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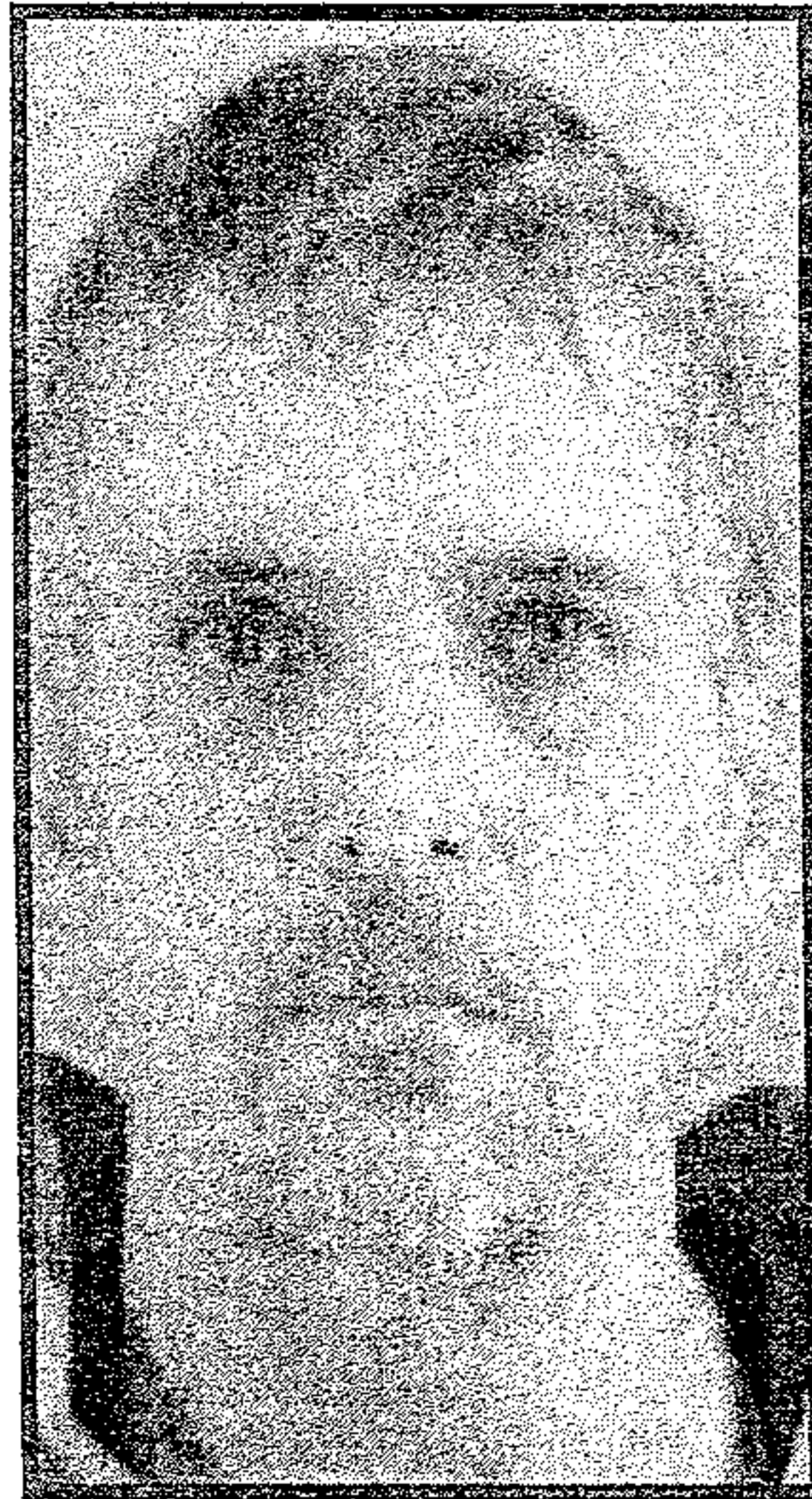
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Monday, November 7, 2016

## Pills, pills, everywhere some pills! 5 charged by 9th DTF, LCSO and LCPD



Jacob Dalton  
(see 9th DTF pg. 2)



Mark Neeley



Meghan Neeley

## The Good News

by: Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Psalm 149

The campaign ads, the attacks, the incessant bickering and baiting is almost done—just hang in there. Though after next Tuesday, we may be ready to “bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron!”

