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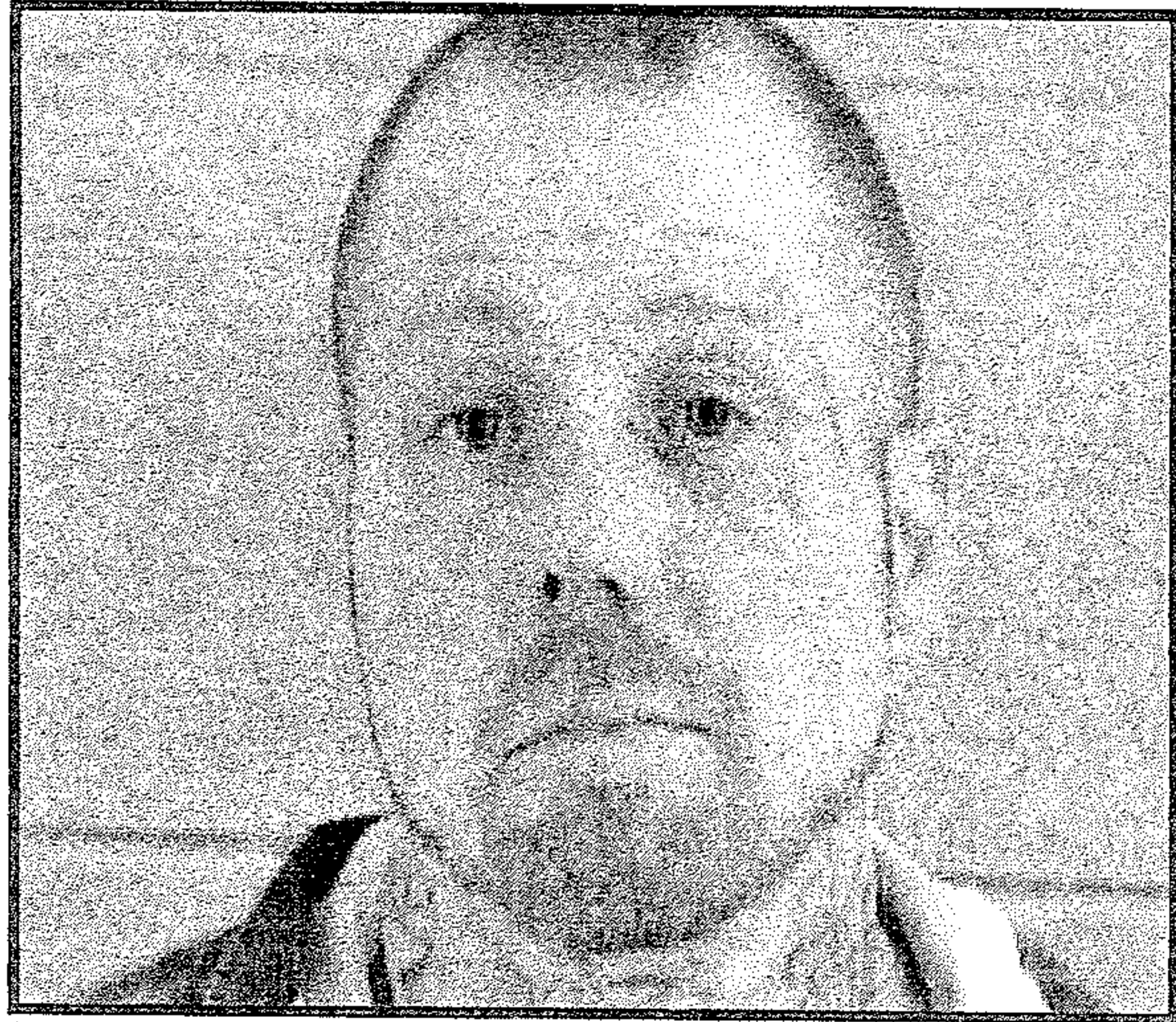
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Friday, February 17, 2017

## It's just easier when they show up at the courthouse! parking lot arrest made

Ronnie Brown, 33, Abbott Road Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II.

