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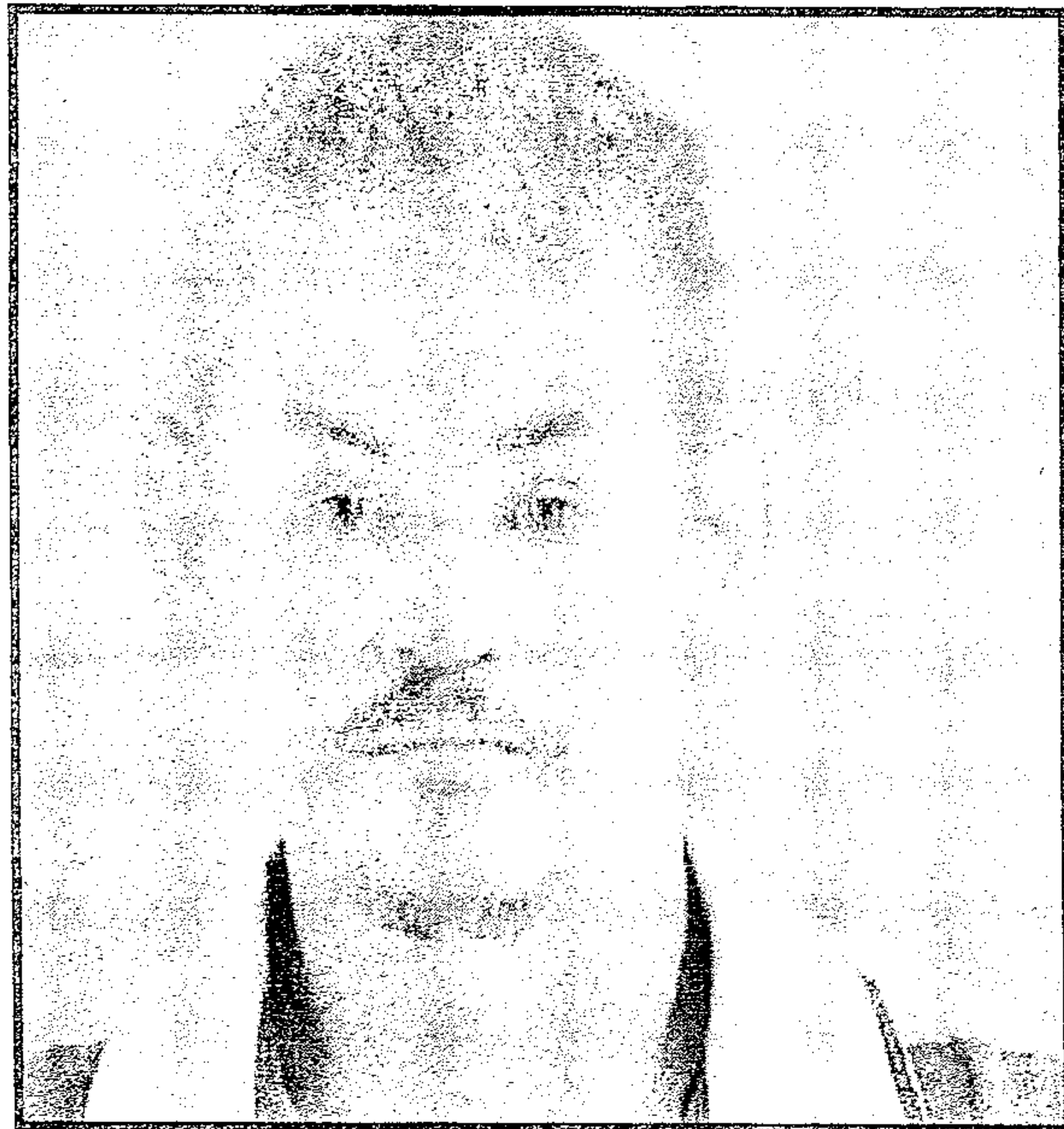
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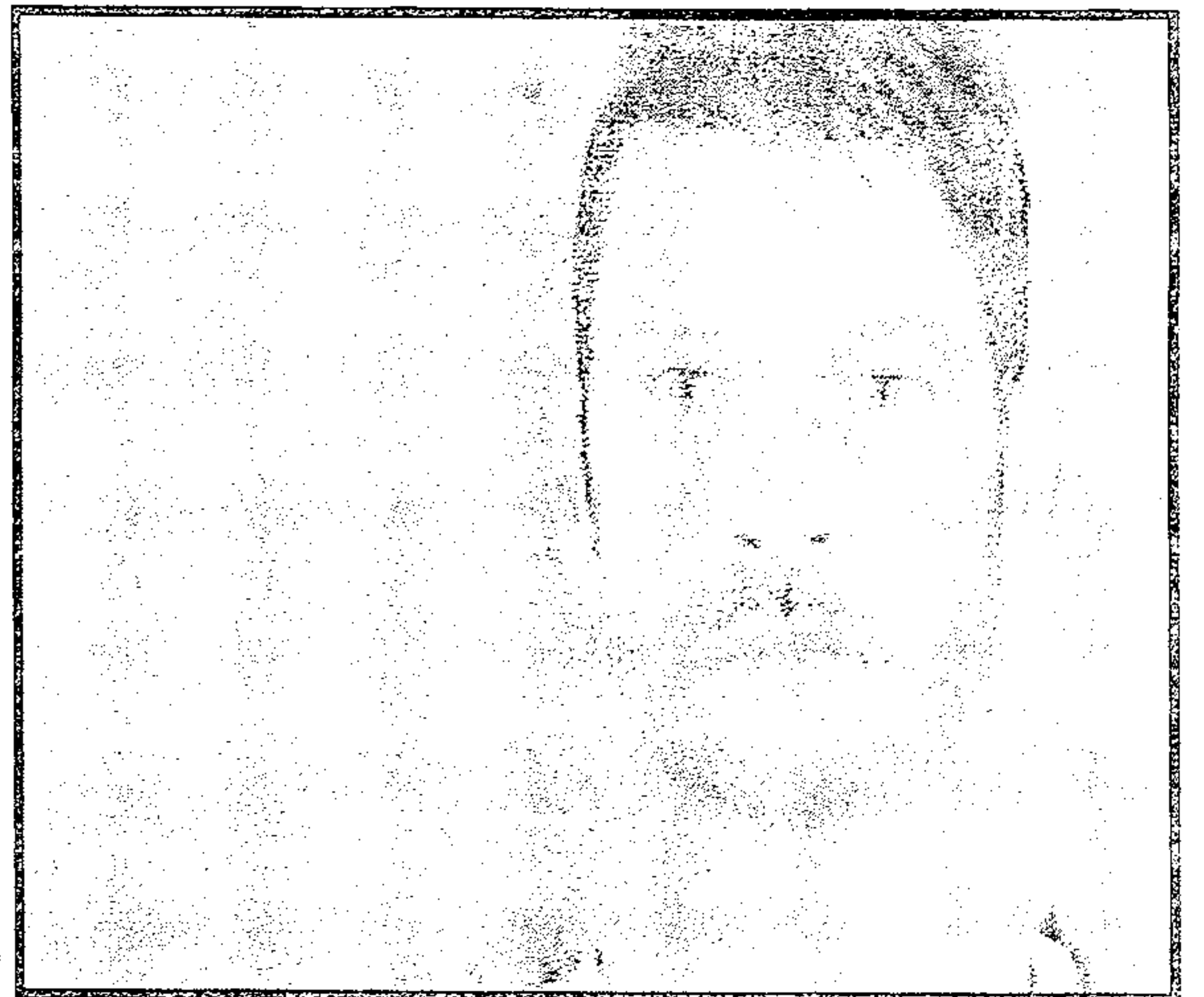
## Man charged with beating up mom Again!

