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Friday, December 15, 2017

Over 2x the limit; wrong side of interstate and didn't know!

Two charged following call over cheating

see DV pg. 3

Romelia Francisco, 23, Sevier Ave Knoxville, was charged with DUI, and Reckless Endangerment.

Deputy Z. Frye LCSO, responded to multiple reports of a vehicle traveling northbound on I-75 in the southbound lanes around the 68 mile marker. Deputy made initial contact with the

(see Reckless pg. 2)



Romelia Francisco



Lauren Sigmon



Dylan Graves

Meth discovered on revoked driver after stop

Theft charge for Philly man at Walmart



Tabitha McMillan

see Meth pg. 5



Roberto Medina

see Theft pg. 7

10 Years of Digital Billboards Partnership Brings Safety Messages Directly to the Public

When alleged Florida gang member Demeko Wells was wanted for credit card fraud and identify theft earlier this year, he noticed his own photo on a digital billboard alert in the Tampa area, and he knew his days of freedom were numbered.

The next day, Wells turned himself into police and pleaded guilty to several charges. In

October, he was sentenced to nearly five years in prison.

This is just one of many examples of the FBI working with the outdoor advertising industry to place timely, critical information directly in the public's view on electronic roadside billboards. These messages can be produced and posted quickly after a crime

(see Billboards pg. 4)



Verse of the Day

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. — John 3:17

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Can you believe Christmas is almost here? Just around the corner now!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy.

High of 41F.

Tonight: Clear. low of 26F.

Saturday: Mostly sunny. High of 51F.

Saturday night: Clear and cool. Low of 32F.

Sunday: Showers

through the day. High of 48F.

Sunday night: Showers. Low of 44F.

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

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Reckless

vehicle around the 73 mile marker in the southbound lanes. Deputy used my patrol car to block both southbound lanes in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The vehicle then drove around his patrol car and continued to traveling northbound in the southbound lanes. Dep-

uty was able to catch up to the vehicle at approximately the 75 mile marker, at which time the vehicle did stop and pull her vehicle into the median. Deputy made contact with the driver and initially noticed the driver to have bloodshot and watery eyes and slurred speech. The driver was identified as Romelia Francisco.

The driver stated she did not know that she was driving the wrong way. Deputy asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and when she did she took her foot off the brake and the vehicle began to roll forward. Once out of the vehicle Deputy could smell the odor of al-

cohol coming from her breathe and she was unsteady on her feet. Deputy asked the driver if she had drank any alcohol tonight and she stated 3 drinks at approximately 1;00 am. She stated she had left Drakes Bar in Knoxville and went to drop see Reckless ctd. pg. 4



