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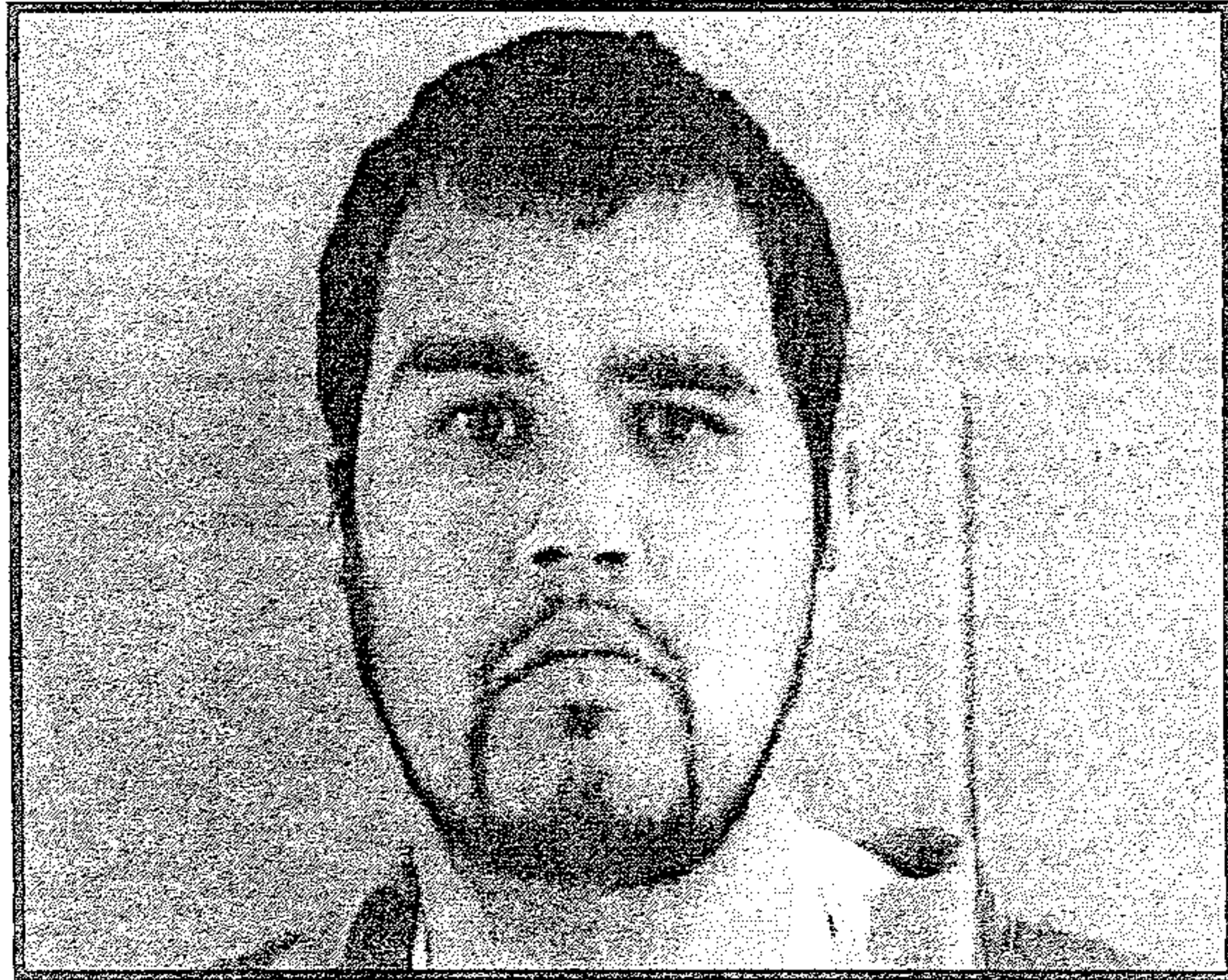
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Monday, November 13, 2017

Victim imprisoned and beaten so badly Doctor makes call to authorities

George Locklear, 27, Jackson Bend Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault, and False Imprisonment.

