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Three charged after traffic stop by LCSO



Samantha Delk
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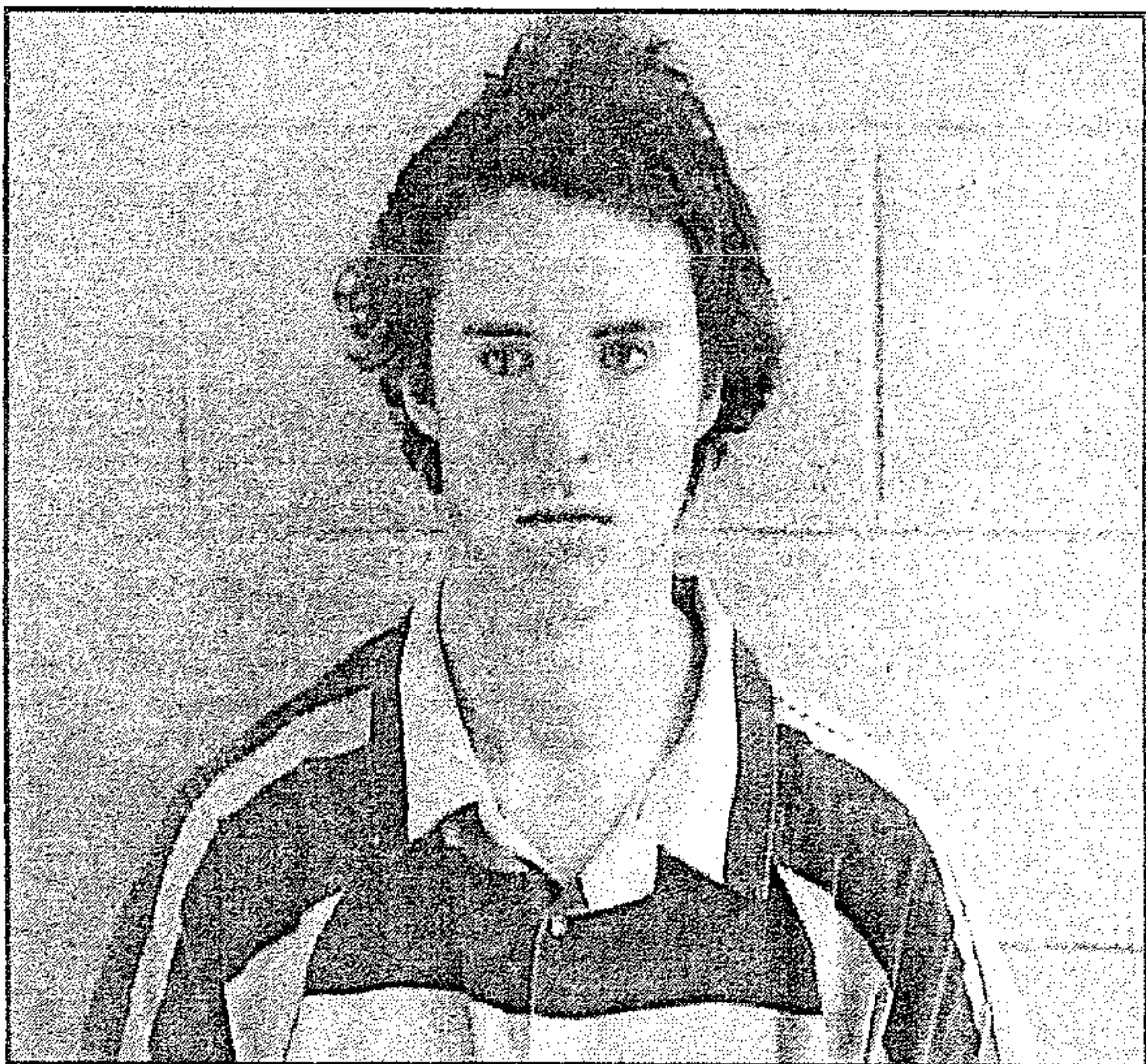