Daltone Major, 34, Bell Street Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Jonathan Yates LPD, responded to a domestic violence at Gay Street in Loudon. Upon arrival Officer was let in the residence by a juvenile who stated he was hurting his mom. Officer could hear a loud commotion coming from the bedroom and command all parties to come out to  
*(see Assault pg. 2)*



Daltone Major

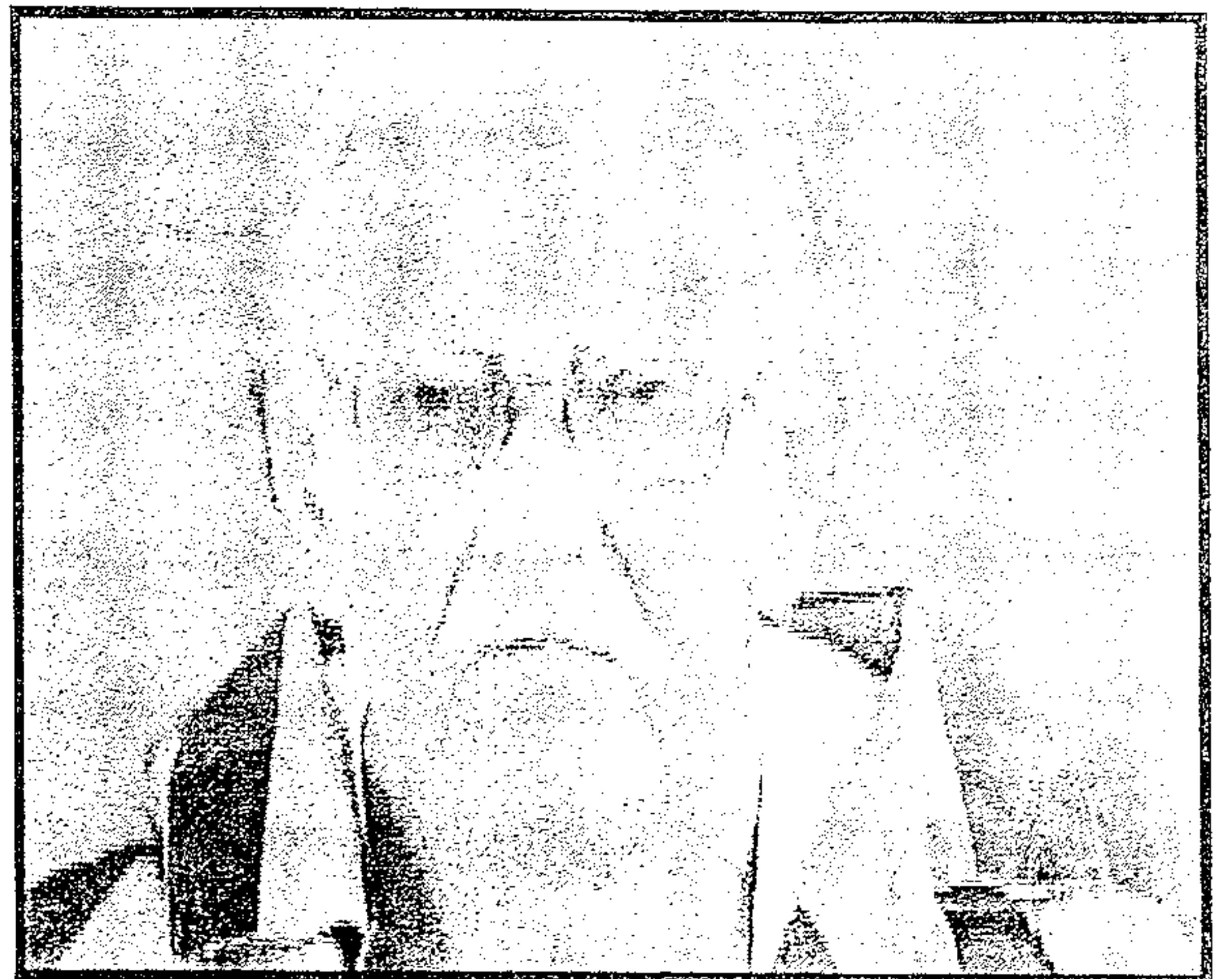
## Light law violation bad for revoked driver