Officers was dispatched to Mulberry Street to the report of an assault that had occurred last date. Upon arrival Officer spoke with the victim. She stated that her boy-
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George Locklear

Multiple pills found in traffic stop by LCSO



Natalie Degroot

Natalie Degroot, 35, County Road 266 Sweetwater, was charged with Legends Drugs x3.

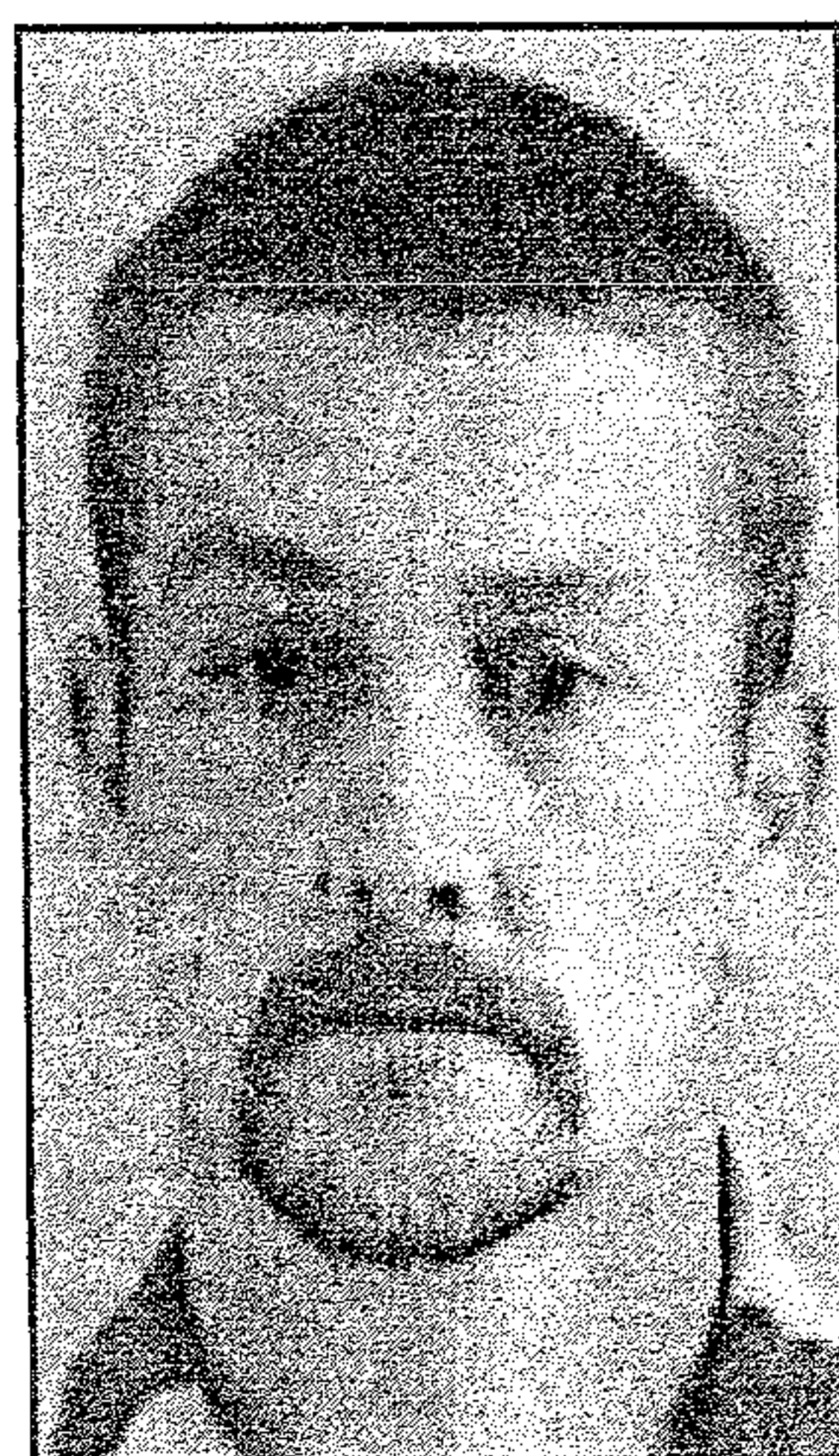
Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, was advised of a vehicle broke down in the roadway near Hotchkiss valley Road and Happy Hollow Road. Deputy located a Silver Oldsmobile car in the roadway on

