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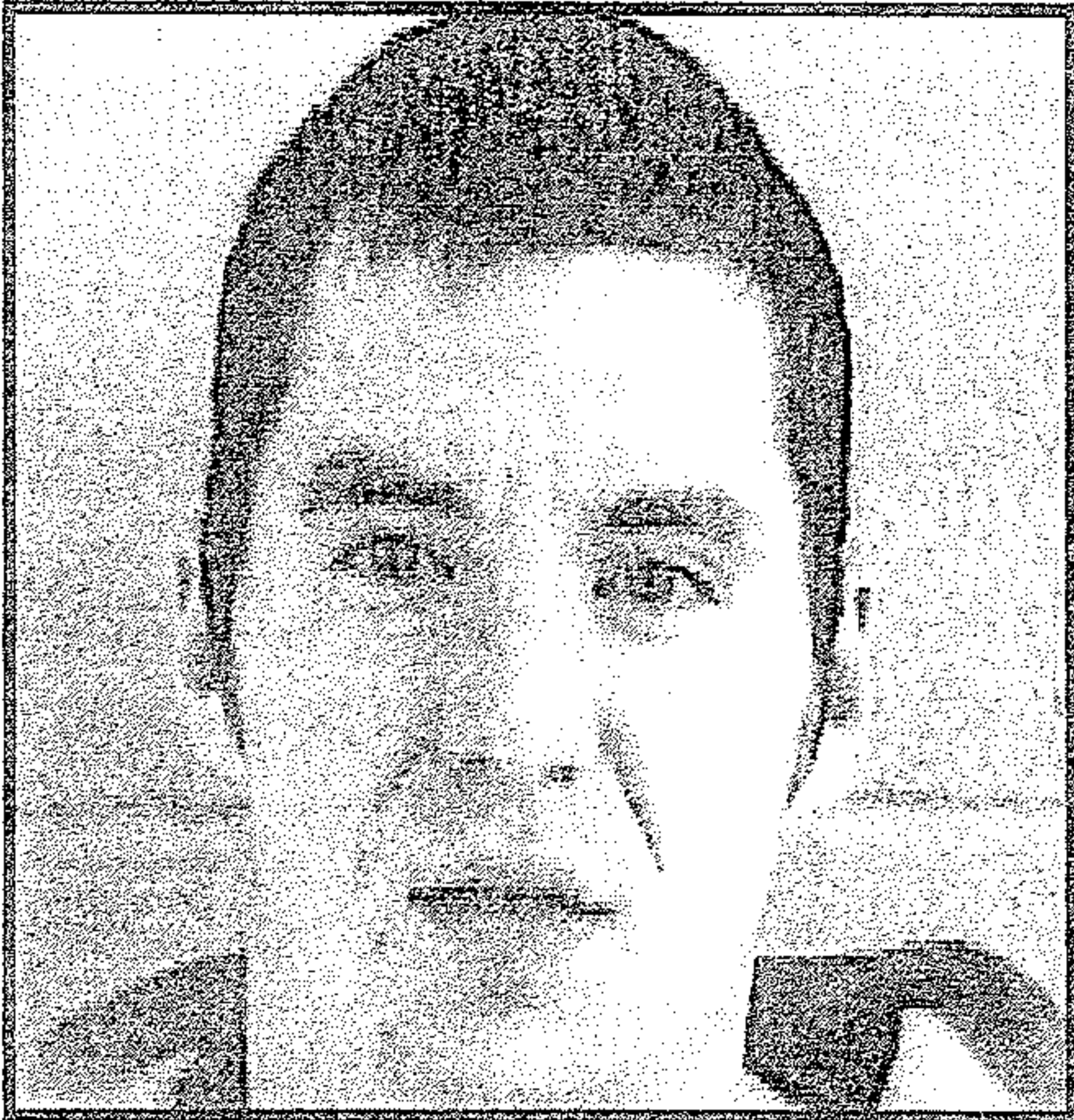
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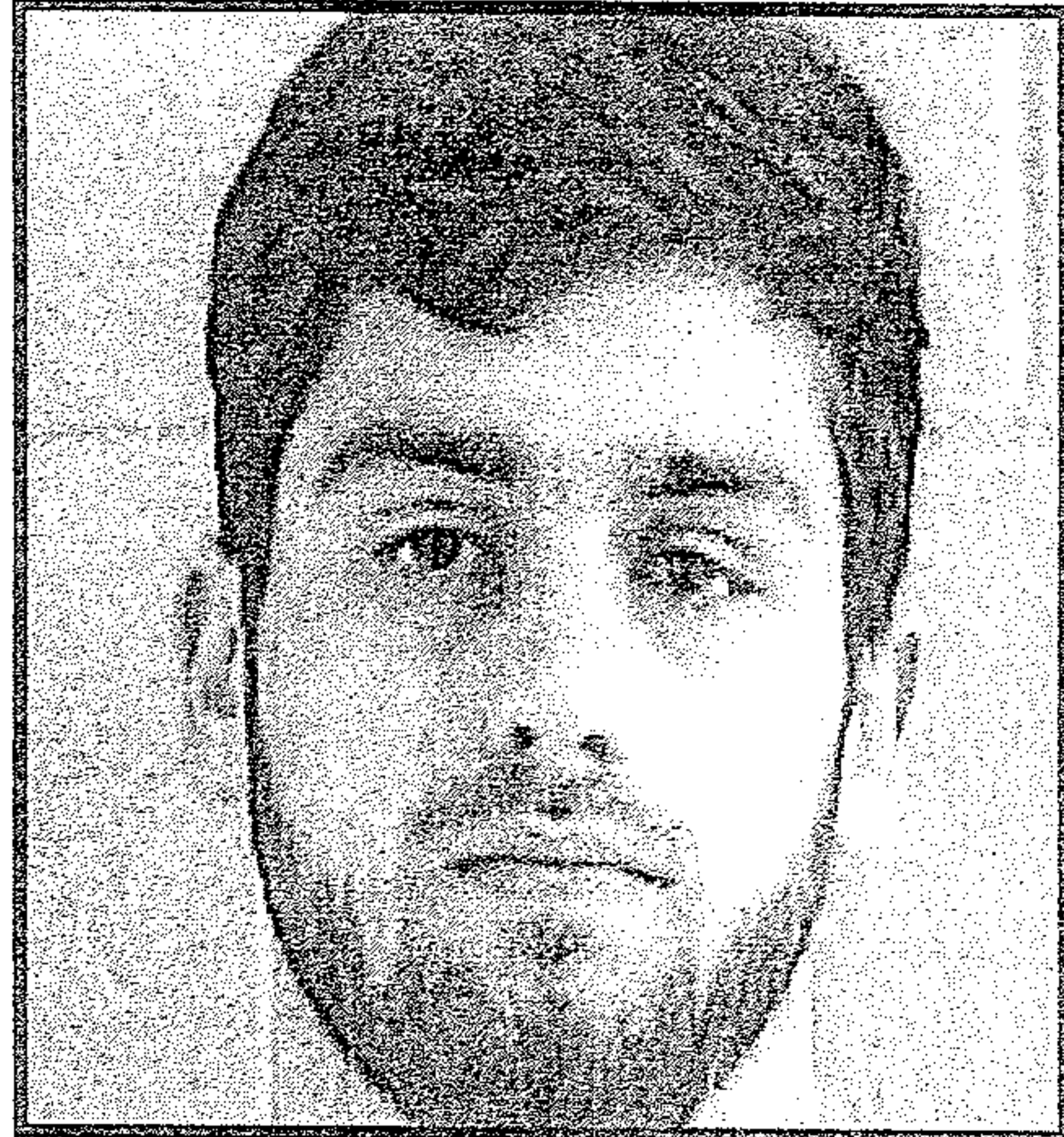
Wednesday, December 13, 2017