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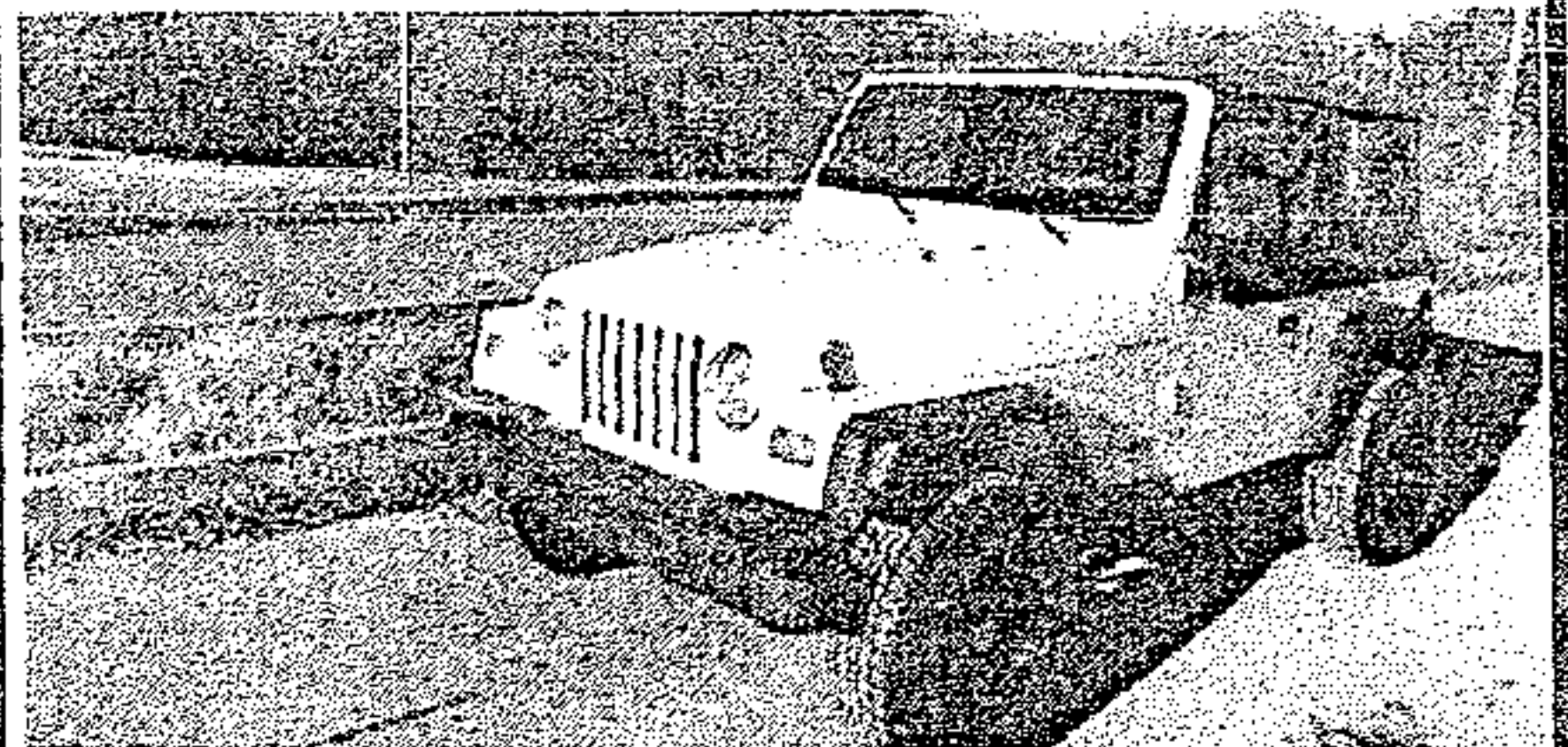
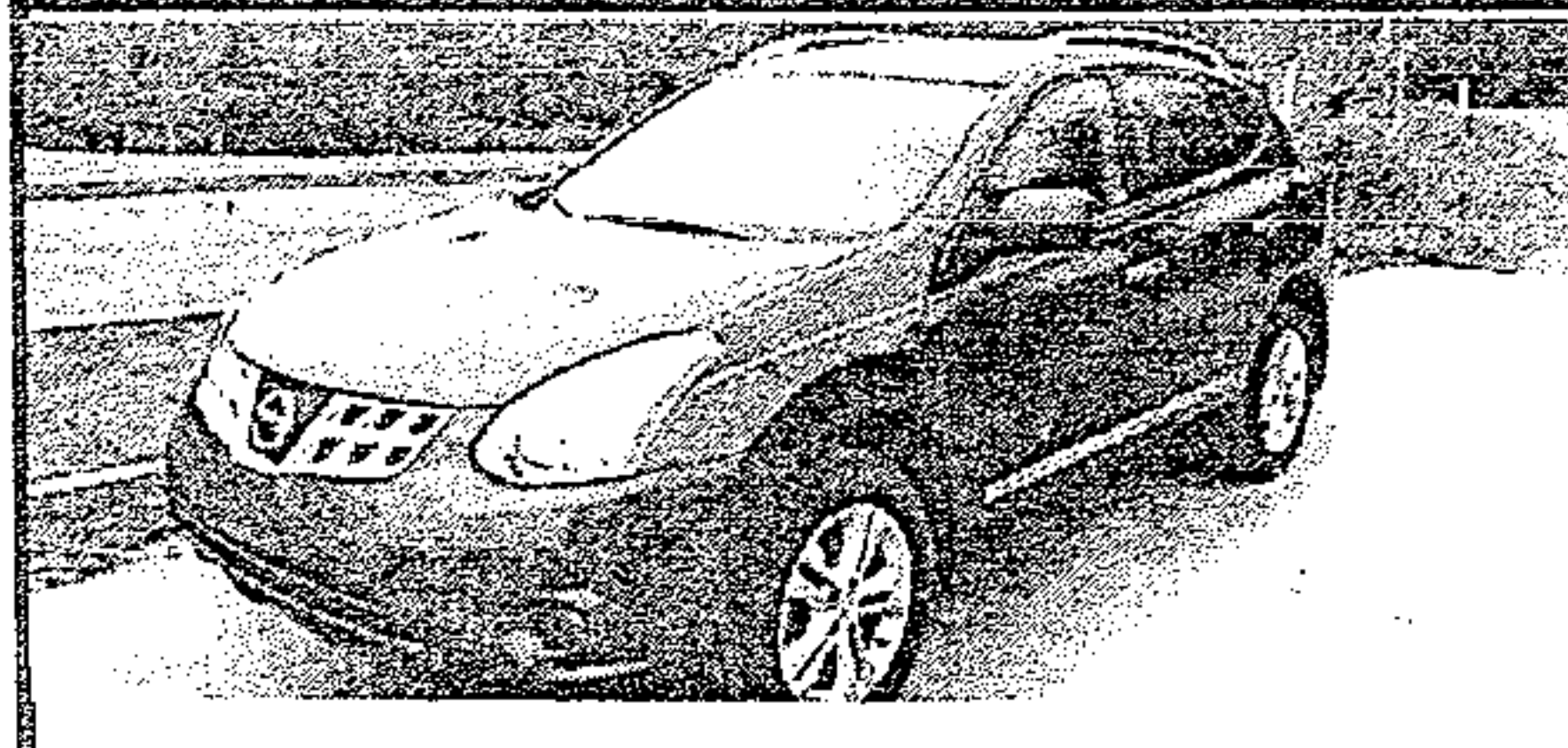


