

If you were wondering where all the park damage came from, it was this guy!

Joseph Heape, 22, Main Street Loudon, was charged with DUI, Simple Possession, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Officer Jonathan Yates LPD, while on routine patrol, noticed a blue Chevy Colorado off an approximately 15 foot embankment and in the fence of the Legion Field park on Grove St. Officer
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Joseph Heape

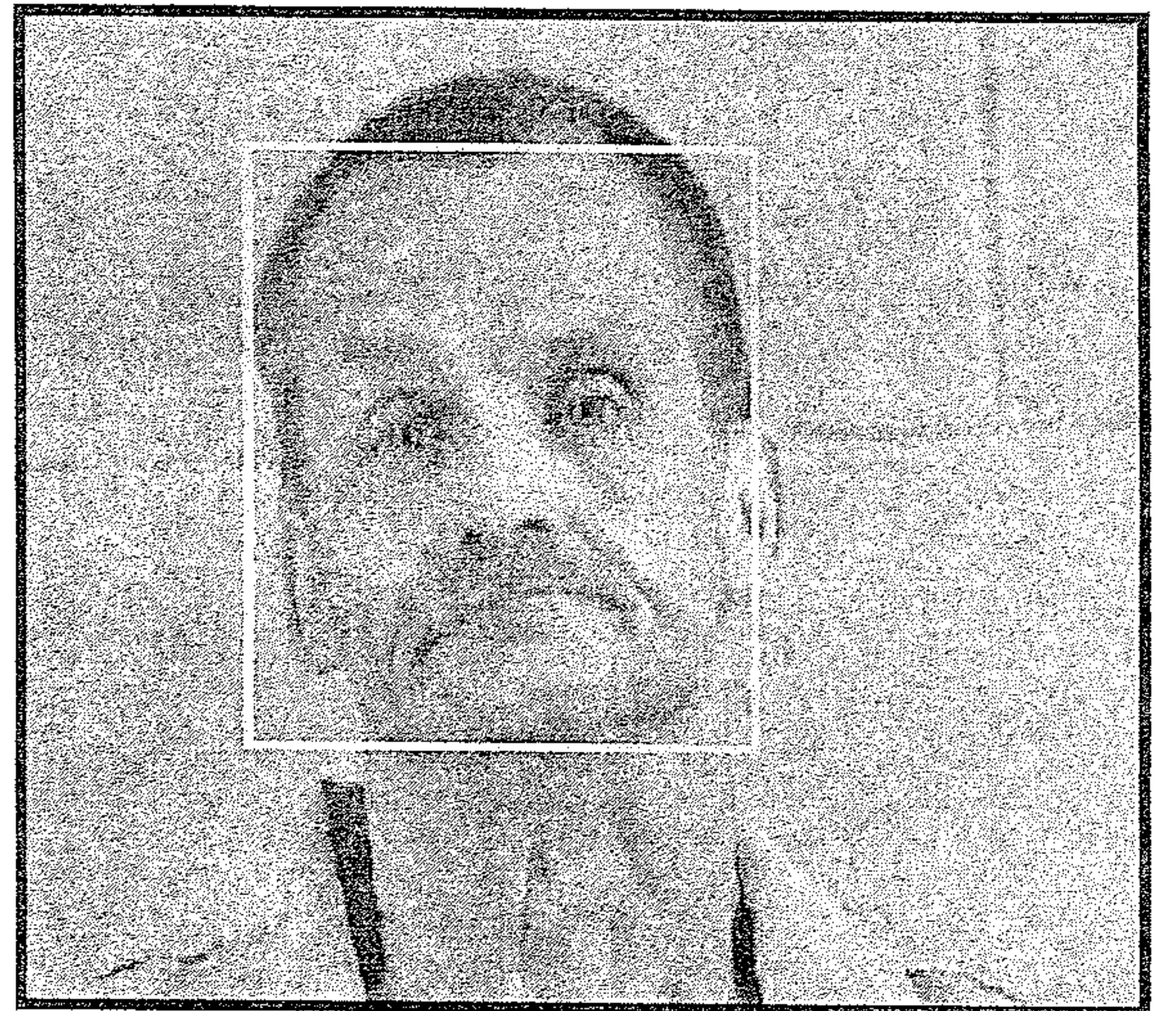
Large bag of meth found after altercation in LC



John Lee

(see meth pg. 7)

Argument ends with man charged with meth, pipe and more



Oodie Griffith

(see LC pg. 3)

Major drug trafficking organization members indicted for methamphetamine and firearms charges

On May 10, 2016, a federal grand jury returned an 80-count indictment, charging 27 individuals with conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine. Six were charged with possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking offenses.

