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## Have You Bought From This Guy? If so, it's probably stolen

Loudon Police Detective Sgt. Brian Jenkins is asking for help from anyone who may have bought items from a Loudon man charged with theft and burglary. The man, Jonah Jillson is reported to have been trying to sell stolen items to a witness when he was caught.



(see thief pg. 2) Jonah Jillson

## Couple charged after display at Love's



Douglas Morrissey



Kourtney Morrissey (see couple pg. 5)

## The old gun at the bar trick don't work at Aubrey's



(see gun pg. 7) Michael Russell

## South Carolina native sentenced to 180 months for leadership role in A-PVP trafficking and international money laundering conspiracies

On Feb. 19, 2016, Joshua Lee Lindsey, 30, of Lyman, S.C., was sentenced by the Honorable Pamela L. Reeves, U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 180 months in federal prison for his leadership role in an extensive a-PVP (alpha-pyrrolidinopentiophenone) distribution conspiracy and an international money laundering conspiracy involving northeast Tennessee, southwest Virginia, western North Carolina and western South Carolina.

A-PVP is a synthetic drug pri- (see A-PVP pg. 4)

## Counterfeit Cabs Auto Broker Who Used Salvage Vehicles as Taxis Sentenced

Every day in communities around the nation, the FBI works with its state and local partners to identify and arrest criminals who threaten public safety—including terrorist groups, violent gangs, drug trafficking enterprises, and producers of counterfeit pharmaceuticals, auto parts, and airplane parts.

Most recently, the FBI, in conjunction with the Inspector General for the City of Chicago, conducted an investigation into a fraud scheme that involved the illegal use of salvage vehicles as taxis on city streets—a scheme that potentially put the riding public at risk.

Last month, Chicago auto broker and taxicab operator Alexander Igolnikov

### Verse of the Day

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in

which you shine like stars in the universe. — Philip-  
pians 2:14-15

### Obituaries

see inside  
**Wazzup**

It's warming up already, but the rain makes it super nasty and there have been

lots of flash flooding reported so drive safely.

### Weather

Today: Windy with thunderstorms in the morning. Variable clouds with a chance of lingering showers during the afternoon. A few storms may be severe early. Morning high of 60F with temps

falling to near 45.

Tonight: Windy. Rain showers early, with overcast skies late. Snow mixing in. Low 37F.

Thursday Overcast with rain showers at times. High 44F.  
Thursday Night Partly cloudy skies early will be

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thief

Jonah Jillson, 29, Church Street Loudon, was charged Burglary and Theft of Property. Loudon Police Dept. was dispatched to a theft call. Victim stated that someone had been in his detached garage located behind the residence on Mulberry Street. Several items were taken from the residence. Jonah Jillson ap-

proached a witness and tried to sell one of the stolen items. Jonah was placed in custody . After an investigation was completed Jonah was arrested for the charges. Det. Brian Jenkins LPD, made the arrest.

If you have bought anything from Jonah Jillson please contact Detective Brian Jenkins at 408-0412.

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FBI was sentenced to a federal prison term after previously pleading guilty to conspiracy to transport, receive, and possess a counterfeit security—in this instance, that “security” was an illegally obtained clean vehicle

title for a salvage car. A vehicle can receive the “salvage” designation—usually from a state motor vehicle agency—for a number of reasons, including having been stolen, vandalized, in an accident, in a flood or other natural disaster, etc. And once a salvage title is issued, there’s often no legal mechanism to obtain a “clean” title for the same vehicle.

But there are illegal mechanisms, and that’s just what Igolnikov and several associates used to get rid of the salvage designation.

In his plea agreement, Igolnikov admitted to running a scheme from 2007 through April 2010 that involved buying significantly damaged vehicles with salvage titles from online auction sites. He purchased the vehicles in the name of the business he owned—Seven

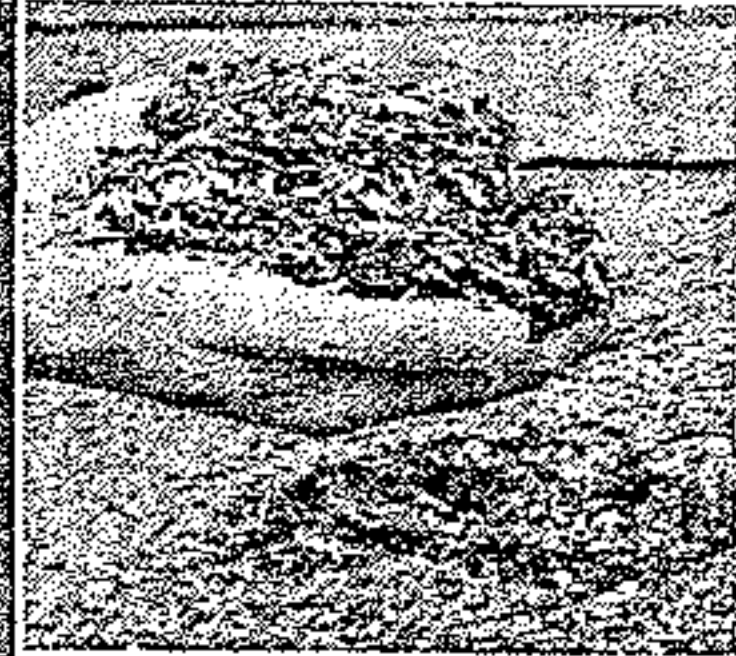
Amigos Used Cars—and had the vehicles towed to the Chicago address that housed Seven Amigos and a company called Chicago Carriage Taxi. Once there, the cars were repaired.