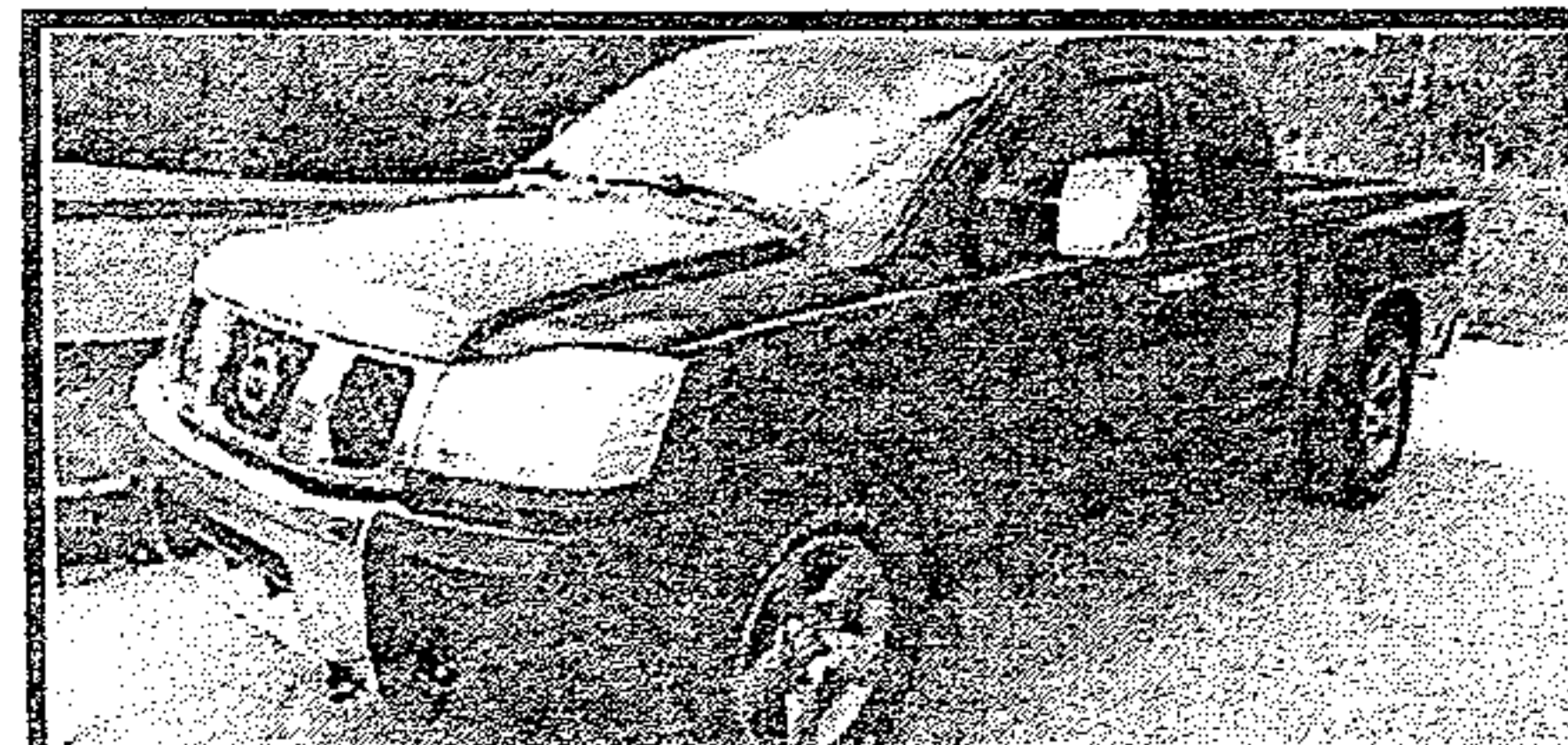

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DV

Lauren Sigmon, 32, West Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Dylan Graves, 24, West Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Deputy Chance Gray LCSO, along with Deputy Anderson, Deputy Scarborough, and Sgt. Watkins, responded to West Lane in reference to a disturbance. Dispatch advised the complainant had stated there was a female screaming, "he's going to kill me" in front of the above residence. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with Dylan Graves and Lauren Sigmon.

