

# The Daily Edition

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Wednesday, March 2, 2016

## Habitually violent attacker at it again!

(see Habitual pg. 2)



William Matthew Allison

## You should have moved over!

Kevin Bryant, 54, at the 71 mm when the suspect drove by in the right lane where the trooper had to step out to try and get suspect to move over. The Trooper released the

(see THP pg. 7)



Kevin Bryant

## Local Icon and Friend Steve Spoon passes



STEVE SPOON

(see Spoon pg. 5)

## Charges follow investigation into assault



Maricia Scroggs

(see DV pg. 3)

### Verse of the Day

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.  
— 1 John 3:1

### Obituaries

see inside  
Wazzup

March Madness is getting ready to be upon us and so is some warmer weather!!!!

### Weather

Today: Cloudy early, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. High 48F.  
Tonight: Clear during the evening followed by cloudy skies overnight. Low 33F.  
Thursday: Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming cloudy with periods of rain

later in the day. High 51F.  
Thursday Night Rain ending early. Remaining cloudy. Low 38F.

### Horoscopes

*Pisces 2/19–3/20*

You are acutely aware of the role you are to play today, but you might not

(Continued on page 6)



## habitual

A known habitually violent man has again been charged with another violent crime. This assailant has no care if it is a child, female or law enforcement officer, as he has violently attacked all in the past. This time he broke into a woman's home and when ordered to leave hit the vic-

tim and choked her sending her to the emergency room.

William Allison, 33, Hines Valley Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Burglary and Aggravated Assault. Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, was dispatched to Jim Hartsook Drive, and made contact with the victim who stated that William

(see habitual ctd. pg. 4)