Kenneth Loveday

*(see DUI pg. 5)*

## Felony Charges filed on Villager after mystery bruises on victim appear to be abuse



Ronald Kodidek

*(see abuse pg. 3)*

## Check-Cashing Scheme Voided

Multi-Agency Effort Disrupts U.S. Treasury Check-Cashing and Identity Theft Ring

The treasury checks were meant for military families, taxpayers receiving refunds, and Social Security beneficiaries—but they wound up in the hands of thieves instead.

From June 2012 to September 2014, a band of 19 criminals in Atlanta ran a large-scale U.S. Treasury check-cashing and identity theft ring

*(see scheme pg. 7)*

## Arkansas Drug Trafficking Enterprise Dismantled

Leader Gets 20 Years in Prison After Multi-Agency Investigation

Several years ago, in the city of West Memphis in eastern Arkansas, violent street gangs involved in drug trafficking and other crimes threatened the safety and security of the people who lived and worked in the area. One of the most significant gangs was headed by drug kingpin Rafael McDaniel.

After a request for federal assistance  
*(see FBI pg. 4)*

## Verse of the Day

Christredeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." — Galatians 3:13

## Obituaries

see inside

## Wazzup

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thankful for all you have.

## Weather

Today: Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 57F. Tonight: Clear. Scattered frost possible. Low 34F. Tuesday A mainly sunny

sky. High 68F.

Tuesday Night A mostly clear sky. Low 46F.

## Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19

Your eagerness is bubbling over now that the Sun has returned to re-

*(Continued on page 6)*



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assault  
the living room.

A male and female came out and said the assailant Dalton Major was hiding in the closet. Officer found Dalton hiding in the closet and had a steak knife in his pocket.

Officer has responded to several domestic between the parties. Victim had an active

Order of Protection against Dalton. Victim stated Dalton had placed his hands on her and threw her to the ground.

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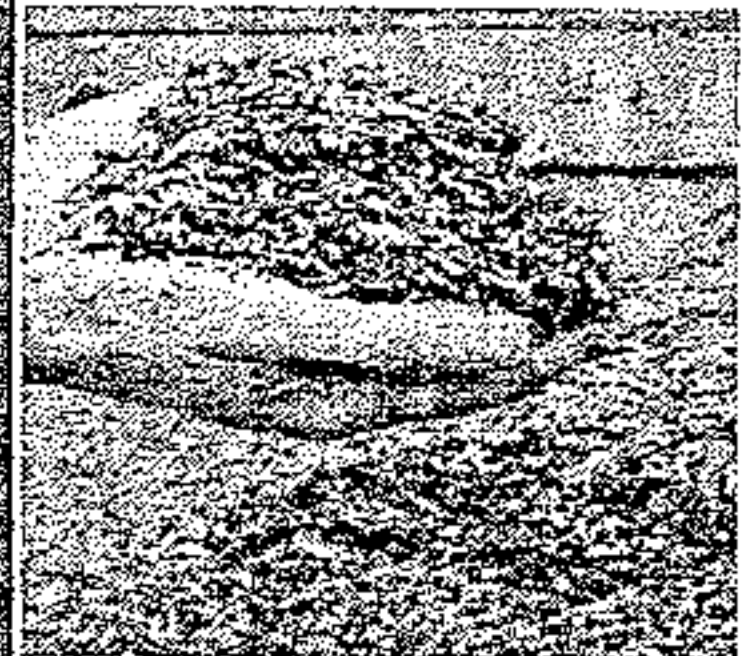
Ronald Kodidek, 73, In-agehi Circle Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault Felony.

Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, was dispatched to

meet with medical personnel from Priority Ambulance at the Fort Sanders Loudon Emergency Room. Upon arrival, Deputy met with a female, a possible victim of domestic violence. She had been sent to the ER by a doctor from UT Family Physicians in Loudon, because of possible signs of abuse. Victim had visible bruises on her face and forehead. She also had bruising on her chest, both shoulders, and left leg and ankle. Victim would not say where the bruising came from, but it was believed by

the doctor to be from her husband, Ronald Kodidek, same address. Victim would not cooperate with the investigation. Deputy spoke with her husband, who stated that the injuries came from falling. He was not cooperative either. Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, made the arrest.

