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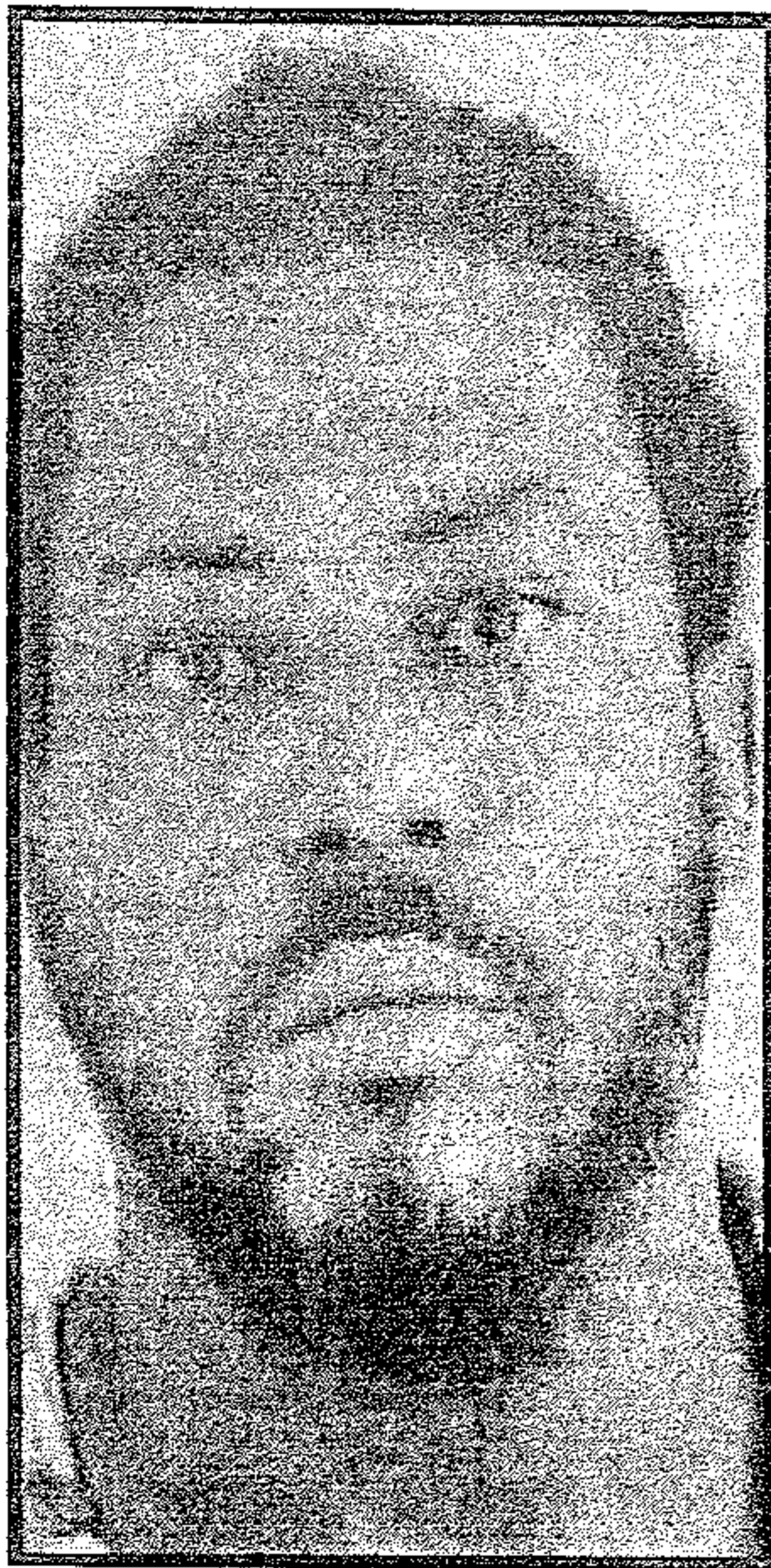
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