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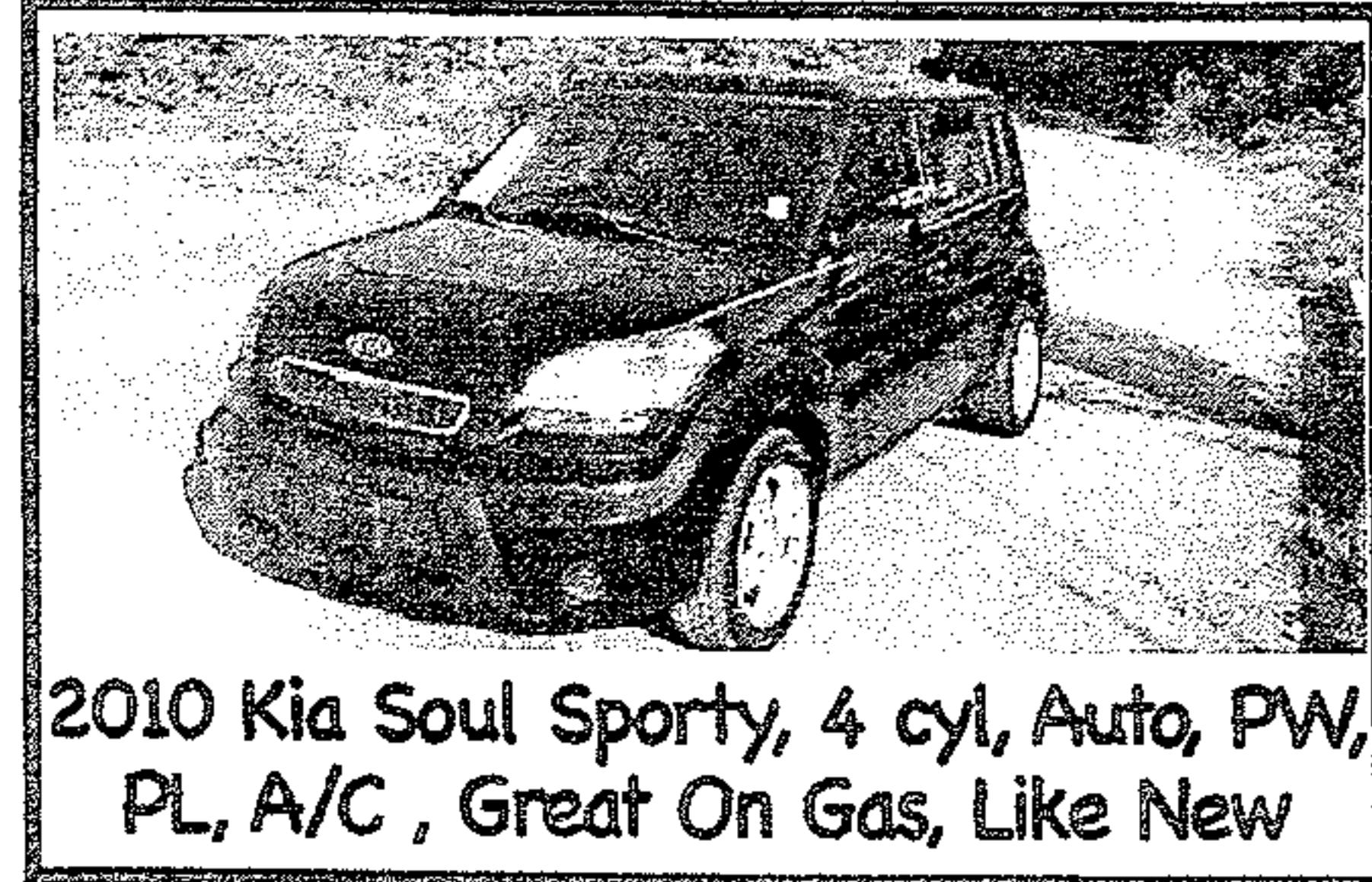
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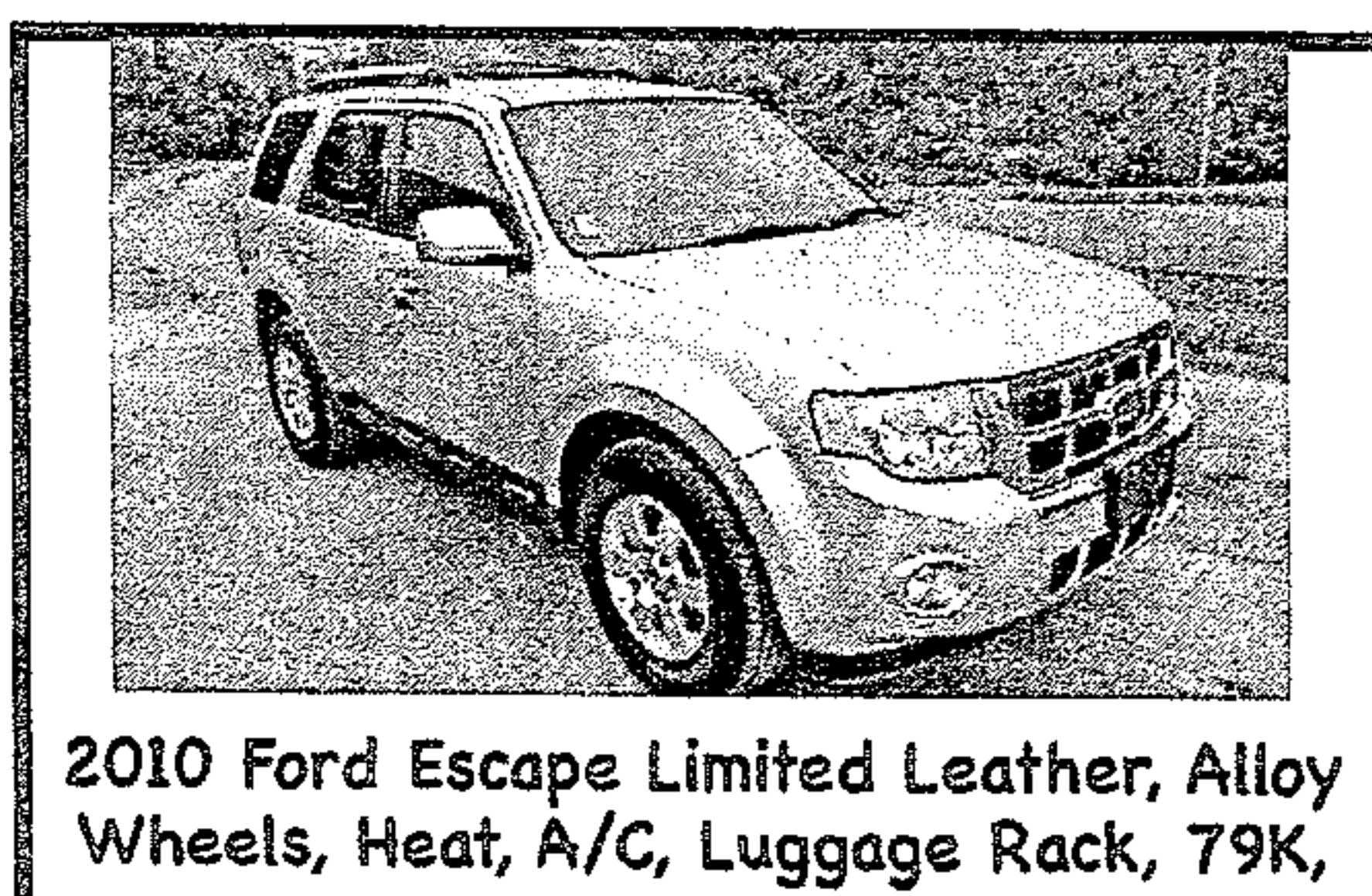
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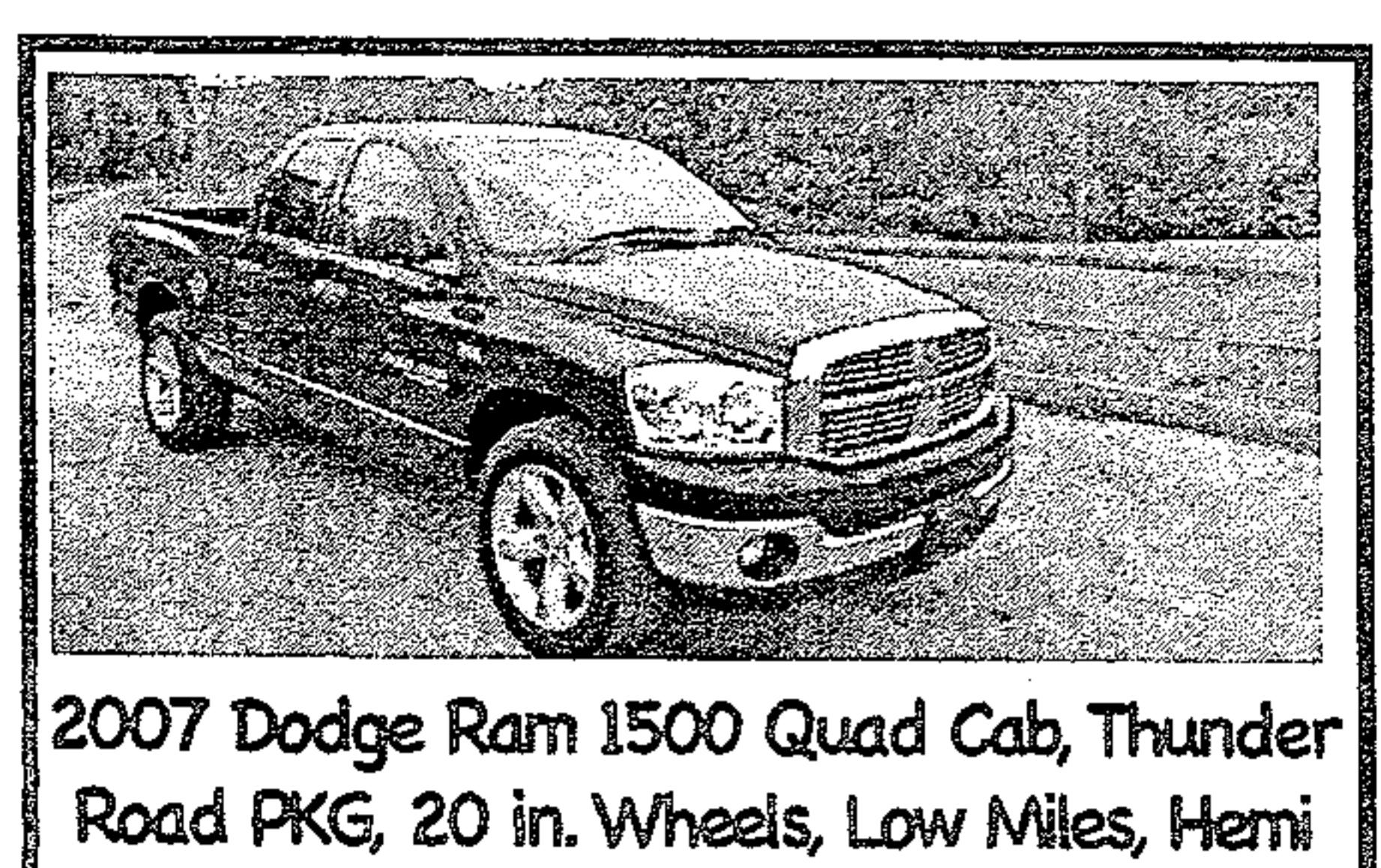
