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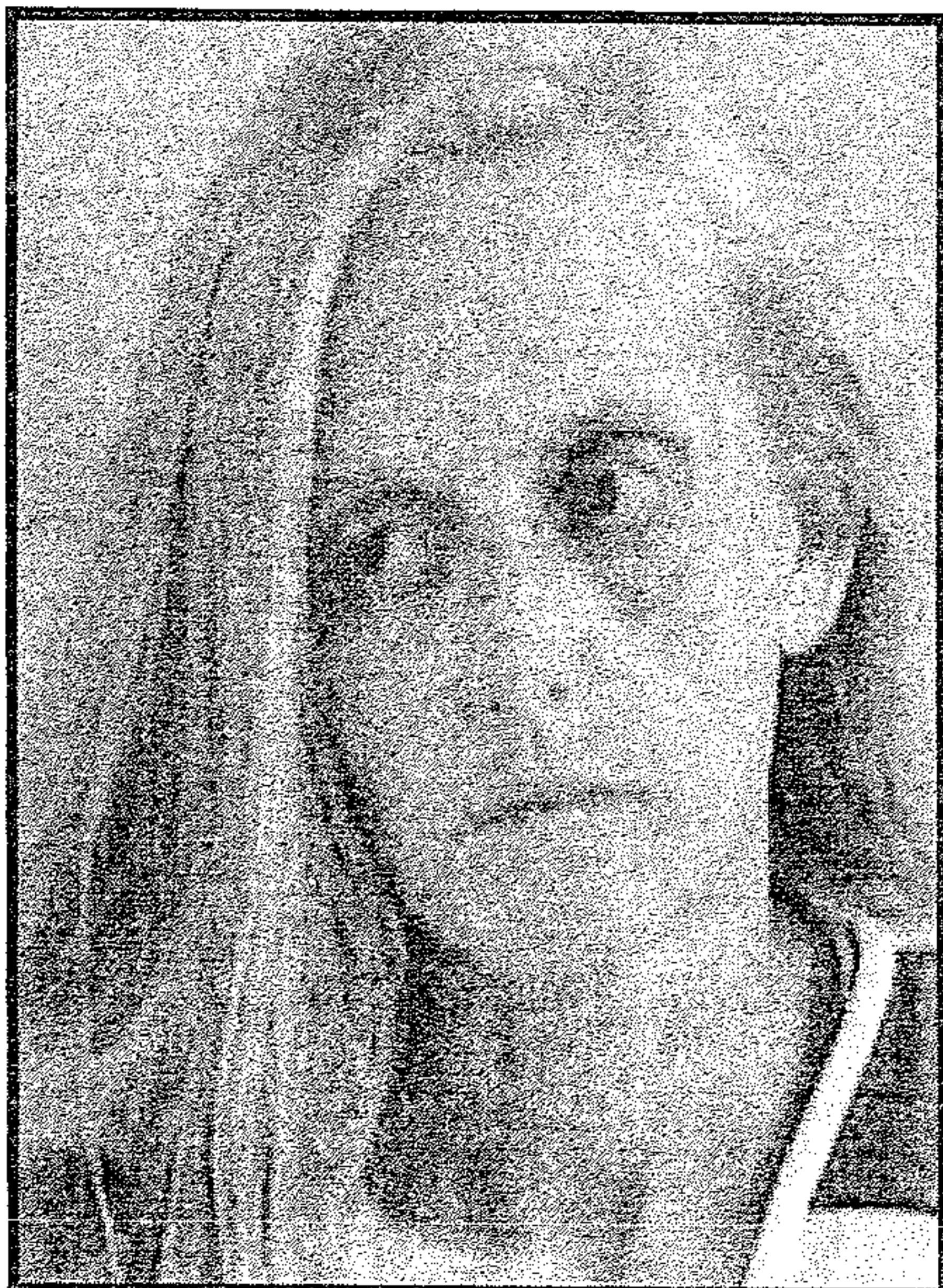
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Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Trio charged after traffic stop Meth, pot, needles and more with child in car



Katie McKiddy



Katrena Burress (see trio pg. 2)

Victim turns over loads of guns belonging to convicted felon



David Miller (see guns pg. 7)

Suspended driver charged with DUI following wreck



Stephanie Montgomery (see THP pg. 3)

Former Luttrell City Recorder Charged with Theft

Investigation Reveals Misappropriation of \$120,506

A special investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has found that former Luttrell city recorder Rebecca Ailor misappropriated at least \$120,506 in city money. Ms. Ailor issued more than 140 checks to herself or a family member from September 11, 2012, until February 22, 2016.

Ms. Ailor was able to conceal

(see Luttrell pg. 4)

Darwin Letter Recovered

FBI Returns 1875 Correspondence to Smithsonian Archives

A handwritten letter by Charles Darwin that was stolen from the Smithsonian Institution Archives more than three decades ago was recovered by FBI special agents and returned last week to the care of the Smithsonian.