## Two charged with aggravated robbery over \$80

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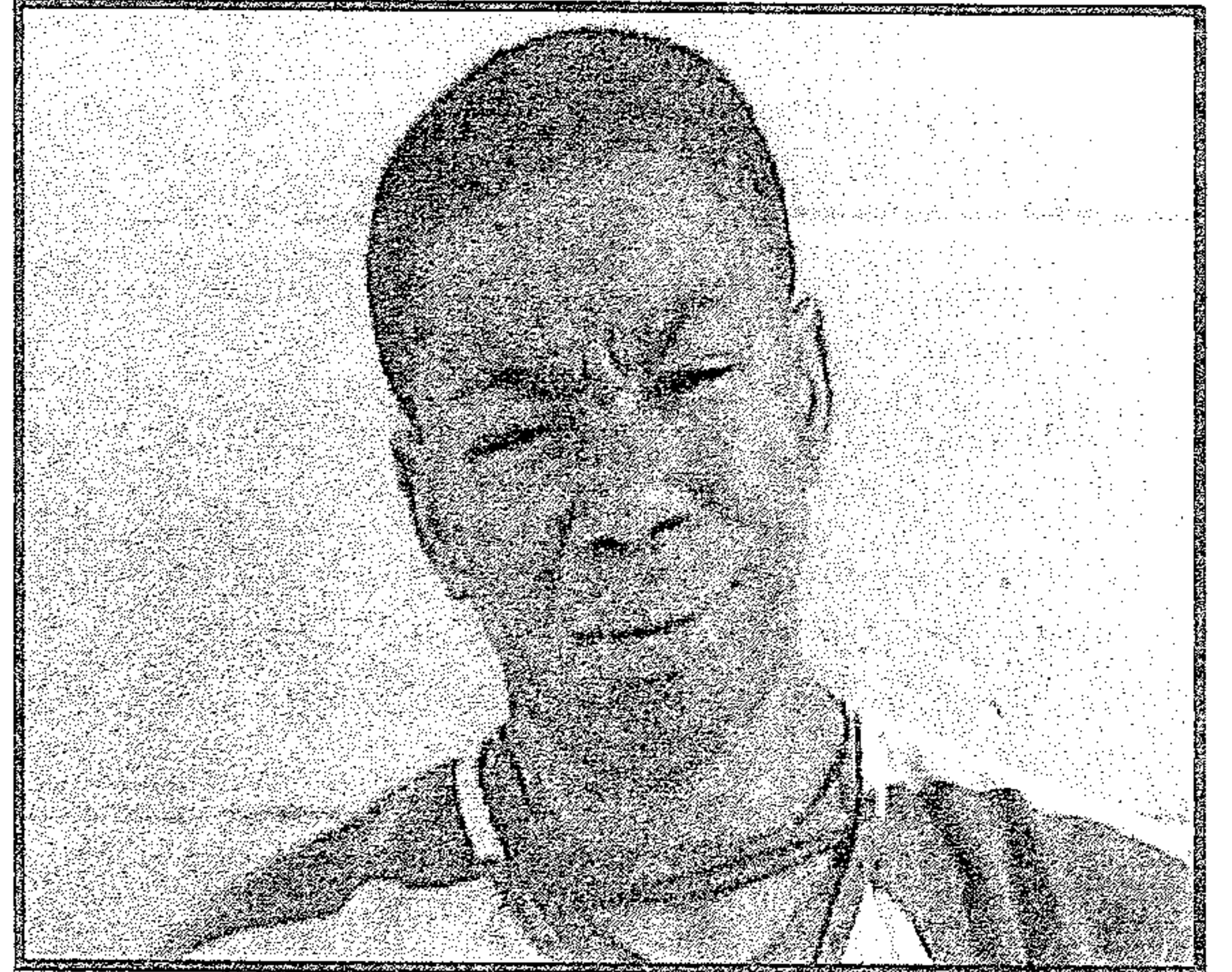


