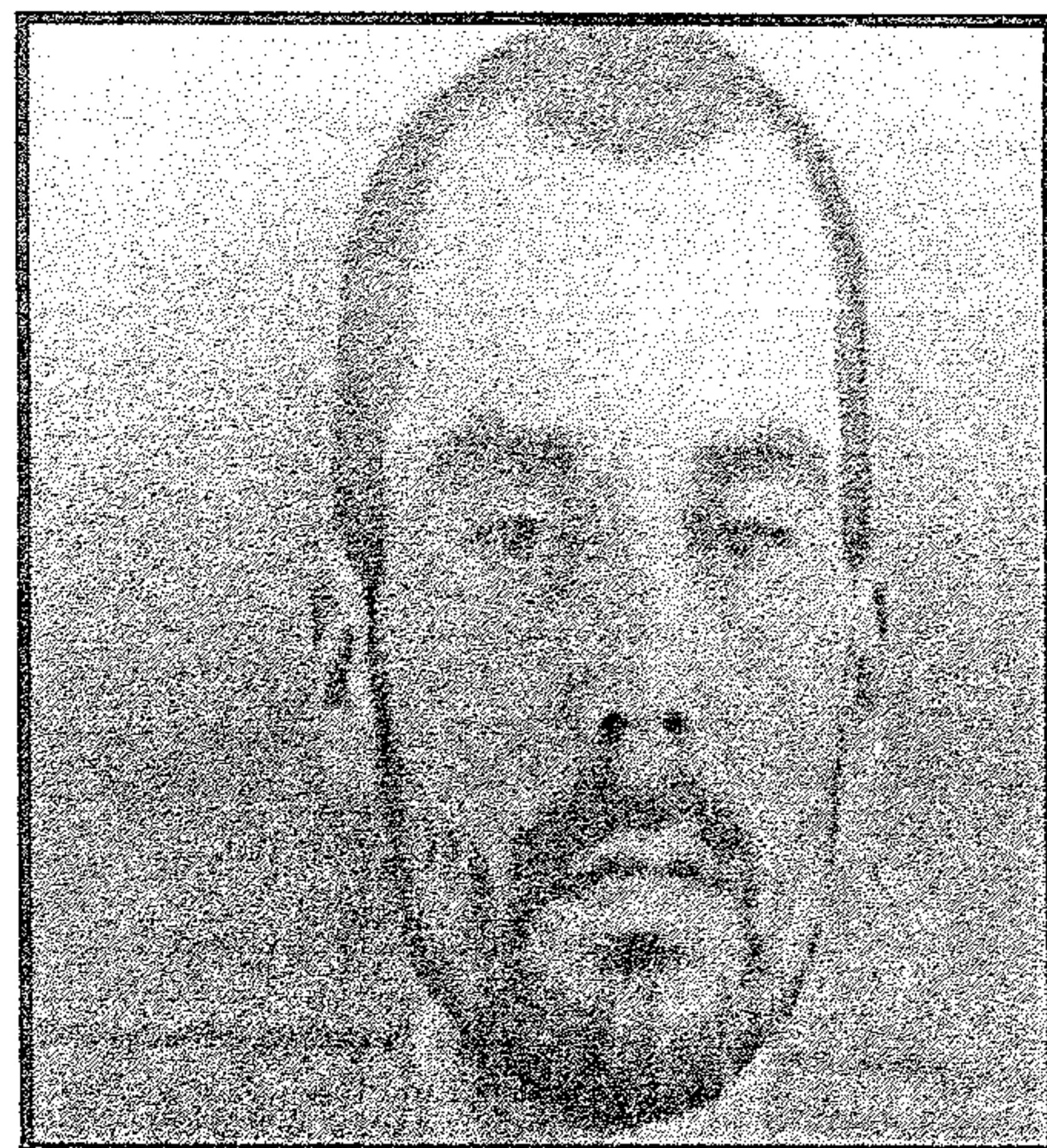


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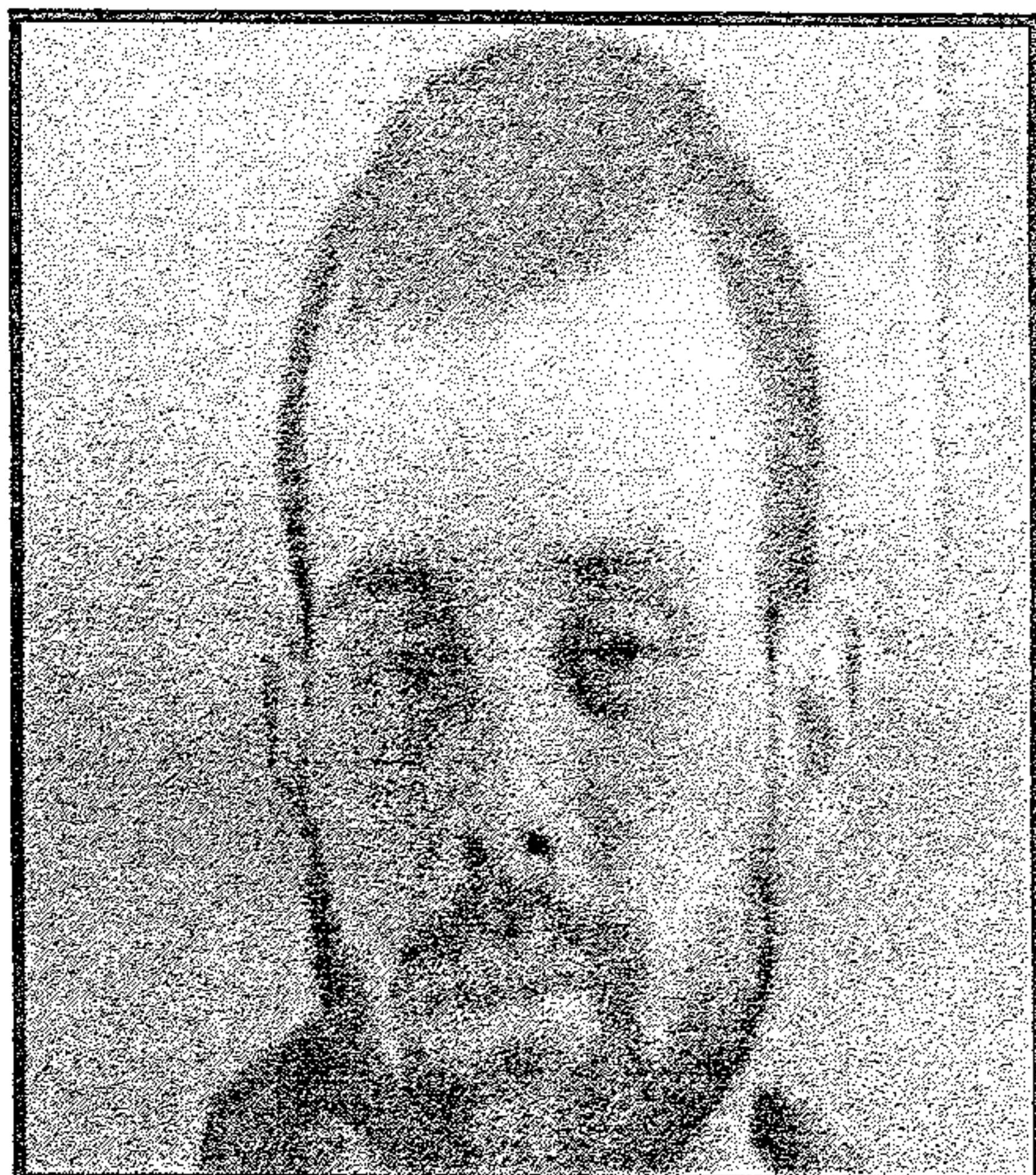
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Murder in Loudon County; former bus owner is victim; two charged

