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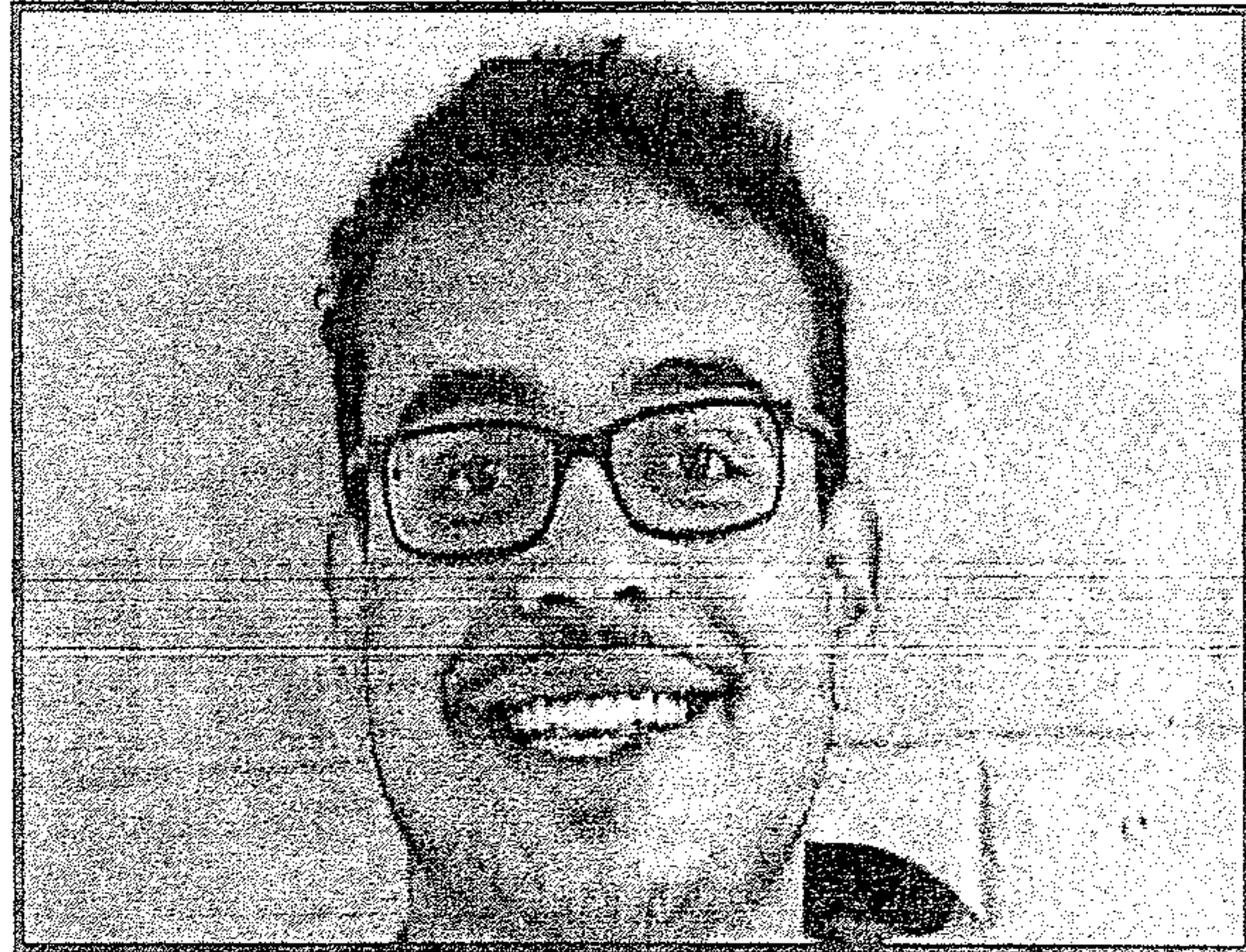
Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Texas man tries to use golf club to scare winery employee into staying

Mason Smith, 23, Quail Branch Road TX., was charged with Criminal Trespass.