In the meantime, several of Igolnikov’s associates worked on taking care of the salvage designations on the purchased vehicles by submitting fraudulent paperwork to the nearby Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles in an effort to obtain “re-

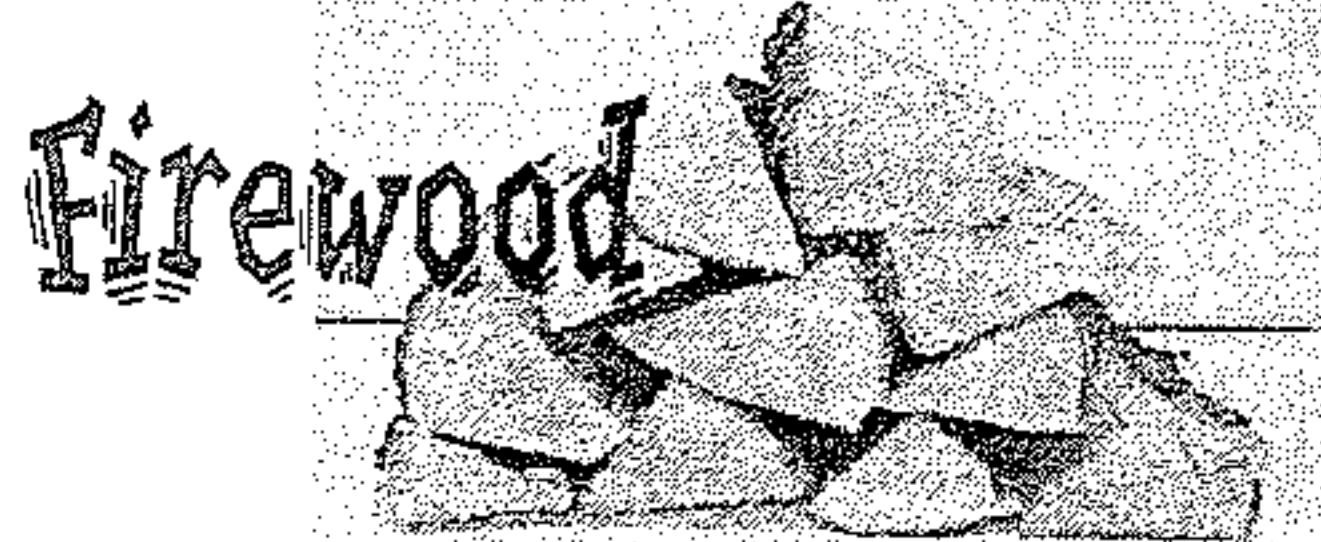
built” titles. Under Indiana law, a vehicle that had been issued a salvage title could be repaired and issued a title with a rebuilt designation if the vehicle was examined by a law enforcement officer who certified that the vehicle had been repaired properly. Igolnikov’s associates submitted paperwork purportedly certifying that an officer had examined their vehicles and that the repairs conformed

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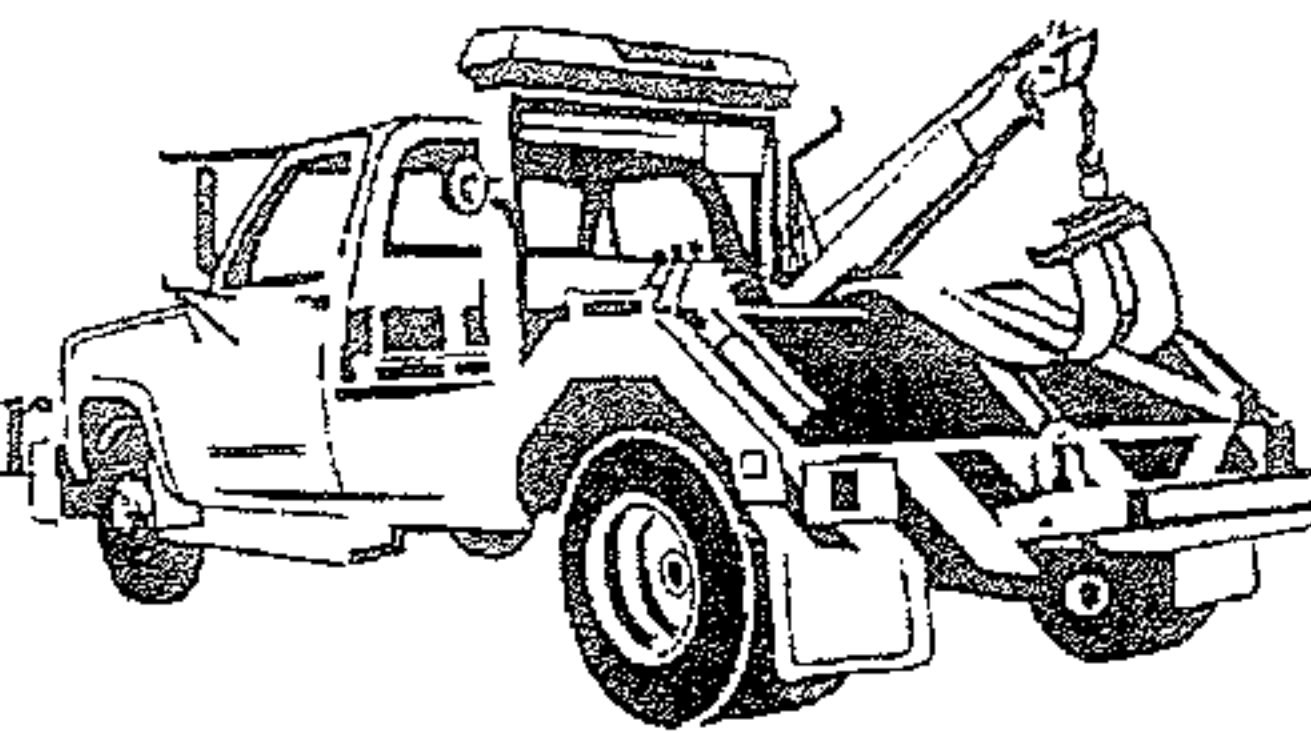
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**A-PVP**

marily ordered from China, which is commonly referred to on the street as "gravel" or "flakka." Common effects on users include: extreme paranoia; hallucinations; elevated blood pressure; extremely high body temperature; excited deliri-

um; staying awake for days; hostility and having exceptional strength without apparent fatigue. These characteristics make the drug not only very dangerous for the user but also for law enforcement responding to people who are high on it. A-PVP has been referred to by users of the substance as "meth

on steroids."