Officers received a call of suspicious persons in a black Chrysler PT Cruiser at the court house annex (100 Mulberry St, Loudon). Upon arrival, Officer observed a black PT Cruiser sitting in the parking lot with two persons in the



Ronnie Brown

(see meth pg. 2)

## Wanted for burglary and theft; nabbed in Loudon



Samuel Gilbert

(see wanted pg. 7)

## Revoked driver already wanted



Sheena Range

see revoked pg. 7

## Wine Ponzi Scheme

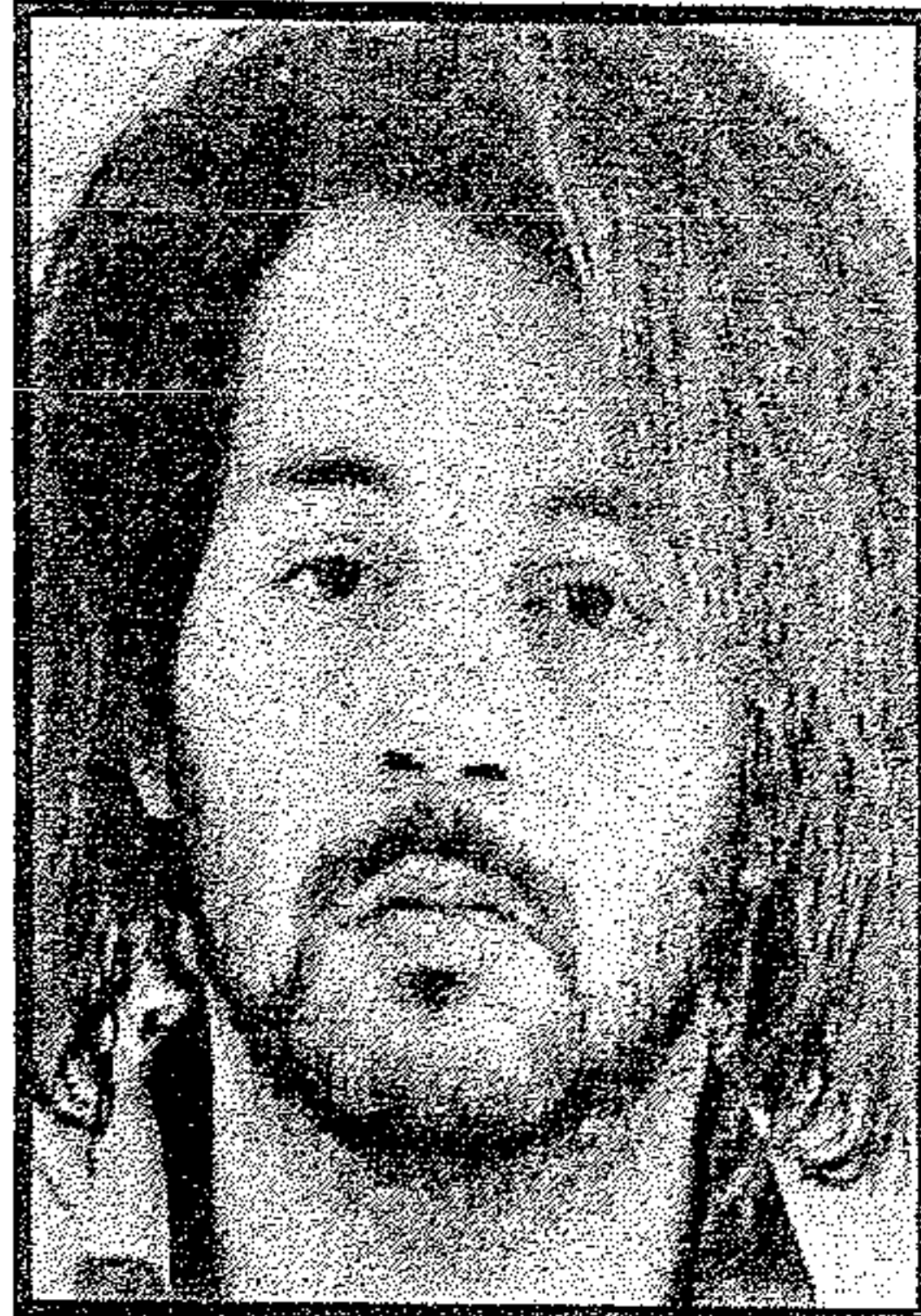
*Long-Running Fraud Cost Victims Millions of Dollars*