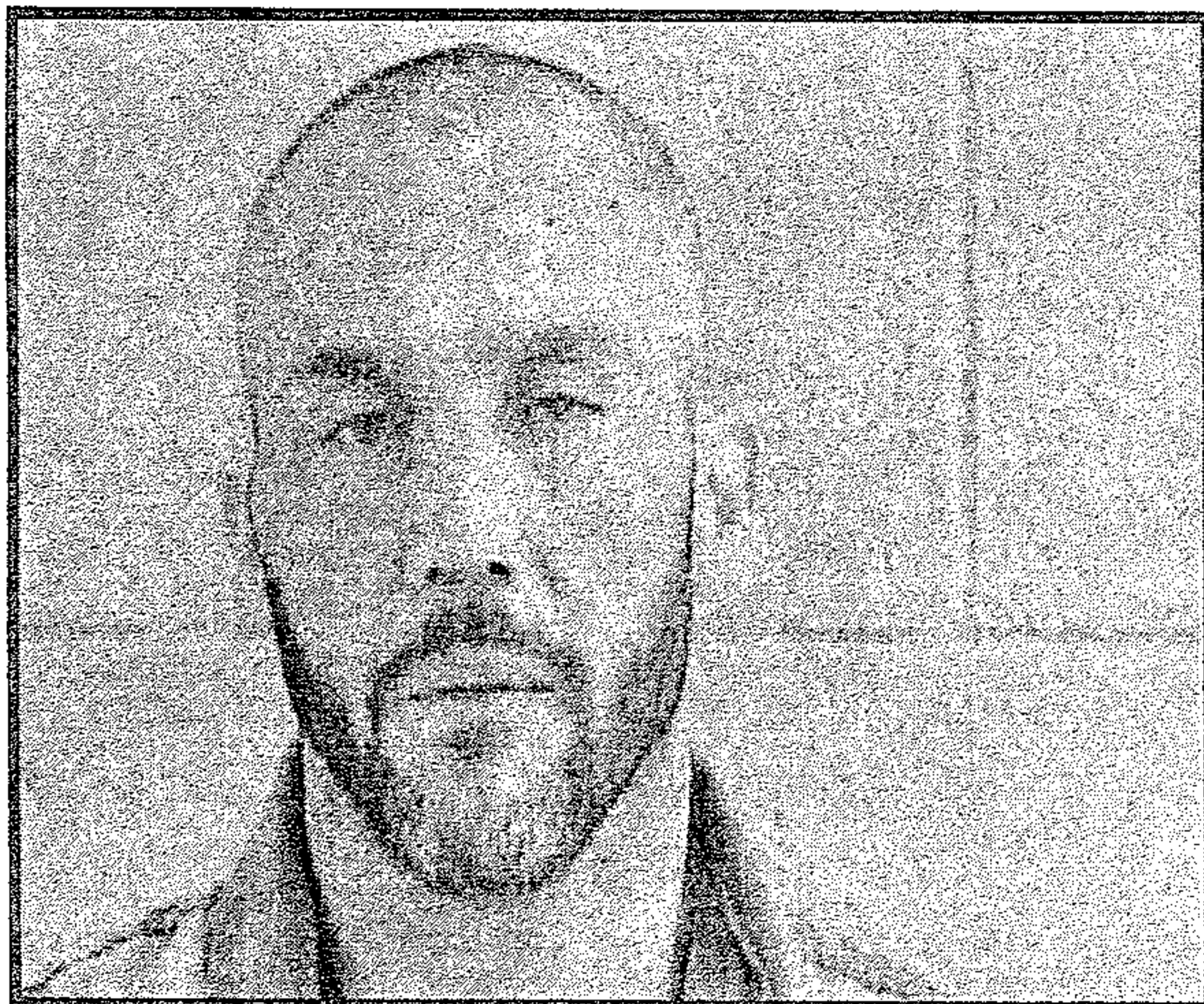


Robbie Covington



James Clapham (see Murder pg. 2)

Man tries to assault everyone; even police



Gabriel Russell

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Woman says she's DUI due to being victim the night before



Janet Holcomb

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The Good News

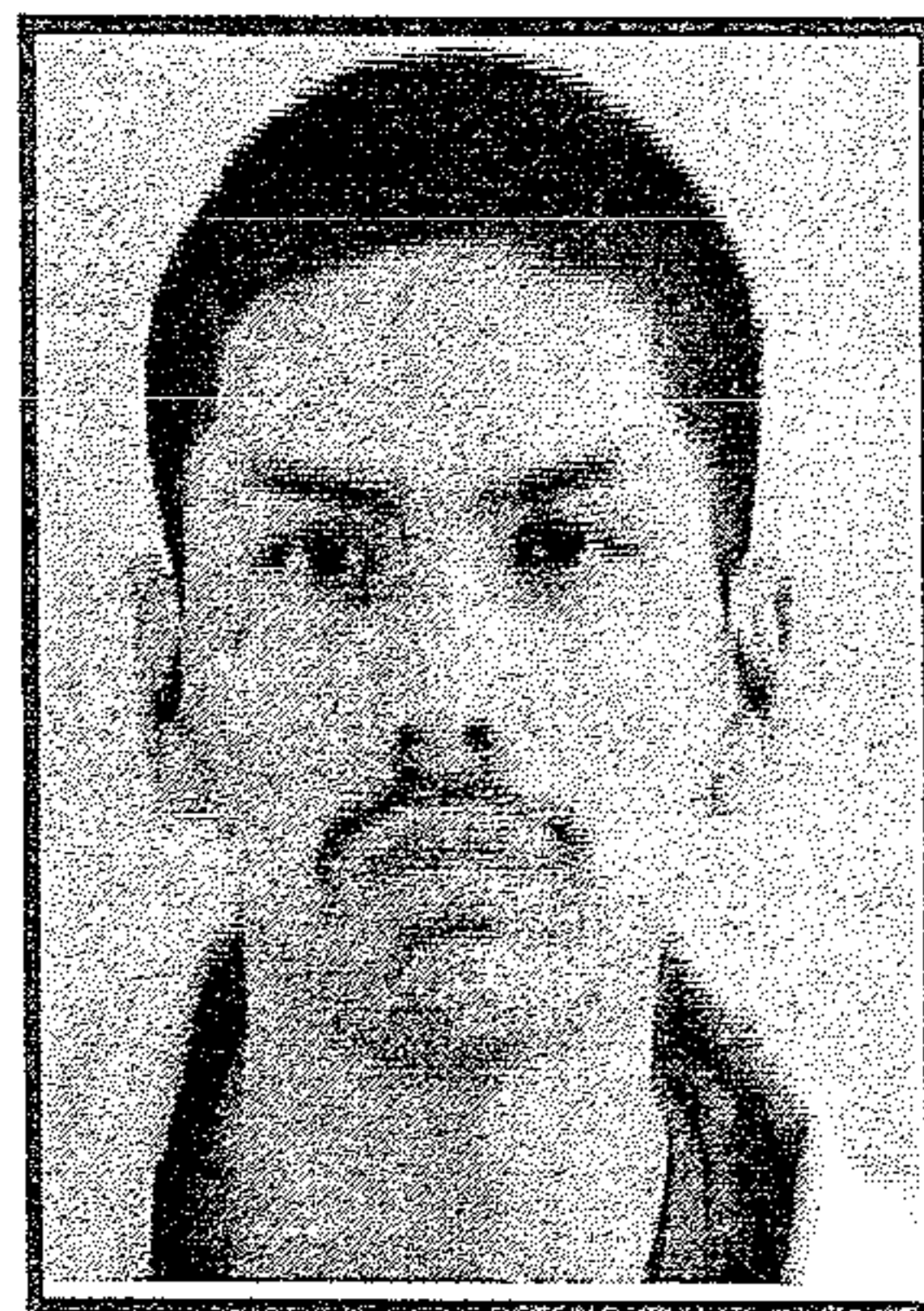
by: Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