brutal imagery after a lovely opening invitation to praise God. But that imagery serves a purpose: It isn't our might that sets things right; it is faithfulness and praise that advance the kingdom of God. The glory of God's faithful, beloved ones is when we enact justice on behalf of others, binding up those who seek to pull us away

This psalm has some

seek to pull us away

(see TGN pg. 4)

## Burn ban in effect for East TN

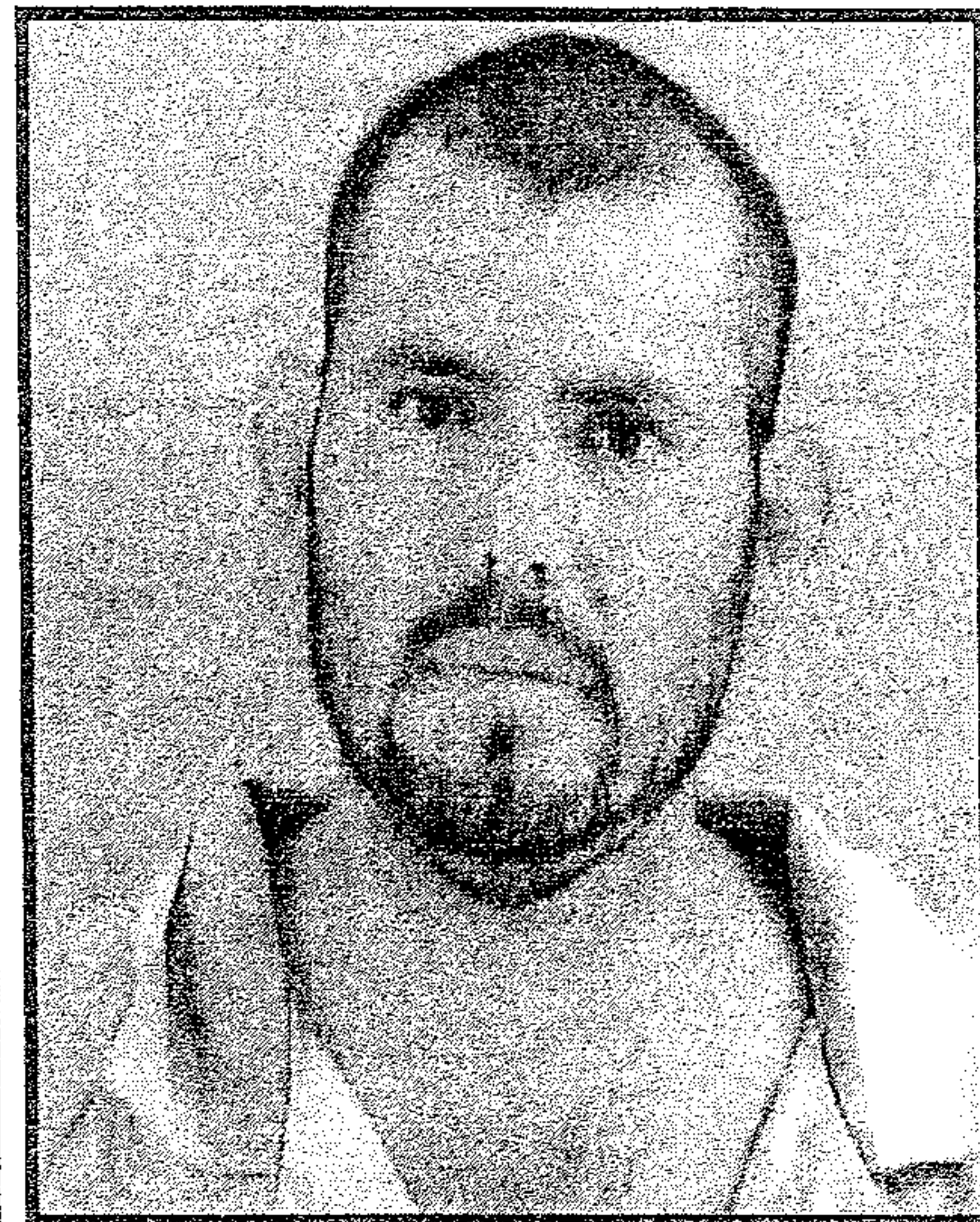
From the Loudon County Government, Office of the Mayor