Deputy Brian Smith LCSO, did respond to Hotchkiss Valley Road in Loudon County for a call of a man swinging a golf club at some women

(see Trespassing pg. 2)



Mason Smith

Stolen car from Harper's in Knox found after assault call



see Theft pg. 3 Amanda Hayley

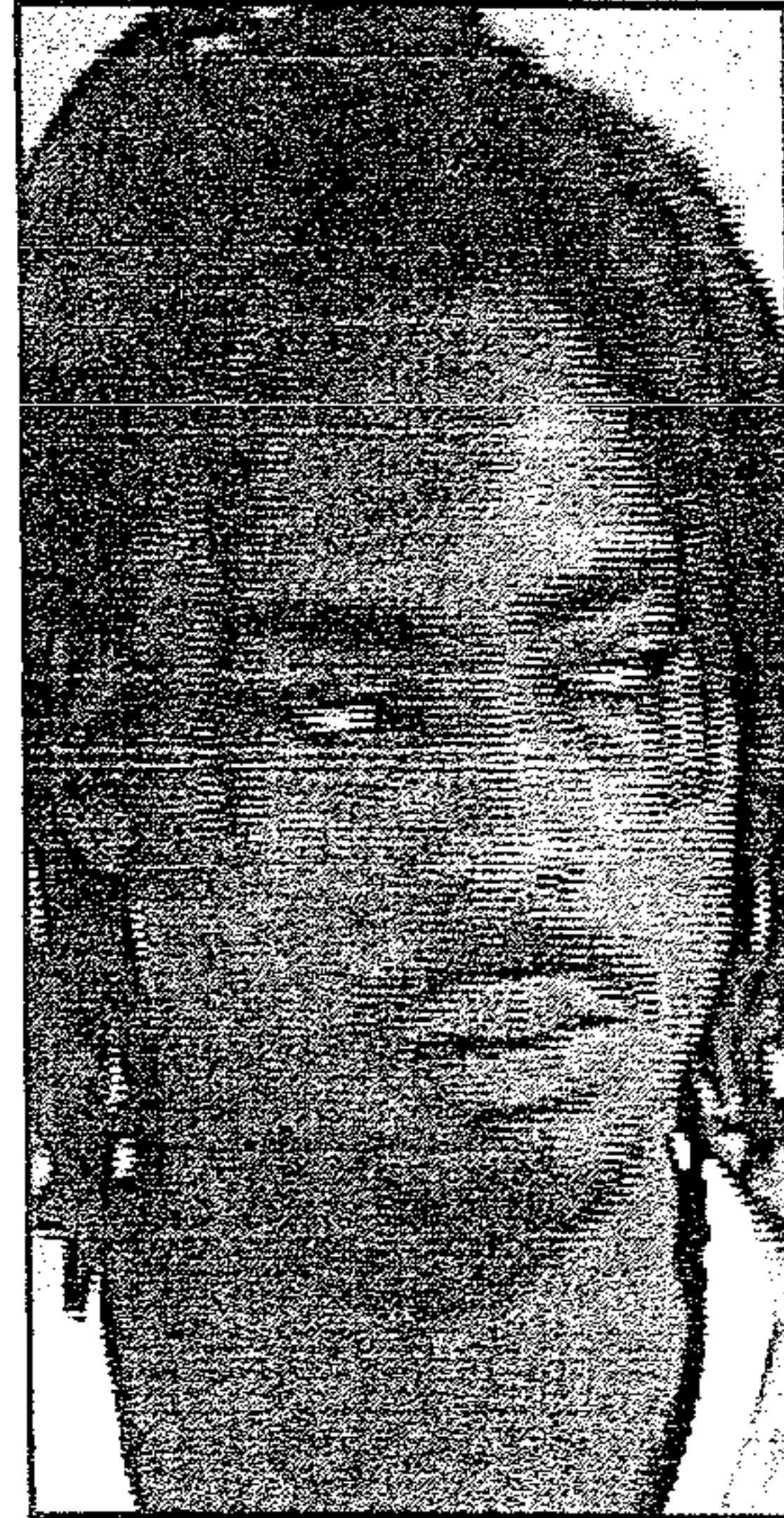
DUI charge follows three vehicle crash in front of Walmart



Melinda Denton

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Man charged after pushing victim



Joseph Kimpson

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More Than \$3.5 Million in Misused Public Money Remains Uncollected

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office remains committed to uncovering and tracking the theft and misuse of public money. Two new reports show that local governments continue to be short millions of dollars.

The 2016 Report of Cash Shortages in Tennessee's 95 county governments updates the amounts of cash shortages and thefts as of June 30, 2016. The

report details money that went missing during the 2016 fiscal year, as well as previous fiscal years.