Christopher Lankford



Weldon Humphries

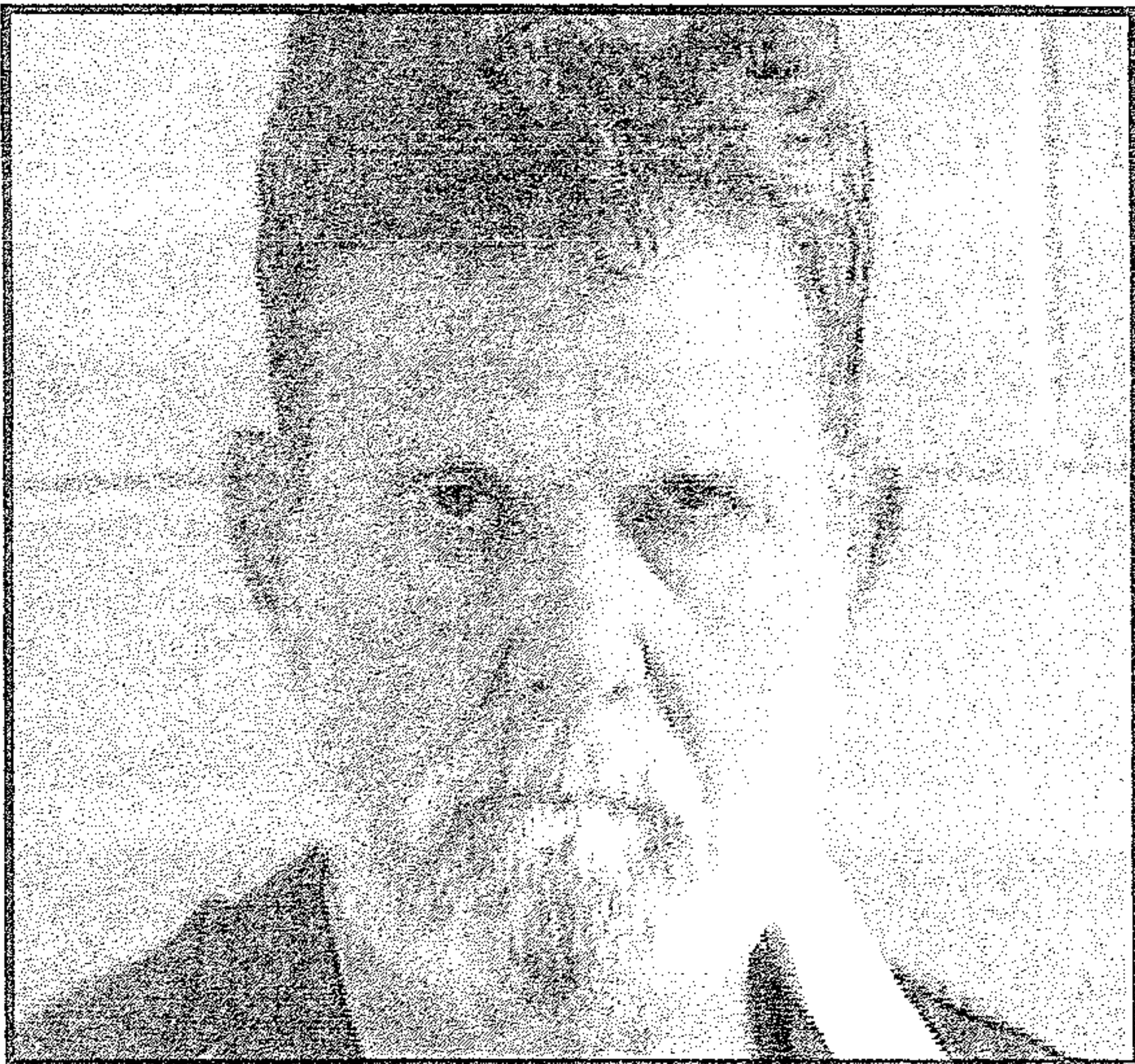
## Theft charge follows discovery of stolen chainsaws



Nicole Kerr

see Theft pg. 3

## DUI charge follows run in with power pole



Joseph Webb

see DUI pg. 5

**Comptroller's Office Reviews and Makes Recommendations Regarding TennCare Redetermination Process**  
The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has completed a review of TennCare's current process for redetermining Medicaid eligibility in the State of Tennessee. The review was prompted by a request from House Speaker Beth Harwell (R-Nashville), who became concerned by recent media reports surrounding the redetermination process.

see TNCare pg. 7

## Final individual sentenced in Illegal Steroid Conspiracy

On December 6, 2017, Kari Carter, 27, of Johnson City, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, to serve four months in prison for her role in a large illegal steroid conspiracy in east Tennessee. Upon her release from prison, she will be supervised by U.S. Probation for three years. Carter was the final of 22 defendants charged

in this scheme to be sentenced. All pleaded guilty and received the following sentences:

Defendant Name, Age, Residence, Prison Sentence, Supervised Release, Probation, Monetary Judgement, Forfeited Property

Joel Pasternak, 28, Johnson City, Tennessee 108 months, 3 years, \$2.8 million

Edward Pasternak,

(see Steroid pg. 4)



### Verse of the Day

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. — John 3:16

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

Sure hope you had a blast seeing George Strait in Vegas JB! Congratulation and Happy Anniversary to Mike and Janie!

### Weather

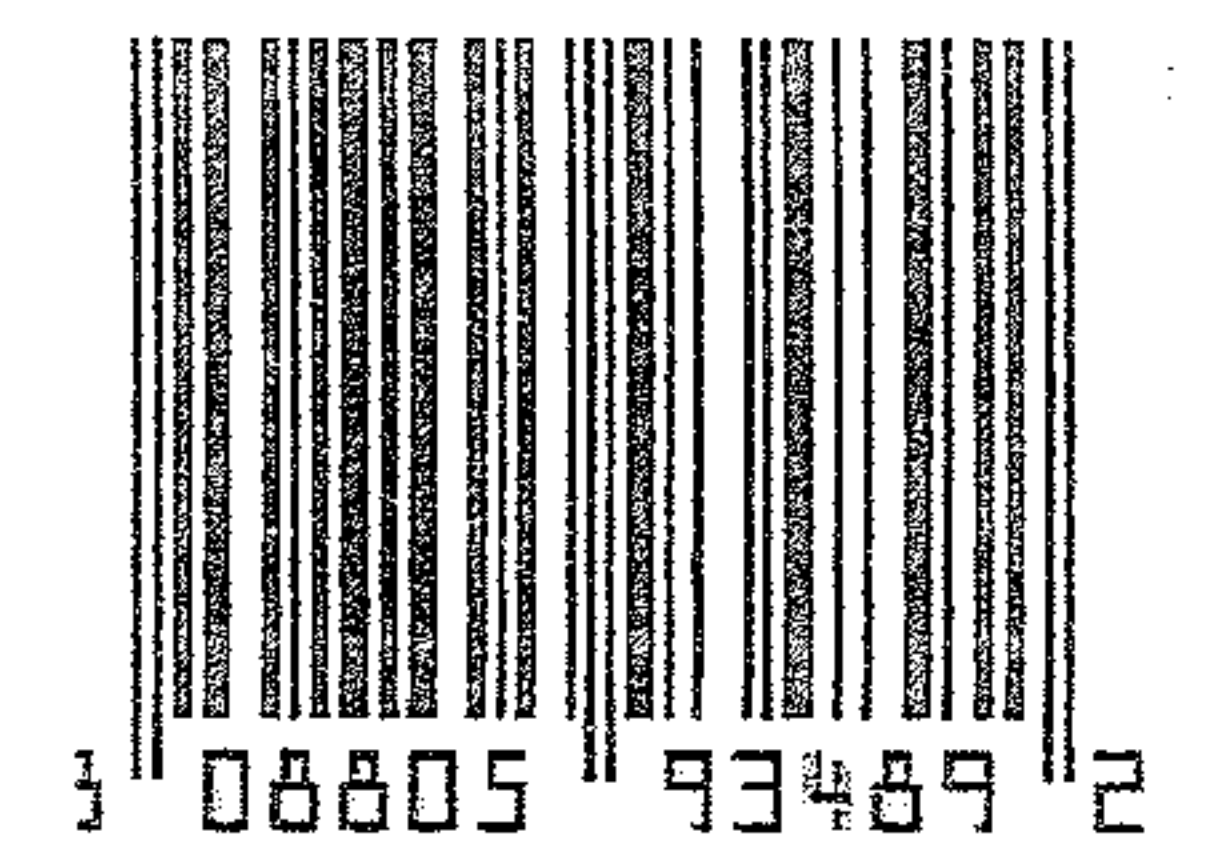
Today: Sunny. High of 45F.  
Tonight: Clear. low of 32F.  
Thursday: Partly cloudy. High of 44F.