Fifteen of those charged appeared in U.S. District Court on
(see trafficking pg. 4)

Putting the Brakes on Intellectual Property Crime

Trio Pirated Mercedes-Benz Diagnostic Software

The case of the pirated Mercedes-Benz software is a classic example of how a company's intellectual property can be compromised—and how criminals can profit from someone else's hard work.

In April 2016, California resident Martin Vellozzi was the last of three individuals sentenced for
(see crime pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

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— Matthew 6:27

Obituaries

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Wazzup

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Cancer 6/22-7/22

Although confrontation is rarely your cup of tea, your immediate reaction is to stand up for the underdog if someone tries to railroad their opinion over everyone else's today. Throwing caution to
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park stopped and activated his blue lights to investigate the crash. The driver backed out of the fence and drove in the grass towards the walking track. Officer followed by roadway and the driver drove the walking track out to Ferry St for approximately a quarter mile between the baseball field

fence and river. Officer cut him off there and stopped the truck. The driver was Joseph A. Heape. Mr. Heape stated to have not seen me attempting to stop him and was found to be lethargic. He knew he had wrecked and was attempting to leave without reporting the crash. Officer searched his pockets and found a metal pill bottle with one pill with

inscription R35- kolonopin, and a hollowed out ink pen commonly used for the ingestion of drugs by snorting. He was unsteady on his feet and appeared sleepy. He stated to have taken Hydrocodone. Of-