The word "holy" can strike us as intimidating, lofty, otherworldly. All of which I am not. At best the word is reverent, at worst judgmental. At worst today's reading will make us feel unworthy, entirely incapable of accomplishing a checklist of holiness criteria. At best we'll be reminded that true

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A stolen item report leads to arrest of two

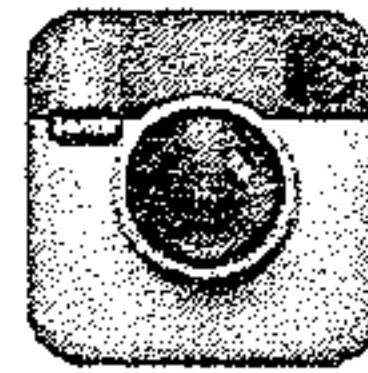


Jose Jiminez

(see two pg. 4)



Shanda Patterson



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Verse of the Day

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. — Galatians 5:6

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

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Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High 72F.

Tonight: Considerable cloudiness. Low 47F.

Tuesday Mostly cloudy. High 72F.

Tuesday Night Cloudy with showers. Low 51F.

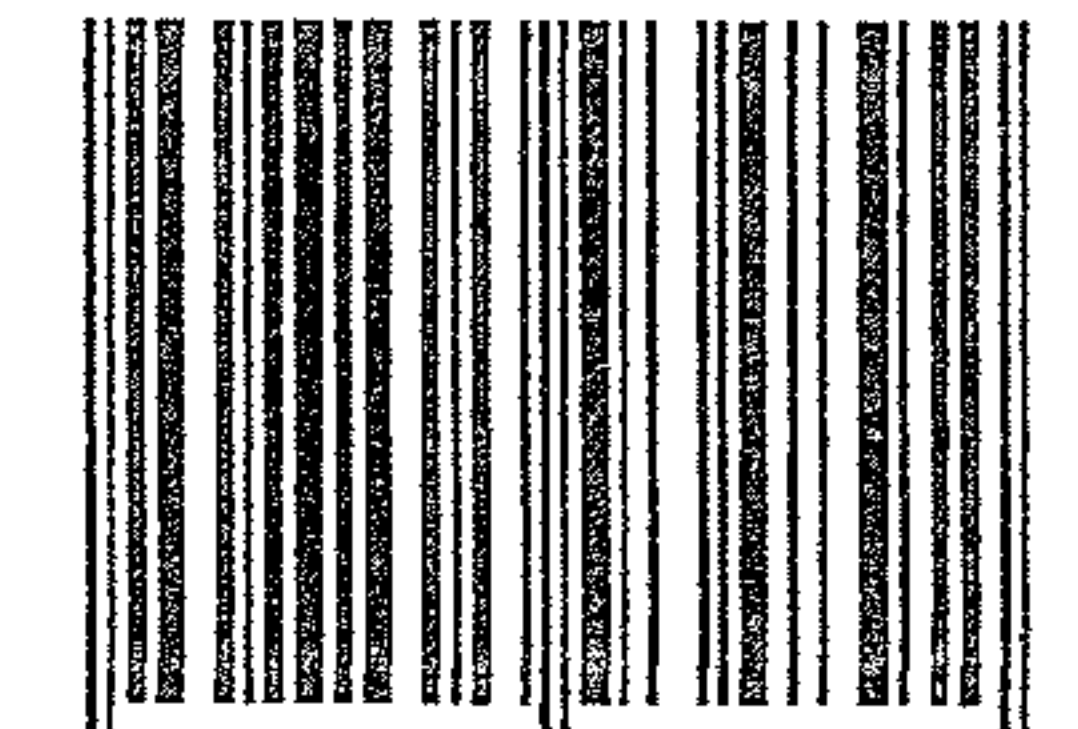
Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your current confidence

allows you to comfortably look within to face the internal mechanisms that steer you when you're operating on automatic pilot. It's refreshing to see this part of yourself with new lucidity; however, don't mistake your ability to understand

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Meth

On Saturday authorities responded to the Dut-ton Road, Loudon residence of William "Billy" Roberts around 9:36am. According to Loudon County Sheriff's Department, at a press conference held Sunday afternoon

"we received a call around 9:36am to check on the welfare of one of our county residents after a neighbor had come to visit Mr. Roberts. The neighbor reported he saw money in the driveway and as he approached the house he saw more money and when he saw a door ajar that should

not have been opened called 911.