According to his plea agreement on file with U.S. District Court, Lindsey admitted that between January 2012 and October 2014 he conspired to distribute and was accountable for a conservative estimate of between 35,000 and 75,000 grams (35 to 75 kilograms) of a-PVP. Lindsey and Randall Scott Braddock, 50, of Hendersonville, N.C., became involved in obtaining a-PVP from China and redistributing it for profit as early as January 2012. Braddock was also charged in this case and was previously sentenced to serve 192 months in federal prison.

The investigation in

this case resulted in the recovery of a large number of emails between Lindsey and a particular a-PVP supplier in China. In these emails, Lindsey asked for the "most potent" and "top quality" a-PVP they had available. He asked for the "big rocks," because "demand was high" and was concerned because there had been complaints about a recent drop in potency. Lindsey asked that the supplier in China label the a-PVP as acrylic paint and made up a fake name of 'AcryliCO' for the company to ship to him to avoid detection from law enforcement. He requested the supplier send the a-PVP to his address in

South Carolina, instead of North Carolina or Tennessee because his partner Braddock had a previous arrest in North Carolina for dealing in a-PVP and other substances. In an email to the supplier Lindsey wrote, "I already gave u good business in n.c. and Landrum s.c, All that was brought to you by me! Scott Braddock and Rick lowe! The whole nc tn boom last year! You're welcome!" Lindsey expressed his gratification to the China a-PVP supplier by emailing, "You have been a blessing for me! My life is much better now!"


Lindsey later recruited and hired other

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couple

Kourtney Morrissey, 28, Lovenia Ave Knoxville, was charged with Public Intoxication, and Disorderly Conduct.

Douglas Morrissey, 30, Lovenia Ave Knoxville, was charged with Criminal Impersonation, Public Intoxication, and Disorderly Conduct.

Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, was dispatched

to Loves Truck Stop for a couple involved in a argument inside the store. Upon arrival Officer made contact with both subjects in an argument inside the store, Officer observed their behavior was causing a disturbance and keeping people from caring out there lawful activities inside the store. Officer made contact and identified the subjects as Kourtney and Douglas Mor-

rissey, who appeared to be intoxicated. Douglas stated he was arguing because Kourtney had punched him in the mouth. Both parties were not cooperative in telling what happened. A witness told Officer she observed Douglas choking Kourtney inside the store.

Both were placed under arrest.

Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, made the arrest.

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individuals from South Carolina to assist in the conspiracy by providing them money to send to the supplier in China via Western Union. After the 500 to 1,000 gram shipments of a-PVP were received in South Carolina, Lindsey instructed the others to repackage it into 50 gram bags and deliver them to Braddock in Hendersonville, N.C., for distribution to a very

large number of other dealers and customers, primarily in northeast Tennessee.

Others who were charged and previously sentenced in this conspiracy include Richard McNeal Hillman, Ronnie Lee Shelton, Austin Michael Stallard, Johnny Michael Stallard, Desera Jade Allen, Phillip Wayne Mullins, Johnny White, Michael Ray Mangum, Eric Matthew Vance, Evelyn Vickers, James Elmer McClain, Joshua Brandon Hinkle and Richard Allen Lowe, who were sentenced to serve 188 months, 235 months, 121 months, 180 months, 151 months, 151 months, 120 months, 120 months, 135 months, 110 months, 110 months and 80 months in federal prison respectively.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the investigation included the Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Homeland Security Investigations, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Kingsport Police Department, Hawkins County Sheriff's Department, Johnson City Police Department, Greeneville, Tennessee Police Department, Hendersonville, North Carolina Police Department, and Scott County, Virginia Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Taylor represented the United States.

This case was a result of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF) program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's

(see A-PVP conc. pg. 8)

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gun

Michael Russell, 51, Wingate Drive Clarksville, was charged with Possession of a Handgun While Under the Influence, and Public Intoxication. Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, was dispatched to Aubrey's for an intoxicated person with a possible firearm inside the bar. Upon arrival Officer came in contact with the suspect identified as Michael Russell. Upon speaking with Michael Officer could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from his person. Officer ask Michael if he had a firearm in his possession, he stated

he didn't know. Officer ask again and Michael stated he did. Officer recovered a loaded Kahr PM-40 semi automatic pistol in Michael right front pocket. Michael was unable to maintain his balance and had slurred speech. Michael was placed under arrest. Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, made the arrest.

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to Indiana law, but in reality, no officer ever examined their vehicles.


For Igolnikov's scheme to work, though, the rebuilt title was not good enough. Chicago's city rules would not allow a vehicle with either a salvage or rebuilt title to be approved as a taxicab. So he and his associates took it one step further: They placed a sticker, usually one purporting to be from an online auction, over the "rebuilt" section of the Indiana title to conceal the fact that the title had a rebuilt certification. They then used that title to obtain a clean title from the Illinois Secre-

tary of State's Office. Armed with the clean title, Igolnikov could apply for a license to operate the vehicle as a taxicab in Chicago. And for approximately three years, he and his associates operated approximately 112 salvage—and potentially unsafe—taxis on Chicago streets.

But the scheme was ultimately uncovered, and as a result of the close working relationship between the FBI's Chicago Field Office, Chicago's Inspector General, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, the individual responsible was identified and brought to justice.

