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Friday, December 22, 2017

Man robs victim of medicine in Loudon Pharmacy parking lot

Bruce Hodge, 34, Oak Grove Road Madisonville, was charged with Robbery, Assault x2, Burglary of Motor Vehicle, Evading Arrest, Contraband in a Penal Institution, and Man/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance x2.

Officer Padgett, responded to a robbery at Grove Street (Rocky Top Pharmacy). Upon

(see Robbery pg. 2)



Bruce Hodge

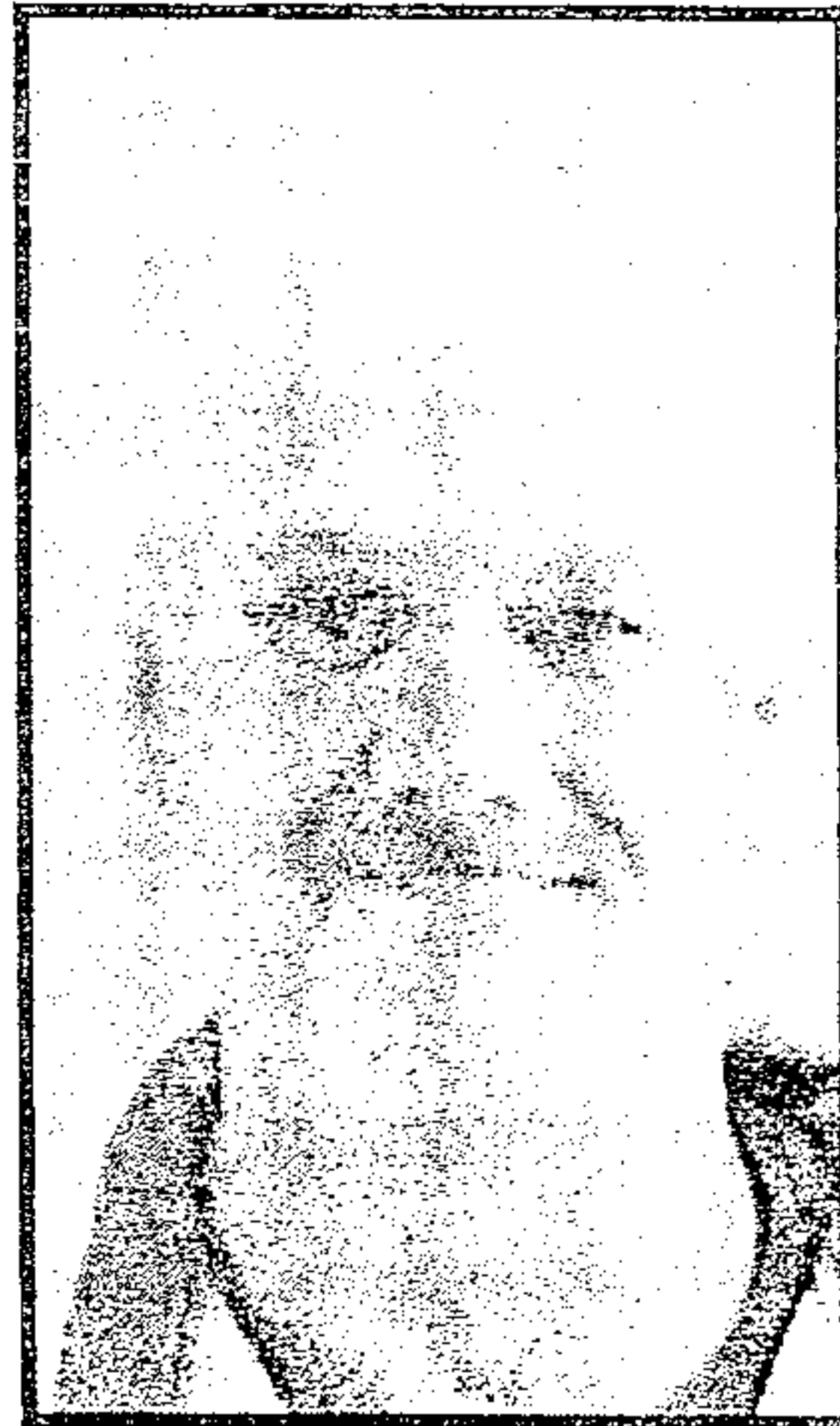
Stopped for running stop sign; charged with drugs for resale



Michael Crabtree

see drugs pg. 5

Lots of items and not receipt raises questions



Phillip Ratledge

see questions pg. 7

Running from the law is never a good idea and especially when they seem to all be there!



Leonard Clemons

see evading pg. 3

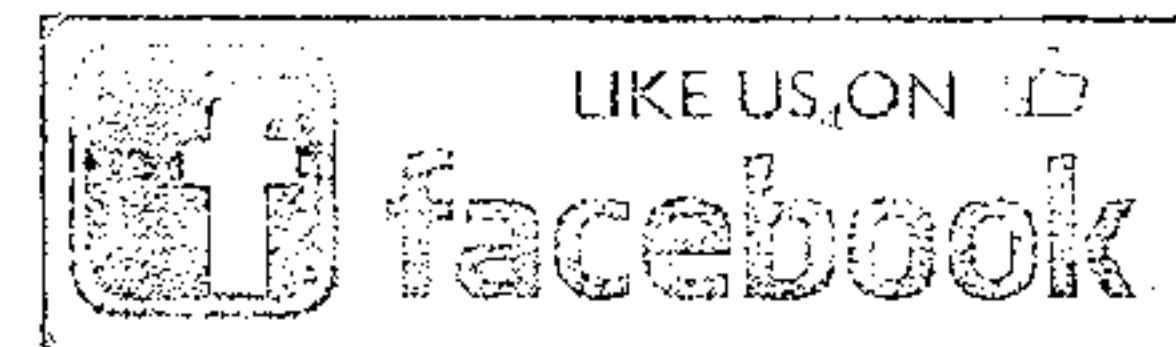
Former UT Football Director of Operations Pleads Guilty

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in Chris Spognardi, the former Director of Football Operations at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, pleading guilty to official misconduct.

Comptroller investigators determined that Spognardi provided fabricated or

altered documentation to account for at least \$14,085 in athletic funds from September 2015 through January 2016. Spognardi could provide no evidence that this money was used for legitimate UT Athletics purposes.

Spognardi was responsible for receiving and handling cash advances from the athletic department to pay (see UT pg. 4)



Verse of the Day

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. — 1 Thessalonians 5:6

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Today's paper contains the Loudon County Grand Jury Report. Hope Everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas!

Weather

Today: Showers. High of 60F.
Tonight: Rain. low of 57F.
Saturday: Rain. High of 61F.
Saturday night: Rain.

Low of 40F.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy
High of 51F.
Sunday night: Overcast
Low of 26F.