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FBI tance from the West Memphis Police Department to help address the drug trafficking activity and its accompanying violence, the FBI initiated Operation Delta Crossroads as an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OC-DETF) case. And as a result of the investigation—which involved multiple controlled drug buys and several Title III wiretaps that recorded hundreds incriminating conversations—McDaniel was convicted of drug and firearms offenses last year and subsequently sentenced to a 20-year prison term. Several of his co-conspirators were also charged, pled guilty, and sentenced. The OCDETF program, established in 1982, is the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's drug strategy to reduce the availability of drugs by identifying, disrupting, and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations and related criminal enterprises. OC-DETF investigations succeed because they leverage the strengths, resources, and expertise of federal, state, and local investigators and prosecutors. During the investigation into McDaniel's gang, agents from our Little Rock Field Office worked side-by-side with several narcotics detectives from the West Memphis Police Department. With the assistance of the Arkansas State Police—and in coordination with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas—investigators identified and gathered evidence on McDaniel's West Memphis-based drug trafficking organization, which was believed to be responsible for the distribution of large quantities of cocaine and crack cocaine in Crittenden County and other areas of eastern Arkansas. We knew that McDaniel had two lieutenants—Wendell Glenn and David Green—who helped him run the operation. We knew that the organization regularly obtained multi-ounce quantities of cocaine from suppliers. We knew that McDaniel, Glenn, Green, and others actually converted the cocaine into crack cocaine before giving it to other organization members responsible for the sale of the drugs. And we knew that members of the criminal enterprise, including McDaniel, possessed and used firearms for the purpose of protecting

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Loveday. Kenneth was overly nervous during the interview, and stated he did not have a driver license. A check through dispatched revealed his license were suspended and had a larceny warrant from 2004. During a search of the vehicle revealed approx. 3 grams of marijuana, rolling papers in a sunglass holder. Kenneth stated he had smoked marijuana

earlier. Kenneth was ask to perform sobriety test and was unable to perform as instructed. Kenneth was placed under arrest. Sgt. Russell Smith THP, made the arrest.

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their drugs and drug proceeds and to intimidate and deter rival drug dealers. The Little Rock FBI case agent recalled an

instance of overhearing talk on a wiretap between Wendell Glenn and a criminal associate who was physically tailing a rival drug dealer. The associate offered to shoot the dealer, but Glenn said he wanted to do it himself. "But," said the agent, "the shooting didn't happen because we sent marked units to flood the area."

A July 2014 supersed-

ing indictment charged McDaniel, Glenn, Green, and 15 other conspirators with various drug trafficking and firearms offenses. Sixteen defendants, including Glenn and Green, eventually entered guilty pleas and were sentenced in the face of such overwhelming evidence (charges against a 17th defendant were combined with another federal indictment). But McDaniel, perhaps thinking he was smart enough to beat the system, took a chance on a trial—and lost.

Law enforcement collaboration in eastern Arkansas is nothing new—in February 2015, the leader of another drug trafficking organization was sentenced to life in prison after the successful conclusion of another OCDETF case, Operation Delta Blues, which targeted public corruption, drug trafficking, and unlawful firearms. And in August 2015, 70 defendants were charged with drug and gun offenses in 40 separate indictments as part of an OCDETF case known as Operation Blynd Justus.

According to the Delta Crossroads case agent, "The task force made the case. It would not have happened without both agencies [West Memphis Police Department and FBI] working closely together."

And today, communities in eastern Arkansas are enjoying dramatic decreases in violent crimes being committed on their streets as a result of these kinds of law enforcement collaborations.

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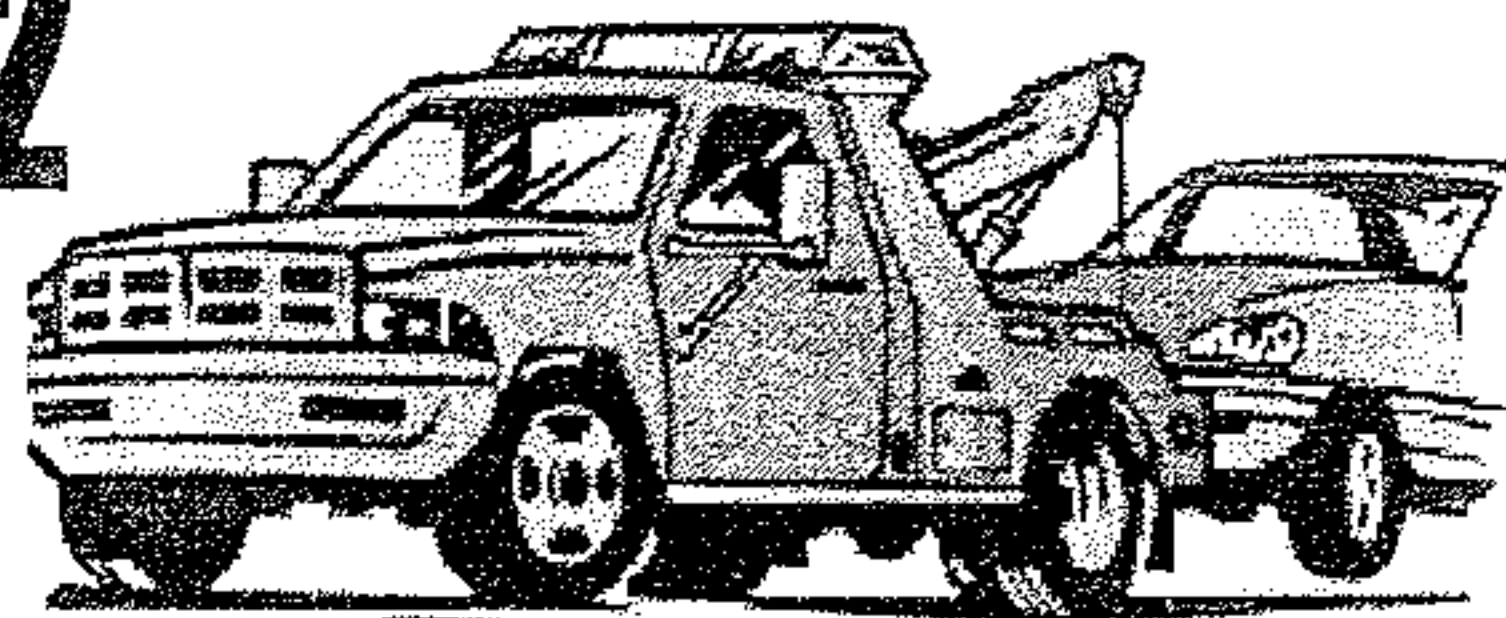
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that defrauded the federal government and retail stores of nearly \$1 million. The ring included check suppliers, sellers, identification manufacturers, and "check runners" who used fake driver's licenses to cash stolen checks.

