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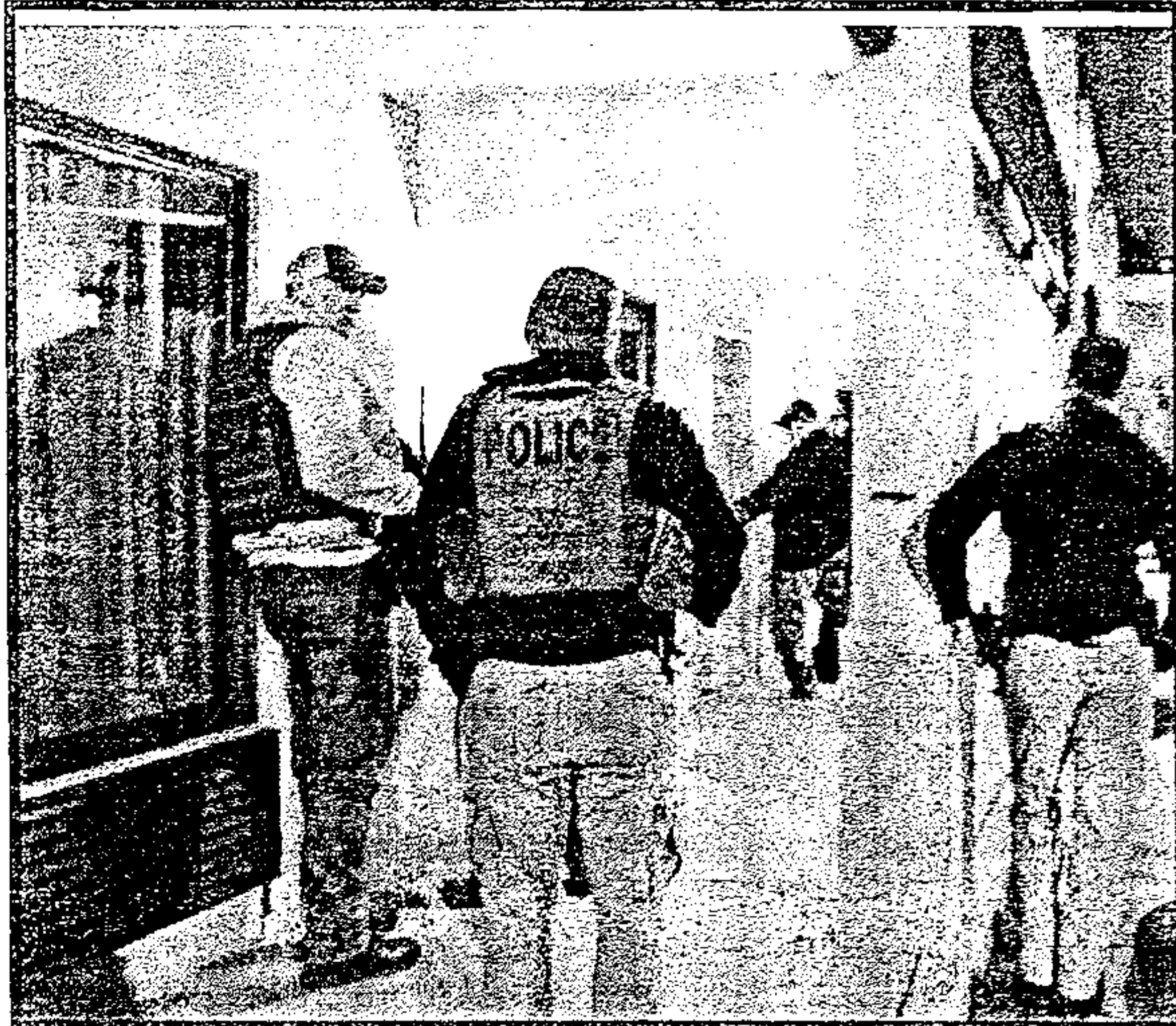
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Wednesday, January 11, 2017

## ROUND 'Em Up!!! From the DA

In December 2016, Russell Johnson, District Attorney General, presented approximately 140 cases to the Loudon County Grand Jury. Of these cases 65 were drug cases worked by the 9th District Drug Task Force and Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit. The Grand Jury returned New Bill Indictments on all of these. Among

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Agents and officers "knock and talk" with motel occupants at area motels

## Window tint stop yields multiple charges



Mark Blair

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## What's Up With The Cats?

