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Suspicious vehicle leads to arrest of LC man

Freddie Johnson, 47, Browder Hollow Road Lenoir City, was charged with Attachment x2, Poss. of Drug Para., and Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH. IV. Deputy Charlie Huskin LCSO, was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle at Cordova Lane. A grey vehicle was seen driving through the neighborhood. Deputy

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Freddie Johnson

Axe the Gas Tax! Haslam proposes fuel tax hike to pay for Pilot's fraud?

tennesseeleaders.com-The Haslam family and privately owned company Pilot Flying J operate over 700 travel centers in 43 states and Canada. There are 31 locations in Tennessee.

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It gets worse!

by vanshaver.com

Not only did our esteemed Governor Haslam embarrass most of us with his attack on Donald Trump now he's really showing his true colors.

Haslam is proposing a huge gas tax increase on all of us, that's after reports that Tennessee has a billion dollar surplus.

The Governor has formally announced his comprehensive in-

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Villager charged after speeding 21+ mph over limit



Lauren Ali

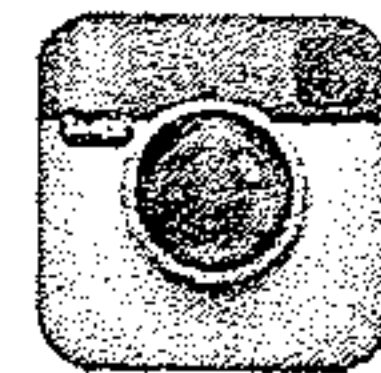
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Teen charged with distributing, gun and more in traffic stop



Collin Bennett

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Verse of the Day

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. — Psalm 1:1

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Wow! Go Vols!!! Way to go and Beat Kentucky!!! Go Vols!!!

Weather

Today: Sunshine early then becoming cloudy later in the day. Slight

chance of a rain shower. High 64F.

Tonight: Cloudy skies. High around 45F.

Tonight: Cloudy. A few flurries are possible. Low 32F.

Friday A few snow

showers scattered about the area in the morning otherwise a good deal of clouds. High 42F. Friday Night Cloudy early with partial clearing expected late. A few

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did make contact with the vehicle and a subject across the street talking to a resident. Deputy made contact with the subject Freddie Johnson. Johnson was check through NCIC, while Deputy was waiting on confirmation of a warrant Johnson tried to hide a small baggie of pills by throwing them on the

ground behind him, and did try to step on the baggie with 6 white round pills, but was not able to crush them. Johnson came back with 2 attachment warrants, and was arrested for Possession of Sch. IV for Resale as well as Poss. of Drug Para. A pat down at the jail Johnson had 7 small baggies , and a pipe used to smoke narcotics along with cash was located.