At the center of it all was career criminal Asad Abdullah, who orchestrated the elaborate scheme from inside a Georgia state prison. With regular access to contraband cellphones, Abdullah was able to contact his younger brothers in Atlanta, and he soon had the resources he needed to mobilize the family-run criminal

**enterprise.**

Here's how it worked: Thieves stole checks from various sources, including the U.S. mail, and middlemen purchased the checks at a percentage of their face value, usually 25 percent. Meanwhile, identification manufacturers were paid to produce counterfeit Georgia driver's licenses matching the names and addresses

of the victims, but with photos of the scheme's check runners, who would cash the checks at grocery stores, discount supermarkets, and check-cashing outlets.

While U.S. Treasury check-cashing was a regular activity for Abdullah's crew, the ambitious enterprise also engaged in credit card fraud. Inside sources working at big-

box stores with regular access to customer and store credit card data provided the thieves with a steady flow of personal information. This data was used to produce counterfeit identification documents so the fraudsters could pose as real store club members. Trips to stores throughout Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama resulted in brand new replacement credit cards that were ultimately used to purchase gift cards, gas, groceries, and other items.

The ring was finally derailed following a series of early morning raids and takedowns on September 24, 2014, which turned up weapons, cash, and identity

document manufacturing hardware.

"The 16-month investigation was an enormous cooperative effort involving numerous federal, state, and local law enforcement resources," said an FBI Atlanta agent assigned to the case.

As part of the investigation, a confidential informant assisted the FBI and other law enforcement personnel in recovering stolen checks and false identifications. Several stores also agreed to support the investigation by cashing the stolen checks, thus aiding the Bureau and other agencies in identifying members of the scheme.

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"Fraud and identity theft crimes are a serious problem in Atlanta," added the case agent. "Our combined efforts in this particular case serve as a warning to would-be criminals on the brink of preying on unsuspecting vic-

tims."

Sentencing was announced on February 16, 2016 for 18 of the 19 Atlanta criminals convicted for their roles in the crime ring. The 19th and final defendant is scheduled to be sentenced in the near future.