Dylan stated he told Lauren, his girlfriend, he had see DV ctd. pg. 5



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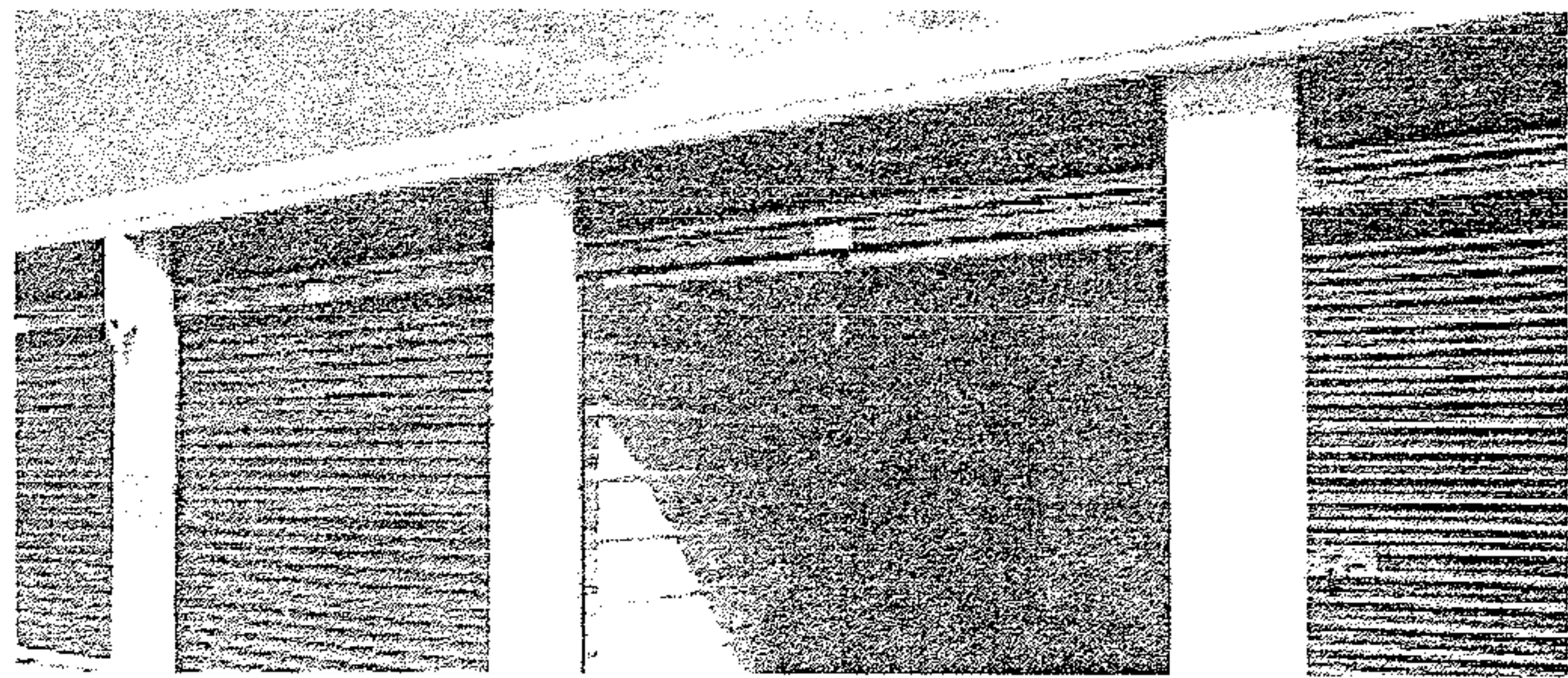
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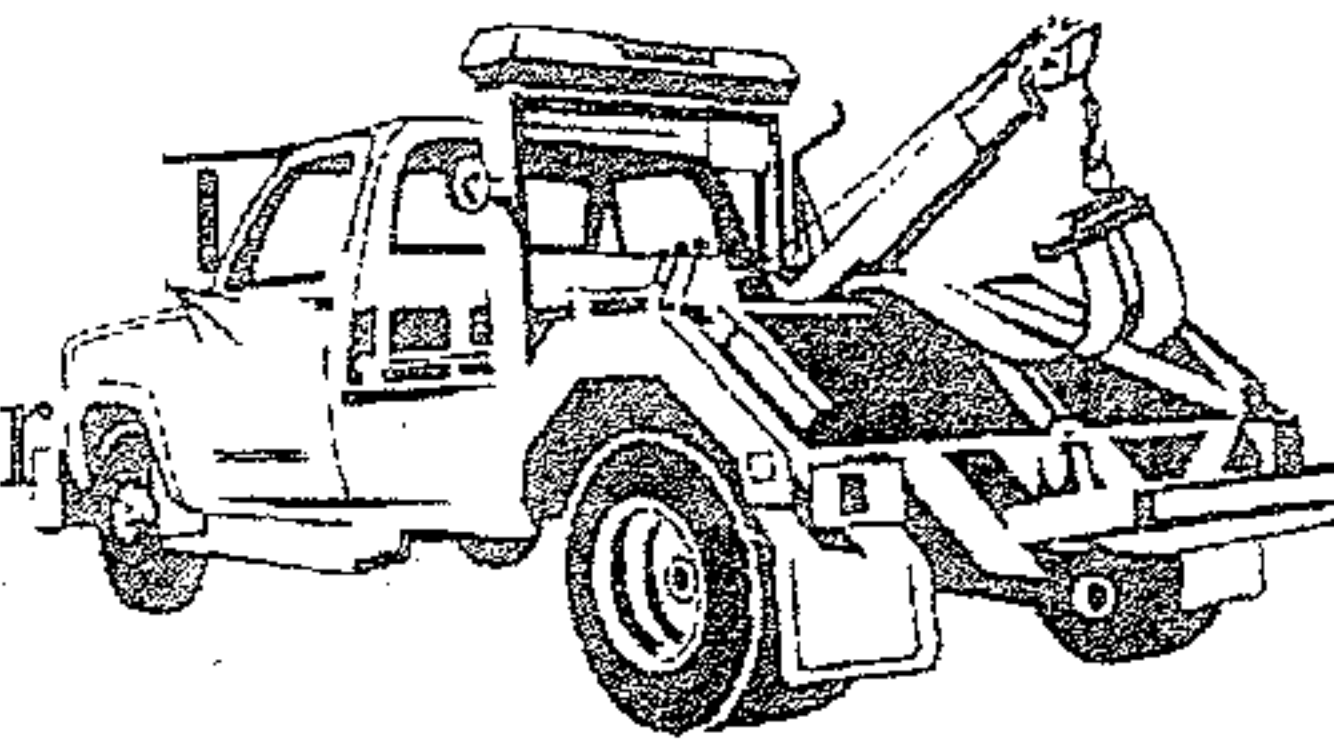
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Billboards

occurs or a person goes missing, and they can be targeted to specific geographic areas.

While some billboard alerts focus on wanted criminals, including the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives, many also cover important safety reminders, often tailored to the local area. Public safety messages on billboards remind the public to call the FBI with information on issues such as Internet crime, laser strikes, border corruption, human trafficking, and identity theft.

Electronic billboards are also a key tool in getting information from the public in a crisis when investigative speed is critical. In the immediate aftermath of the Route 91 Harvest Festival shooting on October 1, the FBI posted a seeking information message on billboards around Las Vegas and received more than 4,000 tips from the public.

Created in December 2007, the National Digital Billboard Initiative has directly led to 57 fugitive captures and has assisted with numerous other investigations. The FBI can place information on up to 7,300 billboards in 46 states. Additionally, in some cities, the messages can be broadcast via digital message boards in bus shelters or digital newsstands.