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

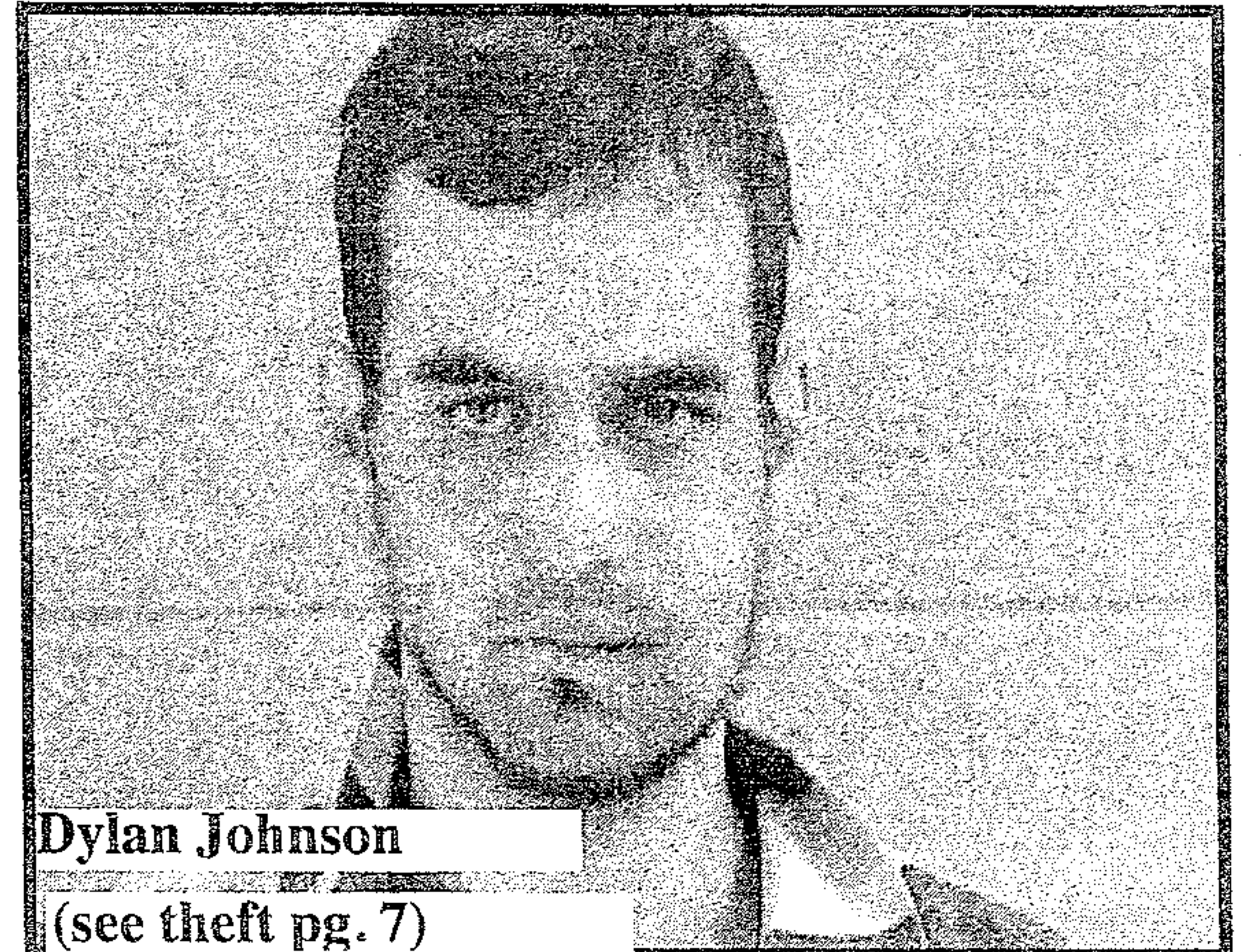
see Burn Ban pg. 5

## DUI for unlicensed driver in LC

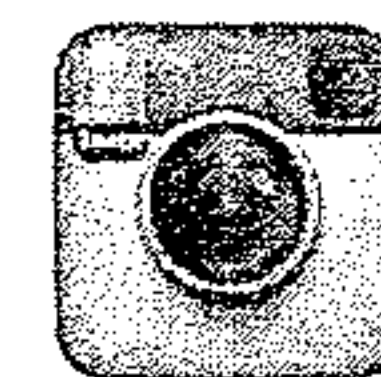


Jose Hernandez-Puentes see DUI pg. 4

## No helmet leads to stolen bike charges and more



Dylan Johnson  
(see theft pg. 7)



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### Verse of the Day

The righteous will never be uprooted, but the wicked will not remain in the land.

