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Power outage in Loudon leaves customers upset and in the dark!

by Kendra McCarter

Tuesday evening around 5pm several areas of Loudon County lost power during a strong thunderstorm. The storm was so strong, in fact, a tree was knocked down over the train tracks near the downtown Loudon area. During the power outage several residents took to social media hoping to receive updates from Loudon Utilities Board

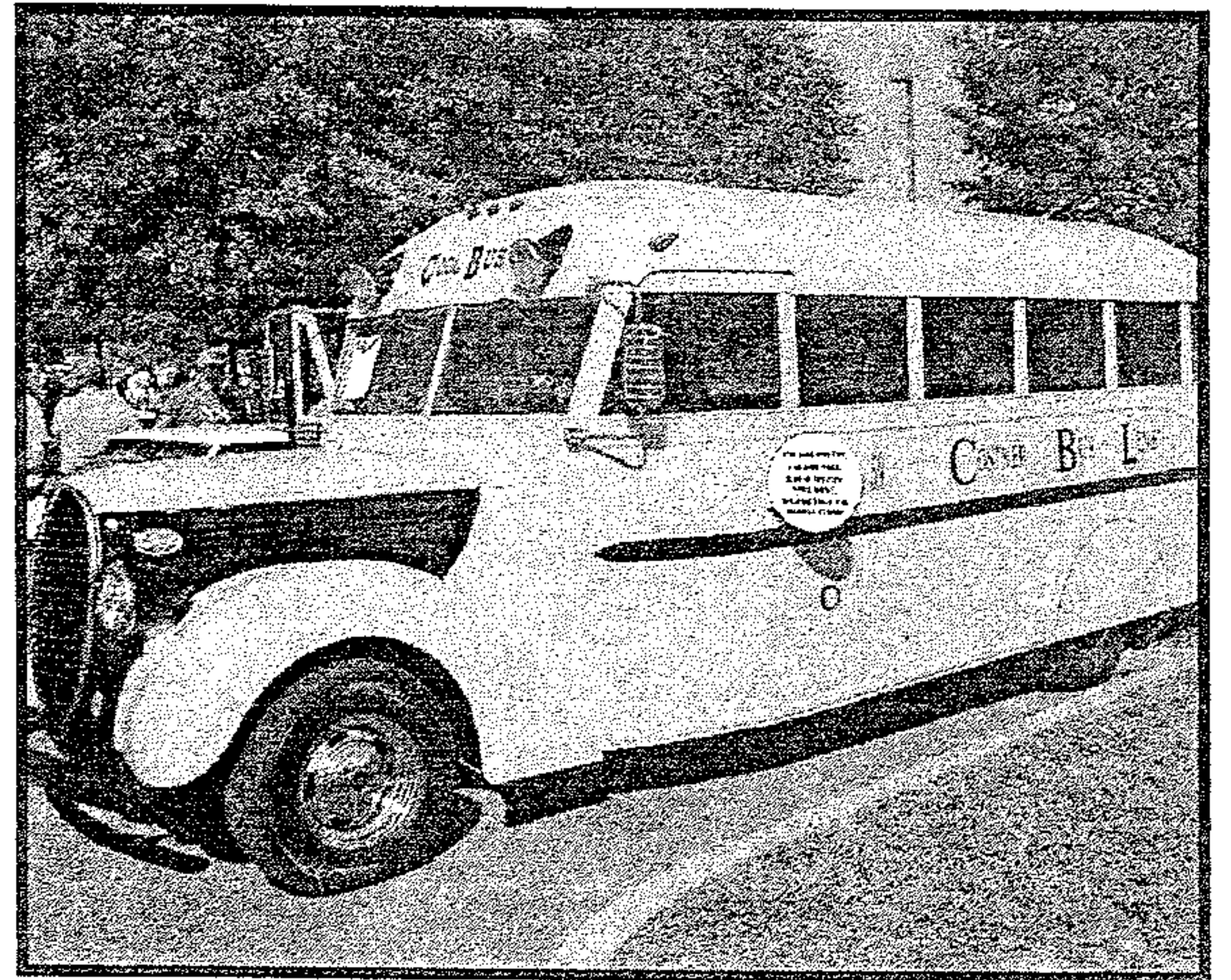
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It's inevitable, if there is a storm the courthouse in Loudon WILL have some damage guaranteed. At least it didn't take out the roof this time.

Cruise IN LC a huge success!

by Kendra McCarter



The Cool Bus was on display during the cruise in held at First Baptist Church LC

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Man threatens to stab umpire in the nuts over bad call!



Anthony Richmond

(see assault pg. 3)

THP & LCSO nab fleeing driver in stolen vehicle



Nicholas Smith

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Cold Case Killer

Help Us Catch the East Area Rapist

Although four decades have passed since a prolific serial rapist and murderer terrorized California communities from Sacramento to Orange County, the FBI and local law enforcement announced a national publicity campaign today—and a significant reward—in the hopes of locating the suspect and finally bringing him to justice.

Between 1976 and 1986, the violent and elusive individual known as the East Area Rapist, and later as the Original Night Stalker and the Golden State Killer, committed 12

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Verse of the Day

But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. — Matthew 6:15

Obituaries
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Wazzup

The storms throughout this week are supposed to be bad but they are also supposed to be hit and run as well! Be safe!

Weather

Today: A mix of clouds and sun with the chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. A few storms may be severe. High 96F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies early. Scattered

thunderstorms developing later at night. Low near 70F.

Friday Sunny along with a few clouds. High 86F.

Friday Night Partly cloudy skies. Low near 65F.