"Our digital billboard program gets results and helps us keep the public safe."

Christopher Allen, unit chief, FBI Office of Public Affairs

"Our digital billboard program gets results and helps us keep the public safe," said FBI Office of Public Affairs Unit Chief Christopher Allen, whose office manages the program. "Our private sector partners in the outdoor advertising industry help us target critical messages to the public in a timely fashion. These billboards have helped us solve complex crimes, arrest dangerous fugitives, and raise awareness on threats ranging from sex trafficking to border corruption."

Outdoor advertising companies donate available space, as a public service, and the FBI's messages rotate in and out along with paid advertising. The FBI messages are visible for approximately 10 seconds.

"Posters empowering the public to help law enforcement pre-date Jesse James," said Nancy Fletcher, president and CEO of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America (OAAA). "As media changed, the FBI has kept pace by using digital billboards and other modern media to communicate with a mobile public on behalf of safety."

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her friend off at an unknown location and then left to drive back to her house in Knoxville. Deputy asked the driver

if she would be willing to conduct field sobriety and she did consent. Ms. Francisco was then read her Miranda Rights and then transported to the Marathon gas station off of the 72 exit ramp to conduct standardized field sobriety tests. Ms. Francisco preformed poorly on all tests given and was placed in custody for driving under the influence and reckless endangerment. Deputy read the Tennessee Implied Consent form and she did agree to submit to a breath sample. She was then transported to the jail. Ms. Francisco gave two sufficient blood samples: .174 and .162. The vehicle was towed by Moneymakers. This occurred in Loudon County.

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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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Meth

Tabithia McMillan, 28, Honeysuckle Hills Loudon, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a Tan GMC Envoy at the intersection of Honeysuckle Hills and Steekee Road. The driver of the vehicle was not wearing a seat belt. Upon stopping the vehicle the driver was identified as Tabithia Mcmillan. Ms. Mcmillan's hands were shaky, she had pin point eyes, and she appeared nervous. Upon running Ms. Mcmillan through dispatch she was found to be driving on a suspended driver license.

Deputy asked Ms. Mcmillan for consent to search her vehicle and she agreed. Found in Ms. Mcmillan's purse was (2) baggies with a small amount of Crystal Meth (less than half a gram). Ms. Mcmillan was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail. This did happen in Loudon County.

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cheated on her a year prior. Dylan then stated Lauren became upset and a intense verbal argument ensued resulting in several items in the residence being damaged. Deputy did observe Dylan's left ear to be red and slightly swollen. Dylan stated Lauren tried scratched him.

Deputy then spoke with Lauren and she confirmed the same account of events as Dylan except she denied striking him or damaging property throughout the residence. Lauren stated Dylan had threw items at her during the argument. Deputy observed red marks to Lauren's left shoulder area. Lauren stated she believes she fell down but could not remember. Both parties were uncooperative. No primary aggressor could be determined. Based on the totality of circumstances and for the safety of both parties, both parties were taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. A TN license plate was laying in plain view in the kitchen floor and

was confirmed to be stolen out of Knox County, TN. The TN plate was placed into evidence. All occurred in Loudon County, TN.

Police beat

Thomas Townsend, 35, Harrison Bend Road Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officer Jonathan Yates LPD, responded to Har-

rison Bend Rd, Loudon TN in reference to a domestic disturbance. The call was made by a friend of the victim who heard the fight over the phone.

Upon arrival and walking up on the porch, Officer could hear a male making verbal threats of violence towards another person in the house.

Upon making contact, Officer identified the male

as Thomas J. Townsend and the female (victim). They were the only two adults present. They live together and have a child together. Sgt. Mike Newman and Officer separated the parties to interview them. The victim was visibly upset and stated to have been in an argument

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Theft

Roberto Medina, 27, Sitzler Road Philadelphia, was charged with Theft of Property.

Agents with the 9th Drug Task Force were conducting a shoplifting task force at Walmart on Hwy 321 in Lenoir City, Tn. Agents were notified by Loss Prevention that he observed a hispanic male pass all points of sale and made no attempt to pay for an item he had on the bottom of his buggy. Contact was made with the male in the parking lot and he was identified as Roberto Medina. Agents located the item in question on the bottom of the buggy which was identified as a queen size air mattress and Medina could not produce a receipt for the

item. The total amount of the stolen item is \$151.51. These actions did happen in Loudon County, TN.

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with Townsend. She states that this is an ongoing problem and he has caused her physical harm. Tonight she was threatened with bodily harm if she were to call the police

and had her friend call out of fear for her own safety. Mr. Townsend aggressively entered the room Officer was in with the victim. He was being loud and would not listen to our instructions to stay away. His actions were an attempt to intimidate the witness into not telling us what was going on. Mr. Townsend was deter-

mined to be the primary aggressor and was arrested. Officer contacted the friend by phone and she gave him her version of what she heard. She stated to hear Townsend make threats of violence against the victim if she called the police. Townsend was transported to jail.