Officers responded to find William "Billy" Roberts laying across the bed with a single gunshot wound to the head. An investigation then began immediately as the

District Attorney's Office along with TBI agent Barry Carrier assisted Lt. Detective Patrick Upton, Chief James Davis and Assistant Chief Paul Curtis.

Within just a couple of

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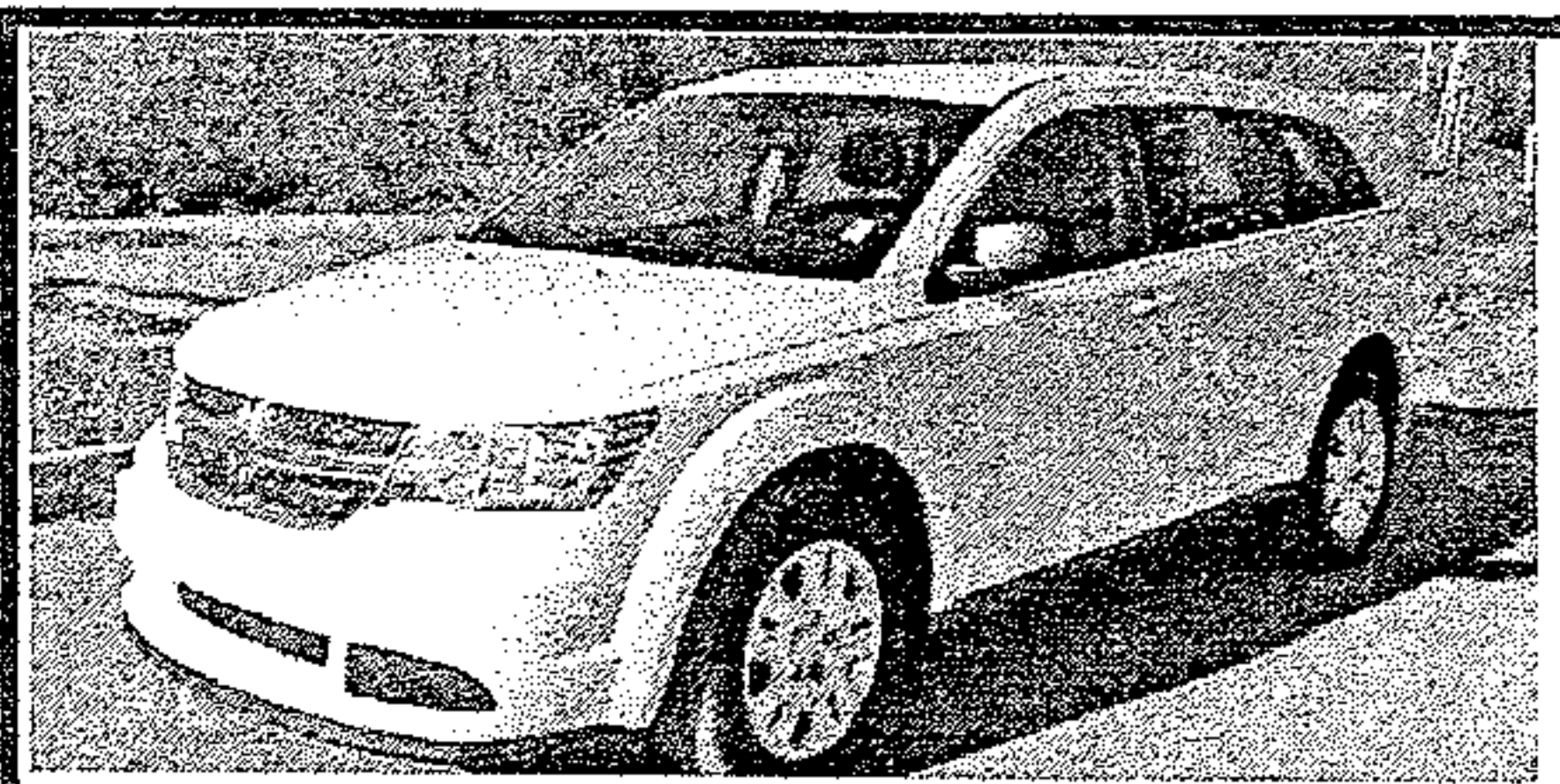
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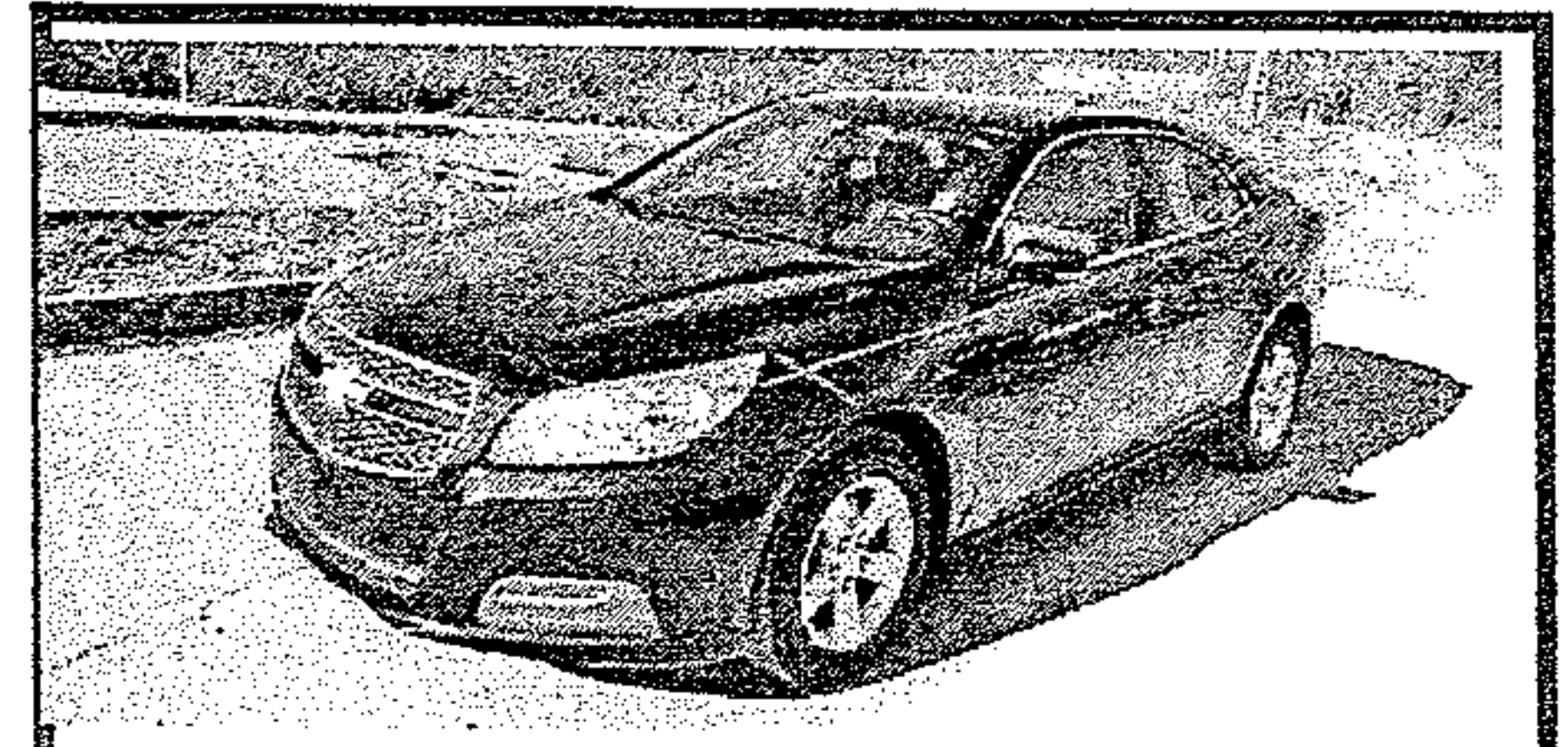
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Two