The state's 95 counties began the 2016 fiscal year with \$832,111.14 in cash shortages that had not been recovered. During the fiscal year, \$2,459,886.84 worth of new shortages were detected. (see Uncollected pg. 4)



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Verse of the Day

The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse. — Proverbs 10:32

Obituaries

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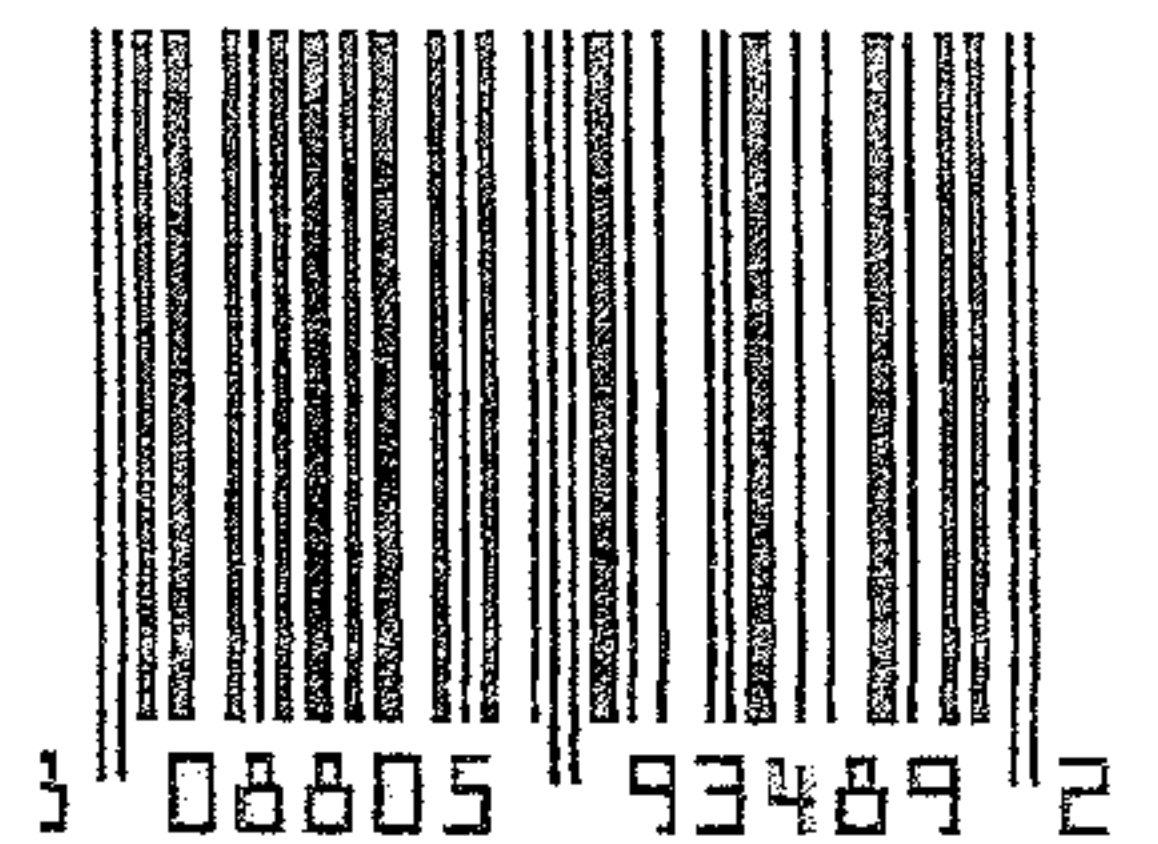
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Trespassing

trying to leave the Tennessee Valley Winery. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the male in the driveway of the property and he had a golf club in his right hand. Deputy told the man to drop the golf club, stand in front of his patrol vehicle and he did comply. Deputy later

found the subject to be Mr. Mason Taylor Smith. Mr. Smith stated to this officer he told the woman he could not leave his vehicle there but it was broke down and could not be moved.

While speaking with Mr. Smith, advising him of the call he became agitated and refused to calm down. Deputy did detain Mr. Smith due

to his size, being agitated and refusing to comply with orders to sit on his bumper. Upon speaking with complainant she stated Mr. Smith drove on the property at a high rate of speed and

drove around the back of the building.