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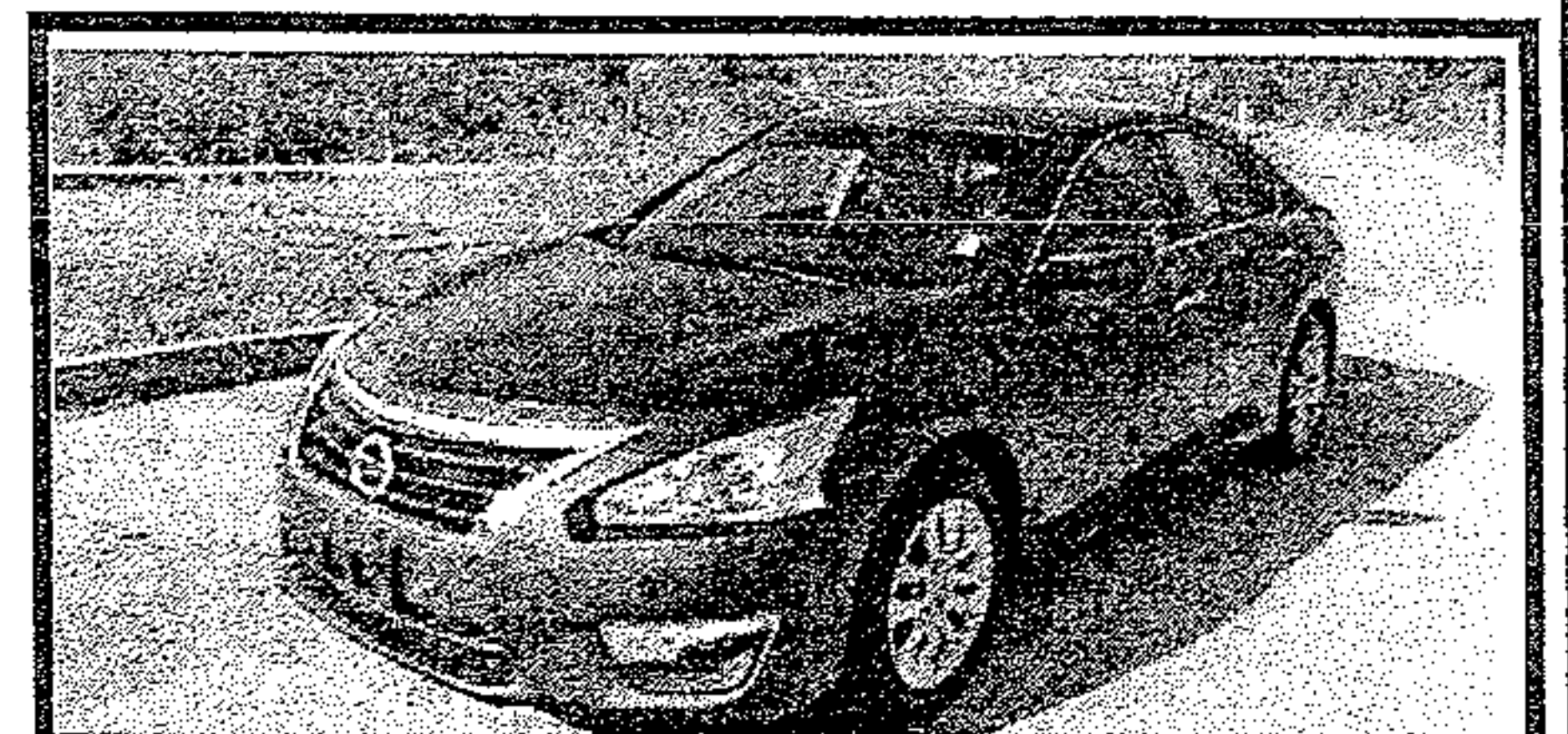
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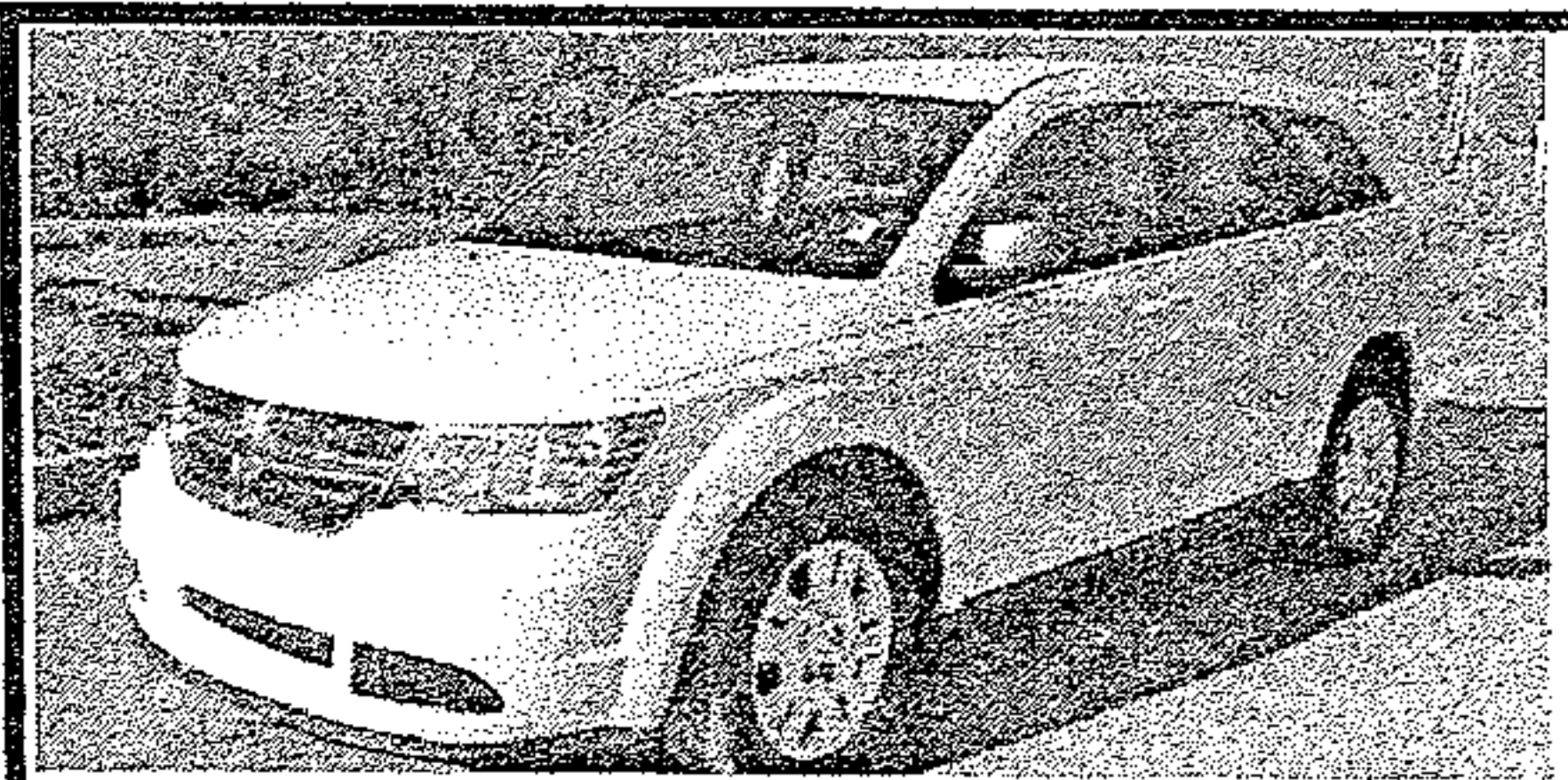
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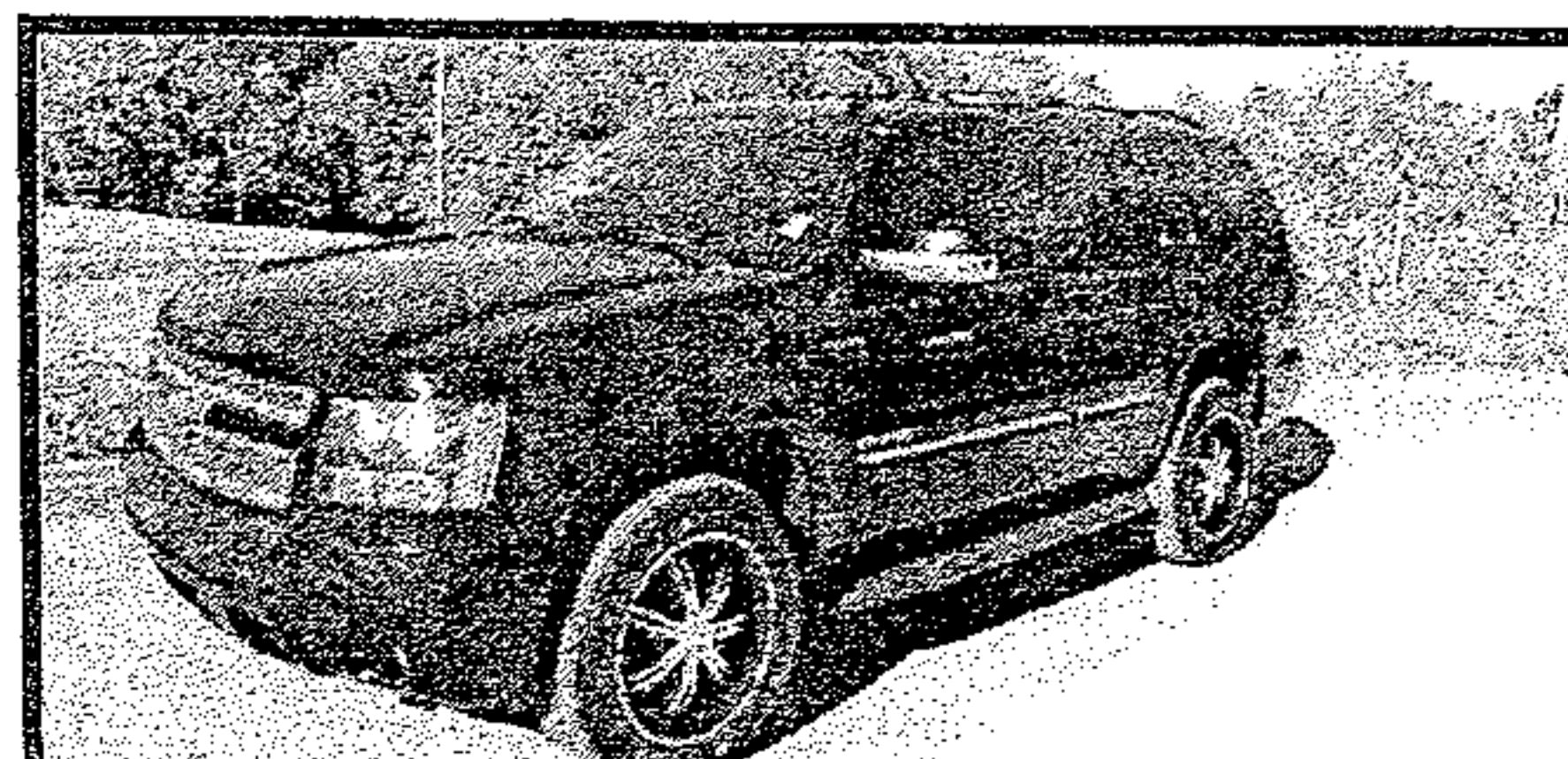