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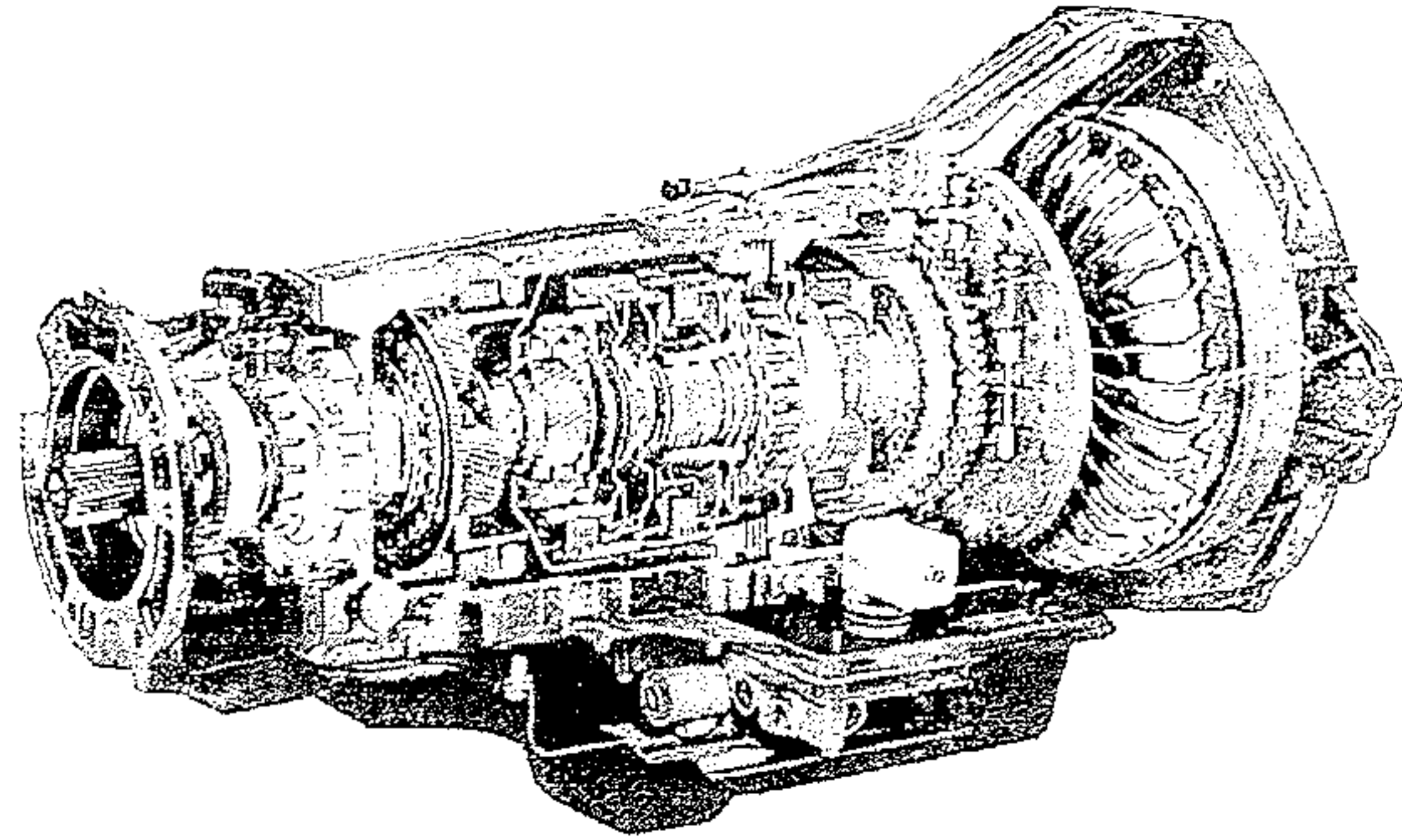
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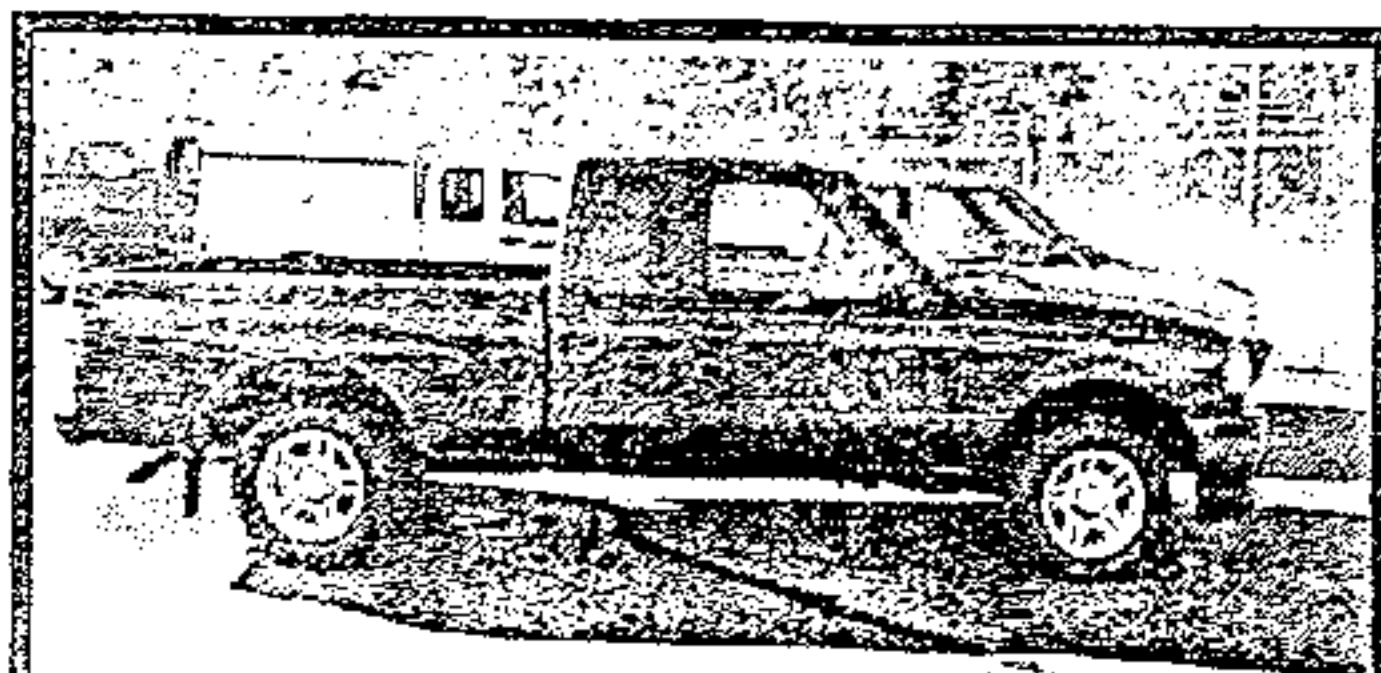