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LUB as to when power would be restored but, there were none. One resident posted, "Does LUB not have a Facebook or Twitter account?" to which several replied that LUB in fact does have a Facebook account, but there was no activity on their page during the power outage. Another resi-

dent said, "You would think LUB would want to let us know when the power would be back on." The only post on LUB's Facebook was 3 hours after the storm: "We are experiencing outages throughout the LUB service territory. We have a considerable amount of pole damage so many power lines are down. In ad-

dition, the TVA feeder line to our substation is down. Please prepare for an extended period of time without power. Our linemen are working diligently to restore power to your homes. We appreciate

your patience during this restoration." While the citizens of Loudon County no doubt want to thank LUB for all of their hard work, some are left wanting more up to date in-

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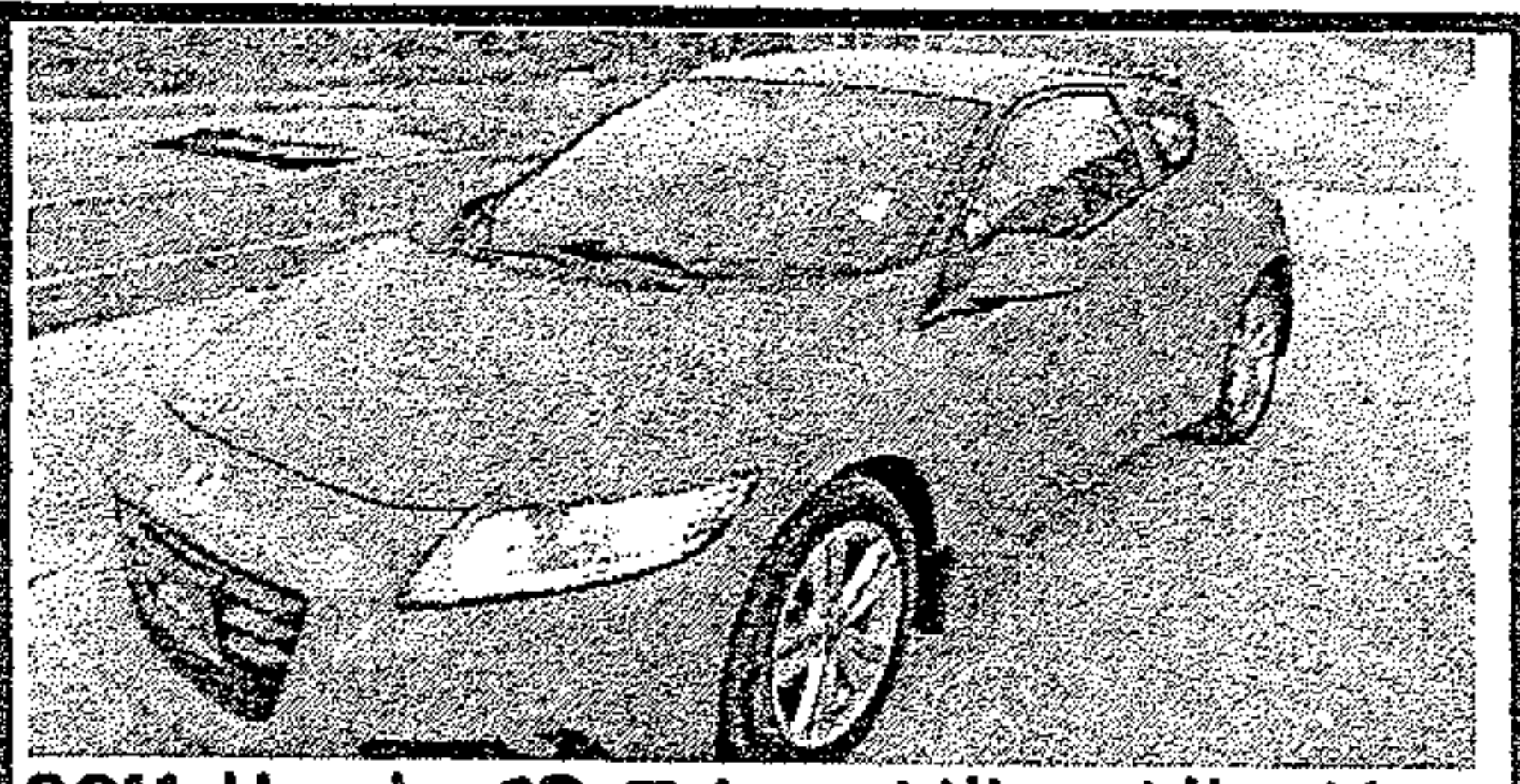


