

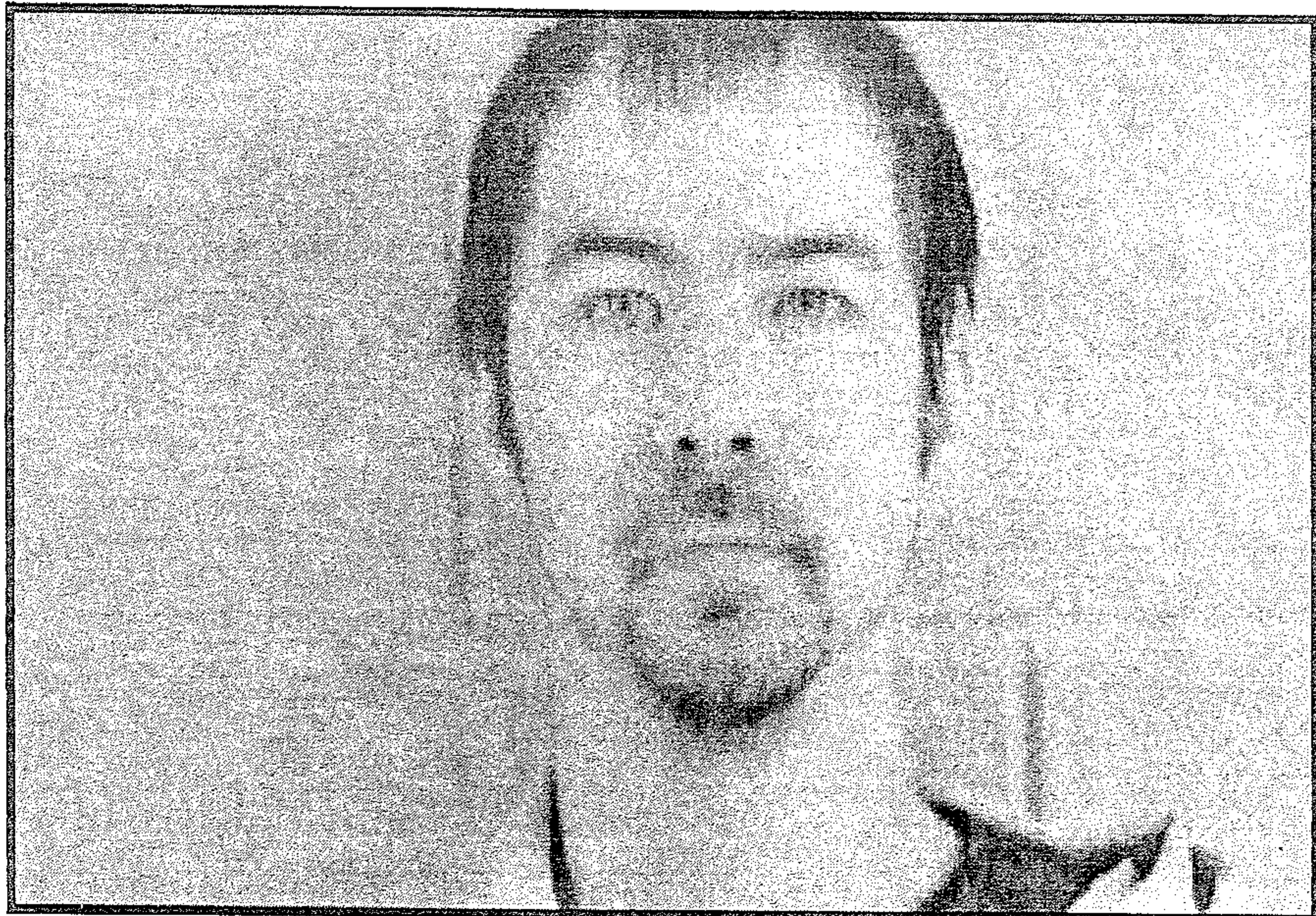
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Stolen car leads to more charges including burglary



Brent Snyder

(see burglary pg. 2)

FBI Tip Line

Web Portal, Created in 2001, Receives 'Actionable' Tips Daily

In the pre-dawn hours of October 22, 2014, a New Hampshire man was browsing a popular Internet message board when he came across what appeared to be an anonymous threat: "I'm going to shoot up University of Louisville's Miller hall [sic] tomorrow at 10 a.m."

The man went to the FBI website and submitted a tip at 4:23 a.m. Eastern Time. "Some idiot is making threats," he wrote on tips.fbi.gov, and included a link to the suspicious post. Within a minute,

(see FBI pg. 7)

Haslam Announces Purkey's Return as Homeland Security Advisor

Has served two years in dual role as TEMA director, Homeland Security advisor

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today announced Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) Director David Purkey will return to the singular position of governor's Homeland Security advisor and assistant commissioner of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS) after serving in dual roles at TEMA and DSHS for the

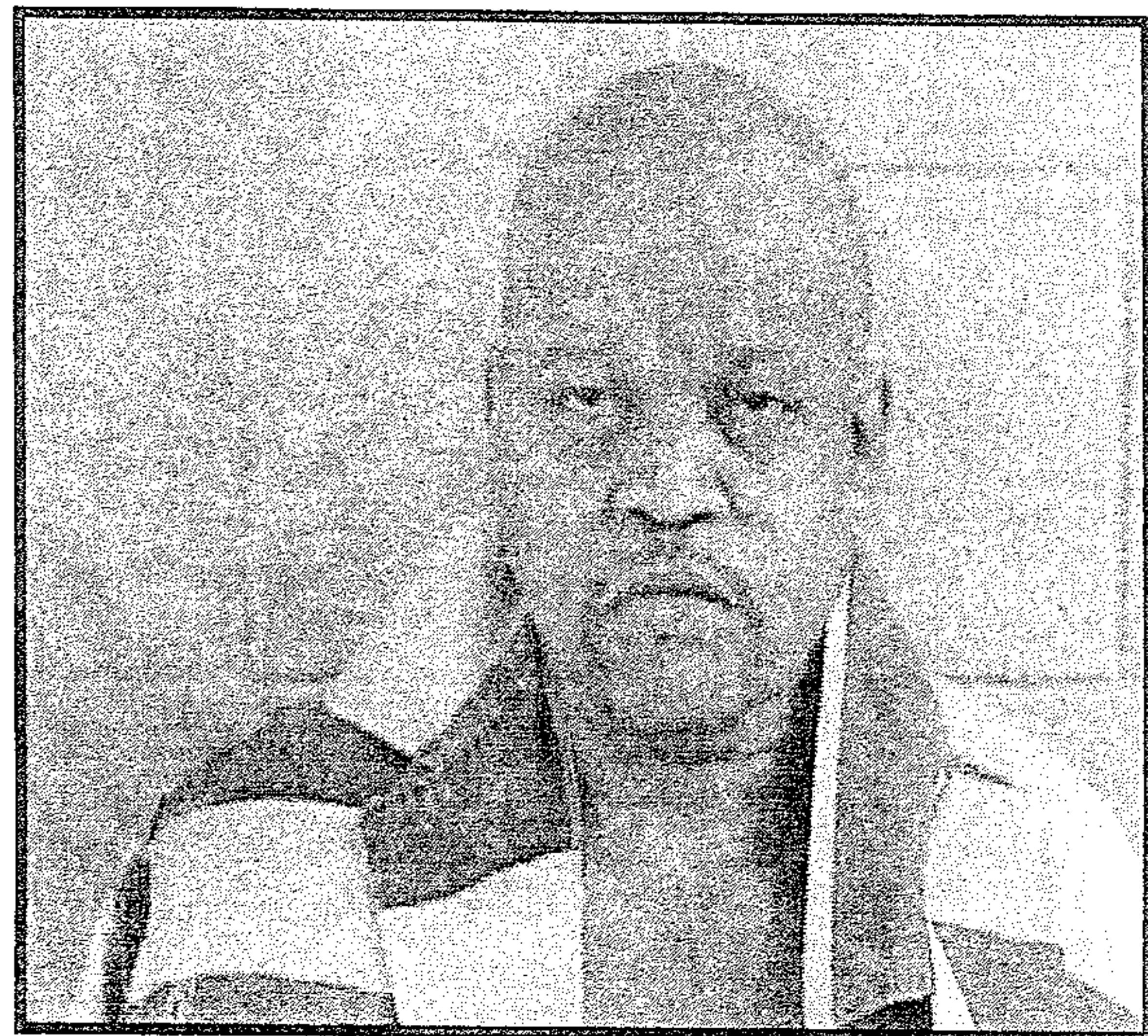
(see Haslam pg. 5)