Thursday night: Clear and cool. Low of 22F.

### Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21  
Your thoughts are bold and unrestrained today, empowering you to conjure up a storm of ideas that inspire

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**Robbery**

Christopher Lankford, 27, Manis Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Robbery, and Violation of Probation.

Weldon Humphries, 22, Hackney Chapel Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Robbery.

Christopher Lankford, Weldon Humphries and another male went to an address on Mealer Road with the intent to commit theft from victim. They were talking in the drive way and Victim invited the defendants in the residence as victim turned to walk toward the residence the male instructed victim not to

move. Weldon then ran past victim getting past him and the entrance of the door of the residence the male The male then exited the vehicle and pointed the shotgun at victim. Humphreys then slammed the victim on the outside of the residence and removed 80.00

dollars from victim pocket while the other male held the shotgun on victim. A witness did exit the residence and witness the incidence. Defendant did leave the residence I a dodge vehicle. Deputy did locate Humphreys and Lankford and placed them under arrest.

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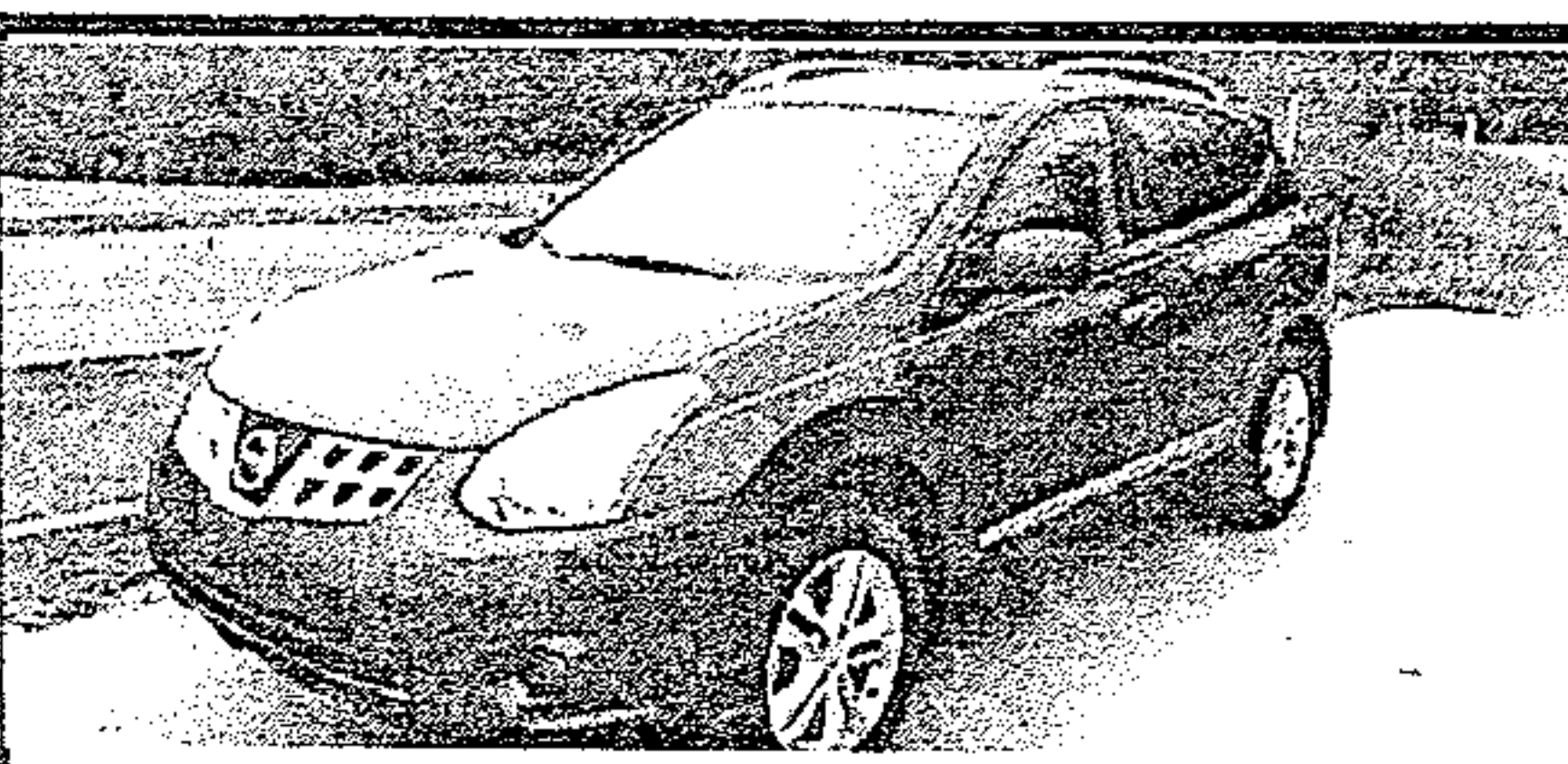