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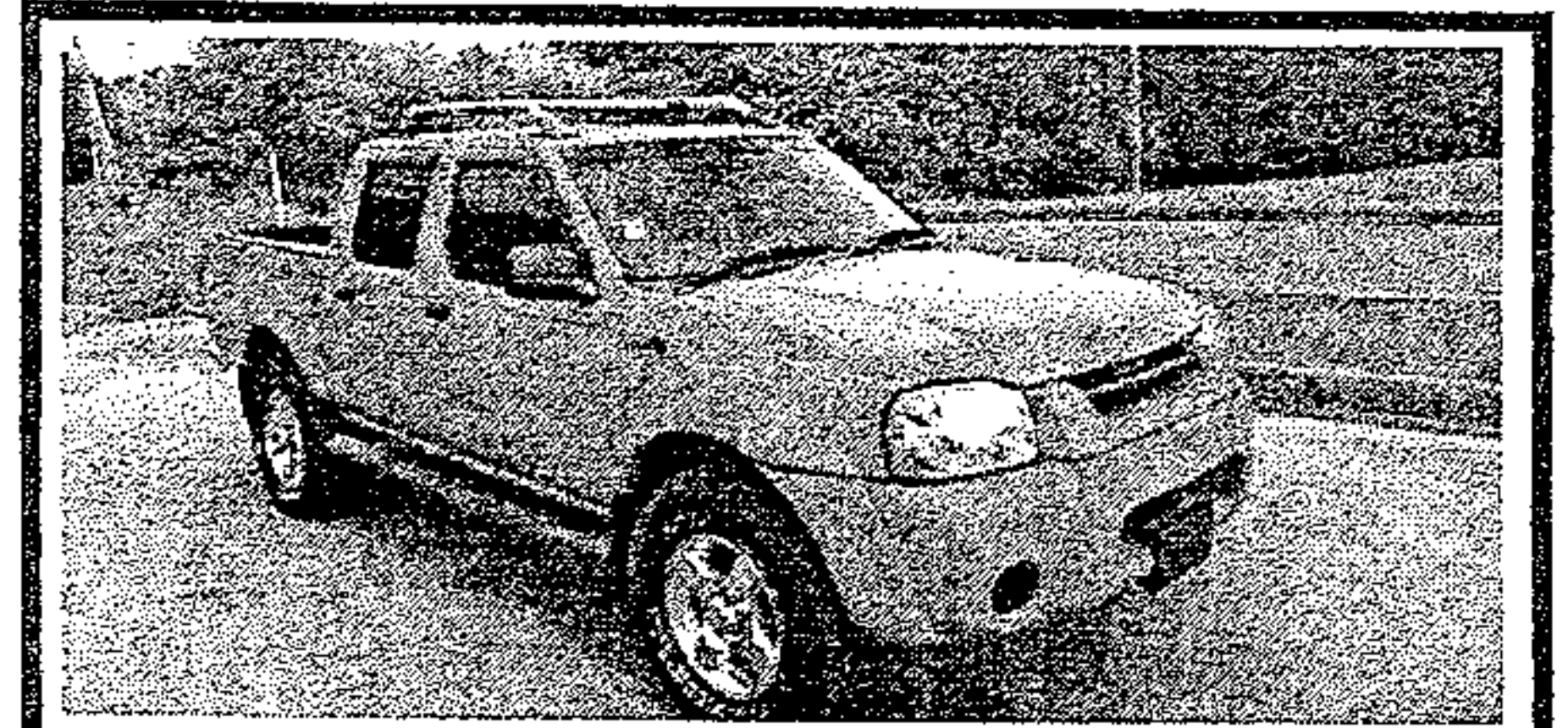
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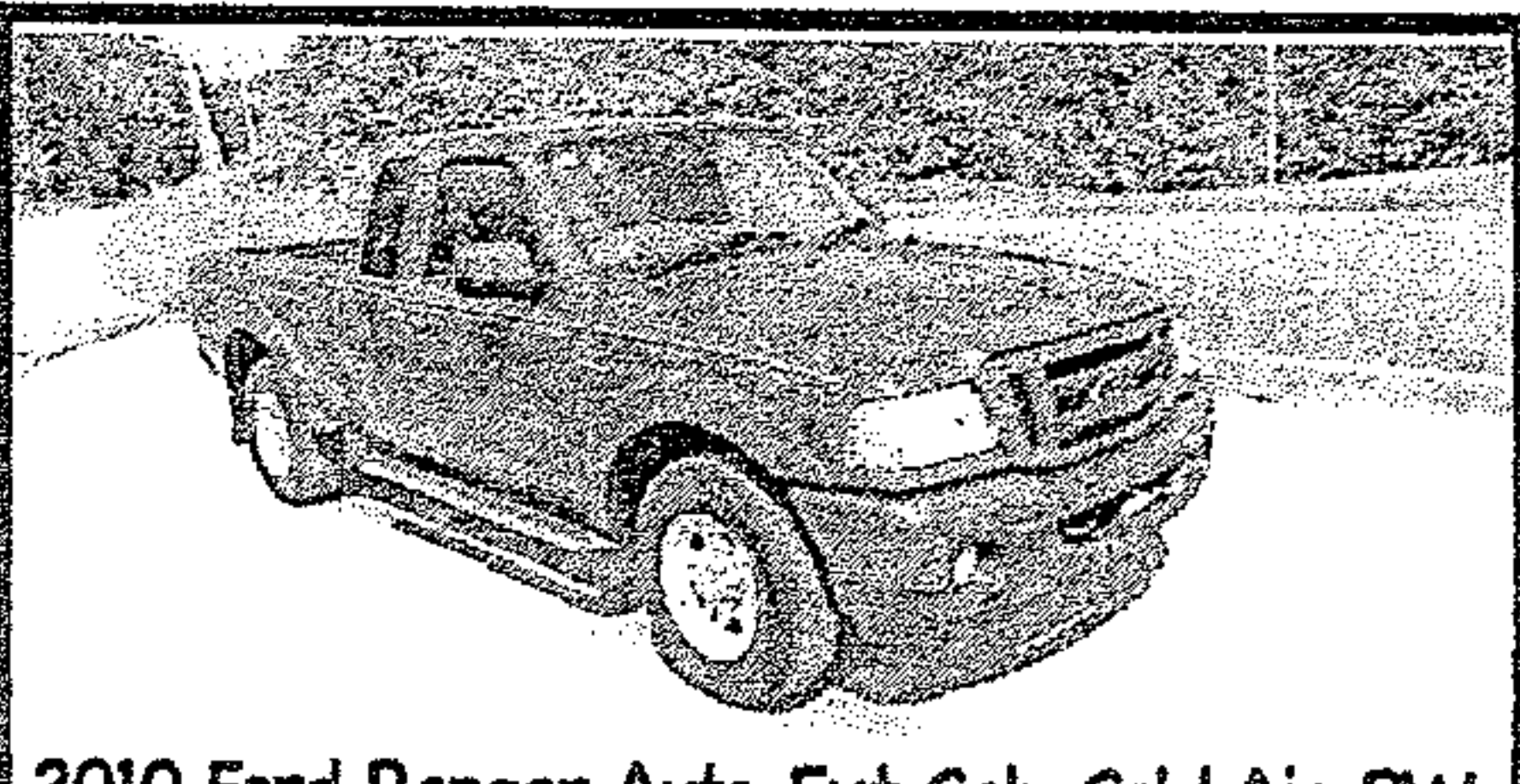