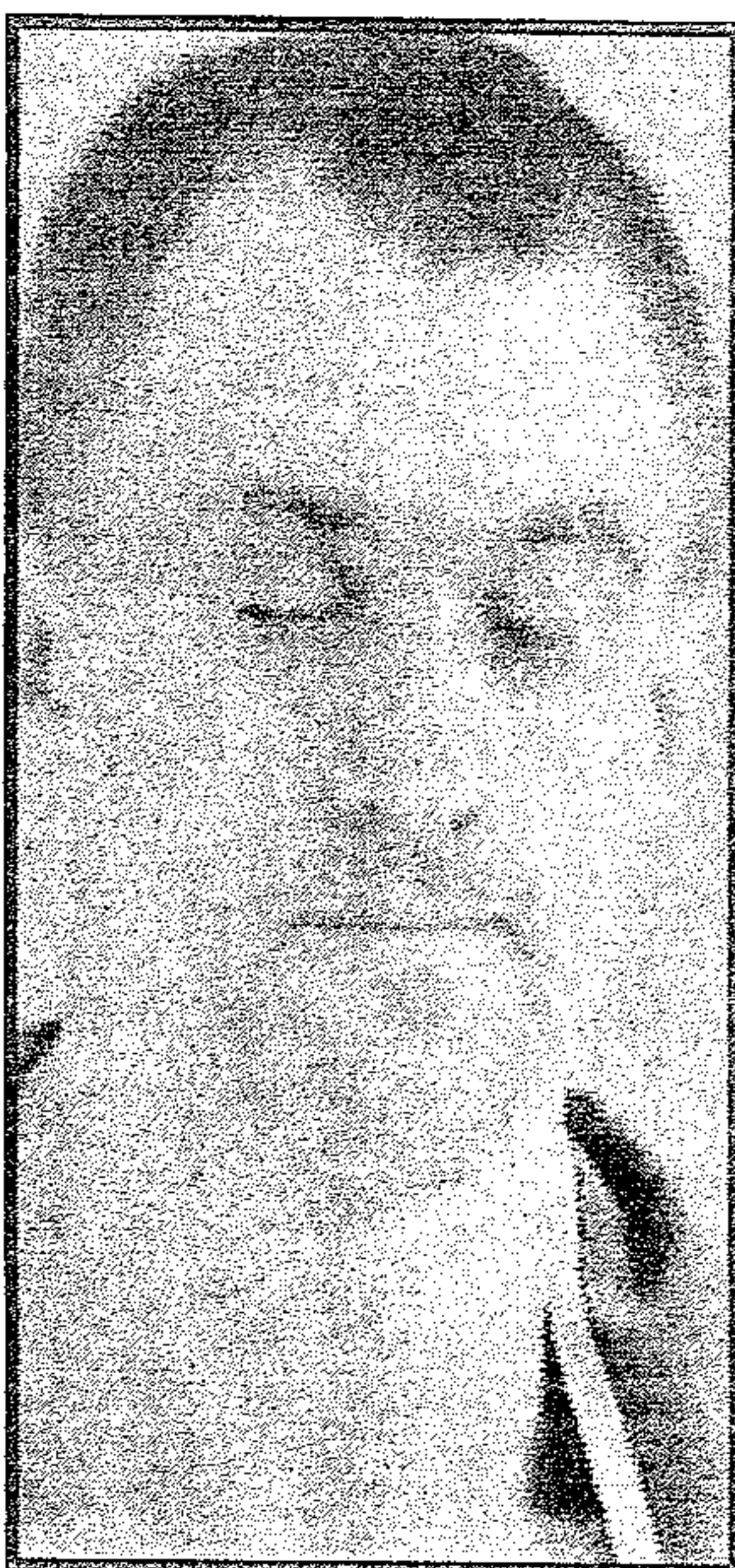
## 9th DTF and LCSO team up in Meth House Bust; charges placed