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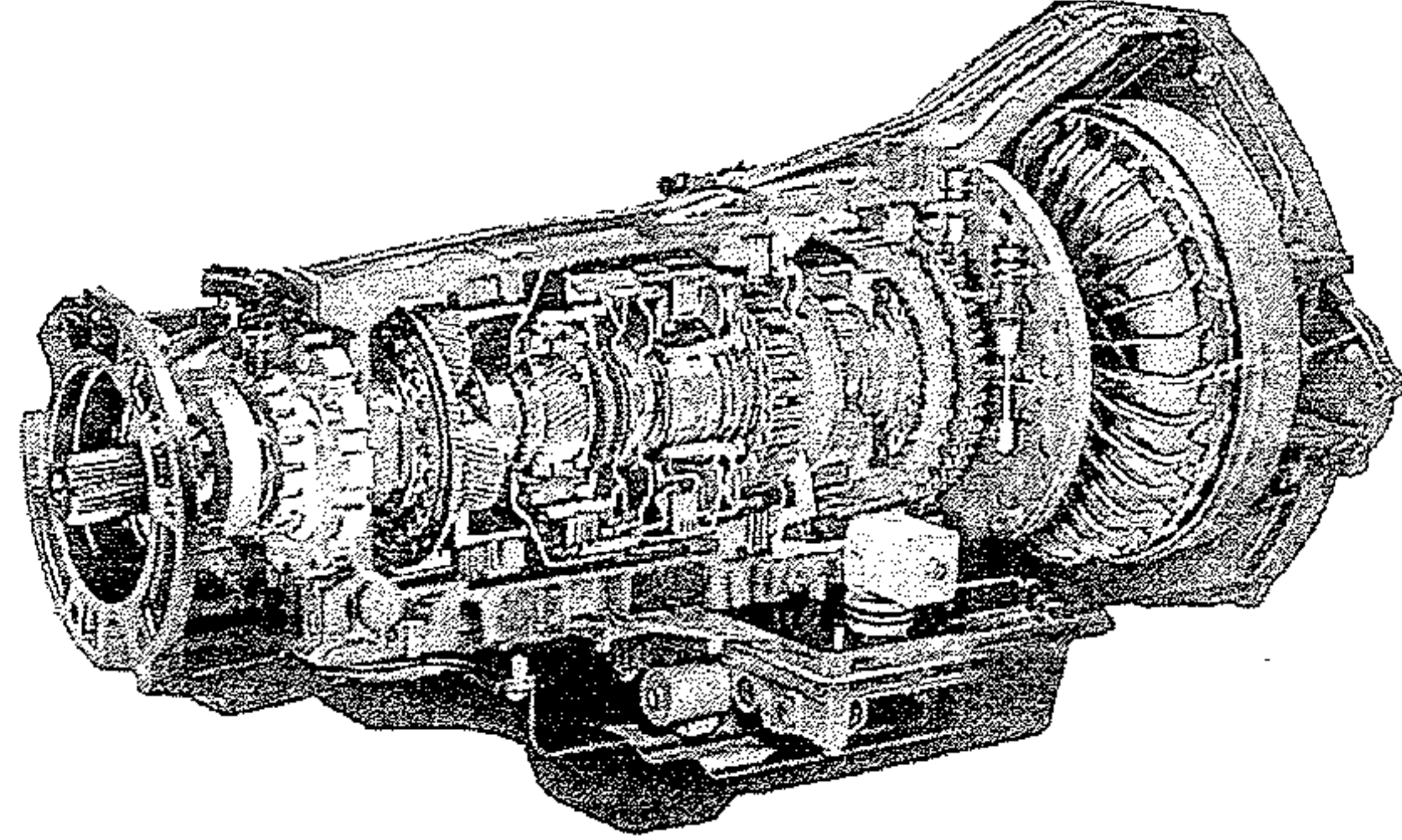
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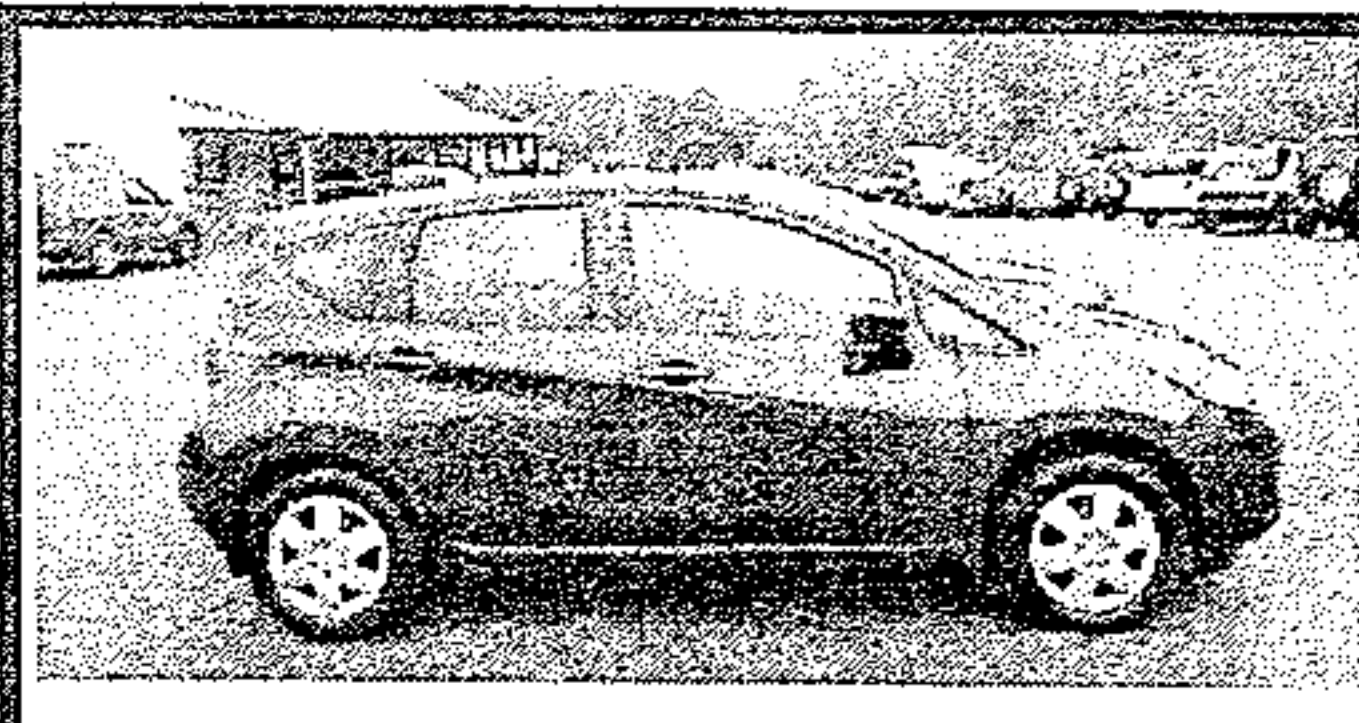