Jose Jimenez, 24, Jimenez Drive Sweetwater, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para.

Shanda Patterson, 33, Five Mile Road Kingston, was charged with Driving on Revoked License.

Deputy Jeremy Garland LCSO, traffic stopped a green Honda Accord at the intersection of Spring St. and Mill St. in Philadelphia for improper display of license tag. Upon contact with the driver, Shanda Patterson, she could not provide Deputy with a drivers license. After running her information through dispatch, it was determined that

her license was revoked. Ms. Patterson was then taken into custody for driving while revoked. The owner of the vehicle, Jose Jimenez was in the passenger seat.

Mr. Jimenez did not have a valid drivers license either. Mr. Jimenez did give consent to a vehicle search. Upon vehicle search, two uncapped syringes were locate in a back pack in the trunk, and a third syringe was located under the passenger's seat. Mr. Jimenez was then taken into custody for possession of drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was towed to James' Wrecker Service, and both defendants were transported to the Loudon County

Jail without further incident. All the above did occur in Loudon County, TN.

Murder ctd. from pg. 2

hours information was discovered that Robbie Covington had information he shouldn't have had and was on his way to the airport to fly to Texas. TSA and Blount County Sheriff's Office responded and detained Covington who was brought back to Loudon County. Another individual James Clapham was also found to be involved in the pre meditated murder of Mr. Roberts.