Lauren Drost



Orlando Witherow



Bradley Brooks

(see meth pg. 2)

## Governor Haslam, Commissioner Boyd to Take "Tennessee Story" to Asia

Trip to focus on increasing foreign direct investment, strengthening existing partnerships

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd will travel to Asia on an economic development trip focused on increasing foreign direct investment opportunities specifically related to the automotive, high tech and advanced manufacturing sectors.

The 10-day business trip is scheduled from Monday, May 2 to Wednesday, May

(see Haslam pg. 5)

## Sextortion and Cyberstalking

How a Single Tip Uncovered an International Scheme

The investigation that uncovered a far-reaching sextortion scheme by a U.S. State Department employee at the U.S. Embassy in London all started with a single complaint by a young victim in Kentucky. She went to the police.

(see Scheme pg. 4)

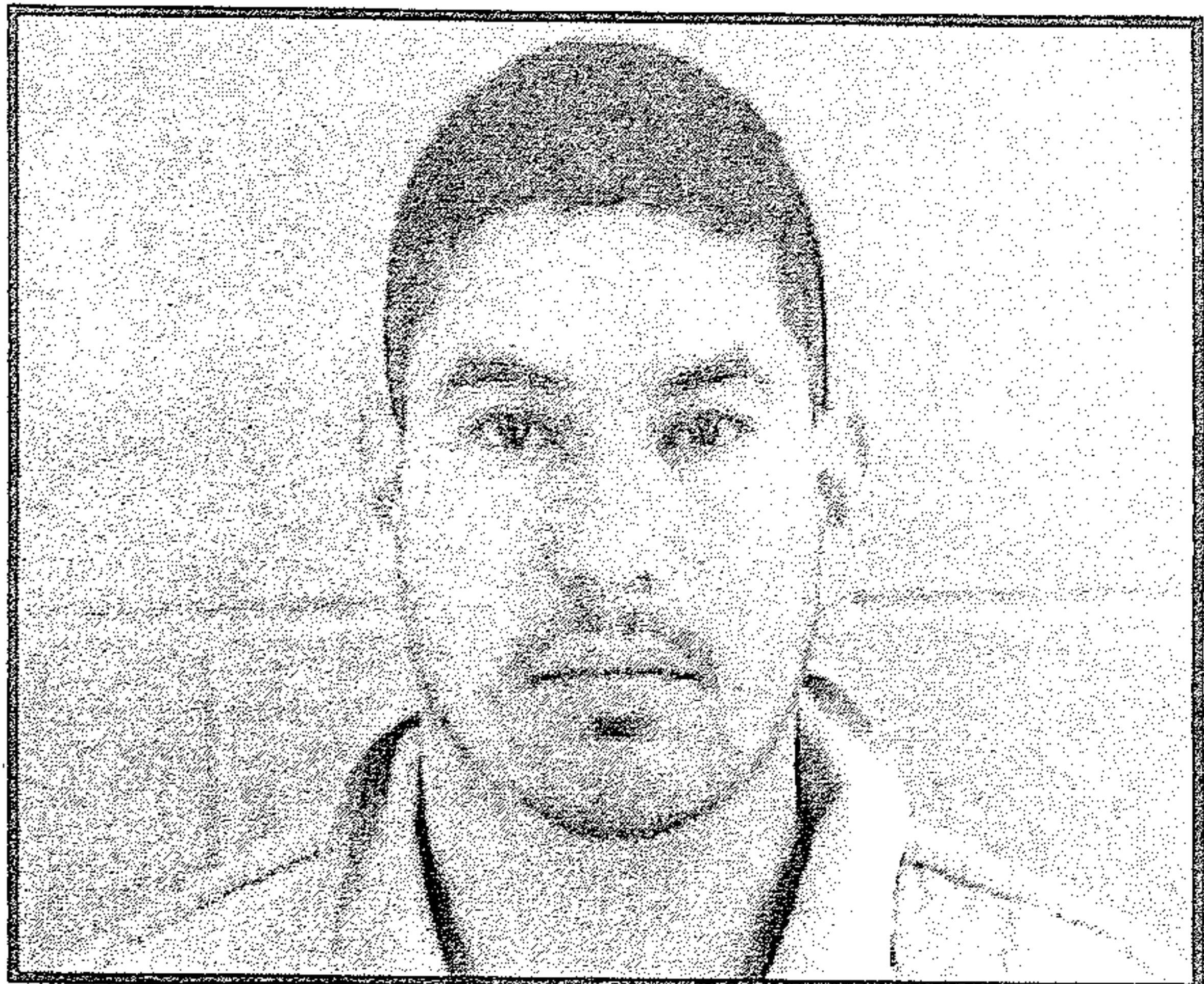
## Yelling about drugs not the brightest of ideas



William Hout

(see yelling pg. 5)

## Indicted for Aggravated Sexual Battery x3



Juan Rodriguez

(see capias pg. 3)

### Verse of the Day

They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. — Acts 4:28

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

Good luck on your job interview JB, hope you get the job. We are very proud of you!

### Weather

Today: Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds.