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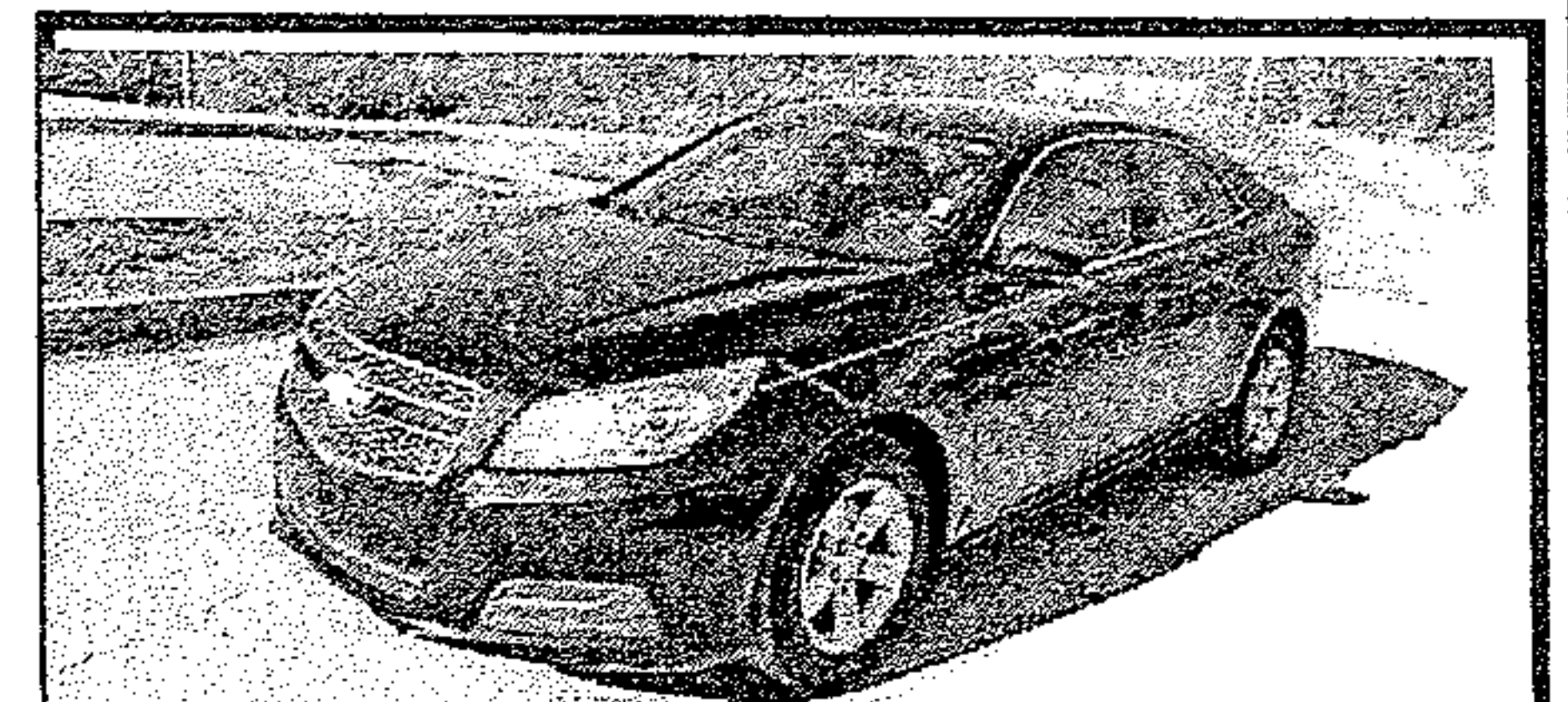
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Collin Bennett, 18, Corinth Church Road Loudon, was charged with Man/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance, Poss. of Drug Para., and Possession of a Firearm. Officer Brandon Nix LPD, witnessed a white vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Steekee. Using in car radar vehicle was clocked at 42 in a 30 mph zone. Officer traffic stopped the vehicle in the Jiffy parking lot. Officer approached the vehicle and identified the passenger as Collin Bennett. Officer could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, and