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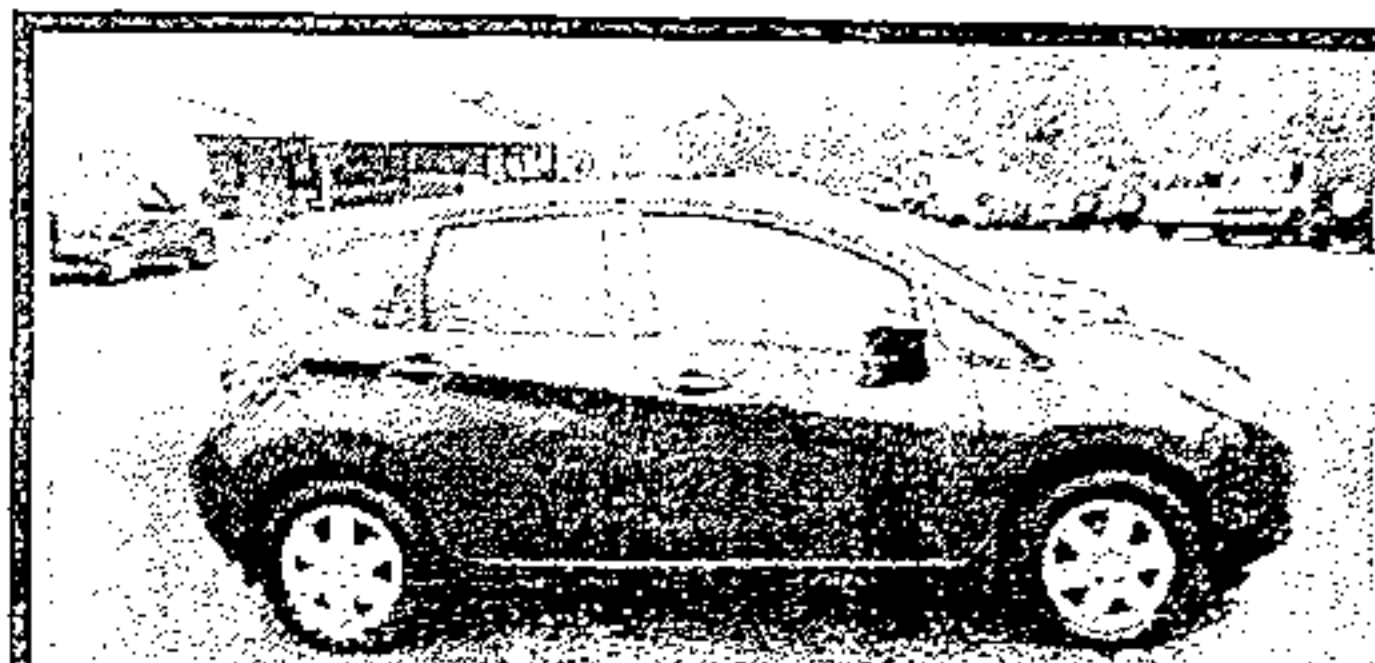
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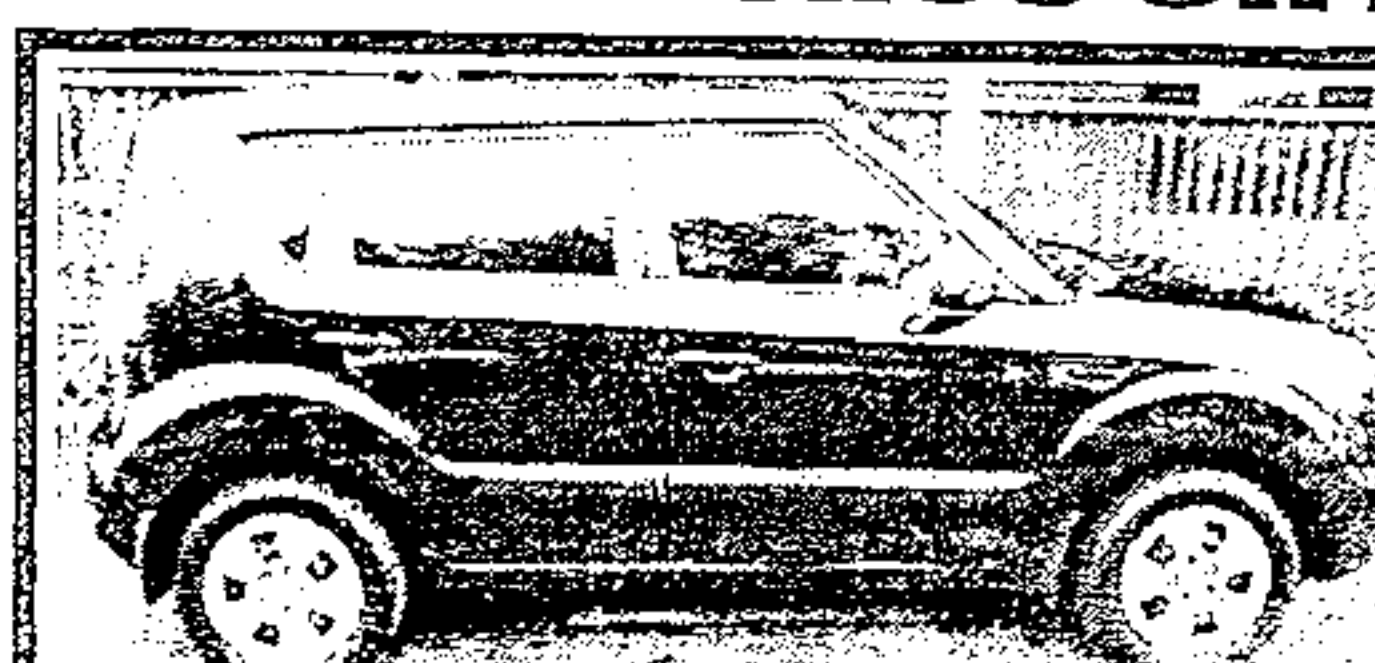