Sheriff Guider further reported several weapons were discovered around the property and nearby, one of which is believed to be the murder weapon. Robbie Covington was just released from jail last week and has a lengthy history and is considered a habitual, criminal.

According to the warrants, on February 18, 2017, Mr. Robbie Covington and Mr. James Clapham did

enter the residence of William (Billy) Roberts at 3032 Dutton Road, Loudon without his consent to commit a robbery of Mr. Roberts' narcotic pills and cash money. The subjects parked their

vehicle away from the residence.

Upon entering the residence, with their faces covered, they proceeded to the bedroom of Mr. Roberts

see **Murder ctd. pg. 5**



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In today's reading from Leviticus God bestows God's own holiness upon the people Israel, all the while repeating the statement "I am the

Lord". God's identity is inextricably linked to God's holiness. The fruits of that holiness? Shared harvest, reverence for the Lord's name and love for the neighbor.

Prayer: O Lord our God, by your own holiness you make us holy. Propel us toward the holy work of love and justice, in big and small ways. Amen.

Murder ctd. from pg. 4 and confronted him inside that room. Both subjects then proceeded to get the safe open in the bedroom and get cash and narcotics from Mr. Roberts. During this time, a firearm was produced. Mr. Roberts was also hit at least one time with a blunt object. It was also learned that Mr. Roberts received a single gunshot wound to the head. Upon shooting Mr. Roberts, several thousand dollars in cash, firearms and narcotics were put in a pillow case and Mr. Covington and Mr. Clapham both left the scene dropping several hundred dollars and firearms.

The two then proceeded to Mr. Clapham's residence in Madisonville and divided the money. Mr. Covington then proceeded back to his residence and there is at least one subject that witnessed said cash at that residence. Upon interviewing both Mr. Covington and Mr. Clapham, they both admitted to the facts. The two admitted to the robbery but advised they other shot Mr. Roberts once in the head. Both subject also advised the robbery was planned because of the fact Mr. Roberts always had a large sum of money on his person. Mr. Covington and Mr. Clapham are both convicted felons.

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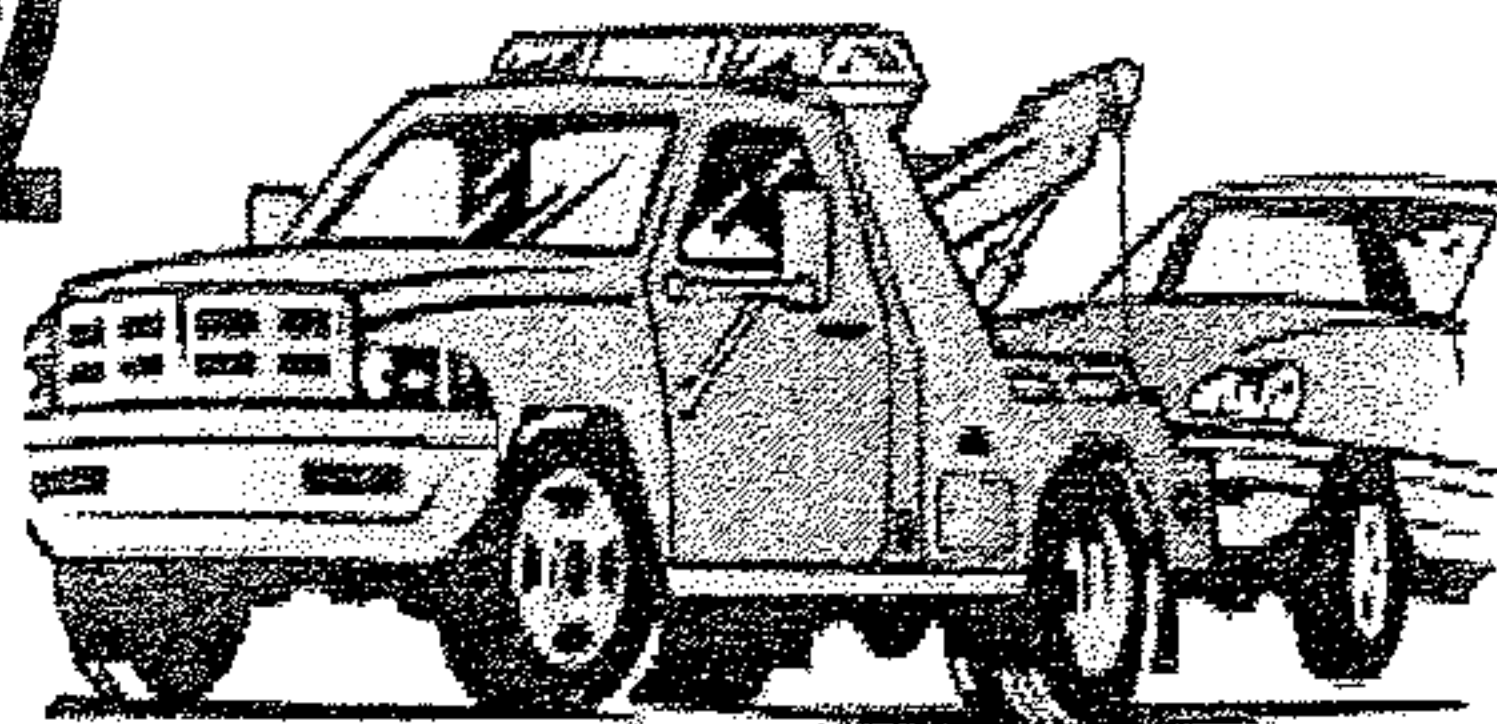
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Assault