noticed Bennett was acting nervous. Driver was ask permission to search the vehicle. Officer had Bennett exit the vehicle; officer located a empty pack of Marlboro beside the passenger seat, inside the pack was several empty bags, and a digital scale was located. Officer located under the passenger seat a baggie with several baggies of green leafy substance assumed to be marijuana. Officer also located a empty magazine for a handgun, Officer located a high point 40 caliber pistol in the rear of the vehicle. Bennett stated it was him. Bennett was placed under arrest.

Haslam

frastructure funding plan. The highlights are as follows:

- \$.07 per gallon increase in the gas tax
- \$.12 per gallon increase in diesel tax
- \$ 5 increase in the registration fee
- \$ 100 fee on electric cars...
- 3% charge on rental cars


Does this man not understand what a negative impact this will have on us? Probably not given that he's the richest elected official in the country. What does he care?

Great thing is, the governor can't do anything unless the legislature votes for it. That

being the case, all of us need to contact our local state legislators and let them know your feelings toward a higher gas tax. Contact

information below. Jimmy Matlock: rep.jimmy.matlock@legislature.state.tn.us

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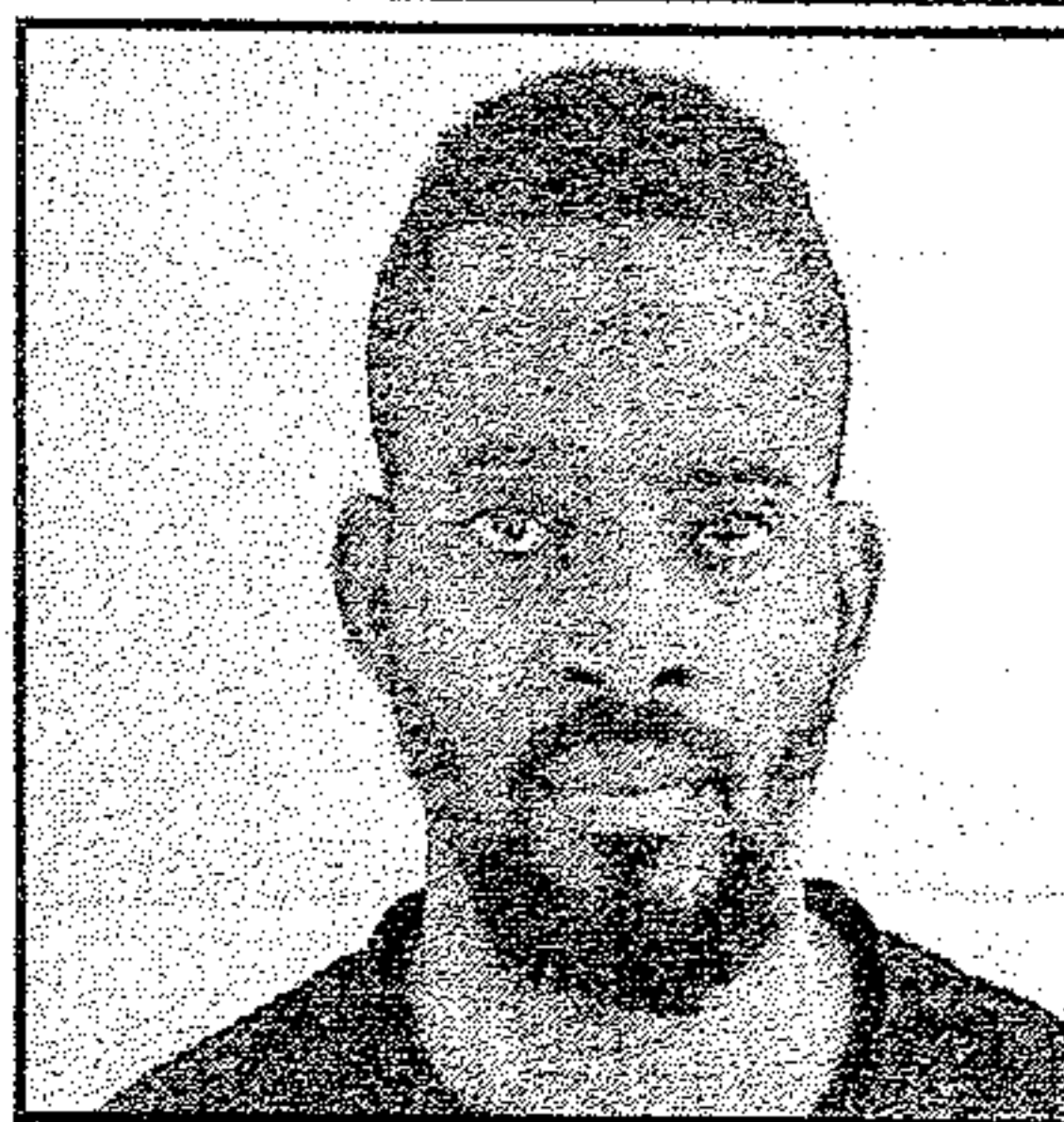
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Hopefully, none of our reps are planning to support Hillary, loving Haslam's crazy tax increase.

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Jean Edither, 29, Purdy Lane Fl., was

charged with Criminal Simulation x2, and Theft of Property x2. Deputy C. Underwood LCSO, took custody of Jean Edither at the Knox. CO. Jail and transported to Loudon Co, Jail. Cpl. Brandon



Dishner LCSO, served Edither with active warrants out of General Session Court.

Pill arrest



Denise Davis, 38, West Broadway Lenoir City, was charged with Simple Possession x2. Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSO, observed a green vehicle traveling on Beals Chapel Road with a female not wearing a seatbelt. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on vehicle at Beals Chapel and Northshore. Deputy identified the driver as Denise Davis. While Deputy was waiting on check through dispatch, he ask for consent to search the vehicle and property in the vehicle. Davis did give consent to search, during the search of Davis purse Deputy located inside of the purse a multi colored change purse inside the change purse was a clear baggie with 10 oval blue pills believed to be alprazolam, and 4 green pills alprazolam. Davis did not have a prescription, and was placed under arrest.