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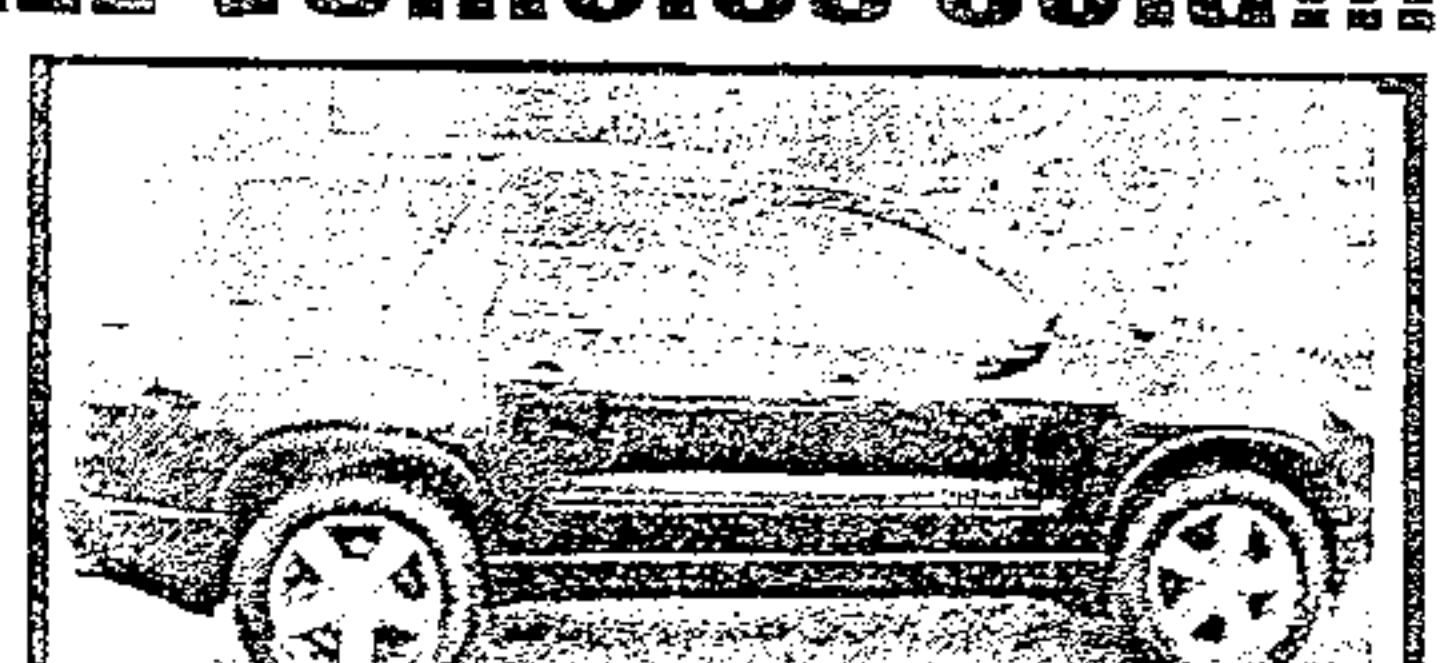
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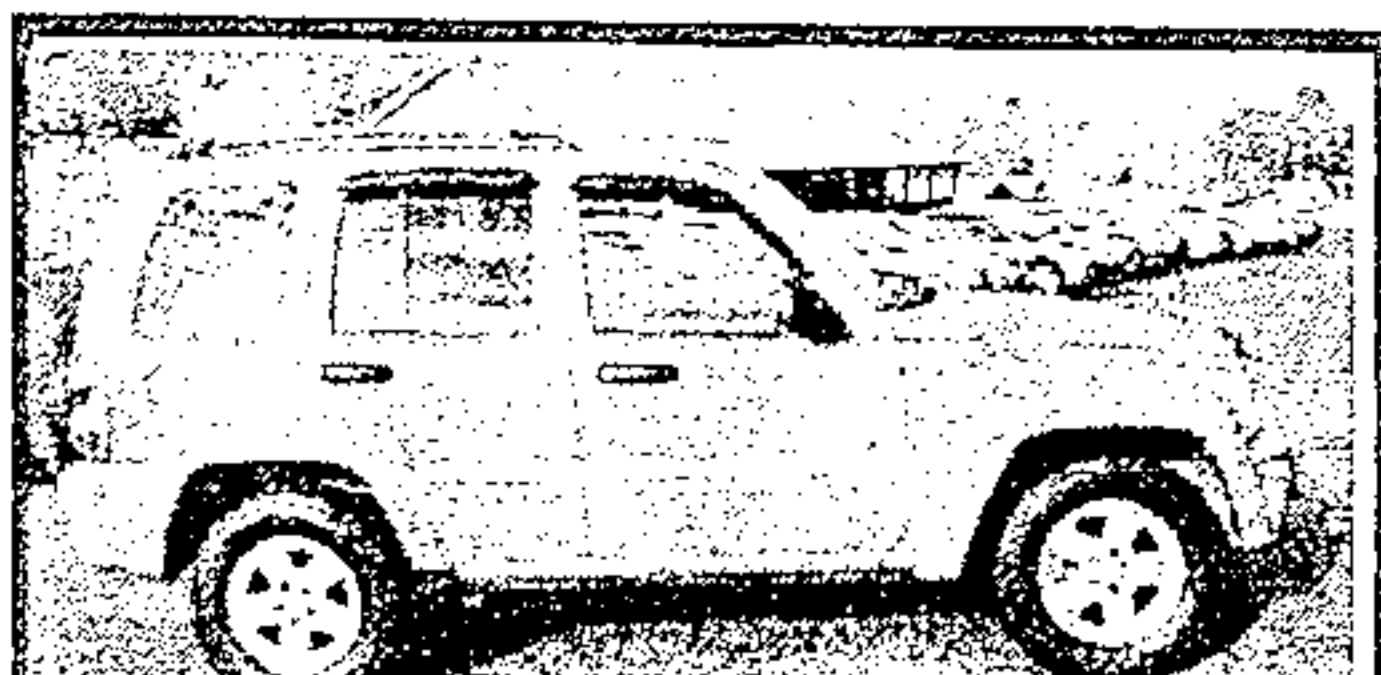