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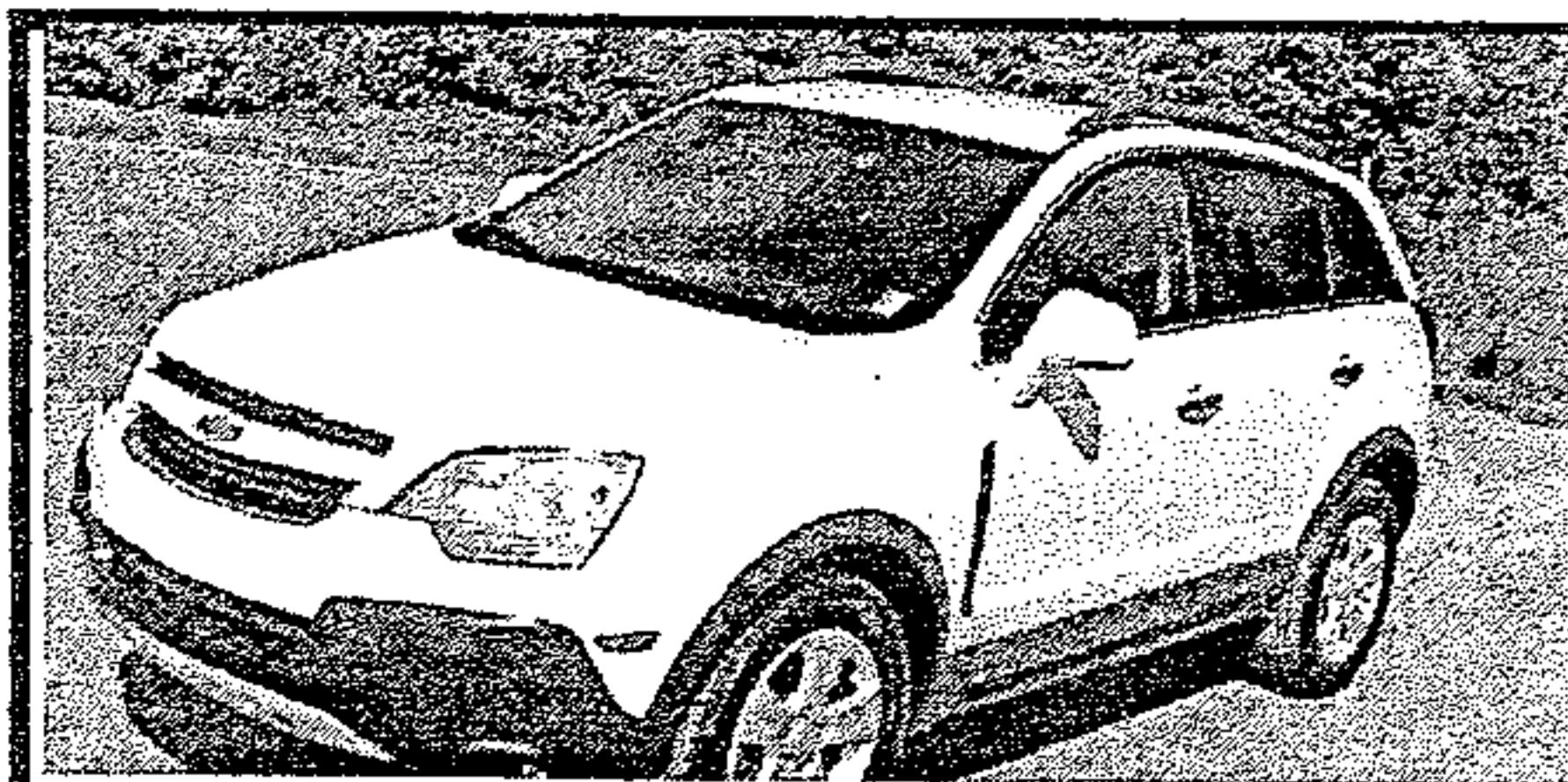
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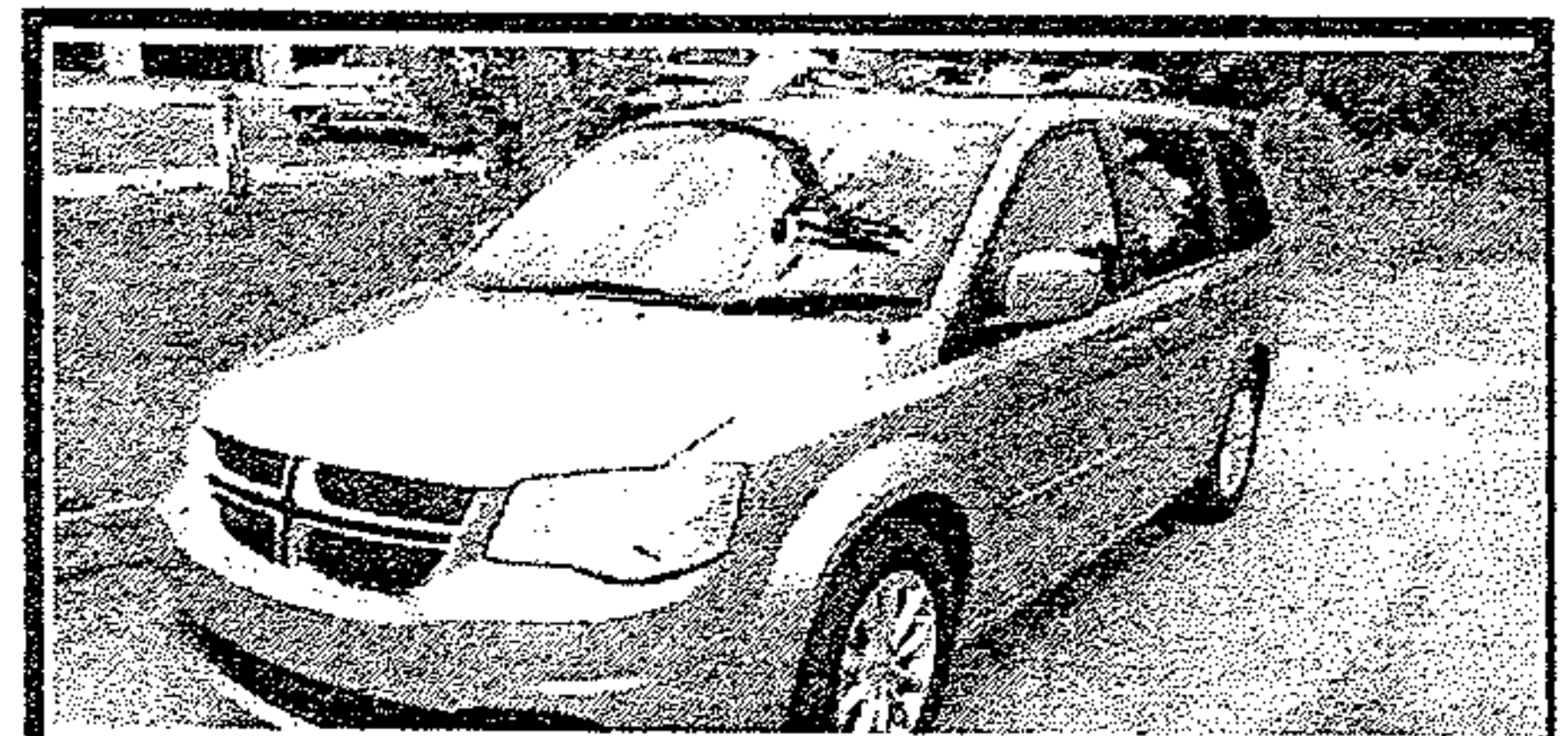
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assault