The letter, written in 1875 by the British naturalist and geologist best

(see Darwin pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. — Romans 6:5

Obituaries

see inside
Wazzup

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Weather

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Tonight: A mostly clear

sky. Low near 55F.
Thursday Sunny. High 86F.
Thursday Night Clear. Low 61F.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/21
Although your careful

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trio

Katrena Burress, 34, Homeless Loudon, was charged with Simple Possession x2, and Possession of Drugs Para.

Katie McKiddy, 36, Warren Street Warren Street Madisonville, was charged with Identity Theft, Poss. of Drug Para., and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.



Pamela Matthews

Pamela Matthews, 44, Old Chattanooga Cleveland, was charged with Identity Theft and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a Tan Impala car traveling on Christian Street. (see trio ctd. pg. 3)

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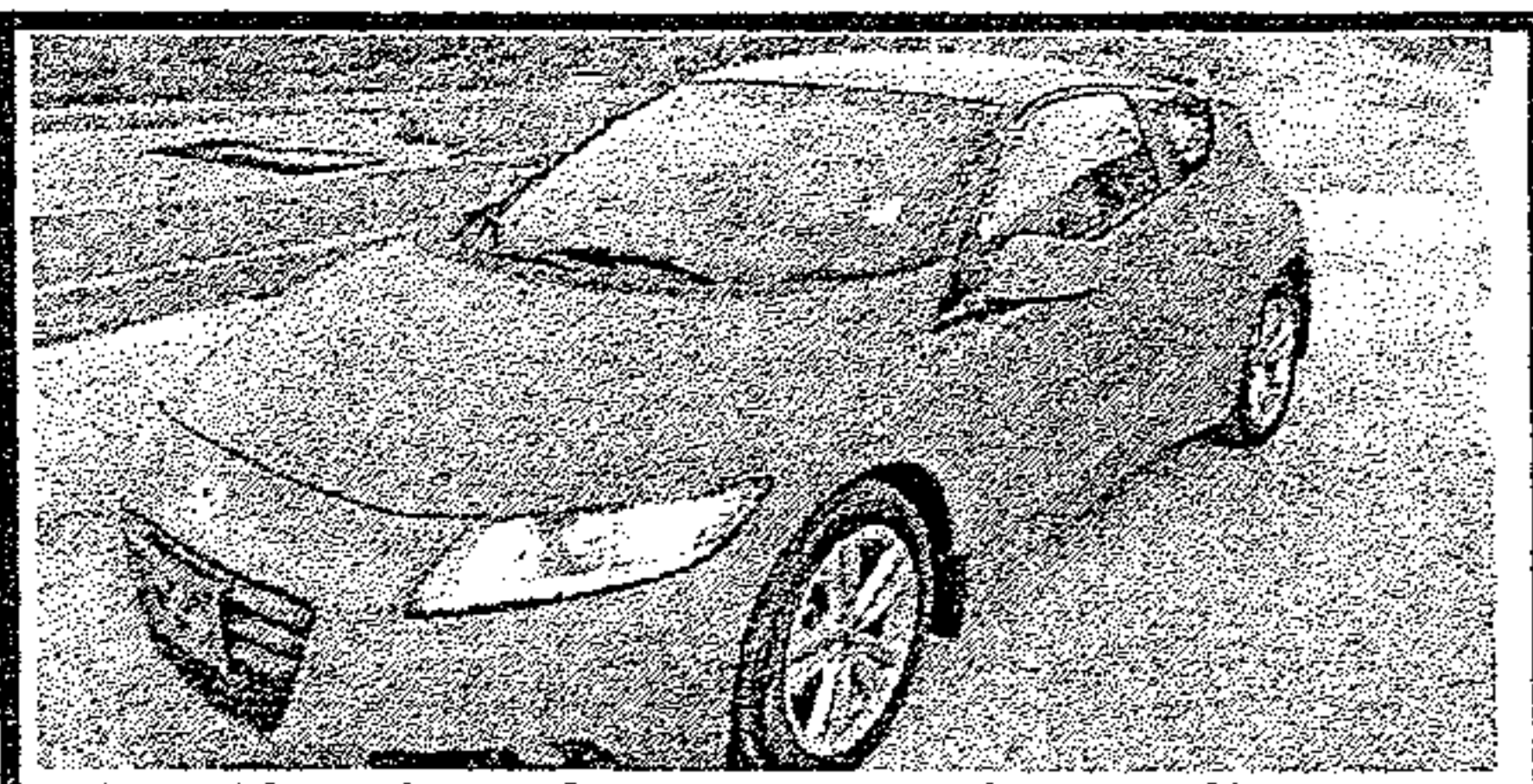
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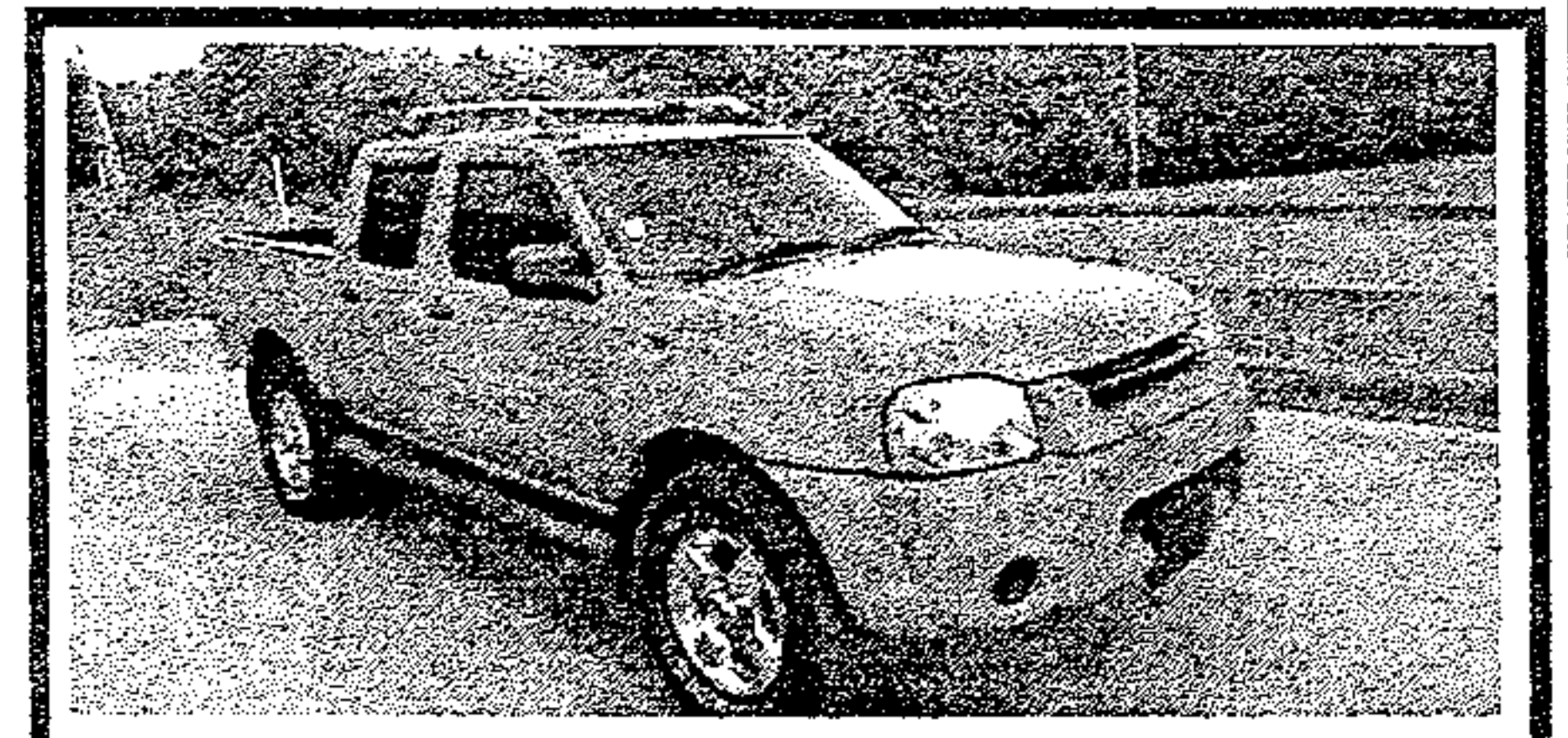