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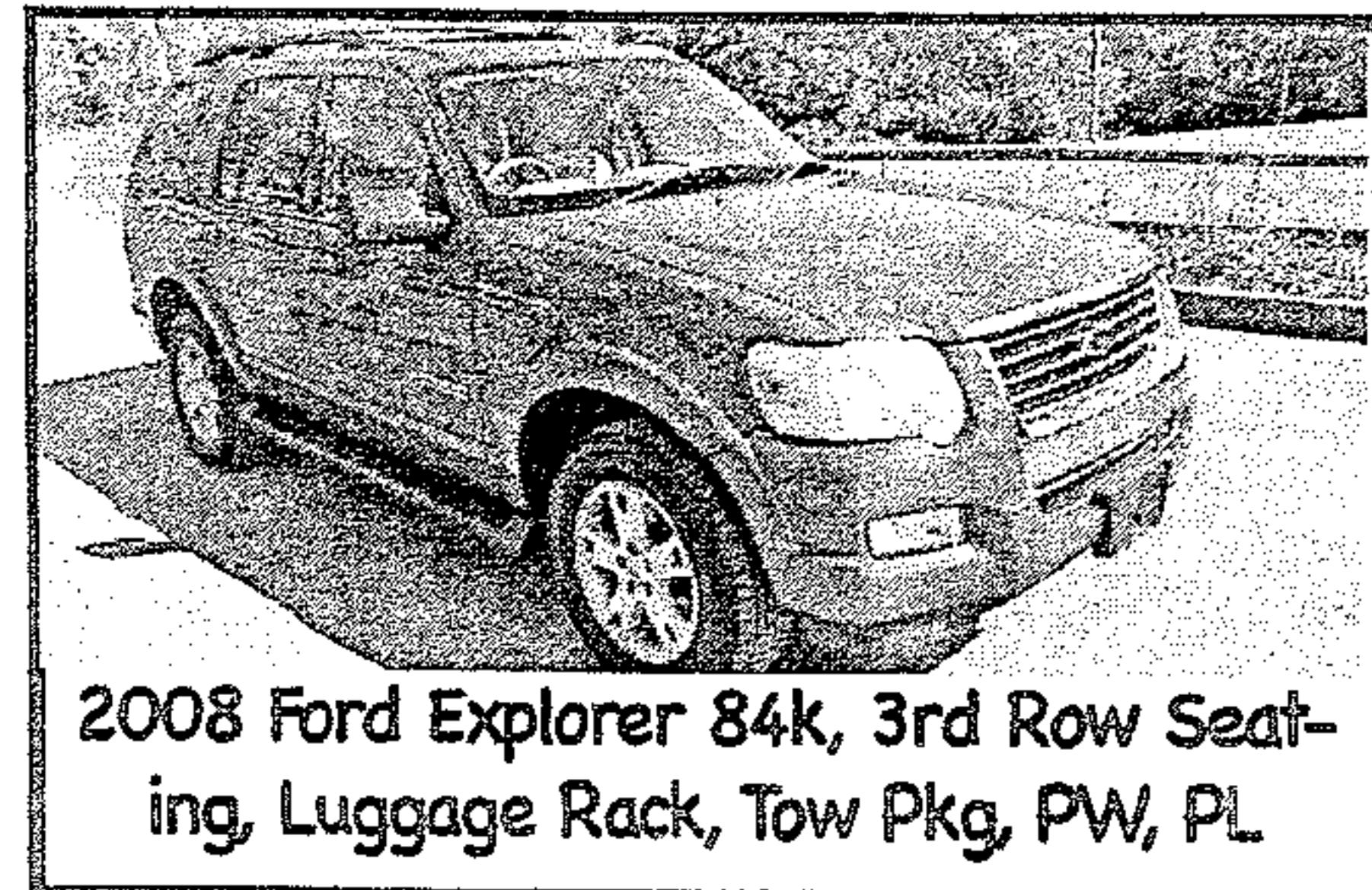
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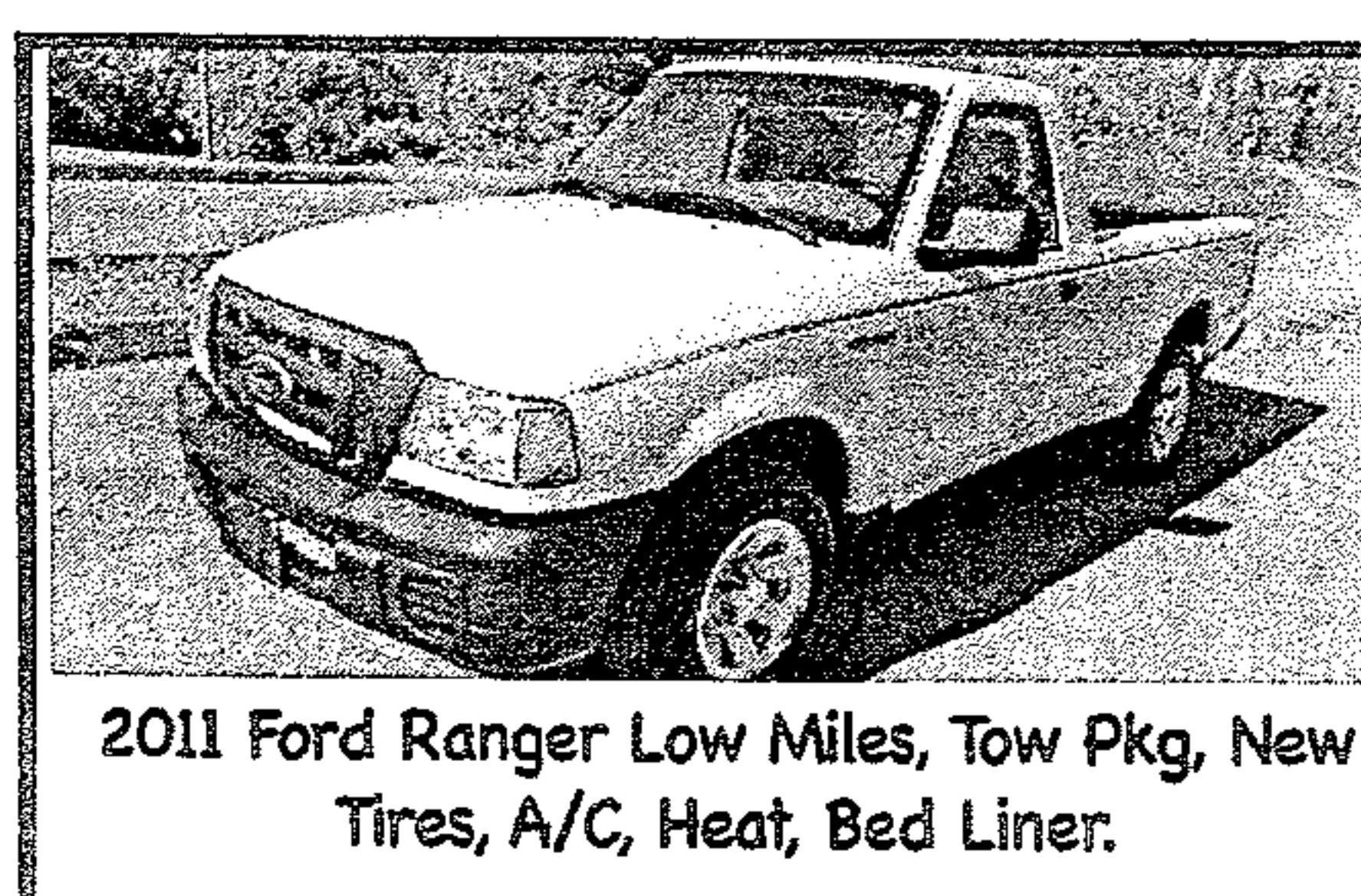
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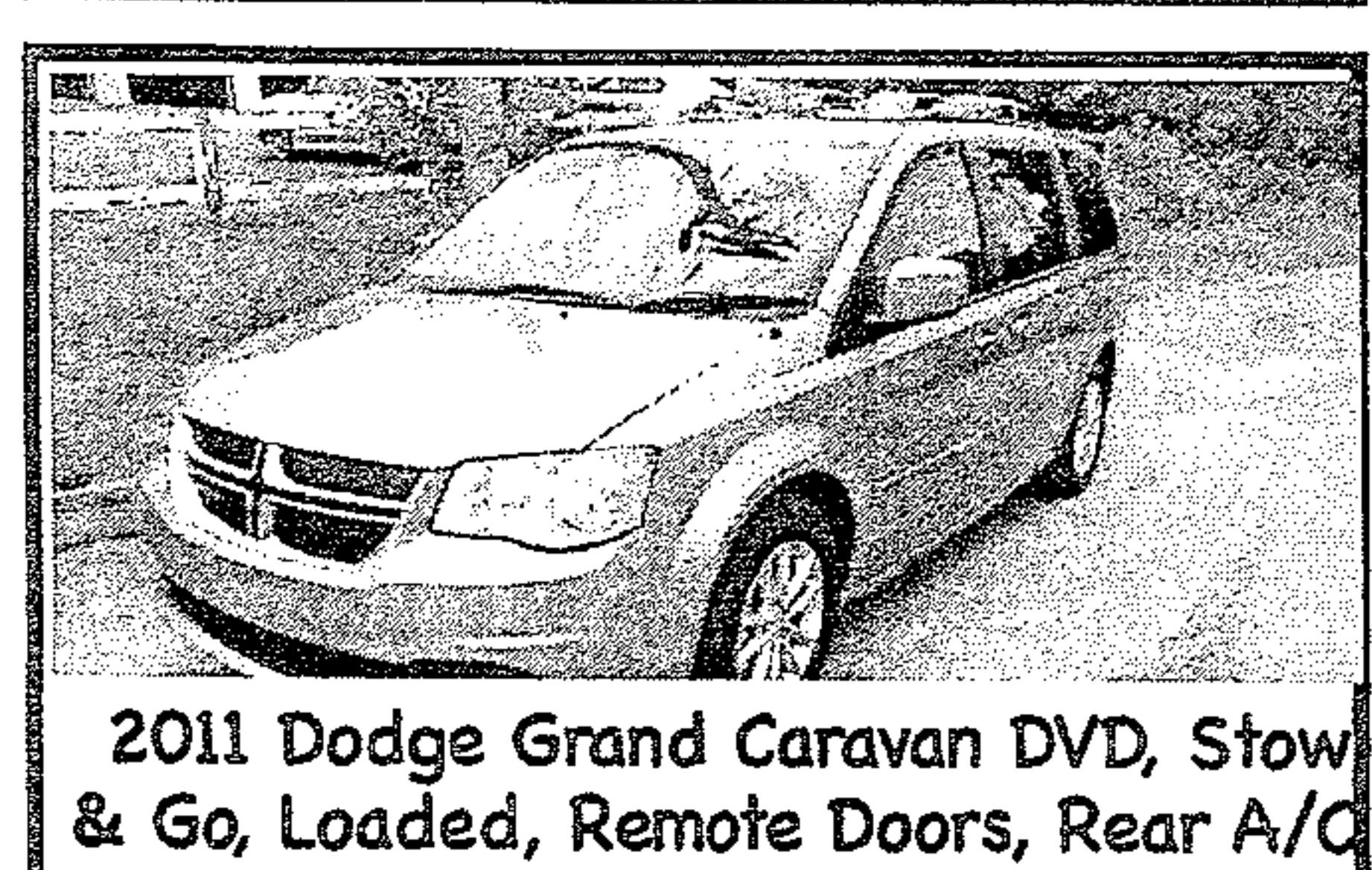
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DV