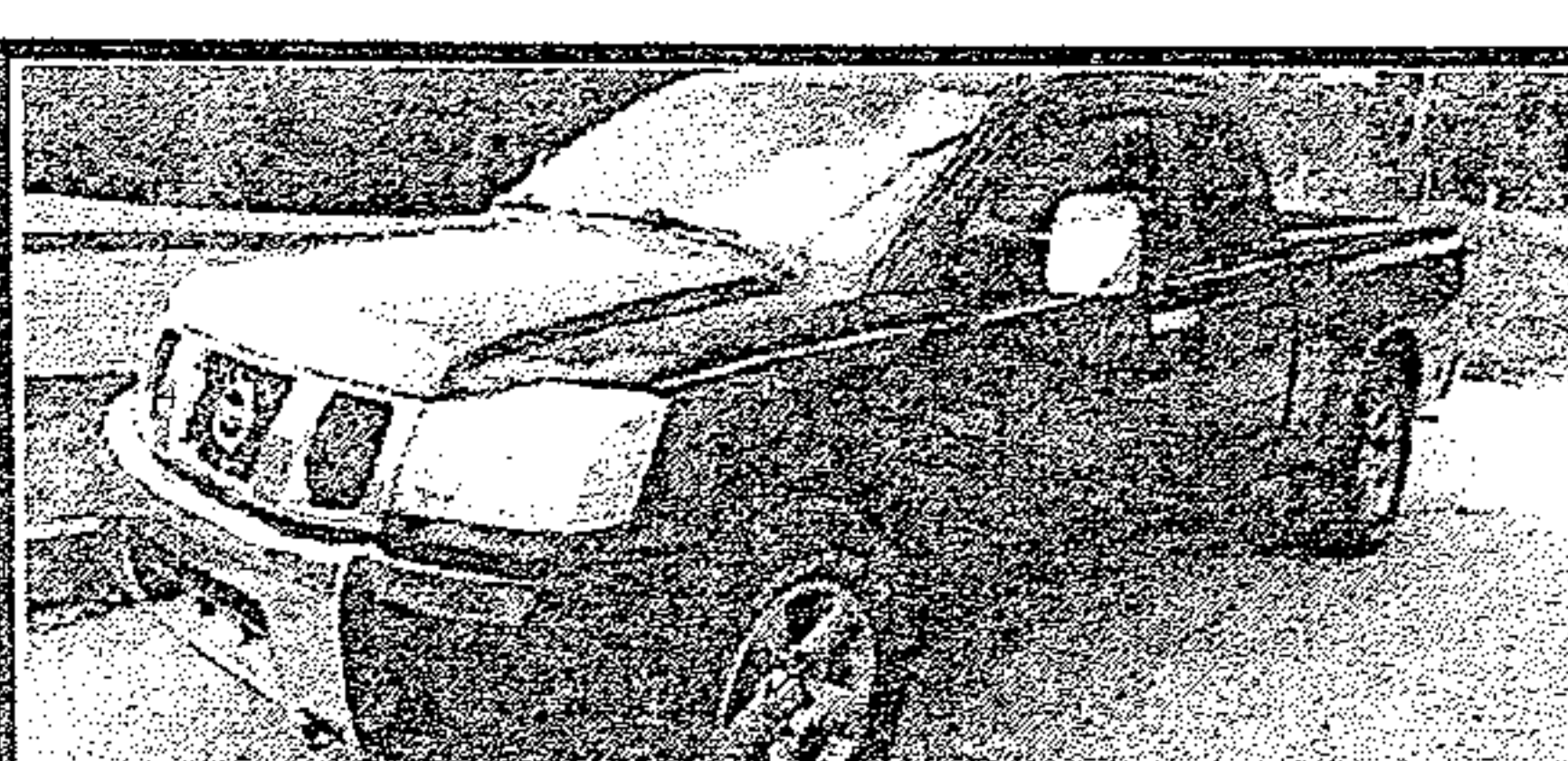

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**Theft**

Nicole Kerr, 30, Newton Road Lenoir City, was charged with Burglary, and Theft of Property.

Deputy Brian Smith LCSO, did respond to Highland Avenue in Loudon County for a call of burglary to an out building. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with victim that stated to officer on this date he found two chainsaws missing from his out building. The victim stated he last seen the chainsaws on November 11, 2017. Victim also stated witness had observed the suspect on the property on November 12, 2017 acting suspicious. Victim also stated the lock had been cut off the building and was miss-see theft ctd. pg. 5