Anthony Richmond, 39, Old Hwy 95 Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Officer April Farmer LPD, received a call of an armed subject at the Loudon Municipal Park on Robinson Springs Road. Dispatch advised there was a male subject that had pulled out a knife and threatened someone and was currently getting into a vehicle in the parking lot. Officer arrived on scene and made contact with the male identified as Anthony Richmond. Officer ask Richmond if he had a knife and he handed a black and silver knife to Officer from his short pocket. Officer

ask Richmond what had occurred, he stated he got into an argument with the umpire of the little league game over the calls being made on the field. After speaking with several witnesses it was revealed that Richmond had yelled at the umpire and pulled out the knife and stated he would stab him in the nuts. Richmond was placed under arrest.

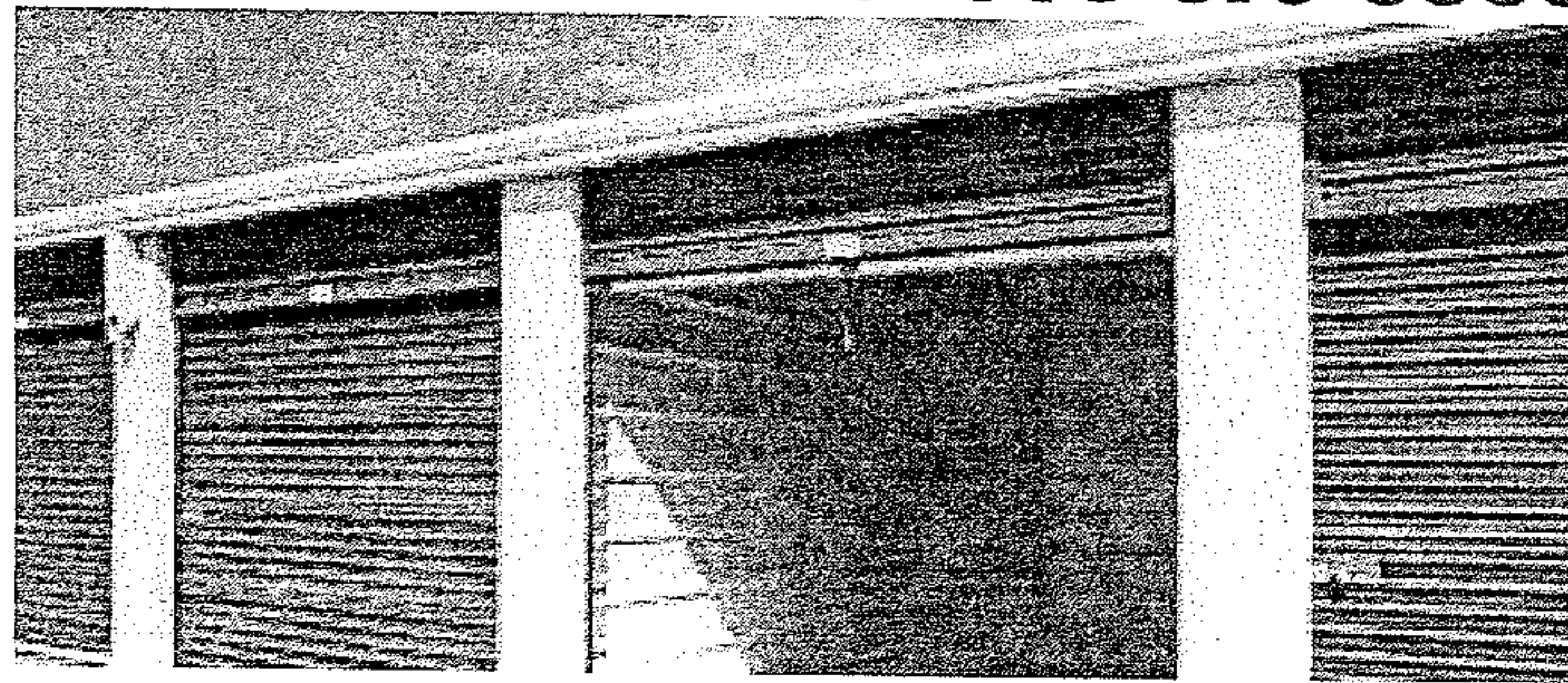
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gency situations. A search of Twitter revealed LUB does in fact have a Twitter page that was activated April 2015, it has 4 followers and 0 tweets. Some citizens took to LUB's Facebook page to lodge complaints such as "When the power goes out they hang up on you. 3 hours of no power while their workers sit across the street chatting!" and "Can

never get through when power is out customer service just hangs up on you. Power is out now and cannot get a hold of anyone. Please fix your broken down phone system so outages can be reported." In this day and age instant information is vital. The absences of that information Tuesday left the residents of Loudon literally, in the dark.