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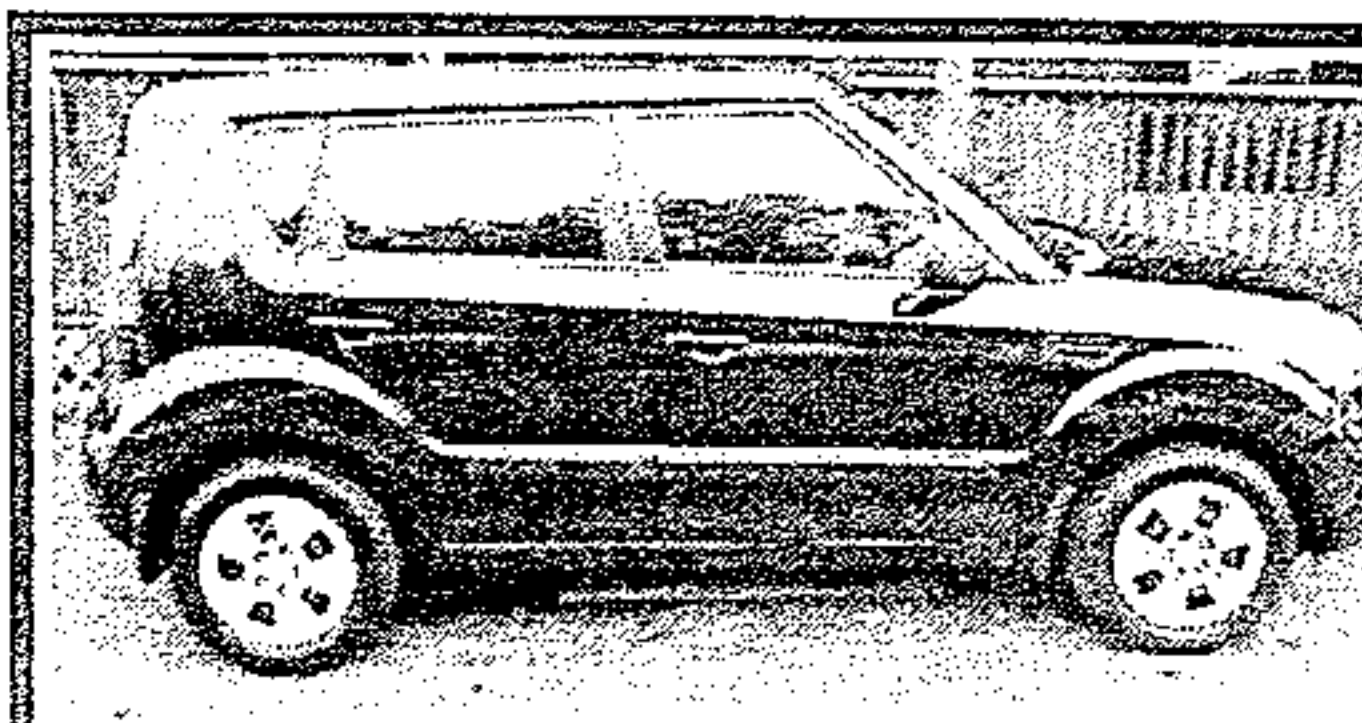
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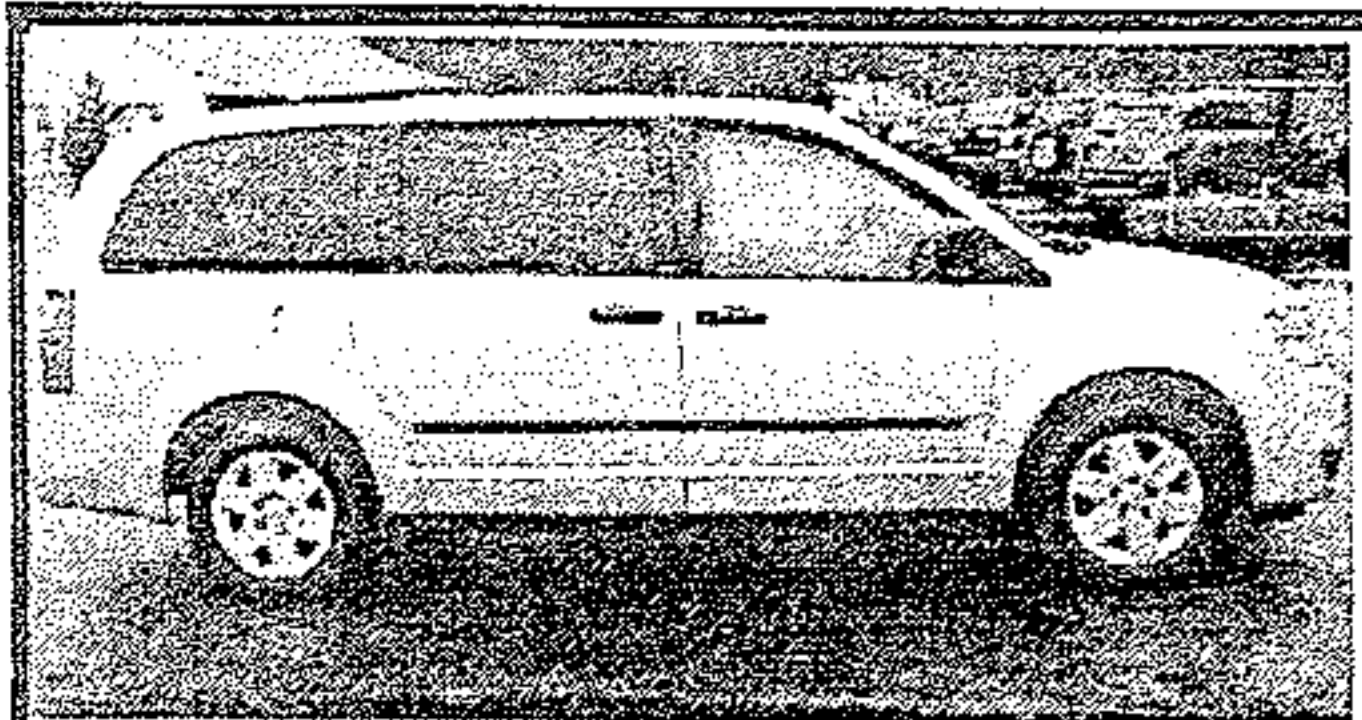
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