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
You have many tricks up (Continued on page 6)



Robbery

arriving in the area Dispatch advised a white male wearing a camo hat and blue jeans assaulted and forcibly took medication from a woman who just got it filled, and the male had fled the area prior to my arrival. The victim was identified. The victim stated

the male followed her to her vehicle and then struck victim in the back of her head then grabbed her Oxymorphone and Oxycodone medication and fled the scene. The daughter of victim. was in the vehicle during the assault and witness attempted to stop the male when the male pushed witness to the ground.

Officer and Officer Marty Ward, and Officer Brenden Debor searched the area where the male had fled, Officer Ward made contact with the male at Cedar Street and West Street when the male took off on foot running away from Officer Ward. Officer

Debor and Padgett caught the male behind Wharf Street. The male was identified as Mr. Bruce Hodge, the female who lives on Wharf Street was identified, she stated that Mr. Hodge made entry through her front door and see Robbery ctd. pg. 4



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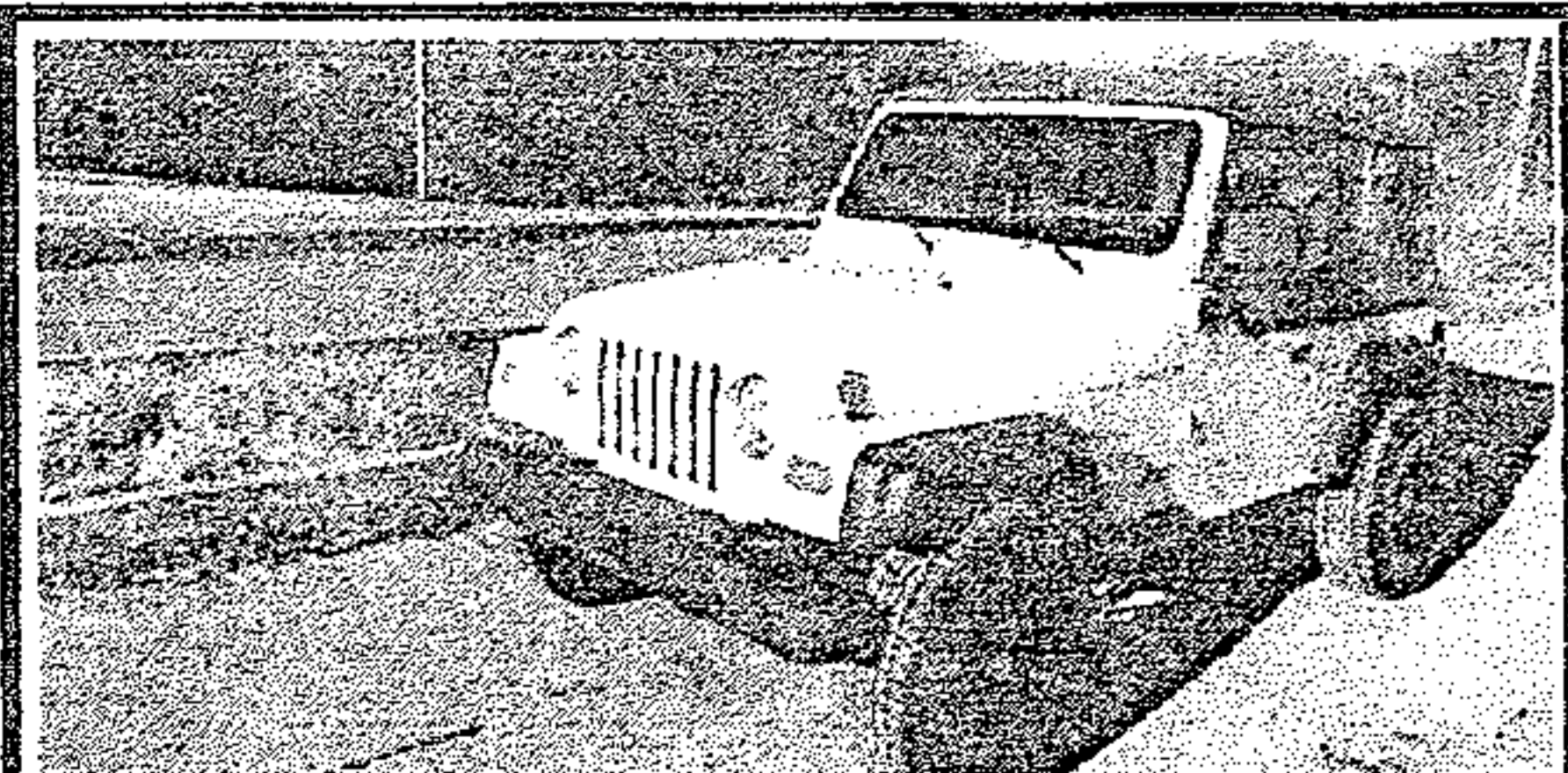
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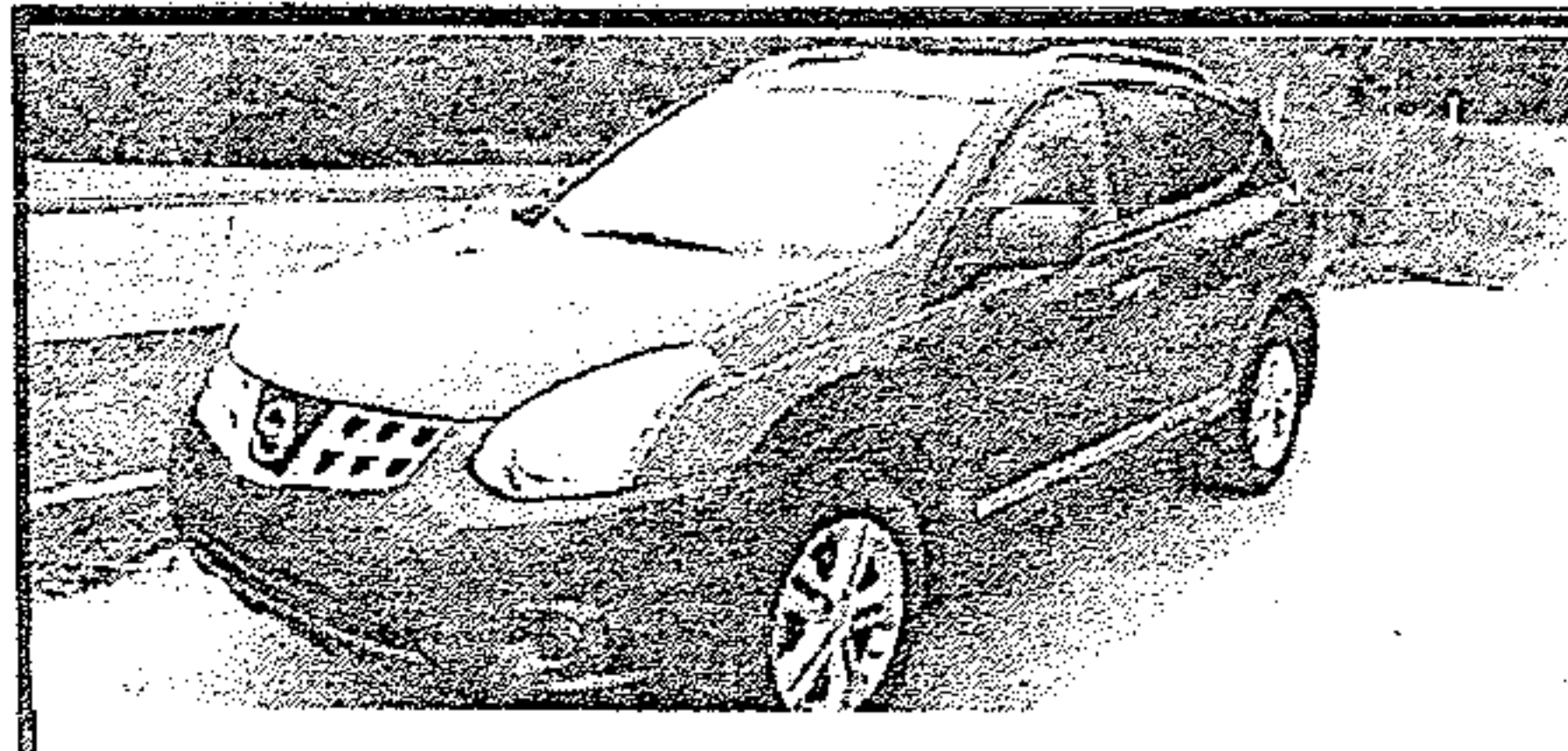
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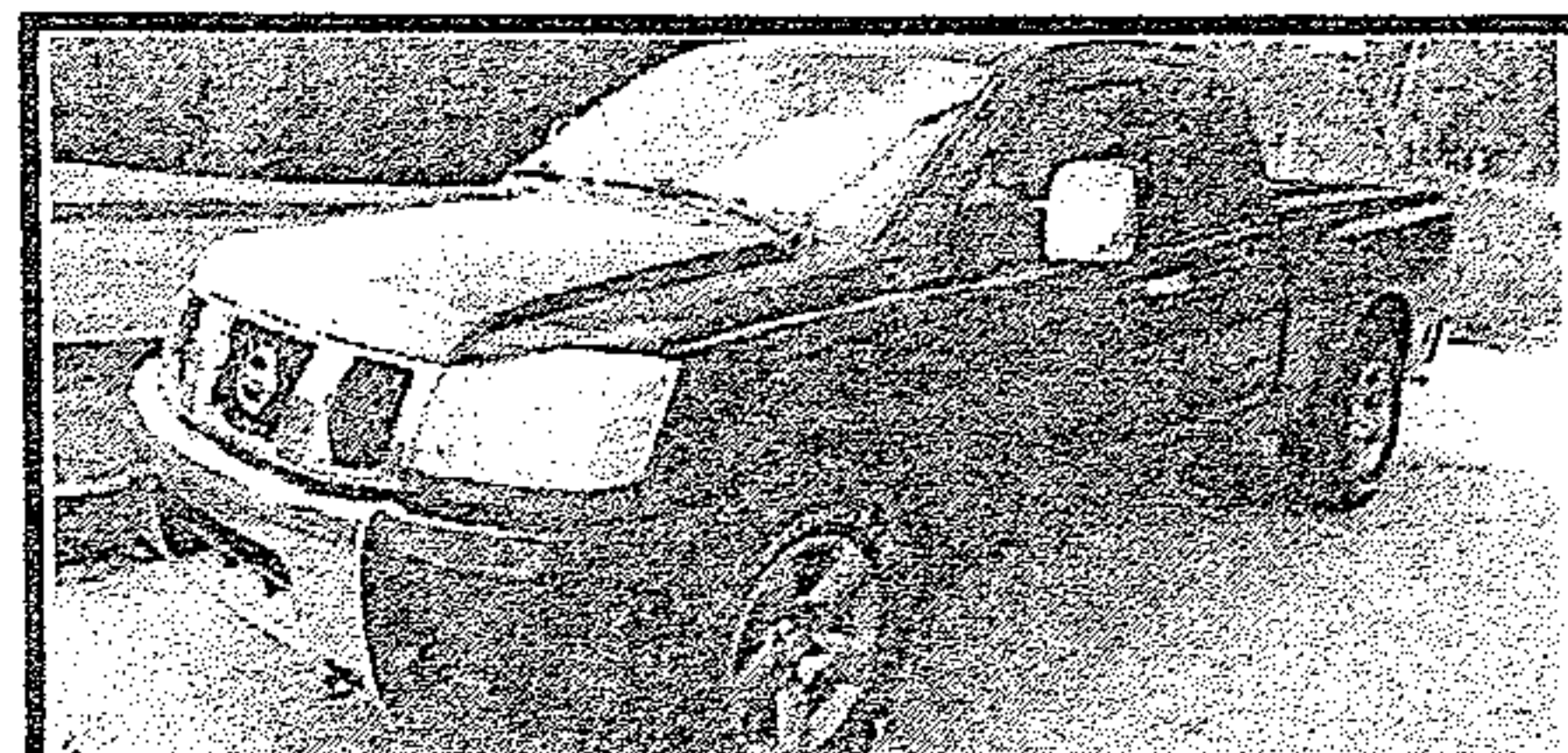
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The Loudon County's Narcotics Unit and the 9th Judicial Drug Task Force observed a male walk from Wal-Mart into Home Depot. The male came out of the front door of Home-Depot carrying items that were not in shopping bags. Lt. Ezell attempted to make contact with the male subject in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Once Lt. Ezell identified himself as law enforcement the subject threw the items to the ground and ran. The subject continued to run after several officers gave commands for him to stop; after a short foot pursuit the subject was taken see evading ctd. pg. 5