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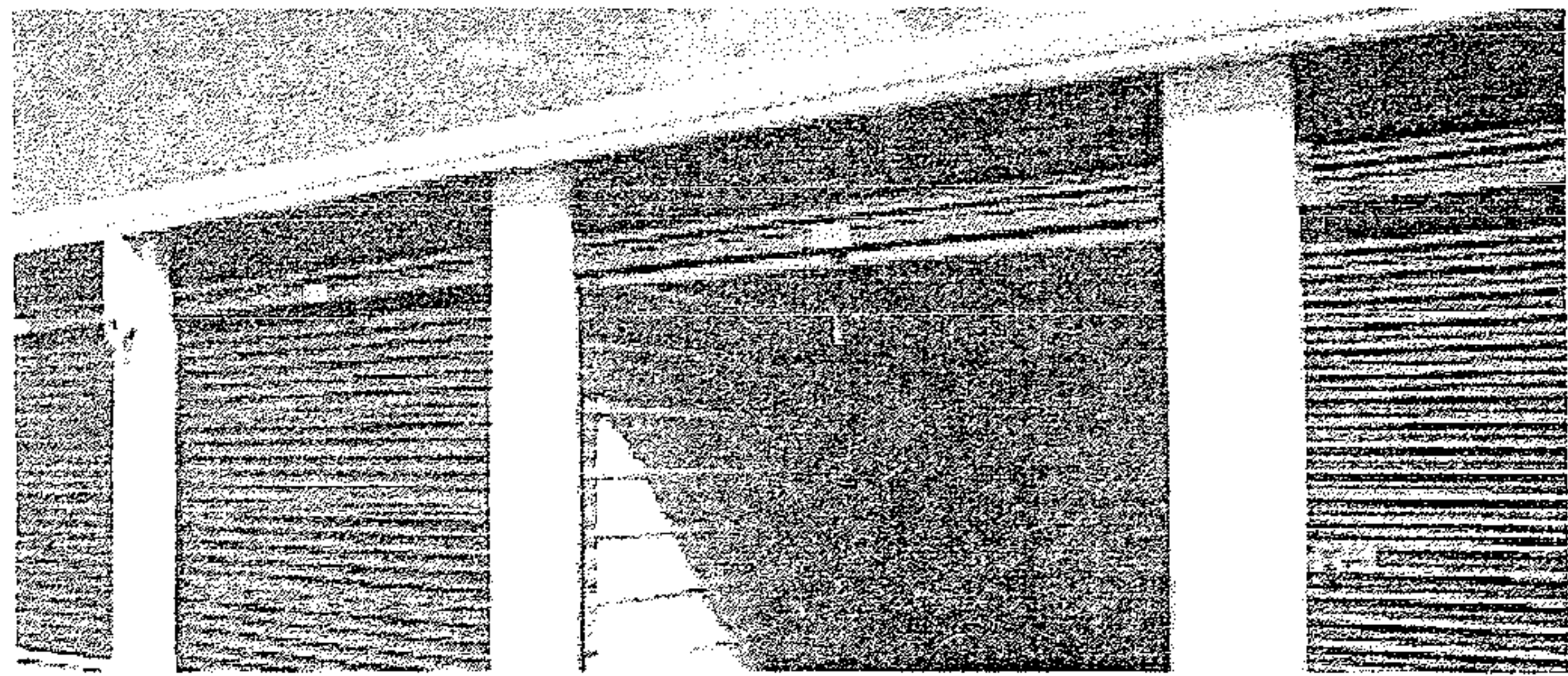
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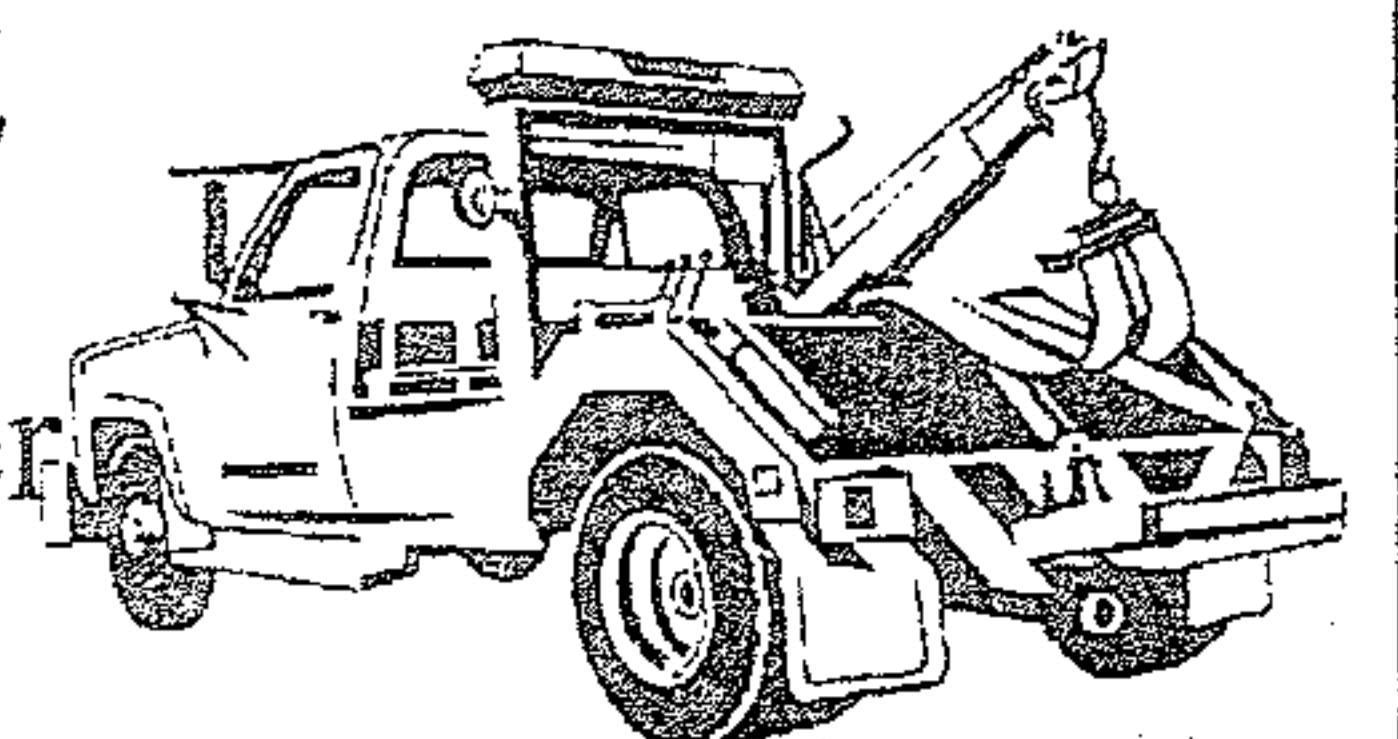
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**Steroid**

59, Newport, Tennessee, 36 months, 3 years, \$100,000 (jointly with Lori Pasternak), \$68,866 cash and property valued at \$80,000

Thomas Hensley Maxwell, 28, Johnson City, Tennessee, 30 months, 3 years, \$63,000

Daniel Boston, 33, Versailles, Kentucky, 27 months, 3 years

\$17,064, Heath Kershaw, 37, Fleetwood, North Carolina, 21 months, 3 years, \$50,000

John Allen, 32, Seminole, Florida, 18 months, 3 years, \$35,000

Lori Pasternak, 52, Newport, Tennessee, 12 months + 1 day, 3 years, \$100,000 (jointly with Edward Pasternak), \$68,866 cash and property valued at \$80,000

Matfey Lisovoy, 29, Knoxville, Tennessee, 15 months, 3 years, \$40,000

Nathan Urrutia, 34, Madison Heights, Michigan, 15 months, 3 years, \$30,000, \$20,840 cash

Christopher Jones, 37, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 37 months, 3 years, \$121,745