In 1980, a California man named John E. Fox opened a wine store near San Francisco called Premier Cru. More than a decade later, when the business was struggling financially, Fox devised a way to make a lot of money—all at his customers' expense.

What transpired on

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## A stolen item report leads to arrest of two

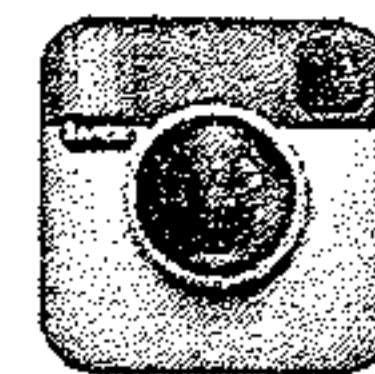


Dashawntae Durham

(see two pg. 4)



Marquise Sanders



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## Verse of the Day

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. — 1 John 4:16

## Obituaries

see inside

## Wazzup

Thank goodness Tennessee North knows what is going on when it comes to surgery, don't let anybody give a patient aspirin 2 weeks before a surgery just so

ya know!

## Weather

Today: Sunny. High around 65F.

Tonight: A few clouds overnight. Low 42F.

Saturday Overcast with rain showers at times. High 58F.

Saturday Night Showers in the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 43F.

Sunday Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 67F.

Sunday Night A mostly clear sky. Low 42F.

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**Meth**

front seat. Officer Ridings was talking to the passenger while Officer Russell talked to the driver. The driver identified himself as Ronnie Brown but could not produce identification.

Mr. Brown was shaking

and seemed overly nervous. Officer asked Mr. Brown to exit the vehicle and he started shoving something into his left front pocket in an attempt to hide it.

Officer retrieved the object which was a black change purse containing six (6) small clear plastic bags contain-

ing a crystalline substance believe to be Methamphetamine. Said actions did occur in Loudon County.