Bryan Mullins



William Roberts

Teen charged after speeding stop by LCSO



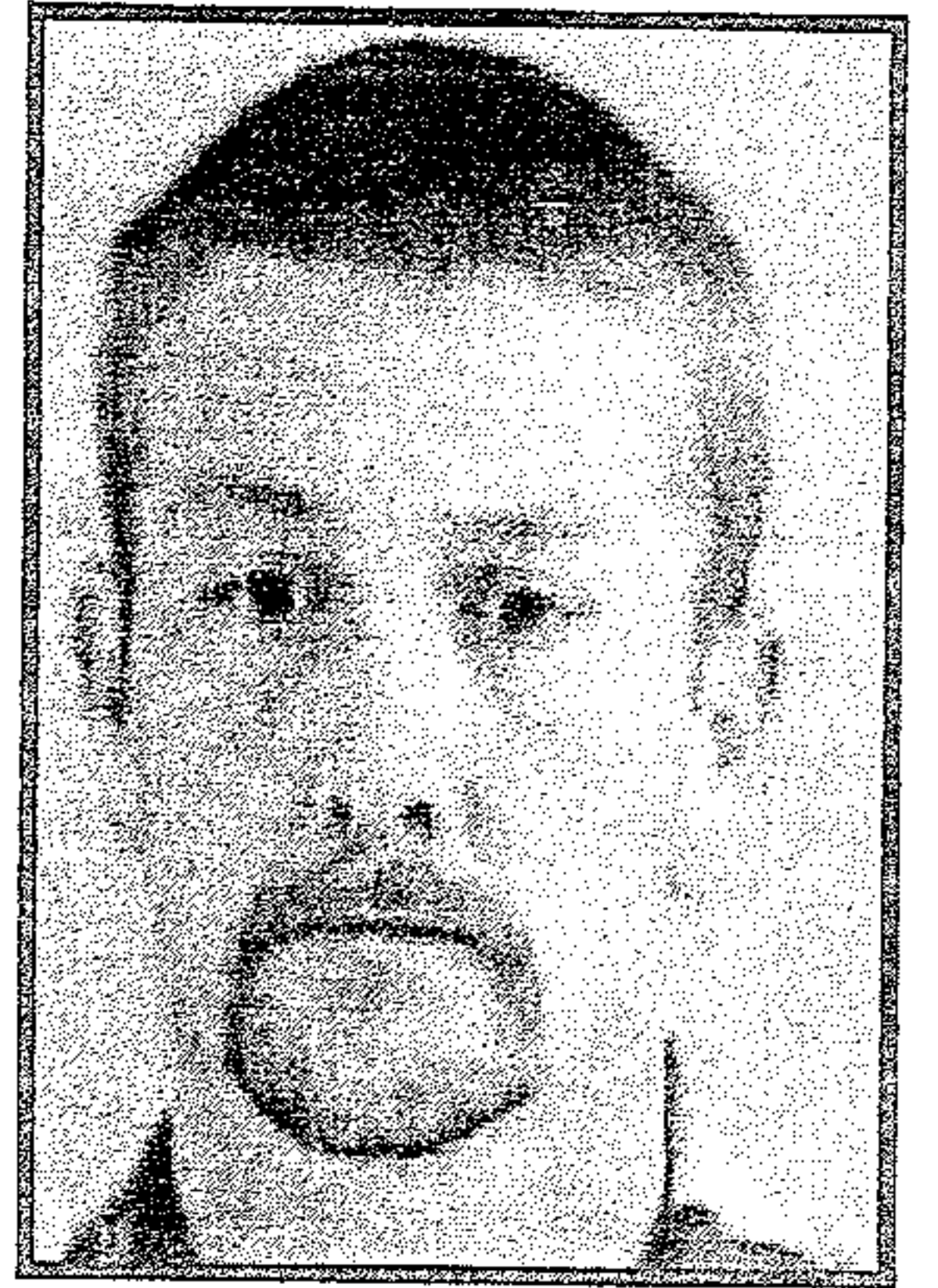
Ryan Barr

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Meth and more found after BOLO issued on vehicle



John Cogdill



Ronnie Davidson

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Theft charge after victim reports vehicle missing



Darren Greene

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Crash Cows

Connecticut Group Staged Car Accidents for Insurance Money

After a autumn evening of drinking and using drugs in 2013, a group of friends got into an Audi A6 and drove to the remote Wilderness Road in Norwich, Connecticut. The car slid off the road, hitting a tree.

Everyone in the car survived, but this seemingly typical crash was no accident.

Despite their im-

pairment, the driver and passengers had purposely planned the crash to collect the insurance money. It was one of many crashes that a group of Connecticut residents were connected to over several years—contributing to higher car insurance premiums for all drivers and wasting public resources like ambulance responses.

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Verse of the Day

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. — Psalm 32:7

Obituaries

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Wazzup

What will become of ole Brick Building Butch after this weekend? We shall see!

Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. High of

67F.

Tonight: Rain. low of 57F.

Saturday: Rain. High of 65F.

Saturday night: Rain. Low of 57F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy.

High of 75F.

Sunday night: Overcast. High of 57F.

Horoscopes
Scorpio 10/23–11/21

You may be questioning your ability to live up to peoples expectations. Meanwhile

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Trio

Bryan Mullins, 23, Oak Grove Road Lenoir City, was charged with Tampering/Fabricating with Evidence, Poss. of Sch. II, and Failure to Appear.

Samantha Delk, 24, Williams Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Simple Poss. Sch. II & III, and Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of

Meth.

William Roberts, 36, White Wing road Lenoir City, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy A. Parton LCSO, observed a red Nissan Pathfinder traveling South bound on I-75 with a broken tag light and the vehicle could not maintain the lane. Deputy stopped the vehicle at I-75 South at mile marker

76. Deputy made contact with the driver E and asked him for his license. Deputy K. Dailey LCSO, observed the drivers side back seat passenger Samantha Delk reaching inside her pants as if she was attempting to

conceal an item. He asked Ms. Delk to step out of the vehicle and recovered a bag of crystal like substance believed to be Methamphetamine from her bra. Deputy asked the rear seat passenger