On 11/07/16 Deputy Anderson along with Deputy Brewer, LCSO responded to a Tellico Village residence on Oligi Circle in reference to an unwanted guest. Upon arrival Deputy Brewer made contact with Joan Weser, the offender, sitting in a white Subaru Outback in the

roadway in front the residence. The deputy also made contact with the victim at the residence. The victim stated the offender used to work for her and she fired her three weeks ago. The victim stated Joan Weser came into her driveway and dropped off a crate full of stray cats. The victim told the offender to

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## The Good News

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter Scripture:

Psalm 40:1-11

"He turned to me and heard my cry" (40:1b). It is no small thing for us to believe that God listens to us and protects us. In the rhetoric of our current culture we often hear the frustrations of people who feel they are not heard. If we are created in the image of God, how do we reflect this power of being able to listen? "You have given me

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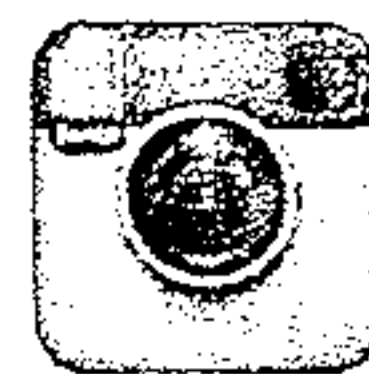
## U.S. NUCLEAR ENGINEER PLEADS GUILTY TO VIOLATING THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

WASHINGTON – Szuhsiung Ho, aka Allen Ho, 66, a naturalized U.S. citizen, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to unlawfully engage or participate in the production or development of special nuclear material outside the U.S., without the required authorization from the U.S.

Department of Energy (DOE) in violation of the Atomic Energy Act.

Acting Assistant Attorney General for National Security Mary B. McCord and U.S. Attorney Nancy Stallard Harr of the Eastern District of Tennessee made the announce-

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## Verse of the Day

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. — Proverbs 16:9

## Obituaries

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## Wazzup

How 'bout somebody

gonna leave some cats in your driveway. Can't quite get a grasp on that one. Only in Loudon County!

## Weather

Today: Cloudy. Periods of rain early. High around

60F.

Tonight: Cloudy. Slight chance of a rain shower. Low 54F.

Thursday Cloudy skies. Slight chance of a rain shower. High 64F.

Thursday Night Cloudy skies early with showers

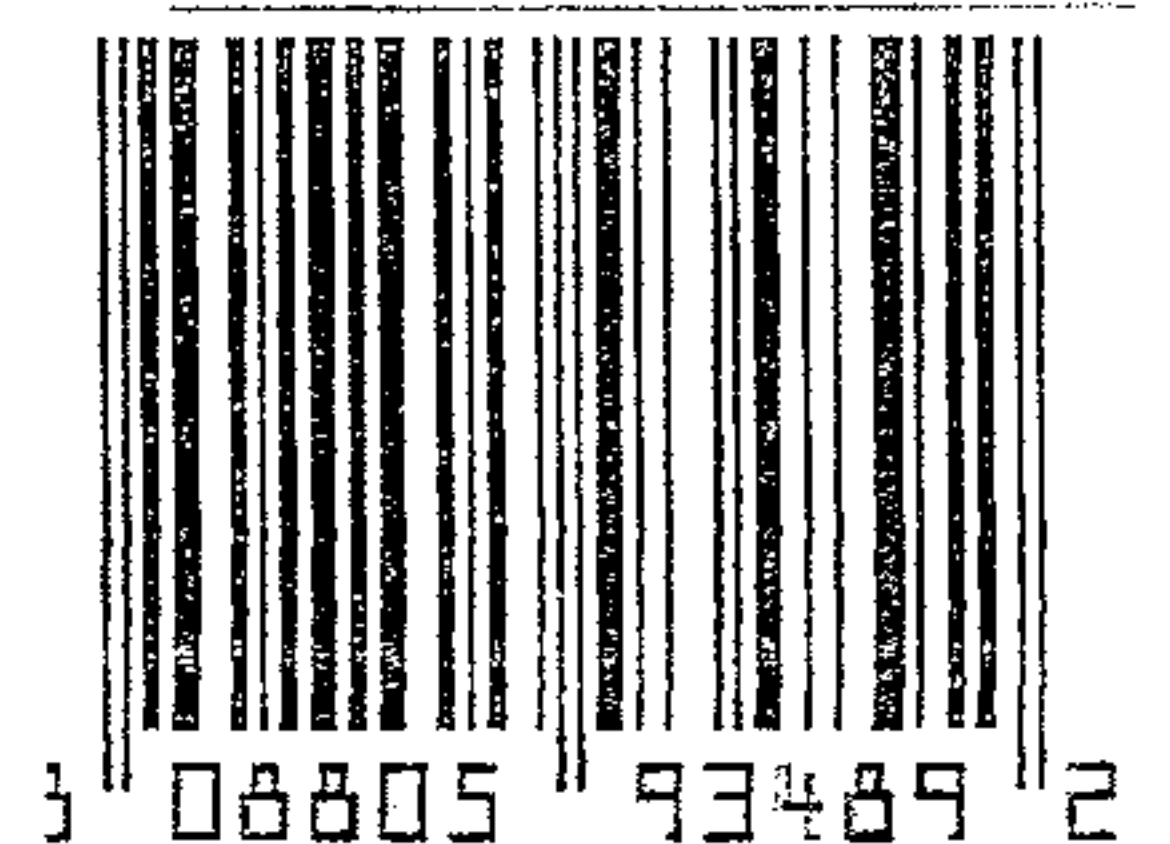
later at night. Low 54F.

## Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/21-1/19

Reality brings you a surprise gift today but you must wait to open it. However, adherence to the rules is tossed out the window when the Sun

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**roundup**

these charges were many that included the Sale of Schedule II, Methamphetamine in a School Zone and Sale of Schedule II, Oxycodone in a Protected Zone, both of which carry mandatory 100% to serve sentences, as well as cases for Prescription Fraud.

On Thursday, January 5, the 9th District Drug Task Force orchestrated a drug roundup of 57 Defendants on the Loudon County New Bills. Several agencies assisted: Loudon County Sheriff's Office, Lenoir City Police Department, Loudon Police Department, 5th District Drug Task Force, 7th District Drug Task Force, Tennessee Highway Patrol, State of TN Probation and Parole, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee

Dangerous Drugs Task Force, Homeland Security, the US Marshal's Service and the US Drug Enforcement Agency along with a helicopter provided and operated by the National Guard Counter Drug. The collaborative effort led to 37 people being arrested and nine others, who already in custody, were served with their criminal court capiases. Many defendants were located in Loudon County, while others were found in various surrounding counties of Monroe, McMinn, Anderson, Roane and Knox. In some instances additional drugs and paraphernalia were found.

Friday morning 34 of those arrested were arraigned at the Loudon County Courthouse. During this process legal counsel was appointed and they have been set for status dates this January/February