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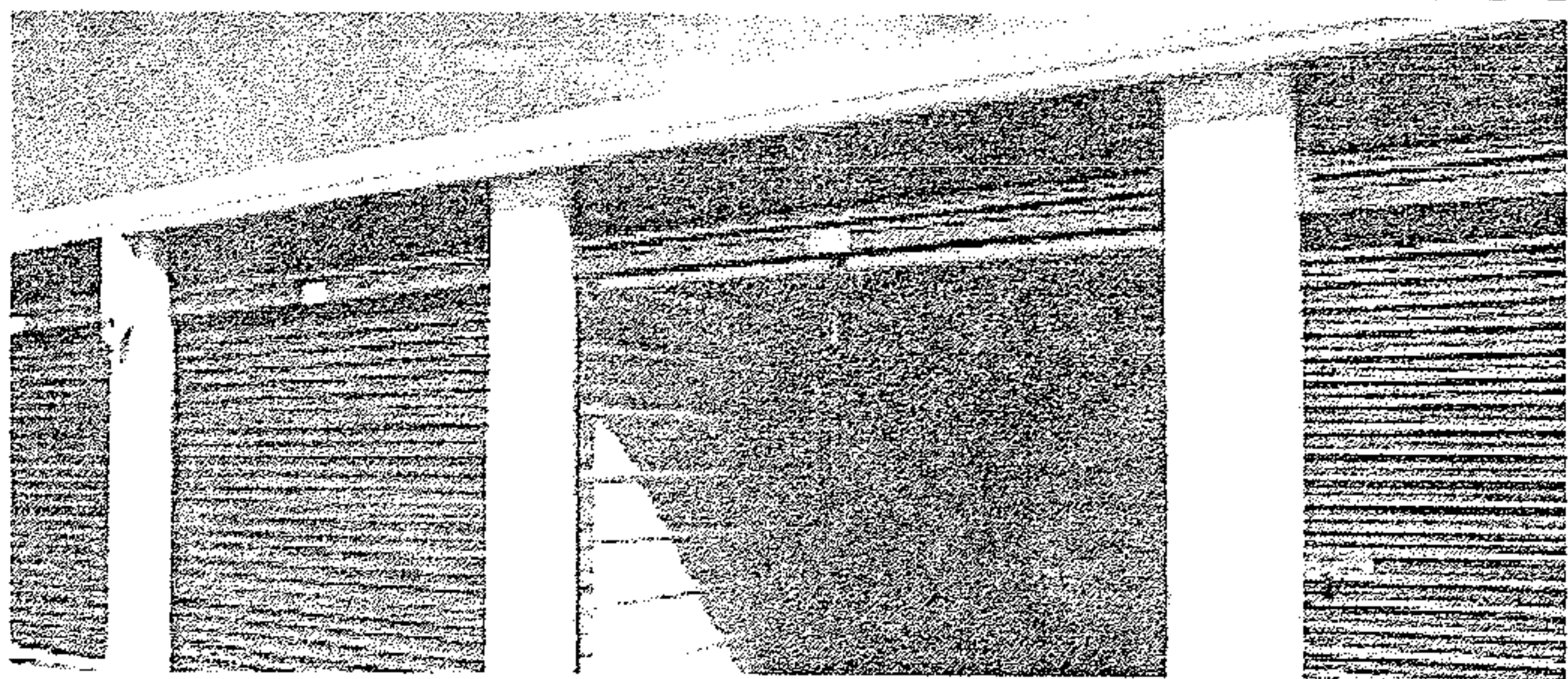
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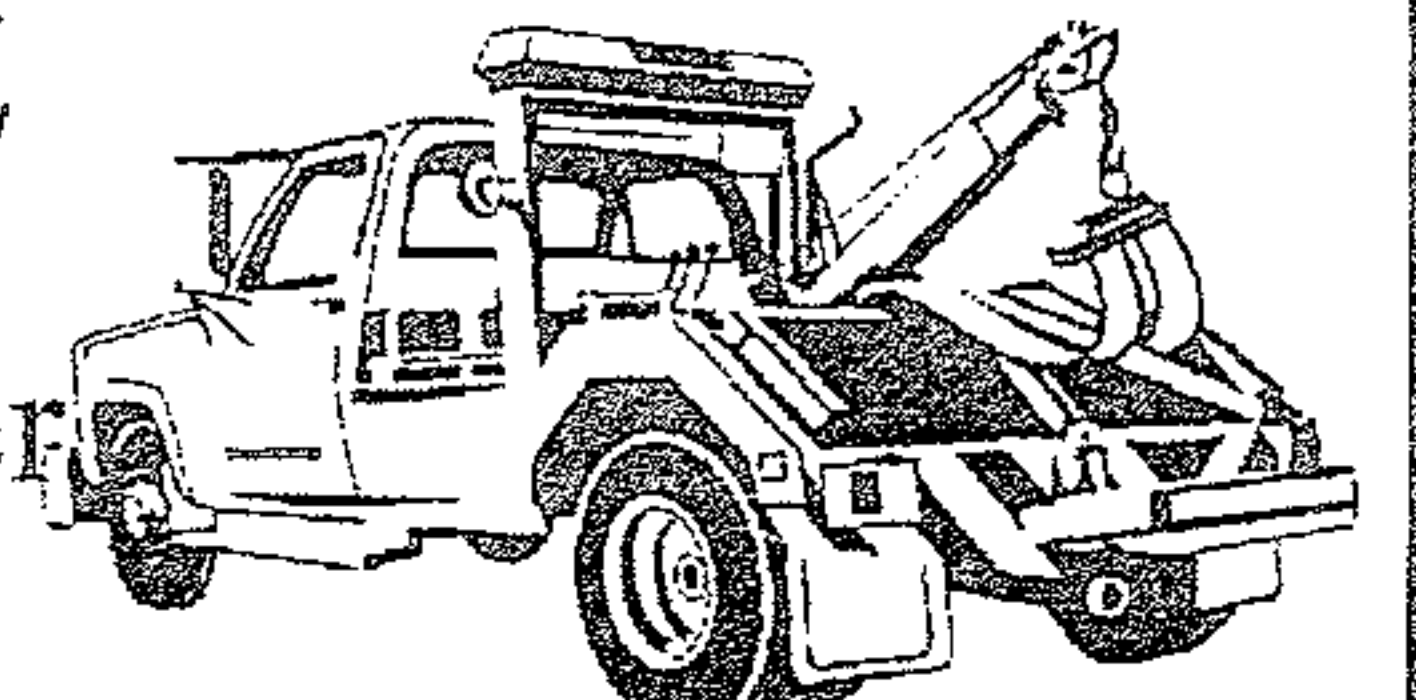
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 various travel-related expenses of the University of Tennessee football team. These expenses included per diem payments, meal costs, and various cash tips.