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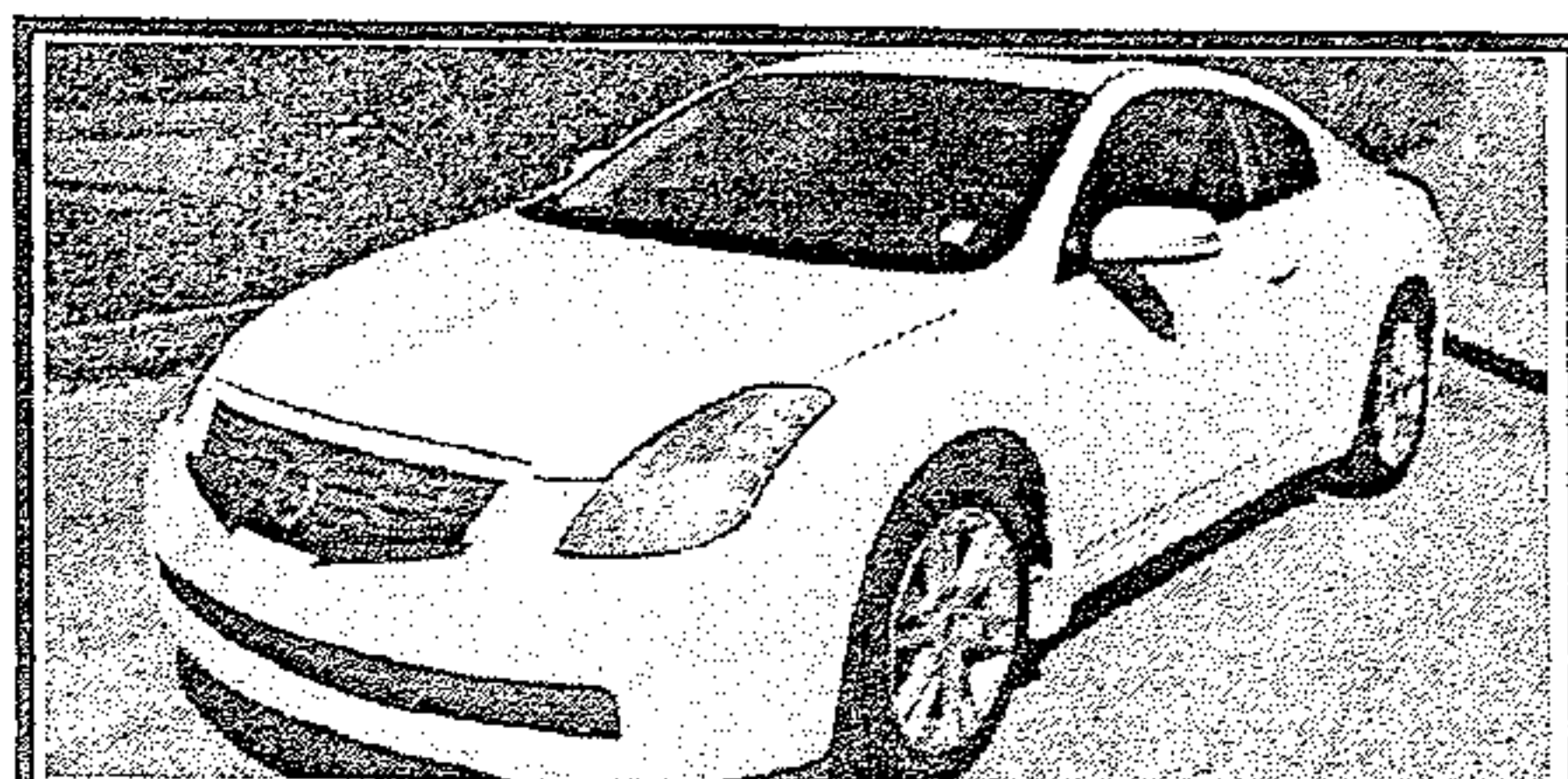
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Meth

John Cogdill, 37, MFG/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para.

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

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a Tan Ford Ranger with the front grill missing traveling on Oakland Road. The vehicle matched a BOLO from Loudon County Criminal investigation unit for multiple Burglaries in the Oakland Road area and Philadelphia area. The BOLO description of the vehicle was a 2 door tan Ford Ranger missing the front grill. Upon stopping the vehicle the driver was identified as Ronnie Davidson. A passenger sitting in the back bed

of the truck was identified as John Cogdill. Upon running Mr. Davidson through dispatch he was found to be driving on a Suspended driver License. While in the back of the truck Mr. Cogdill was fidgety and could not be still. Mr. Cogdill also reached at his left pants pocket multiple times. Deputy asked Mr. Cogdill if he had anything illegal on him and stated no. Deputy asked Mr. Cogdill if he could search him and he agreed. Upon searching Mr. Cogdill Deputy could feel what was consistent with a syringe in near his left jean pocket. Deputy asked Mr. Cogdill to get the syringe and he retrieved it from shorts underneath his jeans. Upon maneuvering Mr. Cogdill's pants a bag of Crystal Methamphetamine (.5 G) and Yellow pill with imprint C230

(Oxycodone 10mg) fell out on the ground. Ronnie Davidson and John Cogdill were taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County jail. This did happen in Loudon County.

out of Loudon County. Deputy confirmed this information through Loudon County Dispatch and was advised the warrant was in hand at the Loudon County Jail. Deputy asked Mr. Mullins what the pill was and he stated it was Subutex and that he was attempting to eat the pill when we pulled him over. Deputy placed Mr. Mullins into custody for his warrant and tampering with evidence. Deputy went to speak to the front seat passenger now identified as

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now identified as Bryan Mullins to step out of the vehicle. Deputy observed a orange and white partially dissolved pill fall out of his lap onto the floor board of the vehicle. Mr. Mullins stated he had a warrant for Failure to Appear