Maricia Scroggs, 45, White Wing Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy JC Schultz LCSO, was dispatched to a domestic on White Wing

Road. Upon arrival Deput made contact with Maricia Scroggs, who stated she had been in a verbal argument with the victim. The victim had left and went to the Loves Truck Stop. Scrogg had mud on the top of her feet, knees, and her pants were wet in the lower leg area.

Scrogg's stated she was working on a tractor earlier. There was a disturbance area on the ground in front of the residence that appeared to be from a struggle. Deputy Schultz and Palmer responded to Loves Truck Stop and made contact with the victim, who stated that her and Scroggs had been arguing and Scroggs attacked her.

Victim stated she had to put Scrogg on the ground

to avoid being injured. While Deputies were speaking with victim Scroggs drove by and pulled into the truck stop. Deputy Palmer stopped Scroggs and ask her to exit the

vehicle which she refused.

Deputies had to remove Scroggs from the vehicle and placed her under arrest. Deputy JC Schultz LCSO, made the arrest.

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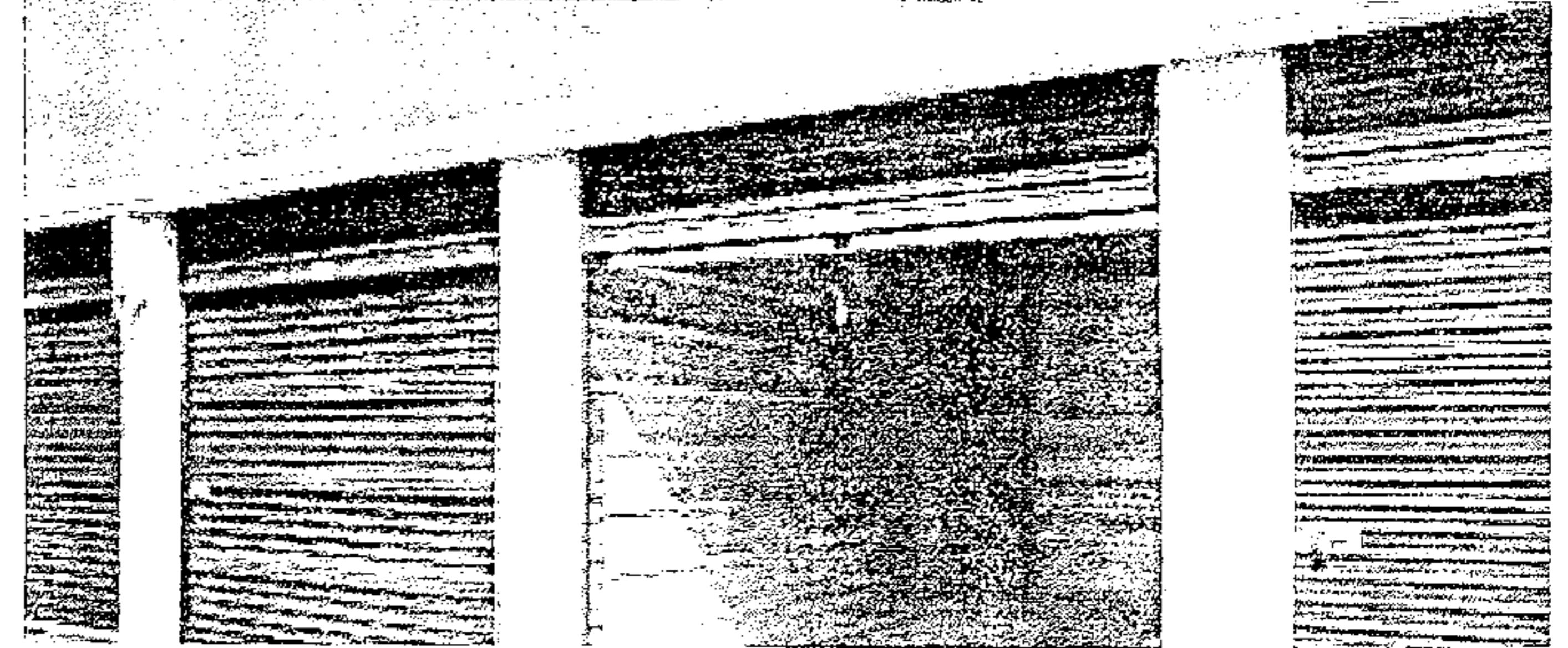
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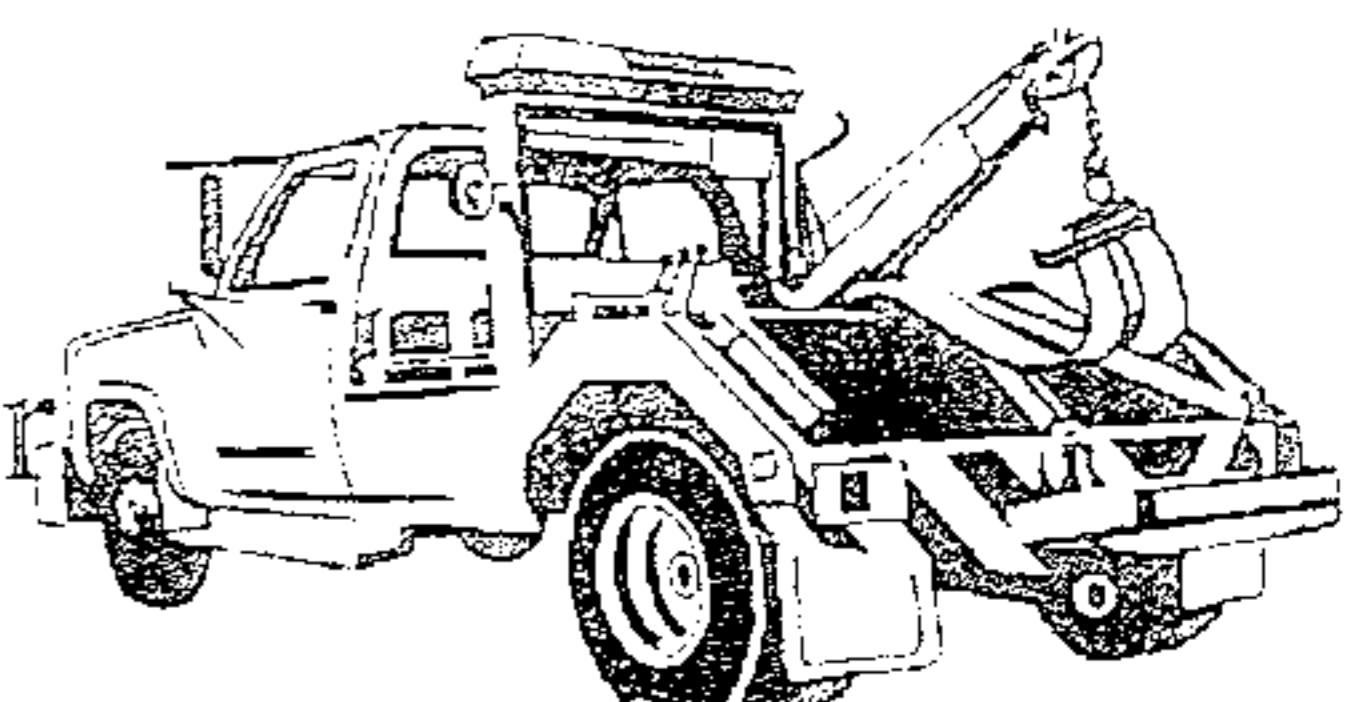
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habitual ctd. from pg. 2 entered her residence without victim permission. Victim ordered William to leave. William then took victim keys and told her he was taking her vehicle. Victim stood in front of William to try and stop him, William began hitting the victim with his fist. William then put his hands around victim neck and was

choking her. Victim eventually broke free from William but suffered a contusion to the right of her face, and red marks on her neck consistent to her being choked. Victim was treated at the ER. Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, arrested William at the Hines Valley Road address and transported to Loudon Jail.

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Spoon. You will be missed my friend and you are suffering no more, be sure and tell Reed we said hey from the Daily Edition and TV38 crew!