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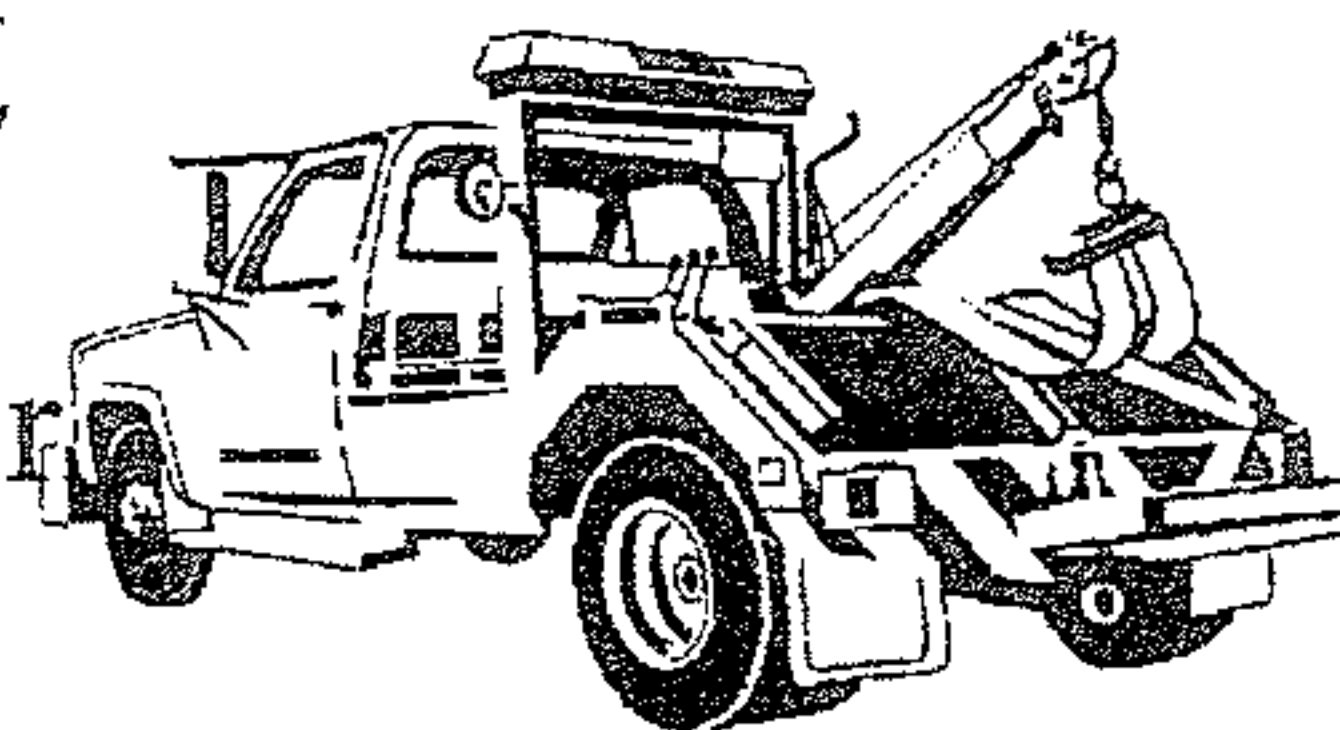
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stolen

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Trooper C. Duryea THP, conducted a traffic stop on a Hyundai for a registration violation. Once Trooper exited his patrol vehicle the car sped away fled the stop. The vehicle would not stop for the emergency lights and

siren. The vehicle was passing on the shoulder, and no passing zones, dangerous maneuvers on several roadways in an attempt to flee the Trooper. After a chase involving LCSO, the vehicle was finally stopped. The vehicle was reported stolen. Trooper C. Duryea THP, made the arrest.

Passenger also charged

Cari Henderson, 42, Moses Circle Athens, was charged with Theft of Property over 10,000, and Poss. of Drug Para.

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Cari Henderson

vehicle was finally stopped. The vehicle was reported stolen. Cari Henderson a passenger in the vehicle did know the vehicle was stolen. Trooper C. Duryea THP, made the arrest.

Cold case

homicides, 45 rapes, and more than 120 residential burglaries in multiple California communities. His victims ranged in age from 13 to 41 and included women home alone, women at home with their children, and husbands and wives.

At a press conference today in Sacramento, the FBI and local law enforcement agencies announced a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer along with a nationwide multimedia campaign to once again bring the case to the public's attention.

"Regardless of the amount of time that has passed," said Sgt. Paul Belli, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department detective assigned to the case, "the sheriff's department never gave up on the investigation. This person ruined a great

number of lives, and he should be held accountable."

During the time he was operating in Sacramento, between 1976 and 1978, the East Area Rapist struck fear and anxiety into the community. "Everyone was afraid," said Special Agent Marcus Knutson, who was born and raised in Sacramento and now heads the FBI's portion of the investigation. "We had people sleeping with shotguns, we had people purchasing dogs. People were concerned, and they had a right to be. This guy was terrorizing the community. He did horrible things." (Video: Knutson's Remarks on East Area Rapist)

If he is still alive, the killer would now be approximately 60 to 75 years old. He is described as a white male, close to six feet tall, with blond or light brown hair and an athletic build. He may have an interest or training in military or law enforcement techniques, and he was proficient with firearms.

Detectives have DNA from multiple crime scenes that can positively link—or eliminate—suspects.

This will allow investigators to easily rule out innocent parties with a simple, non-invasive DNA test.

"Just like any homicide investigation," Belli said, "our lifelines are people who give us information. It all boils down to people helping." He added that the \$50,000 reward could motivate someone to come forward. "It may push somebody over the edge who knows something. It could provide us with that one tip we need."

Investigators are urging the public to provide law enforcement with any information, no matter how insignificant it may seem. If someone knows a person in the right age range who lived in the area at the time and who seemed suspicious or who may have had some involvement, "we can determine where they are living," Belli said. For those who come forward, he added, "we are very discreet about privacy and confidentiality."

It is known that the East Area Rapist took things from crime scenes—coins and jewelry in particular. The public is asked to (see cold case ctd. pg. 5)

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 be mindful of that. "We know that our guy took items," Knutson said. "So if for some reason people—whether their family member is deceased or they're cleaning out a storage unit—come across a weird collection of items such as women's ID's, rings, earrings—anything that's out of the ordinary—it could be significant."

In addition to supplying the reward

money, the FBI is assisting local investigators by following leads all over the country, Knutson said, ruling out suspects based on DNA tests and other evidence. When the crimes were committed, DNA testing was not available, nor was other technology such as cell phones, neighborhood surveillance cameras, or, in many areas, the 911 emergency call system.

Burglaries and rapes

began occurring in the eastern district of Sacramento County—hence the name East Area Rapist—in the summer of 1976. The subject ransacked homes and took coins, jewelry, and identification. Neighborhood burglaries were often followed by clusters of sexual assaults. Then, on February 2, 1978, Brian Maggiore and his wife, Katie, were on an evening walk with their dog in

their Rancho Cordova neighborhood when they were chased down and murdered.

Ray Biondi, a retired Sacramento County Sheriff's Department detective, investigated the double homicide, which was quickly linked to the East Area Rapist. "This threw a whole different light on the rape series," said Biondi, who spent 17 years as a homicide detective and investigated hundreds of

murders.

One of his few regrets about retirement, Biondi said recently, "was leaving the cases I didn't solve." What strikes him about the Maggiore murders and the East Area Rapist is how the subject has managed to elude capture. "It is mind-boggling that he committed so many crimes without a slip up," the veteran detective said. And yet, one of Biondi's first homicide cases decades ago was recently solved through DNA evidence. So it is entirely possible, he said, that the East Area Rapist can be brought to justice. "That would elate me."