Glen Jenkins, 31, Knoxville, Tennessee, 4 months, 3 years, \$4300

William Gallant, 34, Sevierville, Tennessee, 90 days, 3 years, \$33,000

Richard Hensley, 34, Memphis, Tennessee, 5 years, \$61,000

Jared Pasternak, 23, Newport, Tennessee, 5 years, \$10,000, \$4680 cash

Joshua Pasternak, 32, Sevierville, Tennessee, 5 years, \$10,000

Michael VanLeeuwen, 36, Memphis, Tennessee, 4 years

Abigail Chester, 32, Farmington, New Mexico, 4 years, \$36,650

Mitchell Free, 32, Lula, Georgia, 4 years, \$17,542

Lauren Dean, 27, Jonesborough, Tennessee, 2 days, 4 years

Pamela Little, 28, Kingsport, Tennessee, 3 years, \$8000

Lindsey Smallman, 25, Johnson City, Tennessee, 3 years, \$8000

This scheme involved importing raw steroid powders shipped in misbranded packaging from China and other countries, which were converted to liquid, pill, and tablet form and marketed via the internet using the Incredible Hulk image and the name Hulkbody. Customers purchased the steroid products by sending money to Western Union, MoneyGram, and Walmart-to-Walmart Money Transfer using false identities. Over a three-year period, the Pasternak drug organization operated five different clandestine steroids labs in the Johnson City area, derived more than \$2.8 million in criminal proceeds, engaged in thousands of sales transactions, and involved a total of 22 co-conspirators. Law enforcement officers found what is described as one of the largest clandestine steroids lab in the United States as part of the investigation.

Agencies involved in this investigation included the Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Department

of Homeland Security Sheriff's Office, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Hel- Washington County en C.T. Smith and Frank

M. Dale, Jr., represented the United States in court proceedings.

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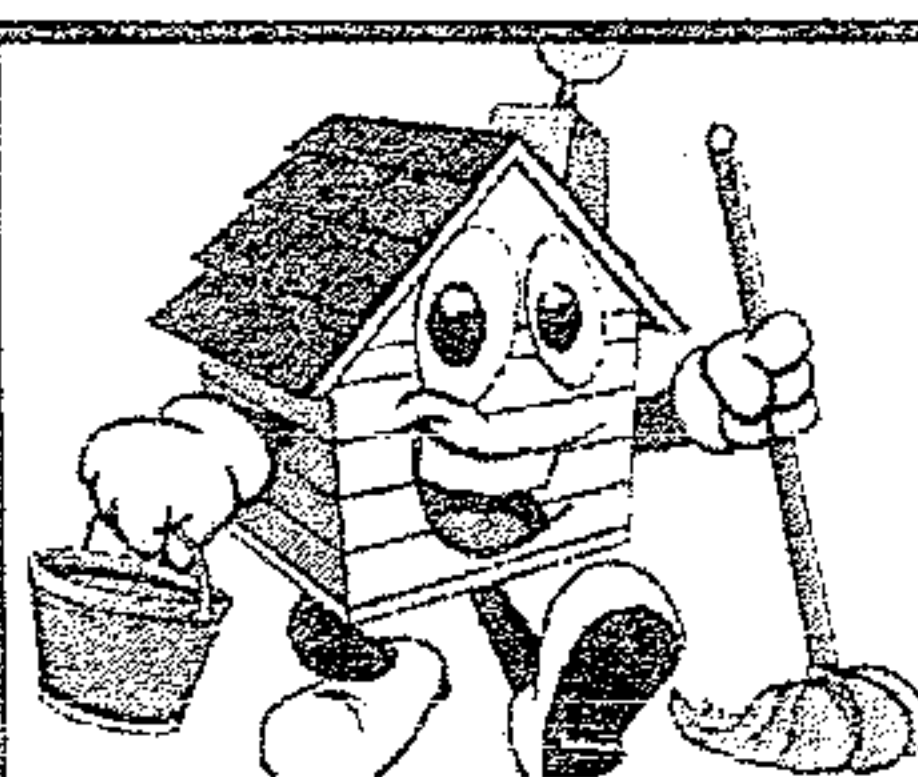
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**Time Change for Lenoir City Council Meetings**

Lenoir City Council will be changing the beginning time of their meetings to 6:00 P.M. effective January 2018. The meetings will still be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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**DUI**

Joseph Webb, 60, Trail View Drive Loudon, was charged with DUI.

Sgt. Michael Watkins LCSO, was dispatched to a vehicle accident at Webb Dr. Loudon. Upon arrival there was a gray Toyota Camry that was wrecked into a metal canopy and a utility pole. The driver identified himself as a Mr. Joseph Russell Webb. Mr. Webb had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage about his person and was unable to stand on his feet unassisted due to his intoxicated state. When asked Mr. Webb stated that a dog ran out into his lane of travel and he swerved to miss the animal. Due to the severity of the accident, Deputy had EMS come to the scene to check Mr. Webb for injuries. Mr. Webb was cleared by Ems and agreed to perform field sobriety task and did so poorly. Mr. Joseph Russell Webb was arrested for driving under the influence. Mr Webb did consent to a breath test that was administered at the Loudon County Jail and he registered a

.15 BAC. This did occur in Loudon County.

**Theft ctd. from pg. 3**

ing. Victim did contact dispatch on this same date at 1800 and stated he was at Turman Drive and had located the chainsaws. Upon arrival victim stated the male had told him that the suspect had sold the chainsaws to a male.