— Proverbs 10:30

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

The WSOP is coming up in Cherokee this month in Cherokee! Get ready cause it's gonna get crazy!

### Weather

Today: Abundant sun-

shine. High 72F.

Tonight: Clear. Low 42F.  
Saturday Sunny. High near 70F.

Saturday Night A few clouds from time to time. Low 39F.

Sunday Sunshine along

with some cloudy intervals. High 72F.  
Sunday Night Clear. Low 42F.

### Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21  
People are drawn in by your magnetic charm with-

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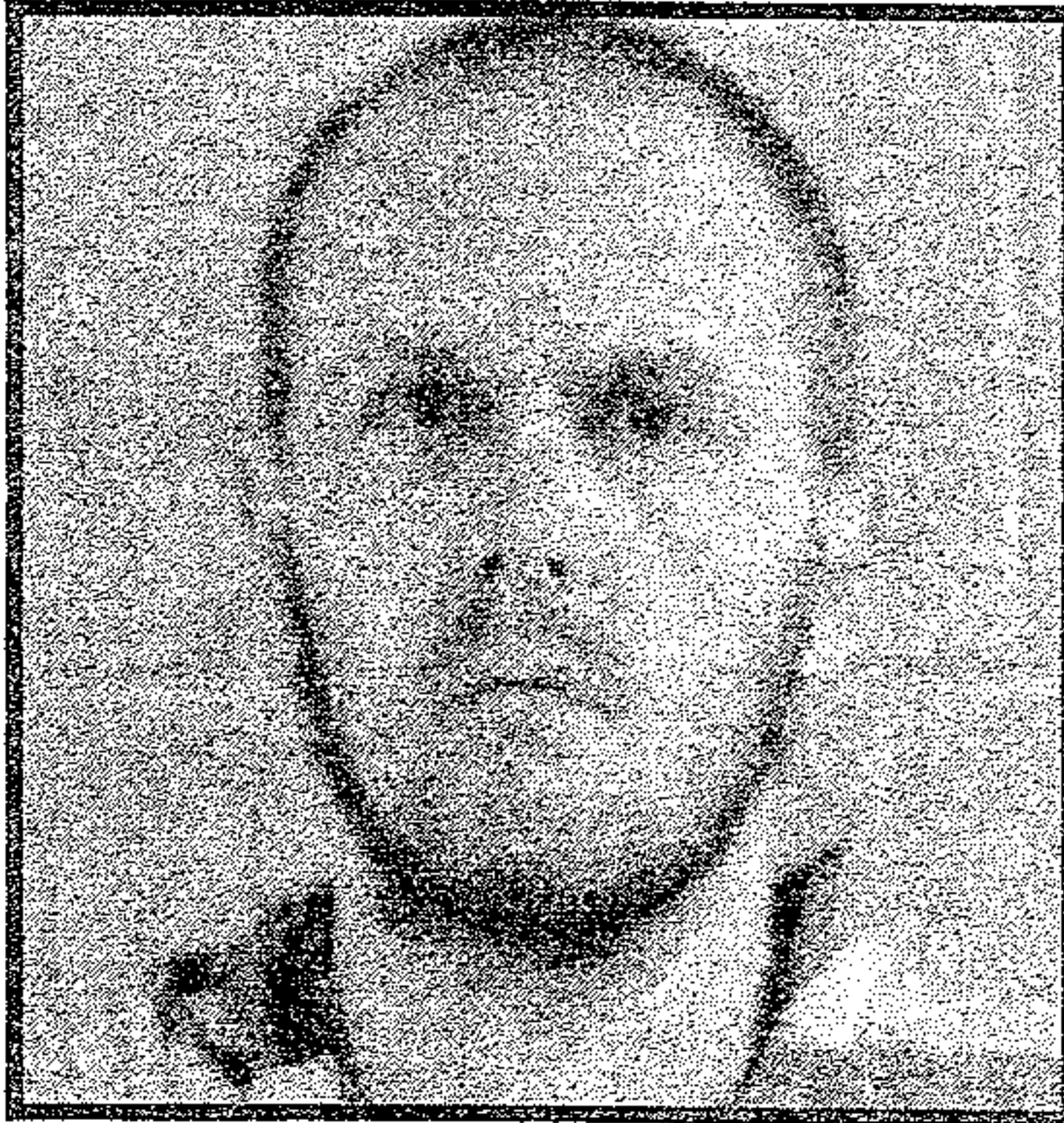


**9th DTF**

Steven White, 28, Chili Lane Loudon, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Megan Neeley, 39, Grove Street Loudon, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Pamela Clark, 60, Corinth Church Road Loudon, was



Steven White

charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Jacob Dalton, 33, Hot Water Road Tellico Plains, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, Poss. of Drug Para., and Maintaining a

Dwelling Drugs Sold.