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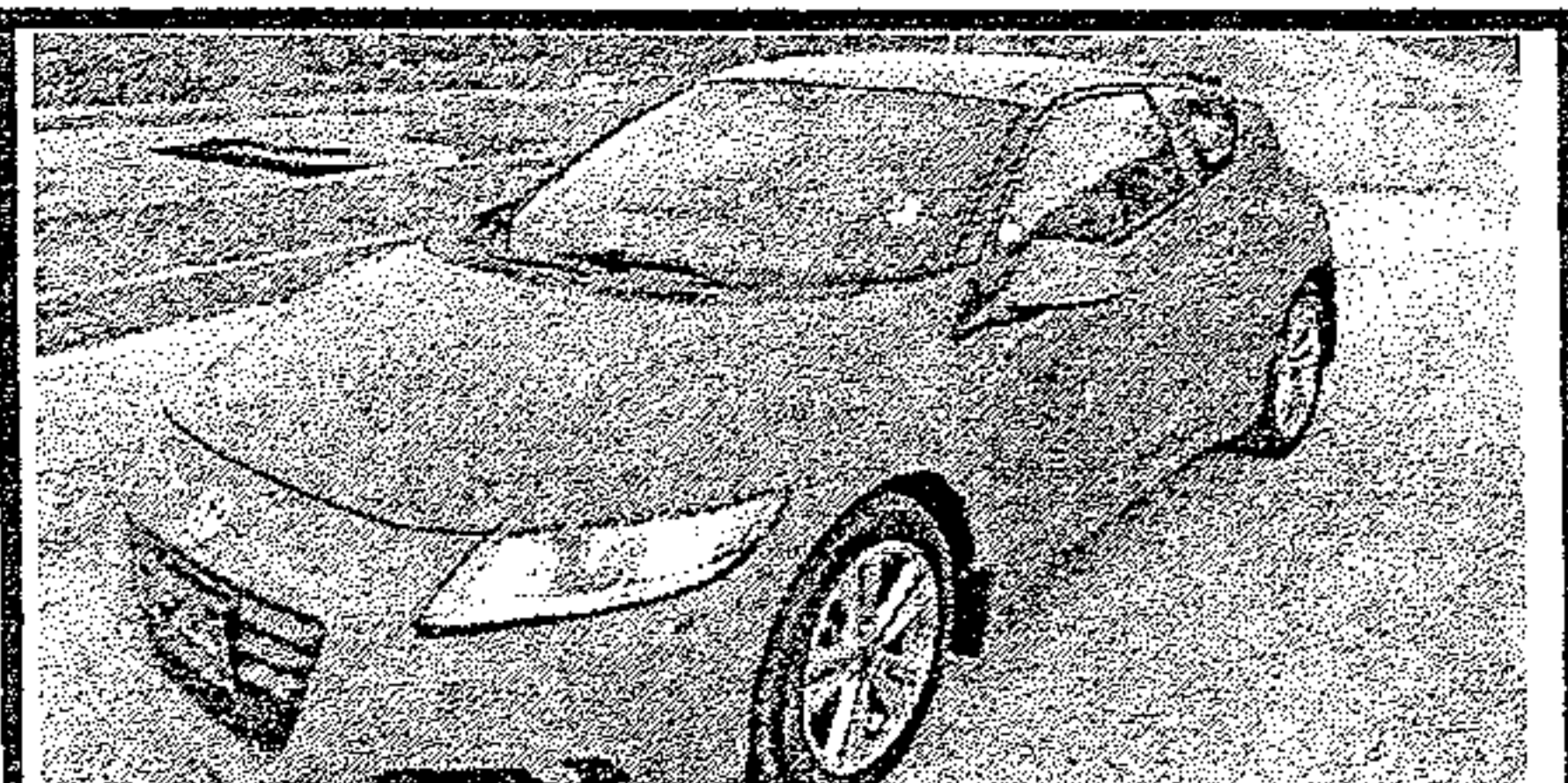
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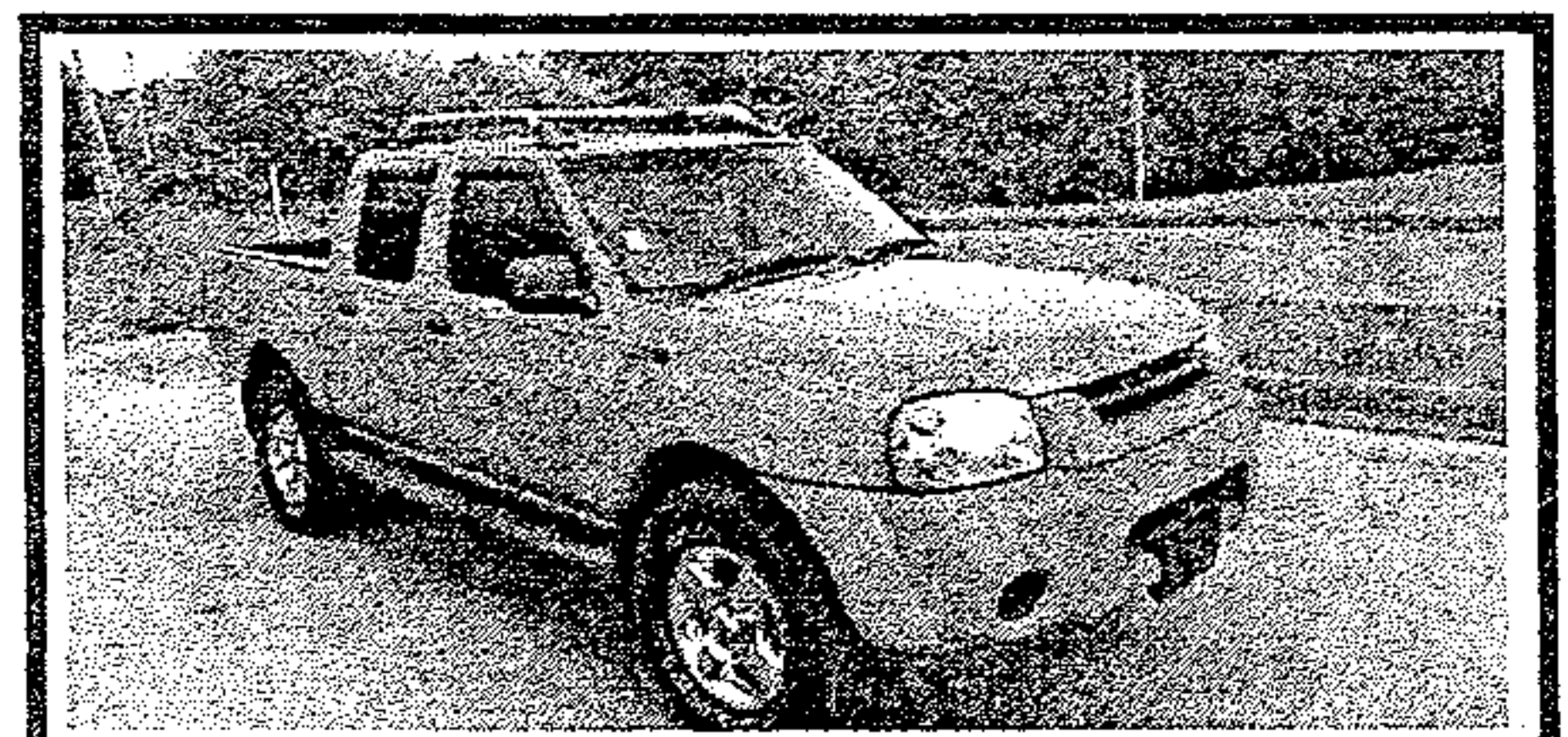
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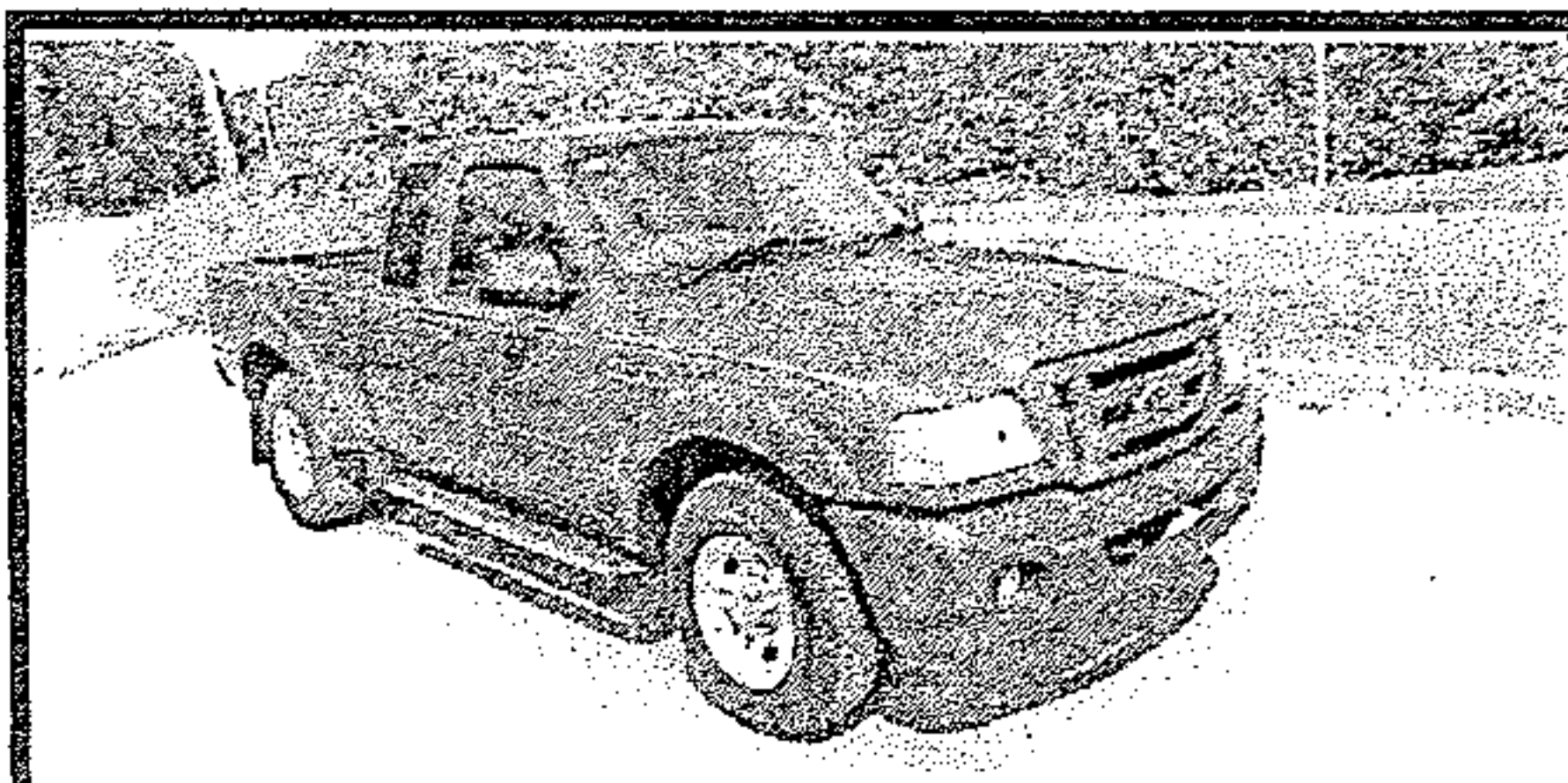
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Oodie Grffith, 52, Homeless, was charged with Simple Possession x2, Poss. of Drug Para., and Assisting other Agency. Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, responded to Hwy 321 North to a report of 911 hang-up call. Upon arrival Deputy found Oodie Griffith, and a female. Upon talking with both Deputy found them to be arguing. Upon patting Oodie down Deputy could feel a round shaped object with a stem on it. Griffith gave permission to search his person. Deputy located a glass pipe, a baggy containing a white crystal substance weighing .3 gram. Griffith stated it was meth-