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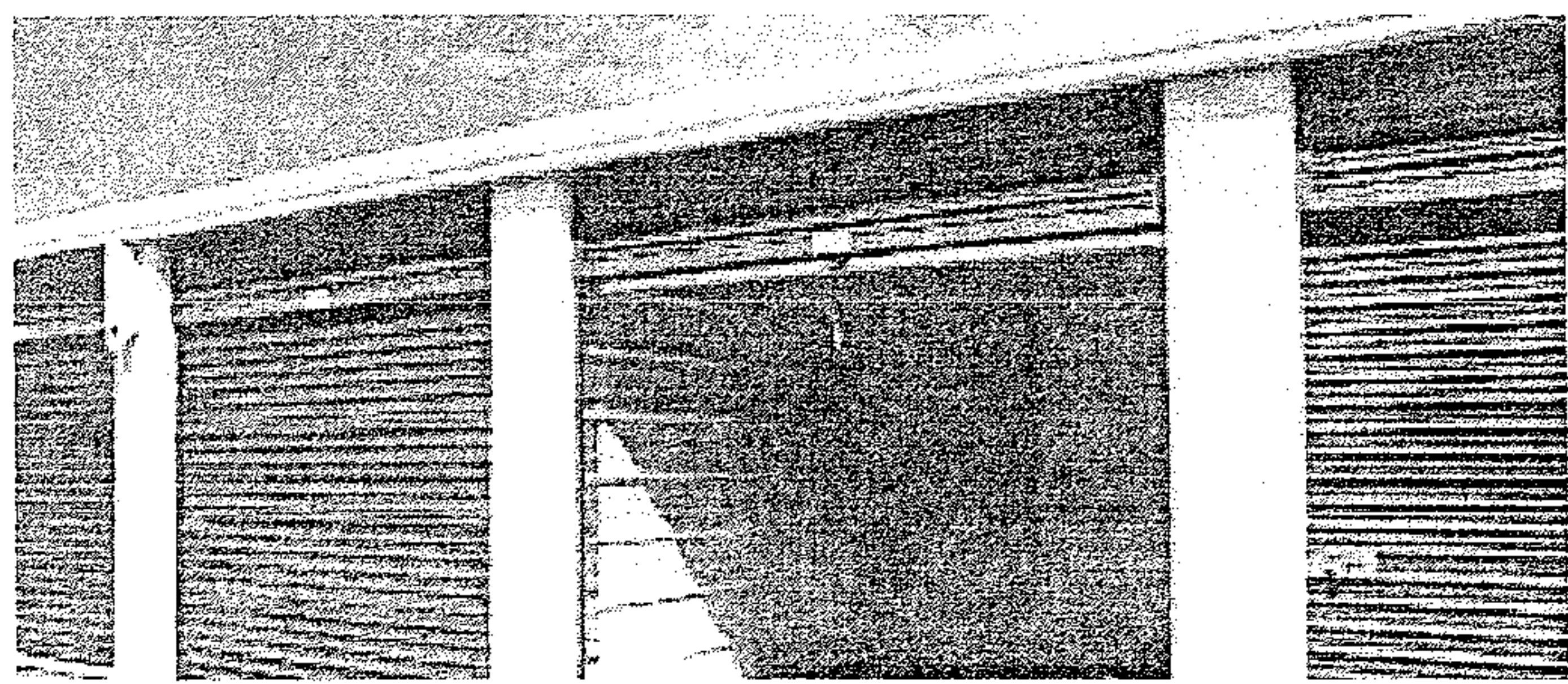
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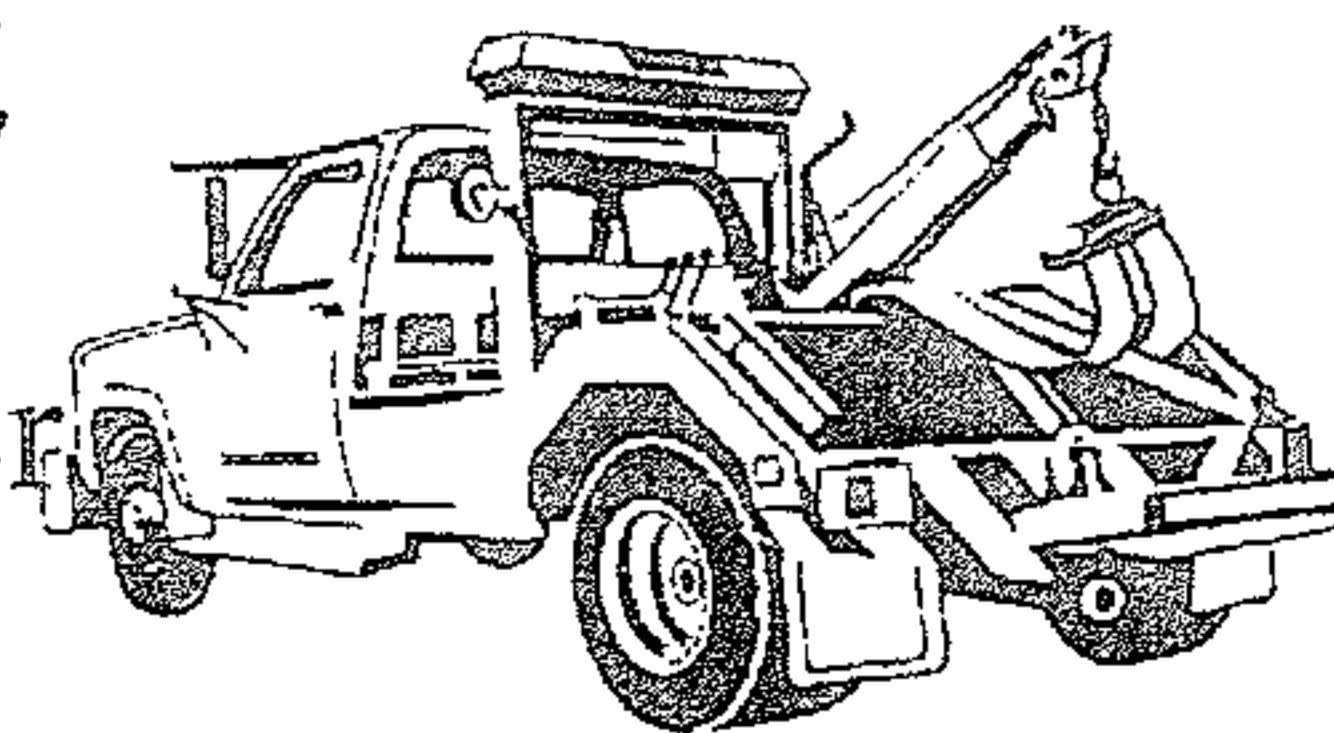
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DV

In the October crash, driver Mackenzy Noze got out of the Audi and drove away in a getaway car, while his friend, Jacques Fleurijeune, climbed into the driver's seat of the damaged Audi and called 911. Fleurijeune told police he had hit the tree while swerving to avoid a deer—though no witnesses or police ever saw the alleged deer.