Mark Neeley, 47, Grove Street Loudon, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II, Poss. of Drug Para., Simple Possession, and Maintaining a Dwelling Drugs Sold.

(see 9th DTF ctd. pg. 7)

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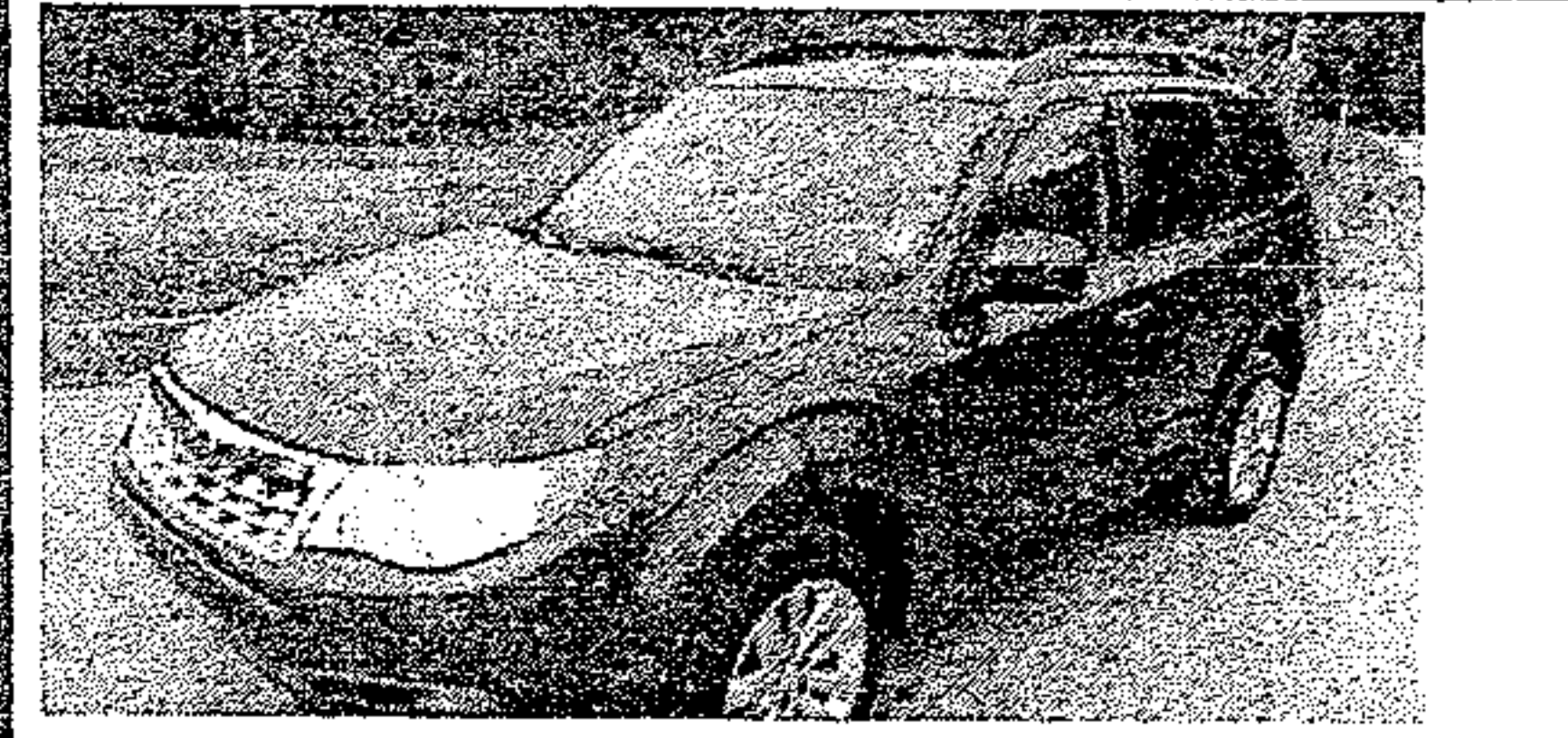
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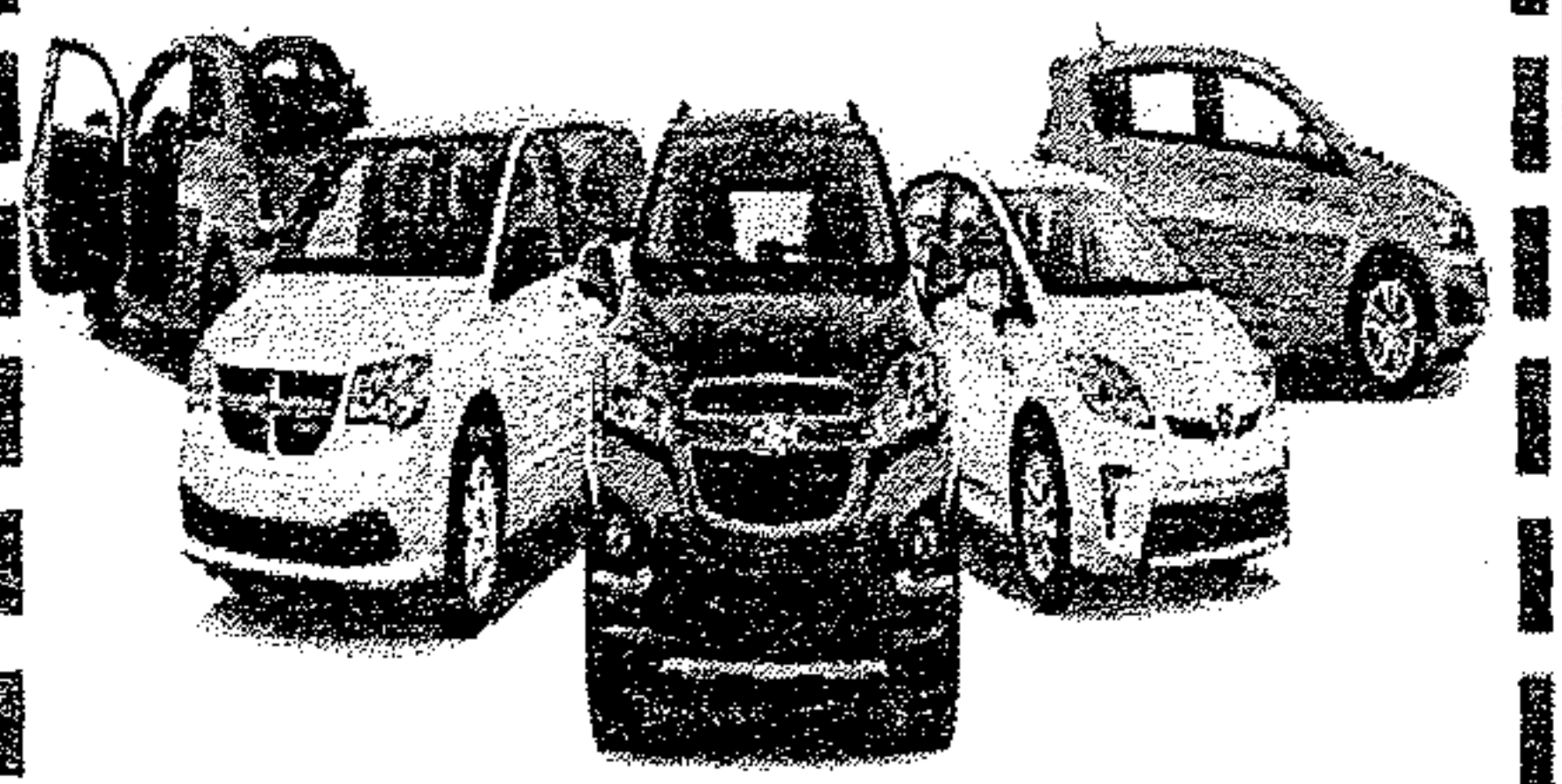
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from God. After all, it's God's justice that causes people to sing those new songs and praise God almighty in the first place.

Prayer: For peace and bipartisan work, we pray O God. May we sing loudly of your good work in and around us so others may hear and believe. Amen.