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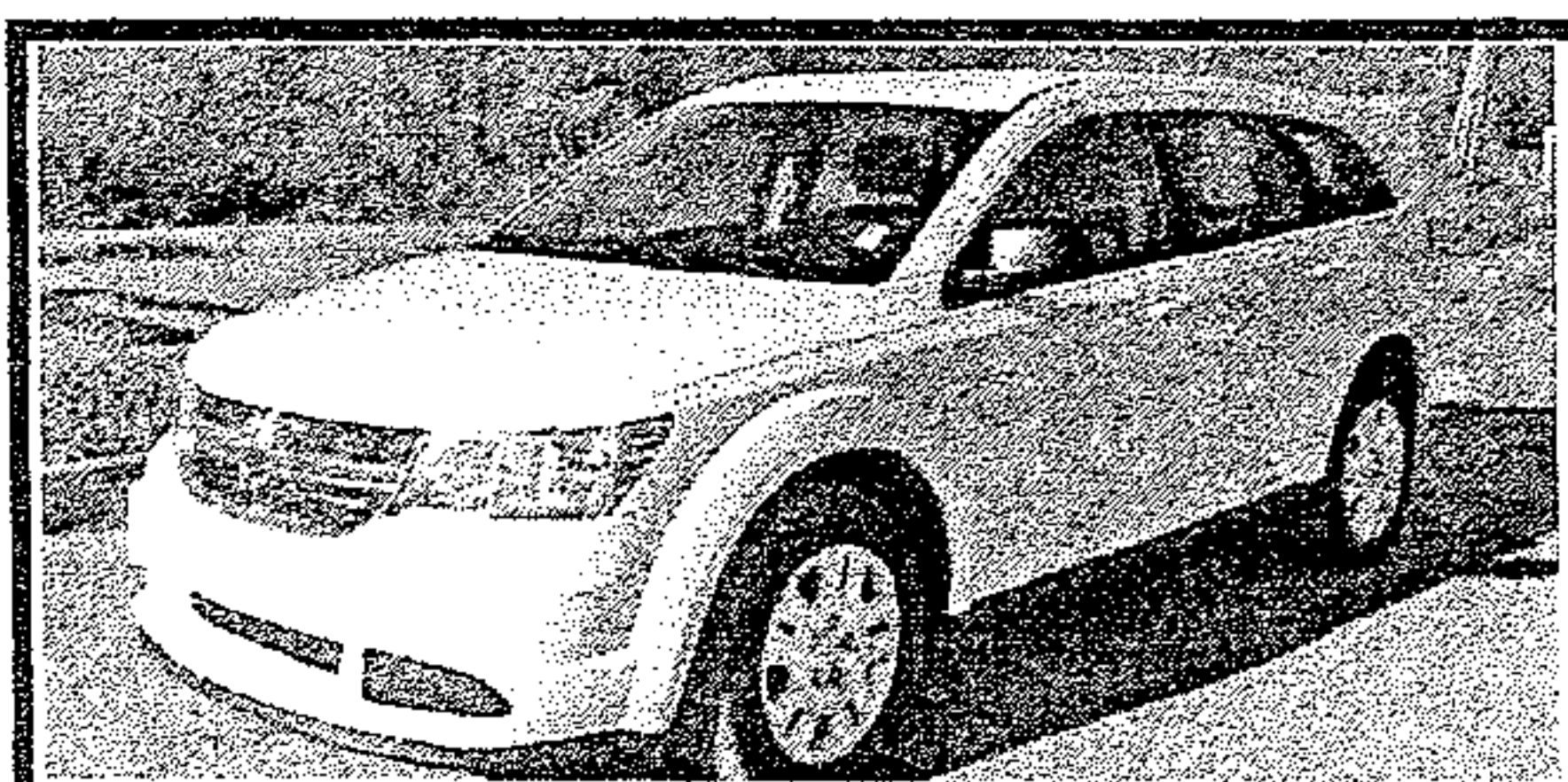
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2009 Jeep Liberty Chrome pkg, 52k, PW, PL, V6, Tow pkg, Luggage Rack