Steve Spoon, 59 of Lenoir City, went to be with the Lord Saturday, February 27, at Parkwest Medical Center, surrounded by family and friends. Steve was loving, car-

ing and a hard worker. He started with nothing; financing a little red wagon at Greer's to haul soda bottles at the age of 9. He is preceded in death by his wife, Edna Spoon; stepson, Robert Sartin; mother, Nell Spoon; father, Bill Spoon; sister, Martha Jaynes; and his "second parents" Mae and Fred Skidmore. He leaves behind his sister, Shirley Spoon; brother-in-law, Lewis Franklin; brother-in-law, Wesley Sartin; his niece and loving caregiver, that he loved as a daughter, Carol and Gary Shirk; niece, Frankee Jaynes and Ronald Upton; nephew, Joe and Emily Jaynes; great niece and nephew, Hayden and Holland Jaynes; Aunt, Lennie Taylor; special friends, James and Connie Brandon; and longtime best friend, Gary Bryant; many, many cousins and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service for Mr. Spoon will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Alex Townsend officiating. Graveside service 1 p.m. Thursday, at Steekee Cemetery. Family will receive friends Wednesday, 5 to 7 p.m. at Loudon Funeral Home. [www.loudonfuneralhome.net](http://www.loudonfuneralhome.net)

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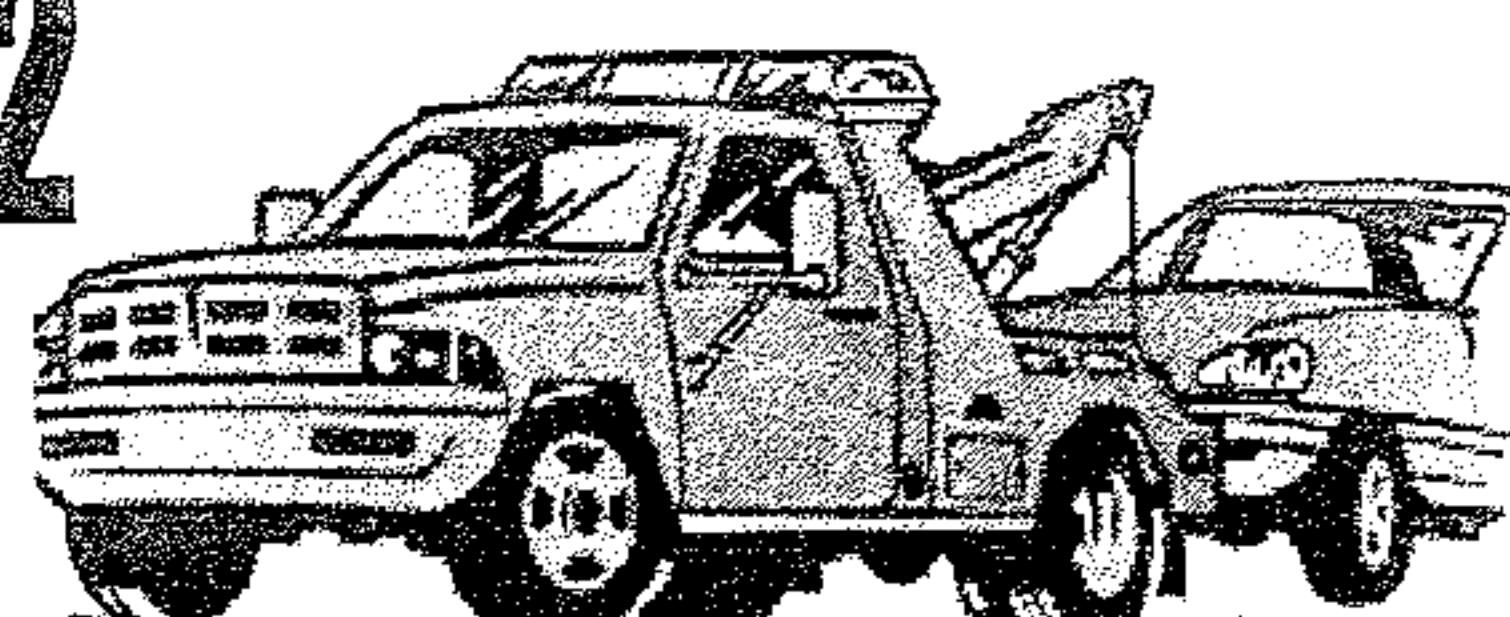
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stop he was on and stopped the suspect for the move over law. Upon contact with the driver identified as Kevin Bryant, Trooper could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Trooper had Kevin exit the vehicle and Kevin told Trooper there was some marijuana in the vehicle about an 1/2 ounce. A search of the vehicle Trooper found an 15 grams of marijuana in Kevin bag and an additional 2 ounces in his coat. Kevin was placed under arrest. Trooper Robert Woody THP, made the arrest.

One of two individuals charged in serial armed bank extortion scheme pleads guilty in federal court

On Mar. 1, 2016, Brian Scott Witham, 45, of Waterville, Maine, pleaded guilty to charges contained in a December 2015, 15-count indictment involving armed bank extortions of the Y-12 Federal Credit Union in Oak Ridge, Tenn., SmartBank in Knoxville, Tenn., and Northeast Community Credit Union in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Additionally, as a part of his plea agreement, Witham agreed to plead guilty to similar charges from three other federal jurisdictions including the Western District of North Carolina, the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the District of Connecticut

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which he, the U.S. Attorneys and the federal judge all consented to transfer to U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Tennessee. These charges include: being a felon in possession of a firearm in Haywood County, N.C.; armed robbery of an Ingles in Arden, N.C.; armed robbery of the Peoples Security Bank and Trust in Clarks Summit, Pa.; and attempted armed bank extortion of the Achieve Financial Credit Union in New Britain, Conn.

Sentencing for Witham is set for Aug. 17, 2016, in U.S. District Court in Knoxville.

The plea agreement, which is on file with U.S. District Court in Knoxville, contains detailed information regarding the crimes Witham admits to committing along with co-defendant Michael Anthony Benanti, 43, of Lake Harmony, Pa. Benanti is also charged in this case and is currently in custody awaiting trial currently scheduled for March 29, 2016.

Numerous law enforcement agencies were involved in this investigation. Tennessee agencies included: FBI Knoxville Resident Agency, along with the FBI Safe Streets Task Force; Knoxville Police Department; Knox County Sheriff's Department; Johnson City Police Department; Carter County Police Department; Oak Ridge Police Department; and Elizabethton Police Department. North Carolina agencies included: FBI Asheville Resident Agency; North Carolina State Highway Patrol; North Caroline State Bureau of Investigation; Asheville Police Department; Maggie Valley Police Department; Waynesville Police Department; Haywood County Sheriff's Office; and, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office. Pennsylvania agencies included the FBI Harrisburg Resident Agency assisted by state and local law enforcement. Connecticut agencies