The four passengers were all taken to the hospital and eventually received insurance settlements for their injuries, which were fake. Fleurijeune also received payment for the value of the car, and others in the car gave some or all of their injury payouts to Noze and Fleurijeune.

This scenario played out numerous times with various combinations of co-conspirators from 2011 through 2014, with insurance companies paying out \$10,000 to \$30,000 per crash in about 50 crashes. Many of them happened under similar circumstances—late-night, single-car crashes on remote roads without witnesses. In the fall, the drivers would claim to have swerved hitting a deer. In the winter, they said they lost control on a snowy street. To up their payout, they used older, European cars, which tend to hold their value over time.

For the insurance companies, these repeat crashes raised red flags. So the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), a non-profit organization that serves as a liaison between law enforcement and insurance companies, shared crash data with the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut. The NICB's suspicious acci-

dent data helped investigators hone in on the worst offenders.

Green Hollow Road in Killingly, Connecticut was among the rural sites used by a group of Connecticut residents to stage car accidents between 2011 and 2014.

The group often used rural sites—such as this one on Green Hollow Road in Killingly, Connecticut—to stage the car accidents.

"When insurance companies pay fraudulent claims, everyone's premiums go up."

Daniel Curtin, special agent, FBI New Haven

"It was just a good, old-fashioned case, conducting interviews and reviewing documents—such as police reports and insurance company records—looking for patterns," said Special Agent Daniel Curtin, who investigated the case out of the FBI's New Haven Division. "With a lot of these staged crashes, the fraudsters made interstate telephone calls to file the insurance claims, and the calls were recorded, forming the foundation for many of the wire fraud counts."

Noze, 33, the group's ringleader, was convicted of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and sentenced last month to four years in prison. Six others, including Fleurijeune, have been charged and convicted.

While insurance fraud may seem to be a victimless crime, that's far from the case.

Estimates show car insurance fraud costs the average policyholder about \$300 per year in higher premiums, according to NICB Supervisory Special Agent John Gasiorek, who assisted the FBI with the investigation.

Additionally, staged accidents are a safety hazard, both to those in-

involved and other drivers. While in this ring, the conspirators generally did not involve other motorists, criminals sometimes do stage accidents involving unsuspecting drivers.

"You never know who's going to come around the corner. You could hit an innocent person. It's really a public safety issue," Gasiorek said, noting that even willing participants in the staged accidents are unexpectedly injured.

"When insurance companies pay fraudulent claims, everyone's premiums go up," Curtin said. "More importantly, the staged crashes pose risks to first responders. You had police officers and EMTs rushing to crash scenes. The wasted time of medical pro-

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LCSO

Ryan Barr, 19, Washington Pike Philadelphia, was charged with Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, observed a Black Infiniti G35 with Tennessee Registration traveling on highway 11 at a high rate of speed. Upon checking with radar the vehicle was traveling 67 mph in a 45 mph zone. Upon stopping Deputy made contact with the driver Mr. Ryan Barr who stated no reason for speed. While speaking with Mr. Barr Deputy could smell the odor of Marijuana coming from the vehicle. Mr. Barr stated that there was not anything in the vehicle and gave consent to search. Deputy asked his passenger juvenile if there was anything inside the vehicle and she stated no. While searching the center console Deputy found a scale and a clear plastic baggy with a green leafy substance inside of it believed to be Marijuana and weighing approximately 4.8 Grams. Upon asking Ryan Barr about the Marijuana he stated that it was not his. Deputy then asked juvenile who the Marijuana belonged to and she stated that it was not hers. After speaking with juvenile she stated that she had a Roach on her at which time

a Female corrections officer retrieved it from her pants. Deputy Took Dana Wood into Custody for possession of Schedule VI and transported her to the Loudon Juvenile Shelter. Deputy also took Mr. Ryan Barr into custody For Possession Of Schedule VI and Drug Paraphernalia and transported him to the Loudon County Jail without incident. This did happen in Loudon County Tennessee.

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 guardian'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 mid-October through business and churches. Donations are also accepted at the Sheriff's office. If your business or church would be willing to take names please call

Debbie Hines, Toys for Tots Coordinator at 986-4823.

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professionals was also a concern with ER doctors and nurses treating these fraudsters for non-existent injuries. It took time away from other patients who really needed medical attention."

At least in the local region, Curtin said word has gotten out that law enforcement is working these cases and bringing perpetrators to justice.

"The insurance companies have said that suspicious claims, especially those involving single-car accidents on remote roads, are down in southeastern Connecticut," Curtin said. "They're not seeing these types of suspicious accidents because this case has sent a message."

Could Your Fender Bender Have Been Staged? Tips from the NICB

Staged accident fraudsters sometimes targeted innocent drivers in their dangerous schemes. If you think your car accident has been staged, the NICB suggests:

If you are not injured and can safely do so, take pictures of the accident scene.