Complainants stated while she was locking the door (closing the Winery) Mr. Smith was outside his ve-

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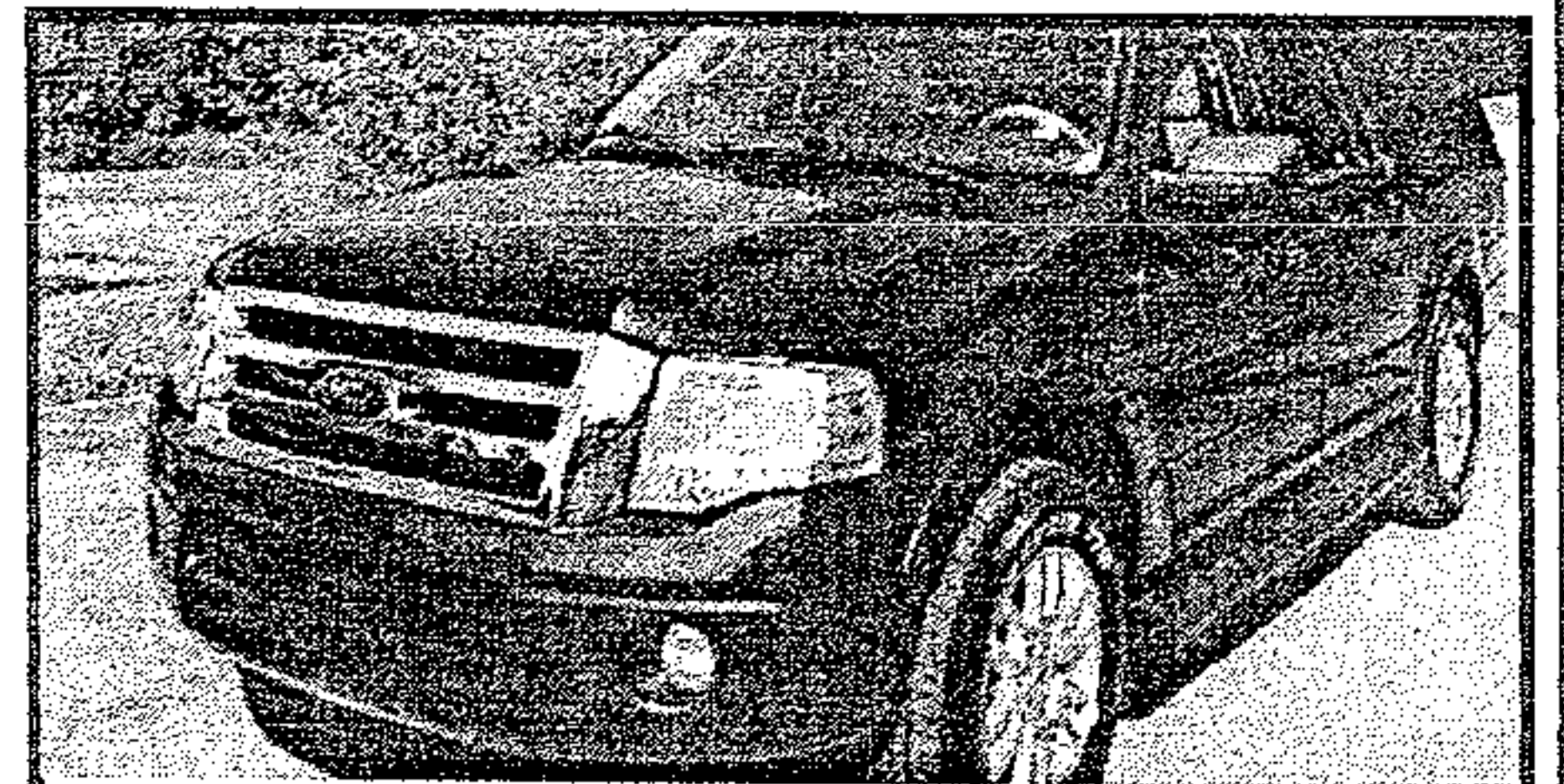