High 86F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies early will become overcast later during the night. Low around 60F.

Saturday Mostly cloudy skies during the morning hours followed by thunderstorms in the after-

noon. High 84F.

Saturday Night Scattered thunderstorms in the evening, then mainly cloudy overnight with thunderstorms likely. Low 63F.

Sunday Thunderstorms likely. High 82F.

(Continued on page 6)



meth

Bradley Brooks, 33, Williams Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Maintaining a Dwelling Drugs Sold, Man/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance.

Orlando Witherow, 34, Hall of Fame Drive Knoxville, was charged with man/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance, Sim-

ple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Lauren Drost, 32, Williams Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance, and Maintaining a Dwelling Drugs Sold.

Agents from the 9th JDTF, and LCSO conducted a search warrant on Williams Ferry

Road. Located at the time of search was approx. 36 grams of methamphetamine, digital scales, a loaded 380 firearm, a bag of marijuana and a stolen vehicle. The residence is (see meth ctd. pg. 7)

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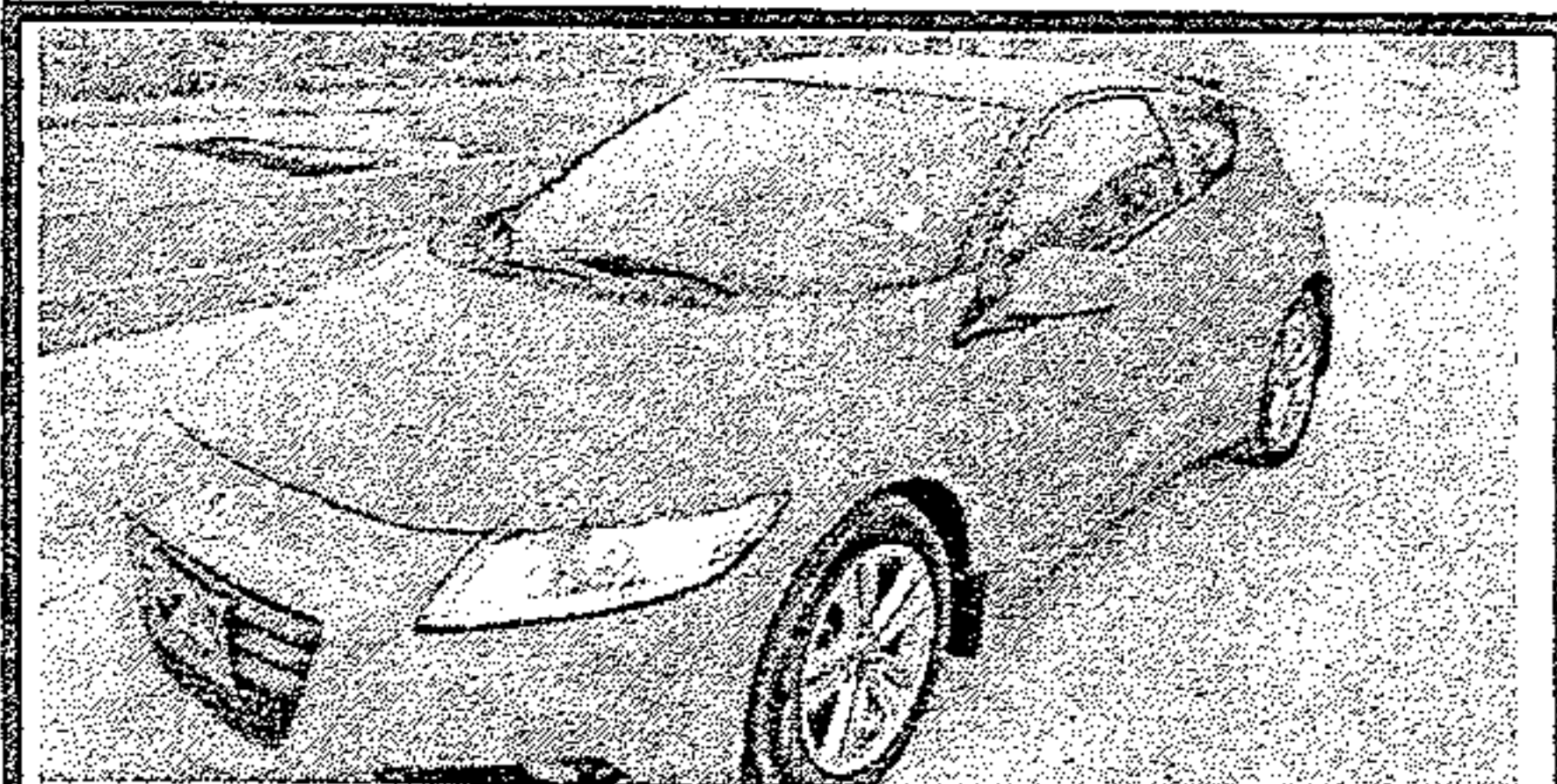
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capias