Observe the details of what happened, such as how many people were in the other car. Fraudsters will often lie about how many people were in the vehicle.

If you suspect car insurance fraud, visit the NICB's Speak Up page to file a report.

Tips can be shared anonymously.

Theft

Darren Greene, 23, Markwood Road Loudon, was charged with Theft of Property.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, was dispatched to Hotchkiss Valley Road West in reference to theft of a vehicle. Upon arrival Deputy meet with victim who stated she let Darren Green stay at her house for a night. The victim stated when she woke up her 1999 White Ford Ranger was gone along with Darren Green. She stated she did not give anyone permission to take her vehicle. Victim stated she didn't think Mr. Green could go very far because there wasn't much gas in the vehicle and he did not have any money.

Corporal Rondel M. Branam, was advised by Loudon County E-911 that Lenoir City Police Department Officers were out with a 1999 White Ford Ranger with Tennessee tag at the Ingles on Highway 321 in Lenoir City, TN. Deputy did respond to the scene and dispatch did verify that this vehicle was entered as stolen earlier this date by Deputy Cody Fritts. Mr. Darren Allen Greene was found to be in possession of the vehicle and he was placed under arrest for theft and transported

to the Loudon County Jail. Deputy did speak with the registered owner on the phone and she requested that the vehicle remain on scene at the Ingles until she was able to get to it later in the night. Deputy did leave the vehicle in the parking lot and locked it up and kept the keys in his possession until victim contacts him. The vehicle has been removed from NCIC by Loudon County E-911.

New Audit Shows Willingness to Proactively Address Problems

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has released a performance audit on the Tennessee Rehabilitative Initiative in Correction Board (TRICOR) showing the agency has taken steps to improve its management and shown its willingness to proactively address problems.

TRICOR provides occupational and life skills training for Tennessee's incarcerated population through job training.

A 2015 performance audit raised serious concerns about TRICOR's financial operations and its handling of Tennessee's Cook Chill program. Performance auditors are now reporting that TRICOR has corrected three of the five findings noted in the 2015 audit, and has partially corrected the other two.

Since the 2015 audit, TRICOR promoted its Chief Operating Officer to Chief Executive Officer and named a new chair of the board of directors. TRICOR's CEO is also holding bi-weekly meetings with the chair of the board, and the Internal Auditor

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Shane Roberts. Deputy K. Dailey LCSO, asked Mr. Roberts if he could look in his pockets and he stated yes. Deputy K. Dailey LCSO, recovered a empty needle from Mr. Roberts left pocket and Deputy placed him into custody for possession of drug paraphernalia. Deputy spoke

to Ms. Delk and asked her if the bag in the rear passenger seat was hers and she stated yes. Deputy asked her if he could search the bag and she stated yes. Deputy recovered a needle, half of a white pill believed to be Subutex with a score of 54, and two blue pills believed to be Adderall with a score U 27. Deputy placed Ms. Delk into custody

for possession of schedule II and possession of drug paraphernalia. This all did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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has monthly meetings with the Audit Committee chair to keep the board well informed.

"While TRICOR has not completely solved all of the issues noted in the prior audit, I am pleased with the progress made," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Many of the necessary changes will take considerable time, but I am encouraged."

In addition to the performance audit, the Comptroller's Office

also released TRICOR's first financial statement audit. Due to numerous deficiencies, the auditors were unable to obtain sufficient evidence to form an opinion on TRICOR's financial statements.

The two new reports contain six audit findings and one observation. TRICOR management has indicated it is in the process of correcting all of the identified issues.

To view the audit reports online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/sa/>