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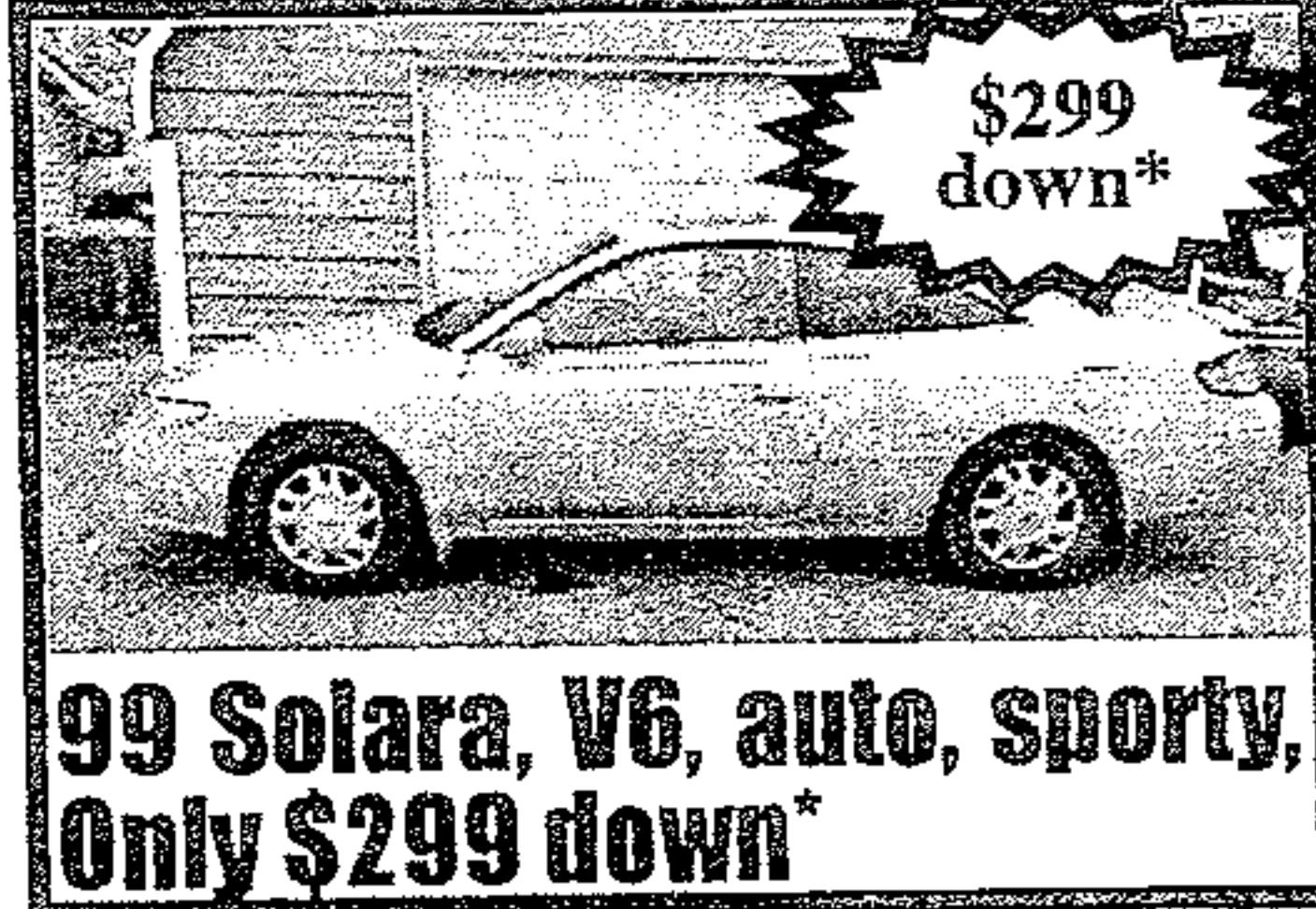
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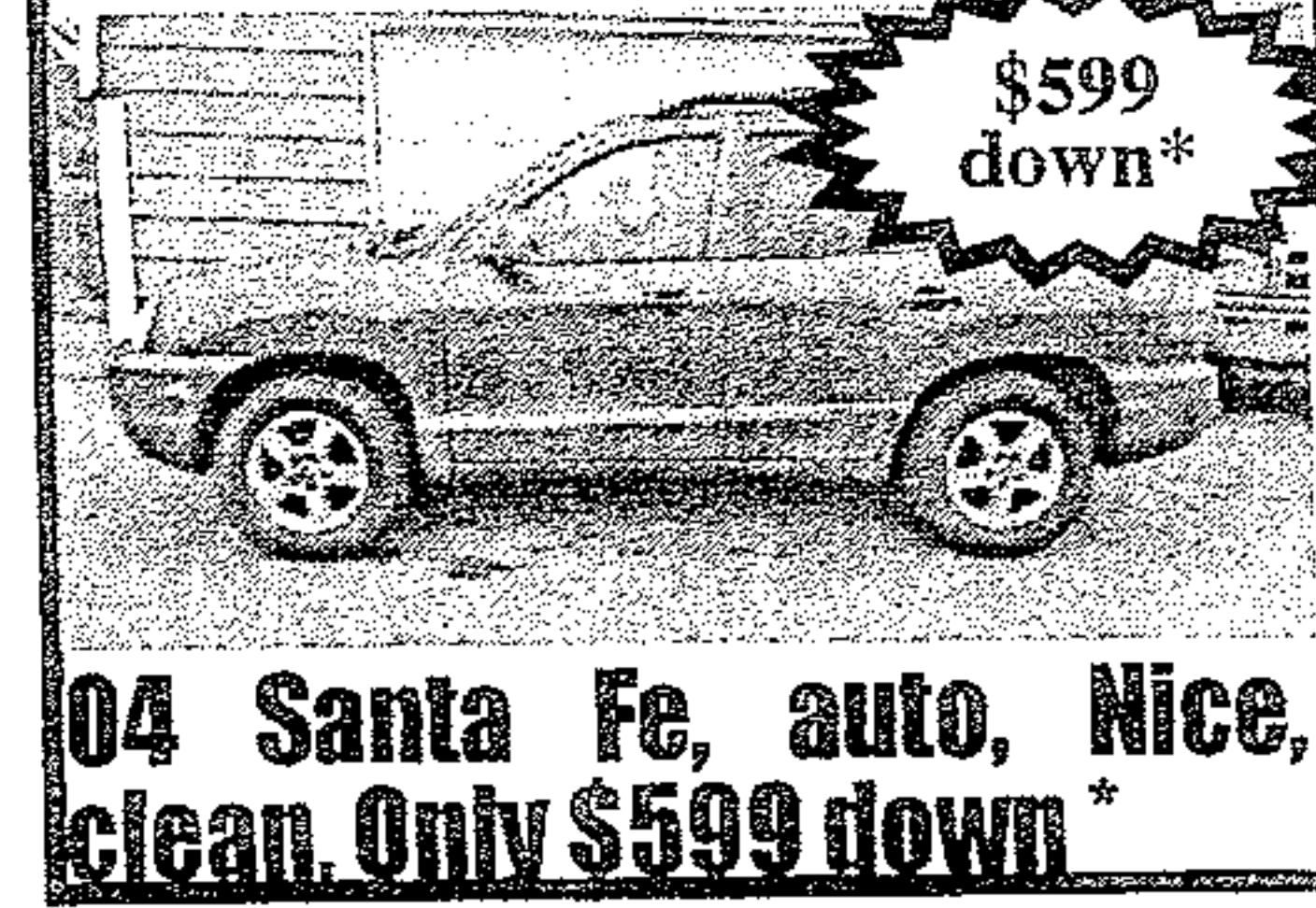
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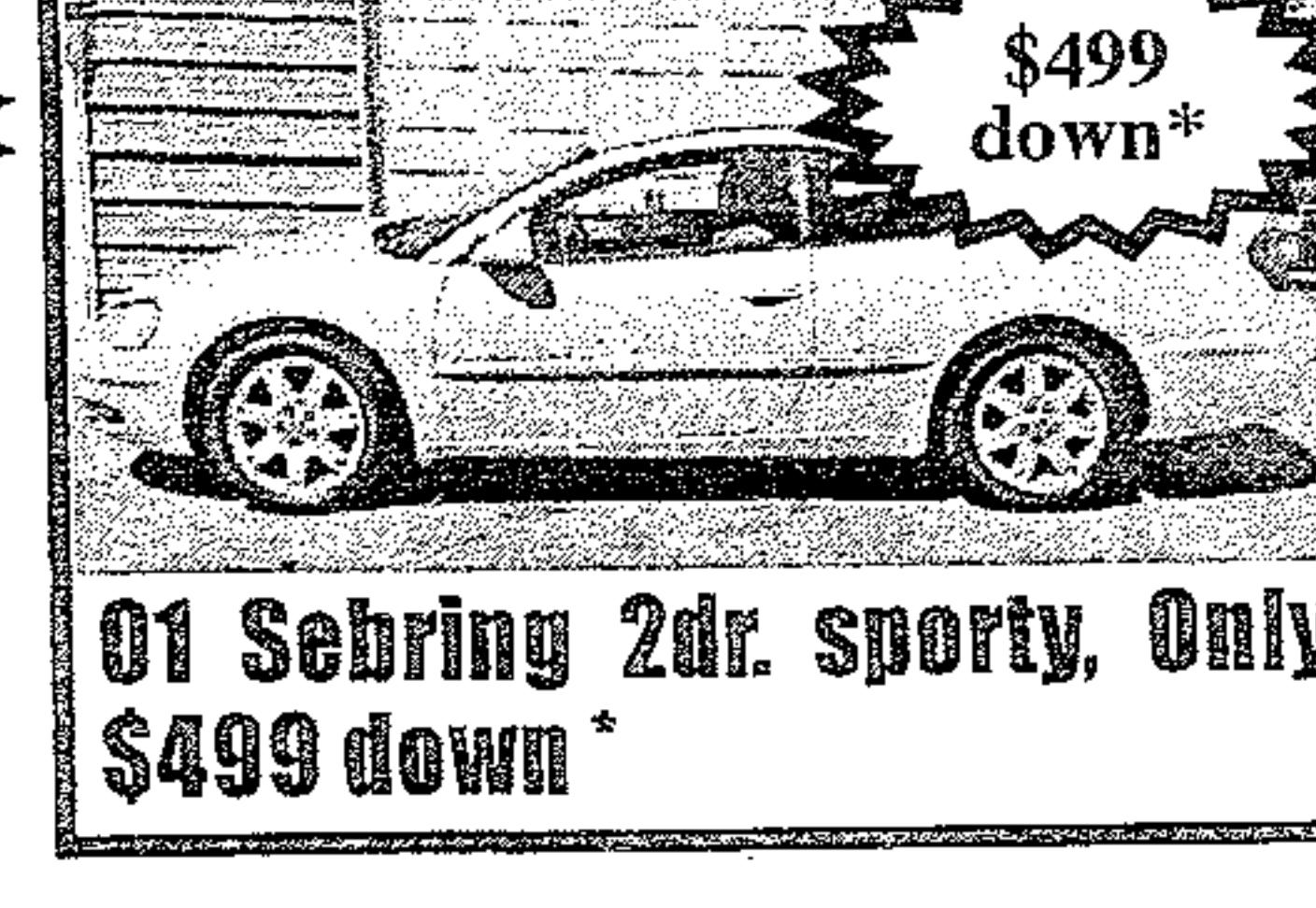
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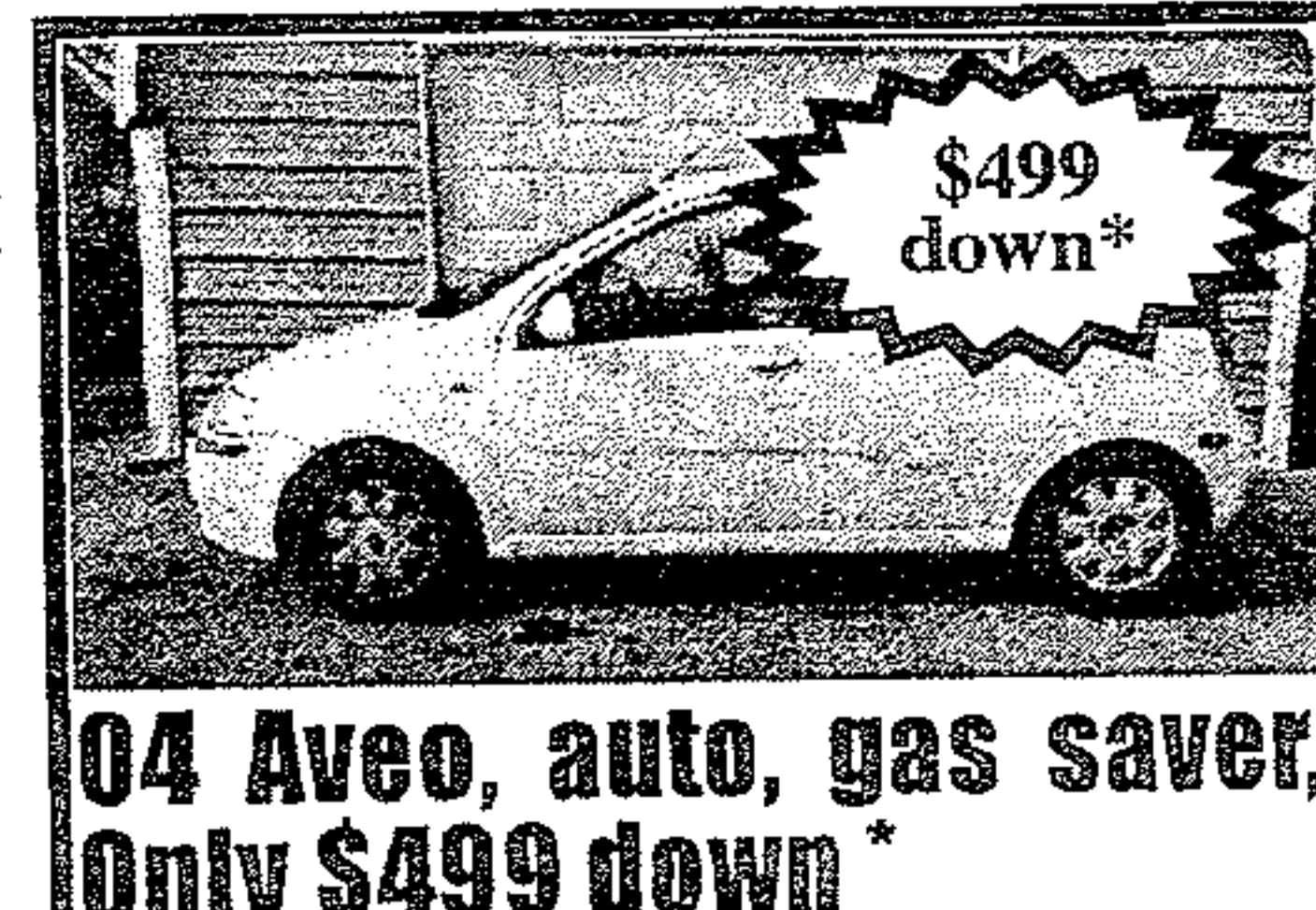
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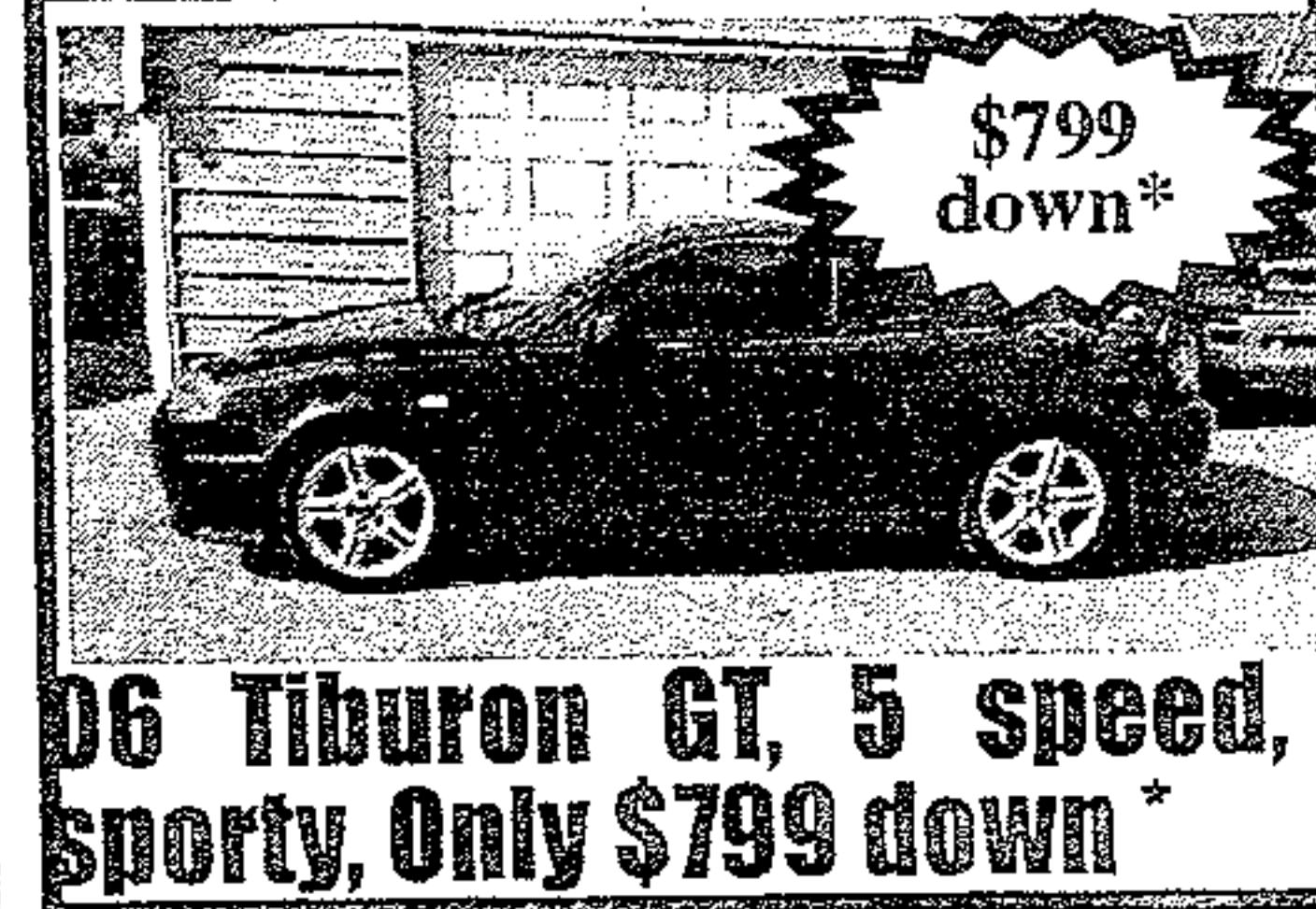
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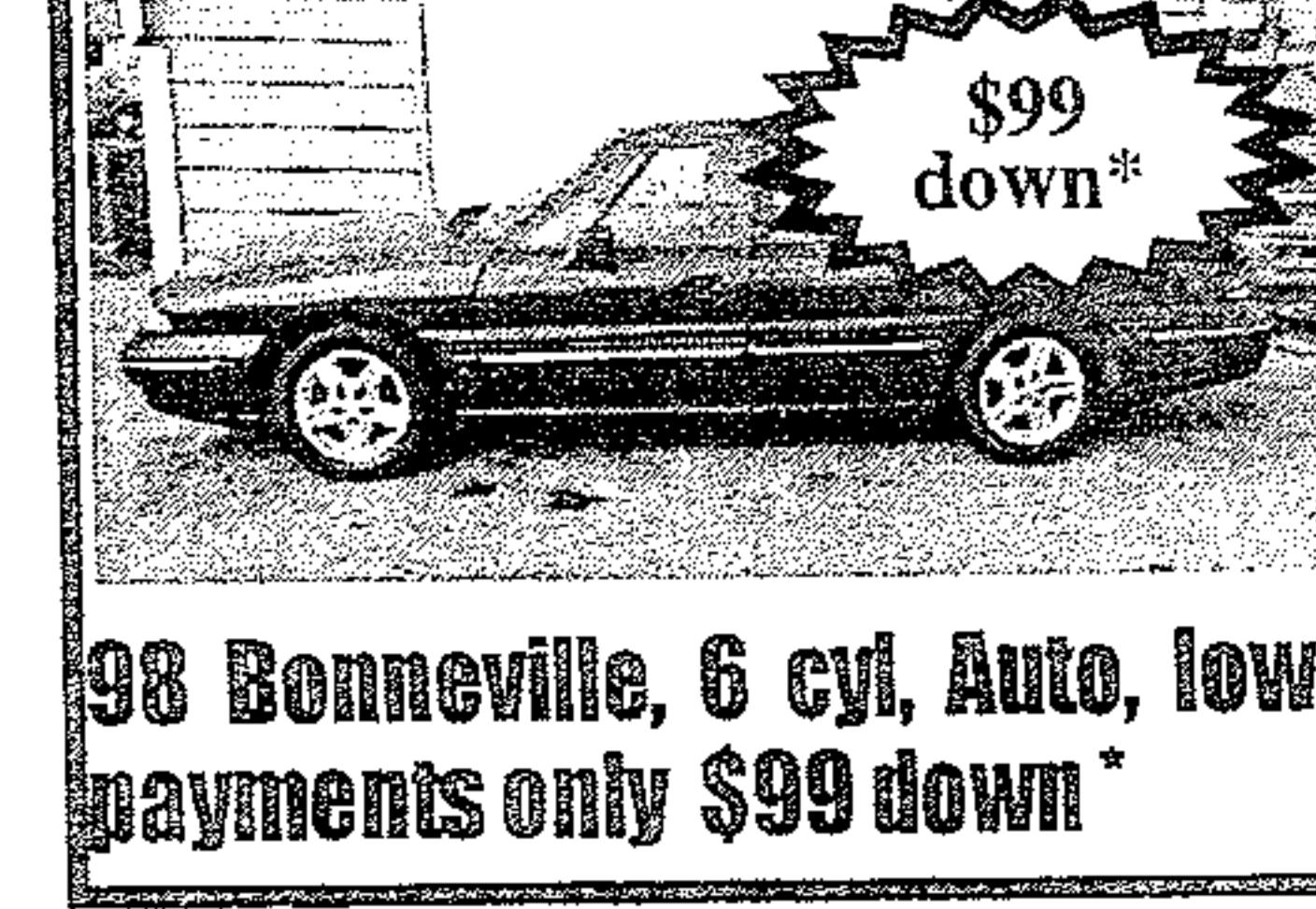
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The following Assistant U.S. Attorneys were assigned to represent the United States in their various districts: Jacobed Rodriguez-