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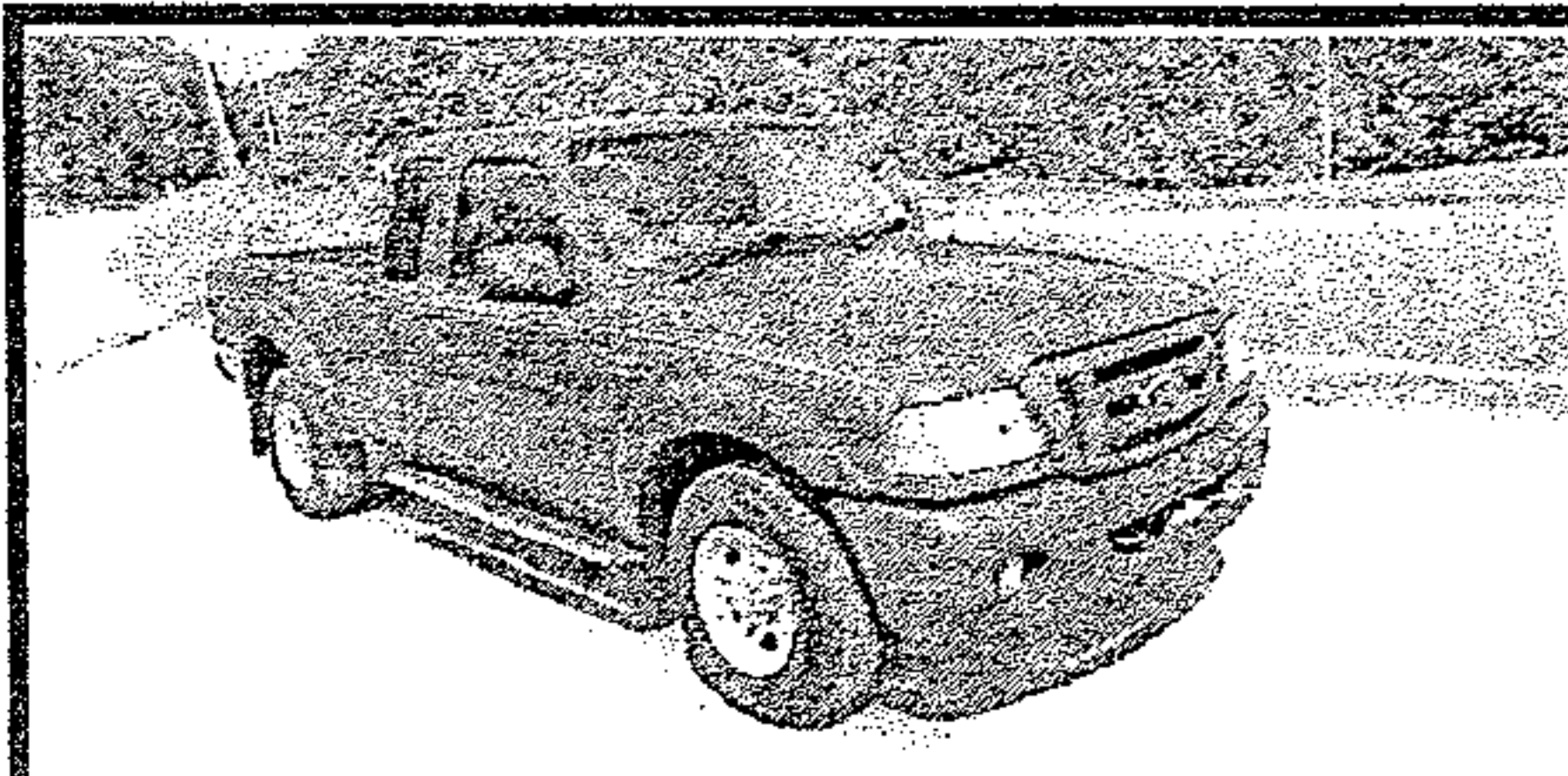
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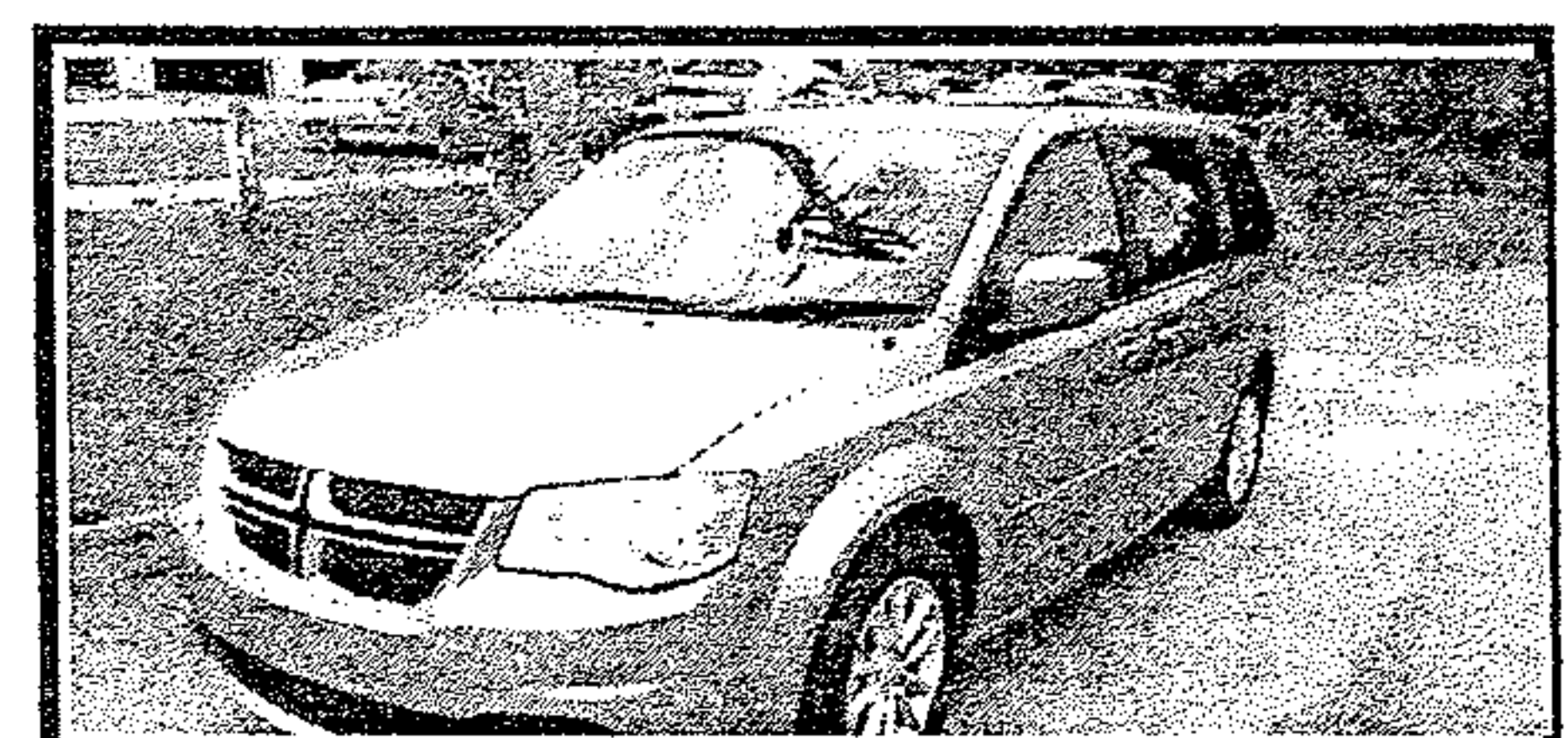
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Stephanie Montgomery, 28, Joy Louise Road Knoxville, was charged with DUI, and Driving on Revoked License. Trooper Paul Clendenen THP, was dispatched to a wreck on Dutton Road. When Trooper arrived on scene he observed the driver Stephanie Montgomery, had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about her person. Stephanie performed poorly on sobriety test, and her license came back suspended. Stephanie was placed under arrest.