After his crimes in the Sacramento area, the subject continued primarily in the East Bay Area of Northern California, where his activity escalated into rapes and homicides along the California coast. He would attack couples, tie up both victims, rape the female, and then murder them. After July 1981, no associated incidents are known until 1986, when an 18-year-old woman was raped and murdered in Irvine, California—the last known crime associated with the subject.

Knutson, too, believes that capturing the East Area Rapist is still possible. "Sometimes it's just one call that makes a difference," he said. "If we get that one call and

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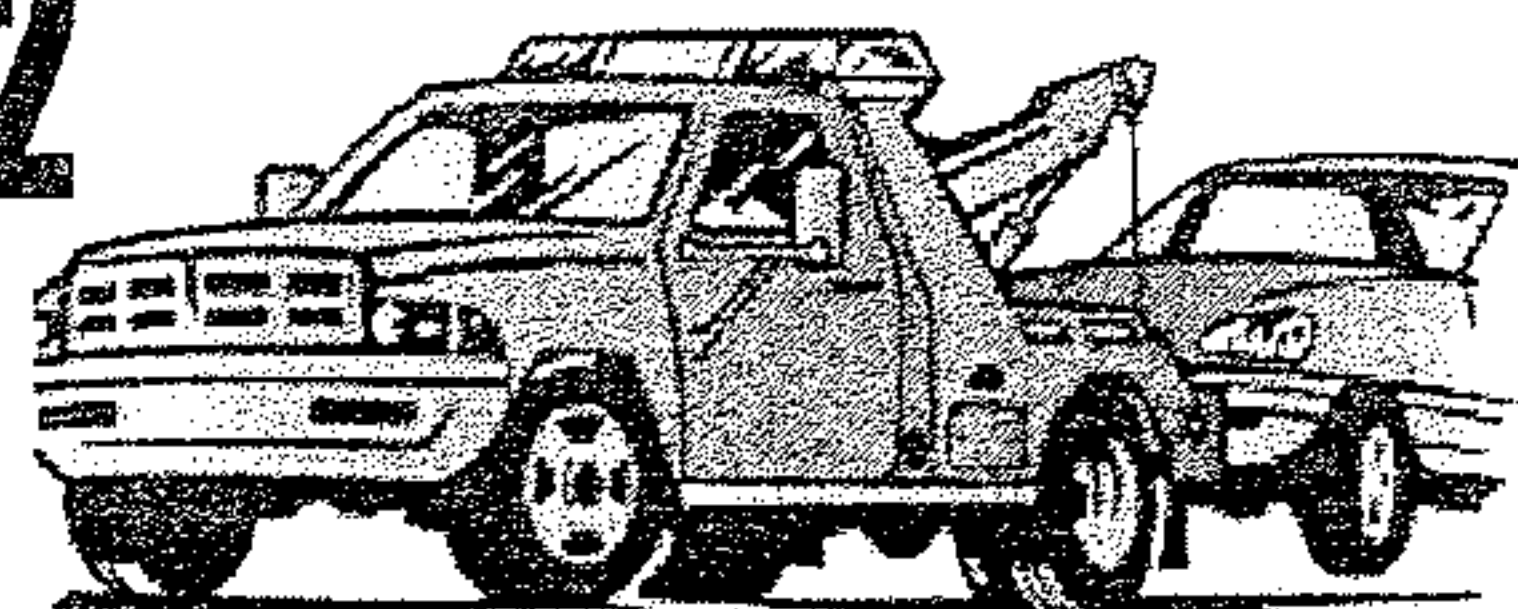
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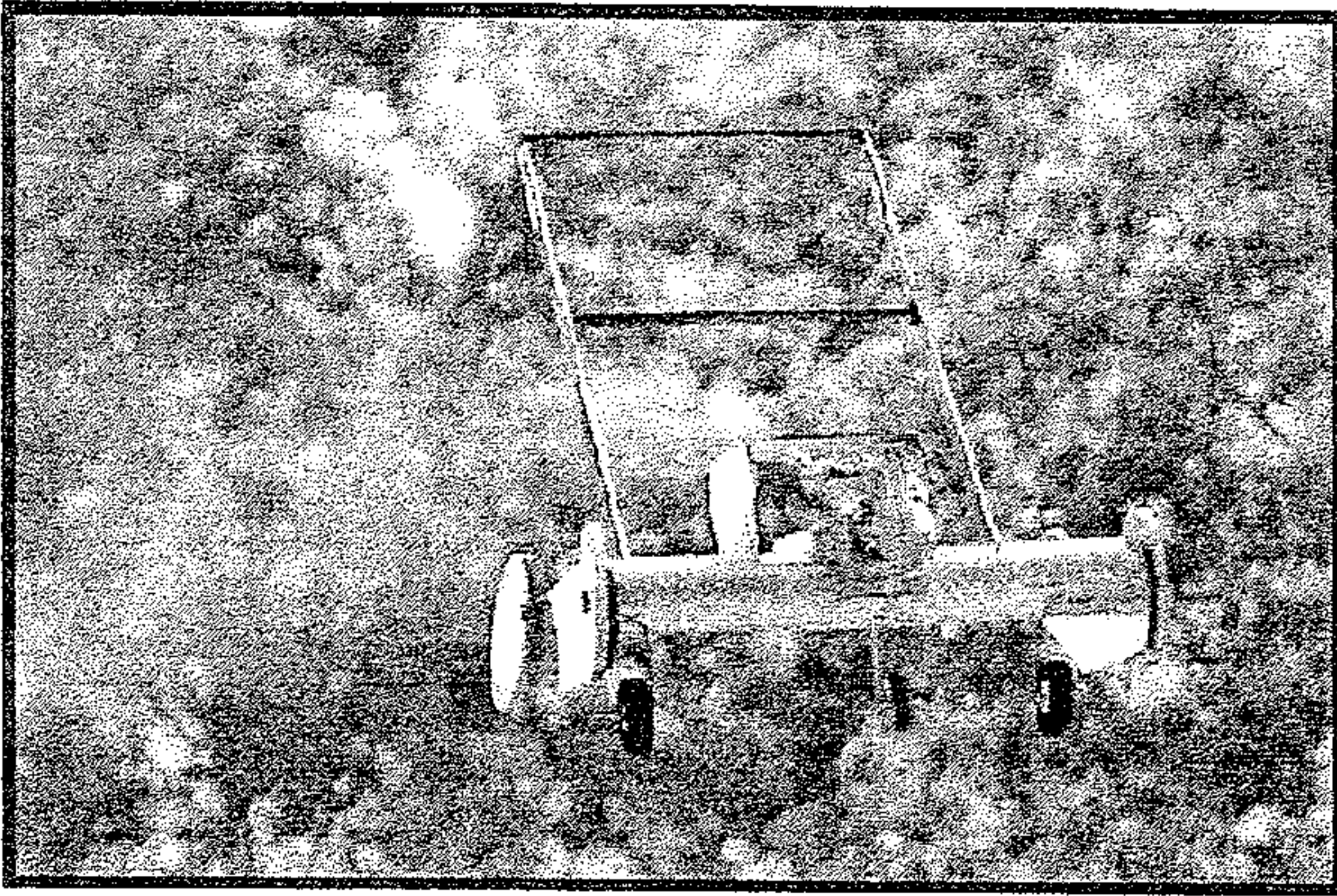
This past weekend at First Baptist Church Lenoir City they held a Cruise in open to everyone.