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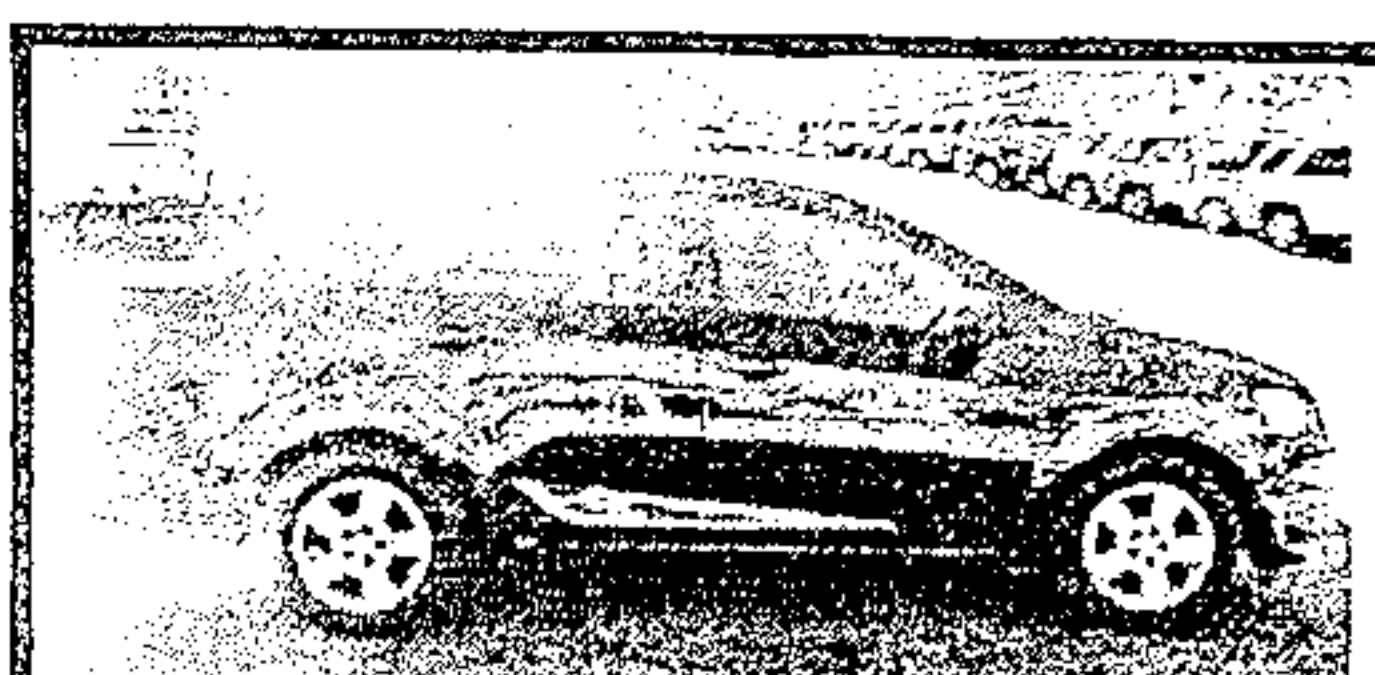
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