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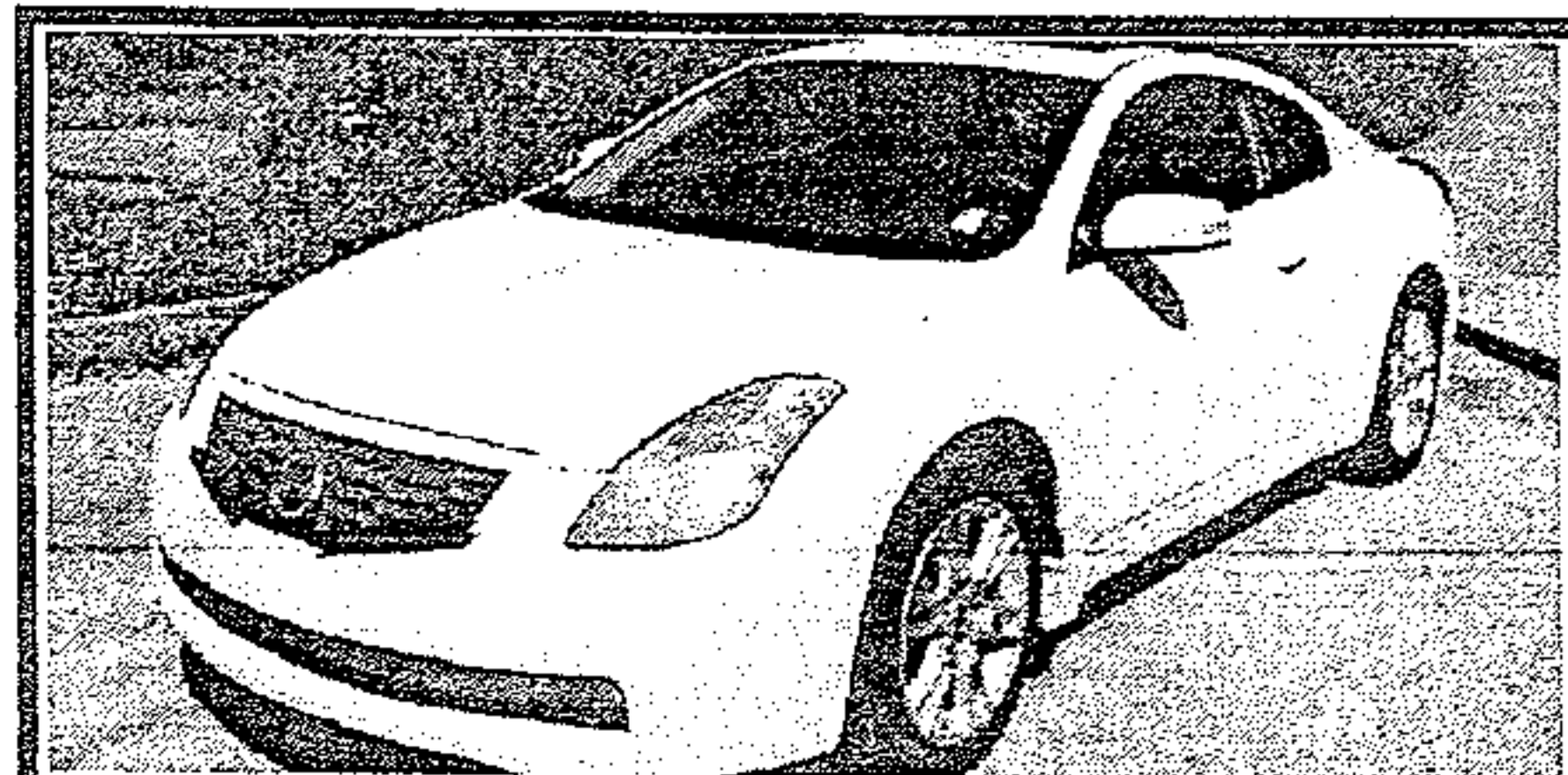
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Theft