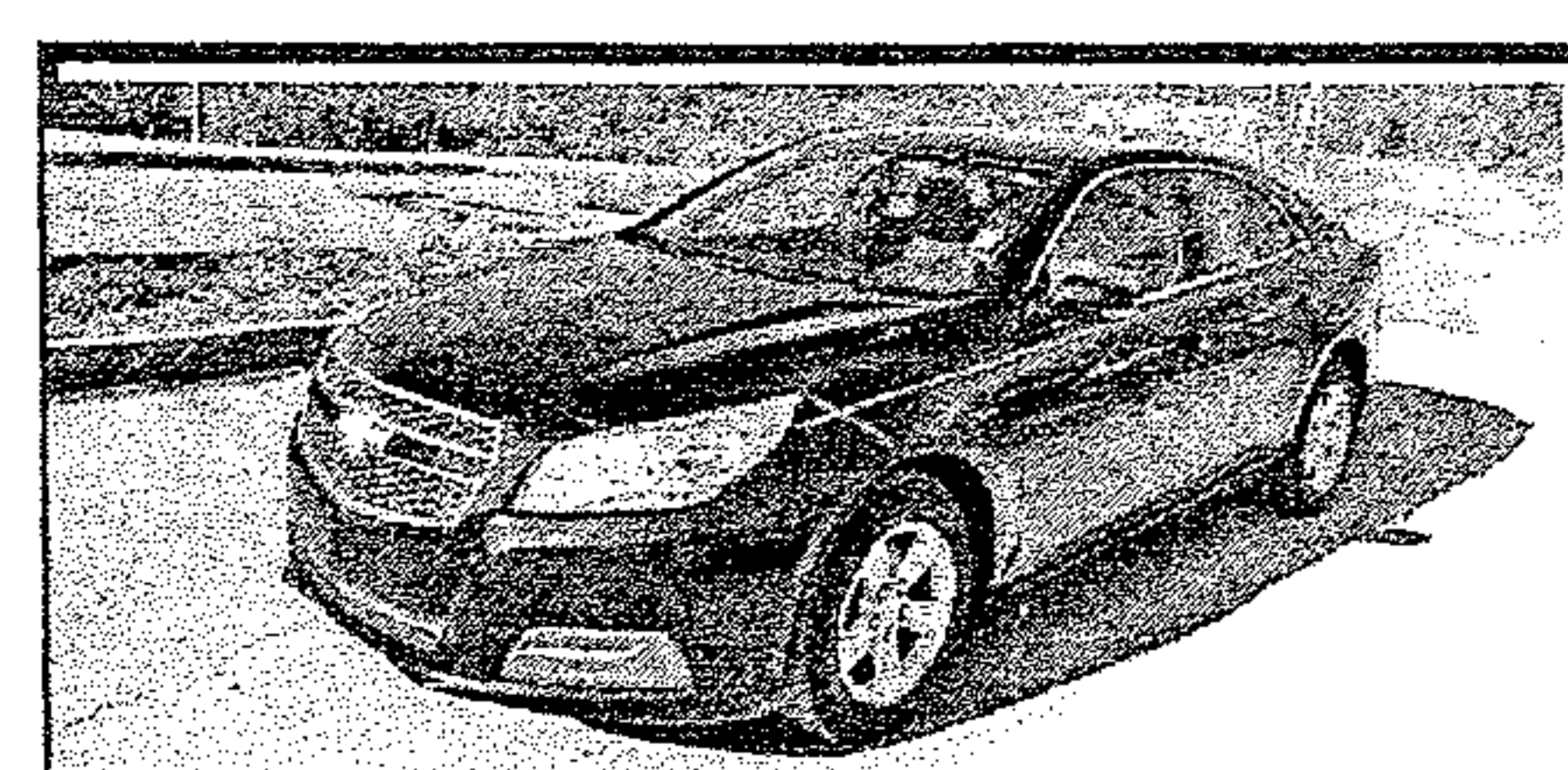
2013 Nissan Altima Remote Start, PW, PL, Auto, 2.5, Only 96k



2014 Dodge Journey 33k, 3rd Row Seat, V6, Auto, A/C, Heat, Alloy Wheels



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**Two** a bottle of Tylenol PM. Upon arrival Officer made contact with Marquise Antonio Saunders. Officer advised Mr. Saunders why he had stopped him and asked for his license. Mr. Saunders handed him a Kentucky ID only, Mr. Saunders stated he lost his license and just got the ID instead of going to the DMV. After running Mr. Saunders ID through the E911 center the status came back suspended. The above incident happened in the city of Loudon.

Marquise Saunders, 30, Autumn Court Ga., was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License. Officer Benny Houser LPD, was dispatched to the Exxon for possible theft of vehicle and he stated and a cigarette box with numerous roaches in it. The above incident happened in the city of Loudon.

## Public Notice

County Commission will hold a special called meeting February 21st, 2016 at 5:30 at the County office building to discuss shared funding for utility relocation on the Harrison Road project.

Dashawntae Durham, 28, Autumn Court Ga., was charged with Theft of Property and Simple Possession. Officer Benny Houser LPD, was dispatched to the Exxon for a possible theft of a bottle of Tylenol PM. After arresting the driver of the vehicle Officer made contact with the passenger Dashawntae Alanzo Durham. Officer asked Mr. Durham if he had taken the bottle from the store and he handed him a box with Visine in it. There was a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and Officer asked Mr. Durham if there was any marijuana in the



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Wine and off during the next two decades was a massive Ponzi scheme: Fox sold millions of dollars of "phantom" wine that only existed on paper and then used

some of the proceeds to pay back previous customers who had invested in his fictitious wine futures.