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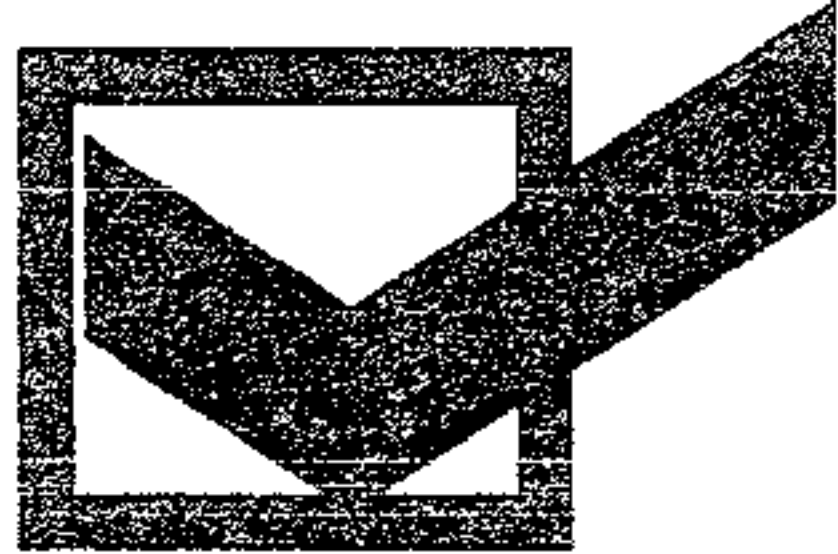

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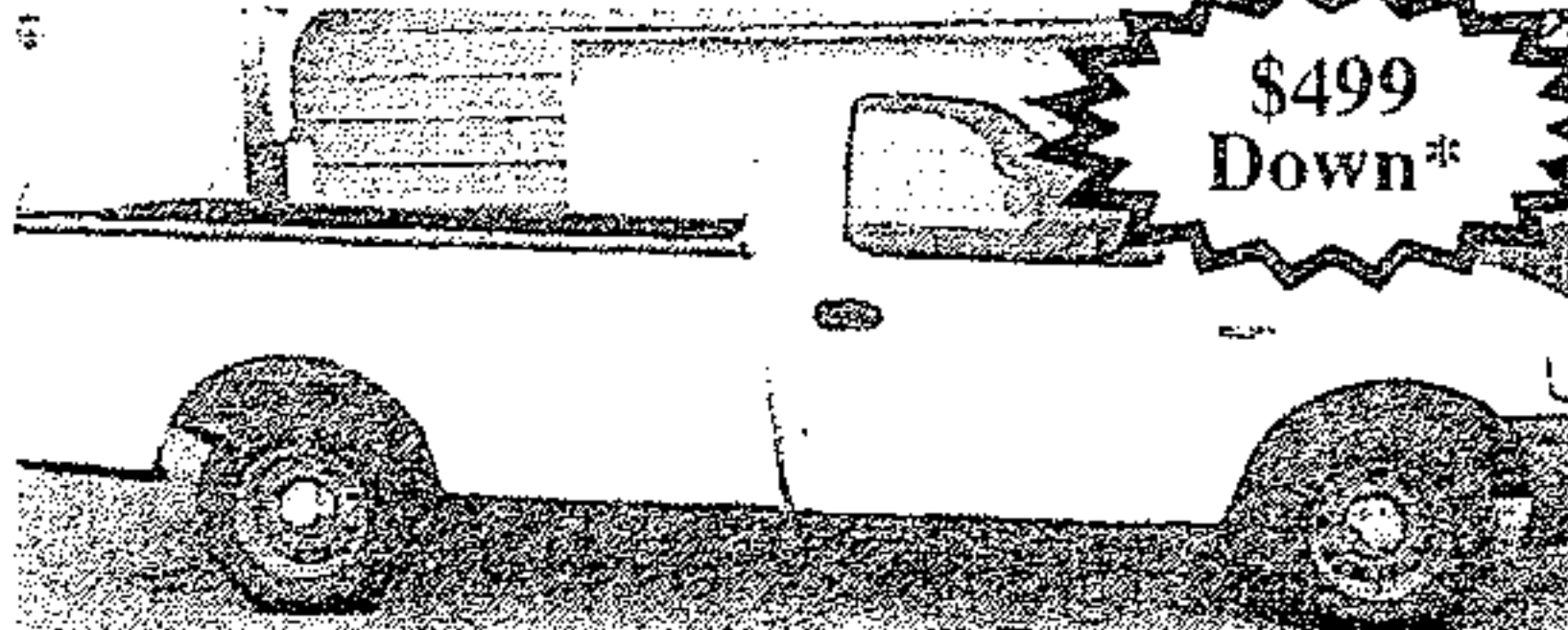