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Two charged in aggravated burglaries and property thefts



Eugene Davidson



Ronnie Davidson

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Two charged in thefts and burglaries



Callie Millsaps

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Financial Fraud

Stock-Loan Scheme Costs Investors \$100 Million

With the substantial proceeds of his long-running fraud scheme, Jeffrey Spanier enjoyed a lavish lifestyle that included buying fancy cars, boats, and this home in Boca Raton, Florida, which he was ordered to forfeit.

An elaborate and long-running financial fraud carried out

by a Florida man and co-conspirators cost business executives and shareholders of publicly traded corporations more than \$100 million—losses that in some cases forced companies to close their doors.

Jeffrey Spanier, who was recently sentenced to eight years in pris-

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Verse of the Day

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops... — Proverbs 3:9

Obituaries

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Wazzup

The Holiday parades will be coming up shortly plan accordingly!

Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy. High of 54F.
Tonight: overcast. low

of 38F.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny. High of 60F.

Tuesday night: Clear. Low of 38F.

Horoscopes
Scorpio 10/23-11/21

You quickly grasp the meaning behind unspoken words,

giving you a distinct edge when working with others. You can utilize your intuitive hunches if you have the courage to act on them. However, you might also jump to a wrong conclusion if your feelings have been hurt or

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Imprisoned

friend Mr. George Patrick Locklear had assaulted her at their residence at Jackson Bend Road. She stated that on or about Sunday October the 29, 2017 that she and the defendant did have an altercation to where he choked and beat her to the point it broke blood vessels in the white of her eye. She stated

that last date he took her clinic at Mulberry Street. When the doctor asked how she received these injuries she stated that the defendant did this to her and that she is terrified of him. The doctor then did place a call to dispatch to notify of the abuse. Cpl. Marty Branam did respond to Jackson Bend Road to check the welfare of the victim. At which time

the victim stated that she was placed in the bathroom and told not to say a word or he kill her. The defendant then did come out of the residence and speak with Cpl. Baranam. He returned to the victim and told her that

after they went to the doctor this date he was to beat her ass and kick her out for telling the doctor what he had done to and having the police called. He then would not let her leave the bedroom