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cense of Olivia with intent to use her identity. The front seat passenger was identified as Katrena Burress. The back seat passenger who was later identified as Pamela Matthews gave the name Kristie with intent to use her Identity. There was also a 18 month old male in a car seat in the back seat.

from the vehicle. Deputy asked Ms. McKiddy if she had anything illegal in the vehicle and she stated she had some syringes in her purse. While talking with Ms. McKiddy Deputy noticed Ms. Burress messing with her right jean pocket. Located beside Ms. Burress foot was a bag with a crystal like substance (Meth). Ms. Burress did state the bag

Deputy Could smell the odor of Marijuana coming

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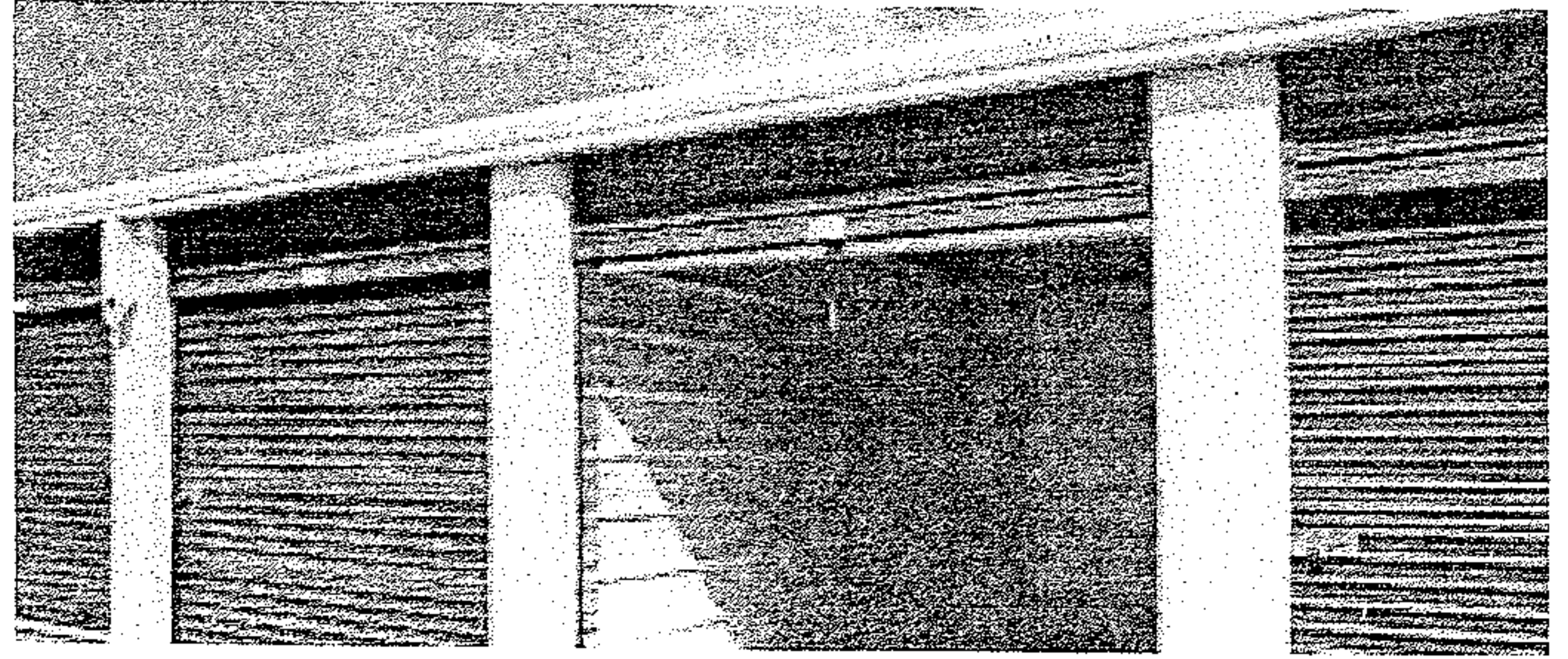
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The front seat passenger was not wearing a seat belt. The tag displayed on the vehicle came back to a White Ford Mustang. Upon stopping the vehicle at W Lee Highway the driver who was later identified as Katie McKiddy gave Deputy the driver li-