amphetamine. Oodie Griffith was placed under arrest.

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ficer had him perform field sobriety tasks and he did poorly. Officer arrested him for DUI.


Upon searching the truck, Officer found a bottle of Hydrocodone syrup that was prescribed to someone else and one Lunesta (sleep aid). The defendant agreed to a drug screen and was transported by Officer Anthony Akins and then to jail. Said happened in Loudon, TN.

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trafficking

June 24, 2016, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Clifton L. Corker and pleaded not guilty to the charges in the indictment.

Individuals charged in the indictment include:

Rickey Dale Munsey, 47, Washburn, Tenn.;

Jeffery Brian Wills, 27, Greeneville, Tenn.;

Joel Hosea Beasley, 36, Morristown, Tenn.;

Steven Dwight Hopkins, 46, Mooresburg, Tenn.;

Guy Mayns, 31, Morristown, Tenn.;

Christopher Allen Williams, 47, Morristown, Tenn.;

James Guinn, 36, Morristown, Tenn.;

Jenny Louise Musson, 32, Greeneville, Tenn.;

Maria Smelcer, 42, Mosheim, Tenn.;

Tomasena Miluv Payne, 28, Talbot, Tenn.;

David Lee Sicilia, 31, Morristown, Tenn.;

Andrew Harville, 28, Morristown, Tenn.;

Nathan Carroll, 36, Morristown, Tenn.;

Jamie Lee Bray, 24, Morristown, Tenn.;

Darinda Sue Beasley, 36, Morristown, Tenn.;

Erica Sue Harris, 34, Russellville, TN Tenn.;

Jeremy Kane Jones, 30, Morristown, Tenn.;

Eric James Reedy, 32, Rogersville, Tenn.;

Timothy Shannon Maner, 35, Morristown, Tenn.;

Christopher Wayne Munsey, 26, Morristown, Tenn.;

Morgan Alan Moore, 30, Morristown, Tenn.;

James Calvin Hale, 38, Morristown, Tenn.;

Larry Wayne Martin, 52, Russellville, Tenn.;

Kellie Hopkins, 23, Mooresburg, Tenn.;

Donald Edward Grey, Jr., 40, Bean Station, Tenn.;

John Nathaniel Beasley, 19, Mooresburg, Tenn.; and

Tim Parvin, 38, Russellville, Tenn.

If convicted as charged on the methamphetamine conspiracy count, the defendants face a mandatory minimum of 10 years up to life in prison, a maxi-

mum fine of \$10,000,000.00, and a minimum of five years supervised release.

This indictment is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hamblen County Sheriff's Office, Third Judicial District Drug Task Force, Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force, Morristown Police Department, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Hawkins County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Knox County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson City Police Department, Grainger County Sheriff's Office; Johnson City Police Department, Bean Station Police Department and

Claiborne County Sheriff's Office. Assistant see traffic ctd. pg. 7

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crime
 creating and selling non-authentic Mercedes-Benz diagnostic software systems. The diagnostic systems are used by auto mechanics to diagnose and fix Mercedes vehicles. For more than a decade, Vellozzi and his co-conspirators—Rainer Wittich of Louisiana and Robert Beckmann of North Caro-

lina—made money by stealing the proprietary software and selling it at a steep discount.