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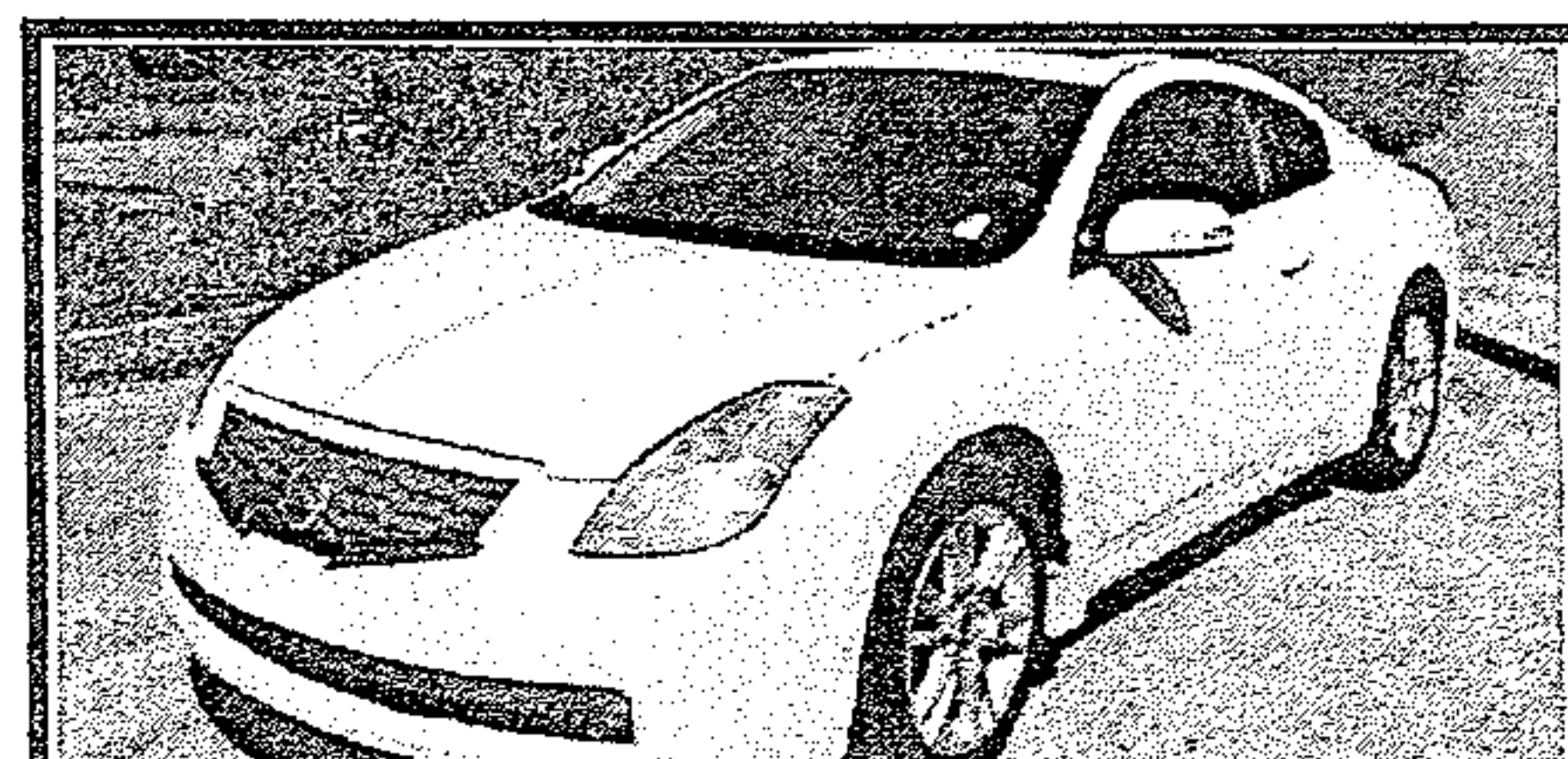
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LCSO

Jalee Drive near Hotchkiss Valley.

The vehicle's driver side and passenger side front windows were busted out and there was no tag on the vehicle. The ignition on the vehicle had also been hollowed out. Virgil Beck and Natalie Degroot were standing near the vehicle talking to female. The female stated she was called to come pick up her daughter Natalie. Upon running Mr. Beck through dispatch he was found to have 2 Warrants out of Roane County. Mr. Beck was taken into custody. Deputy asked Ms. Degroot if she had anything illegal on her and she retrieved 2 medication pill bottles from her right shorts pocket. One medication bottle had the label scratched off and contained (7) pills

with imprint 261 (Quetiapine fumarate). The other medication bottle Ms. Degroot had in her pocket was prescribed to a male and contained (2) yellow pills IG283 (Cyclobenzaprine Hydrochloride) and (10) peach color pills with imprint west ward 477 (Prednisone). Virgil Beck and Natalie Degroot were transported to the Loudon County jail.

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where he put his hand on her to tell if she moved, awoke, or tried to get up. He has held her captive in the room with no contact with anyone unless he approves. The victim stated that she's not allowed to leave the bedroom unless she asks permission and is escorted. The victim is in fear for her life from the defendant. The defendant is

being charged with Aggravated Assault and False Imprisonment. This did happen in Loudon County.