Amanda Hayley, 36, Miles Street Harriman, was charged with Theft of Property, Failure to Appear, and Assisting other Agency.

Deputy Smith did respond to Hines Valley Road in Loudon county for a assault call. While on scene Ms. Amanda Lee Hayley stated to this officer she had been driving the gray Volkswagen Golf GTI was parked in the parking lot. Deputy did check the registration on the vehicle and it came back to a truck from Knoxville. Upon checking the vehicle identification number the vehicle was found to be stolen from Harper Volkswagen of Knoxville on September 15, 2017. Ms. Hayley stated to this officer she did not know

the vehicle was stolen and she had borrowed the vehicle from Mr. Wicks. Mr. Wicks was incarcerated at the time of the theft. Deputy did place Ms. Hayley in custody and transported her to the Loudon County Jail.

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hicle with the radio volume up loud. Complainant stated she told him the winery was closed and he would have to leave because she has to lock the gate. Complainant stated Mr. Smith offered her one thousand dollars to stay there, she told him the owner would not allow him to stay there and once again told Mr. Smith to leave and he continued to refuse to leave. Complainant stated

at this time Mr. Smith went back to his truck, got a golf club and started walking around swinging the club. Complainant stated she was scared Mr. Smith was going to do someone harm with the

golf club, he was still refusing to leave and she called to police. Deputy placed Mr. Smith in custody for Criminal Trespassing and transported him to the Loudon County Jail.