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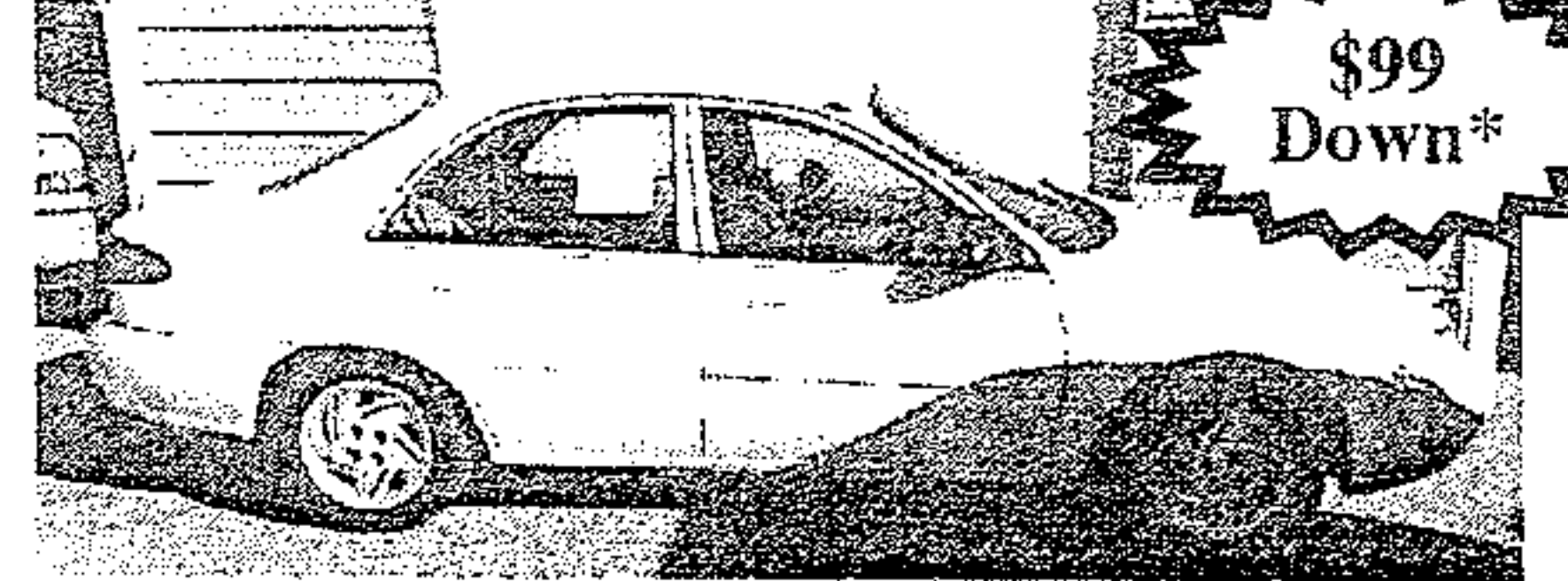
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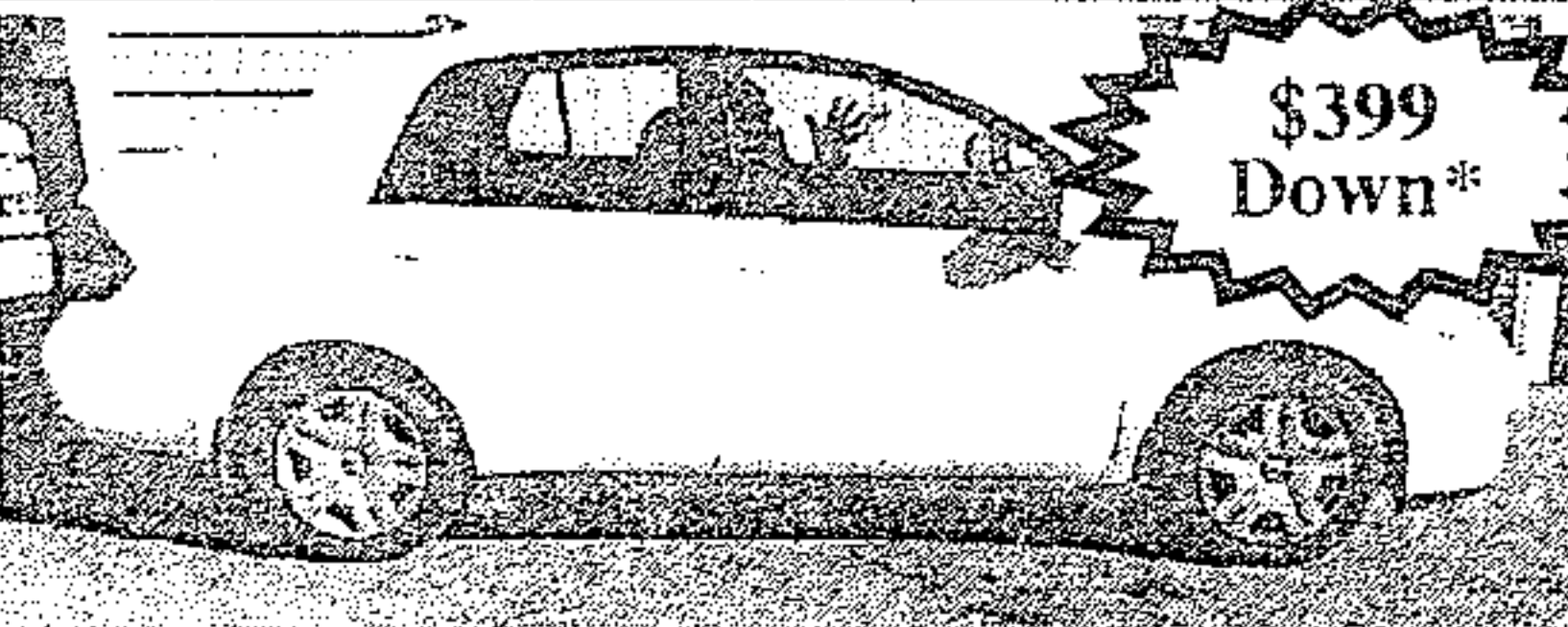