“All three conspirators had legitimate businesses in the automotive industry,” said Special Agent Sundanah Parsons, who investigated the case from the FBI’s New Orleans Field Office. “Each one had a different kind of expertise, and they came together

to profit from their illegal activity.”

The Mercedes-Benz Star Diagnostic System is a hand-held computer containing proprietary, confidential software that costs as much as \$22,000. “Vellozzi discovered a way to pirate the software from legitimate Star Diagnostics Systems,” Parsons explained, “which over the years effectively

robbed Mercedes of millions of dollars in business opportunities.”

By stealing the Mercedes software—and without having to spend money on research and development—Vellozzi, Wittich, and Beckmann were able to produce, market, and sell their illegal versions of the system on laptop computers for any-

where from \$6,000 to \$12,000. Court records indicate the trio sold nearly 1,000 of the units. “They were selling them all over the country and even internationally,” Parsons said. “It was all about the money.”

In 2011, representatives from Mercedes-Benz contacted the FBI’s Intellectual Property Rights Unit to report their suspicions that the diagnostic system had been compromised. The Bureau later sent an undercover operative to one of Vellozzi’s automotive repair seminars, where the pirated units were being openly sold.

“Mercedes was rightfully concerned about its intellectual property,” Parsons said, explaining that the diagnostic system could be used to modify and control a variety of critical features on automobiles, including air bags and braking systems.

“Vellozzi and his colleagues knew what they were doing was illegal,” Parsons added. “Although the units were being sold openly at seminars he held around the country, Vellozzi didn’t advertise the systems on his website or list them anywhere in his business records—and neither did Wittich and

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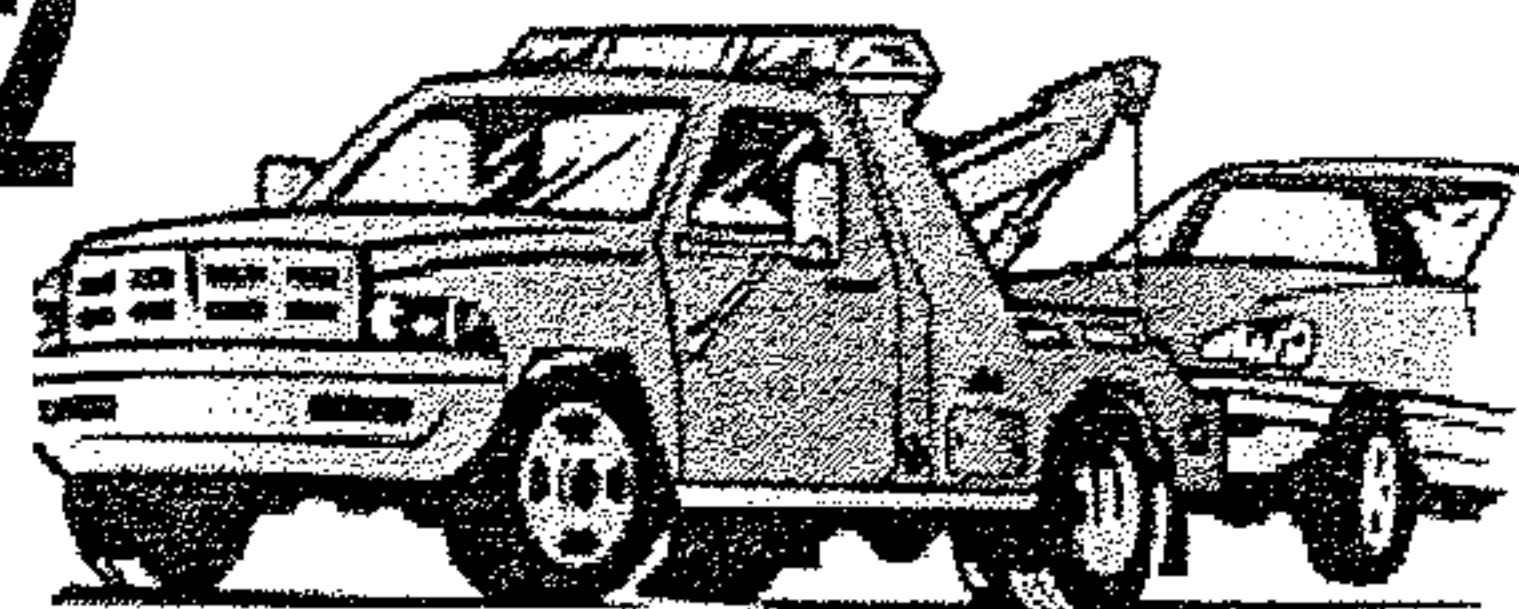
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meth

John Lee, 22, Kelly Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH. II, and Violation of Community Corrections.