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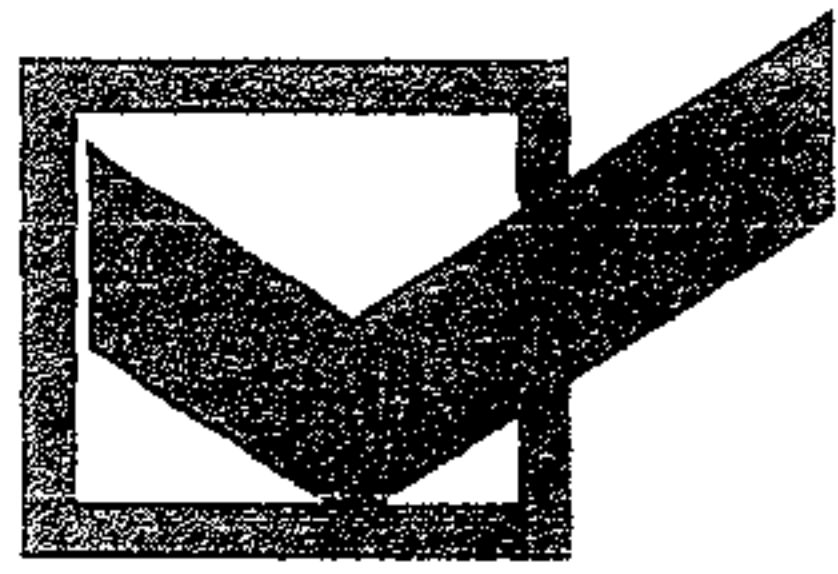
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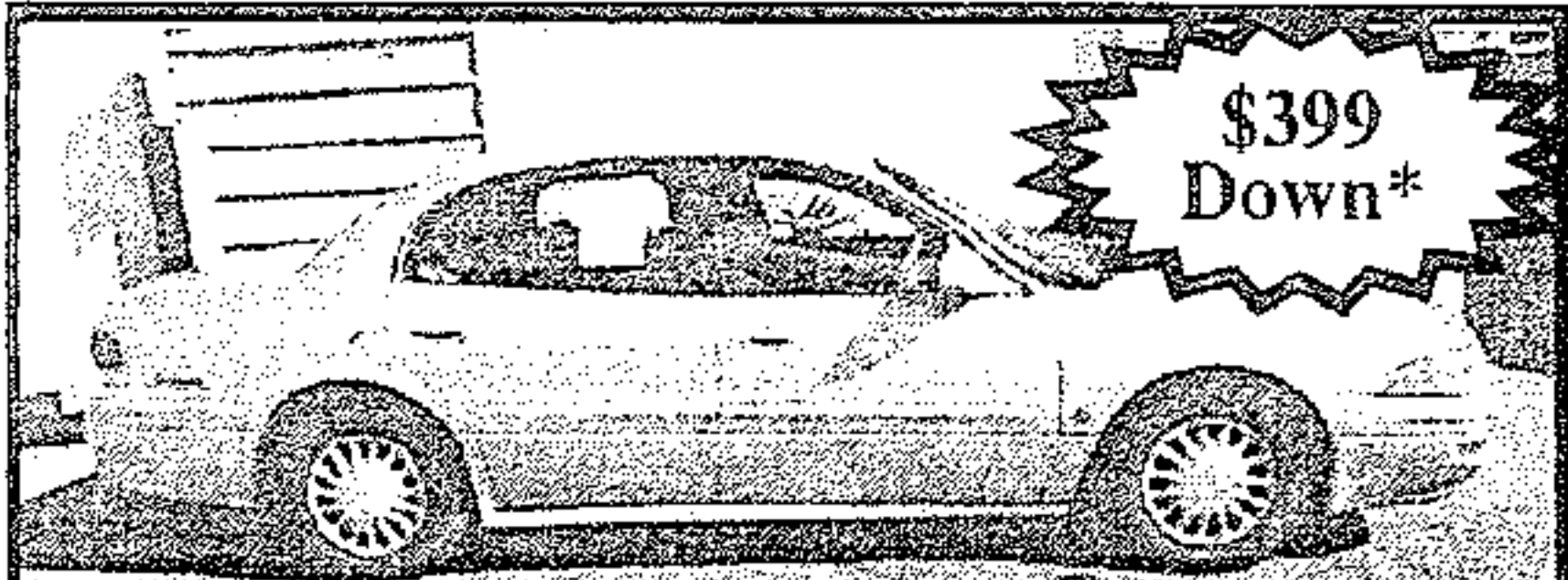
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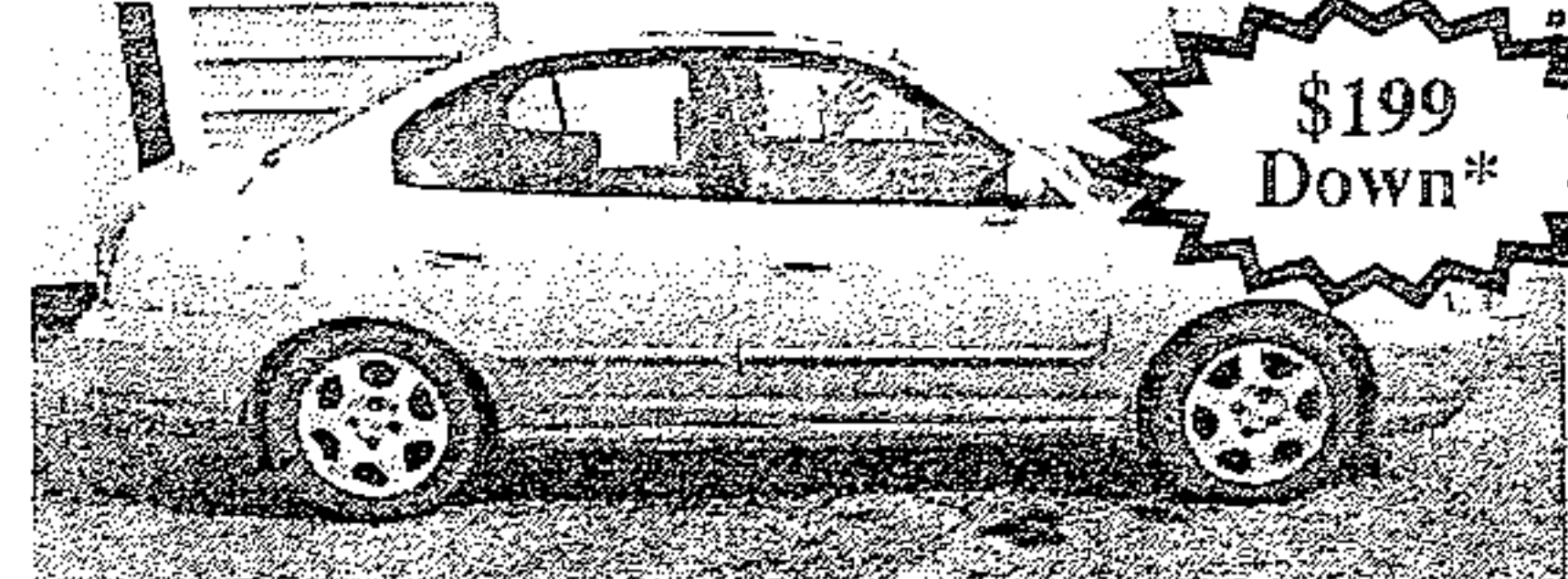