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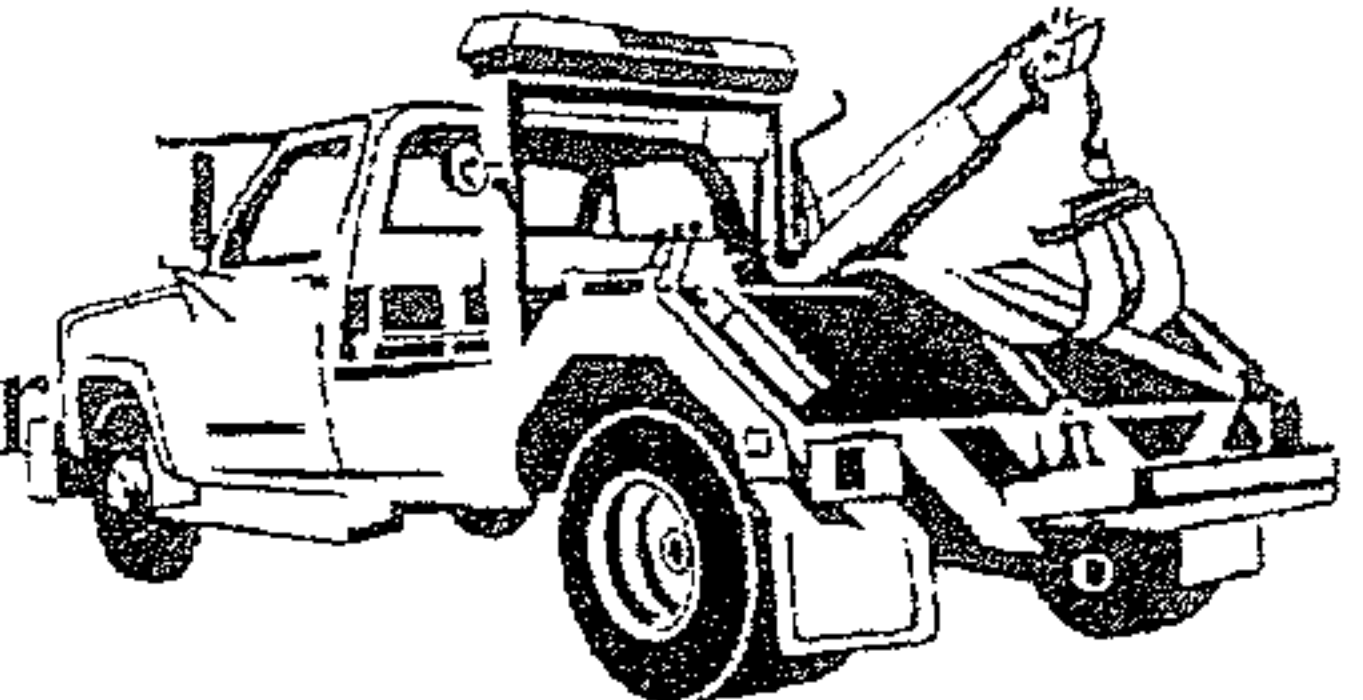
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her theft by falsifying the vice mayor's or mayor's signature on city checks. She also recorded the checks as payments to legitimate city vendors, and prepared false documentation to support some of the unauthorized payments. After the Comptroller's investigation began, she deleted the city's computerized financial records; however, the city's financial software vendor was able to retrieve the data.