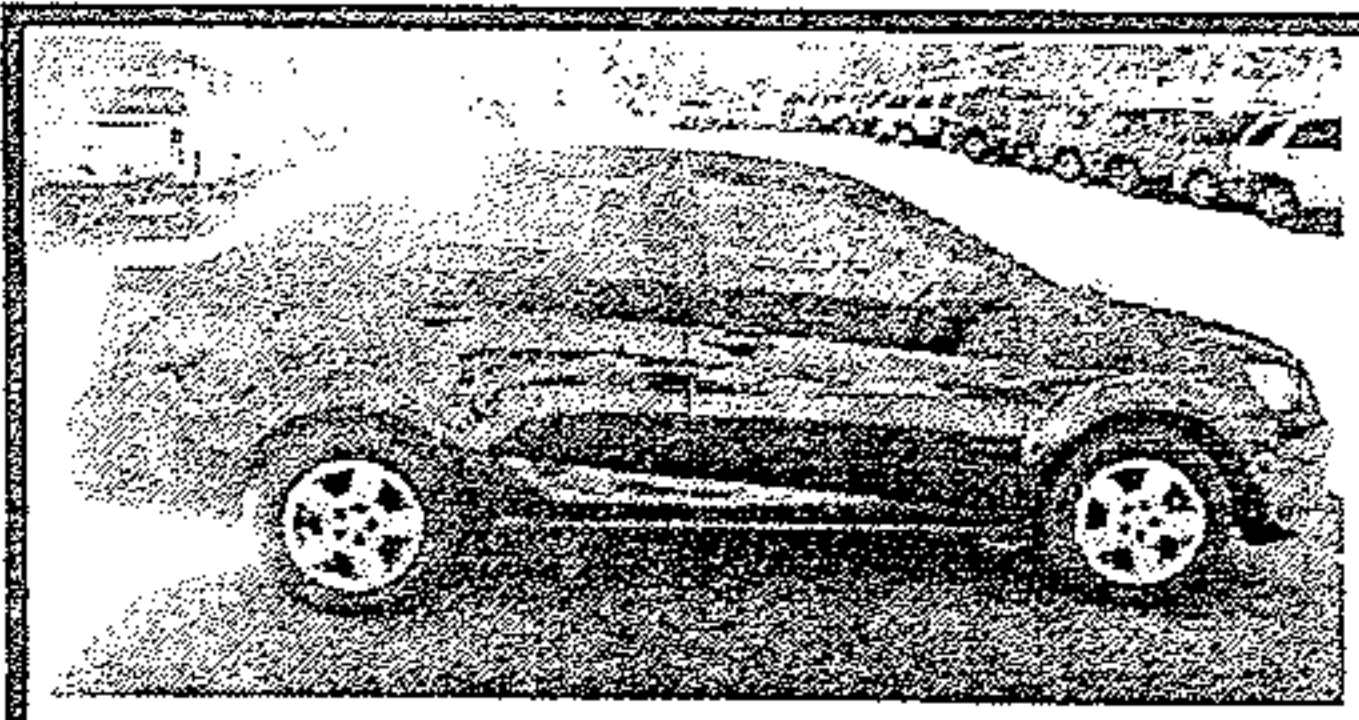
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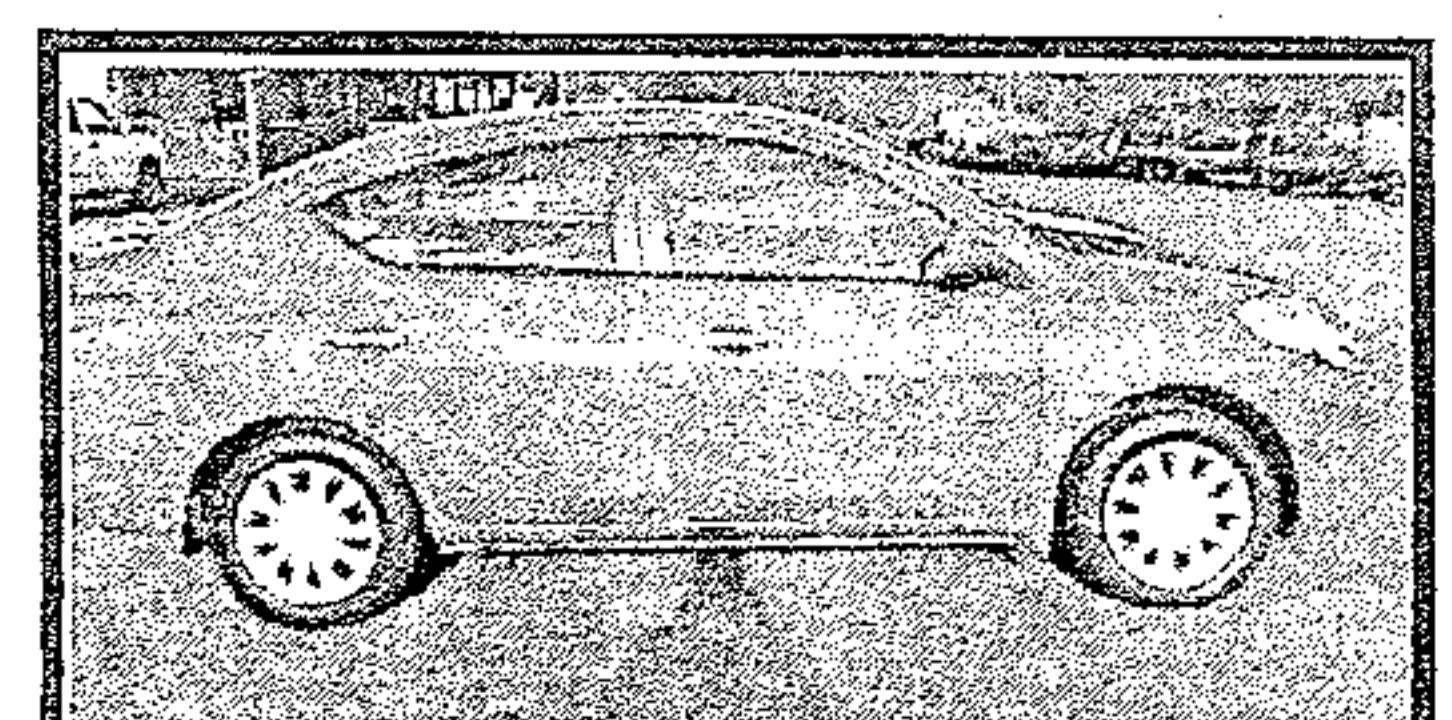
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