DUI and revoked charge follows wreck

Michael Ramey, 26, Murray Drive Knoxville, was charged with DUI, , and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, responded to Interstate 40 West near the 364 to a report of a vehicle collision. On locating the vehicle

Deputy found Michel George Ramey to be in the vehicle, he had the keys in his pocket and stated that he had a wreck and had never been run off the roadway like he had just then. On talking with him he had slurred speech and was unable to keep his balance and was stumbling around on the shoulder and tried to walk into the lanes of traffic 2 times where Deputy had to pull him back from the roadway. On having him do field sobriety tests he did poorly

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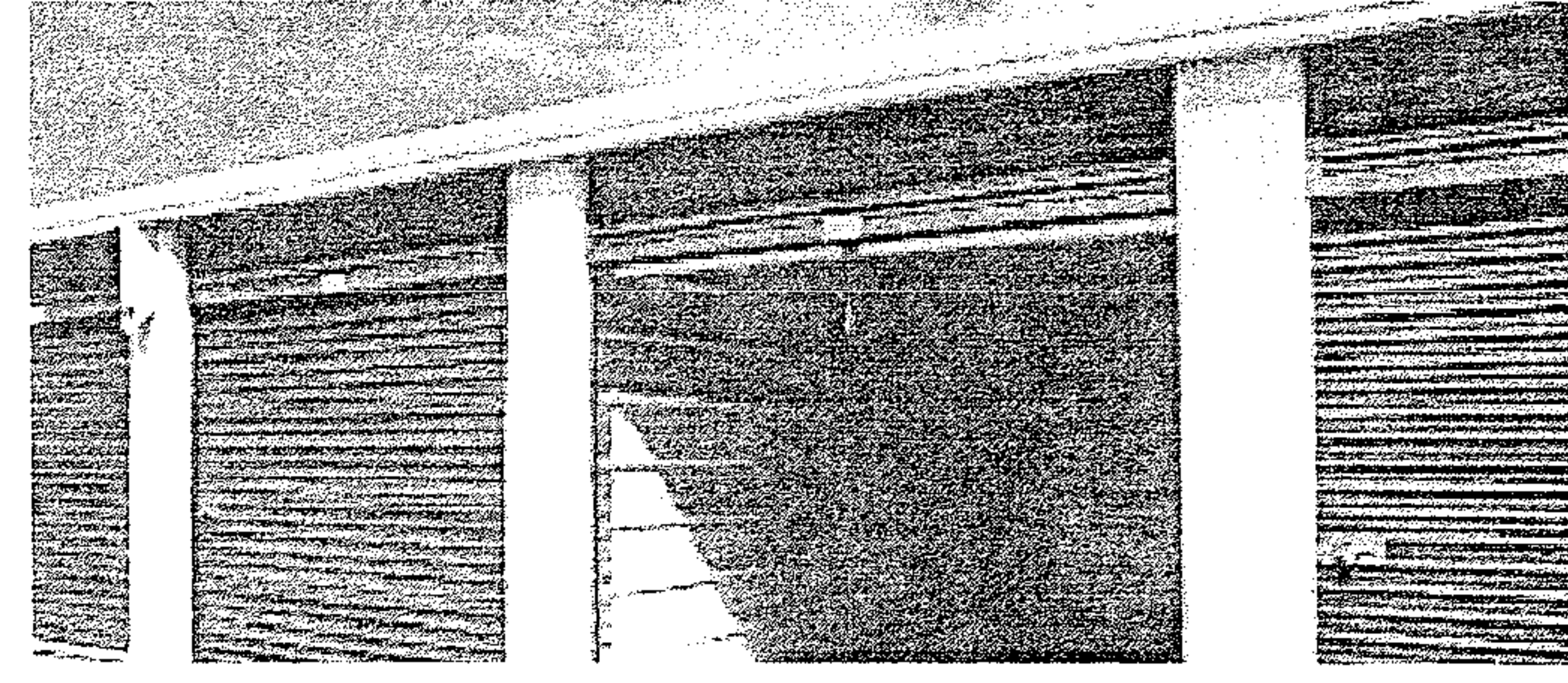
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Fraud

on for his role in the scheme, fleeced some very savvy businessmen, including CEOs. "These were sophisticated investors asking the right questions," said Special Agent John Roberts, who investigated the case from the FBI's San Diego Division along with Special Agent Bridgid Cook. "But because of Spanier's deception, misrepresentation, and omission of facts, it was very difficult for these businessmen to see the red flags and to protect themselves."