Juan Rodriguez, 27, F Street Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias(Aggravated Sexual Battery x3. Deputy John

Toney LCSO, served a Capias warrant on Juan at the Loudon Co. Jail.

**Obituaries**

Charlotte Curtis, of Loudon, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2016. Preceded in death by parents, Ivan and Harriette (Roberts) Worley, Sr.; and sister, Loraine Kyle. Survivors: brother, Ivan Worley, Jr. and wife, Regina ; brother-in-law, Lester Kyle; nephew, Brian Kyle; and several cousins. Funeral service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Mike Arp officiating. Graveside service 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Loudon County Memorial

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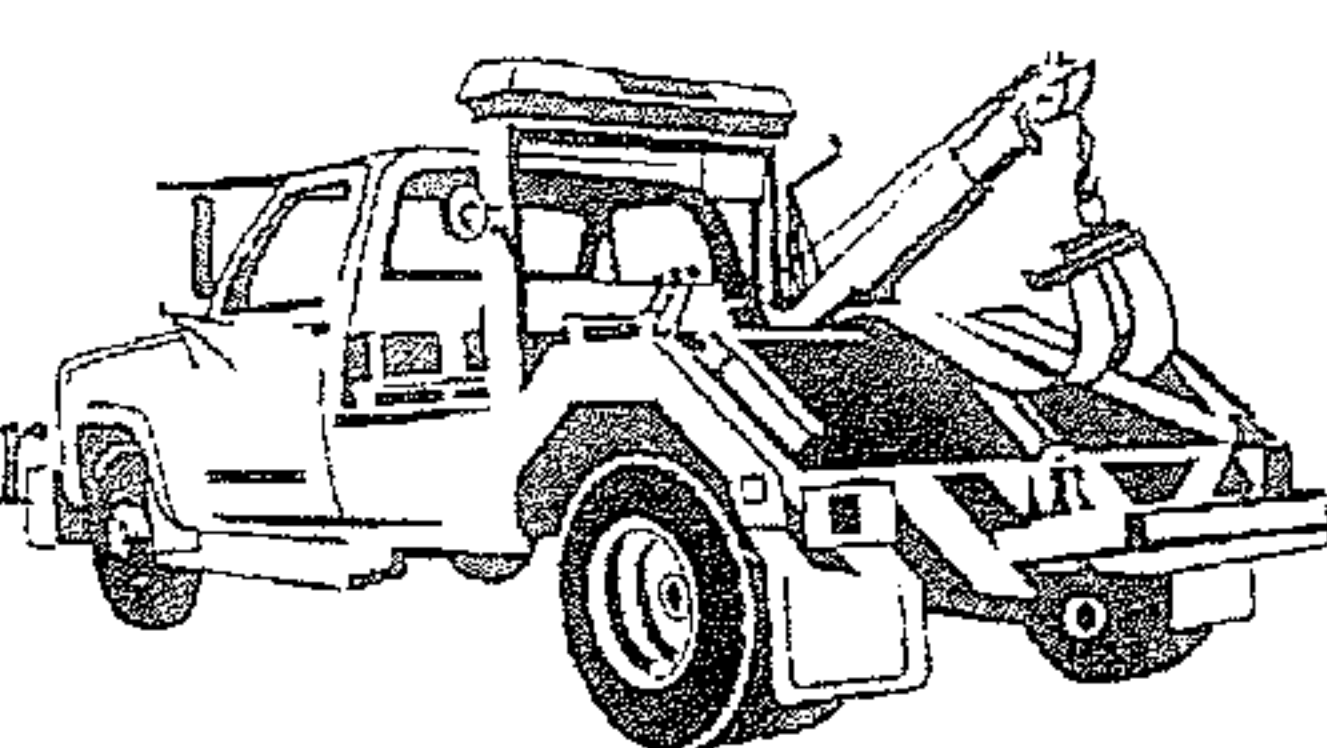

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scheme

“The victim basically was saying that she was being cyber-stalked by some guy who got into her e-mail and was threatening to expose compromising photos of her to her friends and family,” said FBI Special Agent Andrew Young, who interviewed some of the hundreds of victims targeted by Michael C. Ford, a former State Department civilian employee who was sentenced last month to nearly five years in prison for hacking into the e-mail accounts of young women to extort them.