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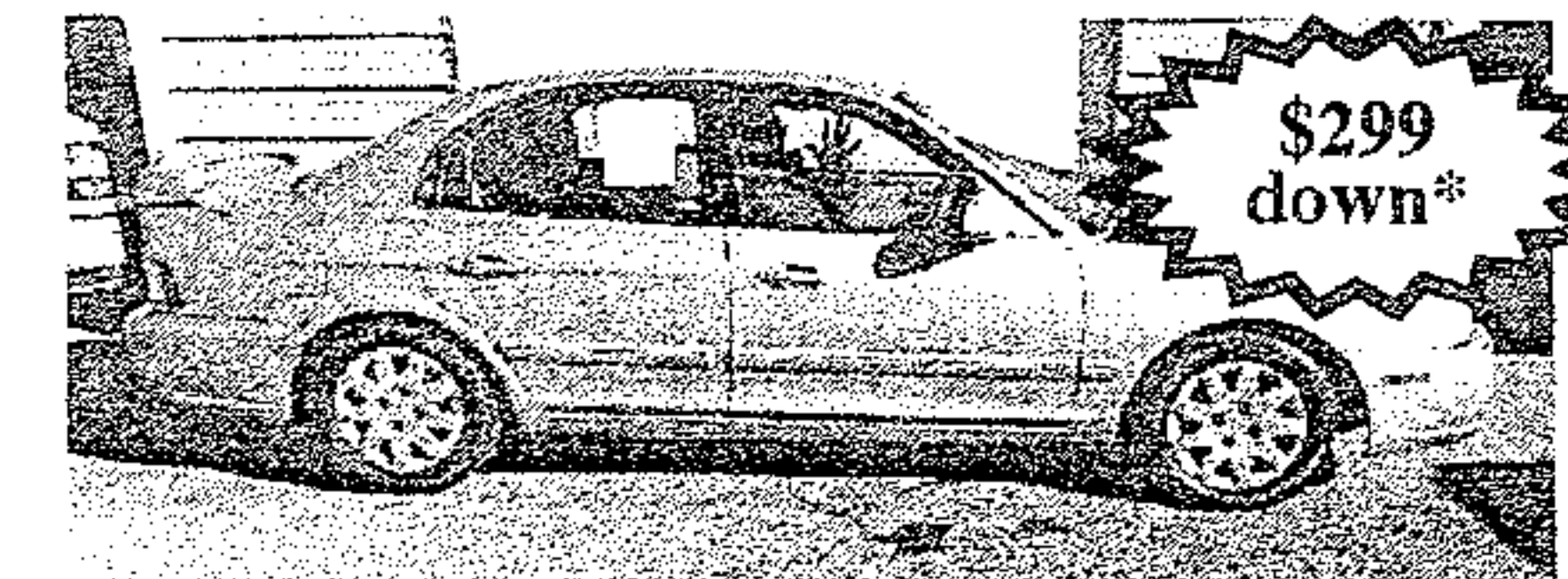
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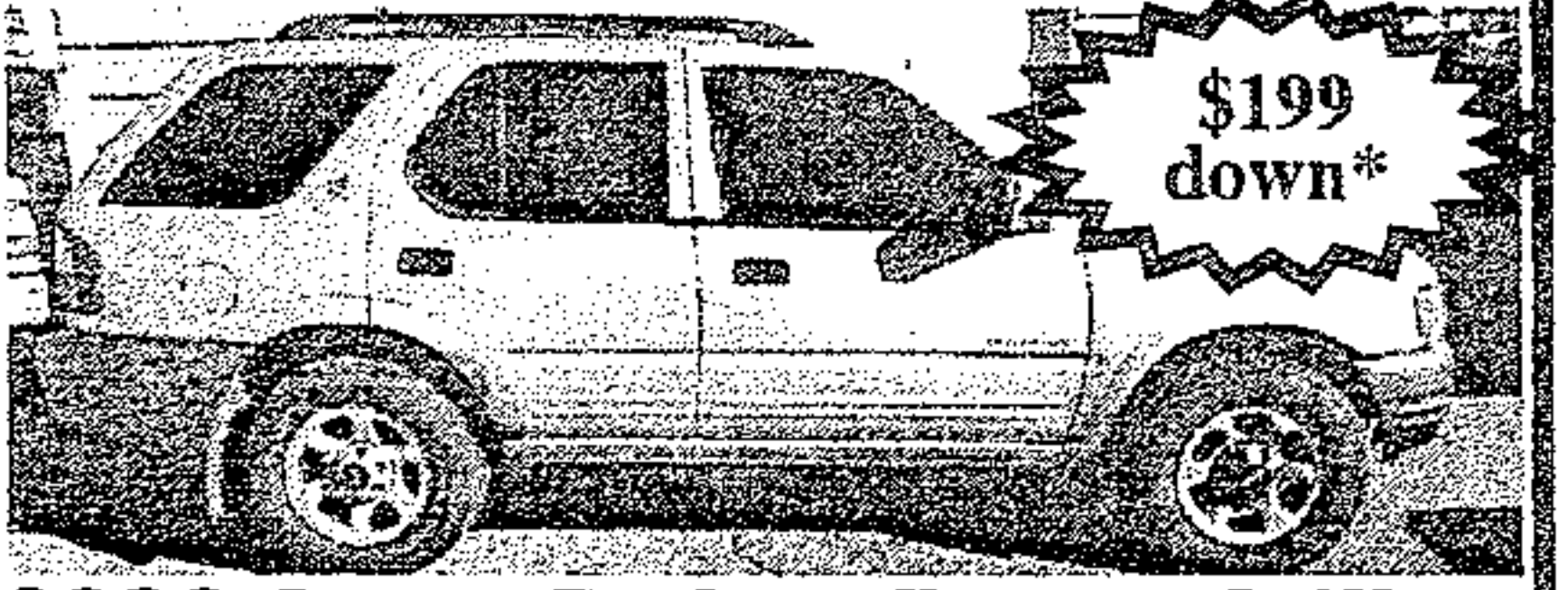
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