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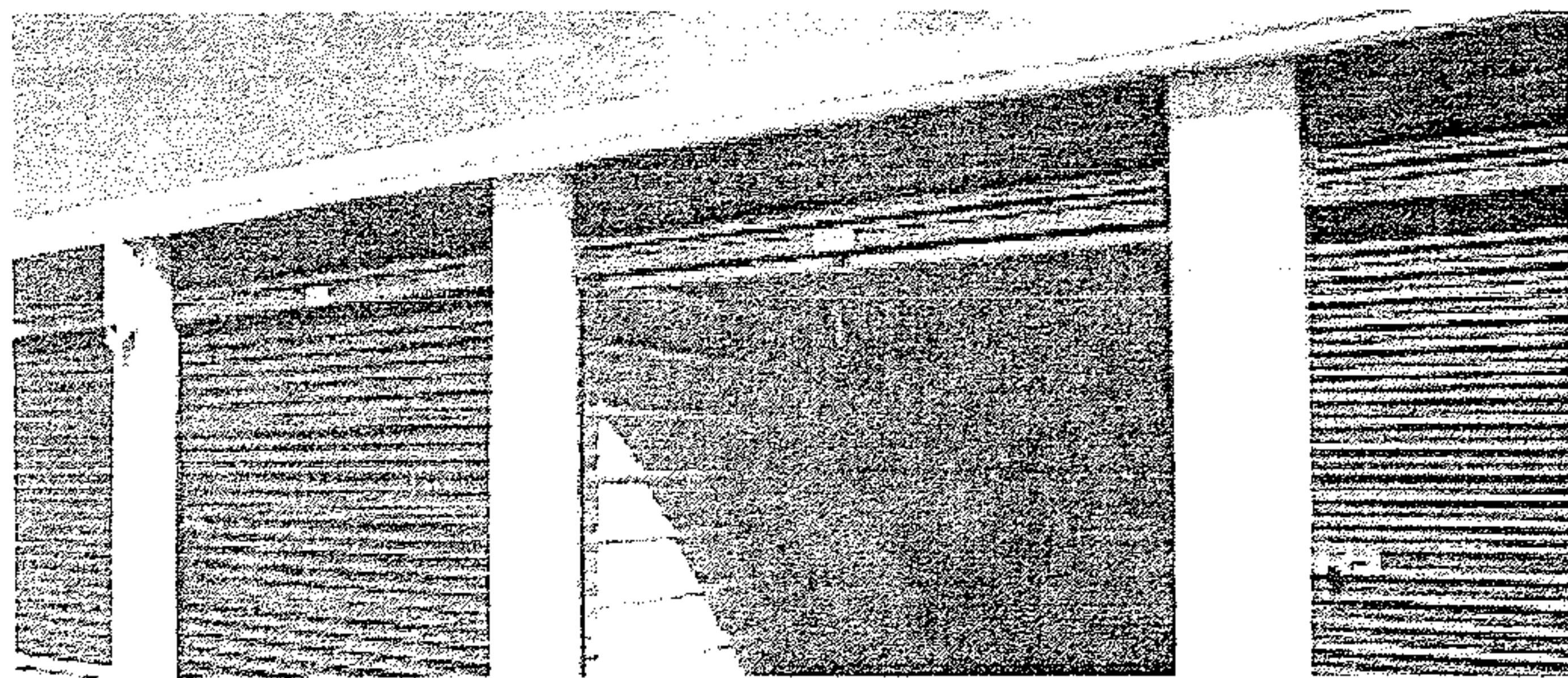
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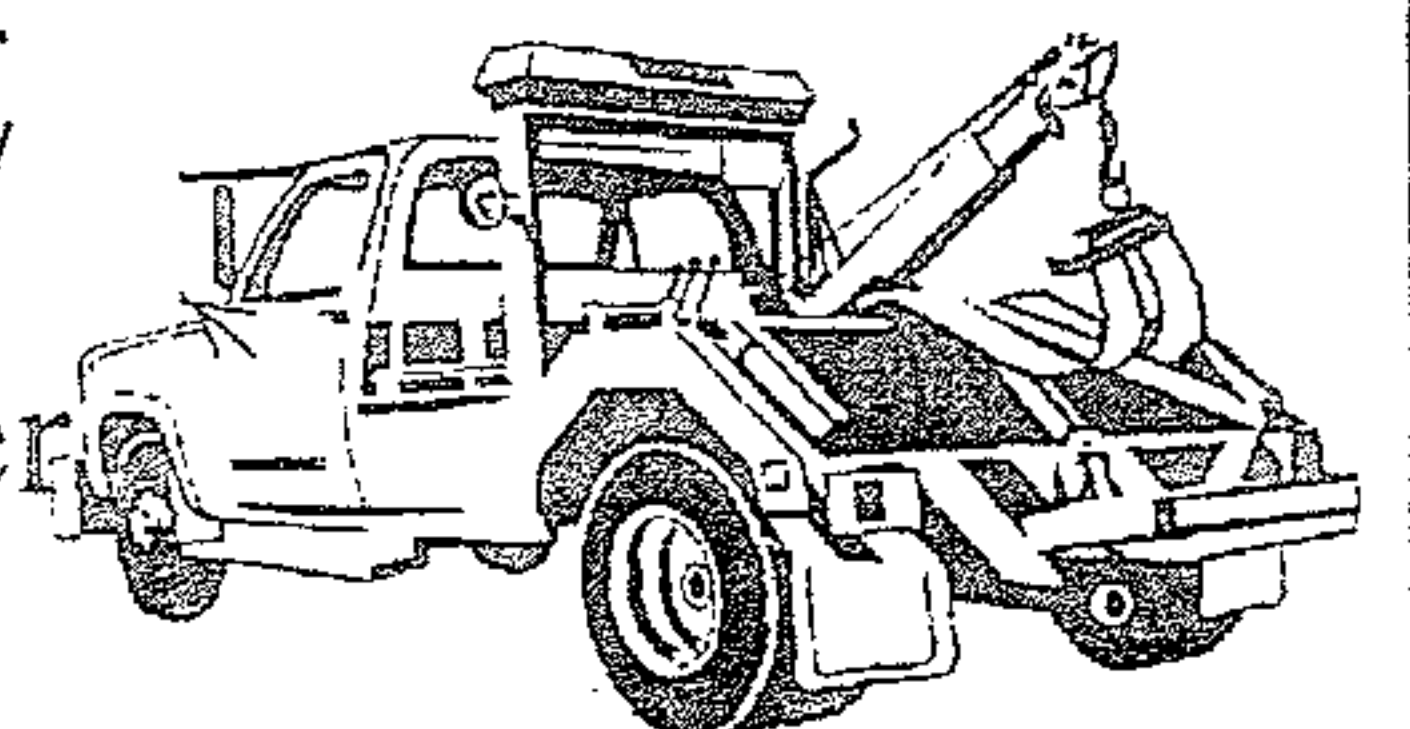
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Uncollected
 Counties were able to recover or write-off \$2,450,533.97 through restitution payments, insurance claims or other means. That left a net unrecovered shortage of \$841,464.01 at the end of the fiscal year.

The Comptroller's office also released its report detailing cash shortages and other thefts for Tennessee municipalities, internal school funds, utility districts, housing authorities, nonprofits, and other governmental entities. These shortages were reported in fiscal year 2015 and earlier.

Fiscal year 2015 began with a cash shortage of \$2,713,071.

During the year, \$650,770 in new shortages were detected. A total of \$635,784 was recovered or written-off during the fiscal year, leaving an unrecovered shortage of \$2,728,057 at fiscal year end.

"The misuse of public money should be a concern to all of us," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "Tennesseans expect their leaders and public officials to take steps to prevent fraud, waste and abuse. Our auditors and investigators make frequent recommendations to safeguard public assets. Following these recommendations will help make government work better."