According to the facts of the case, between January 2013 and May 2015, Ford—while working

in London—posed as a member of a large web company’s “account deletion team” and sent out e-mails to thousands of women warning them that their e-mail accounts would be deleted if they didn’t provide their passwords. Ford then used the passwords he received to hack into victims’ e-mail and social media accounts to search for nude and topless photos and personal information like contacts and addresses.

He hacked into at least 450 e-mail accounts and admitted e-mailing at least 75 women, threatening to circulate their compromising pictures unless they sent him more.

Following the initial complaint in Kentucky,

local police reached out to the FBI in Louisville, where agents traced the source of the e-mails to a State Department server in London. The Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) began an internal probe that led to Ford and uncovered the massive hacking, cyberstalking, and sextortion scheme. Young said the investigation showed Ford spent the bulk of his time at work using a government computer to “extort women, hack into their e-mail accounts, and threaten them.”

The FBI’s primary role in the investigation was interviewing victims across the U.S. to build a case. “They were angry,” said

Young, who worked the case out of the FBI’s Atlanta Field Office, which had jurisdiction because Ford had Georgia residency. “Somebody steals your most private pictures out of your computer, then comes back and threatens you with it. They felt compromised.”

At Ford’s March 21 sentencing, prosecutors presented evidence of another scheme he started several years earlier, in 2009. Posing as a talent scout, Ford combed through websites where aspiring models posted their pictures and contact information. He duped young women into sending personal information, including

their measurements and dates of birth. “He would send them an e-mail with a link, and when they clicked on the link he got access to their computer and e-mail accounts,” Young said.

Ford, 36, of Atlanta, was indicted August 18, 2015 following his arrest by DSS during a visit to Atlanta. He pled guilty in December.

His plea was due in large part to the voluminous evidence against him, including the statements of victims like the one who came forward in Kentucky.

“There was no getting around it,” Young said. “Witness after witness and a lot of forensic evidence—it made putting him in jail a whole lot easier.”

## Public Notice

### Notice of Meeting Cancellation

The Loudon County Budget Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016 at 4:30 PM at the Courthouse Annex has been **CANCELLED**

## Public Notice

### Notice of Meeting Time

The Loudon County Audit Committee will meet at the Courthouse Annex on Monday, May 2, 2016. The meeting will begin at 5:00 PM, rather than

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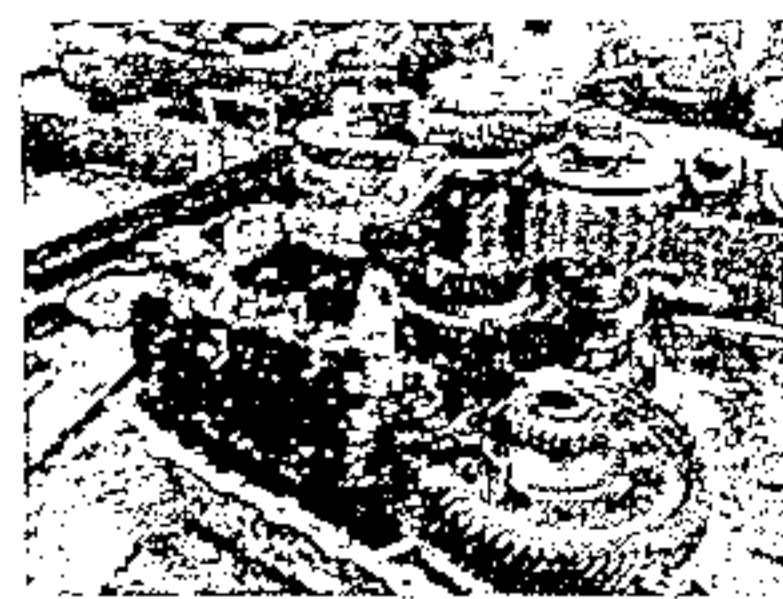
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yelling

William Hout, 33, Rocks Spring Road Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Poss. SCH. V, & II x4. Sgt. Michael Watkins LCSO, received a call of a suspicious person that was standing on Newton Road yelling about drugs.