DUI after weaving in front of deputy



Michael McCaslin (see DUI pg. 5)

Assault occurs over sex request



Vincent Thomas

(see DV pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? — 1 Corinthians 3:3

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Looks like spring is upon us finally!. No wait, we still got more cold stuff coming! False alarm.

Weather

Today: Mainly cloudy. High 52F. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 33F. Saturday Sunny along with a few clouds. High 62F. Saturday Night Partly cloudy. Low near 35F. Sunday Mainly sunny. High around 60F.

Sunday Night A few clouds from time to time. Low 38F.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Avoid making any long-term decisions today because your thinking is so inconsistent that it's run-

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burglary

Brent Snyder, 33, Caldwell Road Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property x2. On 2/26/16 victim reported Brent Snyder took her vehicle and did not return. The vehicle was entered into NCIC. Deputy Brad Rayfield LCSO,

spotted the vehicle on HWY 444 parked in front of a business located on Ritchie Road with no one in the vehicle. After talking with the workers they stated a male matching Brent description came in the business and went out the back door. K-9 was dispatched to the area during

(see burglary ctd. pg. 4)

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DV
 Vincent Thomas, 45, Washington Pike Knoxville, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Bryan Blakney LPD, was dispatched to Creekwood Circle in refer-

ence to a physical domestic. Dispatch advised there was a male subject in the residence that had assaulted the female that resides at the residence, the male was trying to kick in the bedroom door to get the female. Upon arrival Officer Blakney, Houser, LPD, and Cpl. Branam LCSO, had made contact with the male identified as Vincent Thomas in the residence. Vincent stated that he had been pepper spray by the victim. After talking with the victim she stated that Vincent was intoxicated and trying to have

sex with her and he had been physical by slapping her in the face. Victim did have red marks on her face consistency with her statement.

Vincent did appear to be very intoxicated and disoriented. Vincent was placed under arrest. Officer Bryan Blakney LPD, made the arrest.

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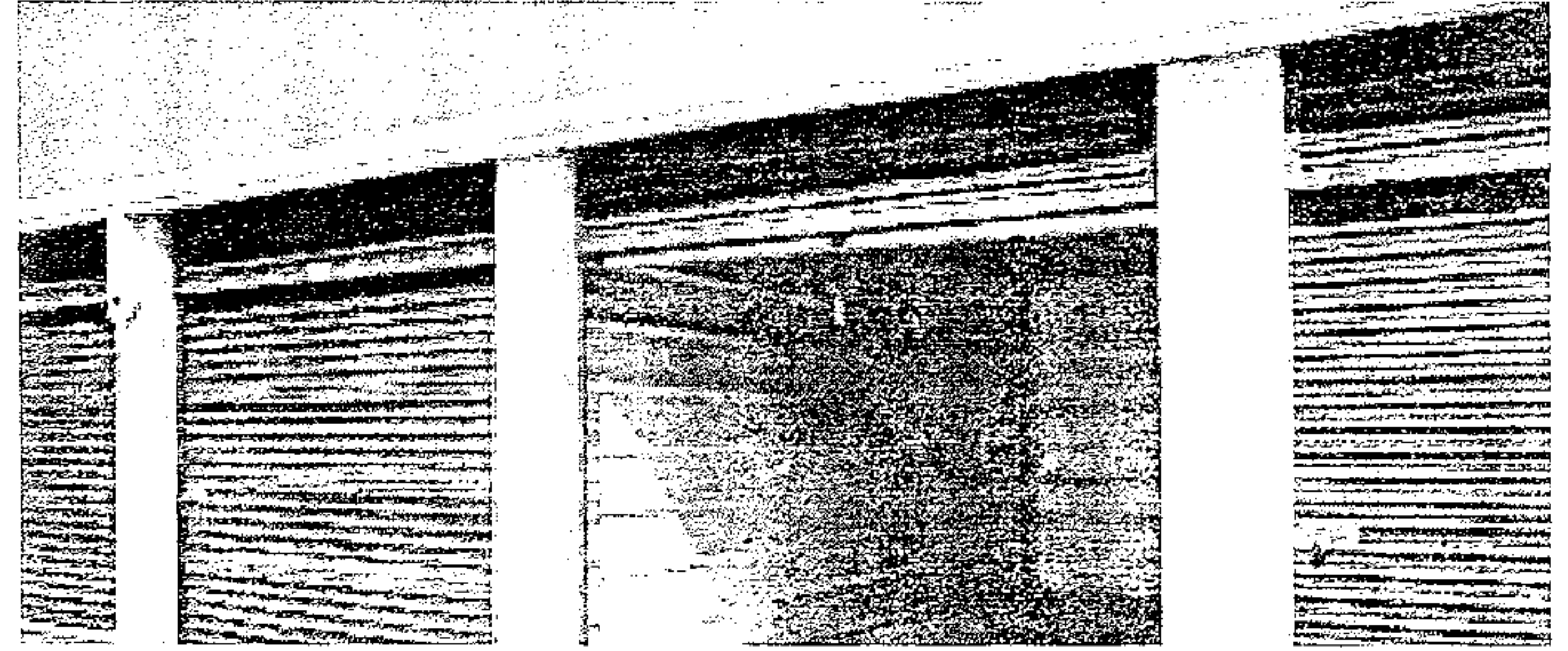
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burglary ctd. from pg. 2 tracking Brent was spotted hiding behind a brick house located on Cemetery Road. Brent was apprehended and had two red insulated cups in his possession. Approx. one hundred yards of the residence.

After an investigation the back door to the residence was

found forced open with a muddy shoe print on the door. The home owner identified the cups Brent had in his possession to be his that was previous inside the home.

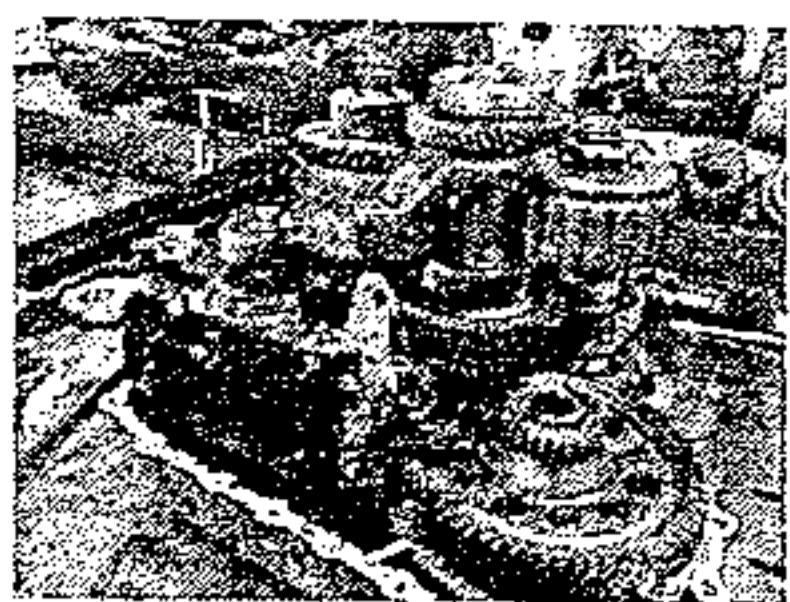
Victim did not give anyone permission to enter his home. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, transported Brent to the Jail.