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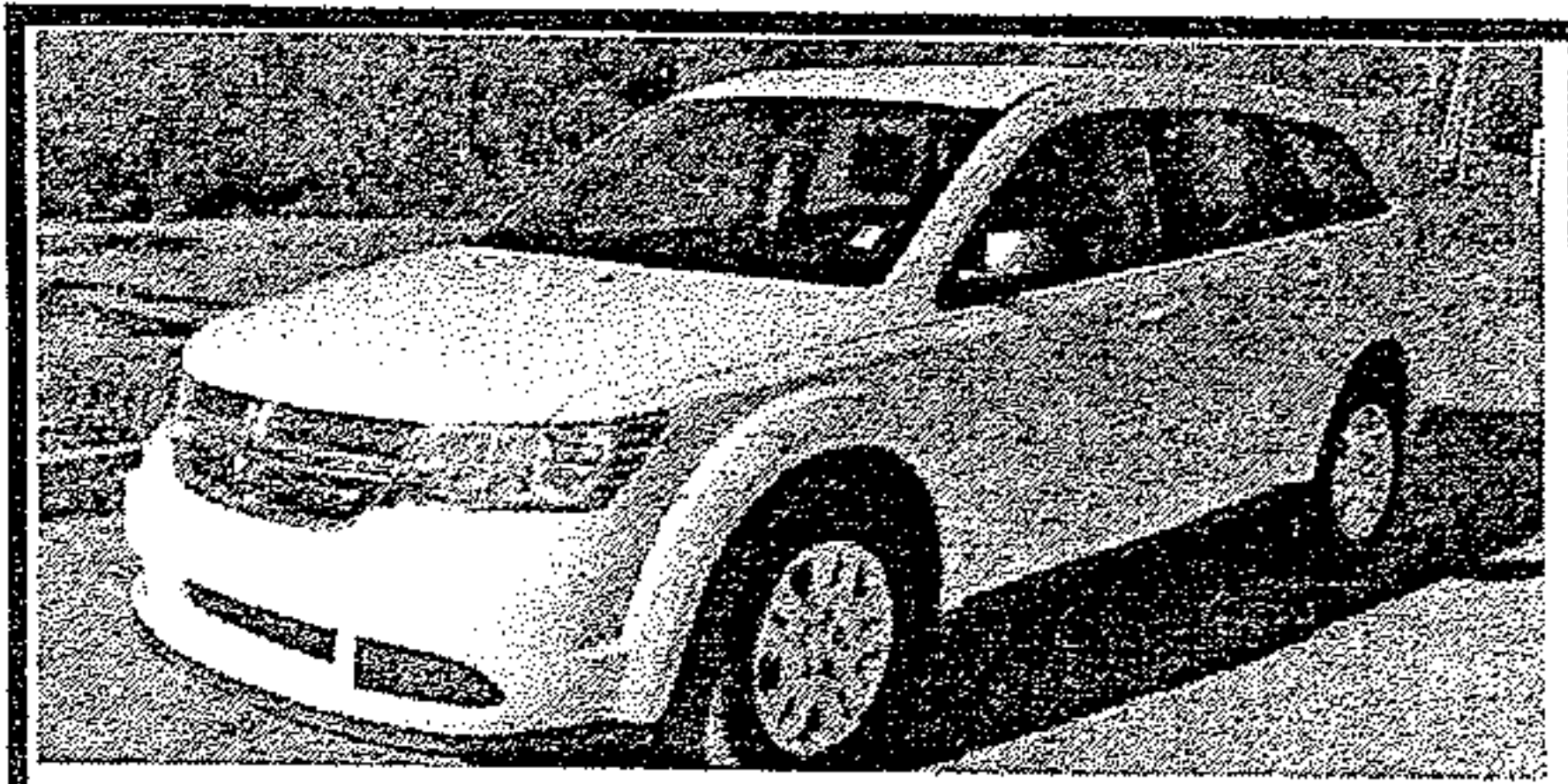
2016 Ford Fiesta 11k, 5spd, PL, One Owner, PM, A/C, Heat, Like New