Coss, District of Connecticut; Assistant U.S. Attorney John Gurganus, Middle District of Pennsylvania; and Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Gast, Western District of North Carolina. Assistant U.S. Attorneys David P. Lewen, Jr. and Steven H. Cook from the Eastern District of Tennessee represent the United States in this combined guilty plea.

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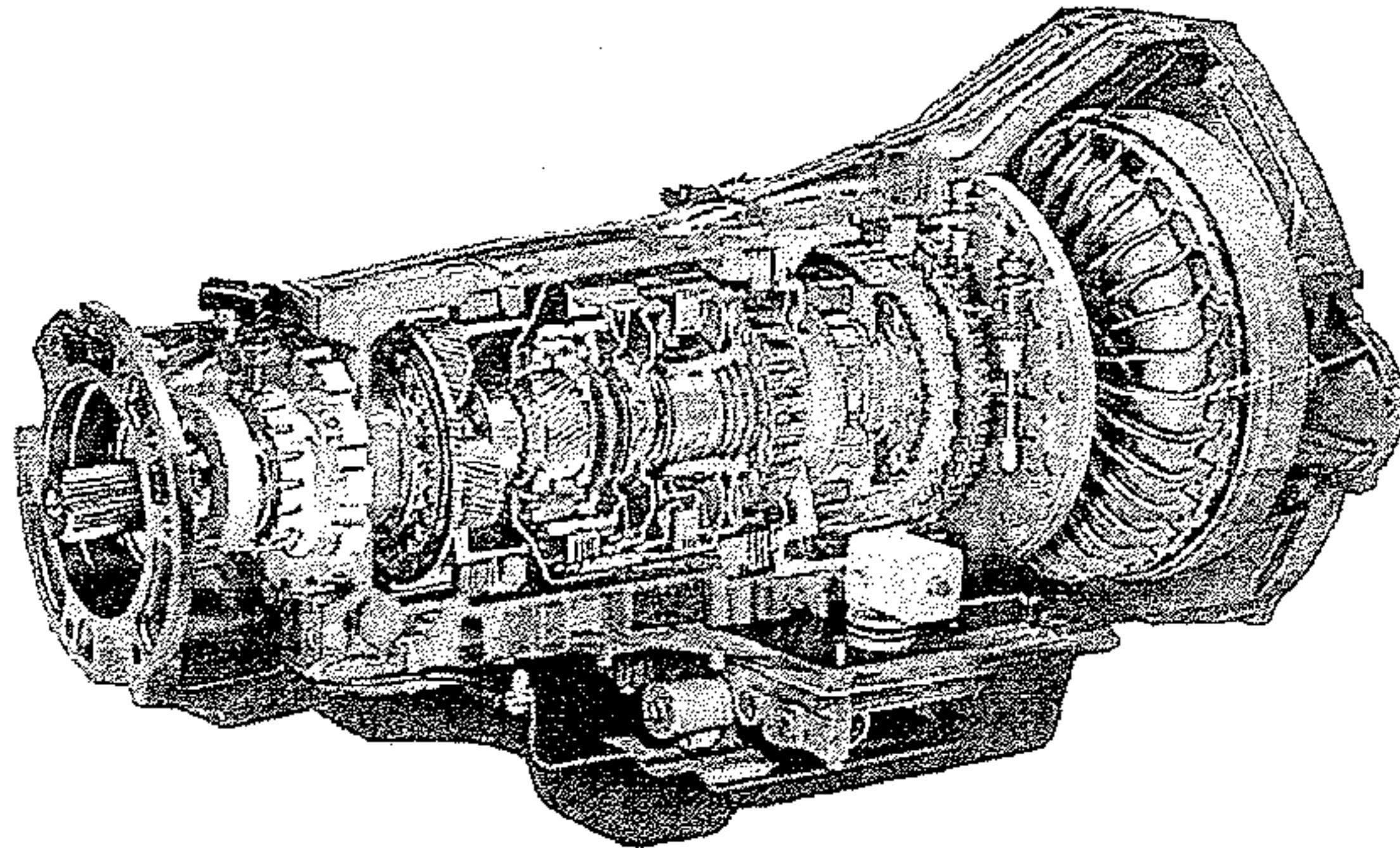
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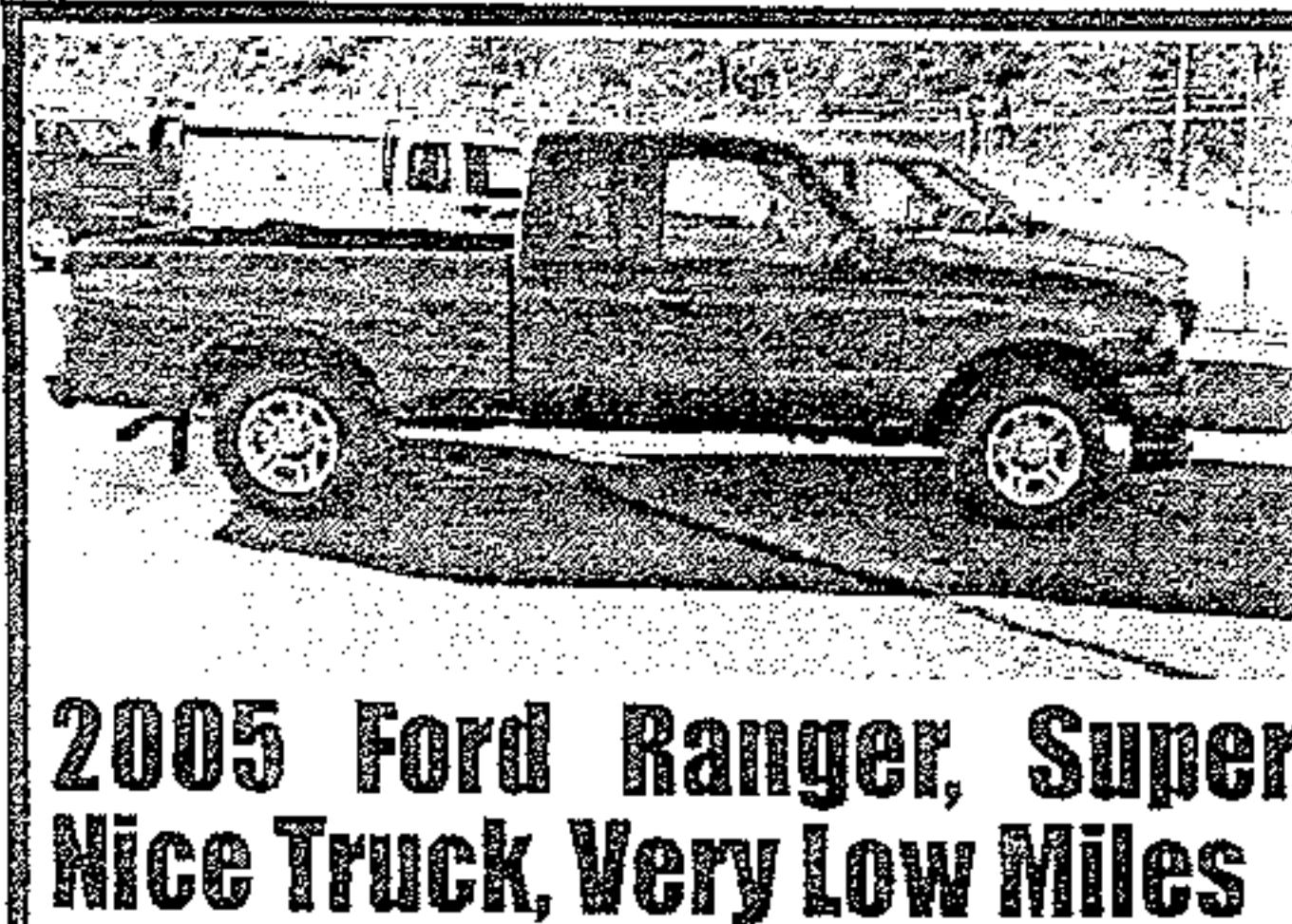