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DUI

Michael McCaslin, 41, Dunn Road Tellico Plains, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Timothy Webb, 38, East Athens Street Englewood, was charged with DUI by Consent.

Deputy Robbie Lane LCSO, observed a black vehicle sitting at the stop sign at Wood

Lawn and Buttermilk Road for some time while Deputy was behind the vehicle. The vehicle turned left and crossed over the center line and the fog line. Deputy attempted a traffic stop with the vehicle on Buttermilk Road at William Ferry, but the vehicle continued and attempted to pull in a driveway but was unable to pull all the way in. Depu-

ty made contact with the driver identified as Michael McCaslin who had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle. Deputy ask Michael to exit the vehicle, Michael was unsteady on his feet and had a strong odor of alcohol about his person. Michael perform poorly on sobriety test and placed under arrest. Deputy then made

contact with the passenger Timothy Webb,



Timothy Webb

who had a strong odor of alcohol coming from his person, red watery eyes, and slurred speech. Timothy stated the vehicle was his, and let Michael drive. Timothy was arrest for DUI by Consent. Deputy Robbie Lane LCSO, made the arrest.

Haslam

past two years.

“David has capably served Tennesseans in these two capacities for the past two years, guiding TEMA’s response to devastating storms and their lasting effects as well as Homeland Security’s collaborative effort with local and federal law enforcement in the wake of the Chattanooga attack last July,” Haslam said. “Both roles are intense 24 hour-a-day efforts. His focus on cooperation has been critical in these two areas. I look forward to him bringing his extensive experience and focus to Homeland Security.”

Purkey will continue in the both roles until the next director of TEMA is named. A nationwide search is currently underway.

“It has been a privilege to serve with the employees at TEMA who tirelessly work behind the scenes to help Tennesseans prepare for and respond to emergency situations. I look forward to a continued partnership as I shift back into a full-time homeland security role,” Purkey said.

“The requirements for both jobs are tremendous in these days of increased global threats, and we hate to lose him in this department because he has done an outstanding job leading the day-to-day operations of TEMA,” Major General (see Haslam ctd. pg. 7)

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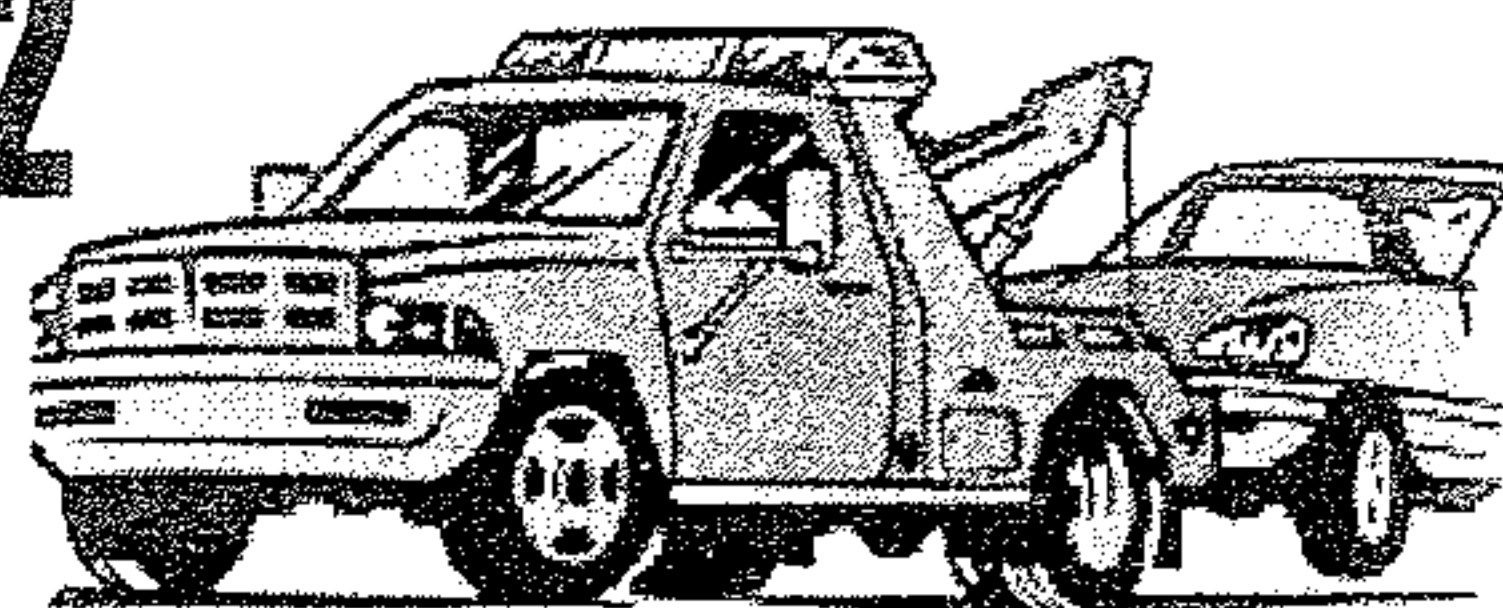
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audit

an FBI agent in the unit that administers the FBI's global tip line picked up the tip, setting in motion a process that happens on average 1,300 times a day. Several analysts assessed the tip and deemed it credible. The unit's supervisory special agent immediately called the university's campus police as well as local police. They were on the scene by 8 o'clock that morning and quickly arrested an 18-year-old student suspected of posting the threat.

The case illustrates how a tip—no matter how cryptic, innocuous, or far-fetched the information may seem—can help prevent violent acts. Tips to the FBI have led to captures of Top Ten fugitives and short-circuited scores of crimi-

nal and terrorist plots. Established in 2001 in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the tip line receives about 100 "actionable" tips every day related to possible criminal, cyber, terrorism, and espionage acts. Since its inception, the public has submitted more than four million tips via the Internet at tips.fbi.gov. In addition, phone calls to FBI field offices result in thousands of pieces of reporting a day.

"We will check them all," said William Dayhoff, head of the tips unit, which is staffed around the clock by about two-dozen Bureau employ-

ees. In most cases, after tips are assessed they are routed to FBI field offices and local law enforcement agencies for follow-up.

Intensified efforts by foreign extremist groups to radicalize individuals in the U.S.—and recent arrests of individuals apparently heeding their call—raise the necessity for the public to send tips or contact their local field office when something looks awry.

"We don't want to wait for an incident," said Jane Rhodes-Wolfe, of the FBI's Counterterrorism Division. "The whole push is for us to identify the next shooter or the next bomber who goes from troubled thoughts to evil deeds."

Dayhoff said the public shouldn't worry about whether a tip contains good or bad informa-

tion. The most helpful tips, however, contain context—the more information, the better. Sometimes it's like a mosaic, with different pieces coming from different places. In the case of the Louisville school threat, the tip was submitted by an individual nearly 1,000 miles away. In the 48 hours after the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013, more than 50,000 tips were submitted to the FBI, half of those through tips.fbi.gov. "It's our job to put the pieces together," Dayhoff said.