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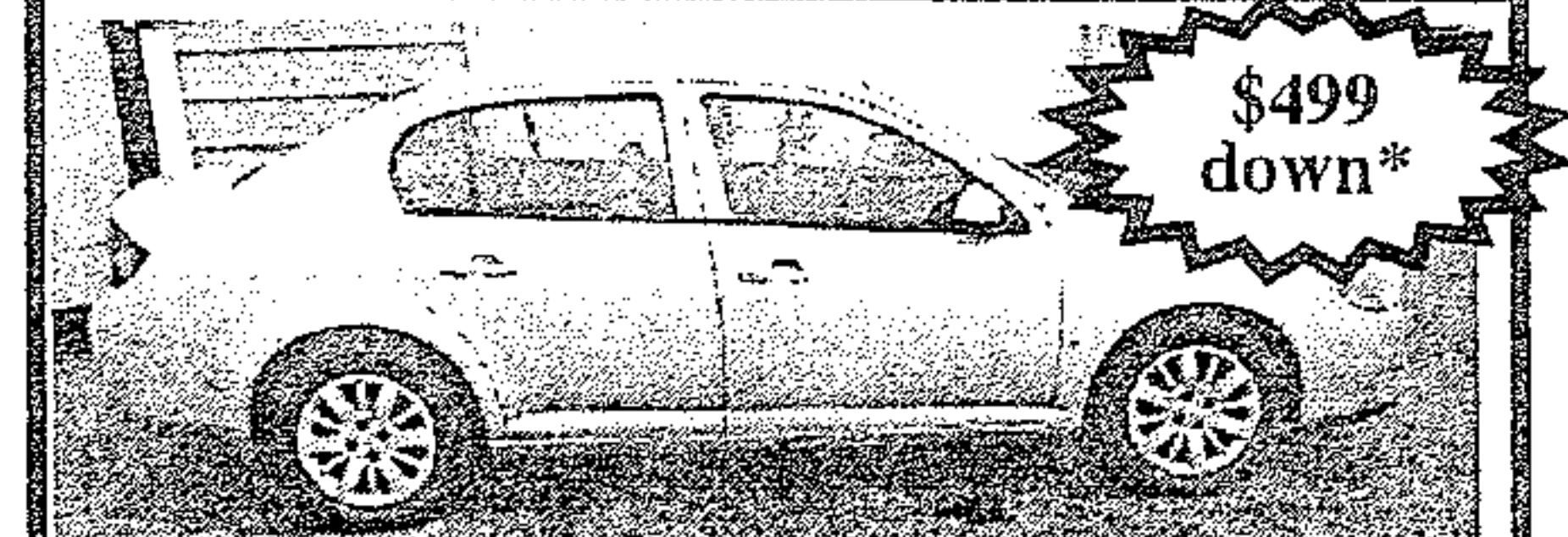
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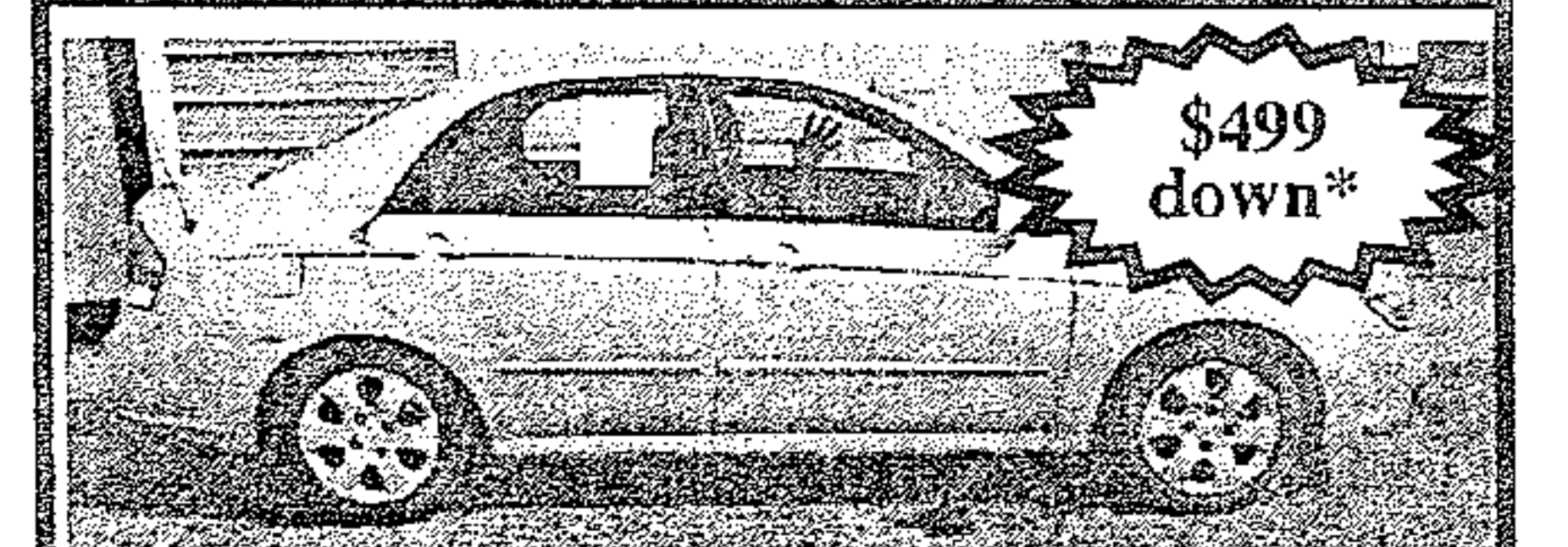
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