Beginning in 2004 and continuing on and off for nearly a decade, Spanier's firm, Amerifund Capital Finance, worked in conjunction with San Diego-based Argyll Equities to arrange loans to companies that needed operating capital or an infusion of cash to grow their businesses. In exchange, borrowers pledged company stock as collateral.

"Borrowing against stock is a legitimate concept," Cook explained. "There is nothing illegal or bad business practice about using your stock as collateral against a loan."

In a legitimate transaction, the borrower pays back the loan over time with interest, and the stock certificates are returned. But Spanier and his co-conspir-

ators were anything but legitimate. They never had any money to loan. They financed the deals—and reaped substantial gains—by immediately selling the pledged stock without the borrower knowing. "Spanier would assure clients that their stock would not be sold," Roberts said. "But that is exactly what he did."

A company might have pledged \$4 million in stock to get a \$3 million cash loan. Sometimes CEOs pledged their personal stock. The business would make interest payments every quarter to service the loan, only to find out years later—after the debt had been repaid—that the stock was gone.

As a result, a number of civil suits were filed against Spanier, but still he kept the fraud going, continuing to insist to new customers that their stock would not be sold. After a lengthy investigation by the FBI, Spanier was indicted in 2012, along with Douglas McClain, Jr. and James Miceli. All were charged with multiple counts of conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud, securities fraud, and money laundering.

"Because of Spanier's deception, misrepresentation, and omission of facts, it was very difficult for these businessmen to see the red flags and to protect themselves."

John Roberts, spe-

cial agent, FBI San Diego and he was sentenced of Argyll Equities— to 15 years in prison

In 2013, a jury found guilty on all counts, see Fraud ctd. pg. 5

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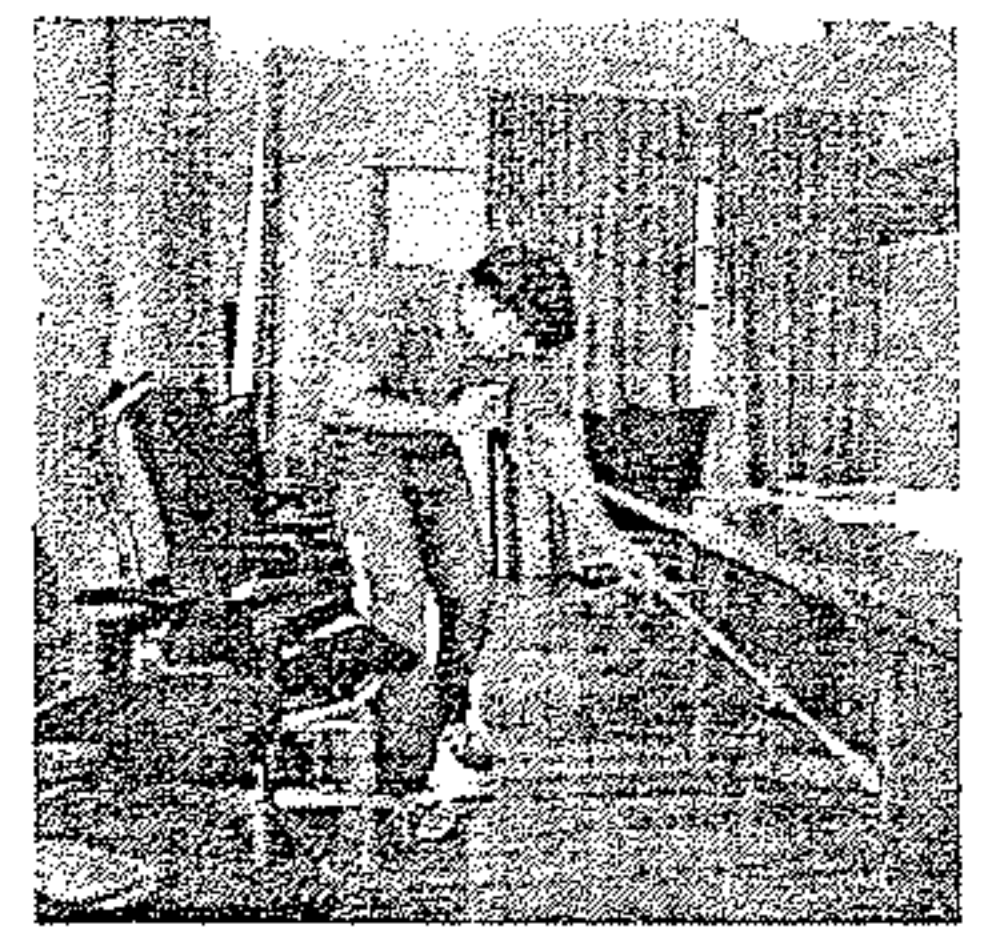
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Thefts