Gabriel Russell, 38, West Lee Hwy Philadelphia, was charged with Domestic Assault Felony, Aggravated Assault, and Resisting Arrest.

Deputy K. Palmer, LCSO, was dispatched to a 911 open line. Deputy was advised by dispatch they could hear a female crying and a male in the background. When deputy arrived on scene he could hear yelling coming from inside the residence. When deputy approached the door, Mr. Gabriel Russell opened it. Deputy observed Mr. Russell had a screwdriver in his hand. Deputy advised Mr. Russell to drop the screwdriver at which time he refused. With the door open deputy could see a female inside the residence screaming "help me, he's going to kill me!" Mr. Russell then ran back into the residence at which time Deputy began chasing him. Deputy told Mr. Russell to stop and at one point grabbed his arm and he pulled away. Mr. Russell then ran out the back door and tried to slam it. Deputy

stopped the door from closing and he continued to push on it to keep them apart. Mr. Russell was very uncooperative and deputy tried to deescalate the situation.

Mr. Russell stated he had a gun and was going to kill himself. Deputy could not observe a weapon through the crack in the door. Mr. Russell then put a black object up to the window of the door and stated deputy better stay away and he had a gun.

Deputy did at that point believe Mr. Russell had a firearm and was put in fear of imminent bodily injury. When other units arrived on scene they went around back at which time he threw the object on the ground. It was later determined the object was a cell phone. Deputy then spoke with the victim.

The victim reported Mr. Russell had picked her up and everything was fine. Victim stated he started accusing her of cheating and they began to argue. Victim stated he started strangling her from behind to the point she

almost lost consciousness. Victim stated Mr. Russell also hit her in the head and started hitting her with a toy guitar, and pole, then pushed her into a window, at which time it broke.

Victim further reported she just kept asking for Gabriel to let her leave at which point he shoved her into the bathroom with all her belongings. Victim stated she saw her phone so she dialed 911. Victim stated she put the phone back in her purse because she had locked the door and he was beating on it. Victim stated she unlocked the door and when he came in and saw the phone. Victim reported when he realized she called 911 he shoved her into the bathtub. Victim reported she got out of the bathroom and he continued to hit her with the toy guitar.

The victim reported she told him she just wanted to get her stuff and leave and he made her sit on the couch and that's when deputies arrived on scene.

Deputy reported he did observe a knot over the victim's left eye

and red marks around her neck consistent with being strangled. Deputy also observed the window in the bedroom was busted where the victim stated she was pushed into it. The victim also had red marks and scratches on her back, arms and neck.

Mr. Russell was then placed into custody at which time he tried to fight and pull away. Mr. Russell was then taken to the ground by Deputies R. Lane and Palmer and he continued to fight and resist. While taking Mr. Russell outside to place him in the back of deputies patrol car he tried to pull away and run at which time he was taken to ground again by deputies and was then placed in the patrol vehicle and transported to Loudon County Jail.

DUI

Janet Holcomb, 54, Spring Street Philadelphia, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.


Sgt. Jamie Whitt LCPD, did get dispatched to the Bimbo's to a possible drunk driver matching

the description of Ms. Holcomb in a 2008 Mitsubishi Endeavor. She was attempting to fuel her vehicle which was still running. Upon speaking to her, she stated that she had been assaulted the night prior to this at her residence. She stated that she had been to the hospital and had been released. She stated that she had been stomped or beat on her right foot and was wearing a medical type boot on it. She stated she was not able to perform field sobriety tasks. She appeared to be extremely sleepy, had bloodshot, glassy eyes. She was unsteady on her feet and was very lethargic in her speech. She stated that she had taken a 1/2 xanax at 10:00 pm the night before. She stated that she refused to take a blood test because her attorney advised her not to. She urinated on herself while the field interview was being conducted. This occurred in Lenoir City, Loudon County.


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Mr. Covington is the son of Mr. Roberts girlfriend.

James Albert Clapham, 31, of Old Hwy 68, Sweetwater and Robbie Lee Covington, 29, of Watkins Road, Loudon, were charged with First Degree Murder, Especially Aggravated Burglary, Especially Aggravated Robbery, and Unlawful Carrying or Possession of a weapon.



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