2009 Jeep Liberty Chrome pkg, 52k, PW, PL, V6, Tow pkg, Luggage Rack



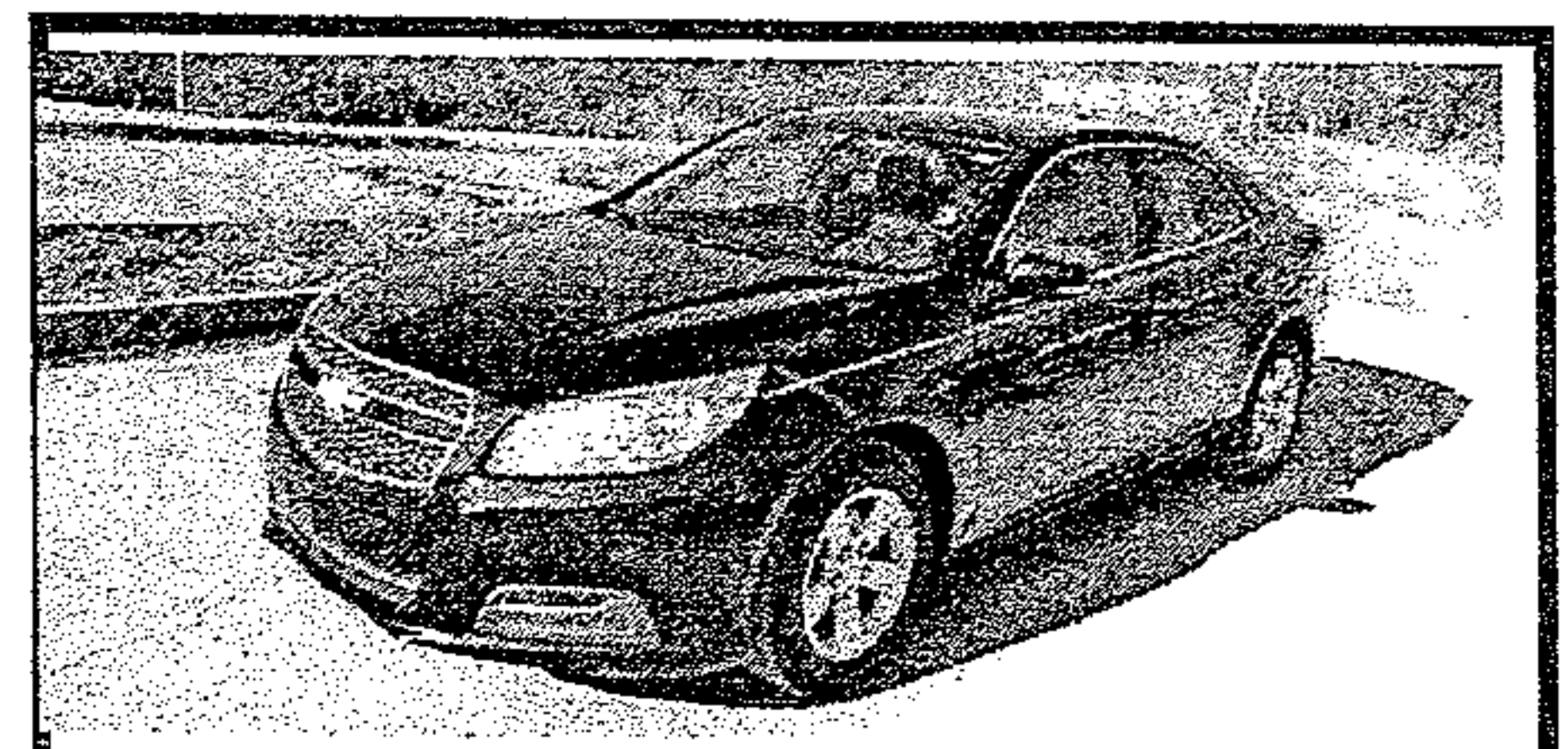
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**Energy**

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In April 2016, a federal grand jury issued a two-count indictment against Ho; China General Nuclear Power Company (CGNPC), the largest nuclear power company in China, and Energy Technology International (ETI), a Delaware corporation. At the time of the indictment Ho was a nuclear engineer, employed as a consultant by CGNPC and was also the owner of ETI. CGNPC specialized in the development and manufacture of nuclear reactors and was controlled by China's State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission.

According to documents filed in the case, beginning in 1997 and continuing through April 2016, Ho conspired with others to engage or participate in the development or production of special nuclear material in China, without specific authorization to do so from the U.S.

Secretary of Energy, as required by law. Ho assisted CGNPC in procuring U.S.-based nuclear engineers to assist CGNPC and its subsidiaries with designing and manufacturing certain components for nuclear reactors more quickly by reducing the time and financial costs of research and development of nuclear technology. In particular, Ho sought technical assistance related to CGNPC's Small Modular Reactor Program; CGNPC's Advanced Fuel Assembly Program; CGNPC's Fixed In-Core Detector System; and verification and validation of nuclear reactor-related computer codes.

Under the direction of CGNPC, Ho also identified, recruited, and executed contracts with U.S.-based experts from the civil nuclear industry who provided technical assistance related to the development and production of special nuclear material for CGNPC in China. Ho and CGNPC also facilitated the travel to China and payments to

the U.S.-based experts in exchange for their services.

Sentencing has been set for May 17, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., in U.S. District Court in Knoxville, Tennessee. Ho faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine. The maximum statutory sentence is prescribed by Congress and is provided here for informational purposes, as the sentencing of the defendant will be determined by the court based on the advisory Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

This case was investigated by the FBI, Tennessee Valley Authority-Office of the Inspector General, DOE-National Nuclear Security Administration and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations, with assistance from other agencies. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Charles E. Atchley Jr. and Bart

Slabbekorn of the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Trial Attorney Casey T. Arrowood of the Counterintelligence and Export Control

Section and Attorney Jeffrey M. Smith of the Appellate Unit in the National Security Division, represented the U.S.



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