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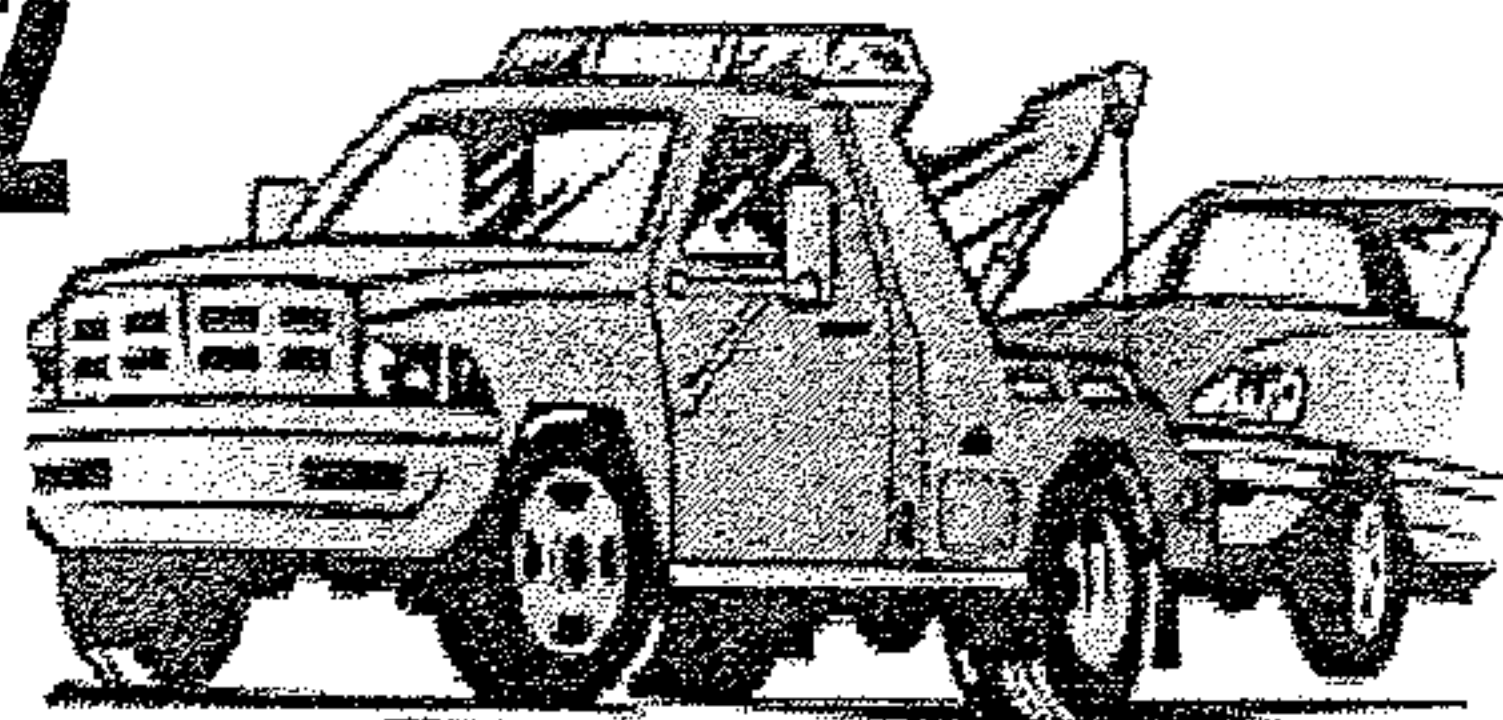
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Lauren Ali, 34, Tannasi Lane Loudon, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Speeding 21 MPH over Limit. Cpl. Chris Hutchens LCSO, observed a vehicle traveling towards Deputy on Hwy 444 near Saddle Dam at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, Deputy in car radar registered the vehicle speed at 87 in a 50 mph zone.. Deputy turned around and radar register the vehicle again at 87 mph, showing the driver had not slowed down after passing Deputy. Deputy traffic stopped the vehicle and made contact with Lauren Ali, who produced a restricted license. Ali license came back revoked for DUI. Lauren Ali was placed under arrest.

Tax

In 2014 Billy's brother Jimmy Haslam, Pilot's CEO, signed the "Criminal Enforcement Agreement" to settle a large customer rebate fraud case. Pilot had to pay \$56 million in restitution to its customers, \$92 million in penalties for cheating customers and \$14 million in auditing costs. The total - \$162 million.

Hmmm, where will that money come from?

First, let's look at how Pilot makes money. Selling and distributing (mostly) diesel fuel from their own stores along the interstates: SIX BILLION gallons last year!

Pilot is owned pri-

vately by the Haslams (Gov. Bill has refused to put his Pilot ownership in a blind trust, i.e., he is an active owner), so finding financial data is difficult.

Industry research however, gives us a close estimate of the of Pilot's profits: Fuel distributors make about 4 cents per gallon; retailers make about 1 cent per gallon. Pilot is both a distributor and a retailer, so we can estimate its profits are about 5 cents per gallon.

Pilot sold six billion gallons of fuel nationwide in 2015; that would produce about \$300 million in profit.

So Pilot's \$162 million fraud admission has cost them over one half of a year's profit.

This is where Governor Billy has figured out how to rescue Pilot using our money.