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DUI

Jose Hernandez-Puentes, Spring Street Philadelphia, was charged with DUI, Driving without a valid License, Open Container, and Violation of implied Consent.

Deputy Kevin Dailley LCSO, observed a 2005 maroon Chevrolet Malibu on Highway 411 pass Highway 95 at a high rate of speed after attempting to catch up to the vehicle Deputy observed it unable

to maintain its lane by crossing the center line multiple times.

Upon traffic stop at Highway 411 and Trigonía Deputy came in contact with Jose Hernandez-Puentes who had blood shot watery eyes, with an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. As Deputy had Mr. Puentes exit the vehicle the odor of alcoholic beverage was about his person, he stated he had only 3 beers to drink. He performed field sobriety

where he performed poorly.

Mr. Puentes was taken into custody for Driving Under the Influence and transported to the Loudon County Justice Center without incident. Inventory was done on the vehicle where prior to tow Deputy observed an open Miller Lite can in the passenger floorboard propped up against the console. Money-makers arrived on scene for tow of the vehicle. This all did occur in Loudon County

Tennessee. Once at the jail the subject was given a form for Implied Consent in Spanish where he refused to give blood.

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**Burn Ban**

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.

**TWO MORE INDIVIDUALS SENTENCED IN TAX FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING CASE**

On Nov. 3, 2016, Luis Carvajal, 52, of Loudon, Tenn., was sentenced by the Honorable Thomas A. Varlan, Chief U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 30 months in prison for his participation in a conspiracy to submit false tax returns and a conspiracy to com-

mit money laundering. Carvajal previously pleaded guilty to both these charges.

Amado Valdez-Morales, 50, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., was also sentenced by Chief Judge Varlan to serve 42 months in prison, for his role in the false tax return and money laundering conspiracies as well as illegal entry by a previously deported felon. Valdez-Morales, who is an illegal im-

migrant and citizen of Honduras, previously pleaded guilty to these charges.

In addition to their prison sentences, Carvajal was ordered to forfeit a residence in Loudon, \$376,152 in seized funds and received a money judgment against him for \$7,859,000. Valdez-Morales was ordered to forfeit \$630 in cash seized by federal investigators and received a money judgment against him in the amount of \$2.5 million. He will also be subject to deportation to Honduras upon his release from prison.

The offenses of Carvajal and Valdez-Morales were part of a scheme that involved the use of phony identification documents for the submission of fraudulent federal income tax returns in order to obtain refundable tax credits. The scheme resulted in the theft of more than \$10.8 million from the U.S. taxpayers. Other who were previously sentenced for their roles in these conspiracies included: husband and wife Bertha Del Pilar Vargas, 48, and Martin Ayala, 45, both of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mayra Edith Blair, 41, of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Nery Irrael Grande-Jinenez, of Durham, N.C.

Agencies involved in this investigation included the Internal Revenue Service, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Tennessee Highway Patrol Identity Crimes Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Frank M. Dale, Jr. and Jennifer Kolman represented the United States.

