://www.TellicoLake-Post256.org).

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Left, American Legion Post 256 Commander, Vic Vickery; Right Sergeant Scott Newman, Loudon Police Department

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**Prison**

Jonesborough. Federal law makes it a crime for anyone convicted of a felony to possess a firearm or ammunition.

Agencies involved in this investigation included the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Assistant U.S.

Attorney, J. Gregory Bowman, represented the United States.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a comprehensive national strategy that creates local partnerships with law enforcement agencies to effectively enforce existing gun laws. It provides more options to prosecutors, allowing them to

utilize local, state, and federal laws to ensure that criminals who commit gun crime face tough sentences. PSN gives each federal district the flexibility it

needs to focus on individual challenges that a specific community

faces.

**Burn ban in effect for East TN**

From the Loudon County Government, Office of the Mayor

Currently, East Tennessee weather has produced dry conditions with little or no rain fall, temperatures in the 80's, wind and low humidity for several weeks. Counties in our area have varying levels of drought conditions and these factors have created an increased brush and forest fire risk.

Because of this increased risk, Loudon County Mayor, Roland "Buddy" Bradshaw, in consultation with the state forestry office and TEMA has requested a "Ban on Open Burning" in Loudon County from the state Commissioner of Agriculture. As approved, this ban is effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice.

Until our region receives appreciable rain fall, this increased fire risk will continue and the ban will remain in effect.

For the safety of all persons, livestock and property, we are asking our citizens to voluntarily comply with this ban.

A violation of this ban is classified by the Tennessee Code Annotated 39-14-306 as "reckless burning" and is a class A misdemeanor with up to a \$2,500 fine.

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**Possession**

Jennifer Kirkland, 40, Gateway Circle Philadelphia, was charged with Simple Possession.

Deputy Fritts observed a Gray Mercury Sable traveling on Steekee Road. The vehicle crossed the center line multiple times. Upon stopping the vehicle the driver was identified as Jennifer Kirkland. Ms. Kirkland was very shaky and appeared nervous. Deputy asked Ms. Kirkland why she kept crossing the centerline and she stated she had dropped her

phone and was trying to get it. Deputy asked Ms. Kirkland if she had anything illegal on her and she stated no. She then retrieved a purple pill from the back pocket of her jeans. Ms. Kirkland then stated that she was crossing the centerline because she had dropped the pill. The purple pill had the imprint op15 (OxyCotin 15 MG). Ms. Kirkland was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County jail. This did happen in Loudon County.

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recovered a revolver from Mr. Williams and Mr. Williams did stated that he did pull the weapon when victim asked if he had a gun. Due to Mr. Williams being the primary aggressor in the altercation and placing victim in fear, Mr. Williams was placed under arrest. While placing

Mr. Williams under arrest Mr. Williams did state law enforcement would be back to the residence after being released from jail. Mr. Williams was transported to the Loudon Co., jail. End of report. This did happen in Loudon Co., Tn.

**Crime**

ings were rampant for almost six years before an FBI-led investigation dismantled both gangs and, in August, placed Hidalgo behind bars.

“Hidalgo was a driving force behind the rivalry and all of the violence in the West Side,” said Special Agent Jason Galle, who investigated the case out of the FBI’s Buffalo Field Office. “The evolution from dealing drugs with his street corner gang to becoming the leader of the largest criminal enterprise in the city was rapid.”

Hidalgo was just a child the first time he was introduced to dealing drugs. Growing up in a dysfunctional home in Buffalo, he and his siblings found ways to survive and make money on the streets while skipping school and evading foster care.

From selling his first bag of marijuana at age 10 to trafficking illegal narcotics in his late 20s, Hidalgo eventually formed “Cheko’s Crew” while recruiting friends and family to deal drugs in his lower West Side neighborhood. Having proven himself as a formidable crime boss, Hidal-

go joined forces with the 7th Street Gang in 2000 over mutual ties and rivalries with competing drug dealers in the community.

Hidalgo’s 7th Street Gang became a focus for the FBI’s Safe Streets Task Force, which included Bureau agents and officers from the Buffalo and New York State Police Departments. The partnership began to aggressively root out criminals after a wave of violence hit Buffalo’s lower West Side in the summer of 2009, when Hidalgo and his gang were involved in a series of murders, attempted murders, and drive-by shootings in a deadly feud with the rival 10th Street Gang.

After a series of coordinated raids by the FBI-led task force in 2009 and 2010, criminals from the 7th Street Gang and the 10th Street Gang were all brought to justice. Both gangs were successfully dismantled as a result of the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, which allows prosecutors to charge numerous associates of an enterprise with multiple crimes at the same time. In this case, the gang members were not only found guilty of murder but of narcotics traf-

ficking, robbery, and firearms offenses as well.

Following the FBI raids, Hidalgo managed to evade arrest but was finally captured in 2011 while trying to flee the country. He was sentenced on August 17, 2016 to 27 years in prison for his role in four murders and seven attempted murders. Like his fellow gang members, he was also convicted under the RICO conspiracy and for discharging a firearm in furtherance of a violent crime.


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“Using an enterprise approach to take out the rival gangs, rampant gang activity in neighborhoods on the West Side has diminished considerably,” said Adam S. Cohen, special agent in charge of the FBI’s Buffalo Field Office. “The people living there feel safe in their homes, and now enjoy the quiet, once-familiar neighborhoods that decades ago built Buffalo’s historic West Side.”

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