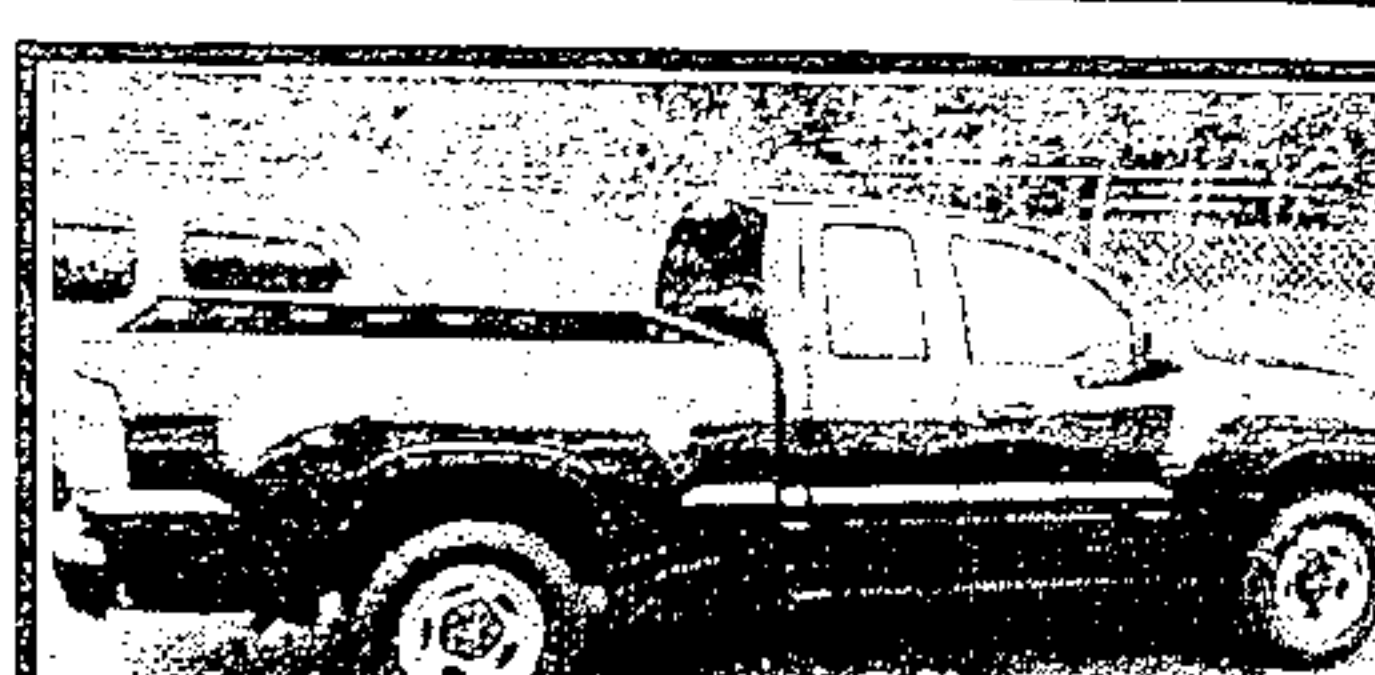
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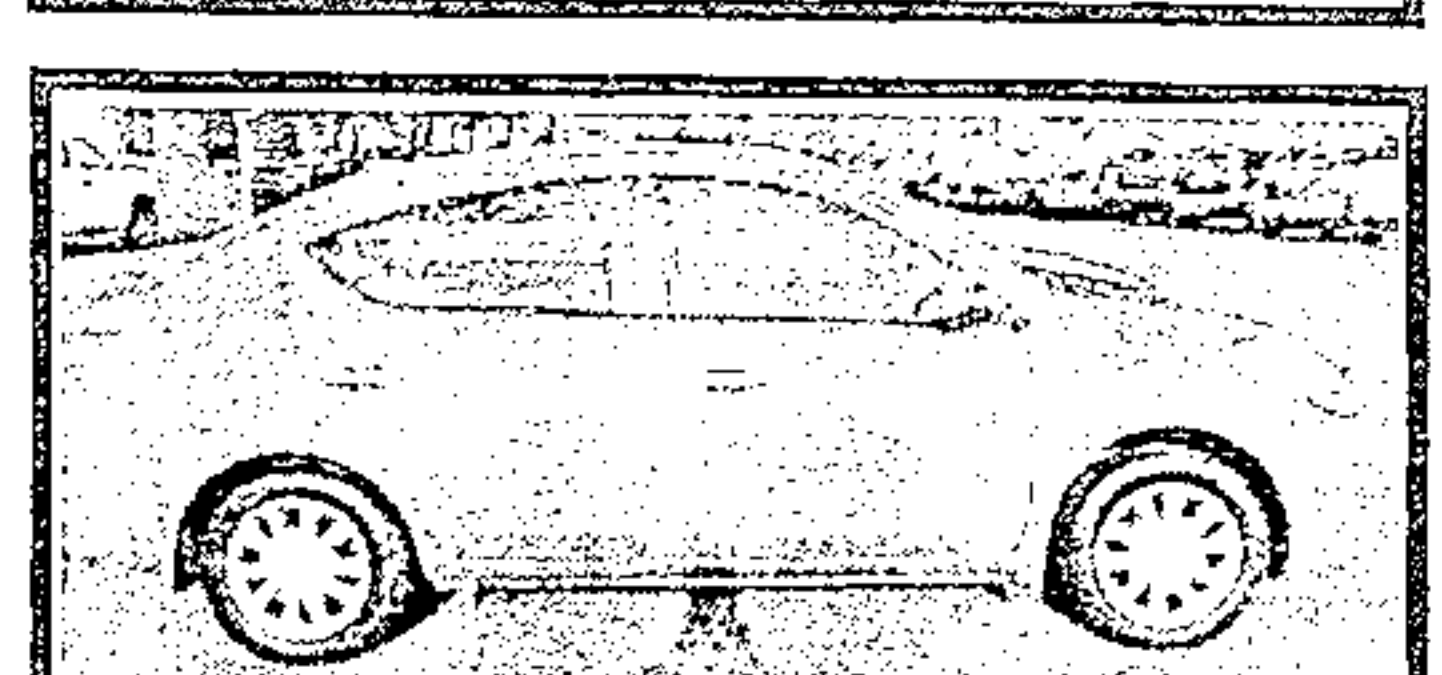
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