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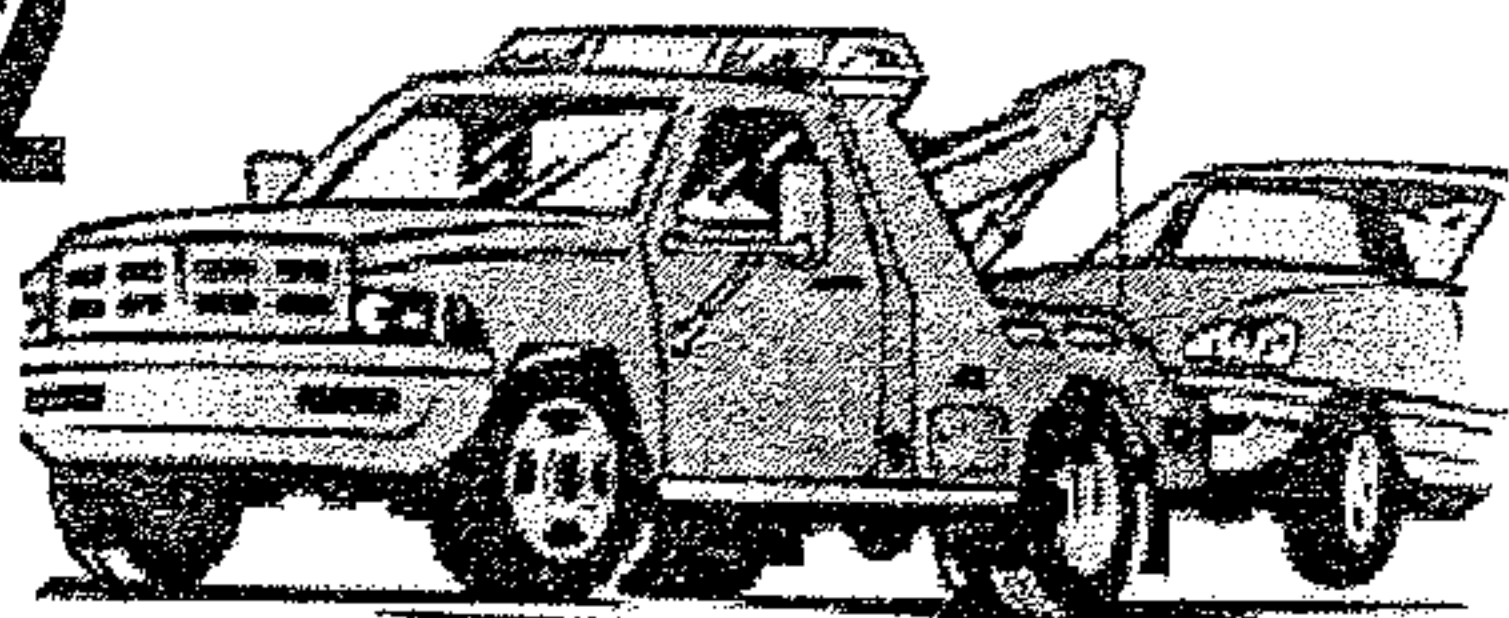
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**Theft**

Dylan Johnson, 25, Dempsey Road Knoxville, was charged with Theft of Property, Simple Possession, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Deputy Charles Huskin LCSO, was on Patrol and observed a black motor cycle turning on to the Adesa Parkway and the driver was not wearing a helmet. Deputy did traffic stop the motor cycle at Adesa Motor Auction parking lot and made contact with the driver Mr. Dylan Johnson. Deputy ask Mr. Johnson why he

was not wearing a helmet and he stated that his helmet had been stolen at a gas station in town. Deputy ran the motor cycle VIN through NCIC and the vehicle did not come back not reported stolen, but before Deputy got off of the traffic stop the vehicle did come back stolen out Lenoir City from victim from McGhee Square, the vehicle is was worth \$5,500.00. Mr. Johnson was advised that he was under arrest for possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Mr Johnson was ran through NCIC and came back with suspended Driver License. During a pat down search of Mr. Johnson a small clear baggie containing some clear granulated substance was recover from his right front pants pocket. Mr. Johnson was advised that he was under arrest for possession of SCH 4,

Driving on suspended licence, possession of stolen property. This did happen in Loudon County


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Agents with the 9th Drug Task Force, Loudon County Sheriff's Office and Lenoir City Police Department conducted a search warrant at the Knights Inn. In the room Agents made contact with a white male and identified him as Mark Neeley. A search of Mr. Neeley's person produced a container with two and three quarters orange pills tentatively identified as Opana, a schedule II narcotic. Mr. Neeley could not produce a valid prescription for the pills. Also located under a mattress was a plastic bag containing a substance believed to be marijuana and a pack of rolling papers which Neeley stated was his. A search of the room also produced several items of drug paraphernalia including numerous

needles, several pill grinders and plastic baggies. Also located on the bathroom sink of the room were two coke cans that were being used to liquefy two opana pills so they could be placed in a syringe and shot up. Mr. Neeley was currently staying in the room along with 4 other individuals identified as Mark Neeley, Pamela Clark, and Jacob Dalton and Steven White. Before conducting the search warrant Agents observed Mr. Neeley and other occupants of the room make several hand to hand transactions with numerous people throughout the day and Mr. Neeley was in possession of a large amount of cash

during his arrest. Mr. Neeley was placed under arrest for Possession of Sch II for Resale, Maintaining a Dwelling, Simple Possession and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mark Neeley has been identified through several investigations in the past few years as a local distributor of schedule II narcotics. Neeley and his co conspirators move locations frequently to attempt to thwart efforts of law enforcement. Neely and co-conspirators maintain these dwellings, specifically hotel rooms to store narcotics and proceeds from drug transactions. These actions did happen in Loudon County, TN.

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