Investigators determined that Spognardi submitted fraudulent and fabricated documents as support for the cash advances he received. These false documents included invoices for food and other services that were never provided to the football team. Spognardi also submitted at least 18 fraudulent tip sheets indicating that he paid cash tips to various vendors and individuals. Comptroller investigators found that, in many instances, the tips were never received.

The Comptroller's Office began its investigation after Spognardi's scheme was detected by the University of Tennessee Office of the Treasurer and Office of Audit and Compliance. Chris Spognardi was terminated from the University of Tennessee Athletics Department on December 12, 2016.

On December 14, 2017, Chris Spognardi pled guilty to one count of official misconduct.

"This investigation involved thousands of dollars of cash advances," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Using cash for travel expenses increases the possibility of errors and irregu-

larities. It also places employees at risk of theft or robbery. I'm pleased to note the University of Tennessee has taken steps to address this problem."

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

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was hiding in her sons room. Home owner stated she told Mr. Hodge to leave her house

Mr. Hodge then left the residence and that is where Padgett and Officer Debor made contact with Mr. Hodge. Mr. Hodge was then placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Upon arriving to the Jail Deputy Watson was conducting a full body search on Mr. Hodge, when Mr. Hodge attempted to remove his sock Deputy Watson noticed several green circle like pills started to hit the floor.