Some of the most valuable tips come from people closest to subjects—people who can see changes in mood and habits and can make a common-sense assessment that things aren't right.

Rhodes-Wolfe said she understands that it can be

a very hard decision for someone to contact the FBI. "We don't take that lightly," she said. "But this is a way you can help family members or friends, and potentially save lives."

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Max Haston, commissioner of the Department of Military, said.

"David is one of the most highly regarded state homeland security advisors in our nation. I value his advice and look forward to having him back full time to concentrate on the homeland security threats facing our state," Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons said.

Purkey is a native of Hamblen County with more than 35 years of experience in state and local

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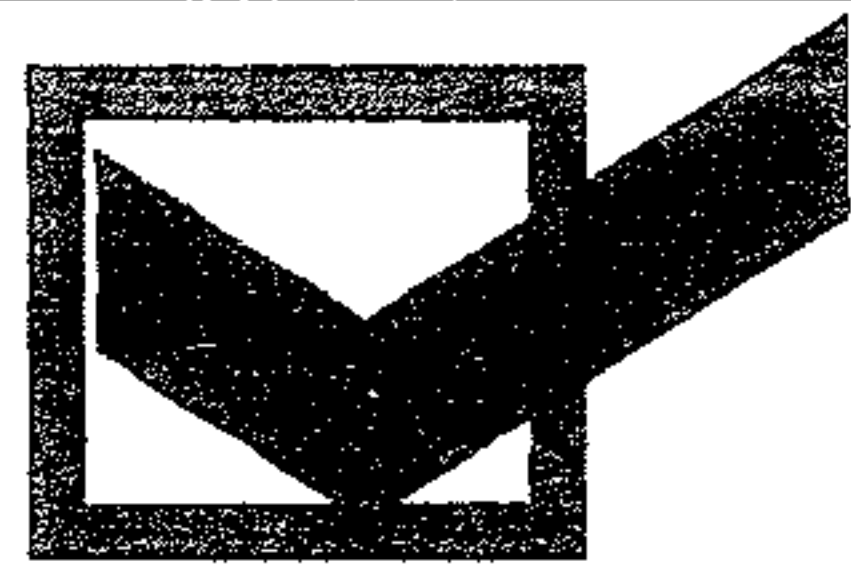
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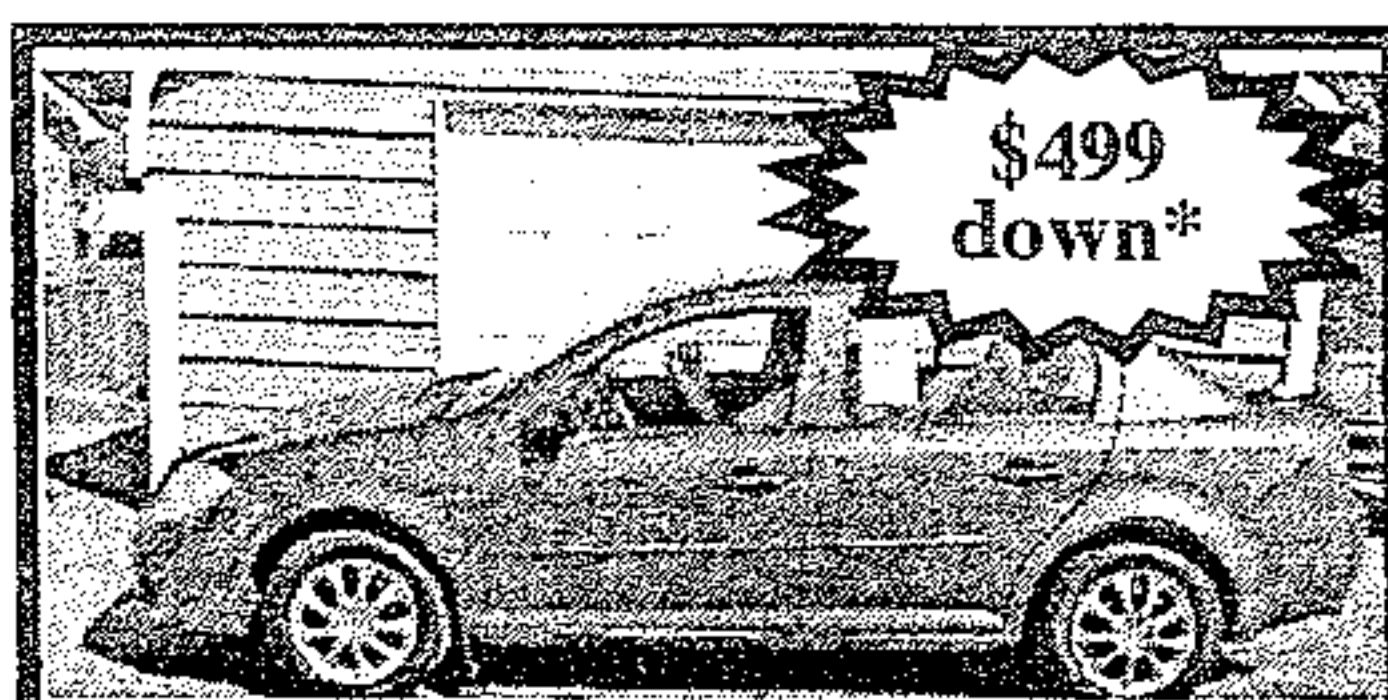
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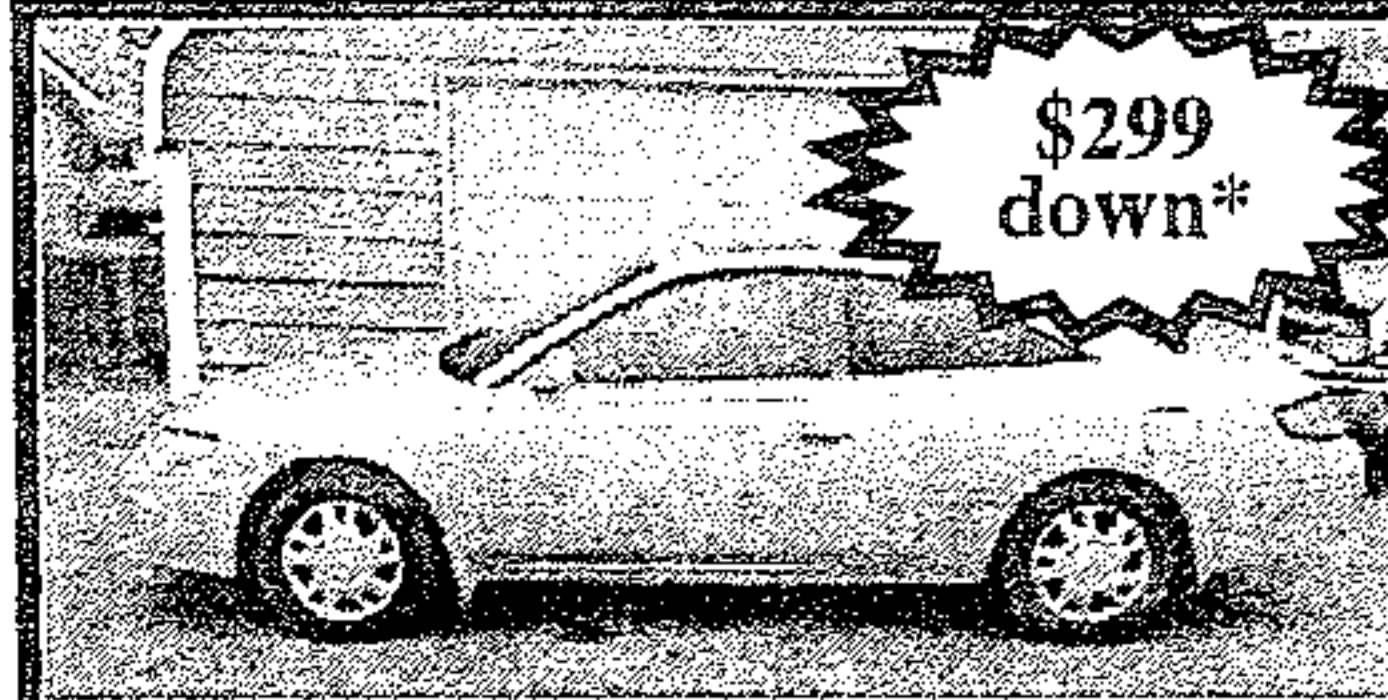
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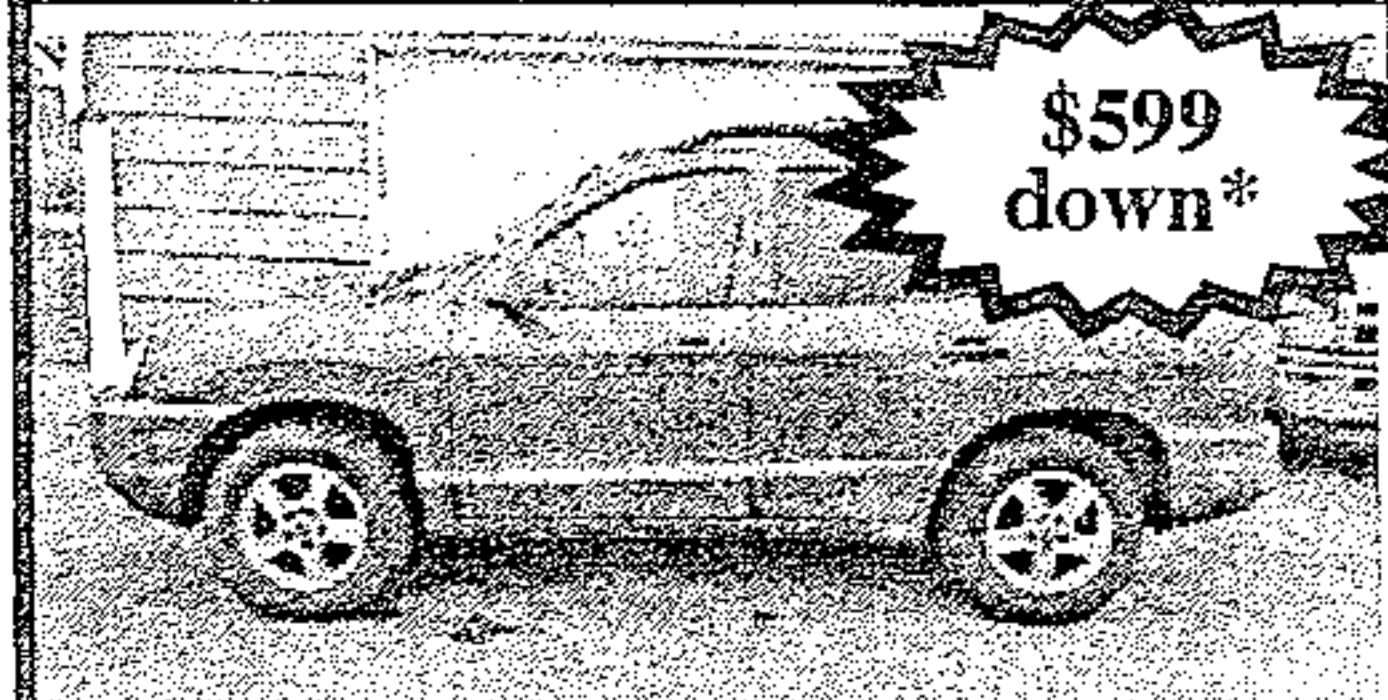
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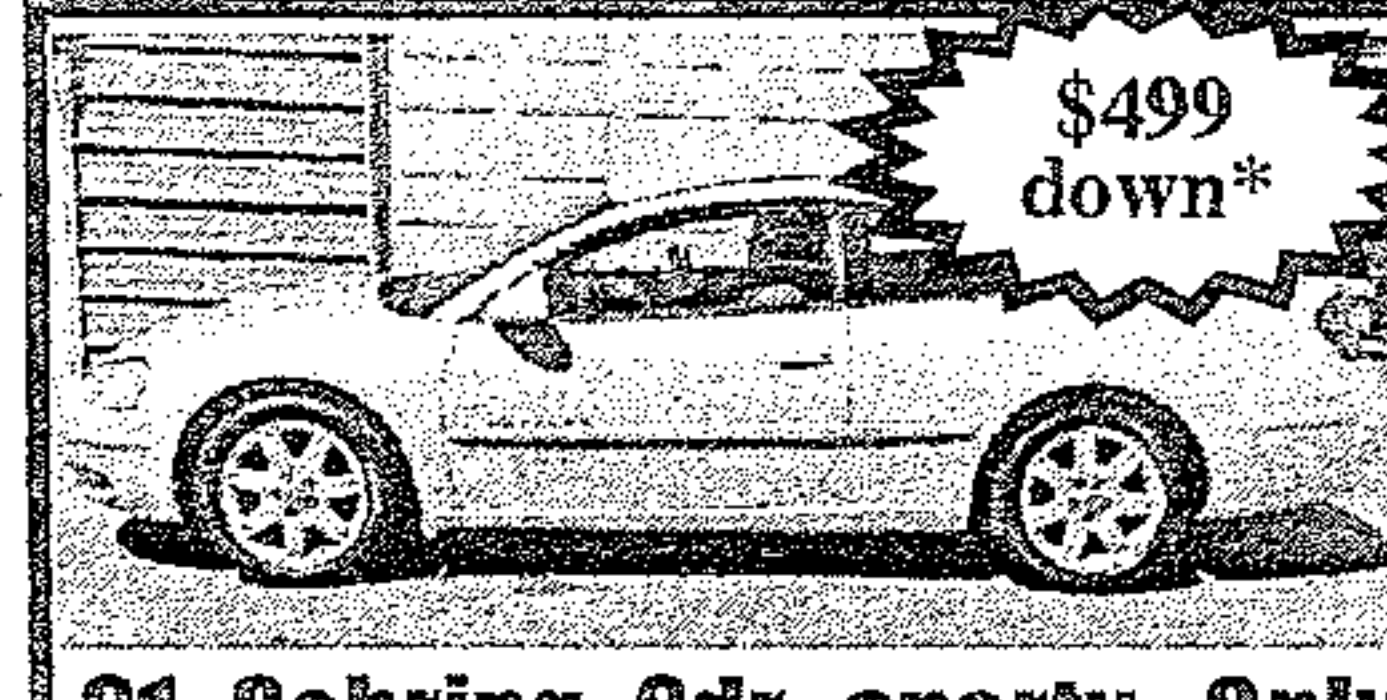
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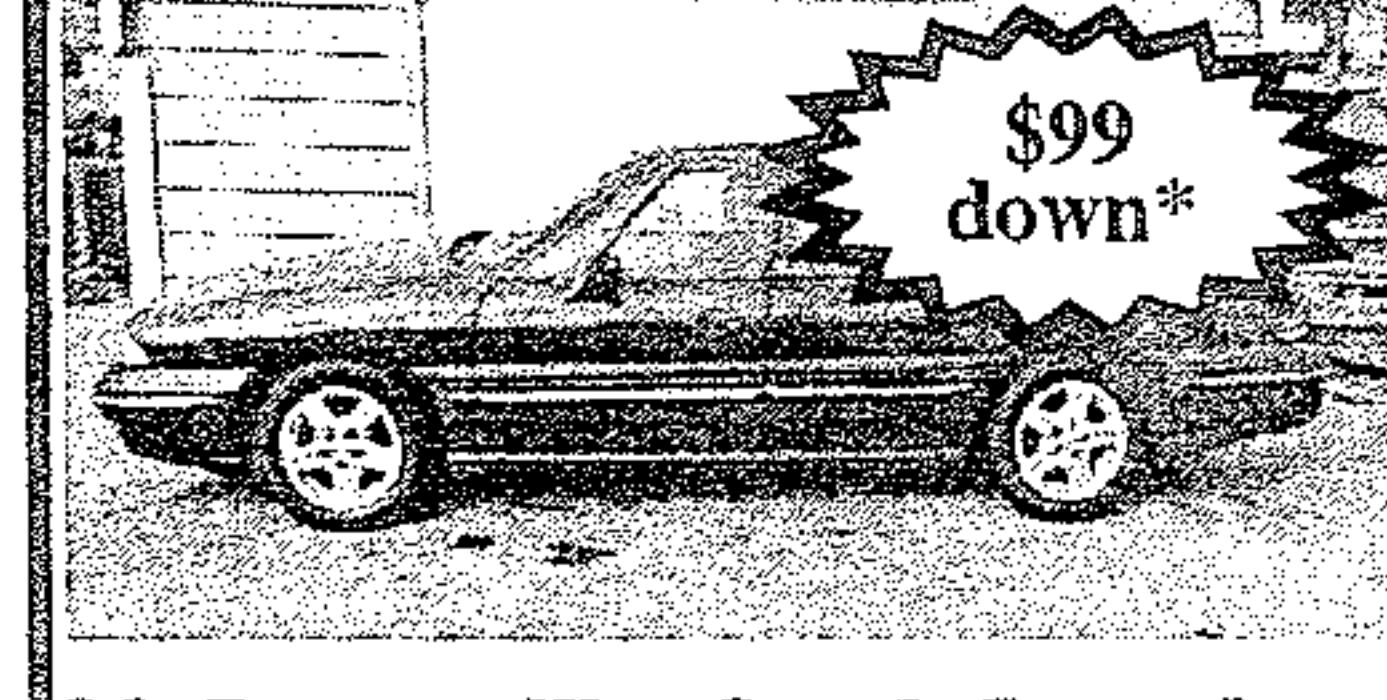
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 government and emergency management, including service as county emergency management director, Tennessee state trooper, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation special agent, and mayor of Hamblen County. He served in the Tennessee