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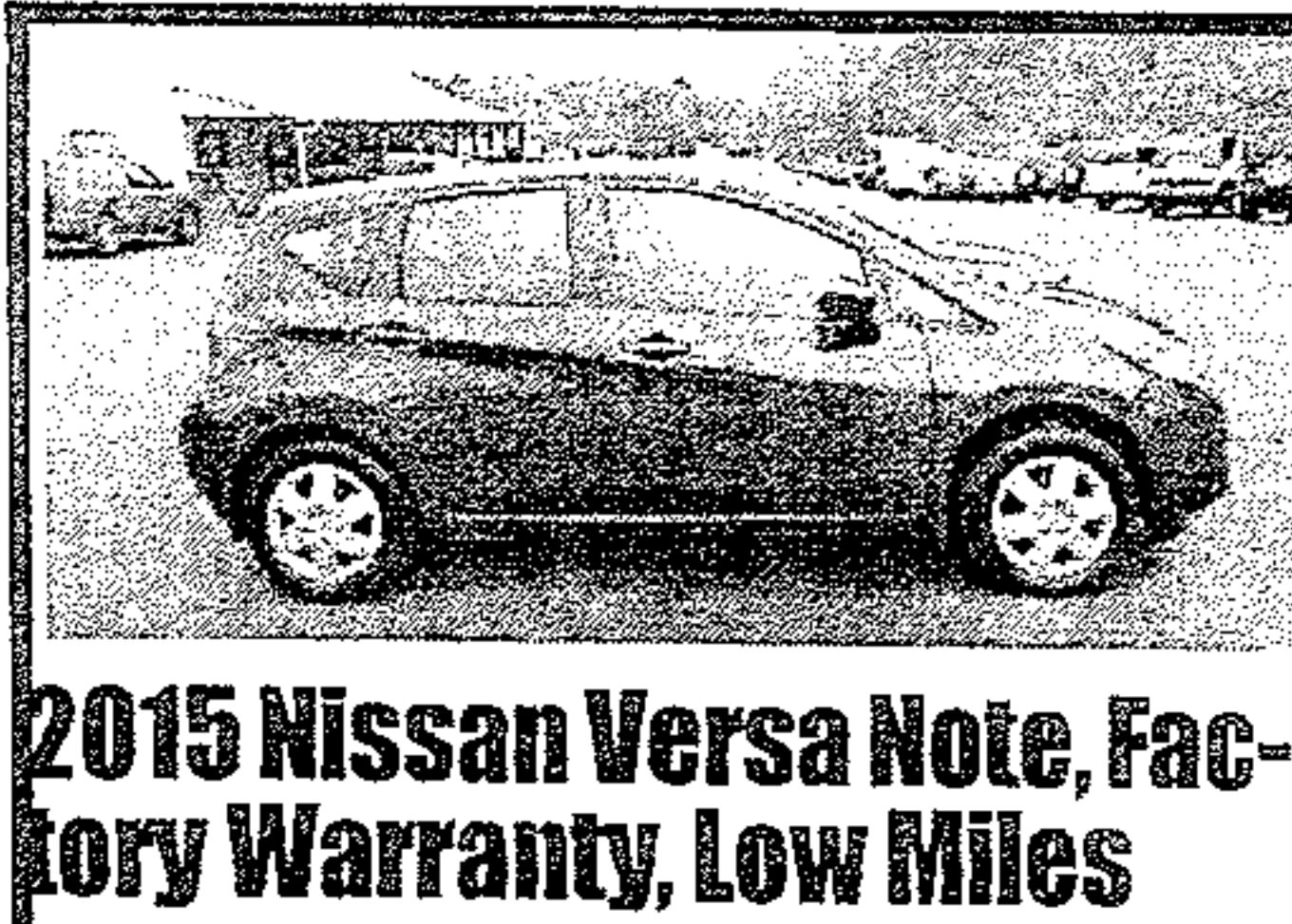
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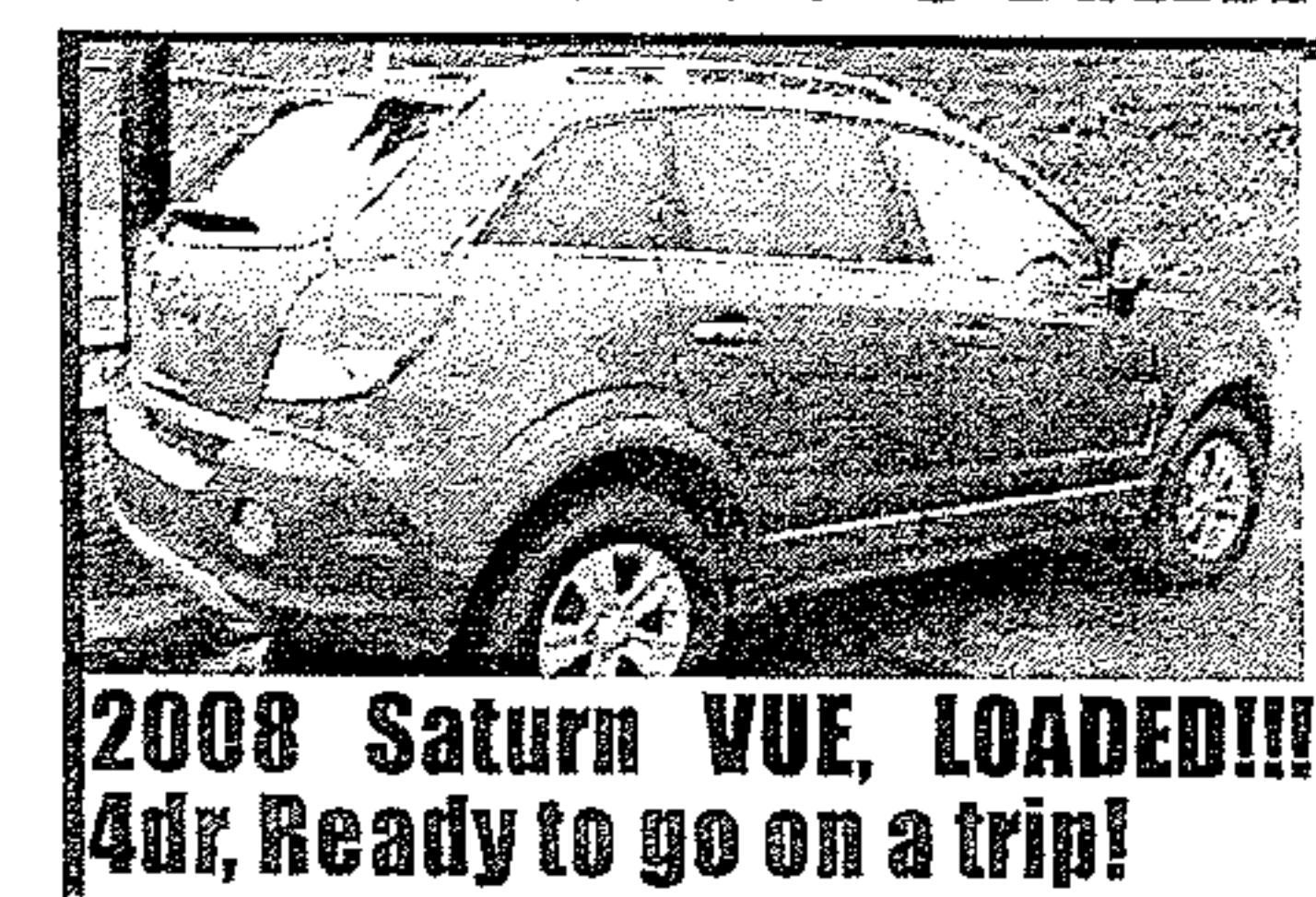
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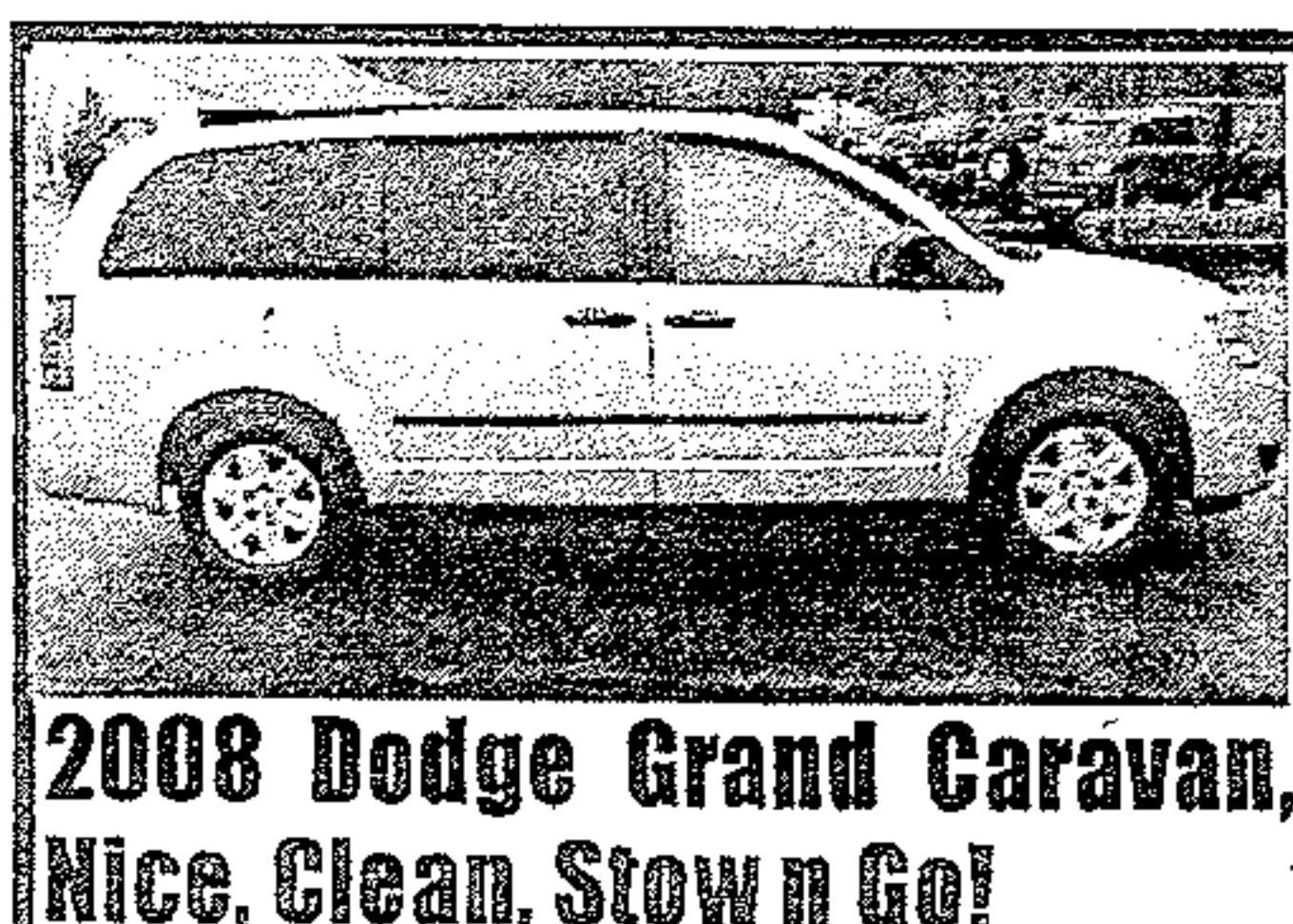
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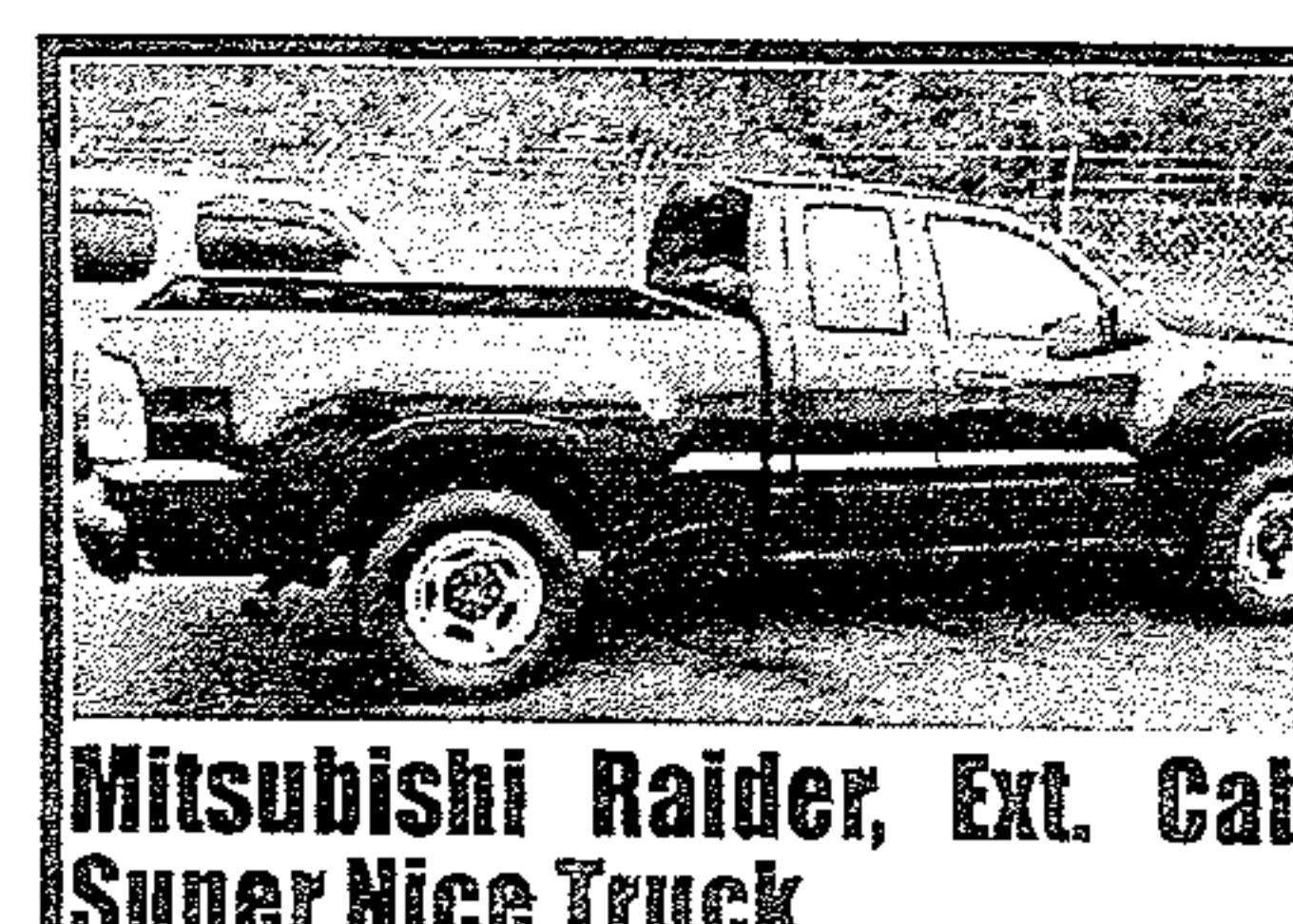
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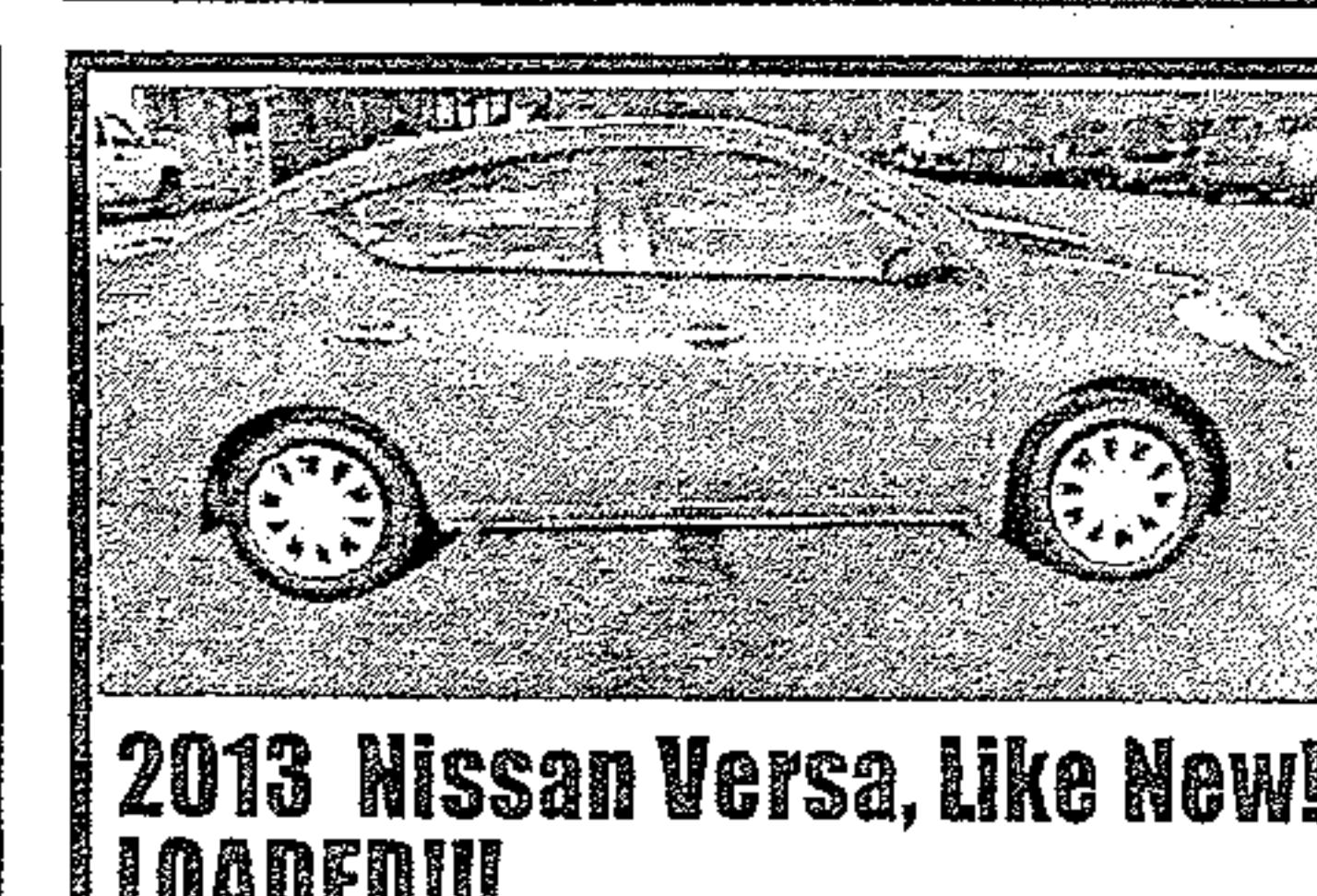
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