Ms. Ailor admitted to investigators that she wrote the unauthorized checks for her personal benefit, falsified signatures, and falsely recorded many of the payments in order to

hide their true purpose. She told investigators that she needed the money and was trying to make ends meet.

On May 18, 2016, Rebecca Ailor was indicted by the Union County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$60,000 and one count of tampering with evidence.

"It's important for city officials to provide oversight of the financial process," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Not only was one person responsible for issuing checks, recording disbursements and depositing collections, city officials did not review bank statements. This allowed this scheme to go undetected for more than three years."

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

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Darwin

known for his theory of evolution, was stolen in the mid-1970s from a collection of correspondence and documents relating to the history of North American geology.

The FBI received a tip about the letter earlier this year, and special agents on the Bureau's Art Crime Team recovered the artifact. There are no criminal charges pending in the case because the statute of limitations has expired.

"Thanks to a tip from a member of the public, we were able to return this artifact to the care of the Smithsonian Archives," said Paul Abbate, assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office. On May 26, he turned the letter over to Anne Van Camp, di-

rector of the Smithsonian Archives. "It's a privilege," Abbate said in a statement, "to return a piece of the history of science and exploration in the United States to the American people."

The letter, written to American geologist Ferdinand Vandever Hayden, was part of the George Perkins Merrill Papers. Merrill was head curator of the Department of Geology in the early 1900s at what is now the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

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Smithsonian conservators worked closely with FBI art crime experts to authenticate the Darwin letter, which went missing before it was cataloged in the Smithsonian Archives. Smithsonian experts were able to compare the letter to another one in their collection that Darwin wrote to Hayden.

"This is an impor-

tant event, as this type of crime is not easily detected, and it demonstrates how seriously the FBI regards our cultural heritage," Van Camp said. The fact that the recovered letter is dated—May 2, 1875—adds a measure of context and value to the collection, Smithsonian officials said.

1875 Handwritten Letter by Charles Darwin to Ferdinand Vandever Hayden

Front and back of the letter written by Charles Darwin to Ferdinand Vandever Hayden on May 2, 1875.

In the letter, Charles Darwin wrote to Hayden to thank him for sending two geological field studies of the American West, including the region that became Yellowstone National Park.

The text of the letter reads as follows:

May 2nd

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for your kindness & for the honour which you have done me in sending your Geological Report of the Yellowstone River & your Preliminary Field Report on the Colorado & New Mexico. I had heard of your Geological researches on the Colorado & was anxious to see the conclusions at which you had

arrived, & I am therefore especially obliged to you for having sent me your works.

With much respect & my best thanks, I remain,

Dear Sir,

yours faithfully
Charles Darwin

FBI Special Agent Martin Licciardo was a supervisor on the case and worked closely with Art Crime Team agents, who are trained in art and cultural property crime investigations. Members of the team are assigned to geographic areas around the country, including one at the Washington Field Office.

"The fact that we're able to take a piece of history that's so valuable to our generation and the fact that it can be on display for future generations to enjoy in the hands of its rightful owner—and not in some location where it shouldn't have been—it's pretty amazing," Licciardo said.