Deputy Watson advised Mr. Hodge to place his hands on the wall, and Padgett went in the bathroom and recovered 56 20 MG. Oxymorphone, and 54 15MG. Oxycodone. This did happen in Loudon County TN.

Grand Jury Report
 The information contained in the grand jury report is an exact copy of the report received from the criminal court clerk's office. Any errors, omissions, etc. are not the responsibility of the Daily Edition and all questions pertaining the report should be addressed the court.

A True Bill is a case that was presented to the court for consideration that the Grand Jury deemed worthy of a trial after being presented evidence by the prosecution.

A No Bill means there was not enough evidence to warrant a Grand Jury Trial and will be up to the prosecution to present the case to a lower court

or dismiss the charges altogether.

A continued on bound over docket means the case will be presented to a later Grand Jury and the case will considered at a later date.

A Re-submittal means a case has been re-submitted for consideration by the Grand Jury.

The cases are presented to the Grand Jury by the District Attorney General's Office. There are also other indictments known as sealed indictments that aren't listed on the report. Those indictments are made public only after the person indicted has been charged.

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Drugs

Michael Crabtree, 22, Mincey Street Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/DEI/Poss. of Controlled Substance., and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer Runyan of the Lenoir city Police Department conducted traffic stop on a 1998 Honda Prelude for running a stop sign at G street and 6th Ave.

Upon making contact with driver Officer then smelled a heavy odor of marijuana emitting from vehicle and after probable cause search and during pat down of passenger Nicholas Sean Follis Officer found approximately 58 grams (Felony) of a green leafy substance in a plastic sandwich bag consitent with marijuana in his jacket pocket he was wearing.

A continued search of the vehicle Michael Crabtreec

was driving produced another sandwich bag with approximately 23 grams (Felony) of the same green leafy substance in center console of the vehicle. During a search of Mr. Crabtree, 2 packages of rolling papers were found inside his wallet.

Both driver and passenger were transported to the Loudon County Jail and booked on felony possession charges and vehicle towed from scene.

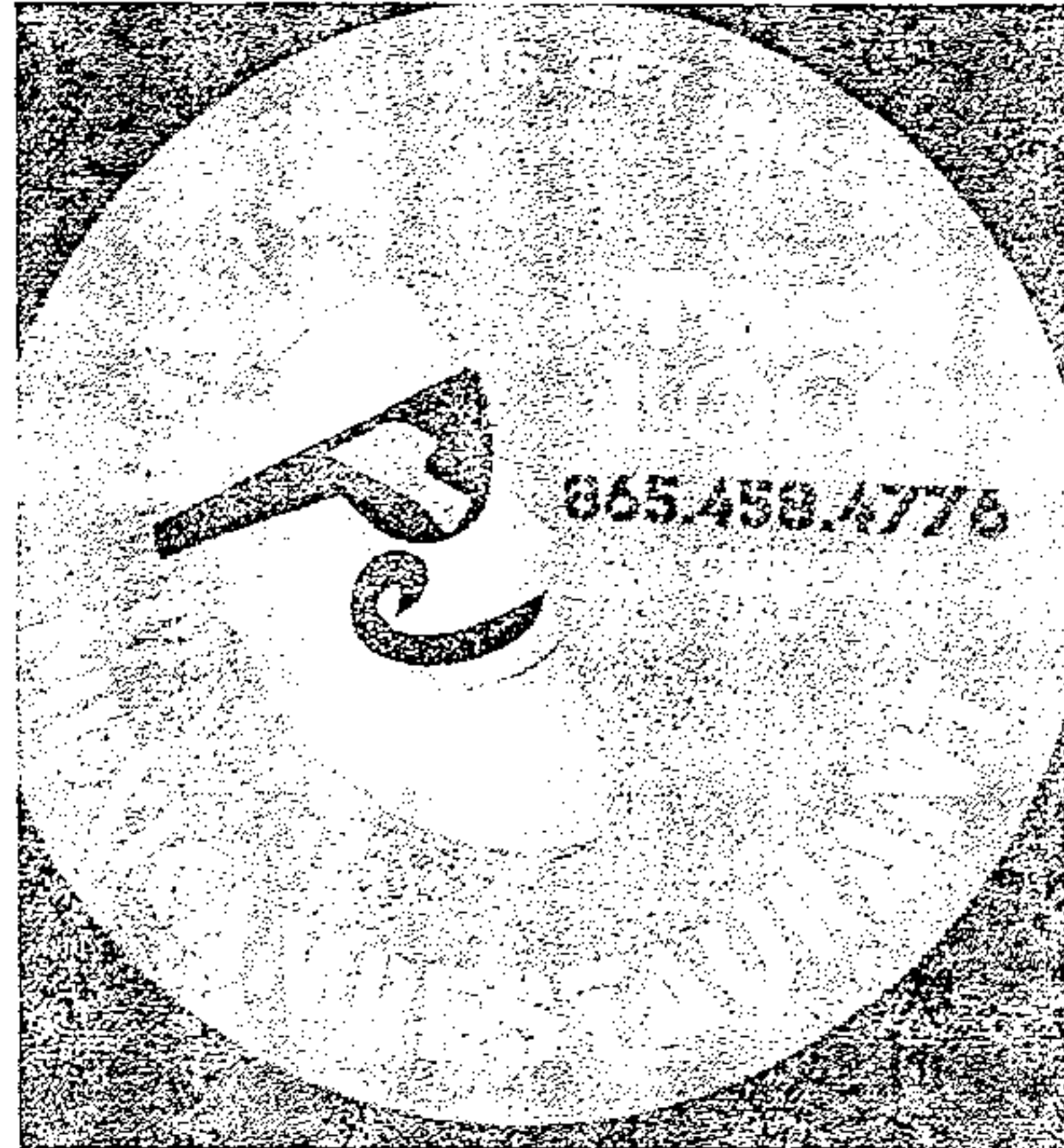
Evading ctd. from pg. 3

into custody and identified as Leonard Clemons. The items that Mr.Clemons threw to the ground was Milwaukee Impact Driver Kit, Package of Batteries and a Battery Charger. The items were return to Home-Depot that totaled 397.98. Mr.Clemons took the items with the intent to deprive the owner of the property. This happened in Loudon County, Tn.

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Questions

Philip Ratledge, 46, Farrel Street Athens, was charged with Simple Possession.

Hasgail Crabtree, 43, County Road Athens, was charged with Simple Possession x2, and Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth.