Army National Guard and United States Army Reserves. Purkey earned his bachelor's degree in Public Health from East Tennessee State University and master's degree in Public Health from the University of Tennessee.
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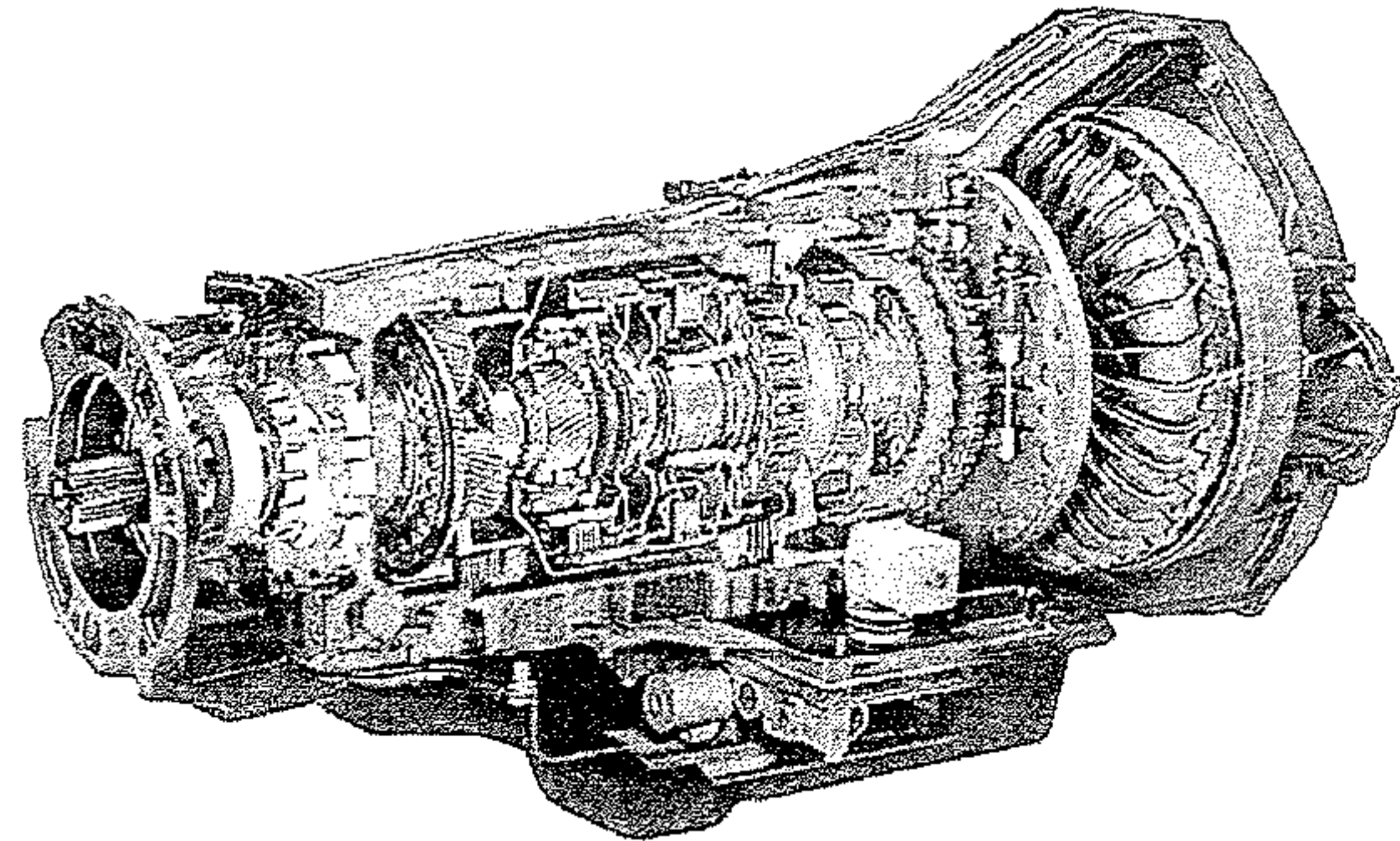