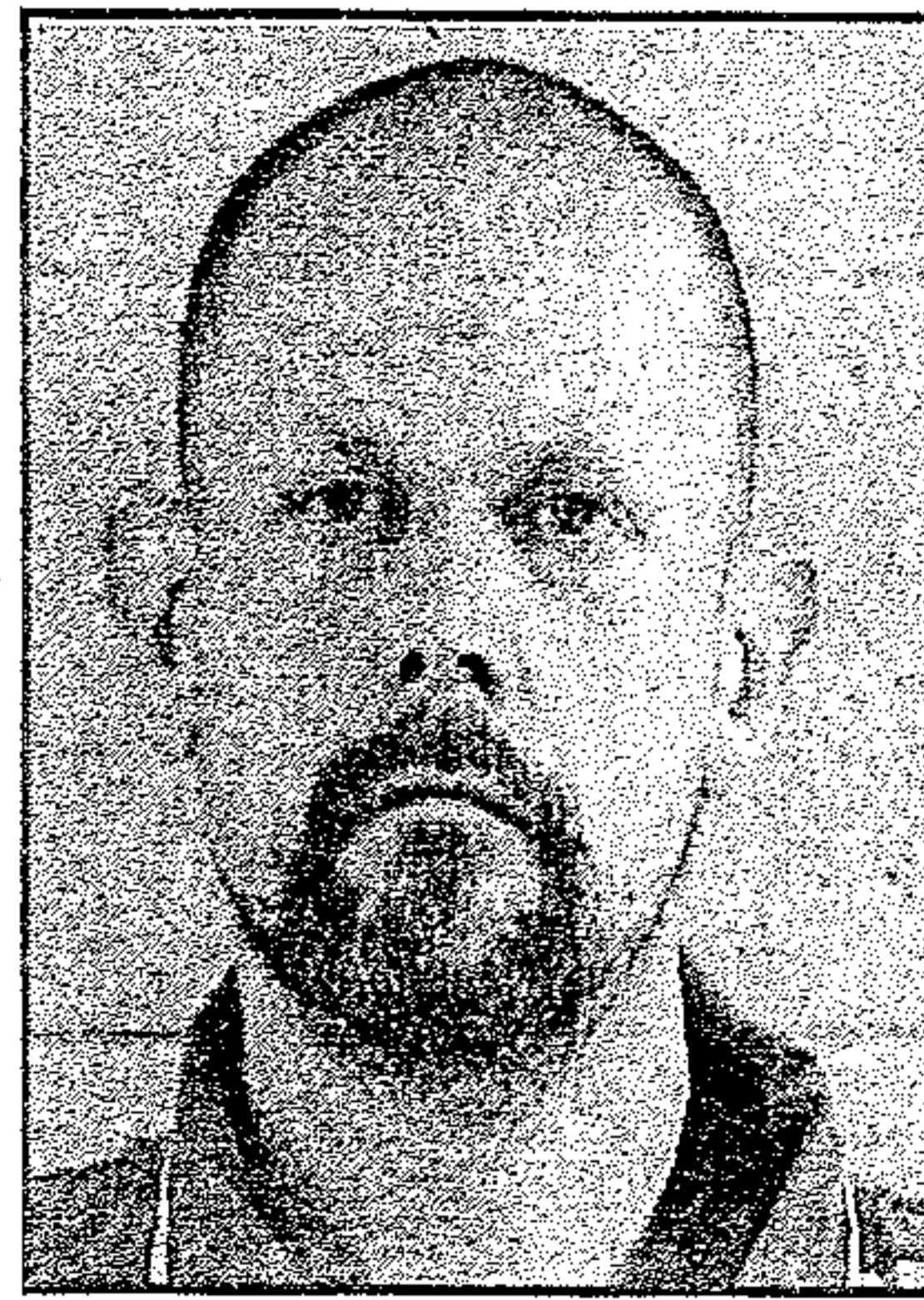
The victim stated he did contact the male and advised him the chainsaws were stolen. Deputy did give the male a property receipt and turned the chainsaws back over to victim. Deputy also did contact INV. Smith and INV. Cosner and advised them of the call. After an investigation Nicole Kerr was placed under arrest.

**Meth found after man found stealing power**

John Sentell, 40, Gay Street Loudon, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Theft of Property.

Officer Kenny Ridings LPD, received call about someone with

a drop cord plugged into a adjoining house without owners permission at commerce St Loudon Tn. Officer Found a yellow drop cord running into apt gray stone apt knocked on door found defendant inside residence this is a repeat call of the



John Sentell

same nature defendant was asked to step outside he took his coat off and threw it across the room checked coat pocket found 5 individual small packets of what is believed to be methamphetamine placed defendant under arrest transported to Loudon County Jail.

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TNCare  
 Comptroller auditors examined TennCare's history with the re-determination process and how it changed to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. The ACA required states to annually assess a member's Medicaid eligibility based on new income standards. TennCare is currently developing a computer-based system to determine eligibility, but that system will not be fully online until early 2019. In the meantime, TennCare received permission from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to use other methods for redetermin-

ing eligibility, including mailing a 98-page packet to members' homes. Comptroller auditors reviewed a series of problems and concerns which have been raised by TennCare members. Members have identified issues with coverage being terminated without warning, lengthy call center wait times, coverage being temporarily lost when packets are returned by the due date, and other problems. The review includes information on each of these concerns and, in several cases, a recommendation on how the concern can be addressed. For example, Comptroller auditors

suggest that TennCare consider providing enrollees with a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope to return their redetermination packet. The Comptroller's Office has submitted its review to Speaker Harwell and posted the report on the Comptroller's website. To view the full report online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/sa/>. 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](http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/hotline). Follow us on twitter @TNCOT

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The Loudon County Government Committee meetings and workshop scheduled for December 18, 2017 have been cancelled.



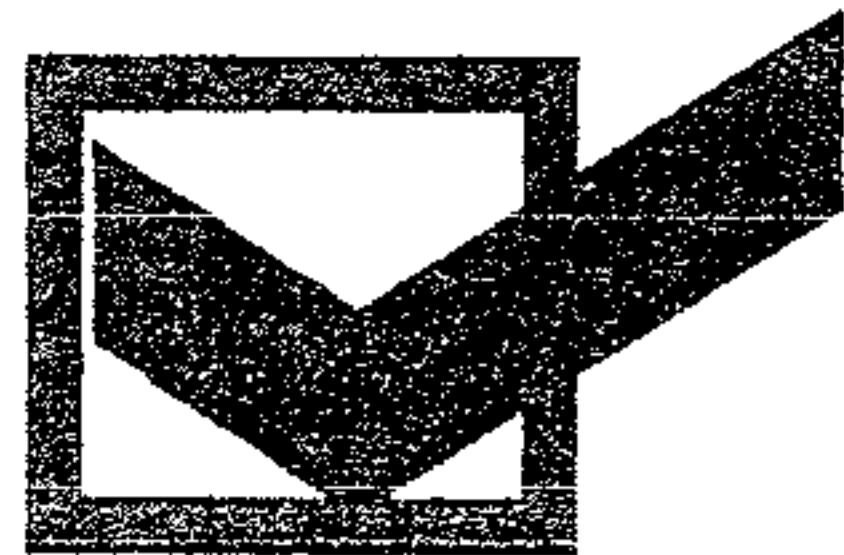
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