Both reports provide explanations of how the shortages were discovered, methods used to steal money, and legal actions taken against those responsible.

To view the 2016 Report of Cash Shortages in county governments online, click here.

To view the 2015 Municipalities and Other Organizations Report of Cash Shortages online, click here.

If you suspect fraud, waste or abuse of public money in Tennessee, call the Comptroller's toll-free hotline at (800) 232-5454, or file a report online at: www.comptroller.tn.gov/hotline. Follow us on twitter @TNCOT

Media contact: John Dunn, Public Information Officer, (615) 401-7755 or john.dunn@cot.tn.gov

Obituary

Russell Arthur Puckett, 42 of Loudon, passed away Sunday, July 16, 2017 due to health complications. He is preceded in death by father, Tom Puckett, grandparents, Russell & Lucille Puckett and Arthur & Bess Dwyer, several uncles and aunts. Russell is survived by his

mother, Kathy (Wayne) Wiggins of Loudon, siblings, Steve, Carol & Connie (Dana Frye) Puckett, all of Illinois, Aunt, Pat (Wayne) Morgan of Lenoir City, several cousins located throughout the United States, special cousin and friend, David Morgan, and a host of friends from Tennessee to Illinois. No memorial service is planned.



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DUI

Melinda Denton, 43, Country Road Sweetwater, was charged with DUI, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer J. Samuels LCPD, was dispatched to a three (3) car wreck on Hwy 321 in front of Walmart. Upon arrival Officer , spoke with all parties involved in the wreck and asked if they need any medical attention. All other parties refused treatment. Officer then came in contact with Ms. Melinda Denton who stated that her leg was hurting. Officer called for an ambulance to come to the wreck scene to have her checked out at which time she refused medical attention.

While speaking with Ms. Denton Officer, observed that she had slurred speech, very lethargic, had trouble walking, and had trouble staying awake. Officer, asked Ms. Denton if she was on any prescription medications at which time she stated "no." Officer then called Sgt. B. Hamilton to the scene for assistance. While Sgt. Hamilton was speaking with Ms. Denton she stated that she took a Xanax approximately one (1) hour before the wreck occurred. Officer , then asked Ms. Denton if he could check her eyes to make sure she was ok to operate the vehicle at which time she stated "yes." Officer, then conducted Standardized Field Sobriety Tasks at which time he, was only to perform Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus due

to her physical condition and safety. Ms. Denton did perform poorly and was unable to follow instructions. After Officer, advised Ms. Denton that she was being placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence he read her the Tennessee Implied Consent Law at which time Officer, asked for a non-mandatory blood draw at which time she agreed. Ms. Denton was then transported to the Ft. Loudon ER. While at the ER Ms. Denton had fell asleep on several occasions and appeared highly intoxicated. After the non-mandatory blood draw was complete Ms. Denton was transported to the Loudon County Jail . Once at the Loudon County Jail an inventory of her belongings was conducted by correction officers at which time two cut straws, a pill crusher, and a pill bottle labeled Alprazolam 1 MG. was located in her purse.

Toys for Tots 2017 Applications Now Available

Applications for the 2017 Toys for Tots program are now available at the

Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

ALL applications must be returned to the Loudon County Sheriff's Department by 4 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017. Applications must also include a copy of the parent or guard-

ian's current income information. A current Tennessee Driver's License or State Issued ID is required from the parent, and a copy of the child's social security card is also required.

If you wish to take a name, they will be available beginning in

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DV

Joseph Kimpson, 27, Hammerhill Road Athens, was charged with Domestic Assault.

According to the report, Corporal Rondel Branam LCSO, was dispatched to Grandview Drive in Loudon, TN in reference to a possi-

ble physical domestic fight. Upon speaking to the complainant, she stated that she and the father of her son had gotten in to an argument over who she was talking to on the phone.

The argument grew larger leading to the father of her son, Joseph Kimpson, push-


ing her multiple times. He continued to push her out the door and down in to the yard.

Deputy did see abrasions on victims left arm, and right hip consistent with being pushed to the ground.


Deputy did determine that Joseph to be the primary

aggressor in the altercation. Joseph Jerome Kimpson was taken in to custody at the scene and transported to the Loudon County Jail where he was charged with Assault by Domestic Violence.

This did occur in Loudon County, TN.



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