The response was enormous as Hundreds of cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, airplanes, helicopters,

and even a flying lawnmower! All showed up to be seen by the hundreds in attendance.

A great time was had by all and they even had some good cooking going on onsite as well.

Photos courtesy of Rebecca Arp McBride



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we are able to compare DNA and say, 'Yes, it's him,' then we have him. But it starts with that one call, and that's why we are seeking the public's assistance."

Being a Sacramento native makes this case even more meaningful for Knutson. "This is my home," he said. "This is where I'm from. The fact that he did his crimes here I take personally, and

I'm proud that I'm able to work with the local sheriffs' offices to investigate this case and try to get this guy in custody."

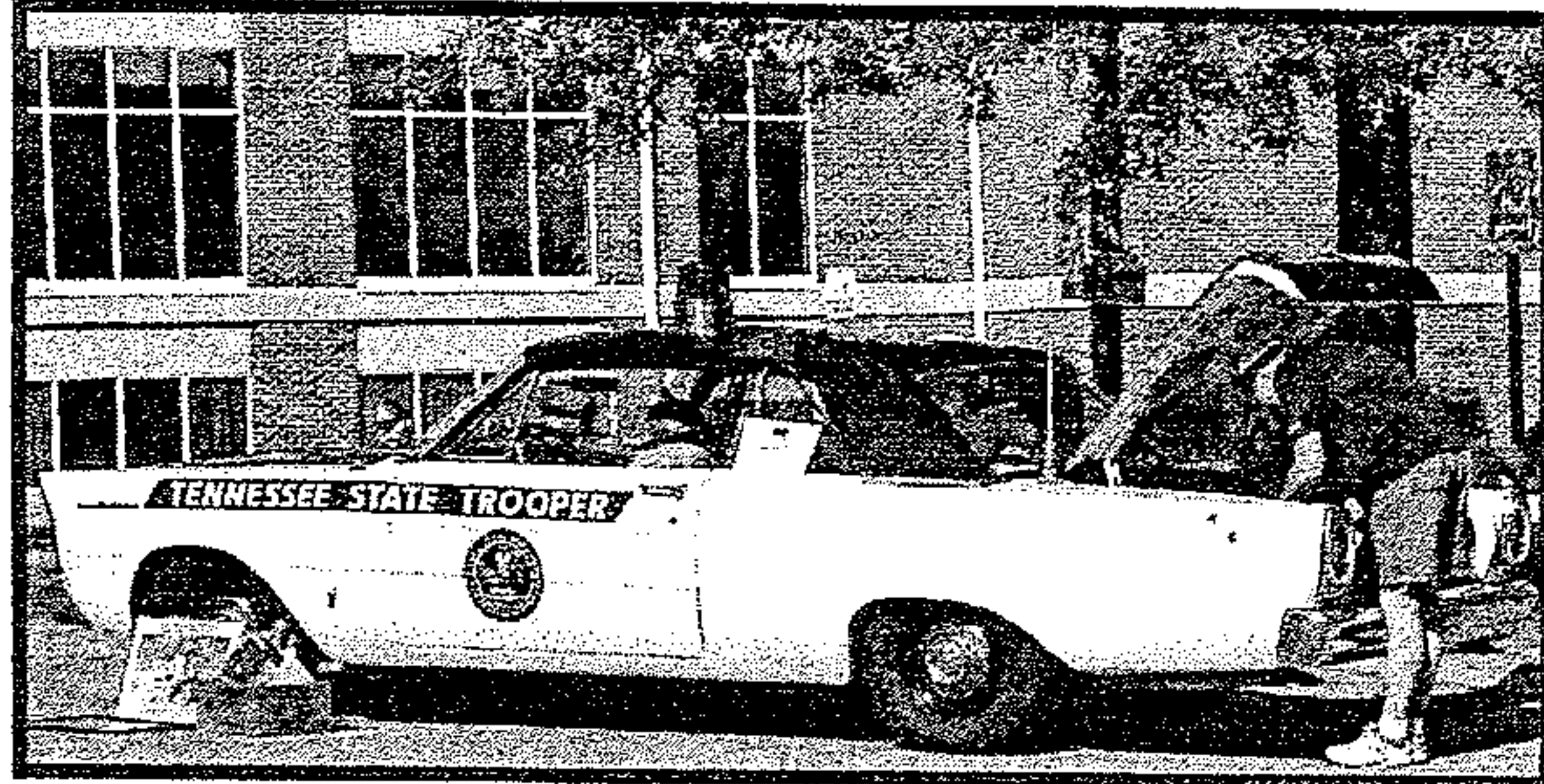
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Surviving the East Area Rapist

She went to sleep that night at home in

her bed, and her world was normal. She woke up in the middle of the night with a man's hand over her mouth. She tried to fight back and run, but he hit her, stuffed a sock in her mouth, blindfolded her, tied her hands and feet. "He put me back in bed and said, 'If you move, I'm going to kill you.'"

Although she feared for her life during that terrifying night decades ago, the woman survived the East Area Rapist's sexual assault. She and another survivor have come forward to talk about the attacks, how it changed their lives, about revenge and forgiveness, and how they support law enforcement's continuing efforts to capture this violent individual.



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