Fox, of course, took millions of dollars for himself, living a lav-

ish lifestyle that included memberships to private golf clubs and buying and leasing expensive vehicles such as Ferraris and a Maserati. He also used his ill-gotten gains to pay

for a variety of other personal expenses, not least of which was nearly \$1 million on women he met online.

"He had a pretty lucrative scheme going for a time," said Spe-

cial Agent Scott Medearis, who investigated the case from the FBI's San Francisco Division. "Like all Ponzi schemes, though, it was destined to fail, but not before his victims lost pretty much everything."

In the 1990s, Fox began selling "pre-arrival wine" to customers around the country and overseas. He might sell a \$100 bottle yet to be produced by a French vineyard that he led people to believe would be worth much more when they took delivery a few years later.

"His customers thought they were getting wine futures," Medearis said, "fancy wine at a good deal." Fox was clever, choosing certain wines because he knew they would sell well. "He put thought into what he would offer," Medearis explained. "Not the rarest wines, because savvy customers would know there wasn't that much available."

Fox conducted legitimate business as well, but if he had 10 cases of a certain wine in his inventory, he might bump that inventory to 30 cases on paper and sell the 20 phantom

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**Revoked**

Sheena Range, 36, Smallen Road Loudon, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para, Failure to Appear, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Inv. Jamie Ketner LCSO, observed a black Nissan fail to stop at the intersection of Cornith Church Rd/ Steekee Creek Rd. Deputy stopped the vehicle at Cornith Church Rd. and identified the driver as Sheena Range and the passenger. Dispatched advised that Ms. Range had a warrant for arrest out of Loudon County, Tn. for D.O.S. and that her license was revoked.

Ms.Range did give consent to search her vehicle and Deputy found one cut coke can with residue on it and one cut coke can in her purse. These items are used to use illegal narcotics. Deputy arrested Ms.Range for D.O.R. and Possession Of Drug paraphernalia. Deputy Fritts transported Ms.range to the Loudon County Jail without incident. These above actions did occur on a public roadway in Loudon County Tn. Ms.Range was also issued citation for the stop sign.

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cases as pre-arrivals.

“He did that off and on when he got into tight spots to generate cash,” Medearis said. “Instead of doing the right thing and closing up shop when the business was no longer viable, he invented inventory he didn’t

have.” Just in the years 2010 to 2015, Fox acknowledged that he sold or attempted to sell approximately \$20 million worth of phantom wine.

In time, customers complained to law enforcement when they didn’t get their wine or their money back. When Fox heard rumors that the FBI had begun an investigation into his business practices, he declared bankruptcy, listing about 9,000 people he owed money to. That didn’t protect him from the Bureau’s criminal investigation, however, and in June 2016, he was charged with wire fraud.

Two months later, after Fox had already begun cooperating with investigators to provide the details of his long-running scam, he pleaded guilty to the charges against him. “Without the knowledge in his head,” Medearis said, “it would have taken us years to unravel the extent of the fraud.”

In December 2016, a federal judge sentenced Fox to 78 months in prison. Medearis is satisfied that justice was done, although he understands the frustration and betrayal felt by Fox’s many victims. “One victim in Hong Kong lost \$1 million,” he said. “Another victim invested some of his retirement money and lost it. One father just wanted a great wine to serve at

his daughter’s wedding, and, of course, that never happened.”

**Wanted**

Samuel Gilbert, 20, Cox Road Loudon, was charged with Burglary of Motor Vehicle, and Theft of Property.

Officer witnessed Samuel Gilbert traveling South on Mulberry Street. It was to his knowledge that Mr. Gilbert did have active warrants. Officer was able to make contact with Mr. Gilbert, and check for any active warrants through dispatch. At this time dispatch was able to confirm that Mr. Gilbert did have two active warrants. Mr. Gilbert was then placed into custody and transported to Loudon County Jail. All the above actions did happen in The City of Loudon.

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Madisonville Intermediate third grader, Keona Garren is all smiles having just received her new dictionary

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