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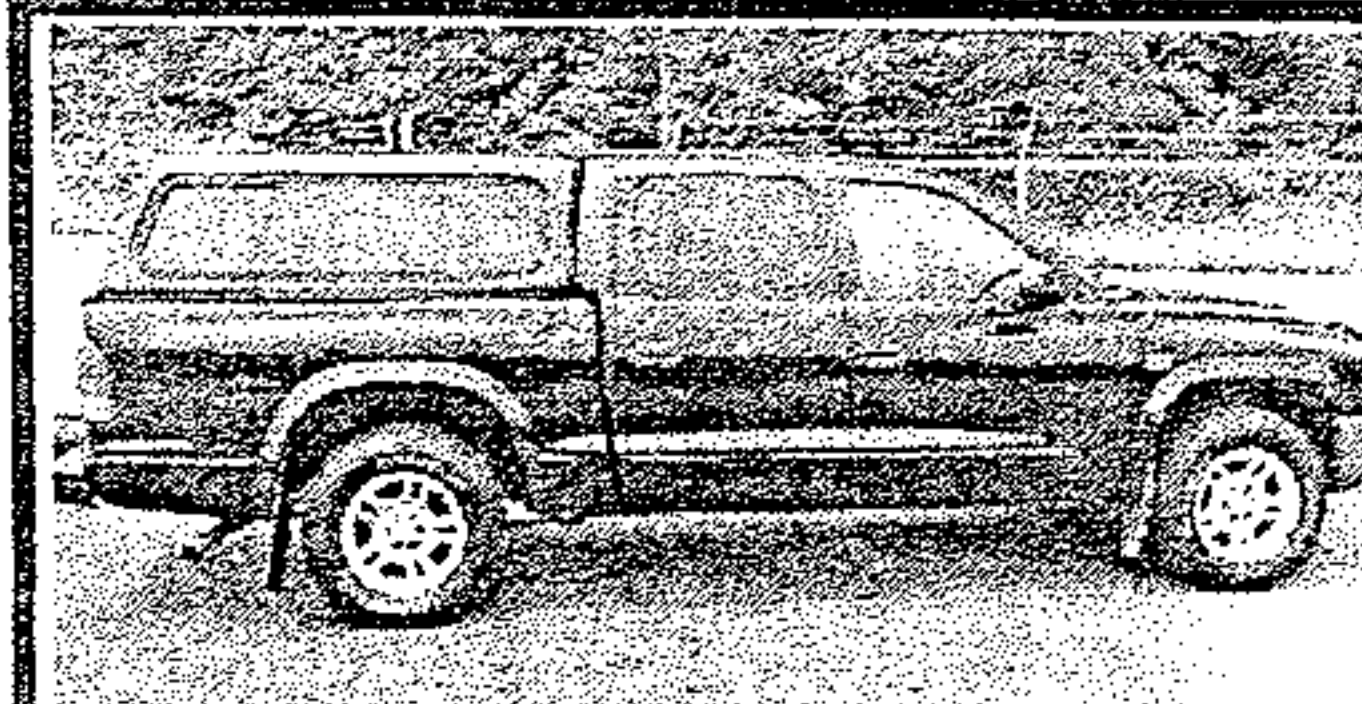
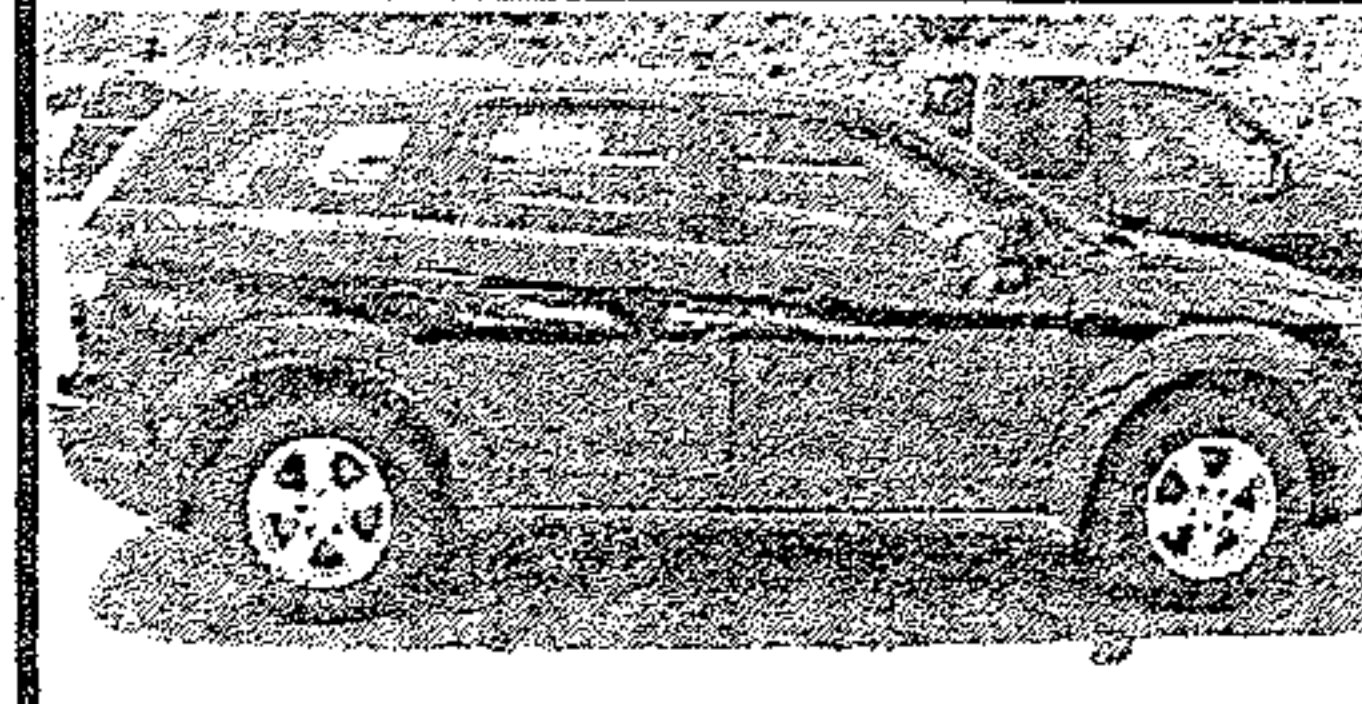


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