Deputy made con-

tact with a subject matching the description on Kerr St. Upon contact with the subject identified as William Hout, William had dropped a small blue bag then turned around.

William has pinpointed pupils and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. A check of William revealed

him to have active warrants out of Bradley Co.

Deputy retrieved the bag William threw down and inside the bag were small baggy with numerous pills inside identified as Oxycodone, 15 & 10 mg, Opana, and Lyrica.

Sgt. Michael Watkins LCSO, made the arrest.

Haslam

11 and will include stops in Korea, China and Japan. Haslam and Boyd will meet with executives of existing Tennessee businesses as well as work to expand relationships between Tennessee and Asian business communities.

"Last year alone, foreign direct investments totaled \$2.25 billion in capital and created more than 7,800 new jobs. This is an excellent opportunity to take the 'Tennessee Story' abroad and promote all of the great

things that our state has to offer," Haslam said. "We're a low-tax, low-debt, strategically located state that is the first in the nation to offer high school graduates last dollar scholarships to attend community or technical college free of tuition and fees. I look forward to building upon our existing business partnerships and forming new ones that can be mutually beneficial."

"Tennessee ranks No. 1 in the Southeast and No. 3 in the nation for Japanese capital investment. Our goal is to not only maintain that position, but to add Korea and China to those rankings as well," Boyd said. "Our state is fortunate to be home to so many successful global companies, and it is imperative that we continue to expand our relationships with these companies while seeking new opportunities for future investment."

There are 216 Japanese, Korean and Chinese-owned establishments in Tennessee with a combined investment of nearly \$20 billion and over 52,000 in total employment to date. Japan is Tennessee's largest foreign investor nation, representing over 50 percent of all foreign direct investment in the state. With 183 Japanese-owned businesses in Tennessee, Japan has invested \$17.7 billion in the state's economy, employing nearly 50,000 Tennesseans. Korea and China are among the top 10 foreign investing countries, ranking fifth and eighth, respectively.

In addition to Haslam and Boyd, the delegation will consist of six key economic development project managers and support staff. They will meet throughout the trip with peers from government and businesses.

Updates will be provided throughout the trip and can be found on Facebook at facebook.com/tnecc and Twitter at @tnecc.