Eugene Davidson, 38, Ponders Gap Road Ten Mile, was charged with Theft of Property x2, and Aggravated Burglary.

Ronnie Davidson, 36, Main Hollow Road Philadelphia, was charged with Driving on Revoked /Suspended License.

The victim stated that he had arrived to his property located at Oakland road Philadelphia, Tn to notice that his gate that was at the entrance to the property was standing open and the lock had been cut. Upon traveling onto his property he noticed that the door was standing open on his metal barn and there was items missing from inside. Victim also went to the camper located at the property and the entire camper was ransacked and a 32" samsung Tv was missing from the camper. Inside the barn there was a 2002 Honda Rancher 4x4 atv that was stolen along with a large Master kerosene/diesel heater new still in the box, and a little buddy heater new still in the box. Investigator Charlie Costner was called to the scene. After an investigation Eugene and Ronnie Davidson were charged.

Two

Callie Millsaps, 20, Delmar Street Athens, was charged with Burglary of Motor Ve-

hiclex3, and Theft of Property x3.

Robert Benton, 18, Ohio Street Athens, was charged with Burglary of Motor Vehicle x3, and Theft of Property x3.



Robert Benton

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, was dispatched to Ogana Trace in reference to theft. Upon arrival Deputy meet with victim who stated someone had stolen her Glock 43 out of the center console of her truck sometime during the early morning hours. The victim stated her vehicle was unlocked. Victim stated around 2:00 am she heard what she thought was some boys laughing. When she got up to look outside she didn't see anything. Victim stated her pistol was in a keeper conceal custom holster. Inv Cosner was notified. After an investigation Callie Millsaps, and Robert Benton was arrested for the theft.

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or could not perform them. On checking the status of his license through NCIC found it to revoked in Tennessee for Driving Under the Influence conviction date of 11/07/2011. On reading implied consent and explaining it to him he gave blood for

the purpose BAC. This did happen in Loudon County Tennessee.

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and ordered to pay more than \$81 million in restitution. Miceli committed suicide shortly before his trial.

In November 2016, Spanier was convicted of conspiring with McClain and Miceli to defraud clients by false-

ly representing that Argyll Equities was an institutional lender with significant cash to lend to corporate executives and other individuals. The jury rejected defense claims that Spanier was merely a broker who was unaware of the fraud scheme.


“These guys were making tons of money,” Roberts said. “They bought fancy houses, cars, planes, boats. There was no question that Spanier was on the inside of the conspiracy, not the outside.”

Spanier’s arrest, victims were likely to receive “pennies on the dollar” in restitu-

tion. “Unfortunately,” he said, “that is usually the case in these types of frauds.”



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At his sentencing in April 2017, a federal judge ordered Spanier to pay more than \$20 million in restitution to his victims. Roberts said that while several million dollars in cash and property were forfeited after

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