Here's how it works:

When Pilot sells its fuel, the federal, state and local fuels taxes are included in the price. Pilot collects the monies from us when we buy the fuel and then pays the governments. But in Tennessee the fuel taxes are not due to the state until 20 days after the month in which the fuel is sold. <https://www.tn.gov/revenue/article/motor-fuels-taxes-due-dates-and-tax-rates>.

With inputs from some financial experts, TL feels confident estimating that Tennessee fuel sales by Pilot may be as much as eight percent of total Pilot volume, i.e., 480 million gallons.

Haslam is proposing a 7 cent increase per gallon of gas and a 12 cent increase per gallon of diesel (or on average, 10 cents per gallon of total fuel sales).

Ten cents per gallon

times 480 million gallons = \$48 million in Tennessee fuel taxes collected from Tennesseans. This effectively adds \$48 million to Pilot's cash flow; how convenient when the fraud costs are \$162 million and counting.

Governor Billy recently put up a smoke screen to hide this personal benefit by shrugging off the effects of the tax increase by saying this is only a \$4 tax increase per month for Tennesseans, i.e., no big deal.

This is the same explanation liberals use to justify any new or increased retail tax.

So as we conservatives knew all along, Haslam's gas tax increase is much more than roads and bridges because it also uses Tennesseans to pull Pilot's bacon out of the fraud fire.

But wait! There's more!

Of course, \$48 million from Tennesseans' pockets is not enough to cover the \$162 million in fraud costs; but never fear, Jimmy Haslam's college roommate, Bob Corker, will help get the Pilot fraud balance covered from Americans in the other states where Pilot operates..

More on that scheme coming up.

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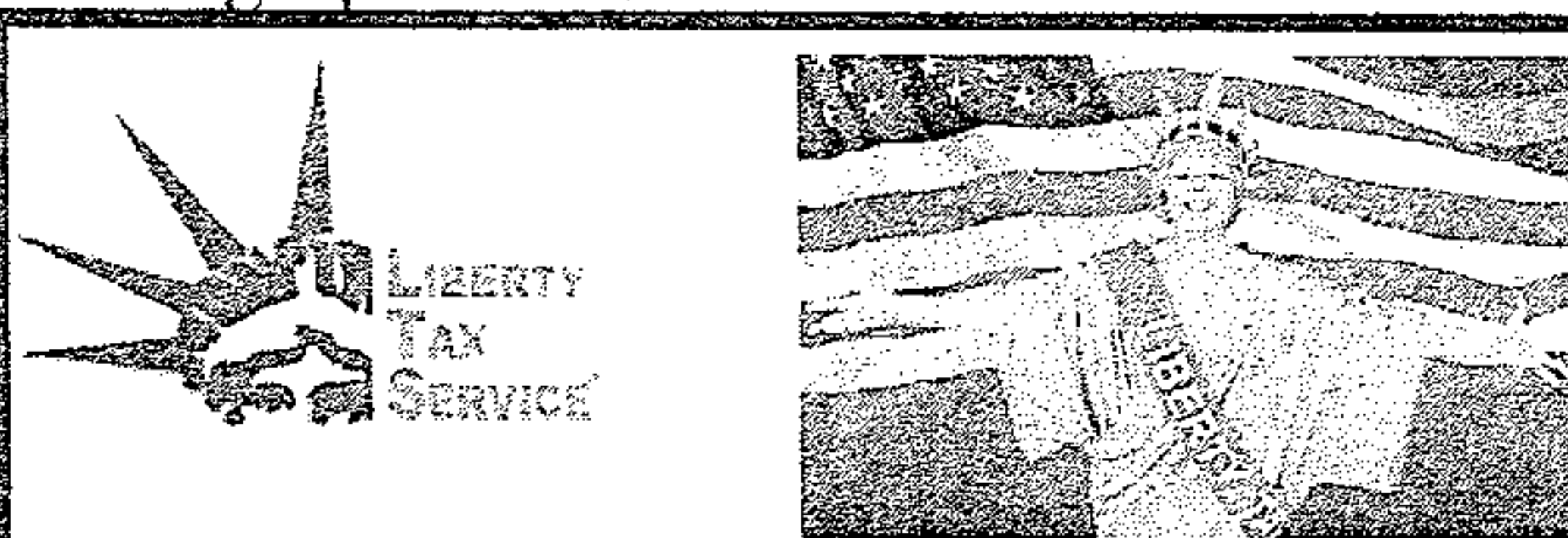
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