Officer Jeremy Dishner LCPD, was on routine patrol in the parking lot 503 Hwy 321, (Inn of Lenoir) where he observed several subjects standing near the northwest corner of the building. It appeared that the subjects were involved in an altercation of some type, as one female was crying and a male appeared to be yelling at the group. During the proceeding inves-

tigation, Officer Keith Sennett arrived and utilized his K9 partner for a free air sniff of the vehicle that the subjects were in. After a positive K9 alert, Officer Sennett located a Ziploc bag in the glove compartment of the vehicle. The bag contained approximately 24 grams of a crystal like substance that field tested positive for Methamphetamine. Mr. Lee, who also had a warrant of Violation of Community Corrections, admitted that he placed the bag of narcotics in the glove compartment prior to our interaction.

This did occur in Lenoir City, Tn.

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U.S. Attorney Donald Wayne Taylor will represent the United States.

This prosecution is brought as a part of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's drug supply reduction strategy. OCDETF was established in 1982 to conduct comprehensive, multilevel attacks on major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. Today, OCDETF combines the resources and expertise of its member federal agencies in cooperation with state and local law enforcement.

The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt, and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking and money laundering organizations and those primarily responsible for the nation's drug supply.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment constitutes only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until his or her guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Beckmann."

In April, a federal judge sentenced Vellozzi to four years' probation and a \$6,000 fine. In January 2016, Wittich and his Louisi-

ana-based aftermarket auto parts distributor business, The Brinson Company, were sentenced for their roles after previously pleading guilty to criminal copyright infringement and violating the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Wittich received five years of probation, and his company was ordered to forfeit \$150,000 and assist Daimler AG—parent company of Mercedes-Benz—in compiling a list of all customers to whom it provided the pirated software systems.

In March 2016, a federal judge sentenced Beckmann to four years of proba-

(see crime ctd. pg. 8)

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tion, with the first four months to be served on home detention, and a fine of \$5,000 for criminal copyright infringement. His company, Beckmann Technologies, was

also sentenced to five years of organization probation and fined \$75,000.

"They all knew what they were doing was wrong," Parsons said. "They made a lot of money, but then they got caught."