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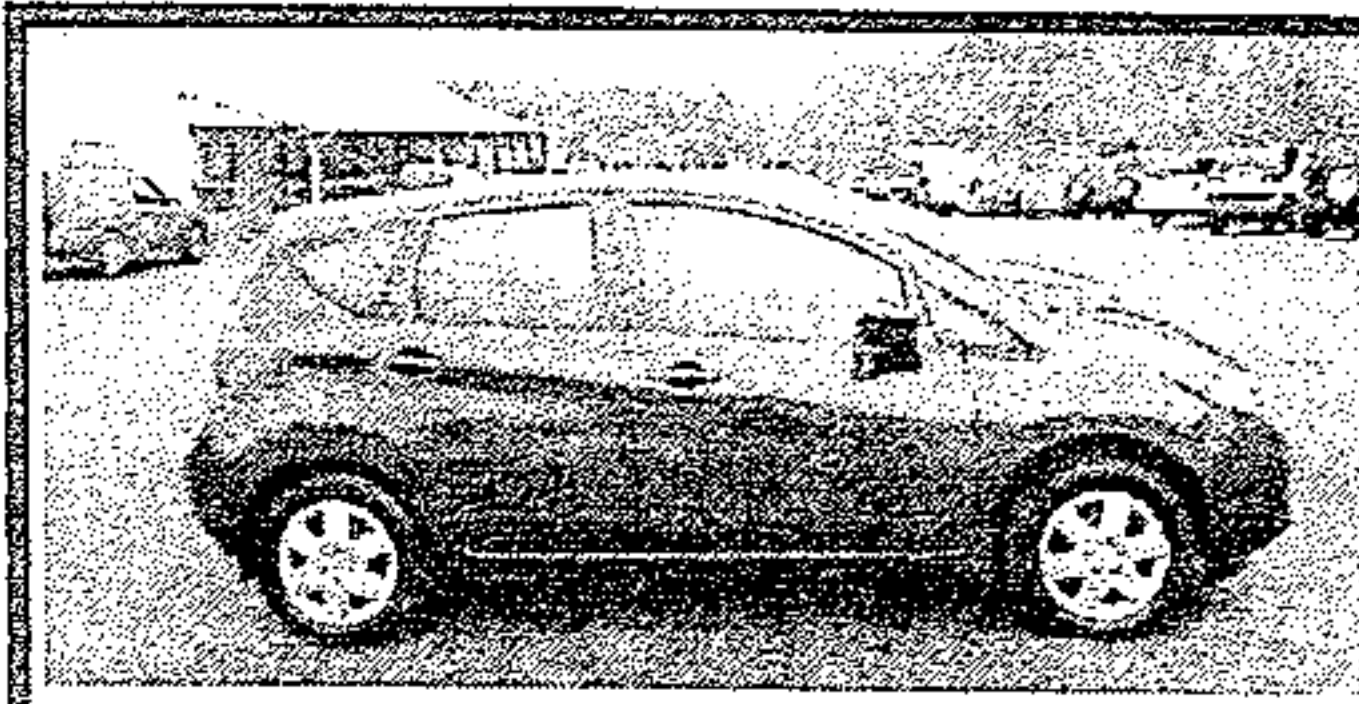
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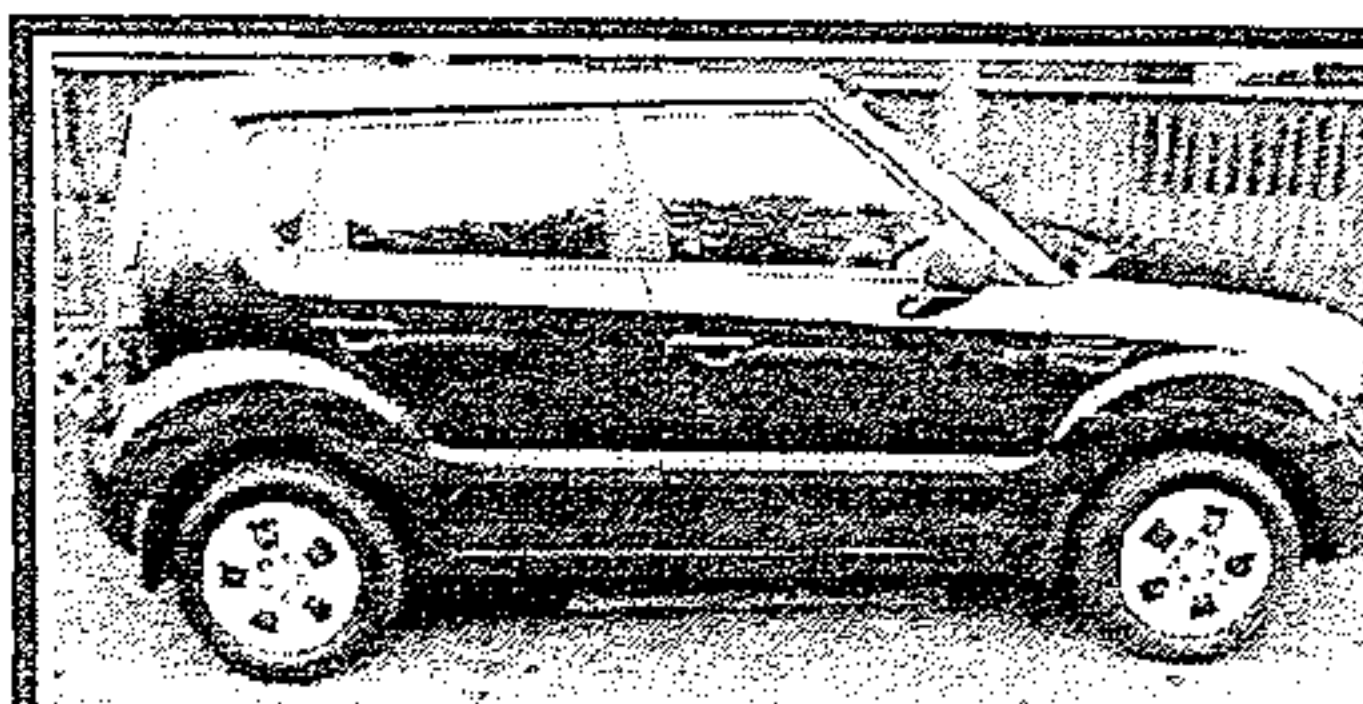
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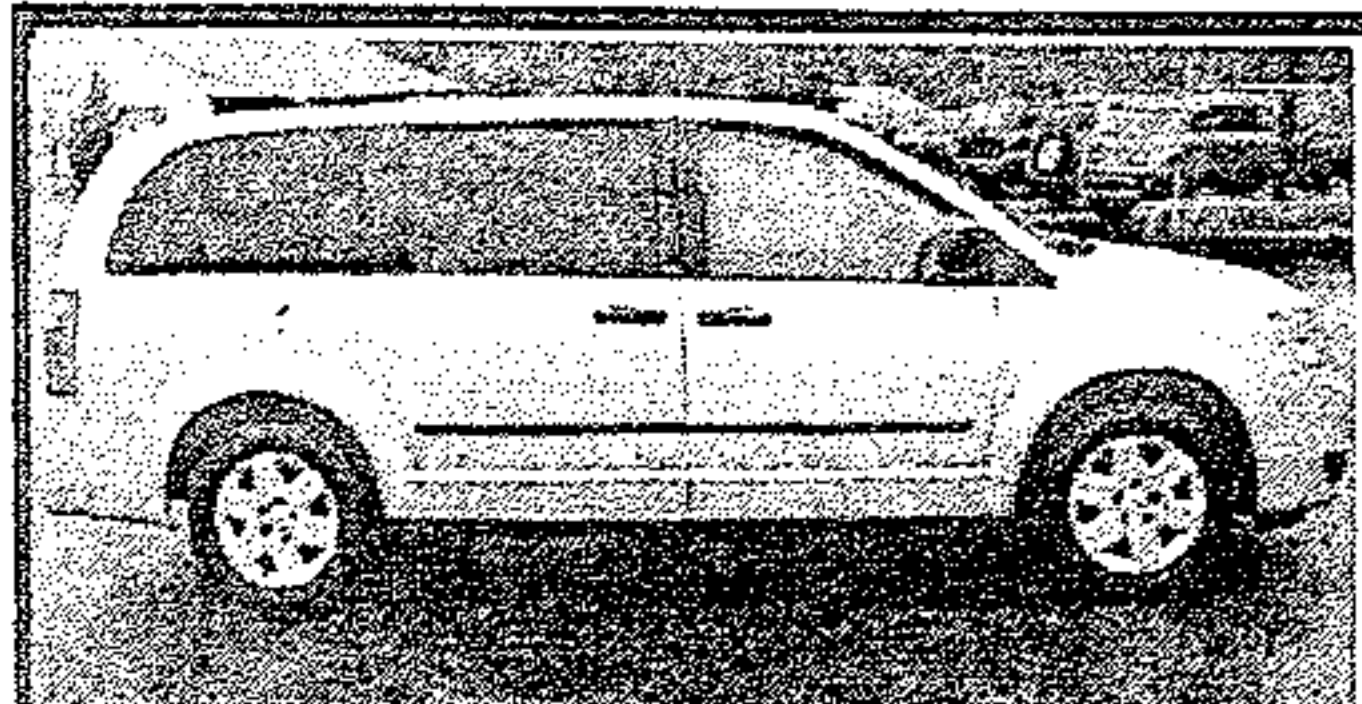