Agents of the 9th JDTF and Loudon County Sheriff's Office were notified of an individual that brought a large amount of items into Wal-Mart to return. While answering the questions asked by the staff at Wal-Mart, whom were skeptical as to whether the items were stolen, the individual left the store leaving all the items behind. Agents made contact with this

individual at a vehicle in the parking lot. Your affiant spoke with the driver whom did not have a valid license while other agents and Wal-Mart employees tried to investigate the items that were left in the store. Your affiant then detained the driver who stated there was a hypodermic needle

in the back seat area of the vehicle. The Driver Phillip Ratledge then stated that there was a bag of drugs in his jacket pocket but that it was not his. This bag was found by your affiant and it contained approximately 1/2 gram of suspected methamphetamine.

A female that also arrived in this vehicle and was in the store exited the store and while walking to the vehicle she dropped a plastic bag containing 2 bags of methamphetamine (over 1 gram) a suboxone strip and a hydrocodone pill. Also located in the vehicle

was a glass methamphetamine pipe that this female stated was hers.

This female was identified as Hasgail Crabtree whom also showed to have a Parole violation warrant for her arrest. This incident occurred in Loudon County.


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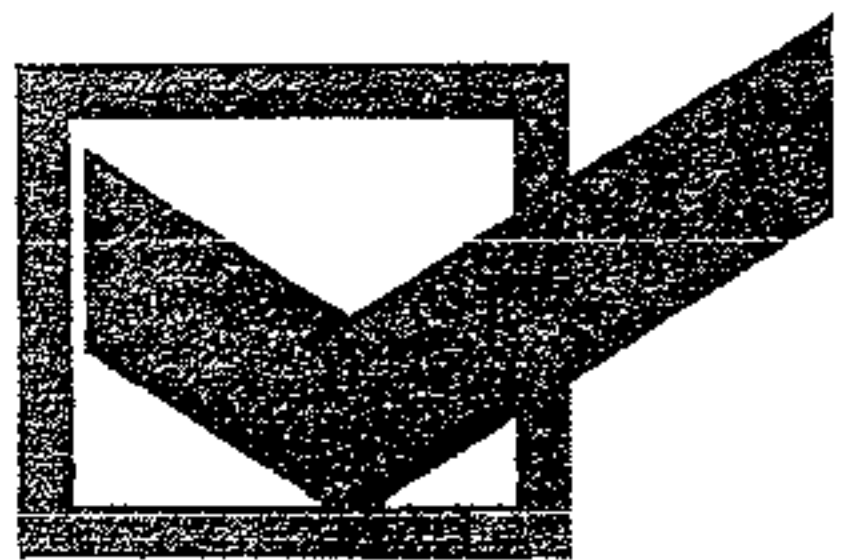
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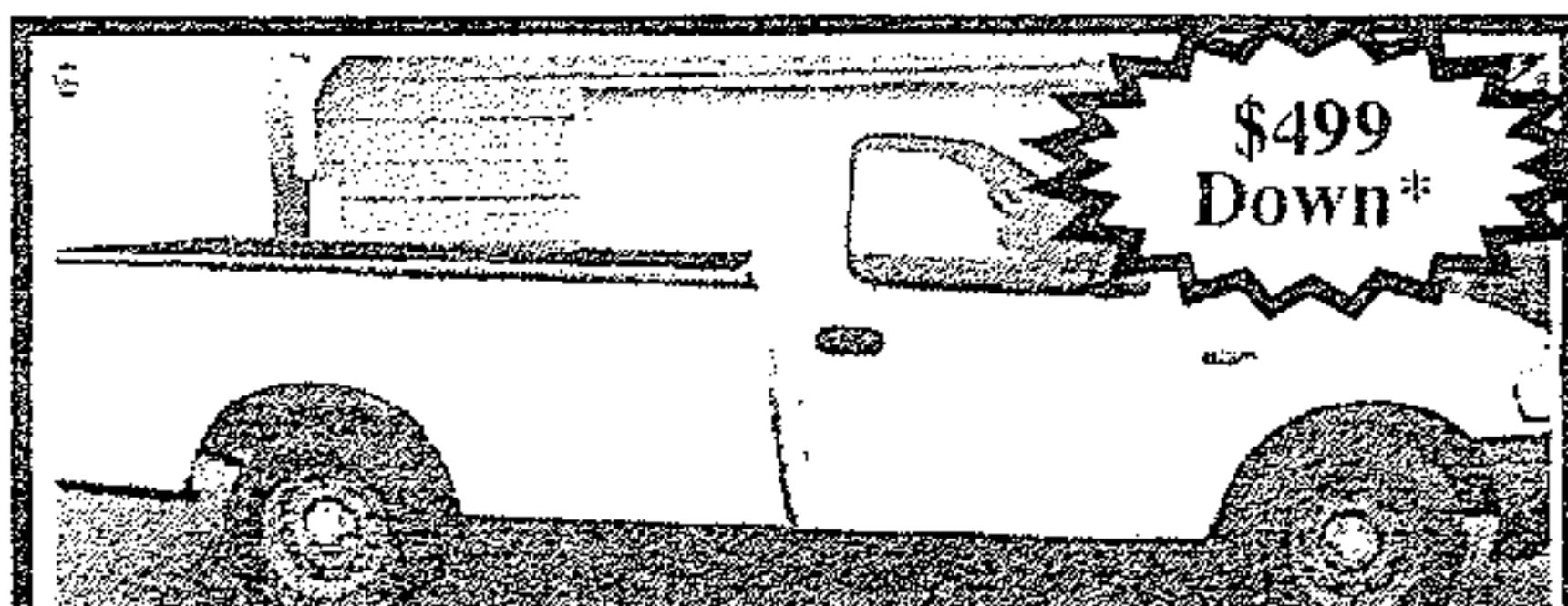
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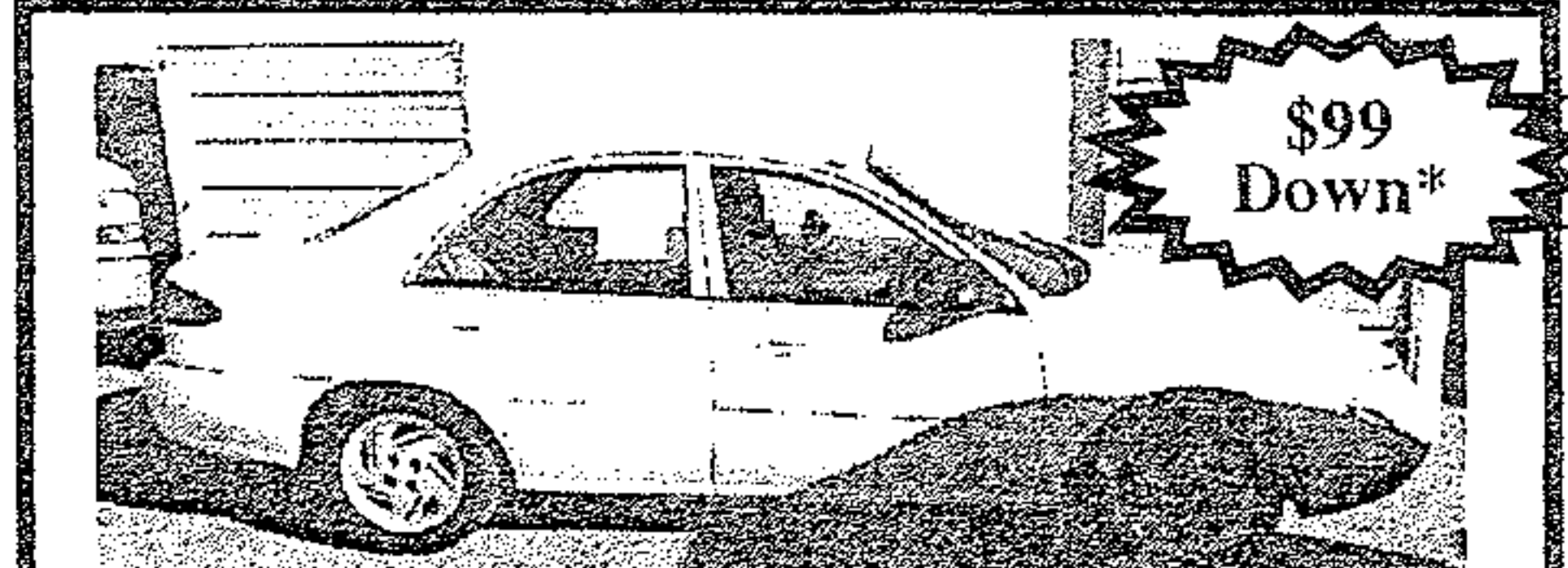
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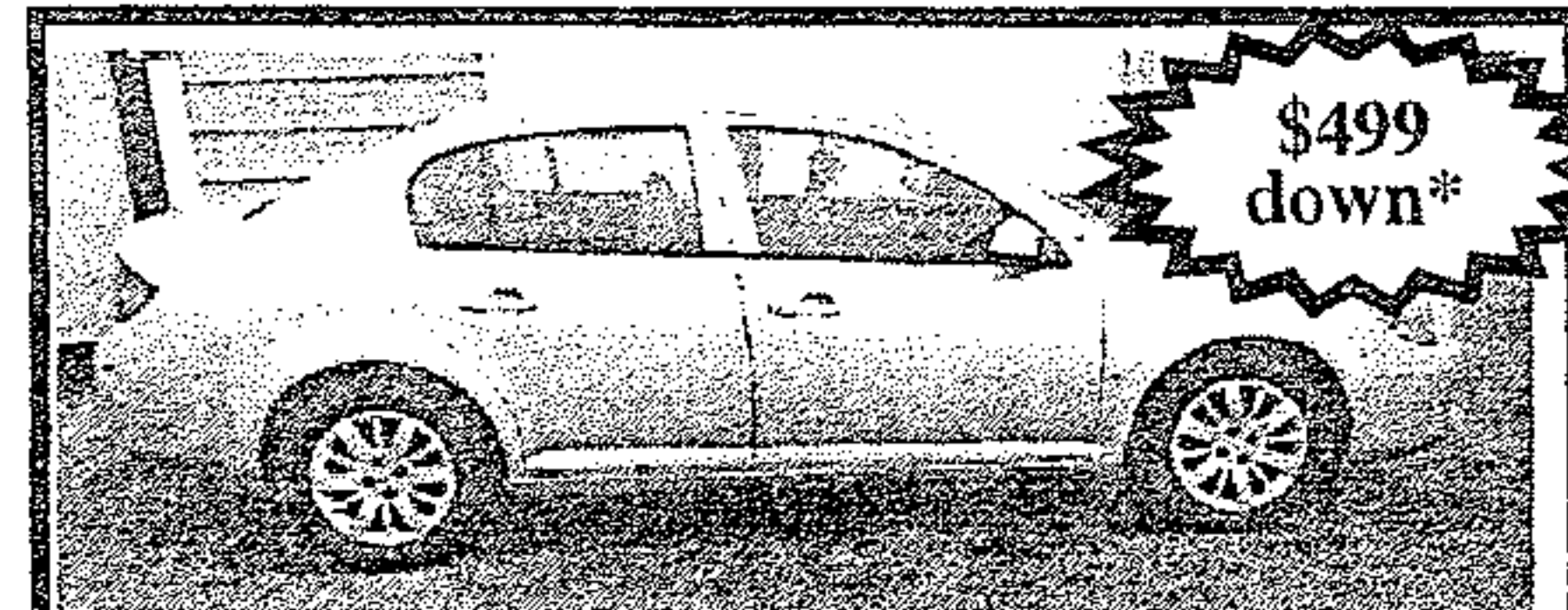
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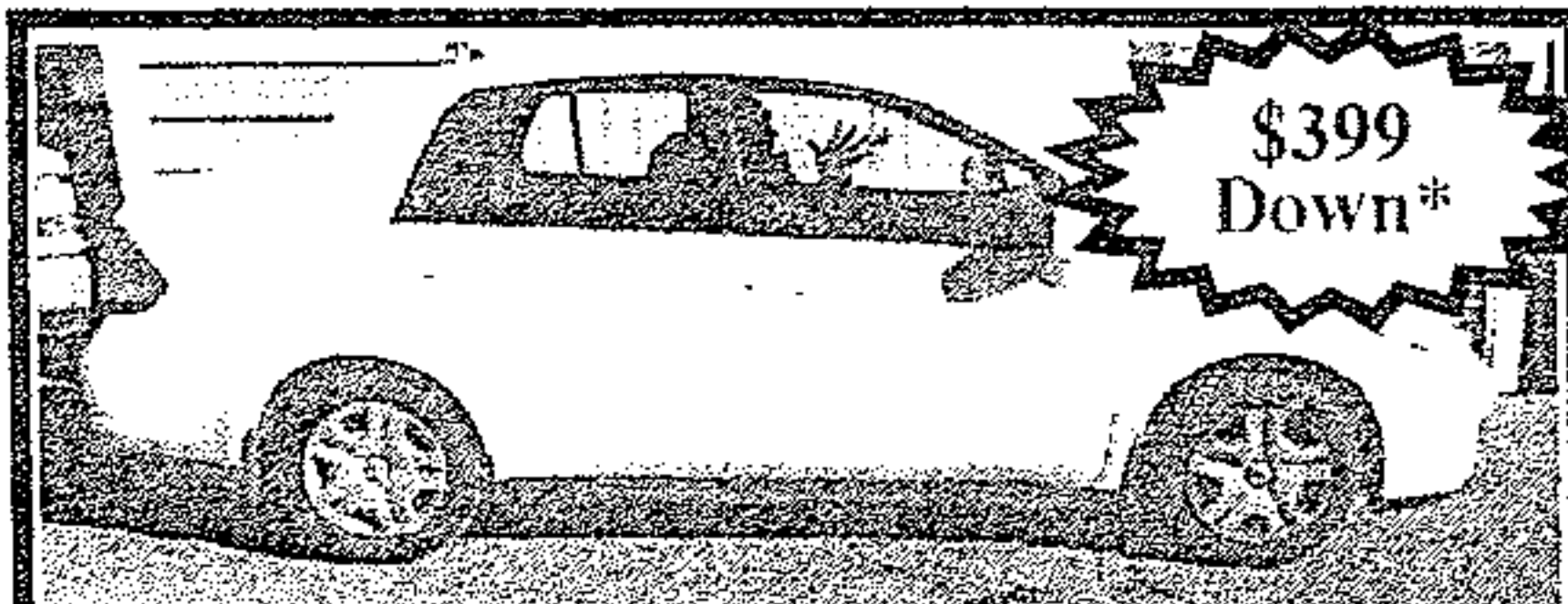
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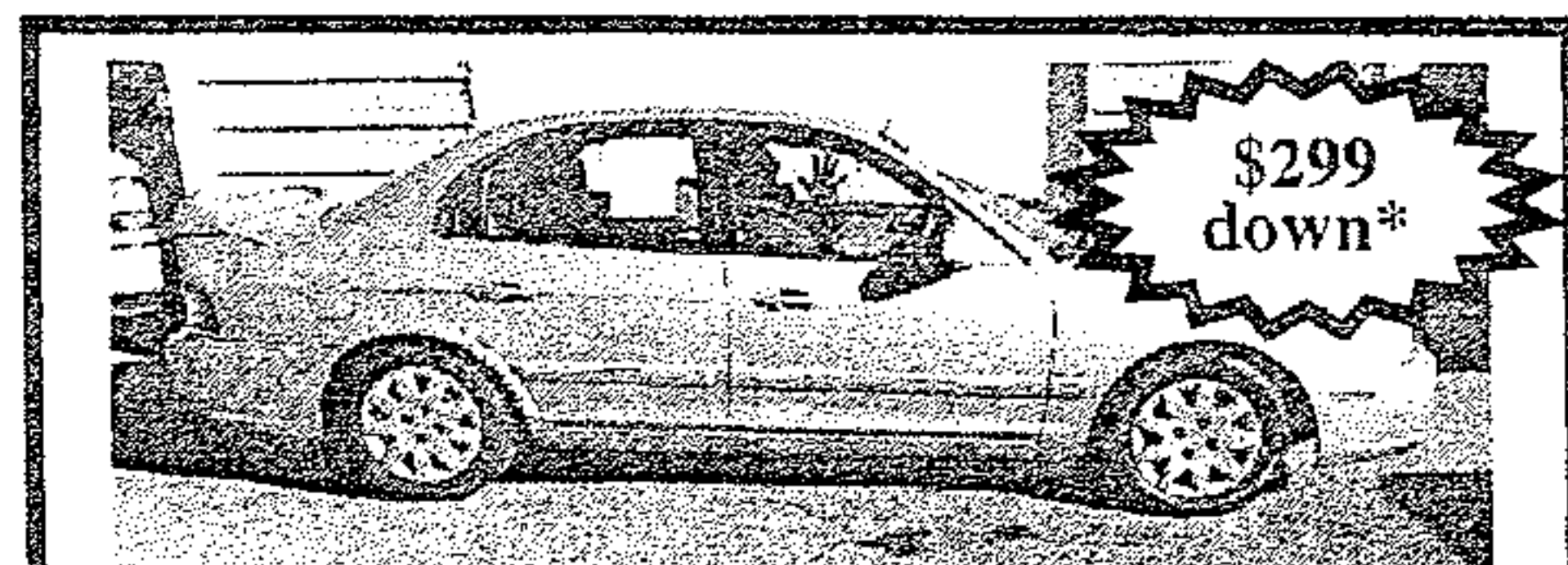
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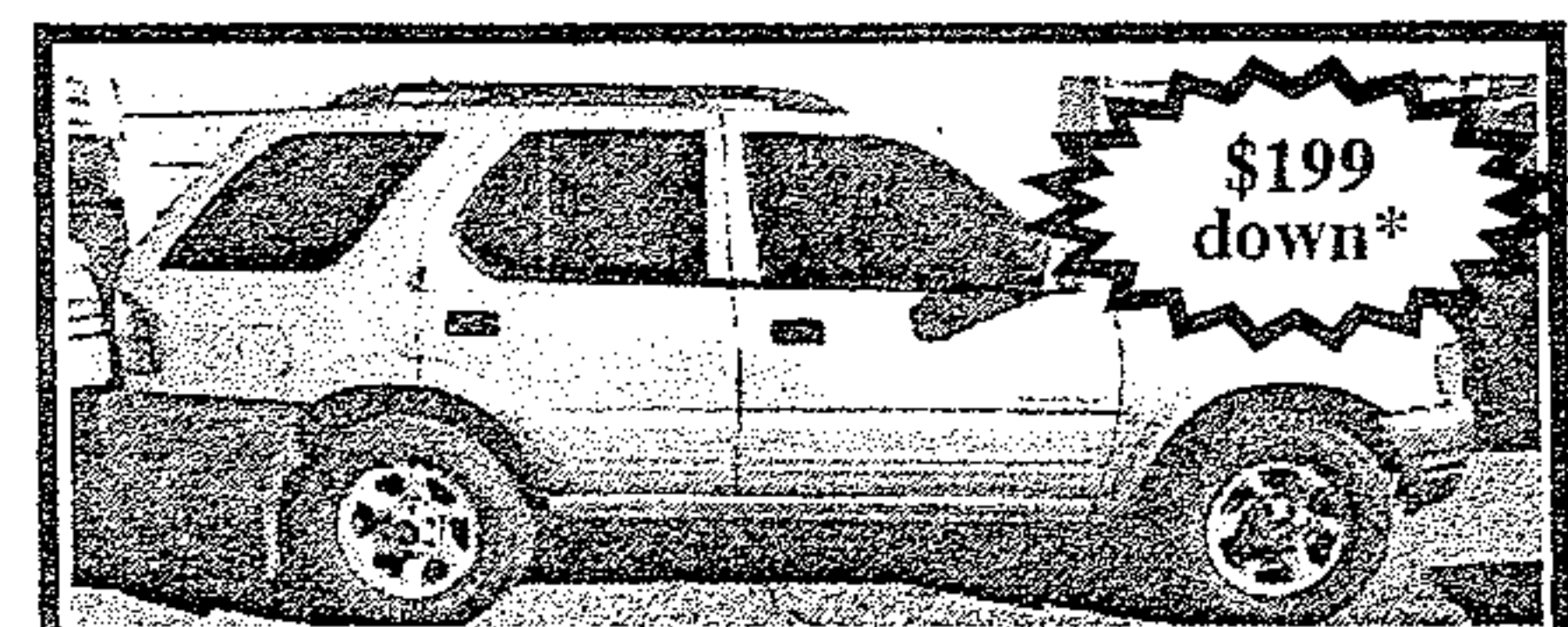
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