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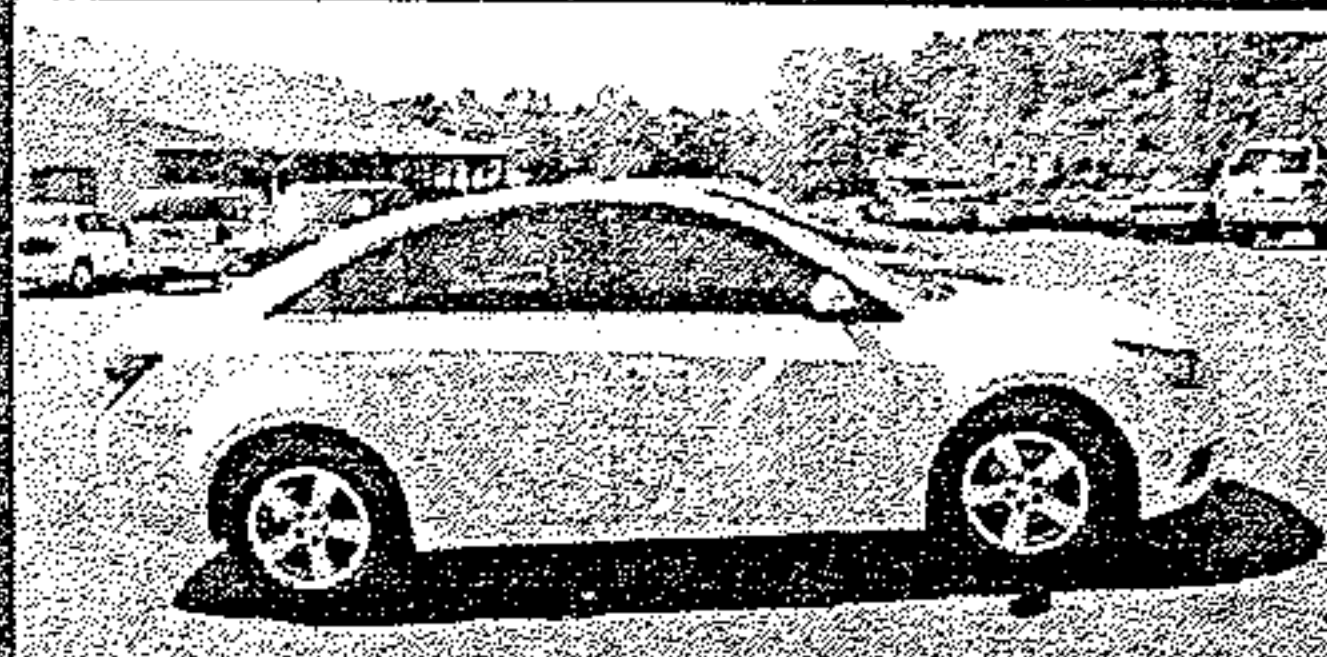
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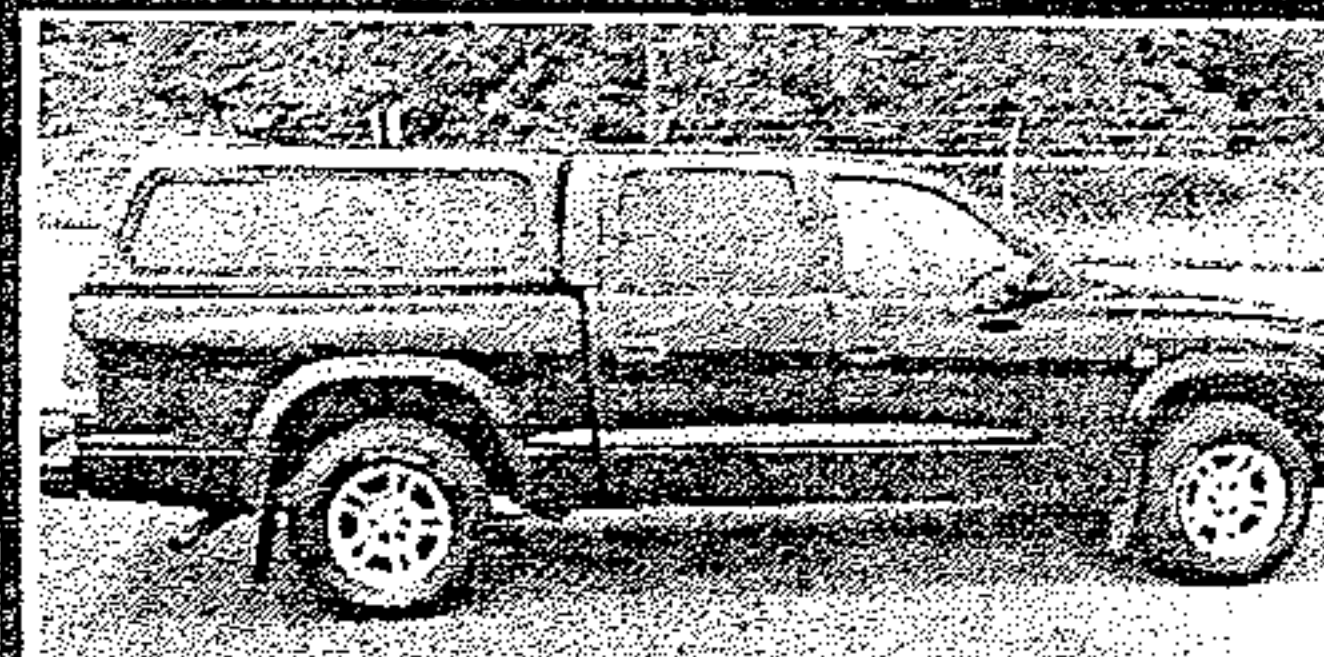
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