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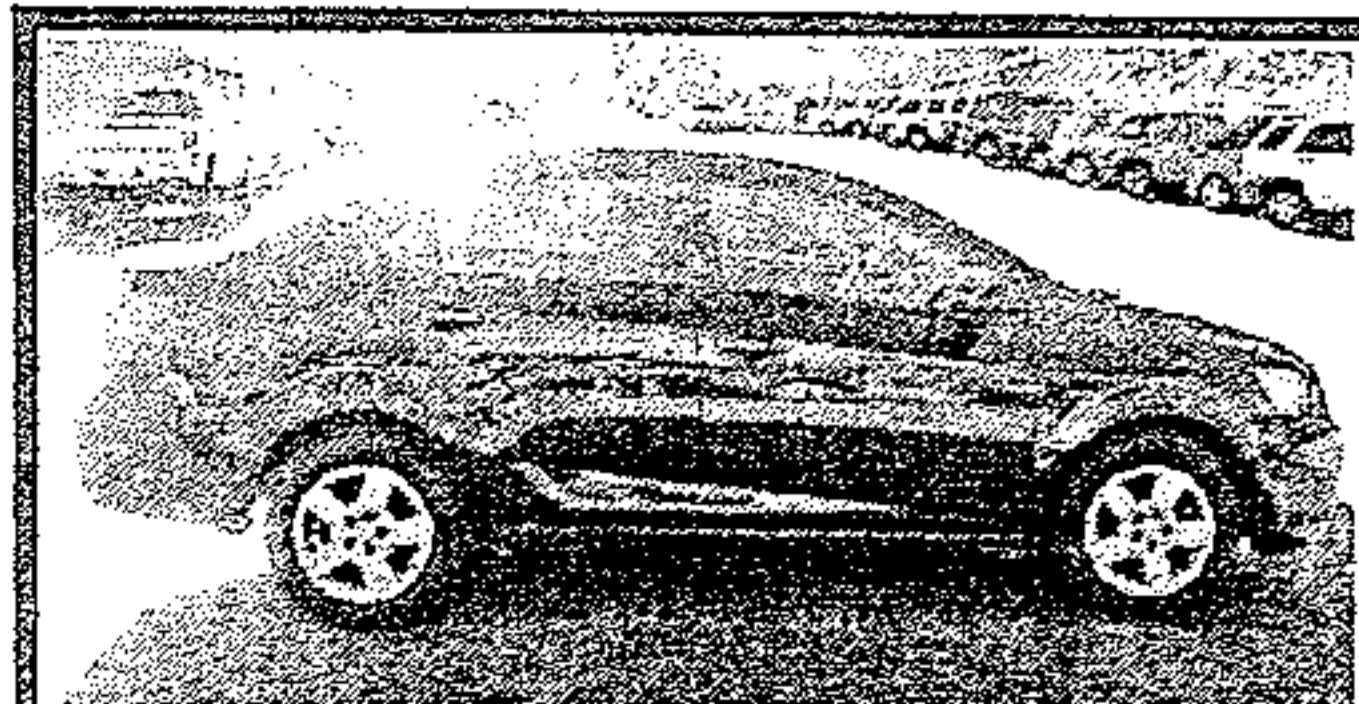
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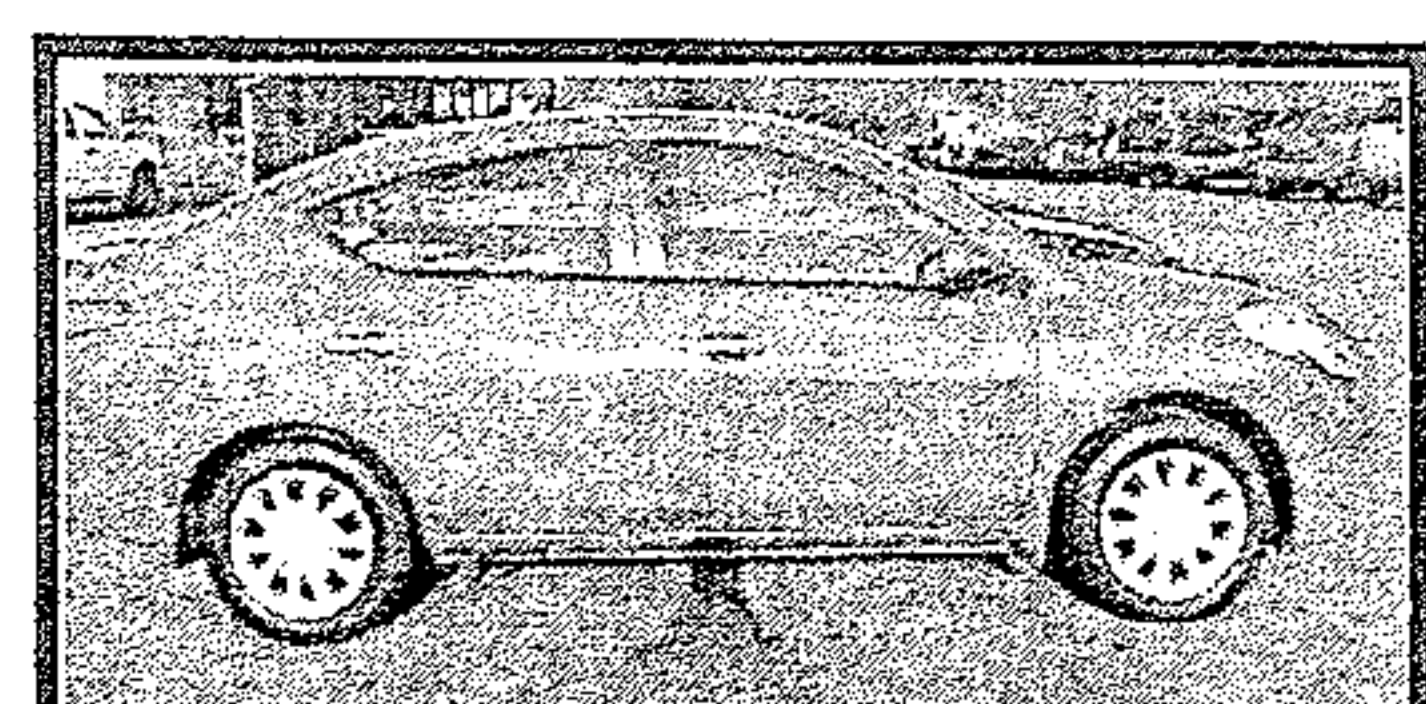
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