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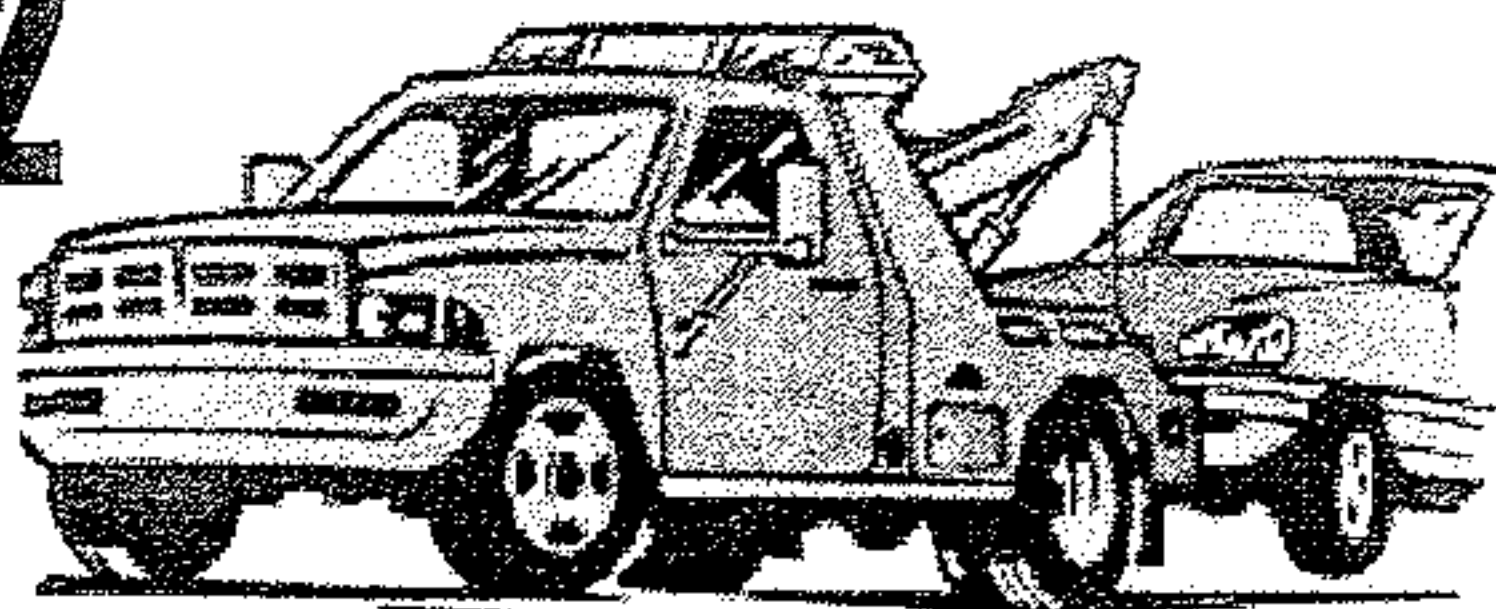
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meth ctd. from pg. 2  
 being used by Bradley Brooks, Lauren Drost, Orlando Witherow, and Ciara Winckler. Orlando has been a target for of a narcotics investigation and has been distributing crystal methamphetamine from this residence and residing in it for the last 2 weeks. Agents were waiting on Orlando to leave the residence, due to officer safety concerns, in order to execute the search warrant, Orlando was traffic stopped by Officers. Agents have been conducting controlled purchases from the residence from Orlando. Bradley and

Lauren are allowing Orlando to sell narcotics from the residence and are involved in the conspiracy to distribute dangerous drugs. Agent Brendan DeBoer JDTF, made the arrest.

**Golf to help Cancer Event slated May 6**

On Friday May 6th the Rarity Bay community again joins with the Prostate Cancer Foundation and Arnold Palmer to fight prostate cancer.

Our closest to the pin contest will take place at hole #17 and feature a three tier contribution program; Silver = \$20, Gold = \$50, and Platinum = \$100 family donation. All participants will receive a sleeve of golf balls, golf accessories, a one year subscription to Golf Digest and other gifts. And they will be eligible to win a \$250

travel voucher, rounds of golf, a \$100 Callaway on-line gift certificate, plus other prizes in the closest to the pin contest. Silver participants will have one shot at the pin; Gold participants will have two shots at the pin and have their names entered in a drawing for a \$250 travel voucher, dining gift certificates, free golf lessons, paintings by local artists, and other prizes. Platinum sponsors (two \$50 donations from one family) will receive an extra chance in the prize drawing - three total chances and four shots at the pin. We will also have a hole-in-one contest - the first person making a hole-in-one will win a 6-day golf vacation for two to Bay Hill Resort in Orlando (125 yard minimum distance - first shot only, as part of a full round of golf).

While the prizes are nice, more importantly you will be contributing to a very worthwhile

cause and fighting a disease that has affected a number of Rarity Bay residents.

To participate, please show up at hole #17 on May 1st between 9 AM and 4 PM; we may stay open after 4 PM if we have sufficient numbers of players on the course. You do not need to play a round of golf. If you cannot participate or are not a golfer, we encourage you to make a contribution and designate someone to hit for you.

Designated hitters will be limited to a maximum of 8 total shots. Since this is an amateur competition, professional players are not eligible to be designated hitters. If you need help finding a designated hitter, please contact one of the committee members listed below. Ladies and men are invited to participate. Limit of one prize per entry in each contest. Rain date will be Satur-

day 5/13/2015.

Contributions can be made now; please make your check payable to "Prostate Cancer Foundation", put "Rarity Bay" in the memo field, and give it to one of the committee members listed below. Checks can also be left in the Rarity Bay Pro Shop or mailed to the Treasurer: Bob Cepek, 150 Cormorant Dr. Vonnore, TN 37885. If you would like your Golf Digest subscription as a renewal, please email your subscription number and address to Jim Wiese prior to the event. This will simplify the signup process at the tee.

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